

READING DEAF FC



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016 NEWS

We are now two months in to the season. Time to catch up with the news from Reading Deaf FC. At this point may I remind you that Reading Deaf FC play their home games on the 3G pitch at Piggott School, Wargrave Road off the A4 near Twyford. Until the clocks go forward most games will kick off at 1pm. Keep an eye on the STAR website and STAR notice boards around Madejski Stadium for the latest details. Please come down and lend your support. We will be glad to see you.

English Deaf League News

This originally consisted of a 12 games season, but unfortunately Peterborough has had to fall out and concentrate just on local games. This means that the season will now consist of 10 games. We wish Peterborough the best of luck and look forward to playing them in the hopefully not too distant future.

Results

Sunday 11th September Brighton & Hove Away Won 1-4 P: 1 W: 1 D: 0 L: 0 GD: 3

Saturday 8th October St. Albans Home Won 2-1 P: 2 W :2 D: 0 L: 0 GD: 4

We think you will agree a very good start.

BOBi League News

These games are played in blocks of 4 or 5 teams between 10:30am and 3pm on the same day.

Two rounds have been played so far at Marlow and Oxford City FC's ground. To list all the results would take up a lot of space so we will present you with a summary.

Round 1

Sunday 25th September. Played at Marlow

On the day: Played: 5 Won: 5 Drawn: 0 Lost: 0 Goal Difference: 11

Over the Season: Played: 5 Won: 5 Drawn: 0 Lost: 0 Goal Difference: 11

Round 2

Sunday 30th October. Played at Oxford City FC Ground

On the day: Played: 4 Won: 4 Drawn: 0 Lost: 0 Goal Difference: 12

Over the Season: Played: 9 Won: 9 Drawn: 0 Lost: 0 Goal Difference: 23

Again a very good start.

FA County Cup News

This game was a land mark event. Due to Reading Deaf DFC's results over the past two seasons the FA decided that we were strong enough to enter this competition. This was the very first time a disabled team had been allowed to enter. The draw gave us a home game against Le Galaxy First on Saturday 18th September. The day broke bright with the team eager to get the kick off started. By half time the score was 0-2 and the second half started with Reading Deaf FC fighting back. This resulted in a well-deserved goal bringing the score to 1-2. Le Galaxy First answer with another goal giving a 1-3 score line which was followed by another Reading Deaf FC goal. 2-3. Le Galaxy First closed the game with their fourth goal.

An enjoyable game throughout. Final result 2-4. Hopefully we will be invited to take part next year when the lessons learnt this year can be applied to get us through to the next round.

EDF Challenge Cup (1st Round)

For this game we were drawn away at Norman Park, Hayes Lane, Bromley, Kent against Charlton Veterans. Unfortunately at full time the score was 3 - 2 to Charlton Veterans. We will hopefully do better next year.

A Day at Madejski Stadium

Last year STAR sponsored the team buy supplying a complete set new kit for us. After making a presentation to the STAR board at the September board meeting STAR came to the conclusion that this year they would double the amount of sponsorship. This would be used, this year, to cover expenses, pitch hire costs, FA fees, etc. and the team would continue to use last year's kit.

After talking to Reading FC an idea of featuring disability football and presenting the sponsorship cheque on the pitch during a first team Championship game came about. The home game against Huddersfield was chosen. On the day Reading Deaf FC team together with the Blind team and Wheelchair team demonstrated to everyone in the Fun Zone how playing football with a disability affects their style of play. This was a great success and resulted in various enquiries from people on how they can join a club. At half time STAR presented Reading Deaf FC with their well-deserved sponsorship cheque and made the Go£den Gamble draw. The day ended with Reading Deaf FC supplying the guard of honour for the first team when they came onto the pitch after half time.

