

Lea Sports PSG Football Club



Under Sixteen Lions	2023-2024
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Royston Crow Youth League

Manager:	Alex Cardy
Colours	Shirts: Red & black stripes. Shorts: black.
Home Ground	The Recreation Ground, Pirton
Player of the Season	Adam Greening
Players' Player	Ben Simkins
Top Goalscorer	Alfie Welch (8)
'Pride of the Lions'	Stanley Ayres

Goals were hard to come by as the Lions battled for points in the Crow Division 1. They managed 3 goals twice in a game and all other matches were 2 goals or fewer; in all, just 32 all season. In an odd season, Division 1 started, then stopped and started again!

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	%
Division 1 Mini-season	5	2	2	1	10	8	60.0
League Division 1	15	3	5	7	20	25	36.7
League Cup	1	0	0	1	1	2	0.0
Friendlies	1	0	1	0	1	1	50.0
	22	5	8	9	32	36	41.3

	Division 1	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1.	Broadhall	16	10	4	2	34
2.	Watton	16	10	3	3	33
3.	Saffron Walden Comm.Youth Red	16	9	6	1	33
4.	LGCE Aqua	16	8	0	8	24
5.	Melbourn Dynamos	16	5	5	6	20
6.	FC Biggleswade	16	4	3	9	15
7.	Lea Sports PSG Lions	16	3	6*	7	15
8.	Manuden	16	3	5*	8	14
9.	Bedwell Rangers Jaguars	16	3	2	11	11

*Includes one abandoned match

Under 16 Lions Appearances and Goalscorers - 2023-2024

	This Season		Club Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Maximum	22	32		
Stanley Ayres	16 (4)	2	42 (9)	10
Thomas Blackford	21 (1)	5	187 (3)	15
Ollie Boyd	14 (5)	0	87 (7)	7
Jake Cardy	20	3	186 (1)	99
Jack Floor	0 (1)	0	39 (1)	32
Will Gelling	20 (2)	1	124 (2)	6
Adam Greening	22	0	119	13
Josh Home	19 (2)	0	169 (2)	12
Jacob John	5 (10)	4	131 (21)	55
Marvin Nwafor	14	2	94 (3)	14
Craig Pluck	22	1	41 (2)	2
Ty Rochester Stewart	12 (6)	1	12 (6)	1
Louie Schad	11 (9)	1	38 (15)	10
Ben Simpkins	21	1	44	2
Carrick Stimpson	12 (7)	1	12 (7)	1
Barney Surridge	1 (10)	1	20 (22)	4
Alfie Welch	12 (5)	8	64 (6)	45
Own Goals		1		
(17 Players)				

Under 16 Lions Season's Report - 2023-2024

The new season saw us welcome Carrick and Ty as new players to the Lions squad. A few pre-season training sessions got us in shape for our only friendly fixture against Baldock. Having played many tight games against them in recent seasons it was a good barometer of how ready we were for the season ahead. In hindsight, it probably summarised the season to come perfectly. A really strong performance but could only see us draw 1-1. The positive was that Carrick got his Lea Sports goal scoring off to a quick start.

As winners of Division 2 of the Royston Crow League last season it was always going to be interesting to see how we performed after the promotion to Division 1. Unfortunately other teams in the league didn't fancy their chances in their prospective divisions and so the season started with 3 mini-leagues to ensure that each team was pitched against the right level of opposition.

The first of the mini-leagues of 6 teams was a really solid showing for the boys and proved we were able to mix it with anyone; winning two, drawing two and only losing one. The first of those competitive games was against Saffron Walden who ran us all the way to the final game of the season last year. Clearly losing the title to us was still on their minds and in a feisty affair it was a great credit to the Lions who kept calm heads and came away with a great 3-1 win.

October saw us start and finish our cup run for the year. Making the long away trip to Manuden we put in one of our best performances of the season in almost every aspect other than finishing. Some 'interesting' refereeing decisions also conspired against us and we lost 2-1. It's not often that the opposition manager also recognises that his team were undeserving winners but that was scant consolation.

October also saw the start of the 'proper' league season. Unfortunately the performance in the mini leagues didn't really help us in the end as the points from that were scrapped as we started again in a slightly expanded Division 1.

The fixture secretary clearly had it in mind to make our season as tricky as possible. After the restart we faced a run of six away games in a row and most of those against teams who would eventually finish at the top end of the table.

The new year started with another away trip to Manuden where we were able to avenge the cup defeat and a good 2-1 victory but we never really built any momentum after that. The weather meant that we didn't play a single match in February. The rest of our season was up and down in terms of results but followed a pretty consistent pattern; often the better team, dominating large periods of play but unable to kill games off.

The best performance of the season was against Melbourn in early April where we played great football, looked totally solid and never gave them a look in. They were lucky to go away having only been beaten 2-0. The lowlight was obviously our abandoned game against Manuden and the less said about that the better. Let's hope we never have to play them again.

A massive thanks to the boys who make managing this team a real pleasure, we couldn't ask for a better bunch. Here's to next season!!

Simon Blackford