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125 YEARS

**MATCHDAY
PROGRAMME**

LEIGH RAMBLERS

v

CATHOLIC UNITED

K.O. 14:00

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

**PROKIT UK ESSEX OLYMPIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION**

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Meet James. Man Utd supporter, Lego enthusiast, Car fan. James also has a progressive muscle wasting condition which is life-limiting and currently incurable

Sadly, James' twin brothers, Joshua and Myles have also received the same diagnosis.

Alongside Corin Underwriting, The Rams are proud to support the I Fight for James campaign. We will be undertaking a number of fundraising activities throughout the course of the season – look out for further announcements!

The family would like to send a special note of thanks for all donations received so far and to all those taking part in the upcoming events.

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CLUB DETAILS

GROUND

Belfairs Sports Ground
Eastwood Road North
Leigh on Sea
Essex
SS9 4LR

CLUB OFFICIALS

President: Paul Cannon
Chairman: Matthew Southgate
Vice Chairman: Justin Mountstephens
Secretary: Richard Ackery
Treasurer: Taylor Stewart

KITS



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AWAY



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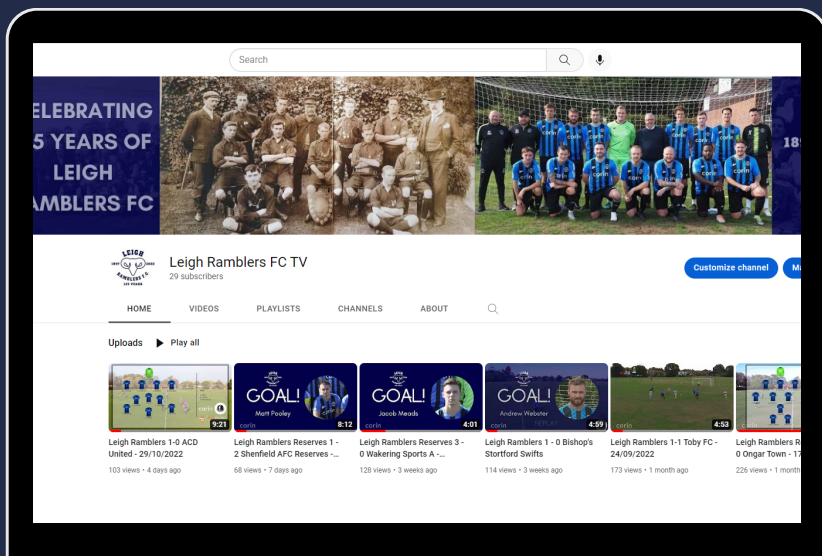


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WELCOME TO BELFAIRS PARK



Welcome back to Belfairs Park for the second of our 1st Team's home games this season. We wish a very warm welcome to our friends at Catholic United and thank them once again for sharing in our 125 Year celebrations back in May.

This will be the second encounter between Rams and Catholic United sides in as many weeks after the encounter between our Reserve teams last week. After a hefty defeat for the Rams Reserves against them in pre-season, it was a much closer encounter as Rams led 1-0 before the Hoops' Reserves overturned the deficit and ran out 2-1 winners. The Hoops' 1st Team come to us in good form, with 6 wins out of 7, and as always, we expect a tough competitive encounter between the two sides.

Elsewhere, the Reserves travel to Rawreth to take on Academy Soccer in Division Two. After a tough start to life in Division Two, there are signs that they are starting to find their feet at this higher level.

Meanwhile after a week off, the A Team are back in action against Rochford Town in the Southend Borough & District Football Combination. Last week the Vets were 4-1 down at half-time, before coming back to win 5-4 in injury time - they'll look to get back-to-back wins as they welcome Valley Green to Belfairs Park.

COME ON YOU RAMS!

UPCOMING FIXTURES @ BELFAIRS PARK

Saturday 30 September 2023

County Cup - Leigh Ramblers v ACD United @ 14:00

Saturday 7 October 2023

County Cup - Leigh Ramblers Reserves v Woodford East @ 14:00
Leigh Ramblers A v Earls Hall United @ 14:00

Saturday 14 October 2023

Leigh Ramblers Reserves v Pitsea Athletic @ 14:00
Leigh Ramblers Veterans v Runwell Sports Reserves @ 14:00

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Catholic United

Catholic United has a long history of football in Southend-on-Sea, originally known in the 1930s as Southend Catholic and then later as Catholic Athletic. Catholic United as we now know it was founded in 1959 during a meeting Sacred Heart Church Hall in Southchurch.

Originally, the club played in white shirts and black shorts but there was soon a desire to make the club more easily recognisable from other teams by its colours. Glen Foy, the club chairman at the time, wrote a letter to Celtic Football Club chairman, Bob Kelly, asking if they could buy a kit from them. Foy did not hear from Celtic for about two weeks, when out of the blue a parcel containing a brand new strip arrived. It was worn for the first time in the 1968 Walton Cup final at Roots Hall, where Catholic United defeated Haden 2-1. It was then decided for the club's colours of green and white hoops to be written into the constitution.

In the early days, the club played its football at Nazareth House, which was then an orphanage. This ground was unfortunately lost to the building of St Helen's primary school in the early 70s. The club has subsequently had several homes throughout the years and currently play their football across Eastwood at the Len Forge Centre, whilst their clubhouse is just across the road from us at Belfairs Golf Club.

Leigh Ramblers and Catholic United have enjoyed a long-standing local, friendly rivalry, having competed against each other for a number of years in the Southend Borough Combination. This "paused" for a number of years when Rams moved to the Olympian League back in 2002 and so it wasn't until the 2017/18 season that the sides met again in League action. Catholic United joined us in the EOFL in 2009 and after a few seasons consolidating their place in Division 3, had a meteoric rise. After gaining promotion to Division 2 in 2014/15, they then achieved two more back-to-back promotions, before winning the Premier Division at the first time of asking in 2017/18.

In addition to the 1st and Reserve Teams competing in the EOFL, Catholic United also have an A Team competing in the Southend Borough & District Football Combination League, a hugely successful Veterans Team in the Essex Veterans League and three Sunday Teams.

DID YOU KNOW? On a Saturday, all our teams will compete against each other this season. The 1sts, Reserves and A Team are all in the same respective divisions. Meanwhile the Veterans will face off in the first round of the County Cup for the second season running.

LEADING GOALSCORERS 2023/24

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Aaron Baldwin | James Warder |
| Appearances: 5 | Appearances: 6 |
| Goals: 6 | Goals: 6 |

LAST MEETING

Leigh Ramblers 2 - 0 Catholic United
Date: 08/04/2023
Venue: Belfairs Park



Home



Away

Chairman: James Paviour
Secretary: Warren O'Neill
Manager: Simon Thomas

The Len Forge Centre, Eastwoodbury Lane, SS2 6UH

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DO YOU LOOK FAMILIAR?

There are three members of the Hoops' current squad that have previously worn the blue and black of the Rams.



LUCAS POLYBLANK



JOE BURTON



MATT WILSON

Lucas Polyblank came to the Rams as a 16 year old, and made a few appearances for the A Team whilst his older brother Connor was playing in the 1st Team.

Joe Burton was an integral member of the (now folded) Sunday team in the Southend & Basildon Sunday League under Trevor Toulmin. Joe would regularly sweep up the awards at the end of season presentation.

Much of **Matt Wilson's** youth was spent on the sidelines watching his dad Karl turn out for the Rams. Matt played for the Rams himself some years ago under Chris Sutherby.

With acknowledgement to Offside Photography and Catholic United for the photos.



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LATEST RESULTS

RAMS

Form (Last 5) - WLLWD

16/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
Kelvedon Hatch 1 - 1 **RAMS**

09/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
RAMS 6 - 2 Harold Wood Athletic

02/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
Old Chelmsfordians 3 - 1 **RAMS**

26/08/2023 - EOFL Prem
Springfield 2 - 1 **RAMS**

19/08/2023 - EOFL Prem
Shenfield AFC 1 - 2 **RAMS**

CATHOLIC UNITED

Form (Last 5) -WWLWW

16/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
Toby 0 - 4 **CATHOLIC**

09/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
Kelvedon Hatch 2 - 3 **CATHOLIC**

02/09/2023 - EOFL Prem
CATHOLIC 0 - 2 Sungate


26/08/2023 - EOFL Prem
CATHOLIC 5 - 1 Bishop's Stortford Swifts

23/08/2023 - EOFL Prem
Rayleigh Town 1 - 2 **CATHOLIC**

LAST WEEK...

Saturday 16 September 2023

Kelvedon Hatch 1 - 1 **Rams**
J. Lovell 

 **Reserves** 1 - 2 Catholic United Reserves
C. Batchelor

Stoke by Nayland 4 - 5 **Veterans**
S. Alticosalian 
G. Barr 
L. Knight 

Sunday 17 September 2023

Rams Sunday 0 - 5 Southend Collegians

Landsdowne 91 1 - 1 **Sunday Vets**
M. Stanley 

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LEAGUE TABLES



ProKit UK Essex Olympian Football League - Premier Division

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Rayleigh Town Saturday First | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 9 | 16 | 21 |
| 2 | Catholic United Saturday First | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| 3 | Sungate Saturday First | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 5 | 19 | 16 |
| 4 | Old Southendian First | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 13 |
| 5 | Old Chelmsfordians First | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 10 |
| 6 | Leigh Ramblers First | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 8 |
| 7 | Bishop's Stortford Swifts First | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 12 | -3 | 8 |
| 8 | Shenfield A First | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 7 |
| 9 | Runwell Sports Saturday First | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 17 | -9 | 6 |
| 10 | Springfield First | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | -3 | 4 |
| 11 | Canning Town First | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 16 | -4 | 4 |
| 12 | Kelvedon Hatch First | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 19 | -11 | 4 |
| 13 | Toby First | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 18 | -12 | 3 |
| 14 | Harold Wood Athletic First | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 25 | -13 | 1 |



ProKit UK Essex Olympian Football League - Division 2

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Burnham Ramblers Reserves | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 15 |
| 2 | Rayleigh Town Saturday Reserves | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| 3 | Catholic United Saturday Reserves | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 13 |
| 4 | Hutton Reserves | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 10 |
| 5 | BKS Sports First | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 6 | Basildon Town Reserves | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | Pitsea Athletic Saturday First | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 15 | -2 | 4 |
| 8 | Old Southendian Reserves | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | -3 | 4 |
| 9 | Leigh Town Saturday First | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | AS Rawreth First | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 11 | -7 | 3 |
| 11 | Leigh Ramblers Reserves | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 19 | -13 | 3 |
| 12 | Wakering Sports Reserves | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 18 | -14 | 3 |
| 13 | Roydon First | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 11 | -5 | 0 |



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Southend Borough & District Football Combination League - Premier Division

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1 | Rochford Town | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| 2 | South Essex United | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | Earls Hall United | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | Ashingdon | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 3 |
| 5 | Ekco Park | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 6 | Leigh Ramblers A | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -4 | 0 |
| 7 | Southend Collegians | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -8 | 0 |



Essex Veterans League - Division 3 East

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1 | Tillingham Hotspur | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| 2 | Galleywood | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | Stanway Pegasus A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | Leigh Ramblers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | AS Rawreth | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | Runwell Sports Reserves | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | Felsted Rovers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 8 | Valley Green | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 | Stoke by Nayland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 0 |
| 10 | Witham Town Reserves | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 0 |
| 11 | Ravens Legends Reserves | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | -3 | 0 |
| 12 | Fobs Peveler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | -6 | 0 |



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Sceptre Sunday League - Division 1

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1 | Fryjers (S) First | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| 2 | Mornington (S) First | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| 3 | Southend Collegians Sunday | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | Rayleigh Sunday First | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | Thames Rovers (S) First | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 3 |
| 6 | Benfleet A | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -3 | 1 |
| 7 | Pitsea Athletic Sunday First | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -3 | 1 |
| 8 | Wickford & Runwell United (S) First | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| 9 | Wickford Town Sunday First | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 |
| 10 | Leigh Ramblers Sunday | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -5 | 0 |
| 11 | Corinthians Sunday First | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -15 | 0 |



Southend Borough Combination Veterans League - Division 1

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1 | Hullbridge Sports FC Sunday Veterans | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| 2 | Corinthians Veterans Reserves | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 3 | Sutton Sports (S) Veterans | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | Sparco European (S) Veterans First | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | Bluehouse (S) Veterans First | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -6 | 3 |
| 6 | Leigh Ramblers Sunday Veterans | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 |
| 7 | Landsdowne 91 (S) Veterans First | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -4 | 1 |
| 8 | Diablo Vets First | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| 9 | William de Ferrers (S) Veterans First | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -7 | 0 |

We only do positive. 😊



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THIS WEEK'S OTHER GAMES



AS RAWRETH v RAMS RESERVES

23/09/2023 @ 14:00

The Warren
SS11 8UE

ROCHFORD TOWN v RAMS A

23/09/2023 @ 14:00

Rochford Rec
SS4 1ED

RAMS VETS v VALLEY GREEN

23/09/2023 @ 14:00

Belfairs Park
SS9 4LR

CORINTHIANS v RAMS SUNDAY

24/09/2023 @ 10:30

Ekco Social & Sports Club Association
SS2 6PU

RAMS SUNDAY VETS v RAYLEIGH TOWN

24/09/2023 @ 10:30

Westcliff High School for Girls
SS0 OBS

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TEAMS



LEIGH RAMBLERS

SHIRTS: BLUE/BLACK, SHORTS: BLACK, SOCKS: BLACK

EXACT MATCHDAY SQUAD & SHIRT NOS. TBC

1. Dylan **SKINNER**
2. Patrick **CANNON**
3. Ryan **LOWE**
4. Jamie **LOVELL**
5. Matt **BRINKLOW**
6. Nathan **DEWBERRY**
7. Luis **BRACCI**
8. Jacob **MEADS**
9. Justin **HAZELL**
10. James **SPENCER**
11. Teddy **RUMSBY**
12. Ben **DUFAUX**
13. Dan **LOFTS**
14. Billy **RANSOME**
15. Max **PITTS**

Manager: Terry **JOHNSON**

CATHOLIC UNITED

SHIRTS: GREEN/WHITE, SHORTS: BLACK, SOCKS: GREEN/WHITE

EXACT MATCHDAY SQUAD & SHIRT NOS. TBC

1. Louis **GODWIN-GREEN**
2. Thomas **KEARNEY**
3. Patrick **KEARNEY**
4. Bradley **VAUGHAN**
5. Louis **ROBINSON**
6. Thomas **ELLIOTT**
7. Niall **ATTWOOD**
8. Michael **SAMMUT**
9. Aaron **BALDWIN**
10. James **WARDER**
11. Franklin **CRAIK**
12. Kofi **GOODRUM**
13. Joe **BURTON**
14. Lucas **POLYBLANK**
15. Liam **OLIVER**
16. Aaron **CLARK**
17. Joe **O'KANE**

Manager: Simon **THOMAS**

Referee: Alfie **TREACHER**

Assistant Referees: George **POTTER** & Charlie **TREACHER**

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