

THE OFFICIAL REIGATE PRIORY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

REIGATE PRIORY FOOTBALL CLUB



VS. **SEDLESCOMBE**



THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023
KICK OFF: 2PM

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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

Club Chairman





MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome to the New Defence,

Today we take on Sedlescombe Rangers who we had a couple of really tricky encounters with last season, just edging past them 1-0 at home but fortunate to come away with a point when we travelled to them early in the season. They've had a bit of a tricky start to the season so far having conceded an average of 4 goals per game, with their only points coming against league strugglers Copthorne. We are well aware though that no game in this division comes easy and our visitors today aren't going to want to have travelled all that way to come away with nothing, so we really need to guard against complacency to protect our undefeated start to the season.

Last weekend we were far from our best but still the better team for 90% of the game. In the first half we had a couple of 1-on-1's saved, hit the bar, missed a penalty and the follow-up to the penalty and despite having conceded only 2 chances all half, we found ourselves 2-0 at half-time. The first was a corner where there was a bit of a mix-up defensively allowing the Battle Town attacker to capitalise and the 2nd a counter-attack shortly before half-time. Our first goal back was hardly a thing of beauty in fairness as the lively Nathan Madimba followed up on a set piece of our own, with his shot eventually stabbed in by Josh Wille. Chances came and went with Callum Johnson and Dan Taplin both unfortunate not to capitalise on some really good work down our right hand side. Eventually though, it was substitute Matt Harrington right on full-time who composed himself to tuck into the bottom right hand corner having latched onto Madimba's set back.

Given our control of the vast majority of the game, it was still somewhat disappointing to come away with just a point, however I'm really pleased with the determination from the lads to not give up the ghost and keep pushing right to the end. Matt Harrington and Harry Downer also gave a really good account of themselves adding some composure to our attacks when they both came off the bench which has made this week's team selection really difficult.

Youngster Sam Luard made his 1st team debut for Horley Town last weekend coming off the bench in their 1-1 draw and it's likely he will remain with them this weekend. We'll also be missing Jordan Markey, Tom Hayden, Dane Riecker and Harrison Spicer. Kieran Dennehy and Shane O'Keeffe have been impressing with the reserves since returning from injury, Alex Kirby made his return from injury last week as well with an appearance for the reserves and Paul Coomber is back available this week having been out. Alex Bicknell was ill last week but we're hoping to have him back and fighting fit this weekend to pick up where he left off a few weeks ago when he impressed against Oxted.

Including friendlies, we're now unbeaten in 9 games. We're really hoping that today we can start converting some of the draws into wins so we can start talking about a 'winning run' instead.

I hope to see you there for what should be a good game!



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THE SEASON SO FAR

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ringmer AFC	5	4	0	1	23	6	17	12
2	Eastbourne United Association	5	3	2	0	9	3	6	11
3	Reigate Priory	5	3	2	0	13	9	4	11
4	Crawley Devils	5	3	0	2	10	11	-1	9
5	Cuckfield Rangers	6	2	2	2	15	11	4	8
6	Westfield	5	2	2	1	12	8	4	8
7	Balcombe	5	2	1	2	20	11	9	7
8	Holland Sports	6	2	1	3	12	15	-3	7
9	Lindfield	3	2	0	1	9	8	1	6
10	Oxted & District	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
11	Rotherfield	4	2	0	2	7	7	0	6
12	Sedlescombe Rangers	6	1	0	5	7	25	-18	3
13	Battle Town	5	0	2	3	5	14	-9	2
14	Copthorne II	4	0	0	4	2	17	-15	0



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Form
Home	1	1	0	0	2	0	●
Away	4	2	2	0	11	9	● ● ● ●
Overall	5	3	2	0	13	9	● ● ● ● ●

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team
PREM	16/09/23 14:00	Battle Town 	2 - 2  Reigate Priory
PREM	02/09/23 13:00	Reigate Priory 	2 - 0  Oxted & District
PREM	26/08/23 14:00	Westfield 	2 - 2  Reigate Priory
PREM	19/08/23 14:00	Cuckfield Rangers 	3 - 4  Reigate Priory
PREM	12/08/23 14:00	Holland Sports 	2 - 3  Reigate Priory





MID SUSSEX PREMIER LEAGUE

Today's Fixtures

Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
23/09/23 13:00	Reigate Priory 	VS  Sedlescombe Rangers	HORLEY TOWN FC
23/09/23 14:00	Crawley Devils 	VS  Cuckfield Rangers	WARDEN PARK SECONDARY ACADEMY 3G
23/09/23 14:00	Holland Sports 	VS  Battle Town	MILL LANE RECREATION GROUND
23/09/23 14:00	Lindfield 	VS  Cophthorne II	LINDFIELD COMMON #2
23/09/23 14:00	Rotherfield 	VS  Balcombe	ROTHERFIELD SPORTS CLUB #1
23/09/23 14:00	Westfield 	VS  Ringmer AFC	WESTFIELD PARISH FIELD

TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES RESERVES



DIV1	23/09/23 14:00	Crawley AFC 	VS 	Reigate Priory II	HAZELWICK SCHOOL #2
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A TEAM

4N	23/09/23 14:00	Ifield II 	VS 	Reigate Priory A	Ifield Green Playing Fields
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B TEAM NO FIXTURE

C TEAM

D6	23/09/23 14:15	Reigate Priory C 	VS 	Hurstpierpoint III	REIGATE SCHOOL 4g
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1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

Top Goalscorer				
RANK	PLAYER	POSITION		
1	 Joshua Wille	Midfielder	2	
2	 Dan Taplin	Forward	2	
3	 Harry Downer	Forward	2	
4	 Matt Harrington	Midfielder	2	
5	 Joe Elbishlawi	Defender	1	

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





MATCH REPORT

PRIORY SCORE LATE EQUALISER IN BEXHILL!

REIGATE PRIORY FC FACED A LONG JOURNEY TO BEXHILL COLLEGE TO FACE BATTLE TOWN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

PRIORY WERE ON TOP AT THE START, MOVING THE BALL WELL AND DOMINATING POSSESSION, UNTIL BATTLE GOT THEIR FIRST CORNER OF THE GAME. THE FLOATED CROSS FLEW TO THE BACK POST WHERE THE BATTLE PLAYER HEADED HOME. PRIORY CONTINUED THEIR DOMINANCE BUT TO NO AVAIL AND WENT 2-0 DOWN SHORTLY AFTER THROUGH A BATTLE COUNTER ATTACK DOWN THE LEFT, SWITCHING THE BALL TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOX, BEFORE SQUARING TO THE STRIKER TO TAP IN.

PRIORY HAD A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB AND ALMOST DID SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER, WITH CALLUM RICE WINNING A PENALTY AFTER A LATE CHALLENGE FROM THE BATTLE DEFENDER, HOWEVER JOE ELBISHLAWI HAD HIS PENALTY KICK SAVED AND MAX BICKNELL'S FOLLOW UP WAS HIT SLIGHTLY OVER.

THE SECOND HALF STARTED LIKE MUCH OF THE FIRST HALF, WITH PRIORY DOMINANCE IN POSSESSION. THIS PAID OFF MIDWAY THROUGH THE HALF AS NATHAN MADIMBA'S SHOT DEFLECTED OFF OF JOSH WILLE AND INTO THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER. PRIORY THEN KNOCKED ON THE DOOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE HALF, UNTIL THE 97TH MINUTE, WHEN AN OVERHIT CROSS FOUND ITS WAY TO MAX BICKNELL ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOX. MAX CROSSED IN TO A SURPRISED MADIMBA WHO UNKNOWINGLY HEADED DOWN TO MATT HARRINGTON WHO PASSED THE BALL INTO THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER TO STEAL A DESERVED POINT.

THE DRAW LEAVES PRIORY UNBEATEN AND 3RD IN THE MID SUSSEX PREMIER DIVISION.

ELSEWHERE THE RESERVES DREW 2-2 TO STAY TOP, A'S WON 2-1 TO STAY TOP AND B'S LOST 6-2.

THE 1ST TEAM ARE AT HOME TO SEDDLESCOMBE SATURDAY, 1PM KO IN HORLEY.





1ST TEAM PLAYER OF THE MONTH

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RESERVE TEAM LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Reigate Priory II	3	2	1	0	11	6	5	7
2	Cuckfield Rangers II	3	2	0	1	8	5	3	6
3	Eastbourne Rangers	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
4	Wivelsfield Green	2	2	0	0	6	4	2	6
5	Crawley AFC	2	1	1	0	7	4	3	4
6	Cuckfield Town	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
7	Barcombe	3	0	1	2	7	11	-4	1
8	Peacehaven & Telscombe II	3	0	1	2	3	10	-7	1
9	Nutfield	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
10	Lindfield II	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0

PREVIOUS RESULT

16/09/23

14:00

PEACEHAVEN SPORTS PARK MAIN PITCH

Peacehaven & Telscombe II



Reigate Priory II





A TEAM

LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Reigate Priory A	3	3	0	0	13	2	11	9
2	FC Railway	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
3	Royal Earlswood II	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
4	West Hoathly II	3	1	1	1	6	10	-4	4
5	Athletico Redhill	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	3
6	Crawley & Maidenbower Panthers	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
7	Warlingham II	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
8	Ifield II	2	0	1	1	3	8	-5	1
9	Felbridge	3	0	1	2	3	10	-7	1
10	Horley A.F.C.	3	0	0	3	4	11	-7	0

PREVIOUS RESULT

16/09/23 | 14:00 | COURT LODGE PLAYING FIELDS #1

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Horley A.F.C.



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Reigate Priory A



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B TEAM

LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Southgate United	3	3	0	0	17	5	12	9
2	East Grinstead Town III	2	2	0	0	14	2	12	6
3	Athletico Shrublands	3	2	0	1	16	5	11	6
4	Pound Hill Thunder	3	2	0	1	12	8	4	6
5	Reigate Priory B	3	1	0	2	7	15	-8	3
6	Ashurst Wood II	2	1	0	1	5	13	-8	3
7	Warlingham III	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0
8	Jarvis Brook III	2	0	0	2	4	11	-7	0
9	Oxted & District A	2	0	0	2	2	14	-12	0

PREVIOUS RESULT

16/09/23

14:00

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Reigate Priory B



Southgate United

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C TEAM

LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Crawley United II	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
2	Hartfield	3	2	0	1	8	8	0	6
3	Gatwick Warriors	2	1	1	0	6	0	6	4
4	FC Railway II	3	1	1	1	6	6	0	4
5	Ifield Albion II	2	1	0	1	8	5	3	3
6	Hurstpierpoint III	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
7	Horley A.F.C. II	2	0	1	1	4	8	-4	1
8	Crawley Phoenix	2	0	1	1	5	11	-6	1
9	Reigate Priory C	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0

PREVIOUS RESULT

02/09/23 | 14:00 | EDENBRIDGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FC Railway II



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Reigate Priory C

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