

THE OFFICIAL REIGATE PRIORY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

REIGATE PRIORY *Football Club*



VS **Seaford Town FC**

£2.00



THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024
KICK OFF: 7.30PM

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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 evening and welcome to The New Defence

I've written this pre-Dorking game so I'm hoping we're coming into this game tonight off the back of another good performance and some points to show for it.

I sound like a bit of a broken record but the lads have been playing really well recently and not getting their rewards for it. It's a shame the game was off last week against Selsey as I know the boys have some fire in the belly after the Arundel defeat, but with a tough run of games in December, they'll have plenty of opportunity to get more points in the board and hopefully secure a cup semi-final tonight.

We have already met Seaford when we played them away in the league not too long ago. As expected, it was incredibly tough against some high quality players who are well-organised. We gave them a really good game and really ought to have taken the lead but for a rogue offside call on Bully. Seaford did somewhat take control on the game after they did grab their opener on the counter but they were certainly riding their luck at the end of the game when we found another gear, pulling one back and having a couple of other chances to grab an equaliser. Even down to 10 due to a late injury, we still looked very capable of taking something away from the game but it wasn't to be.

We know they won't leave anything to chance tonight and certainly won't expect an easy ride, so we expect this to be a really difficult game again tonight. There will be some rotation given we have 5 games across 2 weeks crammed in but we also know what is at stake here tonight.

We're gutted to have lost both Matt Harrington and Dan Taplin since our last home game but we're also excited to welcome back Jay Rogers from injury and power centre back Davis Nzeribe will be expected to make his debut here on Boxing Day!

Thanks for coming along tonight and I hope we can make it another memorable one under the lights.

Enjoy the game



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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	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Forest Row	18	12	5	1	48	16	32	41
2	Seaford Town	17	12	2	3	45	14	31	38
3	Dorking Wanderers B	17	12	0	5	60	31	29	36
4	Billingshurst	17	10	2	5	40	25	15	32
5	Godalming Town	18	8	8	2	19	12	7	32
6	Worthing United	16	10	1	5	36	16	20	31
7	AFC Uckfield Town	16	10	1	5	43	27	16	31
8	Infinity	19	8	6	5	39	27	12	30
9	Chessington & Hook United	18	8	3	7	35	33	2	27
10	Arundel	17	8	2	7	41	38	3	26
11	East Preston	19	8	2	9	32	34	-2	26
12	Storrington	18	7	4	7	40	31	9	25
13	Mile Oak	17	8	0	9	25	26	-1	24
14	Selsey	18	7	2	9	32	27	5	23
15	Reigate Priory	18	6	2	10	29	37	-8	20
16	Banstead Athletic	16	5	3	8	22	37	-15	18
17	Oakwood	19	5	3	11	23	48	-25	18
18	Copthorne	20	4	2	14	19	62	-43	14
19	Alfold	17	3	0	14	16	60	-44	9
20	Montpelier Villa	17	1	0	16	12	55	-43	3

Home Team Away Team Competition



2 - 1
(HT 1-1)



Reigate Priory

Division One



1 - 2
(HT 1-1)



Forest Row

Division One



1 - 2
(HT 1-1)



Reigate Priory

Division One



WHAT'S ON IN THE SCFL?

Division 1



Type	Date / Time	Home Team	VS	Away Team	Venue	Competition
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town		Alfold	THE OAKS	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Billingshurst		Infinity	BILLINGSHURST JUBILEE FIELDS	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Chessington & Hook United		Worthing United	CHESSINGTON AND HOOK UNITED FC	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Dorking Wanderers B		Reigate Priory	MEADOWBANK FOOTBALL GROUND	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	East Preston		Mile Oak	EAST PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Forest Row		Copthorne	VISTAVIS COMMUNITY STADIUM (EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN FC)	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Montpelier Villa		Banstead Athletic	SUSSEX COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Oakwood		Godalming Town	OAKWOOD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Seaford Town		Arundel	CROUCH RECREATION GROUND	Division One
Div1	14/12/24 15:00	Selsey		Storrington	HIGH STREET GROUND	Division One



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A Team



B Team



C Team



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1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

Season so far...

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Overall Goals
1	Madimba, Nathan	16	9
2	Peacock, Lee	19	4
3	Rossetti, Harry	18	4
4	Taplin, Daniel	21	4
5	Bull, Sam	13	3

Pos	Player Name	Appearances	Assists
1	Harrington, Matthew	17	4
2	Bicknell, Alex	18	3
3	Everton, Billy	14	3
4	Rossetti, Harry	18	3
5	Taplin, Daniel	21	3





THE VISITORS

Seaford Town

Seaford Town FC joined the Sussex County League Division Two in 1952, and won promotion in 1963-64 after finishing as runners-up to Selsey. The next seven seasons were spent in the top division (finishing 4th in 1965-66) before being relegated back to Division Two in 1971.

In 1978 the club dropped out of the County League, but returned as founder members of the new Third Division five years later. In 1985/86 they returned to senior football as champions, and in 1988-89 took the Division Two title. However, their return to Division One was to last just two seasons before they were relegated once more in 1990-91. Worse was to follow, and in 1992-93 Seaford found themselves back in intermediate football again.

Things didn't get any better, and Seaford dropped out of the County League altogether after being relegated in 1997. They spent two seasons in the East Sussex League before regaining their place in Division Three. Seaford FC dropped Town from its name in 1999, following a merger with Seaford Seagulls Youth FC. It was reinstated in 2005.

Promotion back to Division Two was achieved in 2000-01, as runners-up to Rye & Idon United, with 6th place in 2004/05 their best finish since then. Prior to the 2005-06 season the Club's name reverted back to Seaford Town, as did the colours from red and blue, to all red. The club finished in the top eight for the next three seasons, and their 6th place finish in 2006-07 bettered a similar finish in 2004/05 by one point.

In April 2015, Seaford Town FC merged with Seaford WASPS Junior FC to create a strong footballing identity for the youth of Seaford. With younger players breaking into the senior teams Seaford is indeed a Community Club for the town.

Whilst recognising the club's 100+ year history it is important to look ahead. Since 2015 and following several years of stability the club has moved forward both on and off the pitch.

STFC is

a club that has never been in a position to waste money but one that will improve the facilities at The Crouch as and when possible for the benefit of the club and community. Recent improvements have been the refurbishment of the clubhouse and the pitch side barriers. But it is behind the scenes where important changes have happened also. The Club has tried to create an environment where everyone is welcome whether playing or watching. We have a strong senior playing squad including a First Team, Under 23 and Under 18 sides. The youth section is running teams from age Under 6 to 16 and we now have a Mens Vets side, 2 Ladies teams and an all-inclusive team. These are all good things for the club. Behind all these things the clubs committee have tried to ensure that most importantly all involved enjoy their time at STFC. The club will continue to move forward and with the help of the local community, Seaford Town Council and our many sponsors the future looks exciting.

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RESERVE TEAM

League Table

POS	Team	P	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 Vardeanians II	7	1	2	4	13	16	-3	5
11	Crawley AFC	8	1	2	5	15	23	-8	5



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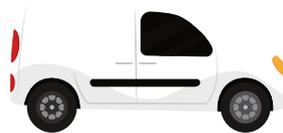
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A TEAM

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	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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B TEAM

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POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Gatwick Warriors	7	6	1	0	43	10	33	19
2	West Hoathly	9	5	1	3	25	10	15	16
3	Oxted & District A	7	3	2	2	24	18	6	11
4	Reigate Priory B	8	3	2	3	21	26	-5	11
5	Ifield III	8	2	1	5	17	38	-21	7
6	Warlingham II	8	2	1	5	10	34	-24	7
7	Athletico Redhill	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3

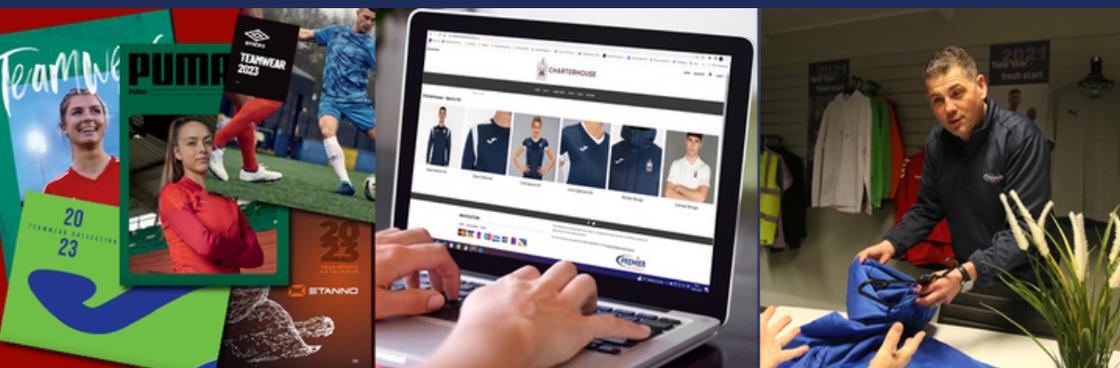


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C TEAM

League Table

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Horley A.F.C.	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	Warringham III	6	1	1	4	8	19	-11	4
11	Crawley Phoenix	10	0	0	10	7	46	-39	0





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