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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

Jay Connolly

Club Chairman





Good morning and merry Christmas!

I hope you all had a wonderful day yesterday and thanks for getting out to support us today. I thoroughly hope you enjoy the festivities we have in store today and of course the all important league clash v local side Oakwood.

Our visitors today struggled last season finishing bottom after a ridiculous final day which to their knowledge at the time, would've meant either them or East Preston being relegated. Oakwood were doing their but to pull off a miracle being 2-0 at half-time v Montpellier Villa whilst East Preston were 4-1 down to Forest Row. Rather incredibly, East Preston turned it around to beat Forest Row 5-4 and Oakwood lost their 2 goal lead to draw. They did however get a reprieve with the league growing to 20 teams this season.

They started life much brighter this season with points on the board early, beating Montpellier Villa on the opening day and newcomers Storrington a couple of weeks later. Other wins along the way this season include East Preston, Mile Oak and Arundel.

We had a few enforced changes for the game at the weekend which got postponed anyway, but in being postponed it means the return of new signing Davis Nzeribe from suspension is pushed back one more game. Callum Rice will be touch and go with ankle injury, Max Bicknell and Harrison Spicer are unavailable. Alex Bicknell returns from holiday and we are also awaiting news on the appeal against Nathan Madimba's suspension for the red card he picked up against Seaford.

Huge 3 points at stake today, please get behind the lads. It means so much to them and really helps to drive them through the whole 90 mins.





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# MATCH REPORT

# **Arundel Defeat Reigate Priory**

Reigate Priory travelled down to the lovely settings of Arundel, with the backdrop of Arundel castle. The trip started brilliantly for the travelling side, when 20 seconds in, Alex Bicknell won a free kick down the left. Chris Parsons whipped in the free kick from just inside the Arundel half, which unsettled the Arundel defence and fell to the feet of Nathan Madimba for him to tap home from 6 yards out.

Being 1 up in 30 seconds, Priory could have had a couple more with chances coming through for Madimba, striker Lee Peacock, wingers Sam Bull and Harry Downer. However, it was Arundel who scored next 30 minutes in. A brilliant through ball on a boggy pitch outwitted center half Parsons and left the Arundel wing back with a one on one against Priory stopper Jordan Markey which the wing back tucked home just inside the left post.

Arundel arguably applied more pressure towards the end of the first half and took almost full control of the second. This was demonstrated when they got their winner halfway through the second half, when their midfielder headed home from a corner.

Priory are now 2 without a win and face a tough run of fixtures in the run up to Christmas. They face a trip to Selsey away on Saturday, looking to turn around their form!

# THE SEASON SO FAR

POS	Team	P	y w	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Forest Row	19	9 13	5	1	53	18	35	44
2	Seaford Town	1	8 13	2	3	49	15	34	41
3	Dorking Wanderers B	1	8 13	0	5	64	33	31	39
4	Billingshurst	1	7 10	2	5	40	25	15	32
5	Godalming Town	1	8 8	8	2	19	12	7	32
6	Worthing United	10	6 10	1	5	36	16	20	31
7	AFC Uckfield Town	10	6 10	1	5	43	27	16	31
8	Infinity	19	9 8	6	5	39	27	12	30
9	Storrington	20	0 8	4	8	45	33	12	28
10	Chessington & Hook United	14	8 8	3	7	35	33	2	27
11	Mile Oak	14	8 9	0	9	28	28	0	27
12	Selsey	19	9 8	2	9	34	27	7	26
13	Arundel	1	8 8	2	8	42	42	0	26
14	East Preston	20	0 8	2	10	34	37	-3	26
15	Reigate Priory	19	96	2	11	31	41	-10	20
16	Banstead Athletic	1	7 5	3	9	24	42	-18	18
17	Oakwood	19	9 5	3	11	23	48	-25	18
18	Copthorne	2	1 4	2	15	21	67	-46	14
19	Alfold	1	8 3	0	15	16	65	-49	9
20	Montpelier Villa	14	8 2	0	16	17	57	-40	6
Туре	Date / Time	Ногг	ne Team			Awa	ay Team		
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Div1	<b>14/12/24</b> 15:00	Dorking Wanderers B	$\bigcirc$		- <b>2</b> 1-2)		Reiga	ate Priory	
Div1	<b>30/11/24</b> 15:00	Arundel	۲	-	- <b>1</b> (1-1)		Reiga	ate Priory	
Div1	23/11/24 15:00	Reigate Priory		_	- <b>2</b> (1-1)		Fores	st Row	





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# WHAT'S CHIN THE SCFL?

Туре	Date / Time	Home	Team		Away	j Team	Venue
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Alfold		VS	۲	AFC Uckfield Town	ALFOLD RECREATION GROUND
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Arundel	۲	VS		Seaford Town	ARUNDEL FOOTBALL CLUB
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Copthorne	0	VS	Ŷ	Forest Row	HORSHAM FOOTBALL CLUB
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Dorking Wanderers B	<b>(</b>	VS	۲	Banstead Athletic	MEADOWBANK FOOTBALL GROUND
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Mile Oak	•	VS	۲	Montpelier Villa	MILE OAK RECREATION GROUND
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Reigate Priory		VS	<b>(4</b> )	Chessington & Hook United	HORLEY TOWN FC
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Storrington	O	VS	00	Billingshurst	STORRINGTON RECREATION GROUND
Div1	21/12/24 15:00	Worthing United	Ó	vs	0	Godalming Town	ROBERT ALBON MEMORIAL GROUND









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# 1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Overall Goals
1	Madimba, Nathan	18	10
-	Maamba, Nathan	10	10
2	Peacock, Lee	21	6
3	Rossetti, Harry	20	4
4	Taplin, Daniel	21	4
5	Bull, Sam	14	3

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Assists
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1	Harrington, Matthew	17	4
2 ener Gan	Bicknell, Alex ne helps clubs become more sustain	18 able	3
3	Everton, Billy	16	3
4	Madimba, Nathan	18	3
5	Peacock, Lee	21	3







History

Founded in 1962 by pupils from St Wilfrids School which traditionally favoured Rugby football, Oakwood FC took its name from the estate where the school was situated.

Three seasons after playing against other local school teams, the club applied to join the Crawley and District Football League for the 1966-67 season.

After five years the club had reached C&DFL Division One. During the 1972–73 season the club reached the Sussex FA Junior Cup Final losing 1-0 and were again runners up in the same competition the following season to the same score-line.

However, by the time they had reached their second consecutive County Final, they had been crowned Crawley League Division One champions and Winners of the Crawley Senior Cup.

By 1980 the club was beginning to re-structure and joined the Southern Counties Combination League, where they finished fourth in the first season, and incredibly runners up the following year also winning the league Cup.

In 1983 the club purchased its present home at Tinsley Lane, Oakwood Park. With the extension of the Sussex County Football League by introducing a Third Division for season 1984–85, the club were accepted on application and emerged as Champions at the first attempt.

After promotion and adjusting to life in Division Two the club finished third during their third year and should have missed promotion as the old ruling was two down two up. However, promotion was granted to Division One as Bexhill Town, who had finished as runners up, did not have adequate facilities for the top Division at that time. Unfortunately, the Oaks were relegated after just one season.

The 1989-90 season saw the installation of the floodlights at Oakwood Park and the club finishing the season as runners up to Bexhill Town. This season also saw first senior trophy for the club in the shape of the Division Two cup, where they defeated Stamco 2-1 in the final. 1993-94 saw the club reach the final of the Sussex Senior Cup, played at the old Goldstone Ground, former home to Brighton & Hove Albion, losing to Wick 3-1.

Growth has seen the addition of U23s and Women to the senior section and youth section expanding to 22 teams with over 40 coaches qualified to a minimum FA Level 1 Coaching standard. Alongside being an FA approved Wildcat Centre for girls aged 5-11 is Mini Oaks for boys and these feed into the youth teams currently playing in various local leagues from U8 to U18, all of which play at the clubs home ground. Future plans include walking and disability football to make the club a fully inclusive community club.

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RESERVE TEAM League Table

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POS	Team	Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Oakwood II	10	6	1	3	23	23	0	19
2	Sovereign Saints	11	5	1	5	25	27	-2	16
3	Hurstpierpoint	7	5	0	2	18	13	5	15
4	Copthorne II	8	5	2	1	25	12	13	14*
5	Reigate Priory II	9	4	2	3	15	15	0	14
6	Lindfield II	6	4	1	1	18	12	6	13
7	Ringmer AFC II	13	3	2	8	25	35	-10	11
8	Polegate Town	7	2	4	1	12	11	1	10
9	Eastbourne Rangers	10	2	3	5	16	18	-2	9
10	AFC Varndeanians II	7	1	2	4	13	16	-3	5
11	Crawley AFC	8	1	2	5	15	23	-8	5





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POS	Team	Р	w	D	L	F	А	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	7	3	0	4	11	17	-6	9
6	Reigate Priory A	7	2	2	3	18	20	-2	8
7	Ansty FC	6	2	1	3	17	15	2	7
8	Jarvis Brook II	7	2	1	4	12	12	0	7
9	Ifield Albion	5	2	0	3	8	11	-3	6
10	Crawley United	8	1	3	4	10	16	-6	6
11	Ifield First	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4





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1	Gatwick Warriors	7	6	1	0	43	1	0		33	19
2	West Hoathly	9	5	1	3	25	1	0		15	16
3	Oxted & District A	7	3	2	2	24	1	8		6	11
4	Reigate Priory B	8	3	2	3	21	2	6		-5	11
5	Ifield III	8	2	1	5	17	3	8		21	7
6	Warlingham II	8	2	1	5	10	3	4		24	7
7	Athletico Redhill	5	1	0	4	7	1	1		-4	3







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1	Horley A.F.C.	8	5	2	1	23	13	10	17
2	Ifield Albion II	8	4	4	0	26	10	16	16
3	Crawley United II	8	4	1	3	20	16	4	13
4	Royal Earlswood II	9	4	1	4	28	26	2	13
5	Reigate Priory C	9	4	0	5	15	28	-13	12
6	FC Railway II	6	3	2	1	23	14	9	11
7	Gatwick Warriors II	6	3	2	1	23	19	4	11
8	Ashurst Wood II	6	3	1	2	20	11	9	10
9	Southgate United	6	3	0	3	18	9	9	9
10	Warlingham III	6	1	1	4	8	19	-11	4
11	Crawley Phoenix	10	0	0	10	7	46	-39	0





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