



It's A Busy Close Season in Pirton

Veterans Line Up

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A line up of the Veterans who turned out for the match on June 15th to celebrate the Club's Fortieth Anniversary (plus Phil Clarke who turned up late!) Amazingly, the match passed off without any serious injuries and I believe the blues beat the red & blacks 4-3. Now for the Hertfordshire Cup....



Form IT Come Good Again

Club Sponsors Form IT Solutions have supported the Club again this season with a brand new set of shirts for the First XI. Hugh and his team have now supported the Club for over 25 years and continue to contribute towards the club's success. If you have any computing needs, from hardware to network design and implementation or support, then call Hugh Byrne on 01582 572727 or e-mail hugh@formits.com.



In addition the Club has been granted a youth kit from the Professional Footballers Association—this will provide a change kit for the Under 13 Leopards.

Still Some Mugs Left

We still have a few mugs left for those who weren't at the Annual Presentation Evening.

The pictures on the right show the front and rear view of the mugs, which are available at £3 each.



Send your order to me Steve Smith at secretary@leasports.com. (The price does not include postage). Don't forget too that we still have woolly hats available for those chilly nights to come—again priced at £3.



A Memory from 1936

Chairman Phil Toyer is the proud owner of a Medal, won by his grandfather Reg Olney in 1936, as a winner of the Greg Cup. The medal is hallmarked silver..



Work at the Rec

During the close season work is going on at the Recreation Ground to try to extend the car park. New concrete posts have been installed to widen the parking area and to provide a more secure barrier against local kids who like to drive their cars onto the grass. As the posts were installed the cable carrying power to the MUGA (tennis courts) was re-routed, allowing the car park to be widened up to the hose chestnut trees on the right-hand side. Many thanks from the Club to Darren Simmons who dug the trench and installed the posts; and to the volunteers who turned up the morning after the Presentation Evening to clear away the surplus spoil.



Successful World Record Attempt

Congratulations to all the Lea Sports players, young and old, who turned out in the attempt at the most players in a 5-a-side marathon. The match took place in Pirton between 9 am on June 29th and 9 am on June 30th and over 550 people turned out, including a 93-year-old lady who scored a penalty.

In all, over £3,000 was raised for Alzheimer's Research UK.

You can still donate at

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More Sponsors Come Forward

Atlantic Contracts Ltd. of Borehamwood have come forward to sponsor the new Under 13 Leopards team for the coming season. The sponsorship covers not only a new red and black kit for the lads, but also a set of tracksuits for those chilly winter training sessions.



Many thanks from the Club to Alastair Cole for his generous support.

More Cash Needed!

The close season is always an expensive time for the Club, with £1,000 or so being spent on affiliations and insurance and over £600 on new footballs. This year we also need to purchase new goals for the Under 11 Tigers, who will be playing the 9 vs.9 format of the game next season. To help us with this expense we have applied for grant aid to the Football Foundation and to Hitchin Youth Trust. We'll let you know how we get on...

Website Improvements

A start has been made on improving the presentation of fixtures for our teams on the website at www.leasports.com. By clicking on the 'Fixtures' button on the home page you will be taken to an index of our teams, from where you can select the team you want.

On each team's page will be the Manager's contact details, plus details of sponsors and a link to last season's performance, as well as all this season's results and fixtures and links to league tables, where appropriate.

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Last Year's Performance					
DATE	OPPONENTS	COMPETITION	H/A	SCORE	SCORERS

Veterans Not Bothered by the Sun

With the country sweltering in the heatwave, the Veterans got the 2013-14 season off to the perfect start with a 4-3 win over a Sun Reporters team at Wigmore Park in Luton.

Phil Thompson led the way with a hat-trick to take his Club goal tally to 683 and Marek Diduszko scored the fourth as the Vets prepared for their assault on the Hertfordshire Veterans Cup.



Premier League Competition

Last year's competition was decided on the final day of the season, with Norwich recording a surprise victory over Manchester City to change the course of the cash. Just goes to show that you need as much luck as skill to win this competition. Why not give us your forecast?

- ◆ Can the Special One take Chelsea to the title?
- ◆ Will Hull City and Crystal Palace find the competition too fierce?
- ◆ Will Tottenham finally make it into a Champions League spot?

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

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2008-09	Glynn Isaacs	50 points	£50
2009-10	Sam Greaves	30 points	£75
2010-11	Stephen Prestidge	28 points	£60
2011-12	Andy Blades	56 points	£70
2012-13	Alexander Pipe	38 points	£60

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NEXT PAGE. PRINT IT AND HAVE A GO !!**

Send entries to Steve Smith, 6 Great Green, Pirton, Hitchin, SG5 3QD
Make cheques payable to 'Lea Sports PSG'



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To calculate the score, we work out the difference between the *actual* position of the team and your *forecasted* position. For example, if you put Chelsea 6th and they finish 14th you score 8 points. The points for each team are added up and the person with the lowest total is the winner.

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

Regular updates are available on the Club website: www.leasports.com

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All Set for Another Season

League Fixtures Begin on September 1st Vol. 8. No. 2, August 2013

A warm welcome to all new players who may be reading their first Lea Sports newsletter. This year we will be running over 10 teams again, from the Under 8s Jaguars to Veterans. Some of our teams have had difficulties recruiting players this year, especially the Under 13 Leopards and, surprisingly, the Under 18 Firesharks who lost players from last season's successful squad. These teams are still on the lookout for players, so if you know anyone of the correct age please get in touch.

This season all players are covered by insurance provided through the Hertfordshire FA. Any player who is unlucky enough to pick up a serious injury should ask me for a claim form. Please make sure you keep a note of the details of the injury (date of match, opponents, referee's name) and keep any doctor's notes etc to back up your claim. Hopefully, no-one will need this service through the season.

League fixtures for our adult sides begin on September 1st, with the youth leagues starting a week later. All the fixtures are now posted on the Lea Sports website up to the end of September, at least.

A reminder that as a Charter Standard Development Club we adhere to Codes of Conduct, which are all published on our website at www.leasports.com. Players, parents, coaches and managers are all expected to behave correctly at all times when representing the Club, so please be enthusiastic about your football but don't let your emotions run away with you when the referee sees things differently to you!

If any player feels they have been unfairly treated, either by another Club member or by someone outside the Club, they may contact our Club Welfare Officer Anne Horn (cwo@leasports.com) who will investigate the matter and take it further if necessary.

I hope you all have a great season and enjoy your football with Lea Sports PSG.

Premier Cup Goes To Celtic

Our regular pre-season tournament was won this season by Celtic Supporters Club from Luton, who won all three of their matches. FC Houghton who were favourites to win the competition failed to put out a team in week 1 and so forfeited their game against Hexton. Meanwhile Lea Sports started well against Celtic and were 3-1 up at one stage but defensive frailties saw Celtic come through to win 6-4. Although Celtic beat FC Houghton 5-1 in week 2, it was still possible for Lea Sports to win the Cup if Hexton managed to beat Celtic in their last game and Lea Sports beat FC Houghton. Hexton started well and went a goal up, but Celtic powered back to win 5-1 and lift the trophy. FC Houghton put out a strong side against the hosts and always looked more likely to score. Halfway through the second half, however, Lea Sports scored to bring the scores back to 1-1; but straight from the kick-off a Houghton forward spotted the home keeper way off his line and launched a 50-yard shot into the Lea Sports' net to win the game 2-1. It was an amazing goal and one worthy of winning any game. It meant that Hexton, Houghton and Lea Sports had all beaten each other and so the minor positions were decided on goal difference with Lea Sports managing to hang onto second place with FC Houghton third and Hexton 4th.



First XI Start Well

Gary Raymond started the season as he finished last year—scoring goals as the First XI came from behind to beat a determined AFC Wigmore in Pirton in the first friendly of the season on August 4th.

Playing on the second pitch the team took a while to get used to the reduced dimensions and found themselves 2-1 down at half time, but Gary Raymond looked in fine form as he scored twice and Titch Bevan got the third as the lads ran out winners by three goals to two.

Reserves Let Things Slip!

The Reserves started their campaign with a home friendly vs. St. Josephs Reserves on Thursday August 22nd. It was agreed that the game would be played over 3 30-minute periods and Hugh Byrne, as sponsor of both clubs, would play one third for each. With many regulars on holiday the Lea Sports PSG team was a mixture of first and second teams and started brightly on a pitch softened by a day of incessant rain.

Gary Raymond put the home side ahead midway through the first period, but a defensive howler gifted St. Jo's an equaliser before the first 'half-time'. In the second period Tom Newland ran onto a free kick to slot the ball past the Jo's keeper and restore the home side's lead, but again the visitors were gifted an equaliser with another defensive mistake. It looked as though the third period would follow the same format as none other than Hugh Byrne himself forced the ball home to put Lea Sports 3-2 up. Yet again it was a mistake at the back which gave St. Jo's an equaliser, then with a few minutes to go the home side failed to clear a corner and St. Jo's went ahead for the first time in the game. As the evening came to a close the visitors won a penalty to take away a 5-3 win.

In the final friendly of the month the Under 16s fought out a creditable 0-0 draw with Royston Crow Division 1 newcomers FC Comets on the main pitch in Pirton on Thursday August 29th.

Jim Halls Approaches 60

Jim Halls made 85 appearances for the First Team between 1981 and 1985 before moving to make a new home in Weymouth. Jim will reach the grand old age of 60 in November this year and a party is planned in Weymouth to mark the event.

Anyone who has any pictures of Jim or would like to make contact, please send them to Keith Lee at keith@theleehouse.co.uk and he will forward them on to Jim's wife.

My main memory of Jim is when we played together in a match against Greenley's in Milton Keynes in April 1985—a match we won 7-1. As a defender, Jim did not venture forward too often but on this occasion found himself bearing down on the Greenley's goal from the right wing after a rampaging run. His attempted shot on goal flew across the penalty area parallel to the goal-line, where I happened to be loitering and side-footed the ball home for one of my three First Team goals. Cheers Jim!



Tough Start for the Adult Sides

First XI and Reserves Short of Players

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September 1st

The **Firsts** knew they had a tough start to the season, beginning with a home game against a strong Club Lewsey Reserves. Things were made more difficult for them by some weak refereeing which changed the course of the game. In the second half with the scores level at 1-1 Gary Raymond took the ball past the Lewsey keeper only to be taken down. We expected at least a penalty and possibly a red card as well but the referee gave nothing and allowed play to continue. Even the Lewsey keeper was amazed he stayed on the pitch. To rub salt into the wound Lewsey then scored four times in quick succession, going on eventually to win the game 7-1 to give Lea Sports their worst-ever result in an opening league game.

With just one friendly under their belts, the **Reserves** travelled to Wymondley for their first league game on September 1st against the Meaders. With just a couple of minutes remaining we found ourselves 3-1 down, but two very late goals gave us a point in a 3-3 scoreline. Tom Newland scored twice while Ben Thomson scored the third.

North Home Counties Sunday Football League

September 8th

The following week brought a difficult trip to Caddington for the **First XI**. This was made worse by continuing injuries, holidays and last-minute emergencies. With a team of just nine men the team went down to a 2-8 defeat, with just Richard Randall and Paul Brown on target. The **Reserves** are also struggling to get a full squad out and fell to a disappointing defeat to AC Sportsman Reserves. Greg Whelan was on target in a 3-1 loss.

September 15th

A home game with Harlington brought a welcome return to form for the **First XI**. In an even first half some fine saves from keeper Scott Morgan kept the scores level until Ritchie Bevan broke the deadlock in favour of the home side. Substitute Tyron Clarke made an immediate impact and scored with a terrific drive to double the Lea Sports' advantage. In the second half the visitors caved in and Lea Sports were dominant, scoring again through Ritchie Bevan and Richard Knock to record a fine 4-0 win.

September 22nd

The First XI made the trip to Lewsey Park to take on CSFC and returned with a point after a 3-3 draw. Simon Jackson scored twice and Gary Raymond completed the scoring before being sent off. Meanwhile in Pirton the Reserves were second best to Luton side Brache Nation who inflicted a 9-0 defeat on the home side.

September 29th

The final weekend of the month saw the First XI take a rest and the Reserves host AC Cadoza Reserves. Looking for their first league win, the Reserves started slowly and conceded two soft first-half goals to go 2-0 down. As the game went on, however, they began to look the stronger side and Simon Mayes pulled a goal back before half-time. The second half saw the home side have the bulk of possession and it was no surprise when Ben Thomson levelled matters up with a fine strike. Chances to win it went begging for Lea Sports, while Cadoza on a rare breakaway managed to miss a twice-taken penalty which may have given them a win they didn't deserve.



Perfect Start for the Firesharks

The Under 18s began the defence of their Royston Crow Division One title with a home derby vs. Hitchin Town Greens on September 8th. A young inexperienced Hitchin could not hold Firesharks who ended the game through injury with just 10 players and still looked comfortable in a thumping 15-0 win. Six goals for Courtney Cendrecourt and 5 for Dom Edwards gave them a head start in the race for this year's Golden Boot. Tougher challenges will surely come.



On Sept. 15th Jordan Campbell made his debut for the Firesharks and scored a brace in another impressive win. Melbourn Dynamos were no pushovers and started the second half as the brighter team, but Joe Miley took control of midfield and Men of the Match Joe French (1 goal) and Dom Edwards (2 goals) always caused danger. Cameron McInness had his best game so far and Matt Hill chipped in with 2 goals, one a penalty, in a 7-2 win.

On a sunny September 22nd in Stotfold the Firesharks made it three wins from three in their great start to the season. This was a decent game with a much more focussed second half for the players who went about their play with precision. Stotfold were no pushovers and were dangerous on the break but in reality caused us not a lot of problems with excellent covering, defending and great distribution generally from keeper Seb and all the defence.

Midfield was very well controlled via a combination of players, Ethan, Joe M and Jordan, whilst our strike force caused endless problems for the Stotfold defence. In the end goals from Edwards 2 Brookes 2 French 1 Bryan 1 Miley 1 Hill 1 (pen) gave Lea Sports an 8-1 win, although the score could have been a lot higher with easy chances missed.

The final weekend of September brought a trip to previously unbeaten Sawbridgeworth and another 3 points in a 5-4 win. A breathless first half finished 3-3 after the home side came back from 2-0 and 3-2 down to level things at the break. Shortly afterwards Lea Sports, playing with a bare 11, went 4-3 down, but Jordan Campbell scored with a dipping drive to bring it back to 4-4, before Matt Hill's free kick secured the points. Seb Walton-Adams performed heroics in goal to ensure that Firesharks' perfect start to the season continued.

Under Sixteens Also Off to a Good Start

With a squad of 18 players, Manager Mahesh Bharwaney had just 12 available for his first league fixture away to Maulden Magpies on September 8th in the Chiltern League Division 3, but it was more than enough as the lads recorded a 7-1 win. Josh Coleman scored a hat-trick, with Ollie Pitts just one goal behind. Karl McNab and Mehdi Paul rounded off the scoring on a day to enjoy.

Another four goals from the team on Sept. 15th but a missed penalty and other squandered chances meant that it wasn't enough as the lads went down 4-5 to Bedford PR Sabres. Josh Coleman, Sam French and Ollie Pitts (2) were the men on target.

On a hot and humid afternoon on Sep. 22nd Lea Sports found their 12 men pitted against the 16 of EB Lions in Edlesborough. After conceding a sloppy goal from a corner, the Under 16s were excellent, equalising almost immediately through Callum Winters and then taking the lead when Tommy Waby set up Josh Coleman. In the second half numbers told and we had to withstand a Lions onslaught with a dozen or so corners. In the end, despite 3 or 4 goal line clearances, EB grabbed an equaliser but the attitude was good and bodes well for the rest of the season.

The Under Sixteens' League Cup campaign came to a premature close when they were beaten 3-1 in Round 1 by Bedford Park Sabres in Pirton on September 29th. A goal from Ollie Pitts was not enough to prevent the visitors' progress into Round Two.



Leopards Bite Back...

The Under 13 Leopards progressed to the First Round proper of the Herts Cup, without kicking a ball. Their Preliminary Round opponents Nascot Rangers conceded after being unable to field a team.



The first league game on Sept.15th brought the lads down to earth with a bump— despite a hat-trick from Liam Hyde and a goal from Man of the Match Edward Clarke the lack of a recognised goalkeeper was crucial in a scoreline which ended up 4-18.

The following week brought a remarkable change of fortunes, however. Liam Hyde notched another hat-trick and Luke Bailey scored a fourth as the Leopards beat Flitwick Eagles 4-1 to record their first win in over a season and set up jubilant scenes at the end of the game. Unfortunately, injuries and illness on September 29th meant that the team had to pull out of its scheduled away fixture with Langford.

Early Cup Exit for Under 11s



The Under 11 Tigers had a tough start to the season on September 8th with a trip to Hemel Hempstead Town in the Hertfordshire Under 11 Cup. Their task was made more difficult by the absence of goalkeeper John East-Newbury, who had finally been given permission to play for the team by the FA. Despite working hard the lads went down 6-0, but it was a valuable lesson in playing in the new 9 vs. 9 format and will stand them in good stead for their league campaign.

The first home league game on September 15th was against a big Stevenage Borough Allstars team and despite taking a 2-1 lead with goals from Alex Funnell and Noah Nyoni the lads could not hold on and eventually went down 2-6.

The following week, September 22nd, brought a difficult trip to Letchworth Garden City Eagles and again the lads conceded six goals, but this time with a single Sam Dermont penalty in reply.

Lea Sports Seeks a New Club Welfare Officer

After a couple of seasons in the post Anne Horn has decided to stand down as the Club Welfare Officer (CWO), as her son James no longer plays for the Club. We would like to ask for volunteers to take up this post.

The position is not a difficult one: apart from attending a short course to explain what is involved, the main requirements are making sure that Club Officials are up-to-date with CRB checks through the FA and dealing with any cases where a player feels he or she has been treated unfairly by anyone inside or outside of the Club.

Every Charter Standard Club with youth teams is required to have a CWO, so the position is a crucial one. If you feel you can help, please contact Steve Smith at secretary@leasports.com. Many thanks from the Club to Anne for all her help.



Under Tens

The Fishercats got their Chiltern Sevens League campaign off to the best of starts with a 3-0 win over Ampthill Town in Pirton on 7th September. Matthew Blake scored twice and Henry Huxley once in this first grading game.



On September 14th a great free-kick from Tom Brown from just 5 yards inside the opponents' half could not save the Fishercats from a 4-1 defeat away to local rivals Crawley Green. A lack of clarity in the FA Laws about retreating for goal-kicks caused some confusion as the lads made it one win and one defeat from their 2 games so far.

September 21st brought a 3-1 defeat away to Houghton Athletic, but luck was not on our side as chances went begging or hit the post. Edward Laws scored the consolation. On the final Saturday of the month the Fishercats hosted Luton United and each side scored an own goal in a 1-1 draw on a sunny morning in Pirton.



The Cougars looked to have the better of their first match in BMSL Division 3 vs. Luton Boys Redsox, but fell behind to a breakaway sucker punch in the first half. The team missed several chances but equalised through Edward Pipe in the second half, before Bradley Cole saved a point by keeping out a penalty late in the game.

September 22nd brought a great tussle for the Cougars as they took on Mid-Beds Tigers Reds. The Reds went ahead in the first half but were penned back by an Edward Pipe goal. As the Reds kicked off for the second half, their centre-forward raced straight through the home defence to put the visitors 2-1 up, but the lads plugged away and earned a deserved equaliser through Jon Bull before Edward Pipe scored his second late in the game to give the lads a great 3-2 win.

On September 29th the team only had 7 boys available for a difficult trip to Wootton Rangers and were well beaten by 5 goals to nil. Even so a little bit of luck might have brought a couple of goals. Joel Testar had a good game in goal and helped to keep the score down.

Playing away in Buntingford the Panthers got their campaign off to a great start with a 4-0 win. Ben Bayley scored twice and Lewis Manning and Oliver Scott grabbed one each. The Pumas evened things up when they fell to a 4-0 defeat to their Buntingford counterparts.



On September 22nd a trip to Fairlands in Stevenage brought a 7-2 defeat, with consolation goals from Ben Bayley and Matthew Morton. A week later saw 2 games against Stotfold. Ben Bayley scored 4 as the lads won the first match 5-4, with Matthew Blake scoring the fifth. Matthew scored again in the second game, but his was the only goal as the lads went down 4-1.



Jaguars off to a good start

FA Regulations do not allow the reporting of individual results at Under 8, but I can tell you that the Jaguars got off to a good start on September 8th and scored seven times against their opponents from AFC Kempston. Ollie R-T notched an early hat-trick for new Manager Alex Carter-Gaunt and further goals came from Harvey (2), Luke and Samuel with one each.

More goals came a week later in a home game vs. Luton Boys. Samuel grabbed a hat-trick, while Harvey and Ollie R-T scored one each on a sunny morning in Pirton. The sun shone again as the Jaguars made their first away trip of the season on September 22nd to Wilstead Harriers, but they returned home with a single Ollie R-T goal for their efforts.

The final weekend brought a well-fought home game against Wilstead Harriers. In a game with some great tackles goals came from Sam B., Sam C. and an own goal.



The Business Section

In this new section of the Newsletter we intend to showcase not only our Sponsors but also businesses run by our members. If any of you out there would like some free advertising, send me details of your business plus a logo and we'll do our best to let everyone know.

We'll kick things off with a few words about our main club sponsor Form I.T. Solutions who have contributed massive support to the Club over more than 25 years.

Form I.T. Solutions—formerly Premier Computer Supplies—was created by Hugh Byrne in 1983 and has gone from strength to strength ever since.



Nowadays, the technical services division, incorporating a number of highly qualified and experienced consultants, has achieved a plethora of professional accreditations including Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, VMware VIP & VAC Contract Partner, Citrix Silver Access Solution Advisor, Cisco Silver Partner, Symantec Partner, Checkpoint Bronze Partner to allow them to offer the very best vendor -impartial solutions.



Since Form IT also sponsor St. Josephs, a friendly between the 2 clubs is now a regular pre-season feature. Hugh is centre-stage in this picture, taken in 2011.

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Premier League Competition

This season's Premier League Competition attracted its usual late flurry of entries as people tried to analyse the movements in the transfer window, the latest sackings of managers and odd results popping up in the first few weeks of the new season.

In the end, we had 116 entries for this, our twenty-eighth running of this fund-raising event. This means that we are able to offer a First Prize of £62, with £32 for the runner-up and prizes of £14 and £8 for the third and fourth places respectively.

At this stage of the season three points can make an enormous difference to a team's position in the league table, so we find Southampton in fourth place and Manchester United in 12th—not many people have predicted that! Of course, it's not the positions at the end of September that matter, but those at the end of May, so it would be wrong to read too much into results so far. Just ask Greg Whelan—last weekend his two entries were first and second, but after this weekend's results he finds himself 25th and 26th!

What is interesting is a League Table based on the average predictions of our 116 entrants. This would appear as follows:

	Team	Average
1.	Chelsea	2.103
2.	Manchester City	2.819
3.	Manchester Utd.	2.828
4.	Arsenal	4.103
5.	Liverpool	5.250
6.	Tottenham	5.405
7.	Everton	8.190
8.	Aston Villa	10.681
9.	Swansea City	10.810
10.	West Ham Utd.	11.095
11.	Fulham	12.336
12.	Newcastle Utd.	12.491
13.	Stoke City	13.302
14.	Southampton	13.569
15.	Norwich City	13.672
16.	West Bromwich	14.121
17.	Cardiff City	15.362
18.	Sunderland	15.940
19.	Crystal Palace	17.767
20.	Hull City	18.155

So at the moment Hull City and Southampton are surpassing most people's expectations!

Let's hope we get a finish as close as last season's, when the winner Alexander Pipe and runner-up Jade Gustard changed places in the last twenty minutes of the season as Norwich City achieved an unlikely win at Manchester City to move up four places in the table—just goes to show how difficult it can be...

(At the moment Jade is in 36th place and Alexander in 114th!)

Don't forget regular updates will be posted on the Lea Sports website at www.leasports.com—select 'Premier Lge. Comp.' from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.

Good luck everyone!



October Cup Matches

Time for Some Cup Action

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October brought Cup games in various competitions for most of our youth and adult sides (the Tigers having gone out of the County Cup at the preliminary round stage in September). As ever, there were mixed fortunes...

On October 6th the **First XI** were away to Premier Division side Bury Park Saracens in the North Home Counties Senior Trophy. With Manager Richard Masters having to turn out again in a bare eleven the lads competed well for the first half, going in just a goal down at half-time. The second half was tougher however and the final score was a 5-0 win for the home side.

Meanwhile, the **Veterans** game against Harpenden Rovers had to be postponed for a week—to everyone's annoyance—after the Herts FA failed to provide a referee for the game. By October 13th the County had still not managed to provide an official for the game, so Manager Steve Baggett had to take the whistle himself. The postponement also brought a change in the weather—rather than playing on a nice sunny morning, the Vets ended up playing on a miserable rainy afternoon.



They started the game slowly and after 20 minutes found themselves 2-0 down on the smaller, junior pitch to a Rovers side playing direct football. Gradually the home side began to exert some influence over the game and reduced the arrears when Dave Clarkson back-heeled a delightful goal. This was followed soon after by a superb header into the top corner from Phil Thompson, following a cross from the left by Greg Whelan. Before half-time Whelan himself was on the scoresheet and the teams turned round with Lea Sports 3-2 up. Unfortunately, the lead did not last long as Rovers' direct style brought another equaliser.

PSG continued to play the better football and Whelan raced through the middle to restore the lead at 4-3. When Mark Williams converted another Whelan cross with 15 minutes to go it looked as though the game was all over, but a goal kick from keeper Geoff Knox went straight to a Harpenden forward who made it 5-4 and with about 10 minutes left the visitors snatched an equaliser and it was Lea Sports who hung on for extra time. After a further 20 minutes the teams could not be separated and so a penalty shoot-out would decide, for the second season running, whether the team would progress in the competition.

Phil Thompson put the first kick away with ease high to the keeper's left, followed by a Rovers shot low to the keeper's right. This pattern was repeated for the next 2 kicks, with Whelan and McGrath scoring for PSG. Rich Masters then put the fourth Lea Sports penalty in the same place again to give us a 4-3 advantage, but when the Rovers player tried the same approach Geoff Knox beat the ball away. This left Simon Jackson to ram home the fifth kick and give Lea Sports a home tie with Dun Cow on November 3rd.

The **Under 16s** were also in County Cup action, away to Wheathampstead Wanderers Sharks, but went down 4-2 despite goals from Josh Coleman and Ollie Pitts. Meanwhile, the Under 10 Cougars travelled to Leighton United Blues in the pouring rain for a League Cup tie, returning victorious after goals from Brad Cole, Theo Jenkins and 2 from Luke Woodward which gave them a 4-2 win.

The **First XI** were saved a trip down the M1 when the Hertfordshire FA informed us that their second round opponents in the Herts Intermediate Cup, Woodside, were suspended, so we were given a bye through to the Third Round, to be played on 17th November.



More Cup News

Two more of our teams were in Cup action on October 20th: the Reserves failed in their bid to reach Round 3 of the Herts Intermediate Cup, but it was painfully close. Leading 2-0 in the first-half against JML Plumbing and Heating Athletic (!), they were 4-3 up with about 20 seconds to go through a great hat-trick from Jon Whitehead and a further goal from Richard Randall, but then these two heroes were to turn villains as first Randall scored an own-goal to level the game at 4-4. Extra-time brought no further goals and it was Whitehead who walked up to take the first penalty—unfortunately placing his kick high and wide. It was to prove the difference as we went out 5-4.

Meanwhile the Under 13 Leopards took on Leighton United Blues in a Chiltern Youth Lower League Cup tie, but they didn't come close, losing 9-0. At the same time the Firesharks became the third of our teams to be given a walkover in this year's County Cups when their opponents Lemsford withdrew from the competition.

The final Cup action of the month came on Sunday October 27th, when the Under 10 Panthers took on St. Neots Town in Pirton in Round 1 of the Royston Crow Under 10 League Cup. Goals from Ben Bayley, Tom Brown, Lewis Gooden and Matthew Morton gave the lads a 4-2 victory and a home tie in Round 2 against Stevenage Borough in December.

Firesharks

Manage Denise Miley was not happy with the Firesharks' performance in their Derby fixture vs Hitchin Town Yellows on October 6th, but the team did still win 5-1 to maintain its position at the top of the league. Harvey Walton-Adams scored his first goal for the team, with Steve Bryan, Matt Hill, Courtney Cendrecourt and Dom Edwards also scoring. One down side of the win was a knee injury to Joe French who had to be carried off.



On a showery October 13th the Firesharks played host to Albion FC and continued their winning run, hitting seven without reply. Firesharks spent time trying creative ways to get through a packed defence who operated a very high line throughout the first half with uncountable offsides. A bit more precision and inventiveness saw an easy win for the current league leaders. George Hewitt put in a fine performance and it was nice to welcome Liam Brooks back with his goalscoring prowess. Man of the match for tidy defensive work and good distribution was Cameron MacInnes.

The league-leaders took on second-placed Baldock in a rainy Pirton on October 20th. The game was finely poised at half-time, with the score at 2-2, but in the second-half the midfield took hold of the game and 3 strikes in a second-half downpour gave us a great 5-2 win. The goals came from Liam Brooks (2), Dom Edwards, Courtney Cendrecourt and Jordan Campbell, who shared the man-of-the-match award with Harvey Walton-Adams.

Under Sixteens

The Under Sixteens pulled together as a team on a sunny October 6th to put five past Wootton Rangers Lions in Pirton. Josh Coleman grabbed a hat-trick in a fine display, while other goals came from Max Burrows and Thowhid Sobhani. A fortnight later, after a County Cup break, the lads went 3 goals better as they beat Sandy Colts 8-1 in a soggy Pirton. Max Burrows top-scored with a hat-trick, while Josh Coleman and Ollie Pitts scored two each. A Sam Webb strike rounded off the scoring in the pouring rain.

With the big storm on its way the Under 16s took on Kempston Allstars in Pirton on the afternoon of October 27th. Unfazed by the weather the team played some of its best football in a game which was closer than the scoreline suggests. In the end important saves from Josh Dell and goals from Josh Coleman (2), Finn McKeown, Callum Winters and man-of-the-match Mehdi Paul brought a 5-1 win.



Leopards

On a miserable cold wet October 13th, the Under 13 Leopards put in a good first-half performance at home to Leighton United Blues, but turned around at half-time with a 2-0 deficit. However, in the second half when Leighton scored a third, the team lost some of its shape and despite a goal from Liam Hyde and a man-of-the-match showing from Jamie Cummins, the final score was 6-1 to the visitors.

A trip to Maulden Magpies on October 27th brought little joy.

Manager Keith Narroway was unhappy with a poor refereeing performance in an 8-1 defeat, claiming that at least 3 of the goals should not have been allowed.



Nevertheless, Edward Clarke's goal was never going to bring a victory as the team continues to concede too many goals.

Tigers Find Their Feet



The Tigers found their first league point of the season in the rain away to Hitchin Town Pumas on October 13th. 1-0 up at half-time, the lads had to settle for a point as the game finished 3-3. Goals came from Barney Condon, Noah Nyoni and a Hitchin own-goal. Noah Nyoni scored a further two goals the following week as the team raced to their first league win with a 4-2 home victory over Weston. Henry Brown and Findlay Norrington were also on the scoresheet as the Tigers maintained their 3-0 half-time advantage to take all 3 points.

On October 27th Noah Nyoni was on target again as the Tigers travelled to face unbeaten Biggleswade Town Whites in Division 3, but it wasn't enough as the home team scored 3 in reply. The result leaves the team in eighth position, but after a tough start which has seen them play away to the top two sides they are beginning to pick up points.

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Letchworth GCE Yellows	6	5	1	0	19	16
2	Biggleswade Town FC Whites	5	5	0	0	12	15
3	Knebworth Youth Yellow	6	4	0	2	13	12
4	Royston Town Youth Eagles	5	4	0	1	11	12
5	Bassingbourn Youth	6	4	0	2	3	12
6	Stevenage Boro Juniors Allstars	5	3	0	2	2	9
7	BSFC Athletic	6	2	2	2	5	8
8	Lea Sports PSG FC	6	1	1	4	-14	4
9	Manuden Juniors	7	1	0	6	-26	3
10	Hitchin Town Youth Pumas	7	0	2	5	-12	2
11	Weston Youth FC	5	0	0	5	-13	0

Adults

The final league game of October brought no relief for the First Team. Playing against a Celtic side which now comprises a mix of last season's Premier Division side and the Reserves from Division 1, Manager Rich Masters found himself with just a bare eleven players again, even though the Reserves had no fixture.

Despite the problems we went in front with a goal from Paul Brown, but were 3-1 down by half-time. However, the second-half was a nightmare and high-flying Celtic went on to win 11-1. This leaves the team perilously placed with 4 points alongside Luton Old Boys and 61 FC in second-to-bottom position in Division 1.



Under Tens

A hat-trick from Matthew Blake gave the Fishercats a perfect start to their Division 3 campaign in the Chiltern Sevens league on October 12th as they recorded a 3-2 win over Shefford Saints Whites.



A week later the team were staring defeat in the face as they found themselves 3-0 down to Dunstable Town in the second half of their league encounter in Pirton, but two goals from Henry Huxley and one from Teddy Rowe-Trelford rescued a point in a 3-3 draw.

On October 26th a fine performance brought a 7-2 win over Luton Allstars Hawks in Pirton. Matthew Blake scored a hat-trick and also on target were Ben Bayley, Tom Brown and Henry Huxley with 2. The win takes the lads up to second place in the league, just 2 points behind early pacemakers Ampthill Town.



The Cougars started the month with a feisty encounter with Bedford side Atletico Europa in Pirton on October 6th. The home side started well and went ahead when one of their forwards was bundled over in the box and Jon Bull converted the resulting penalty. Chances came and went at both ends and both keepers made

important saves to keep their side in it, but in the end a speculative cross from a Europa player somehow managed to drop into the net to give the visitors a point. A trip to Caddington on October 20th brought a 4-0 win after another solid display. For the second week running one of the goals came direct from a corner! On target were Jon Bull, Bradley Cole, Joel Testar and Luke Woodward.

The Panthers & Pumas both took on sides from Bishops Stortford Swifts in Pirton on October 6th—and both emerged with a 2-1 win. Both results could have been more emphatic with chances missed in both games—including a penalty save in the Pumas match.



Henry Huxley grabbed both goals for the Panthers, while for the Pumas Lewis Manning and Oliver Scott were the goalscorers.

October 20th brought a trip to Stevenage Borough Harriers. Oliver Scott was on target for the Panthers, but they eventually lost 4-1. Meanwhile Matthew Blake scored again for the Pumas. Henry Huxley was also on target to give the lads a great 2-1 win.



Jaguars

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A week later the team dodged the showers to rattle in double figures on their trip to Blunham. Sam B. helped himself to 4 and Ollie H. scored two, while other goals came from Joe B., Sam C. and Ollie R-T. A Blunham own goal concluded the scoring.

After the half-term break the fixtures up to Christmas are now available on the Club's website at www.leasports.com.



Premier League Competition

With both Manchester clubs continuing to struggle outside the top four, the Premier League is as difficult to predict as ever with the Competition leader Karen Bull unable to score fewer than 52 points. Early leader Greg Whelan has come right back into the reckoning and Phil Thompson has joined Karen and Greg on 52 points. There is further interest for the Under Tens as Pop Whalley and Edward Pipe both move into the top five, while the First Team is represented by striker Gary Raymond in 6th place and keeper Scott Morgan in 8th, who join them on 56 points. Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. **TOP SIX:.....**

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2	Greg Whelan	Second XI	6	5	14	1	17	1	1	1	20	0	7	1	16	1	18	9	5	2	3	4	4	4	13	2	16	2	9	4	11	6	18	1	8	1	2	2	12	0	10	5	52	2	7
3	Phil Thompson	Phil	4	3	16	3	20	4	3	1	19	1	8	2	12	2	13	3	5	2	1	6	2	6	9	2	17	1	10	5	15	2	18	1	6	3	7	3	11	1	14	1	52	0	6
4	Pop Whalley	Pop	3	2	8	5	18	2	2	0	20	0	7	1	10	4	17	7	5	2	4	3	1	7	14	3	16	2	11	6	12	5	19	0	9	6	6	2	15	3	13	2	56	4	1
5	Edward Pipe	Pop	4	3	13	0	17	1	2	0	19	1	7	1	9	5	20	10	6	3	1	6	3	5	10	1	12	6	11	6	18	1	16	3	9	1	5	1	14	2	15	0	56	3	7
6	Gary Raymond	First XI	5	4	10	3	17	1	2	0	19	1	9	3	13	1	20	10	6	3	3	4	1	7	8	3	14	4	12	7	16	1	18	1	7	2	4	0	11	1	15	0	56	3	6

Firework Display

This year's Firework Display takes place at The Recreation Ground on Saturday November 2nd.

Entrance for adults is £5, for Under 16s is £3 and is free for children of pre-school age.

We will have the usual attractions of toffee apples, mulled wine, tea & coffee, but this year there will also be popcorn on sale and a barbecue.

Gates open at 6.00 pm and the bonfire will be lit at 6.30. The fireworks themselves will be set off at 7.30 and will be followed by live music in the bar from two local acts.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2nd

Gates Open 6.00
Bonfire 6.30
Display at 7.30
Live Music 8.00

FIREWORK DISPLAY
Recreation Ground, Walnut Tree Road, Pirton

ENTRY: ADULTS £5 UNDER 16s £3 Pre-school free



Crunch Time for Firesharks

Tough Fixtures for the Under 18s

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The Under 18 Firesharks faced a tough set of fixtures in November against teams close to them in the league and a difficult away draw in the County Cup.



First up were Clifton Colts who had won all but one of their league matches this season and who had scored 26 goals in a league game vs. the hapless Hitchin Town Greens just a fortnight before. A very tough game against an enthusiastic Clifton saw Firesharks come back from a goal down to win this close top of the table battle.

A stretched squad due to injuries saw us welcome back Remy Campbell and Christian Lloyd-Williams and they were very much needed in this difficult fixture. Clifton powered out of the blocks and had some direct fast forward play which has us very stretched throughout the first half. A bouncing ball caused miscommunication between Matt Hill and Joe Miley and the Clifton striker drove into an empty net to make it 1-0. Excellent Firesharks team play saw Liam Brooks find Courtney Cendrecourt in the crowded box and he finished well to level. Two minutes before half time saw the irrepressible Liam Brooks strike a fine goal to take us into the interval 2-1 up. Firesharks had more of the team play second half and Clifton posed less threat as we tightened up midfield but remained dangerous on the break. Not a comfortable game for the defence but good performances from Harvey Walton-Adams on the left wing, Courtney and Remy in a battling midfield and Man of the Match Liam Brooks who worked tirelessly throughout.

Next up, on November 10th, were Eynesbury Rovers—the only other side in the division with a 100% record. As expected Eynesbury provided tough opposition and despite taking the lead through Dom Edwards after a great run from Liam Brooks, the Firesharks found themselves 2-1 down in the second half Matt Hill thumped home a penalty to level things up and with just a bare 11 available a draw would have been an acceptable result for the management—but not for the players who kept battling away to earn a winning goal from Harvey Walton-Adams with just minutes to go. A great win over bruising opponents who had 2 players yellow-carded and one sent off—even the parents were warned by the referee as Eynesbury tasted defeat for the first time this season. Jordan Campbell took the honours as man of the match as Firesharks moved 6 points clear at the top of the table.



The final clash of November saw the Firesharks make the trip to Baldock to take on the Templars in a second round County Cup clash on a 3G pitch. The Firesharks dominated the first 15 minutes but fell behind before a bullet header from Dom Edwards from a corner levelled things up. So the teams turned round with the score at 1-1 but within 15 minutes of the restart the Firesharks found themselves 3-1 down on a narrow pitch.



The lads didn't give up though and an excellent team effort brought the scores back level at 3-3. It was time for Golden Boot holder Liam Brooks to score a spectacular goal with an overhead kick on the volley to put the Firesharks 4-3 up. Soon afterwards he was through on the keeper and coolly slotted home to make the game safe at 5-3. Seb Walton-Adams had a fine match in goal, as did Jordan Campbell in midfield and Harvey Walton-Adams, but it was Liam Brooks' four goals which earned him the title of man-of-the-match and the Firesharks a home third-round tie against Royston Town on December 15th.



Under Tens

November 2nd brought the Under 10 Fishercats their most challenging encounter so far this season, when they travelled to unbeaten local rivals and league leaders Crawley Green Panthers. In a close game goals from Ben Bayley and Matthew Blake were not quite enough as the home side triumphed 3-2. Meanwhile on Sunday 3rd, the Panthers and Pumas were well-rewarded after the long trip to Sawbridgeworth to take on the Reds and Blues. Goals from Lewis Gooden and Matthew Morton earned the Panthers a 2-1 win, while a Ben Bayley goal ensured that the Pumas shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw. On November 9th the Fishercats found themselves up against Division 4 opposition in Wilstead Harriers in the Chiltern Sevens League Trophy. The difference in divisions showed as goals from Matt Blake (3), Henry Huxley, Edward Laws and Matthew Morton eased the lads into the second round with a 6-1 win.

The following day the Cougars recorded a great 5-3 win over Clapham Colts at a busy Pirton Rec. The shook off their rustiness after the half-term break to take a 3-0 lead by half time with 2 goals from Luke Woodward and one from Oliver McGrath. Clapham fought back in the second half, scoring 3 goals of their own, but another fine goal from McGrath and a great individual goal from Edward Laws brought another valuable 3 points. Matthew Blake was on target again on November 16th as the Fishercats recorded a home win over Houghton Athletic. Matthew scored twice and Tom Brown once in a 3-2 win. On Sunday morning the Panthers & Pumas played host to BSFC United & Wanderers from Bishops Stortford. The Panthers started slowly and found it difficult to work the ball through to their forwards against an organised BSFC team, but they stuck at it and went ahead through Matthew Gooden. United fought back and equalised before half time, but Henry Huxley put PSG ahead again just after the break. BSFC looked to have won a point when they equalised again with 10 minutes to go, but they were unlucky when a good save from their keeper fell kindly for Oliver Scott who won the game for the home team. The Pumas had enough chances to win their game against BSFC Wanderers but were foiled by some excellent goalkeeping—and a couple of defensive slips. The lads went ahead through an own goal and looked on target for a comfortable win, but 2 defensive lapses let BSFC in to take a 2-1 lead in the second half and it took a late equaliser from Lewis Manning to rescue a point. The Cougars were involved in an exciting tussle away to Dunstable Town, but the home side's strength in depth told in the end as the Cougars went down 3-1—Luke Woodward scoring the consolation goal.

The Fishercats stormed into the quarter-finals of the Chiltern Sevens League Trophy with a 5-1 win over Maulden Magpies in Round 2 in Pirton on November 23rd. Henry Huxley scored twice and other goals came from Matthew Blake, Tom Brown and Teddy Rowe-Trelford.

The Cougars found themselves 4-0 down at half-time in their game against Flitwick Eagles on November 24th, thanks to some wayward finishing and lack of marking at the back. They came storming back after the break, however, and went on to lose agonisingly by 4 goals to 3. Edward Pipe scored twice and Luke Woodward once as a great comeback just eluded them. Meanwhile the Panthers beat Broadhall in Stevenage 4-2—Matthew Blake scored 2 and Matthew Morton one, plus a Broadhall own goal. The Pumas went down 7-1 in their match, with just Ben Bayley on target.

The month ended in disappointment for the Fishercats after their visit to Ampthill Town; the league leaders running out winners by three goals to nil.



Under Sixteens

The Under Sixteens made it four league wins on the trot with a 2-1 win in a tricky match at Oakley Rangers on a windswept November 3rd. In the first half they found themselves playing uphill and against the gusty wind, so had to defend brilliantly to limit the home side to just one goal. Although the wind dropped in the second half, we still had the advantage of the slope and created a great move which saw the ball worked through from the back, then out wide before a tremendous cross was met by Sam Webb with a superb header into the net, only for the goal to be cancelled out by the linesman's flag. The lads kept pushing, however, and Ollie Pitts scored from a Max Burrows cross. When Sam Webb was shoved over in the box, Ollie kept his nerve to fire home the winner from the spot. Matt Mills had a great game in keeping the defence well-marshalled so that Oakley were reduced to long-range efforts which didn't trouble Josh Dell in the PSG goal.

November 10th brought a big physical Langford side to Pirton, but they were outplayed by the home team who dominated possession and territory. The goals were a result of great teamwork and came from Ollie Pitts, Callum Winters and 2 from Josh Coleman. The 4-0 win takes the lads up to second place in the table. A week later brought more goals as the Under 16s made the trip to Leighton United Blues. The reception was a frosty one after the claim of racial abuse against one of our players last season, but the players were unfazed and ran out 9-1 winners. On target were Ollie Pitts with 4 goals, Josh Coleman with 3 and Max Burrows and Karl McNab with one each.

Tigers Need a bit of Luck!

Playing away to third-placed Knebworth Town Yellows in the high winds of November 3rd, the Under 11 Tigers couldn't produce the required fireworks and bemoaned a lack of luck as they went down to a 1-0 defeat. The lads have now become accustomed to playing on the larger pitch and are capable of giving anyone a game in this division. All they need now is the run of the ball...

November 10th brought the required change of fortune as Pin Green visited Pirton in the first round of the Royston Crow League Cup. Rohan Gidda made his debut and Henry Brown controlled matters in midfield in a first half in which the lads could have scored five times. As it was, two goals from Tyger Bean-Cox put the team in control at 2-0 at half-time and although Pin Green pulled a goal back in the second-half PSG held on for a 2-1 win and a place in round 2.

On a misty November 16th the lads undertook the long trek to Bishops Stortford to take on BSFC Athletic on a terrible pitch. A bad bounce in the first half enabled the home side to take the lead, but after the break George Simmons moved up to centre-midfield and had an immediate impact, poking home from yards out to equalise. Then a few minutes later he scored probably the goal of the season with an amazing strike from the edge of the area. BSFC then equalised from the spot, before scoring a third to go in front. The last 5 minutes was all Lea Sports, but the equaliser did not materialise.

Back home on November 24th Noah Nyoni gave the team a half-time lead against Royston Town Eagles, however the visitors equalised in the second half to produce a 1-1 result.

Vets Meet Their Match

Steve Baggett's hopes of County Cup glory for the Veterans were dashed in a windy Pirton on November 3rd when they were soundly beaten by Stevenage side Dun Cow.

Playing on the full-size pitch some tired legs struggled to keep the visitors at bay and in the end Dun Cow ran out 8-1 winners, with the solitary consolation goal coming from Greg Whelan.



Adults Fail to find and Consistency

The adult teams went into November without a settled side. The First Team were missing a number of players yet again as they made the trip to league leaders Co-Op Green Man. With the lack of players such as Ritchie Bevan, Mark Brown, Steve Farkas, Michael MacMaugh, Richard Knock, Gary Raymond, Chris Littlejohn and the transferred Jamie Richards the team is struggling to compete at this level. On a miserable windswept November 3rd the league leaders hit eight without reply. The Reserves are faring no better—in their match away to bottom side Slip End United they chose to defend against the wind in the first half and turned around 3-1 down. The plan to use the wind in the second half backfired completely however as the team caved in to give Slip End their first points of the season in a remarkable 10-1 defeat. After these results both sides sit bottom of their division, with a goal difference of -27.

All of a sudden on Remembrance Sunday First Team manager Richard Masters found himself with a squad of 17 players to pick from for the first time this season. The luxury of being able to name 4 substitutes made all the difference and opponents 61 FC were blown away in the Pirton sunshine. Gary Raymond scored twice and Darren Nicholls once as the lads won 3-1. It looked as though the Reserves were going to break their duck in Division 2 as goals from Tom Newland and Manager Paul MacLennan gave them a 2-0 lead away to AC Cadoza Reserves. Unfortunately the lads could not maintain their momentum and ended up going down 3-2, with Pat McAneney missing a golden late chance to earn a point.



The First Team's County Cup hopes evaporated in the mist in Hitchin as they went down 3-1 to Boot (Baldock) Reserves in Round 3. A Darren Nicholls goal was not enough to keep them in the competition. Meanwhile in Pirton the Reserves' woes continued as they conceded soft goals to Slip End United. Despite goals from Greg Whelan and Ben Thomson the lads went down to a 6-2 defeat.

Gary Raymond was on the goal trail again, scoring after 25 seconds in the home game for the First XI vs Silsoe Park Rangers on November 24th. Silsoe equalised after Scott Morgan saved a penalty only to see the rebound come back off Matt Day for the Silsoe forward to score easily. Raymond then saw his own penalty saved by the Silsoe keeper before Andy Wilson restored the home side's lead with a left-foot screamer. In the second half Lea Sports continued to dominate and Raymond chipped over the keeper to make it 3-1. They even allowed themselves the luxury of another penalty miss before Silsoe scored a late consolation in a 3-2 home win. New signing Bobby Le Fevre was man of the match as the First team took their points tally to 10. Meanwhile the Reserves had just 10 men against St. Josephs in their Reserve Cup match. Clarke, Newland and Ben Thomson all scored, but the lads went out of the cup 3-4.



Jaguars

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A week later the team dodged the showers to rattle in double figures on their trip to Blunham. Sam B. helped himself to 4 and Ollie H. scored two, while other goals came from Joe B., Sam C. and Ollie R-T. A Blunham own goal concluded the scoring.

On Remembrance Sunday the Jaguars were at home to Wilstead Harriers, who have a team that plays nice football, while at the same time have a Manager who is a pain to listen to! Sam B was a constant threat and scored two goals in a close match. Sam B. was on target again on November 16th, scoring a hat-trick on the team's trip to Ampthill Town. Yet another hat-trick came Sam B.'s way on November 24th as the team fought hard in their home game vs. Bushmead.



Premier League Competition

Arsenal consolidated their position in first place with a 3-0 win at Cardiff—a result which sees First Team striker Gary Raymond take over at the top of the leaderboard. However, another more lethal striker is just 2 points behind as Phil Thompson makes an appearance in third place with 54 points. With the top ten entries all recording scores under sixty points it looks as though this year's competition will be as tightly-contested as ever. Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. **TOP SIX:.....**

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1 Gary Raymond	5	4	10	0	17	0	2	1	18	1	9	5	13	5	20	7	6	4	3	2	1	6	8	0	14	0	12	6	16	0	18	1	7	4	4	5	11	1	16	0	52	6	4
2 Vince Clerkin	5	4	7	3	16	1	2	1	20	0	8	4	17	1	19	6	4	2	3	2	1	6	14	6	11	3	10	4	13	3	18	1	9	2	6	3	12	0	15	0	52	3	4
3 Phil Thompson	4	3	16	6	20	3	3	0	19	1	8	4	12	6	13	0	5	3	1	4	2	5	9	1	17	3	10	4	15	1	19	1	6	5	7	2	11	1	14	1	54	2	6
4 Ian Rossiter	3	2	9	1	19	2	1	2	20	0	7	3	16	3	16	3	6	4	2	3	4	3	12	4	13	1	10	4	14	2	18	1	8	3	6	4	17	5	11	4	54	1	3
5 Phil Cook	6	5	10	0	19	2	1	2	20	0	7	3	18	0	17	4	4	2	3	2	2	5	9	1	11	3	13	7	14	2	16	3	12	1	5	4	15	3	8	7	56	3	2
6 Sue Whalley	3	2	8	2	19	1	1	2	20	0	7	3	19	5	19	6	4	2	5	0	2	5	14	6	12	2	11	5	16	0	17	2	8	2	6	3	16	3	10	5	56	3	1

Music Night in January

A music night is being held at the Clubhouse in Pirton on Saturday January 11th. Entrance is FREE and a number of local bands will be performing.

Why not come along and support the Club from 8 pm?



... and a Happy New Year !!

Leopards Still Need More Players

The Under 13 Leopards travelled to take on Memorial Park in the Chiltern Youth Division 4 on November 3rd with just 10 men. They battled hard and turned round just 3 -2 down, but tired legs told in the end and the final score was 9-2 to the home side.

On November 10th the visitors were Mid Beds Tigers, who had stuck 18 goals past the Leopards in the season's opening fixture. With Manager Keith Narroway only having 9 players available things were looking ominous. Even worse an injury reduced the team to just 8 players, but they went into half-time just 3-2 down. A great battling second-half performance saw the lads lose just 5-3—what could they do with a full team?

A week later, hopes were high as the team travelled to Flitwick to take on the team they beat 4-1 in September—there was to be no repeat performance, however, as the lads fell to a 6-0 defeat.

With a new goalkeeper, Jon Ward, and midfielder Harvey Thompson making their debuts at home to Langford, the boys had high hopes of getting a result on November 24th. Edward Clarke's corner eluded everyone and found its way into the net to give the boys a 1-0 lead, before the opponents repeated the feat to level things up. Langford went ahead in the second half and Manager Keith Narroway was bemoaning the lack of a regular striker before Luke Bailey scored a deserved equaliser.



In The Bleak Midwinter....

Reserves' Woes Continue - Dec. 1st

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December brought no respite for The Reserves as they began the month with a home fixture in Division 2 against league leaders Black Swan Bull. Playing without a recognised keeper, the team's defensive frailties were exposed again as they conceded another 8 goals. On a pleasant morning in Pirton on December 1st Pat McAneney, Greg Whelan and Jon Whitehead were all on target, but it wasn't enough as the visitors ran out 8-3 winners.



Meanwhile on the junior pitch, two of our Under Ten teams were in action in cup competitions.

First up were the Pumas, who took on Stevenage Borough Tornadoes in Round 2 of the Royston Crow League Cup. Although the teams were quite evenly-matched, it was the home side who put away their chances and goals from Ben Bayley (2), Matthew Blake and Liam Brooks ensured the victory. The 4-2 win takes the lads through to a third round tie in the New Year.



The Cougars then took to the pitch in a Beds Mini-Soccer League second round tie at home to Mid Beds Tigers Reds. Again there was not much to choose between the teams in a well-fought contest, but strikes from Ben Blackford, Bradley Cole and Luke Woodward gave the lads a 3-0 cushion before the visitors scored a late consolation. The highlight of the game was in the second half, when Jas Currey, under pressure from 3 attackers, executed a stop and turn which left all three staring into space.

Over on Pitch 2 the Under 11 Tigers fancied their chances at home to Hitchin Town Pumas in the Royston Crow 9v9 Division 2. Unfortunately goals from Tyger Bean-Cox and Tom Brown weren't enough as the lads went down to a 2-3 defeat.

Manager Keith Narroway was disappointed in his team after their trip to Sandy Colts. Despite having the luxury of a squad of 13 for the match, the boys had only a Liam Hyde strike to show for their efforts in a 7-1 defeat that left the manager speechless!



Also in Cup action were the Under Sixteens, making the trip to play AFC Dunstable Whites from the division above them in the first round of the Chiltern Youth League Plate Competition. Mehdi Paul gave the team a great start on the big Creasey Park pitch, slamming home in the first minute, although it wasn't until just before the break that Ben Whitehead increased PSG's lead. The team defended well in the second half and sealed the win with ten minutes to go when

Captain and man of the match Matt Mills powered home a free kick off the underside of the bar.

The Under 18 Firesharks were trying to consolidate their position at the top of the Royston Crow Division 1 in a visit to Stotfold Juniors Gold., who sat in tenth place in the league with just one win under their belts before the game. A match played on Stotfold's first team pitch in good weather shouldn't have presented the Firesharks with too many problems, but a below-par display saw them go a goal down within 5 minutes to a fine Stotfold free-kick. It needed top striker Liam Brooks to equalise and then push Firesharks in front before half-time. The performance didn't improve much in the second half, but Brooks completed his hat-trick to give the Firesharks all three points with a 3-1 win.



.... Fosty Winds Made Moan—December 7th/8th

Cup Triumph for Fishercats

On a bright, chilly morning in Pirton on December 7th, the Fishercats avenged their defeat at the hands of Ampthill Town the week before in a thrilling cup quarter final. In a fast, high-quality game in which both sides tried to play good football it was PSG who had the first real chance when a drive from Matthew Blake was tipped on to the bar by the Ampthill keeper. It was the visitors who took the lead, however, when a cross into the box was not cleared by the home defence and an Ampthill forward drove the ball into the corner of the net. PSG kept pressing forward and got a deserved equaliser when Matthew Blake shot from the left wing and a defender nicked the ball past his own keeper. In the second half it was Ampthill who started the brighter and had a shot tipped on to the bar; but it was Ben Bayley who broke down the right wing for PSG and crossed to the far post for Matthew Blake to score. Ben himself missed a golden chance to make it 3-1 before Ampthill were given the opportunity to equalise when the referee (who shall remain nameless!) awarded them a penalty. Fortunately for the home side the kick was placed over the PSG bar. Encouraged by the let-off PSG pressed forward again and another Bayley cross from the right was converted by Tom Brown. Ampthill weren't finished and from another uncleared ball in the box they brought the game back to 3-2. It was a nervous last few minutes, with both sides having chances, but Lea Sports hung on to go through to the Semi Final.

The First Team turned up for their match against high-flying Celtic at Stockwood Park with just ten men—and were duly thumped 12-1, a similar scoreline to when the two teams met in Pirton in October. Gary Raymond grabbed the consolation goal. Meanwhile in Pirton the Reserves were hopeful of getting their first win of the season when Pat McAneney put them ahead against Wymondley Meaders with a headed goal from a first-half corner, but a deflected shot ten minutes later put the visitors level and that was how the score stayed.

Leopards Pounce!

The Under 13 Leopards produced the response required by Manager Keith Narroway after last week's drubbing at the hands of Sandy Colts. They faced Memorial Park who are in second place in the league and who beat us 9-2 in Luton in November. Two goals from Liam Hyde and a first for Jack Milner gave PSG a 3-0 half-time lead which could have been more had the finishing been more clinical. Five minutes into the second half saw the visitors pull one back as they dominated the opening minutes, but ten minutes later another Liam Hyde goal put Lea Sports 4-1 up. Although the home side dominated matters, Park pulled another goal back with 10 minutes to go as the home defence failed to clear their lines. Minutes later saw a repeat performance and the visitors grabbed a third goal to make it a nervy last few minutes, but PSG hung on for a 4-3 win.

Elsewhere, the Under 10 **Cougars** beat Luton Boys Blacksox 1-0 with Jon Bull on target following a corner. The Under 11 **Tigers** went down to a strong Knebworth side 4-0 in Pirton despite a great display from Noah Strickland and the Under 18 **Firesharks** continued their impressive start as, with just 10 men, they defeated Stotfold Greys 3-2 with 2 more goals from Liam Brooks and one from Harvey Walton-Adams, who shared the man-of-the-match honours with Steve Bryan. The Under 8 **Jaguars** made the trip to Leighton United and gave a good account of themselves, with 2 more goals from Sam B. and one from Sam C. . Last but not least, the Under 10 **Panthers & Pumas** took on Bassingbourn Spitfires and Hurricanes. A goal from Henry Huxley earned a point in a 1-1 draw for the Pumas, but the Panthers proved way too strong for their opponents and ran out winners by 9 goals to nil—goals came from Matthew Blake, Sam Carroll, Lewis Gooden (2), Henry Huxley, Lewis Manning (2) and two own goals from the Bassingbourn defence.



....Earth Stood Hard as Iron—December 14th/15th

The Under 10 Fishercats got the weekend off to the perfect start as they kept up their good form with a 3-0 home win over Barton Rovers Blues. The boys on target were Ben Bayley, Tom Brown and Henry Huxley. The result leaves the team in third place behind Luton Allstars Hawks, who sneaked past Houghton Athletic 3-2 and Ampthill, who won 6-1 at Shefford Saints.

Sunday morning brought some excellent performances against good opposition.

The Under 11 Tigers faced table-toppers Biggleswade Town in Round 3 of the League Cup and won 1-0, thanks to a second-half penalty, despatched into the bottom left-hand corner by Sam Dermont. The first clean-sheet of the season brought a famous win against a very good side.

The First Team recorded a great 5-4 win away to high-flying Sacred Heart thanks to goals from Andy Wilson (2), Darren Nicholls and Bobby Le Fevre (2). The Reserves didn't fancy their trip to league leaders Brache Nation, especially after losing the home fixture 9-0, but although this time there were 8 goals in the game, at least this time we managed to score 3 of them, through a Ben Thomson penalty and 2 from Tom Newland.

The Under 10 Cougars were playing the return fixture against Luton Boys Blacksox after their tight 1-0 win in Luton last week. This time there were goals galore and at least as many chances missed. Luton took the lead after about 5 minutes, but PSG stormed back into the game and a first-half hat-trick in 5 minutes from Luke Woodward gave them a 3-1 advantage at the break. In the second half Luke went on to score another 2 goals and Jon Bull slotted home a penalty when Theo Jenkins was up-ended in the box to make the final score 6-1.

The Panthers and Pumas both returned victorious from their trips to play Fairlands in Stevenage in friendly fixtures. Panthers won 3-1 thanks to a brace from Matthew Blake and an own goal, while the Pumas won 3-2 thanks to goals from Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake and Henry Huxley. Meanwhile the Under 8 Jaguars found the going tough against Luton Boys, but Sam B. scored for the sixth game in succession and Sam C. was also on target.

The weather deteriorated in the afternoon, but the standard of football didn't as the Under 18 Firesharks took on EJA side Royston Town—finalists last year—in the third round of the Hertfordshire Cup and the Under Sixteens looked to continue their 100% home record with a visit from league-leaders Caddington Reds, who had a 100% league record of their own before this game.

The first half was dominated by a Firesharks team playing neat and tidy football. The Royston defence couldn't cope with Brooks and Edwards up front, but the teams turned round goal-less at half time. The visitors started the second half the better and went in front after 25 minutes when Joe Miley just failed to keep out a free-kick. Firesharks fought back, however, and when Edwards was up-ended in the box Matt Hill stroked home the penalty to equalise. A good size crowd then saw the referee give Royston a contentious penalty for handball and the visitors went 2-1 up. Joe Miley was kept busy in the home goal, making some great stops, but the next goal went to Firesharks as Cendrecourt lobbed a weak clearance back into the net. With time ticking away and extra time in the gloom looking likely, the ball fell to Harvey Walton-Adams and he seemed to take an age before striking the ball firmly into the net for a winning goal which sparked great celebrations. With 2 County Cup semi-finals under their belts, the team is looking to go one better this year—and having won their first 14 games who would bet against them?

Under Sixteens' Manager Mahesh Bharwaney had to make a tough decision in advance of his game, but was delighted with the players' attitude and all of his team after a 3-0 win over leaders Caddington Reds in Pirton. After a tight first-half, with the scoreline at 0-0, PSG improved as the second half went on. Matt Mills scored from a direct free-kick for the second consecutive game and Lea Sports then went from strength to strength. After a 5-man move Max Burrows swept home a second and a few minutes later Finn McKeown made the points safe after sprinting 70 yards in a great counter-attack. Ben Whitehead took the honours as man-of-the-match, but the whole of the back four had outstanding games to prevent the league leaders from scoring. Let's hope they can repeat the feat in the return match on January 12th.

The Under 8 Jaguars were the only one of our teams in action on December 22nd, but it was to be no Merry Christmas for them as they failed to find the net on their trip to Toddington Rovers.



....Water Like A Stone..

Adults' Tables North Home Counties Divisions 1 and 2



POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Co-op Green Man	12	9	2	1	51	18	33	29
2	Cellic SC	11	8	1	2	59	16	43	25
3	Club Lewsey Reserves	11	7	1	3	44	27	17	22
4	Caddington Social	12	7	1	4	44	39	5	22
5	High Town	11	6	2	3	31	18	13	20
6	Sacred Heart	14	6	2	6	36	40	-4	20
7	Silsoe Park Rangers	13	6	1	6	26	30	-4	19
8	Lea Sports PSG	11	4	1	6	25	59	-34	13
9	Luton Old Boys	9	3	3	3	18	17	1	12
10	61FC	13	2	2	9	16	33	-17	8
11	CSFC	13	2	1	10	23	52	-29	7
12	Harlington	10	1	1	8	22	46	-24	4

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brache Nation	10	8	2	0	56	19	37	26
2	Black Swan Bull	8	5	3	0	29	15	14	18
3	St Josephs Reserves	6	4	1	1	17	13	4	13
4	Slip End United	10	4	0	6	35	29	6	12
5	AC Sportsman Reserves	7	3	0	4	10	22	-12	9
6	Wymondley Meaders	8	2	2	4	17	22	-5	8
7	AC Cadoza Reserves	8	2	1	5	18	28	-10	7
8	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	11	0	3	8	19	53	-34	3

Royston Crow Under 18 Division 1

... Under 11 Division 2

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Eynesbury Rovers	12	10	1	1	46	31
2	Lea Sports PSG	10	10	0	0	40	30
3	Clifton Colts	11	6	0	5	32	18
4	Royston Town Youth	11	6	0	5	26	18
5	Sawbridgeworth Town Red	10	5	2	3	24	17
6	Baldock Town Templars	9	5	1	3	24	16
7	Hitchin Town Youth Yellows	10	4	2	4	-7	14
8	Melbourn Dynamos	10	3	1	6	-20	10
9	Stotfold Juniors Grey	10	2	1	7	-17	7
10	Stotfold Juniors Gold	11	2	0	9	-22	6
11	Hitchin Town Youth Greens	10	0	0	10	-126	0

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Biggleswade Town FC Whites	9	9	0	0	28	27
2	Knebworth Youth Yellow	12	9	0	3	21	27
3	Letchworth GCE Yellows	11	7	2	2	19	23
4	Stevenage Boro Juniors Allstars	9	6	0	3	5	18
5	Bassingbourn Youth	10	5	1	4	0	16
6	Royston Town Youth Eagles	9	4	3	2	9	15
7	BSFC Athletic	11	4	3	4	3	15
8	Manuden Juniors	11	3	1	7	-19	10
9	Hitchin Town Youth Pumas	13	2	3	8	-16	9
10	Lea Sports PSG FC	11	1	2	8	-21	5
11	Weston Youth FC	10	0	1	9	-29	1

Chiltern Youth Under 16 Division 3

... Under 13 Division 4

12 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Caddington Youth Reds U16	11	10	0	1	34	13	30
Lea Sports PSG U16	10	8	1	1	49	12	25
Bedford Park Rangers Sabres U16	11	7	1	3	39	31	22
Eastcotts U16	9	6	1	2	37	21	19
Langford Youth U16	10	5	0	5	19	32	15
EB Lions U16	10	3	3	4	22	13	12
Sandy Colts U16	11	3	3	5	29	33	12
Oakley Rangers U16	10	3	2	5	36	29	11
Kempston Allstars U16	10	3	1	6	23	37	10
Wootton Rangers Lions U16	11	3	1	7	22	37	10
Maulden Magpies U16	11	3	1	7	16	35	10
Leighton United Blues U16	8	0	0	8	17	50	0

8 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Maulden Magpies U13	11	11	0	0	49	11	33
Memorial Park U13	10	6	0	4	39	29	18
Leighton United Blues U13	11	5	1	5	41	31	16
Langford Youth U13	11	5	1	5	33	26	16
Mid Beds Tigers Reds U13	11	5	1	5	46	43	16
Sandy Colts U13	11	5	1	5	24	22	16
Lea Sports PSG U13	11	2	1	8	22	65	7
Filtwick Eagles U13	10	1	1	8	18	45	4

Chiltern Sevens Under 10 Division 3

BMSL Under 10 Division 3

9 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Amphill Town U10	6	5	1	0	27	11	16
Luton Allstars Hawks U10	7	5	0	2	25	25	15
Lea Sports U10	7	4	1	2	20	15	13
Crawley Green Panthers U10	6	4	1	1	15	10	13
Dunstable Town U10	6	3	1	2	18	11	10
Maulden Magpies U10	6	2	1	3	18	22	7
Barton Rovers Blues U10	6	1	0	5	7	19	3
Houghton Athletic U10	6	0	2	4	11	16	2
Shefford Saints Whites U10	6	0	1	5	8	20	1

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Wootton Rangers Youth	11	10	0	1	30
2	Dunstable Town Youth (Blues)	11	9	2	0	29
3	Mid Beds Tigers (Oranges)	12	6	2	4	20
4	Filtwick Eagles	12	6	1	5	19
5	Atletico Europa	11	5	3	3	18
6	Lea Sports PSG	11	5	3	3	18
7	Luton Boys (Redsox)	11	3	5	3	14
8	Leighton United (Reds)	10	4	1	5	13
9	Mid Beds Tigers (Reds)	10	3	3	4	12
10	Clapham Colts	11	2	1	8	7
11	Luton Boys (Blacksox)	11	2	1	8	7
12	Caddington Youth	11	0	0	11	0



Premier League Competition

After the Christmas matches Arsenal maintained their position on top of the pile, however the many changes below them saw the competition for the prize money become even more fierce, with just 2 points separating the top five in the Premier League Competition.

Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. **TOP FIVE:.....**

Correct Positions:	1	13	16	3	17	4	18	10	5	2	6	8	14	9	12	20	11	7	15	19	STANDARD CLUBS																								
Your forecast in blue. Your score in black.																						SCORE	Correct	One Place Out																					
1	Oliver Scott	A.Scott	5	4	15	2	15	0	3	0	19	1	7	3	9	10	12	2	6	1	2	0	1	5	9	1	14	0	11	2	19	7	20	0	13	2	4	3	10	3	17	2	50	5	3
2	Michael Bull	G.Bull	3	2	15	2	13	3	1	2	20	3	7	3	17	1	16	6	4	1	2	0	5	1	14	6	11	3	9	0	12	0	19	1	8	3	6	1	18	3	10	9	50	3	5
3	Paul Brown	Fitz III	4	3	14	1	16	0	2	1	18	1	8	4	17	1	20	10	6	1	3	1	1	5	7	1	15	1	12	3	11	1	19	1	9	2	5	2	13	2	10	9	50	1	10
4	Chris Littlejohn	Fitz III	3	2	14	1	16	0	1	2	18	1	7	3	12	6	20	10	5	0	4	2	2	4	8	0	15	1	13	4	9	3	19	1	10	1	6	1	17	2	11	8	52	3	6
5	Scott Morgan	Fitz III	5	4	14	1	18	2	1	2	20	3	7	3	15	3	19	9	4	1	3	1	2	4	10	2	11	3	8	1	12	0	17	3	9	2	8	1	16	1	13	6	52	1	6

Music Night in January

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2013-14 The Season So Far

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
First XI	17	6	1	10	36	76	38.2
Second XI	15	0	3	12	33	76	10.0
Veterans	3	1	0	2	15	19	33.3
Under 18 Firesharks	13	13	0	0	71	21	100.0
Under 16	16	9	4	3	58	22	68.8
Under 13 Leopards	11	2	1	8	22	74	22.7
Under 11 Tigers	15	3	2	10	19	47	26.7
Under 10 Cougars	13	7	3	3	33	24	65.4
Under 10 Fishercats	15	8	2	5	42	29	60.0
Under 10 Panthers	10	7	1	2	34	22	75.0
Under 10 Pumas	11	6	2	3	22	27	63.6
Under 8 Jaguars	12	5	0	7	42	54	41.7
	151	67	19	64	427	491	50.7

Goalscorers Up to Christmas 2013: (top 2 from each team)

First XI:	Gary Raymond 8 (+1 for Res.)	Richard Knock 4
Second XI:	Tom Newland 8	Ben Thomson 5
Veterans:	Phil Thompson 5	Greg Whelan 4
Under 18 Firesharks:	Liam Brooks 16	Dominic Edwards 16
Under 16:	Josh Coleman 19	Ollie Pitts 14
Under 13 Leopards:	Liam Hyde 15	Edward Clarke 3
Under 11 Tigers:	Noah Nyoni 6	Tyger Bean-Cox 3
Under 10 Cougars:	Luke Woodward 13	Edward Pipe 7
Under 10 Fishercats:	Matthew Blake 16	Henry Huxley 9
Under 10 Panthers:	Ben Bayley 7	Matthew Blake 6
Under 10 Pumas:	Ben Bayley 6	Matthew Blake 5
Under 8 Jaguars:	Sam B. 20	Olly R-T, Sam C. 6



Welcome to 2014

Cougars Start the Year Right

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The Under 10 Cougars were the only team to beat the weather on Sunday January 5th as sweeping storms and a day of incessant rain on the Saturday put paid to all of the other weekend fixtures.

The Cougars made the most of their trip to play Luton Boys Redsox and another fine team performance saw them win by 4 goals to nil. Luke Woodward added another three goals to his tally—two headers and a volley—and Bradley Cole completed the scoring. The win lifts the boys to third place in the table, with 21 points from 12 games.

The Rain's A Pain!



The constant rain early in the month caused extensive flooding to part of the Recreation Ground—the above two pictures show goalmouths on both main pitches under water. The poor weather affected many fixtures, with only the Cougars playing on January 5th and the Firesharks' Fourth Round County Cup tie at Cuffley called off on January 12th. The Tigers' game vs. Manuden also fell foul of the conditions on January 12th.

One game to beat the weather was the Under 10 Fishercats' match away to Maulden Magpies in the Chiltern Sevens League Division 3 on Saturday January 11th. After 15 minutes Manager Alan Scott was almost wishing the game had been called off as his lads went 3-0 down, but goals from Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake, Tom Brown and Matthew Morton brought about a great recovery and three points from a 4-3 win. With Luton Allstars Hawks not in action, the result takes the lads up to second place in the table.

After The Rain—The Frost Arrives...



After a dry, sunny day on Saturday January 11th hopes were high that the Under 10 Cougars' and Under 8 Jaguars' games would be able to go ahead in Pirton on the Sunday morning. Unfortunately, Saturday night brought a heavy frost and although it was touch and go, in the end our opponents Mid-Beds Tigers felt the pitches were too hard to play, so both games were lost. The Under 13 Leopards' game at Leighton Utd. fell foul of a waterlogged pitch and the Under Sixteens also

had their table-top clash with Caddington postponed. The Under 11 Tigers were spared the lengthy trip to Manuden, near Chelmsford, when their game too was called off. Frozen goalmouths in Silsoe put paid to the First XI fixture, so the only football was played by the Under 10 Panthers & Pumas who made the long trip to St. Neots. The Pumas went down 4-0, but the Panthers more than made up for this by winning 6-0. On target were Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake with 2, Lewis Manning, Teddy Rowe-Trelford and Oliver Scott.



The Weather Wins Again—January 19th

The on-going monsoon weather in Pirton meant the postponement of all scheduled games on the Recreation Ground on January 19th. The First Team's game vs. Caddington was the first casualty, with the ground being declared unfit on Friday. The picture to the right shows the top penalty area which was probably the worst affected area with a lot of surface water.



In fact the only relatively dry part of the ground is the area close to the car park and on the Jaguars' pitch. At least this meant that the weekly session for 4-7 year-olds could go ahead as normal on Saturday 18th.

Once again it was only the Under 10 Cougars who managed to beat the weather—they also managed to beat their opposition as they won their game at Mid Beds Tigers Reds by four goals to one. Luke Woodward notched another hat-trick and Bradley Cole was also on target (exactly the same scorers as in the 4-0 win over Luton Boys a fortnight ago) as the lads moved up to third in the table. After a quiet first-half in which both teams missed chances the Cougars really stepped it up after half-time. Luke Woodward opened the scoring with a screamer into the top corner; he then added two more before Bradley Cole rounded things off with a fine shot.

Firesharks Frustrated

The Firesharks' attempts to play their Hertfordshire County Cup Fourth Round tie against Cuffley Under 17 Warriors have been thwarted by a waterlogged pitch in Cuffley. Since there have now been three failed attempts to play the game the tie now switches to Pirton where it will be played on February 2nd (weather permitting!). This means that the Firesharks' Royston Crow League Cup second round tie at home to Baldock Town Templars will now be played on February 9th, followed by the crucial trip to Eynesbury Rovers and then a home league game vs. Stotfold Juniors Golds.



Fishercats and Panthers Have to Wait for Cup Action

With bands of rain sweeping in from the west in mid January the only game in Pirton to survive on the weekend of January 25/26 was the Under 8s' clash with Dunstable Town, although this match was abandoned after 25 minutes as a cold, stinging rain lashed the ground. The Under Tens Fishercats' semi-final with Shefford Saints had to be postponed to February 1st and the Panthers' League Cup tie at home to Knebworth also fell foul of the conditions. Also off was the Under Tens Cougars' top of the table clash with Wootton Rangers while the Reserves will have to wait a bit longer for that elusive first league win as their match vs. AC Sportsman Reserves was also called off. The Under 16s' match against EB Lions also did not survive the wet conditions at the Recreation Ground.



January Ends in Defeats

In the end only two of our teams managed to beat the weather and play some football on January 26th—and probably both teams wished they hadn't bothered after repeating the scores in the heavy defeats they both suffered in the corresponding home games earlier in the season. The Under 11 Tigers lost 5-0 on their trip to Bassingbourn, the same scoreline as when the teams met in October. The First Team travelled to Lewsey Park where Club Lewsey Reserves won their third home game in a row by defeating the Firsts 7-1, as they did when the teams met in the first game of the season. Andrew Wilson grabbed the consolation goal for Lea Sports on a miserable morning.

End of Season Awards Evening

The Club Committee came up with three possible dates for the End-of-Season Awards Evening: June 7th, May 31st and May 17th—only to find that Pirton Cricket Club has home games on all three dates. The thinking now is that we possibly hold the event on Saturday June 14th. This date coincides with England's World Cup clash with Italy, but since that game does not kick-off until 11 pm we may show the game in the Club after the awards for anyone who wants to stay and cheer on Hodgson's men.

The alternative is to hold the awards event on a Sunday so that we are still able to use the afternoon time for awards for the younger teams with the event moving into the evening for the senior sides. A final decision will be made at the Club's next Committee Meeting on Monday February 3rd.

Anyone with any views on the possible date should e-mail me at

secretary@leasports.com

Age banding for the 2014-15 Season

As some of you may remember we had problems last season with age banding for the Under 11 age group. The Football Association had decreed that players who had 'played up' a year at Under 10 could no longer do so at Under 11 in the new 9 vs.9 format of the game. This gave the Tigers a problem with goalkeeper John East-Newbury, who had played for the team for 2 seasons, but who stood to be excluded from the team at Under 11. A number of clubs found themselves in the same position as us and complained to their County Associations and to the FA. After many such complaints, and rather belatedly, the FA relented and gave a dispensation for players such as John to continue to play for their team.

This year we have tackled the problem early (since at least 3 Cougars players would be affected by such a decision) and have already been in touch with the Hertfordshire FA to avoid the last-minute decisions of last season. The latest news we have is that

'the FA has formed a Working Group looking specifically at this Rule and they are due to provide a recommendation to the FA's Council to be included in next year's Standard Code of Rules. The County FA's traditionally receive this information in late February and will send it on to their leagues as soon as they receive it. Indications are that the Rule is likely to be that any player can play up a year regardless of the format they play in, for example an Under 8 playing 5 vs. 5 could play at Under 9 where the format is 7 vs.7 and so on.'

We have to await the Council's decision before we can be certain.



Premier League Competition

With Manchester City going back to the top of the pile and Sunderland moving out of the bottom three, Phil Cook takes over top spot in the competition, just edging first space on the number of correct entries.

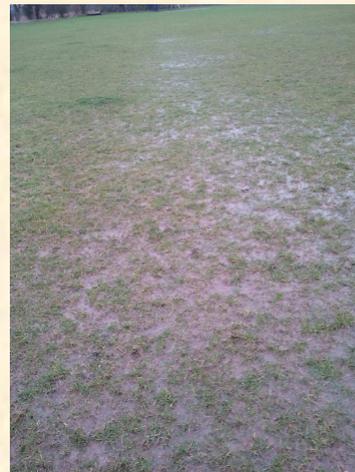
Behind the top 2 there are five entries on 52 points, ominously including last year's runner-up Jade Gustard. Last year's winner Alexander Pipe is not doing so well—in 115th place so far this year!!

Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. TOP SEVEN:.....

	Ref	Arsenal	Aston Villa	Cardiff City	Chelsea	Crystal Palace	Everton	Fulham	Hull City	Liverpool	Manchester City	Manchester Utd.	Newcastle Utd.	Norwich City	Southampton	Stoke City	Sunderland	Swansea City	Tottenham Hotspur	West Bromwich	West Ham United	SCORE	Correct	One Place Out																					
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3	Phil Thompson	Phil	4	2	10	0	20	0	3	5	19	5	5	1	12	7	13	0	0	4	11	3	1	17	5	10	1	13	1	15	1	10	0	16	0	14	4	14	4	52	4	5			
4	Matthew Day	First XI	4	2	15	0	18	2	2	1	19	5	7	1	16	3	20	7	6	2	3	2	1	16	10	2	11	1	9	0	13	3	17	0	8	3	5	0	14	1	12	6	52	3	4
5	Edward Pipe	Pop	4	2	13	3	17	3	2	1	19	5	7	1	9	10	20	7	6	2	1	1	3	4	10	2	12	0	11	2	18	2	16	1	8	3	5	0	14	1	15	3	52	3	4
6	Jade Gustard	First XI	4	2	9	1	19	1	1	2	18	4	7	1	16	3	20	7	5	1	3	2	1	13	4	10	1	11	1	10	1	13	3	17	0	12	1	16	0	8	10	52	2	8	
7	Scott Morgan	First XI	5	3	14	4	16	2	1	2	20	6	7	1	15	4	19	6	4	0	3	2	2	5	10	2	11	1	8	1	12	4	17	0	9	2	6	1	16	1	13	5	52	2	5

When Will it Stop Raining?

Pictures taken at the Rec on the morning of Sunday January 26th



Here's to a Nice Dry February.....



February Brings No Relief to the Flooding

Rec Still Suffering

Vol. 8. No. 8, February 2014

Any hopes that a change of month would bring some dry weather were dashed in the first few days of February as the rain continued to fall. If anything conditions worsened at the Recreation Ground as the month began.



Pirton Recreation Ground
February 2nd 2014

Of the ten games scheduled to be played on the weekend of February 1st/2nd (seven of which were at home) only the Under 8 Jaguars trip to Dunstable Town survived the conditions. Unfortunately the Jaguars didn't manage to hit the net on this occasion.

Tigers Lack Bite....

Only two of our teams managed to find any action on February 9th: the Under 11 Tigers made the trip to Royston Town Eagles in the Crow League Division 2. The lads managed to hold their hosts to a 0-0 scoreline until 10 minutes from time, when Royston scored, and then got hit on the break looking for an equaliser and went down 2-0. Alex Funnell performed well in defence and Henry Brown had a good game in mid-field against a physical and skilful Royston side.

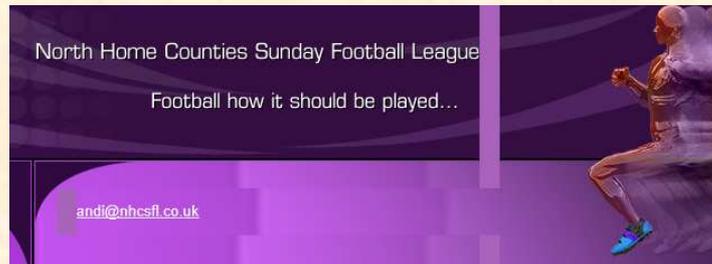
...But Under Sixteens Still on Track

The Under Sixteens agreed to switch their home game with Maulden Magpies to their opponents' ground and ran out 5-2 winners to maintain their push at the top of Chiltern Youth Division 3. Ollie Pitts found his shooting boots with a hat-trick after coming on as a substitute and other goals came from Max Burrows and Josh Coleman. The win takes the team to 11 points behind leaders Caddington but with 3 games in hand and the fixture in Caddington still to come.



North Home Counties Launch Their Own SmartApp

The North Home Counties League has launched its own App for Smart Phones. The App is free to download and can keep you up to date with fixtures, results & tables.



To download the App go to <http://teamapp.com/app>.

Launch Team App and search for NHCSFL.

Then:

1. Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
2. Search for Lea Sports' App and request access to group(s) that apply to you.

After the Floods, the Cricket!

As we move into Spring the cricket season will soon be upon us with colts and adults games scheduled through the summer.

Firstly, many thanks to Rob Bayley who arranges the colts' matches—Rob is working with us to try to reduce the number of clashes in midweek fixtures to a minimum.

By contrast, we learned this week that the adults have added an extra Sunday home fixture to their list, meaning that they have 4 consecutive home games on the four Sundays following Easter. This will prevent the Under 16s or Under 18s from playing home games on April 27th, May 4th, May 11th and May 18th just as the season is reaching its conclusion. We already knew about the 4 consecutive Saturday home fixtures which resulted in our Awards Evening being set for June 14th, but those fixtures were appointed by the league. The same is not true of the Sunday games, which are friendly fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary Alan Howe.

At best, these fixtures show complete ignorance and disregard for the problems faced by the cricket club's neighbours and co-users of the Rec when trying to cope with the many weeks lost to flooding; at worst, they are a wilful disruption of the football club's fixture list. Given Howe's complete antagonism to anything to do with the football club in the past, we are inclined to believe it is the latter.

Under Tens Out of Luck

Only our Under Ten Sunday sides managed to find any football on February 16th—but both had to give up home advantage as the Recreation Ground was still waterlogged after the Valentine Day's rains.

The Pumas were within 4 minutes of winning their Royston Crow 3rd Round League Cup tie with Knebworth after goals from Matthew Blake and Ben Bayley had given them a 2-1 advantage, but Knebworth snatched a late equaliser on the artificial surface to take the tie into extra time and then grabbed a winner to progress 3-2. A rusty Cougars travelled to Dunstable Town but returned empty-handed in their BMSL 3rd Round tie, scoring 2 own goals and conceding a soft third in a 3-0 defeat.



Fishercats Find Some Action

Still desperate to play their Cup Semi-Final the Fishercats instead had to settle for a league match as the sun came out on February 22nd. Their Cup opponents, Shefford Saints Whites, could not field a team on the 22nd and we graciously agreed to a postponement of the game, rather than just claiming a win by default. The semi-final will now be played in March (weather permitting!).

Meanwhile the lads travelled to Dunstable Town for a division 3 fixture and returned with a point after Matthew Blake scored twice in a 2-2 draw.

End of Season Awards Evening

The Club Committee has now agreed that this event will take place on

Saturday June 14th 2014

Please mark the date in your diary.

Full details of the format of the day will be published nearer the time, but there will probably be junior games and awards through the afternoon, moving on to senior awards and entertainment in the evening.

We will also show the England vs. Italy World Cup group game, kicking off at 11 pm.

More details to follow.

February Comes to a Sorry End

Some of our teams were in action on February 23rd for the first time since December—and the rustiness showed as results were not good.

The First XI started well enough away to strugglers Harlington and took a 2-0 half-time lead with goals from Andrew Wilson and Gary Raymond. Although Harlington pulled it back to 2-2 in the second half, we went ahead again through debutant Tyler Ritchie. However, there was a sting in the tail as Harlington scored two late goals to take the game 4-3.

The Reserves lost their last chance of avoiding the wooden spoon in Division 2 as they lost 4-1 at home to St.Josephs Reserves. The long lay-off showed as we started slowly and St.Joes ran into a 2-0 half-time lead. The second half brought an improvement, with Pat McAneney clawing a goal back and the Joes' keeper denying Tyron Clarke twice with two fine saves to prevent an equaliser. Two late goals gave the visitors a slightly flattering 4-1 win in the end.

The Under 13 Leopards took on unbeaten league-leaders Maulden on a heavy pitch in Pirton and kept the game goal-less until half-time. After the break a dubious penalty for handball gave Maulden the breakthrough and they scored a second before we missed the chance of getting a goal back when a penalty flew over the bar. Maulden then went on to score a third and wrap up a 3-0 win. Meanwhile the Under 10 Cougars are struggling to find their pre-Christmas form and went down 6-1 on their trip to Athletico Europa—Jon Bull scoring the consolation goal.



Premier League Competition

With just ten points separating West Ham in 10th from Fulham in 20th in the Premier League, it looks as though this season's competition will go down to the wire.

Two points currently separate the top 2 in the race for the cash...

Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. TOP FIVE:.....

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Firesharks Lift The Gloom

February 23rd. On a day when four of our sides lost, the Under 18 Firesharks lifted the gloom with a 3-1 defeat of Cuffley Warriors in the quarter-final of the Hertfordshire County Cup.

After four postponements and ten weeks without any football the match was finally played on the 3G surface at Baldock Arena.

Despite the lay-off the team started well and enjoyed good possession in the first 30 minutes without being able to turn their advantage into goals. This was to prove costly when on the break Cuffley scored to take a 1-0 lead. Just before the break, however, Golden Boot holder Liam Brooks scored to make it 1-1 at the interval.

This gave the Firesharks the confidence they needed to go on and win the game and it was Brooks who put them into the lead five minutes into the second half. Twenty minutes later a great team move ended with substitute Harvey Walton-Adams making the game safe with a third.

The team looked sharp despite the break with Joe Miley's goal kicks and distribution excellent. There were fine performances too from Dominic Edwards and Matt Hill, while striker Brooks was in great form. Jordan Campbell impressed in midfield, but in the end it was a fine team performance which took the lads through into the semi-final for the second consecutive season. Having made the semi twice before, the team hope it will be third time lucky in the tie to be played next week against Comets SC Dolphins or Hertford Town.

On SATURDAY MARCH 1st there will be another MUSIC NIGHT at the Clubhouse in Pirton, featuring local artists James Maple, Jordan Bradley, Young George and others.

Entrance is FREE, so why not come along for a great evening's entertainment. Doors open at 8 pm.



It's Semi-Final Time

Fishercats Victorious

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The Under 10 Fishercats got March off to the best possible start with victory in their Chiltern Sevens League Trophy Semi-Final on March 1st

Having agreed to delay the game by a week so that Shefford Saints could field a full team after the half-term break, we then lost home advantage after more rain swamped the home pitch in Pirton. Playing on the all-weather track at Hitchin College the Fishercats enjoyed the majority of possession in the first half but could not turn their advantage into goals and the game turned round at half-time with the score at 0-0.

Early in the second half a slight defensive lapse let Shefford in and the Whites took a 1-0 lead. Despite being up against a strong, physical and well-organised Shefford defence, the Fishercats came back well and Matthew Blake equalised with a great shot into the top corner of the net.

Five minutes later an inswinging corner from Blake flummoxed the Shefford keeper, who ended up scrambling the ball over his own line to give us a 2-1 lead. Shortly afterwards Henry Huxley in goal started the best move of the match: the ball was passed from the defence, through midfield and up to Matthew Blake who calmly placed the ball past the keeper for a 3-1 lead. With just 4 minutes to go the game looked safe and although Shefford managed a late consolation the boys hung on to reach the Final in their first season together.

...But It's Semi-Final Heartache Again for the Firesharks....

The Firesharks went into their Hertfordshire County Cup Semi-Final vs. Comets Sports Club Under 17 Dolphins with just 12 available, after Harvey Walton-Adams was away on a school trip and Dan Burton was cup-tied having played for the First Team in the Intermediate Cup. Unusually, the Firesharks spent the first 25 minutes chasing the game, which was played on a good pitch against sporting opposition, in a match which was only spoiled by poor match officials, with 5 booked and one red-carded.

Comets were awarded a penalty after 20 minutes or so when the referee declared that a hand had 'gone up' in the box, although he couldn't identify the player and no-one in the crowd could believe it. This harsh decision spurred the Firesharks on and before half-time an inswinging free-kick was met by Matt Hill to give them an equaliser.

Despite a rousing half-time team talk to the Firesharks, it was the Comets who started the second half the brighter and they went 2-1 up. Both teams were playing well, but a long throw by Jordan Campbell was nodded on in the box to Liam Brooks, who again levelled the match at 2-2 after 65 minutes.

Comets nudged in front again before a manic last 3 minutes. Liam Brooks floated in a free kick which Steve Bryan headed into the net to make it 3-3, before keeper Joe Miley impeded a Comets forward to concede a penalty. Comets brought their penalty taker off the bench for this second spot kick, but this time Joe read it right and tipped the ball round the right-hand post to take the game into extra time. There were signs of cramp as extra time took its toll in the March warmth and after 7 minutes Comets edged ahead again. In the second period Firesharks pushed for an equaliser but got caught on the break and went down 5-3 to end a great game and a great cup run.



More Rain Brings More Fixture Chaos

After playing our first home games of the year on February 23rd we were hoping we had seen the last of the rain, but Friday February 28th was a day on incessant rain which once again flooded the three main pitches in Pirton, leaving just the Under 8s Jaguars with the prospect of any football.

With 6 home games planned for March 2nd these postponements added further to the backlog of fixtures already building up. The frustration increased as the sun shone brightly on Saturday March 1st, but unfortunately the damage had been done the day before and there was no hope of play on submerged pitches.

In fact, the only game which could be played in Pirton on March 2nd was the Under 8s Jaguars' fixture vs. Luton Boys. The team put in a great, hard-working performance and were rewarded with goals from Sam B., Olly H. and two from Olly R-T.

With no hope of playing in Pirton, the Under 11 Tigers switched their Round 4 League Cup tie to Buntingford, but went down 4-2 to the Cougars. Tyger Bean-Cox and Noah Nyoni were the PSG scorers. The Under 10 Cougars made the trip to Clapham Colts in the BMSL Division 3 and returned with 3 points after a 3-1 win. Edward Pipe scored twice and Jon Bull added a third as the lads recovered some of their pre-Christmas form.

Fishercats Bang in Six as the Sun Comes Out

With the sun finally putting in an appearance on March 8th, the Under 10 Fishercats took their unbeaten run to six matches with a 6-0 win over Houghton Athletic in the Chiltern Sevens Division 3. Manager Alan Scott's comments were that if Houghton had spent as much energy on playing football as they had on hacking, pushing, pulling and elbowing, then they'd be a decent side. As it was, football was the winner as PSG scored six times through Ben Bayley (2), Matthew Blake, Matthew Morton (2) and Teddie Rowe-Trelford. Tom Brown took the honours as man-of-the-match. It's getting tight at the top of Division 3: last week Maulden in fourth beat Luton Allstars Hawks in second; this week league leaders Ampthill were at home to Maulden and Hawks took on Shefford. Ampthill took full advantage, winning 5-2, but Hawks dropped 2 points in a 1-1 draw. This leaves the Fishercats in second place, 8 points behind Ampthill with a game in hand.

Mixed Fortunes for the Sunday Under Tens

On March 9th, in warm sunshine, there were mixed fortunes for our Sunday Under Ten sides, all of whom had elected to switch from Pirton to avoid the risk of postponement.

The Pumas and Panthers travelled to Ashwell to take on the Bushels and the Strikes respectively. Two goals from Ben Bayley and one from Teddie Rowe-Trelford gave the Pumas a 3-0 win, while the Panthers won their game 3-1 thanks to goals from Matthew Blake, Henry Huxley and Sam Tonge. Liam Brooks took the honours as Player of the Week. Meanwhile, the Cougars visited Dunstable Town, but went down 2-1 to a last-minute goal, Luke Woodward scoring their consolation goal and Jazz Currey having an outstanding game in a match which could have gone either way.

Sam B. and Olly R-T both scored twice for the Under 8 Jaguars vs. Mid-Beds Tigers.



Under 16s' Cup Hopes Vanish, but Tigers Get 3 Valuable Points

The Under 16s played their first game in a month on March 9th, against Westoning in the second round of the Chiltern Youth Plate competition, but they looked rusty and an Ollie Pitts goal was not enough to save them from a 5-1 defeat and an exit from the competition.

The Under 11 Tigers came up against bottom side Weston and grabbed all 3 points thanks to a goal from Noah Nyoni who came off the bench to score at the end of the first half. John East-Newbury played well in goal and Alex Funnell headed a goal-bound shot onto the bar to preserve the team's first league clean-sheet of the season.

Meanwhile the adults' woes continue. The First XI held Luton Old Boys to 0-0 at half time before sinking 4-0, while the Reserves failed to get that elusive first win when they drew 1-1 with AC Sportsman Reserves in their last match of a very poor season.

End of Season Awards Evening

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Saturday June 14th 2014

Please mark the date in your diary.

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More details to follow.

Leopards Hand the Wooden Spoon to Flitwick

A great hat-trick from Liam Hyde earned the Leopards a point away to Leighton United on March 16th—and that point was enough to lift the team off the bottom of the table and leave Flitwick Eagles in last spot. The lads fought back from a 2-0 half-time deficit to lead 3-2 with just minutes remaining, but Leighton grabbed a late equaliser. Nevertheless it was the team's first point away from home this season.

The Under 10 Cougars bounced back to form too with a 3-1 win away to Flitwick Eagles (just not Flitwick's day!). On target were Theo Jenkins, Edward Pipe and Joel Testar. The Panthers were also winners with a Matthew Blake goal decisive in their match at FC Comets Jets. Meanwhile the Pumas went down to their Comets counterparts—Matthew Morton scoring in a 2-1 defeat.

In Pirton the Under 11 Tigers scored through Noah Nyoni, but it wasn't enough as BSFC Athletic took all 3 points with a 2-1 win. On the main pitch the First XI, playing a home game for the first time since November, suffered an embarrassing 3-7 defeat to High Town. Honours were even for the first 20 minutes then two defensive howlers gifted the visitors a 2-0 lead before Greg Whelan scored 2 fine goals to level things at 2-2. A lack of pace at the back was decisive, however, as High Town took all 3 points.



Premier League Competition

So, who's your money on? Liverpool? Manchester City? Chelsea? Maybe even Arsenal? It's certainly going to go down to the wire... With a month to go 3 First Team players have taken the first 3 positions—but this season the First Team has struggled to last 90 minutes..... And just 2 points separate the top seven.....

Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. **TOP SEVEN:.....**

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6	Ian Rossiter Archie	3	1	9	3	19	1	1	1	20	4	7	2	15	5	18	2	6	5	2	1	4	3	12	3	13	2	10	2	14	4	18	1	8	5	5	1	17	0	11	0	46	
7	Michael Bull G.Bull	3	1	15	3	13	5	1	1	20	4	7	2	17	3	16	2	4	1	3	2	1	5	2	14	5	11	4	9	1	12	2	19	0	8	5	6	0	18	1	10	1	46

Under 16s Keep up the Pressure

On the afternoon of March 16th, with the sun beating down on Pirton, both the Under 16s and Under 18s enjoyed good wins.

The **Under 16s** maintained their 100% home record in the league with a 3-0 win over Eastcotts. On a beautiful day in Pirton the team produced a beautiful performance. Eastcotts are chasing us in the league and you could sense they turned up, albeit late, thinking they could get a result. They had the wind and the slope and in the early stages the match was close. However, we grew into the match and started dominating the game. In one of these periods Eastcotts half cleared a ball out of their box - it came out to Ben Whitehead, his first touch flipped the ball up in the air and his second was a quite brilliant right foot volley which saw the ball fly into the top right corner before anyone could blink - beautiful goal on a beautiful day! What more could you ask - well I asked for another goal and Ollie Pitts duly delivered with a great finish after good work from Max Burrows. And then captain Matt Mills, who seems to specialise in extraordinary goals scored with a 60 yard breeze-assisted clearance which bounced over the keeper and in - credit to Ollie for chasing it down and making sure the keeper couldn't recover.

Over on the main pitch the **Under 18 Firesharks** progressed to round 3 of the Royston Crow League Cup with a convincing 5-1 victory over Baldock Town Templars. Today's game saw two contenders for a 'goal of the season' from two different players and the first was after 5 minutes by Dom Edwards with a fine left channel run and a strong dipping volley smashed into the net from distance to make it 1-0.

The return of Harvey Walton-Adams was causing Baldock some problems and he celebrated his return with a good goal on 22 minutes to make it 2-0 at half time. The versatile Steve Bryan was pushed up front to partner Dom Edwards as a strike force today and he scored two goals in ten minutes (50 & 60 min), the second leaving both defender and goalie on the floor as he slotted into an empty net! The best was yet to come, on 80 minutes Harvey received the ball on the halfway line with back to goal and 'did a Bergkamp' by flicking the ball over his head to race on toward goal chased by Baldock defenders and smash the most delicious screamer of a full volley right into the net. Good tidy performances came from several players, in particular Matt Hill was strong and showed great distribution, Remy Campbell was industrious and Steve Bryan had a joyous game; however, Man of the Match was the sparkling Harvey.



(Picture left)

Steve Bryan scores against Baldock Town, leaving both a defender and the keeper on the floor as Firesharks maintain their push towards a League and Cup double.



Perfect Ten for the Firesharks

On March 23rd the Under 18 Firesharks took a massive step towards retaining their Royston Crow Division 1 title with a 3-2 win over their nearest rivals Eynesbury Rovers. The win leaves the Firesharks still in second place with a record of 10 wins from 10 games—still 7 points behind leaders Eynesbury but with no fewer than six games in hand.

A superb game of football played at St Neots on a top class pitch saw an intriguing contest between these two very talented sides. Twelve players made the long trip to this away match. Firesharks took the match by the neck from kick off and Eynesbury hardly mustered an attack for 25 minutes. Two excellently worked team goals both very similar in their execution saw play develop down left hand channels a ball into the area and the first was buried by Will Ringe into the back of the net. The second goal some ten minutes later was same good passing movements, this time the ball came in again from the left and Liam Brooks volleyed dead centre to make it 2-0.

Eynesbury immediately made 3 substitutions and their passing game took over - they scored making it 2-1 and this time Firesharks were chasing the ball until the interval. Second half was more of - you attack we attack but on the 60th minute another great long kick from hands by Joe Miley saw the ball drop just short of their penalty area and Liam Brooks in usual Suarez mode hustled the defender and lobbed the advancing keeper brilliantly to give us the two goal advantage back. Play swung from end to end in a fascinating contest, Eynesbury scored again and the final 15 minutes were tense but Firesharks held out for a great win.

Late Goal Heartbreak for First Team and Panthers

The First Team welcomed back central defender Steve Farkas and midfielder Mark Skidmore for the visit of champions elect Co-Op Green Man on March 23rd. With more strength in the back-bone of the side the team put in a great performance and only lost to a scuffed finish 2 minutes from time which went in off a post. The relief on the Co-Op players' faces was a fitting testament to the fright they had been given.

On the junior pitch it was a similar story—the Under 10 Panthers fought hard against their opponents from Bishops Stortford and the game could have gone either way until it was settled by a late strike from a Stortford forward to give the visitors a 1-0 win. The Pumas made up for this result by winning their encounter 4-0 with goals from Matthew Blake, Max Carroll and 2 from Henry Huxley.

The Under 13 Leopards finished their league campaign, but it was to be no fairytale ending as they went down 7-1 to Sandy Colts; Jack Milner with the consolation. The Under 11 Tigers had to endure a hailstorm in their game: before this it was an even contest, but after the players came off to avoid the weather the Tigers lost their focus and eventually went down 4-0 to Biggleswade Town.

The Under 10 Cougars made the trip to Leighton Utd, but returned empty-handed after a 4-3 defeat. Edward Pipe scored twice and Brad Cole scored once.

Finally, the Under 16s kept up their challenge at the top of CY Division 3 with a 3-1 win over Oakley Rangers. Max Burrows, Mehdi Paul and Ollie Pitts were the men on target.

Fishercats Keep the Pressure On

On March 15th the Under 10 Fishercats hosted league leaders Ampthill Town in a crucial game at the top of the Chiltern Junior Sevens Division 3. PSG took the game to Ampthill right from the kick-off and enjoyed the lion's share of possession. It was no surprise when Matthew Blake fired them into the lead and although Ampthill fought back Lea Sports always looked the more likely to score. Further goals came from Ben Bayley and Matthew Morton and although Ampthill scored a late consolation, they could not avoid their first league defeat of the season.

A week later the Fishercats took another 3 points, this time away to Barton Rovers in a hard-fought and close match. Sam Germann scored his first goal for the Saturday side and Matthew Morton made sure of the points with a second. With Ampthill also winning the result leaves the lads in second place, 5 points behind Ampthill with a game in hand and four more to play.



Cup Final Disappointment for the Fishercats

The Under Ten Fishercats came off second-best in their Chiltern Junior Sevens League Trophy Final, vs. Luton Allstars Hawks on Saturday March 29th.

In bright sunshine at Crawley Green Sports Club the Fishercats started brightly and had possible the best chances in an even first 20 minutes. However, Hawks' forward John Wojova looked to be the difference between the teams as he put in some strong runs from midfield. With 5 minutes to go to half-time it was Wojova who broke the deadlock, with a powerful run past the last defender and a shot into the far top corner of the net. To make matters worse he managed to scramble the ball into the net from a corner just before half-time to make the interval score 2-0 and knock the stuffing out of the PSG side.

Lea Sports started the second half tentatively and were second-best as Hawks pressed home their advantage. In the end the Allstars were victorious with a perhaps slightly-flattering 5-0 scoreline, although no-one could dispute that the better team won on the day.

All the lads played well and deserve great credit for having come this far in the competition. Lewis Manning had a great game in defence to earn the man of the match accolade, but the whole team did the Club proud on the day with their commitment, attitude and behaviour in defeat.

Firesharks too See Their Cup Hopes Vanish

The Under 18 Firesharks crashed out of the Crow League Cup at the quarter-final stage on a miserable weekend. Hopes were high when Jordan Campbell nodded in a Liam Brooks corner after 5 minutes, but just 2 minutes later goalkeeper Joe Miley was sent off for a challenge on a Royston forward. Stand in keeper Matt Hill was unable to keep out the penalty. A few minutes later and it was Hill who fouled an opposing forward—this time it was just a yellow and he went on to save the penalty, however Royston did take the lead before the break.

The second half was frustrating as PSG threw everything at Royston in search of an equaliser. In the final five minutes even keeper Matt Hill went up for corner after corner as the frustration grew. In the end it was Royston's day and the lads now have just the League title in their sights.

Elsewhere Only The Tigers and Under 16s Get Any Points...

On a generally dismal weekend for the Club on March 29th/30th only the Under 11 Tigers won a point—and then only after they had lost a game!

With Easter looking the Tigers offered to play a 'double-header' on their long trek to Manuden. The first game (the 'away' game) was lost 2-1, with Henry Brown scoring the consolation, but the second game (the 'home' game) brought a welcome 3-0 win, with Tyger Bean-Cox, Samuel Dermont and Noah Strickland on the scoresheet.

In Pirton, meanwhile, it was all doom and gloom, with four matches bringing four defeats, including the Firesharks' cup exit. The First Team showed none of the quality they had displayed the week before vs. Co-Op and went down 3-5 to Sacred Heart, despite a Gary Raymond hat-trick. On the next pitch the Under 13 Leopards started well enough with just ten men against Mid-Beds Tigers, but eventually ran out of steam. Goals from Liam Bailey, Jack Milner and Liam Hyde were not enough to prevent a 3-6 defeat. The Under 8 Jaguars conceded in the last minute in a topsy-turvy game against Dunstable Town 2. At the other end Olly R-T notched a couple of goals.

The Under 16s' fate is still in their own hands after a 2-2 draw with Sandy Colts— but they need to win all their five games in hand of leaders Caddington Reds, including the game in Caddington, to make up a 14-point difference. A tough ask, but the team is playing well and anything is possible. Josh Coleman and Ollie Pitts scored the goals which earned a crucial point at Sandy.



Bright Start to April

Leopards Keep a Clean Sheet

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Kicking off April with a midweek fixture on April 1st, the Under 13 Leopards kept a clean sheet for the first time this season as they defeated neighbours Langford 1-0. The boys produced their best performance of the season and with a bit more support for goalscorer Liam Hyde could have won by a more convincing margin. Unfortunately, the next midweek game, at home to Sandy, did not go as well and the lads ended up on the wrong end of a 10-0 scoreline.

Meanwhile the Under 18 Firesharks secured another 3 points in their fight to retain the Royston Crow Division 1 Championship as opponents Stotfold Golds pulled out of their scheduled midweek encounter on April 2nd. This leaves them 4 points behind leaders Eynesbury with 5 games in hand.

First Team's Woes Continue

With players missing again for the visit of Caddington Social on April 6th, the First Team lost their eighth game in a row as they went down 1-0. In an even game PSG had the better of the first half, but conceded the advantage in the second period when Caddington converted one of the few chances of the game to take all 3 points. With just 4 games to go, the Firsts are still second from bottom in Division 1.

There was better news on April 13th as the Firsts secured their first clean sheet since the victory over Harlington in September with a 0-0 draw away to Silsoe Park Rangers.

Firesharks and Under Sixteens March On

Later on the same pitch the Under 18 Firesharks continued their march towards retaining the Crow Division 1 title with a resounding 4-2 win over Sawbridgeworth Town. After their cup disappointments the team were back to their league best and took the game to Sawbridgeworth from the start, dominating the first 30 minutes. The lads were 2-0 up before Sawbridgeworth got started, but eased up to concede before half-time. An overall strong performance saw goals from Steve Bryan (2) and one each from Remy and Jordan Campbell earn another vital 3 points.

Meanwhile, the Under 16s enjoyed their trip to Kempston Allstars with an emphatic 5-0 win to keep their title hopes on track. Five different players got their names on the teamsheet with goals from Sam French, Mehdi Paul, Ollie Pitts, Sam Webb and Callum Winters.

The Under 10 Pumas went one better as they defeated their rivals from St. Neots 6-2 in Pirton. In an entertaining match, goals came from Matthew Blake, Lewis Gooden, Matthew Morton, Oliver Scott, Sam Tonge and a St. Neots own goal.

Fishercats Bounce Back

After the disappointment of their Cup Final defeat, the Under 10 Fishercats bounced back to winning ways with a 3-1 victory away to Shefford Saints Whites on April 12th. Goals from Ben Bayley, Matthew Blake and Henry Huxley ground out 3 points in a forgettable game. The win keeps the lads on track for at least a Runners-Up spot in Division 3 of the Chiltern Sevens League, with just 3 games to go.



Firesharks Edge Closer

Firesharks moved to within a point of leaders Eynesbury Rovers with a 3-1 win in the local derby against Hitchin Town Youth Yellows on April 13th at a sunny Top Field. With Hitchin commemorating the retirement from youth football of manager Ian Swinburne there was a lot at stake. Firesharks started the match missing 3 key players today, Joe Miley as GK, Dom Edwards and Harvey Walton-Adams. Will Ringe took the gloves for 60 minutes and then Matt Hill stepped in between the sticks.

A very level game ensued with plenty of energy from the home side, Liam Brooks broke the deadlock with an individual goal bursting down the right, weaving past the defender and then lobbing the Hitchin GK with a fine effort. Hitchin equalised with a decent strike from outside the box just inside the post.

Will Ringe came out to add some bite to midfield and alongside some midfield mastery scored an excellent goal from a cross by Liam Brooks. Firesharks were more in control second half and Hitchin were finding it difficult to cope with the team breaking at pace. A third was added by Joe French with a good strike right side of the penalty area into the far post and then nestling into the back of the net. Firesharks take a break for Easter with the opportunity to win their two remaining games in April on their return and put the title out of reach.



Huxley on Fire as Panthers go on the Prowl.

Also on April 13th, the Under 10 Panthers had a good trip to Buntingford scoring seven times without reply. Henry Huxley led the way with four goals, ably assisted by Matthew Morton with two and Ben Bayley with the seventh.

Happy Easter for the First Team

Easter Sunday brought some welcome relief for the First Team as they won 2-1 away at High Town to kill off any fears of relegation from the North Home Counties Division One. The win takes the team onto 17 points, leapfrogging 61FC, who are on 16 points but have completed their league programme. With 2 games to go the team are still hopeful of catching Harlington who are one point ahead of them.

Today's game saw the welcome return of Titch Bevan up front and with Greg Whelan also having a good game the team always posed a threat. In the end it fell to top scorer Gary Raymond to score the two goals that secured the vital three points.

With a win under their belts the team were looking forward to the visit to Pirton of bottom club CSFS on April 27th, but the Lewsey side pulled out of the fixture early in the week, saying that they couldn't field a side. It leaves the team comfortably safe with just a home game vs. Luton Old Boys on May 4th to come.



Under Sixteens Come Close

April's fixtures came thick and fast for the Under Sixteens in their title chase. First off was a home game against Leighton United, scheduled for Thursday April 10th, but the Bedfordshire side couldn't field a team, so it was another 3 points in the bag.

Next up was a trip to Wootton to play Rangers on Thursday April 17th: a Josh Coleman brace earned all 3 points in a 2-0 win. Tuesday 22nd saw a home game against Bedford Park Rangers Sabres and another 2-0 win, this time thanks to goals from Josh Coleman and Ollie Pitts. Then it was time for the crucial away fixture vs. league leaders Caddington Reds where a win would have made the lads favourites for the title. The same two strikers were on target again as the team put in a good performance, but it wasn't quite enough on the night as Caddington scored 3 times to take the game 3-2.

Although the string of games left the lads comfortably in second place, the title now looks beyond them as it would need Caddington to lose their last game vs. Oakley Rangers on May 4th and for the team to win their last 3 fixtures. The first of the three was a trip to Langford on April 27th, followed by the final home fixture on Wednesday April 30th vs. EB Lions.

The team made sure of Runner-Up spot on the 27th win a fine 6-1 win at Langford. Ben Whitehead was on target, but the scoring honours went to Ollie Pitts who got the other five. However, the lads saw their final slim chance of the championship disappear as their 100% home league record slipped in the final 20 minutes of the game vs EB Lions on April 30th. Josh Coleman and Ben Whitehead had given the team a 2-0 lead, but they were unable to dominate a big Lions midfield and with 20 minutes to go a right wing cross found its way into the net before a left-wing corner was converted minutes later to leave the result at 2-2.

Fishercats Maintain their Fine Home Form

With the Runners-Up spot in Division 3 now firmly in their sights, the Under 10 Fishercats kept up their record of only having dropped one point in the league at home with a fine 5-1 win over Maulden Magpies on Saturday April 26th. Although they started slowly they gradually took control of the game and a hat-trick from Matthew Blake, with further strikes from Henry Brown and Matthew Morton made sure of the three points.

Meanwhile on Sunday 27th the Panthers and Pumas entertained St. Davids Youth, winning one game and losing one. The Pumas banged in six goals without reply, with strikes from Liam Brooks (2), Lewis Gooden, Teddie Rowe-Trelford (2) and an own goal. The Panthers, however, managed just a single goal, from Henry Huxley, and went down 1-2.

The most amazing scoring feat of the day came in the Under Eights Jaguars' final match of the season, away to Leighton United. Sam B. scored six times, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to guarantee a victory.





Premier League Competition

Looks like the Premier League Championship and relegation places will go down to the wire—and so will our Premier League competition. Top scorer Phil Thompson has taken over at the top of the pile, but it's not over 'til the fat lady sings..... First teamers Scott Morgan, Matt Day and Paul Brown are all still in with a shout, while Greg Whelan has 2 entries in the top 12 at the moment. Still all to play for.

Full positions available on the website at www.leasports.com. **TOP TWELVE:.....**

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2	Scott Morgan	5	1	14	2	18	2	1	1	20	9	7	3	15	4	19	6	4	3	3	0	2	5	10	1	11	7	9	0	12	2	17	0	9	3	6	0	16	1	13	1	50	4	5
3	Matthew Day	4	0	15	1	18	2	2	0	19	8	7	2	16	3	20	7	6	5	3	0	1	6	10	1	11	7	9	1	13	3	17	0	8	4	5	1	14	1	12	2	54	4	5
4	Simon Haupt	6	2	9	7	19	1	2	0	20	9	8	3	12	7	18	5	1	0	3	0	4	3	10	1	13	5	11	3	7	3	16	1	15	3	5	1	17	2	14	0	56	4	4
5	Phil Cook	6	2	10	6	19	1	1	1	20	9	7	2	18	1	17	4	4	3	3	0	2	5	9	0	11	7	13	5	14	4	16	1	12	0	5	1	15	0	9	6	58	4	5
6	Paul Brown	4	0	14	2	16	4	2	0	18	7	9	3	17	2	20	7	6	5	3	0	1	6	7	2	15	3	12	4	11	1	19	2	9	3	5	1	13	2	10	4	58	3	2
7	Jade Gustard	4	0	9	7	19	1	1	1	18	7	7	2	16	3	20	7	5	4	3	0	2	5	14	5	11	7	10	2	13	3	17	0	12	0	6	0	15	0	9	6	60	6	2
8	Greg Whelan	5	1	12	4	18	2	2	0	19	8	7	2	13	6	20	7	6	5	1	2	3	4	16	7	15	3	8	0	10	0	17	0	9	3	4	2	14	1	11	3	60	4	2
9	Jolijon Hedges	5	1	12	4	20	0	1	1	13	2	6	1	14	5	19	6	7	6	3	0	2	5	8	1	18	0	17	9	15	5	16	1	10	2	4	2	11	4	3	5	60	3	5
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11	Michael Bull	3	1	15	1	13	7	1	1	20	9	7	2	17	2	16	3	4	3	2	1	5	2	14	5	11	7	9	1	12	2	19	2	8	4	6	0	18	3	10	4	60	1	5
12	Greg Whelan	6	2	14	2	17	3	1	1	20	9	7	2	15	4	19	6	5	4	3	0	4	3	13	4	16	2	9	1	11	1	18	1	8	4	2	4	12	3	10	4	60	1	4

Cougars Munch Oranges!

On April 27th the Under 10 Cougars played at home for the first time since December 15th and made short work of Mid Beds Tigers Oranges. Playing with just 6 men the team were outstanding: Theo Jenkins was in terrific form and alongside Ben Blackford and Joel Testar made a formidable defence. Bradley Cole took the scoring honours with two fine goals in a 2-0 win.

The Under 13 Leopards were also a man short as they made the trip to Flitwick Eagles in the final match of 'Division 4b', the shortened league set up to provide extra fixtures for teams in the small Division 4. The extra games have proved tough for the Leopards and despite goals from Edward Clarke, Jack Milner and Harvey Thompson the team went down to a 3-7 defeat.

The Under 11 Tigers also lost in their final away fixture vs. Stevenage Borough Allstars. Alex Funnell and Finlay Norrington were on target, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 2-4 defeat.

Firesharks Remain Undefeated in the League

The Under 18 Firesharks kept up their amazing league record on April 27th, winning their 13th game on the trot to maintain their 100% record. They hammered Melbourn Dynamos 11-1 with 4 goals from top striker Liam Brooks, 3 from Harvey Walton-Adams and one each from Jordan Campbell, Courtney Cendrecourt, Dominic Edwards and Joe French. Melbourn, who played with just 9 men, were extremely sporting in defeat (and in return we allowed the match to finish 10 minutes early to save them from further embarrassment!). Andy Munn took the honours as Man of the Match.

April ended with another walkover for the Firesharks as their opponents on April 30th, Clifton Colts, pulled out of the game in Pirton. It's a disappointing way for a season to come to a close and, of course, unfair on the other teams challenging for the title, but at the end of the day it confirms the Firesharks as Champions for the second year running.



ANNUAL AWARDS

SATURDAY JUNE 14th

Exact timings to be announced—youth awards
in the afternoon and early evening.

Adult awards to follow.

Live music through the evening.

England vs. Italy live at 11 pm.



CHAMPIONS !!

Fresharks Make Sure ...

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After playing 15 of their 18 matches, the unbeaten Under 18 Fresharks secured the League title on May 4th with a 4-2 win against Royston Town making it 45 points in total and thereby making the title a mathematical certainty. The Fresharks wanted to win the title on the pitch after two recent games were called off by their opposition.

Against Royston the superb Liam Brooks scored a hat trick and a fine goal by Courtney Cendrecourt made it four. What appeared an excellent bullet headed goal by Jordan Campbell from a corner was mysteriously flagged by the opposition manager acting as linesman otherwise it would have been five. Inconsistent and puzzling refereeing spoilt this match at times in what was supposed to be a celebration of a day in the sun at Pirton.

Two back to back title wins is beyond excellent, especially for a group of lads with so many pulls on their time such as A levels, college and work. There was a good turnout from the boys' families to watch the final match on the main pitch in Pirton this season and this special group of players were warmly applauded at the end of the game. With two tough away league fixtures to come to complete the season, the onus is now on the lads to maintain their 100% league record.



Joe Miley shows a safe pair of hands vs. Royston Town

... and then Relax!!

With the Championship already won, the Fresharks took their foot off the gas in their penultimate game of the season, away to Baldock Town Templars. The home side scored four fine goals and but for a great performance by keeper Joe Miley could have scored more. A thorough drubbing for the Champions with no excuses.

... before the Season fizzles out ...

The season ended in a disappointing way for the Fresharks as their opponent Royston Town couldn't raise a team for the final match, scheduled for May 18th. It means the Under 18s finish with an impressive 51 points from 18 matches, but it was a shame that 3 of the last 8 games were walkovers as teams didn't want to play us...



May the Fourth Be With You ...

On a sunny May the Fourth in Pirton the force was certainly with the First Team, the Under 18 Firesharks and the Under 10 Panthers as they all recorded wins.

The **First Team** were playing their last game of the season, vs. Luton Old Boys, and with players returning to the side it was like the old times as the team romped to a 3-1 win. Darren Nicholls scored twice and Titch Bevan got the third as the team took its points tally to 23, finishing ninth of 12 teams.



Also on 4th May the **Pumas** entertained Stotfold and emerged with a 3-2 win after an entertaining match. Matthew Morton scored twice and Teddie Rowe-Trelford was also on target.

It was not such good news for the **Under 11 Tigers**, who came to the end of a tough campaign in the Royston Crow Division 2 with a 3-0 home defeat against Letchworth Garden City Eagles Yellows. With some players away at Scout camp the lads had to work hard and had the better of a first half in which neither team created many chances. In the end, two late goals gave Letchworth a flattering victory margin. The **Under Sixteens** also lost, 2-0 away to Eastcotts. Having seen their last slim chance of the title evaporate on the preceding Wednesday night, the team were in holiday mode as they went down to a team they would normally expect to beat.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ...

Monday, June 2nd at the Clubhouse at 8 pm

We really would value your support.

Fishercats Take it to the Wire

For the Under 10 Fishercats defeat to their nearest rivals Luton Allstars Hawks on May 3rd meant that their position as Runners-up in Division 3 of the Chiltern Sevens League would depend on their final match at home to Crawley Green on May 10th.

Hawks again had the services of Academy players from Luton Town and their presence was the difference between the sides, as it was in the League Trophy final. The 4-1 defeat left the Fishercats 2 points behind the Hawks, but with their final game in hand.

On Saturday 10th May the Fishercats hosted Crawley Green Panthers knowing that only a win would secure the runners-up spot—and things didn't start well when a punt forward was allowed to bounce and found its way into the home team's net. However, the Fishercats always looked too strong for their Luton rivals and a left-wing cross was turned into the Crawley net by a defender for a deserved equaliser. Ben Bayley then scored two fine goals, one after a 5-man move, before another Crawley own goal secured the points and gained sweet revenge over the Hawks, who finished a point behind PSG in third place.

Well done Fishercats—Runners-Up in their first ever League season.



Premier League Competition

The 2013-14 Premier League Competition proved as close as the Premiership itself, with people changing places in the table right up to the last Sunday.

In the end it was First Team goalkeeper Scott Morgan who emerged as the clear winner by 4 points from Jonathan Burnside from Club Sponsors Form I.T.. Scott will be receiving a cheque for £62. In third place was Simon Haupts, a colleague of former player Gary Hyde, while there was a 3-way tie for fourth place between Matt Day and Ben Alderton from the First Team and Michael Bull, while Under 10s Cougars Coach Graham Bull was a sliver away from joining them in fourth—the only difference being that he had one fewer team one place out from its actual position.

Spare a thought too for Pop's family who ended up with 5 entries in the bottom 12!

What is interesting is that only one person—Poppy Jenkins—managed to forecast the correct position for Manchester United (7th) - and she finished last. Only 2 people managed to get 5 teams in the right place: Kathy Byron, who finished 13th, and Andy Shiers' son Charlie in New Zealand who finished 71st. No-one correctly forecast the final position of Crystal Palace...

The top seven positions are shown below but the full set of results are available on the website at www.leasports.com. Don't forget to have a go next year—it's only £2...

TOP SEVEN:.....

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		Arsenal	Aston Villa	Cardiff City	Chelsea	Crystal Palace	Everton	Fulham	Hull City	Liverpool	Manchester City	Manchester Utd.	Newcastle Utd.	Nonwich City	Southampton	Stoke City	Sunderland	Swansea City	Tottenham Hotspur	West Bromwich	West Ham United	SCORE	Correct	One Place Out																				
Correct Positions:		4	15	20	3	11	5	19	16	2	1	7	10	18	8	9	14	12	6	17	13																							
Your forecast in blue. Your score in black.																																												
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1	Scott Morgan First XI	5	1	14	1	18	2	1	2	20	9	7	2	15	4	19	3	4	2	3	2	2	5	50	4	3																		
2	Jonathan Burnside Form IT	4	0	8	7	16	4	1	2	18	7	7	2	12	7	20	4	5	3	2	1	3	4	10	0	19	1	9	1	15	6	13	1	14	2	6	0	17	0	11	2	54	4	4
3	Simon Haupts G.Hyde	6	2	9	6	19	1	2	1	20	9	8	3	12	7	18	2	1	1	3	2	4	3	10	0	13	5	11	3	7	2	16	2	15	3	5	1	17	0	14	1	56	2	5
4	Matthew Day First XI	4	0	15	0	18	2	2	1	19	8	7	2	16	3	20	4	6	4	3	2	1	6	10	0	11	7	9	1	13	4	17	3	8	4	5	1	14	3	12	1	54	3	4
5	Michael Bull G.Bull	3	1	15	0	13	7	1	2	20	9	7	2	17	2	16	0	4	2	2	1	5	2	14	4	11	7	9	1	12	3	19	5	8	4	6	0	18	1	10	3	56	3	4
6	Ben Alderton First XI	4	0	11	4	16	4	1	2	12	1	9	4	15	4	20	4	5	3	2	1	3	4	13	3	19	1	10	2	17	8	14	0	8	4	6	0	18	1	7	6	56	3	4
7	Graham Bull G.Bull	4	0	12	3	14	6	1	2	20	9	8	3	13	6	18	2	2	0	3	2	5	2	16	6	17	1	9	1	11	2	15	1	7	5	6	0	19	2	10	3	56	3	3

This year's prizes: (116 entries)

Winner: £62

Runner-up: £32

Third place: £14

Fourth place: £8

Look out for next year's entry forms soon. It's only £2 a go and you don't need any football expertise (ask Scotty!!)



ANNUAL AWARDS

SATURDAY JUNE 14th

4 pm: Bar open and barbecue lit

4.00—5.30 Speed Football – all teams and supporters welcome. £1 for 5 shots.

Rewards for fastest in each age group.

5.20: Under Sevens' Medals

5.30-5.45: Under Eights Jaguars

5.45-6.00 Under10s Fishercats, Panthers, Pumas

6.00-6.15: Under Tens Cougars

6.15-6.30: Under Elevens Tigers

6.30-6.45: Under Thirteens Leopards

6.45-7.00: Club Youth Awards

7.00-7.15: Under Sixteens

7.15-7.30: First Team

7.30-7.45: Reserves

8.30-10.45: LIVE MUSIC

11.00-01.00: ENGLAND vs. ITALY

World Cup Group D live from the Arena Amazonia, Manaus