

THE OFFICIAL REIGATE PRIORY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

# REIGATE PRIORY *Football Club*



VS Forest Row FC

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**THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP**  
**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024**  
**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*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray Connolly'.

*Club Chairman*





# MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome to The New Defence,

Our last game here was the 1-1 draw with Godalming which we expected to be a tight affair against a well organised side. On the face of it, a draw against the playoff winning side would seem a good result but having largely dominated the first half, we were really disappointed to concede such a weak goal early into the second half and subsequently lose control of the game.

The lads have reacted brilliantly though, first with a long trip down to Little Common on the Tuesday night where we were comfortably the better side against a Step 5 team, with justice being done in the penalty shootout which was tense having taken the lead, gone behind and then coming back to win it. Jordan Markey made a huge save to keep us in it and Harry Downer kept his cool to level the scores, when Max Bicknell then had the responsibility of winning the tie to secure a home fixture v Premier Division Haywards Heath Town in the quarter final! There was a real buzz after the game, with the lads knowing how hard they'd worked to get over the line, but we were really proud of the lads to continue playing the Priory way right to the end of the game, despite knowing one slip up would cost us being knocked out.

The same can be said last Saturday away to Storrington who I feel are one of the better footballing sides in the league. We started the game well and went 1 down against the run of play through a ridiculous Matt Hards strike which Jordan could get nowhere near! We responded within 5 minutes to level the game and Storrington adapted to play slightly more direct in the second half. We weathered a bit of a storm to regain control and Sam Bull came off the bench to very neatly put a free kick into the top corner winning us the game.

We've already played today's visitors back in August just 2 days after our FA Vase draw which saw 2 of our players in A&E.

Easily our most depleted squad of the season put up a brilliant fight deservedly taking the lead in the first half through a thumping Harry Downer free kick, despite having another 2 players forced off through injury in the first 20 minutes. Forest Row came back at us hard in the second half and we couldn't say it wasn't coming when they got their deserved equaliser through a set piece. We did feel somewhat hard done by though when Frow stole all 3 points as a result of a free kick awarded on the edge of our box with just minutes to go, which if anything we thought was a foul the other way.

Not quite to the same extent, but we're missing a few this week as well with last week's man of the match Jay Smith away in India. Dave Bodie and Callum Rice are also unavailable with Josh Wille remaining out injured. Harrison Spicer, Dave Mac and Billy Everton missed out on last week's squad but all are available and for the first time this season Jay Rogers is in contention having got some minutes for our friends at Crawley Devils last weekend in their 3-0 win.

**MATT HARRINGTON** - This will be the final home game for our midfield maestro before he returns permanently to Australia. Please join us in showing him some appreciation.

We're now in the middle of a really tough run of fixtures with title chasers Forest Row today, Arundel away next week who will be wanting to get themselves back into playoff contention, away to Selsey who have had a bit of a resurgence and then Dorking Wanderers B away. We're playing well at the moment though and fancy us to cause some further upsets, but as always could really do with your support.



**DALE WYATT**  
*1st Team Manager*





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# MATCH REPORT

Hard fought Priory Win at Storrington

Reigate Priory travelled to Storrington in league action after a recent cup upset, where Priory beat Little Common from the league above on penalties. The previous meeting this season, between the two sides, resulted in a draw.

Priory were looking to build on a decent week of results and started quite brightly, dominating play and coming close with winger Harry Downer rounding the Storrington goalkeeper before a cross-shot was blocked. However, it was Storrington who took the lead halfway through the first half, with their skipper Matt Hards breaking on some Priory build up play and driving a left footed strike from the edge of the area past Priory stopper Jordan Markey.

Priory looked undeterred by the setback, continuing to play out from the back and be brave in possession. Priory pressure finally resulted in a breakthrough for the away side when full back Callum Rice whipped in a cross from the right, which was flicked on by striker Dan Taplin before winger Nathan Madimba chested the ball past the onrushing Storrington keeper. Priory almost took the lead before half time with that man Callum Rice again troubling Storrington. A through ball from center half Chris Parsons fed Rice who drove through a lack luster Storrington defence before hitting the post, with the keeper fortunate to collect the rebound.

The second half was largely fought in the middle third of the pitch, with not much goal mouth action. A moment of magic at the beginning of the second half almost put Storrington ahead, when Hards stole possession off of Parsons before crossing with a rabona to the Storrington striker, but a key challenge from Priory skipper Joe Elbishlawi kept the scores level.

All 5 Priory substitutes elevated the teams level of performance, with none more evident than winger Sam Bull who got the winner for Priory. After a driving run from substitute Harry Rossetti, Bull had a free kick on the edge of the area, at the center of the field. Bull delightfully bent the ball over the wall and in off the post, for sheer delight for the Priory fans and bench.

This win leaves Priory 14th and hosting Forest Row at The New Defence in Horley on Saturday.



# THE SEASON SO FAR

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Seaford Town	16	12	2	2	45	11	34	38
2	Dorking Wanderers B	17	12	0	5	60	31	29	36
3	Forest Row	16	10	5	1	43	14	29	35
4	Billingshurst	16	10	2	4	38	22	16	32
5	Worthing United	16	10	1	5	36	16	20	31
6	AFC Uckfield Town	16	10	1	5	43	27	16	31
7	Godalming Town	17	7	8	2	17	12	5	29
8	East Preston	17	8	2	7	29	27	2	26
9	Storrington	17	7	4	6	37	27	10	25
10	Infinity	17	6	6	5	31	25	6	24
11	Mile Oak	16	8	0	8	25	23	2	24
12	Chessington & Hook United	17	7	3	7	31	30	1	24
13	Arundel	15	7	2	6	37	34	3	23
14	Reigate Priory	16	6	2	8	27	33	-6	20
15	Banstead Athletic	16	5	3	8	22	37	-15	18
16	Selsey	16	5	2	9	25	26	-1	17
17	Oakwood	17	4	3	10	18	41	-23	15
18	Alfold	16	3	0	13	16	58	-42	9
19	Copthorne	18	2	2	14	13	58	-45	8
20	Montpelier Villa	16	1	0	15	11	52	-41	3

## Home Team

## Away Team

Little Common



**0 - 0**  
(Pens 3-4)



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**3 - 0**



Banstead Athletic

Chessington & Hook United



**0 - 3**  
(HT 0-2)



Reigate Priory



# WHAT'S ON IN THE SCFL?

*Division 1*



Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Arundel 	VS  Infinity	ARUNDEL FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Chessington & Hook United 	VS  Godalming Town	CHESSINGTON AND HOOK UNITED FC	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Copthorne 	VS  Billingshurst	HORSHAM FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	East Preston 	VS  Selsey	EAST PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Mile Oak 	VS  Montpellier Villa	MILE OAK RECREATION GROUND	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Oakwood 	VS  AFC Uckfield Town	OAKWOOD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Reigate Priory 	VS  Forest Row	HORLEY TOWN FC	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Seaford Town 	VS  Worthing United	CROUCH RECREATION GROUND	Division One
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Storrington 	VS  Alford	STORRINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Division One



## ACROSS THE CLUB

*Reserves*



*A Team*



*B Team*



*C Team*



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# 1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

*Season so far...*

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Overall Goals	Goals
		▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲
1	Madimba, Nathan	14	8	8
2	Peacock, Lee	17	4	4
3	Rossetti, Harry	16	4	4
4	Taplin, Daniel	19	4	4
5	Bull, Sam	11	3	3

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Assists
		▼ ▲	▼ ▲
1	Harrington, Matthew	16	4
2	Everton, Billy	12	3
3	Rossetti, Harry	16	3
4	Taplin, Daniel	19	3
5	Bicknell, Alex	16	2





# THE VISITORS

## *forest Row*

Frow are one of the oldest football clubs in Sussex, founded way back in 1892. The past 131 years has mainly seen us ply our trade in the Mid Sussex divisions, playing at the Memorial Ground nestled in the heart of the village. It's a beautiful sports pavilion that's still home to our Reserves, the Juniors and other sports including tennis and cricket.

After a new crop of players joined back in 2012, the club were fresh off the back of two successive demotions, managerless and languishing in the MSFL Division One. Fast forward 9 years to 2021 and we were playing in the Southern Combination Football League for the first time in our existence.

Despite three promotions in this time, recent silverware has eluded Frow, missing out on the MSFL Division 1 title due to a deducted point, and coming close in the Montgomery Cup against Lindfield in 2016. We also reached the Sussex Intermediate Cup final in 2020 only for COVID to enforce the cancellation of the competition. It was a frustrating end to a successful season for Frow, who were also sitting pretty in second and going for the MSFL Prem title.

Following a groundshare agreement with Oakwood FC thanks to support from our sponsors Elliot Scott Group, Frow's high placed finish at the end of the 2020/21 season was enough to take us up to County 1 and enjoy step 6 football. We registered an impressive mid table finish in our debut season, and have been a permanent fixture since.

In 2024, we bid Tinsley Lane farewell as we announced a groundshare with nearby neighbours, East Grinstead Town FC. We're thankful for the ongoing support of Elliot Scott Group and new sponsors, Vistavis for helping us achieve this.



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# RESERVE TEAM

## League Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Oakwood II	8	5	1	2	19	18	1	16
2	Copthorne II	7	4	2	1	21	10	11	14
3	Sovereign Saints	9	4	1	4	21	23	-2	13
4	Hurstpierpoint	5	4	0	1	14	8	6	12
5	Reigate Priory II	8	3	2	3	11	14	-3	11
6	Polegate Town	7	2	4	1	12	11	1	10
7	Lindfield II	4	3	0	1	13	8	5	9
8	Eastbourne Rangers	8	2	2	4	11	11	0	8
9	Ringmer AFC II	10	2	2	6	18	27	-9	8
10	AFC Varndeanians II	6	1	2	3	11	13	-2	5
11	Crawley AFC	8	1	2	5	15	23	-8	5



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# A TEAM

## League Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ashurst Wood	6	5	1	0	24	10	14	16
2	Forest Row II	6	4	1	1	14	9	5	13
3	Balcombe II	6	4	1	1	13	11	2	13
4	Charlwood Village	7	3	1	3	15	16	-1	10
5	Old Oxted Town	5	3	0	2	10	9	1	9
6	Reigate Priory A	6	2	1	3	14	16	-2	7
7	Crawley United	7	1	3	3	10	13	-3	6
8	Jarvis Brook II	6	1	1	4	10	12	-2	4
9	Ifield First	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
10	Ansty FC	4	1	0	3	7	10	-3	3
11	Ifield Albion	4	1	0	3	5	11	-6	3



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# B TEAM

## League Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Gatwick Warriors	7	6	1	0	43	10	33	19
2	Reigate Priory B	7	3	2	2	21	20	1	11
3	West Hoathly	7	3	1	3	11	10	1	10
4	Oxted & District A	6	2	2	2	18	17	1	8
5	Ifield III	7	2	1	4	17	30	-13	7
6	Warlingham II	7	2	1	4	9	28	-19	7
7	Athletico Redhill	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3



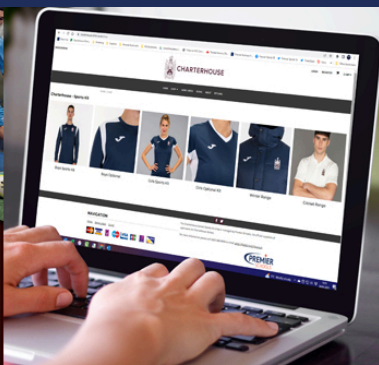


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# C TEAM

## League Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Horley A.F.C.	7	4	2	1	23	13	10	14
2	Ifield Albion II	7	3	4	0	24	9	15	13
3	Royal Earlswood II	8	4	1	3	25	22	3	13
4	Gatwick Warriors II	6	3	2	1	23	19	4	11
5	Ashurst Wood II	6	3	1	2	20	11	9	10
6	Crawley United II	7	3	1	3	20	16	4	10
7	Southgate United	4	3	0	1	16	5	11	9
8	FC Railway II	5	2	2	1	17	14	3	8
9	Reigate Priory C	7	2	0	5	9	24	-15	6
10	Warlingham III	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
11	Crawley Phoenix	8	0	0	8	7	46	-39	0





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