



Lea Sports PSG Football Club

Under Fourteen Cougars Blacks

2023-2024

Beds Youth Saturday League

Manager:	Adrian Speed
Colours	Shirts: Red & black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Manager's Player	Elijah Bean
Players' Player	Jack Bryant
Top Goalscorer	Jack Bryant (15)
Most Improved Player	Arthur Woods

The Under 14 Cougars Blacks played their second season of eleven-a-side football in the Beds Youth Saturday League. They were competitive throughout the season and only failed to score in one of their 22 matches. The only 2 heavy defeats came against Champions Clophill United Tigers. All in all an encouraging season!

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
League Division 3	20	8	1	11	47	56	42.5
League Plate	2	1	0	1	6	3	50.0
	22	9	1	12	53	59	43.2

	Division 3	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1.	Clophill United Tigers	20	18	2	0	56
2.	Sundon Park Rangers	20	15	3	2	48
3.	Barton Rovers	20	11	2	7	35
4.	Farley Tigers	20	11	1	8	34
5.	Luton Sporting Club Phoenix	20	10	3	7	33
6.	Shefford Saints Blues	20	10	1	9	31
7.	Toddington Rovers Dragons	20	8	2	10	25
8.	Lea Sports PSG Cougars Blacks	20	8	1	11	25
9.	Stopsley Sharks Megalodon	20	5	1	14	16
10.	Shefford Saints Greens	20	2	3	15	9
11.	Amphill Town Hares	20	1	3	16	6

Under 14 Cougars Blacks Appearances and Goalscorers - 2023-24

	Blacks This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals		
Maximum	22	53		
Hayden Barnes	20	0	118 (1)	2
Adam Bartley	8 (4)	0	222 (8)	16
Elijah Bean	19	5	250 (4)	34
Jack Bryant	20 (1)	15	20 (1)	15
Oli Cree	17 (2)	0	104 (7)	0
Alfie Eddon	4	0	163	33
Jake Fletcher	7 (12)	0	60 (21)	0
Felix Folbigg	18	5	250 (7)	144
Milo Goodwin	4 (2)	5	24 (2)	9
Archie Haynes	5	1	89 (3)	17
Luca Jessop	7	0	59 (2)	1
Alfie Kerslake	1 (6)	0	1 (6)	0
Sasha Kewell	4 (1)	0	17 (3)	2
Ollie Morris	12 (7)	3	101 (9)	42
Luke Prime	14 (4)	0	55 (4)	2
Cruz Serradinho	3 (1)	0	16 (4)	2
Ethan Smith	10 (2)	0	144 (12)	87
Fred Smith	8 (6)	0	107 (15)	2
George Speed	20 (1)	12	168 (9)	44
Pavel Stognev	9	0	154 (6)	19
Leo Surridge	1	0	39 (5)	7
Ahsan Tarafdar	10 (6)	2	57 (15)	5
Joseph Willans	7 (4)	4	7 (4)	4
Rory Williams	1	1	185 (8)	295
Arthur Woods	12 (7)	0	14 (11)	0
Hugo Yu	1 (5)	0	44 (15)	1
Hayden Barnes	20	0	118 (1)	2
Adam Bartley	8 (4)	0	222 (8)	16
Elijah Bean	19	5	250 (4)	34
Jack Bryant	20 (1)	15	20 (1)	15
Own Goals		0		
(30 Players)				

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

Under 14 Cougars Blacks Season's Report - 2023-24

For a long time now, I have lead this report with the theme of resilience, passion, desire and team spirit as the measure of our success. This season has seen the team evolve significantly by adding 'results' to those core and embedded values as the measures of success. 2023/24 season has been the best season yet for us in so many ways.

Whilst we finished 8th in the league out of 12, this could have easily have been 6th and even top 4. This season saw last year's leagues 3 & 4 combine to one – a daunting task ahead given we propped up division 4 in previous seasons!! With the exception of Clophill, who were clearly in the wrong league, we competed – we competed with sides that had previously beaten us 8-0 or more. Not only did we compete, we either narrowly lost out by a goal but, more significantly, we won games – to win eight and draw one in the league with losing out by a goal here or there is, for us, a magnificent achievement.

So what happened? A number of things happened which brought the hard work from previous seasons together. The team have got bigger and stronger, the players have bonded more as a team and we have got the basics right. Thanks to Mark Jessop, fitness levels have improved to compete for 70 minutes. Thanks to Phil Toyer, the team has had a consistent programme of training and routine on a Thursday night. The coaches have been more organised – we have gone into each match with a fixed strategy making substitutions slicker with everyone knowing what they are doing and when. We have had the benefit of having a dedicated goal keeper – thank you Alfie Eddon and Pav Stognev as well as others (George Speed, Elijah Bean & Felix Folbigg) who have strengthened the team and enabled consistency in goal and helping to sure up the defence.

Our fellow Cougars Managers have provided guidance and assistance to us to facilitate players who typically play on a Sunday but are hungry to play more over the weekend. Players such as Elijah Bean, Felix Folbigg, Ethan Smith, Archie Haynes & Adam Bartley who have given us extra strength and belief that the Cougars Blacks are a team that can succeed – and finally, of most significance, the original Cougars Blacks squad themselves who have responded to the support and direction – stepped up when required and thrived on the experience the Sunday players have brought in.

Next season bodes well – we have a strong squad who all want to play and play for each other week in week out. Selection will be based on ability and fitness in the 2024/25 season – whilst in the past we have worked on everyone getting the same amount of game time, this will change next season to ensure competition and to continue to raise the bar. We can already see the team evolving to become even stronger competitors next year!

Finally, none of the above would be possible without the unwavering commitment of both players and the support from parents – we look forward to doing it all again next season – thank you all and welcome to all new joiners and their families.

Adrian Speed