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THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP
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KICK OFF: 3PM

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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

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Club Chairman



MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome back to The New Defence,

A warm welcome to Hailsham today who are new opposition to us. There are some familiar faces within their squad that we've come up against with other sides in recent years, so welcome back to them.

Firstly, apologies about the abandonment of our last home game, I'm still in disbelief that it was abandoned at that point and whilst there was a good chance that the conditions may have led to abandonment anyway in the second half, the pitch was absolutely fine to play on at half time.

Anyway, it wasn't the brightest of 1st half performances from us that day and it was a moment of class from Bully which did brighten things up a bit. We wanted a reaction in the 2nd half and I did eventually get that reaction away at East Preston last weekend. The lads were brilliant, particularly in the first half. We played some scintillating 'fluid' football in the first half right off the training ground, but just couldn't get it right in the final 3rd. Chances came and went and admittedly, East Preston carved a few chances of their own as well. I really thought we'd won it in the dying moments when Andy Jones saw his chances miraculously blocked by an East Preston centre half with telescopic limbs, only for them to break and nick the winner themselves. I was gutted for the lads because they'd played brilliantly.

We're now joint on points with todays visitors who are having a great season so far back at Step 6. Infinity seem to be runaway leaders but the battle for top 5 is well open and we're keen to get back on the road to playoffs today. We're still without Harry Rossetti, Jack Appleby, Mikey Teague, Sam Luard, Ryan Wilcox & George Dawson. We're also missing Ethan Cumming and Matt Rendell today but do welcome back into the squad Kyle Carton, Xavi Tague, Brad Hazelden and stepping up from our ressies, Lewis Barker-Bateman.

Please get behind the lads and enjoy the game!

Dale



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1st Team Manager

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THE SEASON

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Infinity	15	13	1	1	44	14	30	40
2	AFC Walcountians	14	10	2	2	36	11	25	32
3	Worthing United	14	8	3	3	39	12	27	27
4	Jarvis Brook	13	8	3	2	26	10	16	27
5	Guildford City	15	8	2	5	33	20	13	26
6	Reigate Priory	14	8	1	5	33	17	16	25
7	Hailsham Town	15	8	1	6	27	25	2	25
8	Dial Square	14	7	2	5	20	12	8	23
9	Saltdean United	12	7	1	4	29	20	9	22
10	Mile Oak	15	6	3	6	23	25	-2	21
11	Loxwood	15	5	5	5	16	17	-1	20
12	Westfield	14	5	4	5	21	19	2	19
13	East Preston	14	5	3	6	19	19	0	18
14	Selsey	15	5	3	7	17	30	-13	18
15	Arundel	14	4	4	6	25	37	-12	16
16	Oakwood	14	3	3	8	16	33	-17	12
17	Clanfield	13	3	0	10	9	32	-23	9
18	Ringmer AFC	15	2	3	10	12	39	-27	9
19	Dorking Wanderers B	16	2	2	12	18	39	-21	8
20	Shoreham	15	2	2	11	12	44	-32	8

RECENT RESULTS

31/10/26 15:00	Arundel	1 - 1 (HT 0-1)	Westfield	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	East Preston	1 - 0 (HT 0-0)	Reigate Priory	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Guildford City	3 - 0 (HT 2-0)	Mile Oak	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Hailsham Town	4 - 1 (HT 2-0)	Clanfield	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Infinity	3 - 0 (HT 2-0)	Ringmer AFC	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Jarvis Brook	2 - 2 (HT 2-1)	Worthing United	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Loxwood	2 - 1 (HT 1-0)	Dorking Wanderers B	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Oakwood	1 - 2 (HT 0-1)	Dial Square	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Saltdean United	6 - 1 (HT 4-1)	Selsey	Div1
31/10/26 15:00	Shoreham	0 - 3 (HT 0-1)	AFC Walcountians	Div1

WHAT'S ON IN THE SCFL?

Division 1

07/11/26 15:00	AFC Walcountians	VS	Infinity
07/11/26 15:00	Clanfield	VS	East Preston
07/11/26 15:00	Dial Square	VS	Shoreham
07/11/26 15:00	Dorking Wanderers B	VS	Saltdean United
07/11/26 15:00	Mile Oak	VS	Loxwood
07/11/26 15:00	Reigate Priory	VS	Hailsham Town
07/11/26 15:00	Ringmer AFC	VS	Oakwood
07/11/26 15:00	Selsey	VS	Guildford City
07/11/26 15:00	Westfield	VS	Jarvis Brook
07/11/26 15:00	Worthing United	VS	Arundel

ACROSS THE CLUB

Reserves

07/11/26 14:00	Reigate Priory II	VS	BN Dons Saturday First

A Team

07/11/26 13:30	AFC Walcountians Reserves	VS	Reigate Priory A

B Team

07/11/26 14:15	Reigate Priory B	VS	Ifield Reserves

C Team

07/11/26 14:00	Horley A.F.C. Reserves	VS	Reigate Priory C

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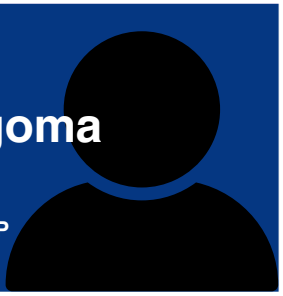
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Top Goalscorers		
Player	**Appearances**	**Goals**
Tommy McKenna	15	15
Sam Bull	16	6
Lee Peacock	15	5

Top Assists		
Player	**Appearances**	**Assists**
Sam Bull	16	8
Xavier Teague	10	5
Lee Peacock	15	4

THE VISITORS

Hailsham Town FC

Established in 1885 after a meeting at the Crown Hotel, with Dr Ernest Gould as the first club President, Francis Terry as the first Secretary/Treasurer and Alfred Smith as the first club captain, Hailsham won the Sussex Junior Cup in 1895–96, beating Worthing Athletic 1-0, and were founder members of the East Sussex League in 1896. The club finished near to or at the bottom of the league in 1901–02 (the final table is lost to history), but would reach the Sussex Senior Cup final for the first and only time to date, going down 3-0 against Shoreham, before finishing bottom for the next three consecutive seasons, and then again in 1906–07 and 1907–08, after which they left the league, instead joining the Eastbourne League.

After World War One Hailsham played one further season in the Eastbourne League before rejoining the East Sussex League in 1920. Although the club finished in the bottom two in both 1925–26 and 26-27, they shared the title with Hastings Seconds in 1927–28, before finishing bottom again in 1929–30, 1930–31 and 1931–32. After three years playing at Lovell's Field from 1934 (behind the old Courthouse), Hailsham moved to the Recreation Ground, alternating games between the outside pitch and what is now The Beaconsfield, and the club were league runners-up to Hastings Rangers in 1937–38. After finishing bottom of the table again in 1948–49 and 1950–51, they won the East Sussex League for the first time outright in 1953–54, a season which also saw them win the Sussex Intermediate Cup.

In 1955 Hailsham joined Division Two of the Sussex County League under the name Hailsham Football Club, and became the first club in Sussex to install built in floodlights, with the 'Switch On' coming on 12th January 1960 with a game against an East Sussex League XI. Hailsham would then win the Division Two Invitation Cup in their first season, but resigned from the league during the 1962–63 season. They subsequently joined the Eastbourne & District League, before returning to the East Sussex League in 1968, when they joined Division Two, this also should have been the final season in which first team games were regularly played on the outside pitch, as Hailsham Parish Council gave the club an ultimatum in April 1969 to pick one pitch – naturally we chose the one with our floodlights – however memories suggest otherwise!

Hailsham were Division Two champions in their first season back in the East Sussex League, earning promotion to Division One. They went on to win the Division One title at the first attempt. In 1972, the now-renamed Hailsham Town transferred to the Southern Counties Combination. They won the league in 1974–75 and were promoted to Division Two of the Sussex County League. After finishing as Division Two runners-up in 1980–81 they were promoted to Division One. After entering national competitions for the first time since the days of the FA Amateur Cup in the early 1900's, the club's best runs came in consecutive seasons – in the 1988/89 season Hailsham reached the fifth round of the FA Vase, where they would go out 3-2 to Hungerford Town, and the following year a spot in the Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was achieved, going out 4-3 in a replay to Dulwich Hamlet. They won the League Cup in 1994–95, beating Wick 2–1 in the final, and remained in Division One until being relegated at the end of the 1998–99 season. However, a third-place finish in Division Two in 2000–01 saw the Stringers promoted back to Division One.

In 2005–06 Hailsham won the Sussex RUR Cup, defeating Whitehawk 2–0 in the final thanks to goals from Eddie Koboah and Peter Cooper. The club were relegated again in 2010–11,but finished second in Division Two the following season to earn an immediate promotion back to Division One. In 2015 the league was renamed the Southern Combination, with Division One becoming the Premier Division. They finished bottom of the Premier Division in 2016–17 and were relegated to Division One, finishing 8th two seasons in a row, before two Covid-disrupted years followed in which the Stringers just about escaped relegation to intermediate football. The trapdoor would eventually open in 2022/23, with the Stringers falling into intermediate football for the first time in 48 years ahead of 2023/24. Stability was ensured with a fifth placed finish, with the first team also lifting the Hastings FA Intermediate Cup, their first trophy since 2006, thanks to goals from Josh Silva-Carvhalo, Matt Fear, Jack Hobden and Henry Thompson in a 4-1 win against Hawkhurst United.
After a third place finish in 2024-2025, The Stringers won Division two with a record points tally in 2025-26 earning promotion back to Division one

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RESERVE TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Balcombe First	10	8	0	2	36	17	19	24
2	Frenches Athletic First	11	5	5	1	33	16	17	20
3	Cuckfield Rangers First	9	6	2	1	22	12	10	20
4	Reigate Priory II	10	5	3	2	23	19	4	18
5	BN Dons Saturday First	7	5	2	0	23	5	18	17
6	AFC Uckfield Town First	10	5	2	3	24	15	9	17
7	Crowhurst First	9	5	1	3	24	13	11	16
8	Holland Sports First	9	4	0	5	15	25	-10	12
9	Lindfield First Team	10	3	0	7	13	33	-20	9
10	EMC Academy Mens First	9	2	2	5	20	23	-3	8
11	Rotherfield First	8	2	2	4	14	20	-6	8
12	Cuckfield Town First	10	2	2	6	15	26	-11	8
13	Westfield II	9	1	1	7	9	28	-19	4
14	Hollington United First	9	1	0	8	13	32	-19	3



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U23 TEAM *Update*

Unfortunately, this season we will not be fielding an U23 side. Despite the tireless work of the Committee especially; Ben Smythe, Ben King, Andy Michelmore and Matt Phebey, we do not have the amount of players coming through from the youth this season that we did last season.

This is due to most players choosing University from last seasons U18's, as well as those who stayed in Reigate last season either going travelling/to University also.

This is NOT the end of the U23 side. It is just a pause for now. We hope to restart the team again next season.

Folding the team this year helps with an additional problem we are also trying to solve, where we are looking for a B Team Manager. Ben King will help the A team allowing us to better stretch resource to help the B's.

Any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Ray Connolly, Stevan Micic or Chris Parsons.



A TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Crawley & Maidenbower Panthers First	5	4	1	0	25	7	18	13
2	Gatwick Warriors First	5	4	1	0	19	4	15	13
3	Caterham FC First	5	3	1	1	18	10	8	10
4	Frenches Athletic Reserves	6	1	2	3	10	16	-6	5
5	Crawley United First	6	1	1	4	9	22	-13	4
6	Lindfield Reserves	5	1	1	3	10	26	-16	4
7	Reigate Priory A	5	0	3	2	8	10	-2	3
8	Ifield First	3	1	0	2	6	10	-4	3



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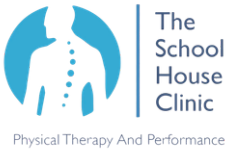












B TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	FC Railway	6	5	1	0	26	4	22	16
2	Forgewood First	5	5	0	0	23	4	19	15
3	Forest Row III	7	4	1	2	17	11	6	13
4	East Grinstead Harriers First	5	3	1	1	17	7	10	10
5	Ifield Reserves	5	3	0	2	7	8	-1	9
6	Reigate Priory B	5	2	1	2	11	13	-2	7
7	Oxted & District Reserves	7	2	0	5	10	21	-11	6
8	Royal Earlswood 1sts	6	1	0	5	13	18	-5	3
9	Reigatians IV	8	0	0	8	7	45	-38	0



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C TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lingfield Reserves	7	6	1	0	43	5	38	19
2	Horley A.F.C. Reserves	5	4	0	1	18	9	9	12
3	Reigate Priory C	6	3	2	1	34	10	24	11
4	Gatwick Warriors Reserves	5	3	1	1	23	8	15	10
5	Warlingham Reserves	5	2	0	3	8	12	-4	6
6	Furngate FC	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5
7	Caterham FC Reserves	4	1	0	3	5	13	-8	3
8	Royal Earlswood Reserves	5	1	0	4	6	23	-17	3
9	Oxted & District U23	4	1	0	3	3	28	-25	3
10	Reigatians V	4	0	0	4	5	35	-30	0



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