

Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Sunday First XI

2023 - 2024

Hitchin Sunday League Division 3

Manager:	Paul MacLennan
Colours	Shirts: Red and black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton.
Manager's Player	Jordan Badeshia
Players' Player	Tom Newland
Top Goalscorer	Jonny Day (20)

Hitchin Sunday League Division Three Cup Finalists

The First Team found themselves in the Hitchin Sunday League Division 3 after some reorganising of the divisions, but had an average season, winning just under half their games. Cup results were generally better, including an away win over Division 1 side Athletico 99, and they reached the Final of the Division 3 Cup, only to lose to Champions North Herts Hatters 4-1.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
League Division 3	16	6	3	7	35	38	46.9
Herts. Junior Cup	1	1	0	0	4	3	50.0
Division 3 Cup	3	2*	0	1	8	9	66.7
Carl Couzens Cup	3	2	0	1	12	11	66.7
George John Memorial Trophy	1	0	0	1	1	7	0.0
Friendlies	3	0	0	3	3	13	0.0
	27	11*	3	13	63	81	46.3

*Includes victory on penalties 3-2

	League Division 3	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1.	North Herts Hatters	16	13	1	2	58	26	40
2.	Feed Up Warm Up	16	11	4	1	52	26	37
3.	Niche	16	10	0	6	51	25	30
4.	St. Evenage	16	9	1	6	58	29	28
5.	Lea Sports PSG	16	6	3	7	35	38	21
6.	Down and Under	16	6	3	7	36	42	21
7.	Khoi Khoi	16	5	1	10	25	55	16
8.	Cronies	16	3	1	12	42	60	10
9.	Kimpton	16	2	0	14	28	84	6

Sunday XI Appearances and Goalscorers - 2023-24

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	27	63		
Jordan Badeshia	15 (6)	0	42 (13)	0
Alex Bishop	14	0	74 (2)	0
Nathaniel Butler	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Jonathan Copeland	2 (3)	0	8 (15)	2
Tom Cowan	3 (1)	0	18 (14)	3
Matt Cox	1 (2)	0	5 (3)	0
Steven Cox	14	3	56 (15)	19
Jonny Day	26	20	112 (7)	78
Matt Day	4 (2)	0	347 (38)	19
Rikki Day	19 (4)	5	47 (12)	13
Kieran Duff	4	1	124 (55)	16
Steve Goodman	15 (6)	2	150 (42)	28
Ian Hutchison	9 (4)	1	20 (14)	4
Ian Hyde	14 (5)	6	168 (15)	45
Jermaine Lalite	1	0	126 (5)	18
Vinny Lomonaco	5 (2)	0	7 (5)	0
Ben Marshall	6 (2)	3	6 (2)	3
Liam Martin	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	0
Tom Newland	18	15	254 (10)	233
Darren O'Brien	23 (3)	1	165 (21)	8
Ross Prentice	11 (3)	1	62 (11)	15
Tim Rainey	4	0	22	0
Richard Randall	1	0	324 (76)	30
Tom Richards	16 (1)	1	57 (4)	10
Jack Roadnight	4 (3)	1	4 (3)	1
Cameron Rogerson	2 (9)	0	10 (17)	0
Mitch Summers	10	0	17	0
James Taylor	12 (2)	2	67 (56)	10
James Thripp	5 (9)	0	5 (9)	0
Tom Trenchard	18	0	78 (3)	0
Aaron Trowbridge	1 (2)	0	16 (27)	0
Toby Warner	15 (4)	1	15 (4)	1
Own Goals		0		
(32 Players)				

Sunday XI Manager's Report - 2023-24

For the 2023 / 2024 season, we welcomed back Alex Bishop for his second spell with the club, as well as a few new players Jack Roadnight, James Thripp and Matt Cox.

The season started with 3 strong friendlies against sides in higher divisions, before our 1st league game against North Herts Hatters. Unfortunately, we came away with a 1- 0 loss, which was undeserved. The next 8 games saw us come away with 6 wins, (which included 2 wins against higher division clubs in the Herts Junior cup 2nd round and the Carl Couzens cup 1st round), 1 draw and 1 loss, scoring 31 goals (10 different scorers), conceding 18 goals.

The next 14 games saw us come away with 4 wins, 7 losses and 3 draws. Unfortunately we went out of the Herts Junior cup 3rd round and the Carl Couzens cup 3rd round, but progressed in the Division 3 cup with a hard-fought game against the Cronies.

Three back-to-back games against St Evenage during March saw us come away with 1 defeat and 2 draws. The last game a Semi Final of the Division 3 cup which ended in a draw went to penalties and we won 3 – 2, with converted penalties from Ian Hyde, Jonny Day and Rikki Day. On to another final at Arlesey Town FC on the 21st April.

The last 2 league games saw us draw 1-1 with Down and Under and a 2-1 defeat by Feed Up Warm Up.

The last game of the season saw us take a trip to Arlesey Town FC for the Final of the Division 3 Cup to take on North Herts Hatters in the Division 3 Cup Final. Hatters had already won the league so were going for the double and they got a dream start. A needless corner given away in the first 2 minutes was drilled in under the Lea Sports crossbar and looked to have already crossed the line before a Hatters forward made sure by smashing the ball into the net. For the next 40 minutes or so, Lea Sports gave as good as they got, without creating any clear chances to trouble the Hatters keeper. Close control was difficult on a firm pitch and it was a high long clearance from the Hatters defence which fell nicely to their winger, who squeezed the ball inside the near post to give the Hatters a 2-0 half-time lead.

In the second half Lea Sports continued to play the better football in midfield, but after 10 minutes a long throw from Hatters bobbed around in the Lea penalty area. Alex Bishop made a great save from the resultant shot, but the ball bounced up for a Hatters forward to head a simple third goal. Lea's heads did not drop and they scored the best goal of the game after 70 minutes, when the ball was played through to Ian Hutchison and his shot left the keeper standing as it nestled in the far corner.

Try as they might, Lea Sports could reduce the arrears no further and in the last minute a tired defence lost concentration and a Hatters free kick was met by a forward darting through to lob over the keeper and give a final scoreline of 4-1, which probably flattered the Hatters side.

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Back Row: Matt Day, Tom Trenchard, Steven Cox, James Taylor, Ian Hutchison, Ian Hyde, Toby Warner, Steve Goodman, Paul MacLennan (Manager), Tom Richards

Front Row: Rikki Day, Ross Prentice, Jordan Badeshia, Jonny Day, Tom Newland, Darren O'Brien, Mitch Summers, Ben Marshall