

THE OFFICIAL REIGATE PRIORY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

REIGATE PRIORY *Football Club*



VS HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN

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THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP
TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
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 cursive script that reads 'Ray Connolly'.

Club Chairman





MANAGER'S NOTES

Good evening and welcome to The New Defence,

To the Haywards Heath fans, I'm hoping you've come in numbers tonight! Having been to watch a game a year or 2 ago, I know you like to whip up a bit of an atmosphere. A very warm welcome to you.

To our Priory faithful, other than when we entered the FA Cup back in 1871 when the pyramid as such didn't exist, to my knowledge, this is the highest ranked opposition we've played in a competitive fixture. The boys are absolutely going to need your support tonight and I know you lot have got it in you to rival our visitors with whipping up some atmosphere! Let's make it a special night under the lights!

We come into this off the back of 3 unbeaten in the league, albeit very dispersed fixtures since Christmas. We really felt we should've taken all 3 points away to Selsey on Saturday but we can't grumble too much about having taken 4 points from last seasons playoff semi-finalists.

We finally got to see a debut for Brad Dell and the return of Nathan Madimba from his suspension. Tonight, we've got the return of Bradley Johnson from his 2 game suspension. There were a few tired legs at the end of the game on Saturday, so we will likely rotate a little this evening with the Alfold game here on Saturday in mind as well, but we're also hoping to see another debut tonight for new signing Tommy McKenna from Horley Town. Tommy is the top scorer in the SCFL u23 north division with 20 goals in 17 appearances. Quite a different type of striker to Peacock, he'll give us another weapon in our armoury and look forward to seeing the youngsters development here. We'll also see Chris Parsons return to the squad tonight having been unavailable on Saturday.

We've got a lot of games coming up and having shaken off a bit of rust on Saturday, we hope to put on a show tonight and have a real good crack at beating senior opposition to take up a place in the semi-finals.

Please show your support and get behind the lads tonight and enjoy the game.

Dale



DALE WYATT
1st Team Manager





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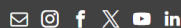
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THE SEASON SO FAR

| POS | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Seaford Town | 25 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 71 | 20 | 51 | 59 |
| 2 | Forest Row | 23 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 66 | 21 | 45 | 56 |
| 3 | Dorking Wanderers B | 25 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 84 | 41 | 43 | 54 |
| 4 | Godalming Town | 24 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 35 | 19 | 16 | 45 |
| 5 | Infinity | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 53 | 34 | 19 | 40 |
| 6 | Worthing United | 21 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 39 |
| 7 | AFC Uckfield Town | 20 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 49 | 37 | 12 | 37 |
| 8 | Billingshurst | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 42 | 33 | 9 | 33 |
| 9 | Selsey | 24 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 36 | 8 | 33 |
| 10 | Arundel | 23 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 53 | 52 | 1 | 33 |
| 11 | Storrington | 23 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 47 | 39 | 8 | 31 |
| 12 | Chessington & Hook United | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 42 | 46 | -4 | 30 |
| 13 | Mile Oak | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 34 | 41 | -7 | 30 |
| 14 | East Preston | 24 | 9 | 2 | 13 | 39 | 50 | -11 | 29 |
| 15 | Reigate Priory | 23 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 37 | 48 | -11 | 27 |
| 16 | Oakwood | 22 | 7 | 3 | 12 | 29 | 51 | -22 | 24 |
| 17 | Banstead Athletic | 21 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 29 | 55 | -26 | 19 |
| 18 | Copthorne | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 28 | 84 | -56 | 16 |
| 19 | Montpelier Villa | 26 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 27 | 71 | -44 | 12 |
| 20 | Alfold | 21 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 21 | 73 | -52 | 11 |

| Type | Date / Time | Home Team | Score | Away Team | Competition |
|------|----------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Div1 | 08/02/25 15:00 | Selsey  | 1-1 (HT 1-1) |  Reigate Priory | Division One |
| Div1 | 25/01/25 15:00 | Reigate Priory  | 3-2 (HT 0-0) |  Montpelier Villa | Division One |
| Div1 | 28/12/24 15:00 | Banstead Athletic  | 0-1 (HT 0-0) |  Reigate Priory | Division One |
| Div1 | 26/12/24 11:00 | Reigate Priory  | 1-4 (HT 1-3) |  Oakwood | Division One |
| Cup | 17/12/24 19:30 | Reigate Priory  | 2-2 (Pens 2-4, HT 1-2) |  Seaford Town | Division 1 Challenge Cup - 2024 - 2025 |



WHAT'S ON IN THE SCFL?

Division 1



| Home Team | Away Team | Venue | Competition |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Alfold  VS  Arundel | ARUNDEL FOOTBALL CLUB | Division One | |
| Billingshurst  VS  Banstead Athletic | BILLINGSHURST JUBILEE FIELDS | Division One | |
| Oakwood  VS  Dorking Wanderers B | OAKWOOD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB | Division One | |
| Reigate Priory  VS  Haywards Heath Town | HORLEY TOWN FC | Peter Bentley Challenge Cup_2024-2025 | |
| Chessington & Hook United  VS  Wandsworth Borough | CHESSINGTON AND HOOK UNITED FC | Other Fixtures | |



ACROSS THE CLUB

Reserves



A Team



B Team



C Team



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1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

Season so far...

| Top Goalscorers | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| Player | Appearances | Goals |
| Nathan Madimba | 19 | 10 |
| Lee Peacock | 24 | 7 |
| Harry Rossetti | 24 | 6 |

| Top Assists | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| Player | Appearances | Assists |
| Alex Bicknell | 20 | 4 |
| Matt Harrington | 17 | 4 |
| Lee Peacock | 24 | 4 |





THE VISITORS

Haywards Heath Town FC

The first match to be played by a team representing Haywards Heath was in March 1888, which provided the impetus for the formation of 'Haywards Heath Juniors'. After a brief change of name to 'Excelsior' in 1894, the club adopted the name 'Haywards Heath FC' in 1895.

Without a home ground, the club led a somewhat nomadic existence in its early days, playing most of its games away until 1895 when it was offered the use of the field in South Road which was later to become Victoria Park and the club's home venue until 1952.

Haywards Heath FC lifted its first silverware in 1900 when it won the Sussex Junior Cup and played in the Mid-Sussex League of which it was a founding member. 1901-1906 saw the club finish as runners up in the senior division in four of its first five seasons, then division 2 winners in 1911-12 after relegation in 1908.

In 1919-20 Haywards Heath were Mid-Sussex League champions without losing a game. They won the title again in 1922-23 and went on to retain it for the next two seasons, losing only one match in each season.

In 1926, the club transferred to the Brighton, Hove & District League and, after winning the league title at the very first attempt, joined the Sussex County League the following year. The first five seasons in the County League (1926-1932) saw the club finish in the top four but they were sadly to finish bottom of the league in the 1932-33 season.

In 1941-42, the club were winners of the Sussex Senior Cup and, after the war, were the league's Eastern Division winners of 1945-46. A single division league was re-introduced the following year which the club won in both 1949-50 and again in 1950-51.

In 1952 the club finally moved from Victoria Park to the newly finished Hanbury Stadium which enabled it to join the Metropolitan League which included the reserve sides of professional clubs such as West Ham, Tottenham, Chelsea and Arsenal. After a promising first season finishing in fifth place, the club struggled against the professional opposition and, finishing bottom in 1960-61, elected to re-join the Sussex County League.

The Division One title was won in 1969-70 and the League Cup in 1972-73. The club was also runners-up in 1974-75 but were relegated at the end of the 1979-80 season. The Division Two Cup was won in 1983-84 and, as runners-up in 1985-86, the club again gained promotion back into the senior division.

In 1988, our centennial year, the present name of Haywards Heath Town Football Club was adopted in to reflect the 'town' status of Haywards Heath itself.

Two successive relegations in 1992 and 1993 saw the club drop into the third division where they won the Division Three Cup in 2000-01. The following year as Division Three runners-up, HHTFC were promoted back to Division Two but were again relegated after only one season. Heath won the Division Three Cup in 2008-09 and after finishing as runners-up in 2012-13 gained promotion back into Division Two.

On the rebranding of the Sussex County League to the Southern Combination Football League in 2015, the second division was renamed Division One and the title was won that first season, earning Haywards Heath Town FC promotion to the Premier Division. The club finished top of the Premier division the following season (2016-17) and were due to be promoted to the Isthmian League.

Promotion was denied following a nine-point deduction, which saw the championship awarded elsewhere. The club however responded in style by winning the Premier Division again in the 2017-18 season, this time adding the Peter Bentley Cup. Heath enjoyed a successful 2018-19 debut in the Isthmian League, finishing fifth position which qualified the Blues for the playoffs. The club were eliminated by Horsham, who went on to win promotion to the Premier Division.

The squad also reached the final of the Sussex RUR Cup and the semi-finals of the Sussex County Senior Cup. Our Senior Cup run included a famous away win at Crawley Town.

Following two seasons curtailed by COVID, Haywards Heath Town FC returned with a bang in the 21-22 season. The team reached the quarterfinals of the Isthmian League Cup, beating Ashford, Ramsgate, and Worthing on the way, before being defeated by eventual winners Horsham.

The team achieved its highest finish in its history, finishing 4th in the Isthmian South-East division. However, they were to be beaten by Herne Bay on penalties in the semi-final of the playoffs, who went on to win promotion to the Premier Division. After a season of struggles in 22-23, the side were relegated to the Southern Combination Football League following a 3-2 defeat at home to Essex side Redbridge in a relegation playoff.

Haywards Heath's first season back in the Sussex League in the 23/24 season saw a 6th placed finish, one spot outside of the playoffs. The Blue's also reached the RUR Cup Final, finishing as runners up to Horsham YMCA on penalties.

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RESERVE TEAM

League Table

| POS | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|--------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Oakwood II | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 36 | 37 | -1 | 25 |
| 2 | Reigate Priory II | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 22 | 9 | 21 |
| 3 | Copthorne II | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 32 | 17 | 15 | 20* |
| 4 | Sovereign Saints | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 31 | -1 | 20 |
| 5 | Hurstpierpoint | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 21 | 3 | 18 |
| 6 | Lindfield II | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 17 |
| 7 | Polegate Town | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 15 |
| 8 | AFC Vardeanians II | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 12 |
| 9 | Ringmer AFC II | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 31 | 51 | -20 | 12 |
| 10 | Eastbourne Rangers | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 19 | 24 | -5 | 10 |
| 11 | Crawley AFC | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 23 | -8 | 5 |



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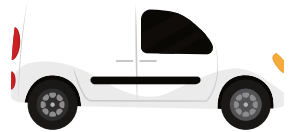
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A TEAM

League Table

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|-----|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Balcombe II | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 15 | 13 | 20 |
| 2 | Ashurst Wood | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 15 | 16 | 19 |
| 3 | Ansty FC | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| 4 | Forest Row II | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 13 |
| 5 | Old Oxted Town | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 23 | -8 | 13 |
| 6 | Reigate Priory A | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 36 | -12 | 11 |
| 7 | Crawley United | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 17 | -4 | 8 |
| 8 | Jarvis Brook II | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 20 | -6 | 8 |
| 9 | Ifield Albion | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 15 | -5 | 7 |
| 10 | Ifield First | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 18 | -8 | 4 |



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B TEAM

League Table

| POS | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Gatwick Warriors | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 11 | 27 | 16 |
| 2 | West Hoathly | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 13 |
| 3 | Oxted & District A | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 18 | 4 | 11 |
| 4 | Reigate Priory B | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 18 | -7 | 9 |
| 5 | Athletico Redhill | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 | Warlingham II | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 42 | -31 | 4 |



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C TEAM

League Table

| POS | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Ifield Albion II | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 29 | 14 | 15 | 25 |
| 2 | Horley A.F.C. | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 18 | 11 | 20 |
| 3 | Gatwick Warriors II | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 22 | 4 | 17 |
| 4 | Crawley United II | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 13 |
| 5 | Royal Earlswood II | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 34 | -4 | 13 |
| 6 | Reigate Priory C | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 35 | -12 | 13 |
| 7 | Southgate United | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| 8 | FC Railway II | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 11 |
| 9 | Ashurst Wood II | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 29 | -8 | 8 |
| 10 | Warlingham III | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 28 | -23 | 1 |





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7.30pm Kick Off



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