



REIGATE PRIORY FOOTBALL CLUB

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023

1pm kick off



TODAY'S VISITORS



MID SUSSEX
PREMIER LEAGUE



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RPFC - ABOUT US

Reigate Priory's history can be traced right back to 1870, not long after the FA was actually formed in 1863.

In 1871, the club was one of only 15 teams that contested for a £20 silver trophy, the first ever FA Challenge Cup competition.

Reigate Priory were also present when the Surrey FA (founded in 1887) decided to become affiliated to the FA on the 16th March 1882. The club was one of the original 10 teams present at the meeting that took place in Guildford.

At the same time a County Senior Cup competition was introduced. The first winners of the Surrey Senior Cup were Reigate Priory who were victorious six times before the end of the century.

Priory also made an excursion into European Football in 1910 where they won the International Cup du Nord beating Cercle Athletique Paris 3-0 in the Final.

The Reigate Priory Veterans (over 35's) continues to be an integral part of the club, enabling ex players, coaches, managers and club officials to meet up regularly and play other established Vets sides.

Reigate Priory continue to expand its Youth Section and will be represented by over 50 Youth Teams from as young as 9 to as old as 18. The junior teams have fed the men's teams with many of our exciting young players. The Youth Section have also been awarded FA Charter Standard status.

Reigate Priory continues to develop with an increasing number of teams for the new season enabling the club to provide an extended football experience catering for a variety of levels. Each year we welcome new members to Reigate Priory, so if you are interested in joining an established, friendly and sociable club then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ray Connolly

Ray Connolly
Club Chairman



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Mark Halsey M.A.R.L.A



DALE WYATT

Manager's Notes



GOOD AFTERNOON AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, WELCOME TO THE NEW DEFENCE FOR OUR FIRST HOME GAME OF THE 23/24 SEASON.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT WE HAD LAST SEASON AT PARK LANE AND HOPE THIS MOVE DOWN THE ROAD WON'T PUT YOU OFF CONTINUING THAT SUPPORT THIS SEASON. WHILST PARK LANE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PERMANENT HOME OF OUR FIRST TEAM AND CARRIES SO MUCH HISTORY, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY WE'VE HAD TO RELUCTANTLY MOVE FROM THE SACRED GROUND. THIS SEASON, WE REALLY BELIEVE WE HAVE A SQUAD CAPABLE OF CHALLENGING PROMOTION AND IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH ON THE PITCH, WE'VE HAD TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE FOR PROMOTION TO STEP 6 AND WOULD ALLOW US TO APPLY TO TAKE PART IN THE FA VASE/TROPHY AND THE FA CUP. THESE ARE REALLY EXCITING TIMES FOR OUR CLUB AND WHEN I FIRST TOOK ON THE ROLE OF 1ST TEAM MANAGER HERE, I STATED MY AMBITION OF GETTING THE CLUB BACK INTO THE FA CUP 150+ YEARS AFTER LAST BEING 'INVOLVED' IN IT. BACK THEN, IT WAS SOMEWHAT OF A LONG-SHOT, BUT HERE WE ARE NOW WITH A CLEAR PATHWAY AND GENUINE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THERE.

WE'RE REALLY GRATEFUL TO HORLEY TOWN FOR THE HUGE PART THEY ARE PLAYING IN THIS PART OF OUR JOURNEY. WE'RE PROUD TO NOT ONLY HAVE A GROUND-SHARE AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH THEM, BUT ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM TO HELP BOLSTER THEIR U23 SQUAD WITH SOME OF OUR TALENTED YOUNGSTERS, 2 OF WHICH HAVE MADE 1ST TEAM APPEARANCES FOR HORLEY SINCE PRE-SEASON STARTED. ONE OF THE 2 IS SAM LUARD WHO CAME THROUGH THE YOUTH SETUP AT RPYFC BEFORE A REALLY SOLID SEASON IN OUR FIRST TEAM LAST SEASON, WINNING THE CLUBS 'YOUNG PLAYER OF THE SEASON' AWARD. IT'S A LINK THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH CLUBS AND PROVIDE A PATHWAY FOR YOUNG TALENT TO KEEP PROGRESSING AND PUSHING THEMSELVES AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

WE'VE HAD A GOOD START SO FAR TO THE SEASON WITH SOME RATHER ENTERTAINING GAMES. OUR OPENER AGAINST HOLLAND SPORTS WAS ONE WHICH WE REALLY DOMINATED AND DIDN'T GET THE RUB OF THE GREEN. HAVING TAKEN THE LEAD JUST MINUTES INTO THE GAME THROUGH A PENALTY, WE WERE PEGGED BACK BEFORE HALF-TIME AND CHANCES CAME AND WENT IN THE SECOND HALF BEFORE SHANE O'KEEFFE RIFLED A LEFT-FOOTED VOLLEY INTO THE TOP CORNER FOR THE WINNER. WE CAME BACK FROM 2 DOWN TWICE AGAINST CUCKFIELD TO WIN 4-3, AFTER A POOR FIRST HALF THE LADS CAME OUT ALL GUNS BLAZING IN THE 2ND HALF AND SOME REALLY IMPRESSIVE GOALS COMBINED WITH GRIT AND DETERMINATION HELPED US COME AWAY WITH THE ALL IMPORTANT 3 POINTS. LAST WEEK WAS THE LONG JOURNEY TO HASTINGS WHERE THIS TIME IT WAS OUR TURN TO GIVE UP A 2 GOAL LEAD. IT WAS GUTTING TO CONCEDE THE EQUALISER 3 MINUTES FROM TIME TO DRAW 2-2, BUT IT'S STILL A RESPECTABLE RESULT AGAINST A VERY STRONG SIDE.

ONTO THIS WEEK AND OXTEAD WHO ARE NEW TO THE DIVISION THIS SEASON, BUT WE GO BACK A LONG WAY WITH THEM HAVING PLAYED IN THE SURREY ELITE WITH THEM YEARS AGO AND MET IN CUP AND FRIENDLY FIXTURES SINCE. THEY CONVINCINGLY WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP LAST SEASON AND HAVE GOT OFF TO A GREAT START THEMSELVES THIS SEASON WITH GOOD WINS AGAINST 2 OF LAST SEASONS TOP 5 IN BATTLE AND BALCOMBE. WE WERE BEATEN QUITE CONVINCINGLY BY THEM IN OUR LAST FRIENDLY MEETING SO WILL BE HOPING FOR A MUCH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE TODAY TO CONTINUE OUR UNBEATEN START TO THE SEASON.

HARRY DOWNER IS STILL SUSPENDED THIS WEEKEND WHILST ALEX KIRBY AND NICK WALSH ARE OUT THROUGH INJURY. SHANE O'KEEFFE IS AWAY AND HARRISON SPICER AND ALEX BICKNELL WILL BE SUBJECT TO 'LATE FITNESS TESTS'. TOM HAYDEN AND DANE RIECKER ARE BOTH BACK AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND AS WELL TO BOLSTER MIDFIELD OPTIONS FURTHER.

IT SHOULD BE AN ABSOLUTE CORKER OF A DEBUT MATCH AT THE NEW DEFENCE AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Dale Wyatt

THE SEASON SO FAR

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Eastbourne United Association	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	7
2	Reigate Priority	3	2	1	0	9	7	2	7
3	Ringmer AFC	2	2	0	0	10	3	7	6
4	Crawley Devils	3	2	0	1	9	4	5	6
5	Oxted & District	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
6	Westfield	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
7	Cuckfield Rangers	3	1	0	2	9	6	3	3
8	Lindfield	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
9	Rotherfield	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
10	Holland Sports	3	1	0	2	4	9	-5	3
11	Battle Town	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
12	Balcombe	2	0	0	2	4	7	-3	0
13	Copthorne II	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
14	Sedlescombe Rangers	3	0	0	3	3	15	-12	0

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Form
Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Away	3	2	1	0	9	7	● ● ●
Overall	3	2	1	0	9	7	● ● ●

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
PREM	26/08/23 14:00	Westfield 	2 - 2  Reigate Priority
PREM	19/08/23 14:00	Cuckfield Rangers 	3 - 4  Reigate Priority
PREM	12/08/23 14:00	Holland Sports 	2 - 3  Reigate Priority



MID SUSSEX PREMIER LEAGUE

Today's Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
PREM	02/09/23 14:00	Battle Town 	VS 	Westfield BEXHILL COLLEGE 3G
PREM	02/09/23 14:00	Cuckfield Rangers 	VS 	Eastbourne United Association WARDEN PARK SECONDARY ACADEMY 3G
PREM	02/09/23 14:00	Holland Sports 	VS 	Balcombe MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND

TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES



RESERVES

DIV1	02/09/23	Cuckfield Town 	VS 	Reigate Priory II
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A TEAM

4N	02/09/23	Warlingham II 	VS 	Reigate Priory A
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B TEAM

5N	02/09/23	Reigate Priory B 	VS 	Jarvis Brook III
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C TEAM

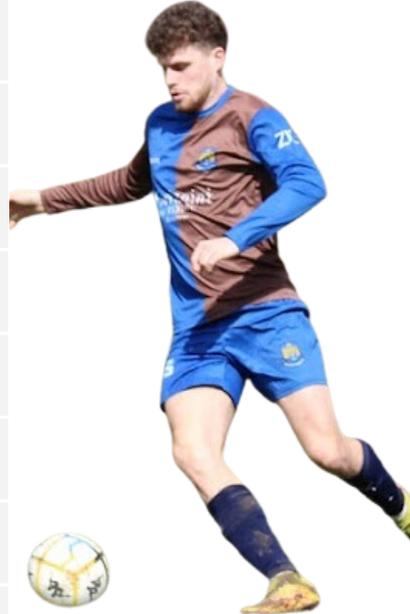
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1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

Top Goalscorer

RANK	PLAYER	POSITION	
1	 Harry Downer	Forward	2
2	 Joe Elbishlawi	Defender	1
3	 Shane O'Keeffe	Forward	1
4	 Max Bicknell	Forward	1
5	 Joshua Wille	Midfielder	1
6	 Dan Taplin	Forward	1
7	 Mikey Thompsett	Defender	1
8	 Matt Harrington	Midfielder	1



Top Assists

RANK	PLAYER	POSITION	
1	 Max Bicknell	Forward	3
2	 Dan Taplin	Forward	3
3	 Callum Johnson	Forward	1
4	 Joshua Wille	Midfielder	1



MATCH REPORT



REIGATE PRIORY MADE THE LONG JOURNEY TO WESTFIELD, JUST NORTH OF HASTINGS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THE HOSTS STARTED BRIGHTLY APPLYING PRESSURE TO PRIORY, BUT THE AWAY SIDE MANAGED TO TAKE THE LEAD WITHIN THE FIRST 20 MINUTES. A BRIGHT BIT OF PLAY FROM STRIKER DAN TAPLIN HOLDING THE BALL UP AND LAYING THE BALL OFF TO JOSH WILLE, WHO MANAGED TO PLAY A DELIGHTFUL FIRST TIME BALL OVER THE TOP TO THE FORWARD RUNNING MATT HARRINGTON WHO BEAT THE ONRUSHING KEEPER TO THE BALL AND PASSED THE BALL INTO AN EMPTY NET.

PRIORY SOAKED UP PRESSURE FROM THE HOME SIDE FOR THE REST OF THE FIRST HALF. THE AWAY SIDE STARTED THE SECOND HALF SPRIGHTLY, HOWEVER, GOING 2-0 UP 10 MINUTES INTO THE SECOND HALF. THE ENERGETIC MAX BICKNELL PUT IN SOME GREAT WORK DOWN THE RIGHT MAKING A BRILLIANT RUN, THEN HOLDING THE BALL UP BEFORE CROSSING TO DAN TAPLIN WHO HEADED HOME.

THE PRESSURE FROM WESTFIELD TOOK ITS TOLL 5 MINUTES LATER AS THEY GOT ONE BACK THROUGH A COUNTER ATTACK DOWN THEIR RIGHT HAND SIDE CROSSING THE BALL TO THEIR NUMBER 10 WHO TAPPED THE BALL BEYOND JORDAN MARKEY.

WESTFIELD CLINCHED A DRAW WITH 5 MINUTES TO GO FROM A CORNER, WHICH PRIORY HAD BEEN WORKING ON DEFENDING IN TRAINING IN THE WEEK, WHICH WILL BE FRUSTRATING FOR THE AWAY SIDE. ALTHOUGH, THERE WILL BE LOTS OF POSITIVES TO TAKE FROM THE LONG AWAY TRIP AS PRIORY HAVE STARTED THE SEASON UNBEATEN WITH 2 WINS AND NOW 1 DRAW.

PRIORY FACE OXTED IN A LOCAL DERBY SATURDAY.



1ST TEAM PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

For the 2023/24 season, Reigate Priory Football Club will be offering the opportunity for you and/or your company to sponsor individual players from the first team.

For more information or if you would like to sponsor, please contact us on:



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Lots of players still available to sponsor!





1ST TEAM PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Michael Thompsett





RESERVE TEAM

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Barcombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Crawley AFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Cuckfield Rangers II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cuckfield Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Eastbourne Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Lindfield II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Nutfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Peacehaven & Telscombe II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Reigate Priory II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Wivelsfield Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





A TEAM

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Athletico Redhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Crawley & Maidenbower Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	FC Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Felbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Horley A.F.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Ifield II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Reigate Priory A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Royal Earlswood II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Warlingham II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	West Hoathly II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



B TEAM



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	A.S. Crawley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Ashurst Wood II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Athletico Shrublands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	East Grinstead Town III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Jarvis Brook III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Oxted & District A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Pound Hill Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Reigate Priory B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Southgate United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Warlingham IIII	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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