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## STEYNING TABLE TOPPERS

This is the first year Steyning Strikers competed with eleven players and despite losing 3-1 to Cranleigh in the first game Steyning then proceeded to win the next eight games beating: Heron Way 1-5, Horsham Sparrows 3-7, Hurstpierpoint 4-1, Storrington 2-3, Ashington 2-1, Southwater 6-0, Cranleigh 6-1 and Heron Way 14-0. The home matches were played at Lancing college where they remained unbeaten.

In the new year a lot of games were postponed due to the poor weather,



Guard of Honour from Copthorne U11



The Shield

this resulted in games being moved to March and April, one notable win was when Steyning played at Southwater with only ten players (due to sickness) and still managed to win 4-0.

The closest rivals were Copthorne and because of the poor weather in January and February both games were reorganised towards the end of the season. The first game at Copthorne was a very hard fought encounter and ended in a 1-1 draw. Before the home game it had been confirmed that Steyning had won the league and because of this tremendous achievement Copthorne provided a guard of honour for the Strikers. There was

another tremendous struggle and despite the fading light both teams provided a very enjoyable 2-2 draw. Manager Doug Murray was very pleased with the teams performance and thanked the coaches Steve Petchey, Steve Beeney and Nick Wise for their hard work and support. He also thanked Bubs Rogerson and Andrew Cristian for refereeing the home games. The players received their medals at Broadbridge Heath Sports Centre.



Steve Petchy, Doug Murray, Steve Beeney, David Crowshaw, Henry Murray, Harry Lee, Matthew Boyle, Will Kerr, Adam Cristian, Joe Petchy, Matthew Sowerby, Chris Bates, Sam Beeney, Jordan Walser, Ross Cusdin, George Peacock, James Palmer, Patrick Wise.

### LEAGUE TABLE

POS	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 <a href="#">Steyning Strikers</a>	16	11	3	2	45	36
2 <a href="#">Copthorne</a>	16	9	5	2	25	32
3 <a href="#">Cranleigh Youth</a>	16	8	4	4	15	28
4 <a href="#">Hurstpierpoint</a>	16	6	4	6	4	22
5 <a href="#">Storrington</a>	16	6	4	6	-2	22
6 <a href="#">Ashington</a>	16	5	4	7	1	19
7 <a href="#">Horsham</a>	16	5	3	8	1	18
8 <a href="#">Southwater</a>	16	4	2	10	-34	14
9 <a href="#">Heron Way</a>	16	2	3	11	-55	9