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#### **FIRST TEAM**

**Southern Combination Division One** 

Runners up 1995

**Southern Combination Division Two** 

Winners 1993

**Southern Combination Division Two Cup** 

Runners up 1988, 1991

**Sussex Intermediate Cup** 

Winners 1975

**Montgomery Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1960

**Mowatt Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1928

#### **UNDER 21 TEAM**

**Southern Combination Under 21 West Division** 

Runners up 2018

#### **UNDER 18 TEAM**

**Southern Combination Under 18 Championship** 

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central** 

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015

**Southern Combination Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

**Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2002

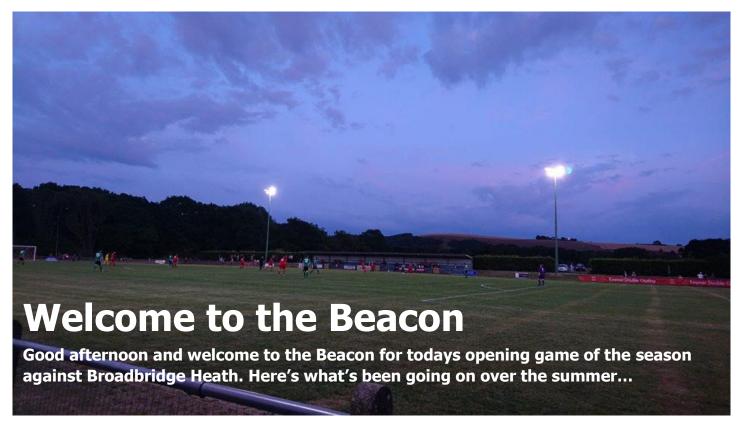
## **VETERANS TEAM**

**Fred Pretty Veterans Cup** 

Winners 1995, 1996, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016

Runners up

2017



#### Still in the Premier Division

The new season begins with us still a Premier Division team thanks to a relegation reprieve after we ended 2017-18 in the bottom three.

Both Haywards Heath Town and Three Bridges being promoted into the Bostik League with only Shoreham coming the other way was effectively what saved us from Division One football.

Everyone at the club is confident we can avoid such struggles this time around, thanks to all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes over the summer.

#### **Management changes**

There have been some changes to the management team over the summer, the most notable of which is that Mark Dalgleish is now in sole charge of first team affairs.

That has come about due to Phil Wickwar standing down as joint manager.

For anybody who is worried about missing out on Wickers' insightful comments from the dugout, he will still be around on match days, adding physio to the 127 other jobs he has taken on at the club over the last 25 years.

As part of the reshuffle, Mark Price has become Mark's assistant with Spencer Slaughter being appointed Player Coach and Haig Kingston goalkeeper coach.

The under 21s have become the under 23s following a change pushed through by the league and Nigel Pearce will again manage them, assisted by Adam Booth.

The under 18s meanwhile will look to build on their historic treble winning season with Brad Sweetman now in charge following Dave John's decision to step down after adding more silverware to the Beacon trophy cabinet than we had room for!

#### **Pre-season results**

It's been a winless pre-season but the first teams schedule did at least end on a positive note with a highly credible draw with Horsham here on Tuesday.

The Hornets had been scoring for goals for fun in their five previous games, netting 18 times so to restrict them to just one as well as being only the second team to avoid defeat against Dom Di Paolo's side agued well for the season ahead.

The two other games with Bostik League sides saw the Robins go down 4-0 to Burgess Hill Town in the Ann John Memorial Trophy and lose 3-1 to Haywards Heath Town.

You can read more about those two games, with full reports elsewhere in the programme.

There were also defeats to lower league opponents, with a 2-0 loss to AFC Varndeanians and a 2-1 defeat to Upper Beeding in which James Littlejohn scored.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

We've got a number of sponsorship opportunities available this year for any local businesses or individuals who would like to support the Robins.

As always, we are running Player Sponsorship and the popular Sponsor a Goal scheme.

Sponsoring the kit of your favourite Hassocks player costs just £40 for the season and for that, you or your business get your name in every Hassocks matchday programme as well as on our social media channels.

With Sponsor a Goal, you simply pay £1 for every goal that the first team scorer over the course of this season – hopefully the players can ensure you're parting with more of your hard earned cash this time around.

Finally, we're offering pitch side advertising for just £200. That gets you or your business an advertising hoarding around the Beacon, which with the ground holding close to 100 games last season will be seen by a lot of eyes.

If you're interested in any of these schemes, please speak to Owen John behind the bar.

#### **Welcome the Bears**

Finally, a warm welcome to our visitors from Broadbridge Heath. We hope they enjoy their stay with us today, and we wish them good luck for their impeding ground move.



# Broadbridge Heath kick off their fifth successive season in the top flight today and it is a huge one for the Bears as they prepare to move into their new home...

It's been a remarkable last decade for Broadbridge Heath.

As recently as 2010, they finished in a relegation spot in Division Two of the Southern Combination League and were only spared the drop into parks football due to a lack of sides coming up.

Eight years on and they are an established force in the Premier Division and all set to leave the Leisure Centre for a purpose-built home at High Wood Sports Ground which has been many years in the making.

While the battle to secure a new home was a long and arduous one, the Bears progress on the pitch has come at breakneck speed.

Boss Steve Painter has led one of the greatest revivals seen in the league for many years, and it is even more impressive when you consider that, unlike other clubs who have climbed their way through the pyramid in recent seasons, it hasn't been done simply through chucking money at the problem.

It's been achieved with a squad of young players that Heath have largely developed themselves and Hassocks know what tough opponents the Bears can be, having tasted only three victories in their past eight meetings with the Bears.

One of those came on Heath's last visit to the Beacon, a 3-2 Hassocks win in October of last year.

The last meeting between the two was the penultimate match of last season, Heath running out 2-0 winners to secure their Premier Division survival for another year.

It was the first season that the Bears had left it so late to book their spot in the top flight and as such their eventual 15<sup>th</sup> place finish represented their lowest position since they won promotion to the Premier Division in 2014.

Both sides come into the game today with something to prove then having both had what they would probably consider to be disappointing campaigns in 2017-18, although no matter what happens to the Bears this season, there'll no doubt be a smile on the faces of everyone involved with Heath once they get the keys to their new ground, completing one a remarkable journey.



# FACTFILE Broadbridge Heath

Founded 1919 Nickname Bears Ground

Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre **Website** 

pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheath fc

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#### **HONOURS**

Southern Combination Division 1
Runners up 2014
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
Runners up 2013

# **10 Key Moments**

**1920...** lift a Horsham League and Cup double, their first major trophies

**1970...** move from the Horsham League to the West Sussex League

**1978...** promoted into the Southern Counties Combination League

**1983...** join the Southern Combination League, becoming founder members of Division Two

**1987...** move to their current home ground of Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre

**1988...** the move yields instant dividends as Heath are promoted to Division One for the first time

**1998...** promoted to the Premier Division of the Southern Combination League

**2010...** finish second bottom of the league structure, with only Hurstpierpoint below them

**2013...** reach their first senior cup final, losing to East Preston in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup

**2014...** promoted back to the Premier Division four years after nearly being relegated out of the league

## **Last 20 Seasons**

2017-18, Soutnern Combination Premier 15<sup>th</sup> 2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 8<sup>th</sup>

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier  $9^{th}$ 

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 9<sup>th</sup> 2013-14, Southern Combination One 2<sup>nd</sup>

2012-13, Southern Combination One 6th

2011-12, Southern Combination Two 5<sup>th</sup>

2010-11, Southern Combination Two 6<sup>th</sup>

2009-10, Southern Combination Two 3

2008-09, Southern Combination Two 14

2007-08, Southern Combination One 17<sup>th</sup>

2006-07, Southern Combination One 17<sup>th</sup>

2005-06, Southern Combination One 11<sup>th</sup>

2004-05, Southern Combination One 12th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 10<sup>th</sup>

2002-03, Southern Combination One 13<sup>th</sup>

2001-02, Southern Combination One 7<sup>th</sup>

2000-01, Southern Combination One 5<sup>th</sup>

1999-00, Southern Combination One 12th

1998-99, Southern Combination Premier 20th

# Hassocks v Broadbridge Heath :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 8 - Won 3 - Drawn 2 - Lost 3 - Scored 11 - Conceded 11

SCFL Division One... Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 2 - Scored 6 - Conceded 7

SCFL Division Two... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 2

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 3 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 8 - Conceded 3

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 2 - Conceded 1

# Total... Played 20 Won 9 Drawn 4 Lost 7 Scored 29 Conceded 24

# **Last 10 meetings**

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 2-0 Hassocks 2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath 2016-17 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks 2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 0-2 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath 2014-15 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-2 Hassocks 2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Broadbridge Heath 2014-15 FA Vase: Hassocks 2-1 Broadbridge Heath

2012-13 Peter Bentley: Broadbridge Heath 2-3 Hassocks

# **Played for both**

Matt Carruthers had a brief eight months spell with Hassocks in 2011, playing 27 games and scoring twice after joining from St Francis Rangers in February of that year. He returned to Colwell Road in October 2012 and later went onto have spells with Ringmer and coaching Burgess Hill Town's under 18 side. He spent part of the 2014-15 season with Broadbridge Heath before moving to Australia.



Goalkeeper **Conor Evento** spent last season playing at the Leisure Centre, making 11 appearances for the Bears as Michael Chester's number two.

Evento spent the 2015-16 season with the Robins as number one in Helder Silva's under 18 squad, when he was dual signed with Horsham He also played several times for the under 21s although he never made a senior appearance before leaving the Beacon in the summer of 2016.

# **Broadbridge Heath 2-0 Hassocks**

# HEATH WIN LEAVES ROBINS HANGING BY A THREAD

Which division Hassocks will play in for the 2018/19 season could be decided this week without the Robins kicking the ball after a 2-0 defeat away at Broadbridge Heath in their penultimate game of the campaign.

The result leaves Hassocks one place above the relegation zone and one point ahead of both Arundel and Worthing United.

Arundel have two games in hand, playing three times this week with one of those against bottom side Littlehampton Town.

United meanwhile have one game in hand and their season will stretch into the first week of May.

There are many permutations, but the bottom line is that the Robins will survive if both those sides lose all their remaining games.

That seems unlikely, especially in the case of Arundel, so next week's home game with Pagham who themselves are still in with a chance of promotion becomes do or die – lose that and it effectively looks as though 24 seasons of top flight football at the Beacon will be at an end.

A victory against Broadbridge Heath could've changed all that.

Before kick off, there was still a small chance the Bears could've found themselves sucked into the dogfight going into the final week, a Hassocks win leaving the Robins just three points behind their hosts.

As it was, second half goals from Gicu Iordache and Devon Fender guaranteed that Steve Painter's sides first season at their new High Wood Hill Sports Ground, which is set to be completed in August, will be in the Premier Division.

Not many visiting sides will miss visiting the Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre and Hassocks certainly failed to get to grips with a surface that resembled a recently ploughed field, allowing Heath to run out comfortable winners.

It really should've been more than 2-0 but goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg marked his return to the Hassocks side in place of the injured Haig Kingston with an exhibition of shot stopping, particularly in the first half.

The game was just three minutes old when Stroomberg showed good handling to hold a 30 yarder from Javlon Campbell and minutes later he dealt similarly well with an Iordache free kick.

Stuart Chester sent a header over from a George Cousins corner with 15 minutes played and on the half hour mark Stroomberg pulled off a brilliant stop, sprawling across low to his left to push Iordache's powerful right footed drive against the post.

Bradley Bant had Hassocks' best chance of the half when his effort deflected off Martyn Flack to wrongfoot Michael Chester in the Bears goal, but the ball flew agonisingly wide of the post.

Stroomberg did well to deny a Fender pile driver through a crowd of players after the Robins failed to convincingly clear a Flack long throw but there was little the goalkeeper could do when Iordache opened the scoring after collecting a low Flack cross, dancing around a couple of unconvincing challenges and firing a low effort into the bottom corner.

Hassocks tried to get back into the

tie after that but for all the huffing and puffing of their young players the closest they came to troubling Chester was a couple of long range attempts from George Galbraith-Gibbons while at the other end, Stroomberg kept out another Iordache effort and Fender and Alex Parsons both sent efforts over the crossbar.

Heath wrapped the game up with 20 minutes left to play and given how excellent he'd been up until that point, it was hard not to feel for Stroomberg for the role he played in the hosts second.

It was the Hassocks keepers weak attempted clearance that went straight to Iordache and he slipped through Fender who gleefully accepted the gift for his first goal since returning from four months on the sidelines through injury.

**Hassocks:** Stroomberg; Russell, Broomfield, Slaughter, Badger; Mills, Stokes, Bant, Lindsey; Galbraith-Gibbons, Wilkins.

**Subs:** Maskell, Bradley, Atherton (used), Price, Wickwar (unused).



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# Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath

# ROBINS PUSHED ALL THE WAY BY PLUCKY BEARS

The John O'Hara League Cup third round beckons for Hassocks for the first time since 2007 but they were pushed all the way for their place in the last 16, needing extra time to see off the challenge of Broadbridge Heath 3-2 at the Beacon.

Division Two opponents have accounted for three of the last four Robins exits from this competition and Heath arrived unbeaten so far this season having already claimed the scalp of one club from the top tier of the County League, defeating Selsey 1-0 in the previous round.

They caused problems for the home side throughout the tie with centre forward Jake Holmes and interchanging wide men Jamal Sultan and Michael Wood in particular impressing and could probably feel a little aggrieved that the encounter did not make it all the way to spot kicks having hit the woodwork on two occasions.

Hassocks looked as though they would be in for a relatively straightforward afternoon with 20 minutes on the clock.

They had had the lion's share of possession without really testing James Fisher in the visitors' goal before Chris Maynard conjured up a magical free-kick delivery with his wand of a left foot that allowed Anthony Hibbert to power a header into the roof of the net.

It necessitated a reshuffle from Heath, with Sultan and Wood switching flanks for the first of many times over the course of the afternoon and it nearly paid dividends instantly, James Plumley having to sprawl at the feet of Holmes three minutes after the opening goal before getting a strong wrist behind an effort from Wood.

Wood smashed a volley against a post on 30 minutes and Hassocks really should have doubled their lead on 44 when Fisher parried an effort

from Phil Johnson and Jamie Weston could only send the loose ball wide.

It took Heath just a minute of the second half to net their first equaliser of the afternoon.

Sultans low cross from the right evaded everyone in the area with Wood collecting it at the back post and finding Holmes who was gifted enough time by the Hassocks defence to control the ball and pick his spot, placing it out of the reach of Plumley.

Hassocks began to reassert their authority on the game after Sultan, now popping up back on the left, saw a cross-cum-shot come back off the crossbar and Louis Pople did everything right accept the finish after he bought down a Nathan Miles cross superbly on the turn before firing someway over the bar.

The second goal arrived on 65 minutes and it was Maynard claiming another assist, this time dropping a ball over the top for Miles to chase and despite the best efforts of a Heath defender in attempting to wrestle him to the ground, the striker shrugged off the challenge and



Thirty minutes of extra time was ensured with just two minutes left on the clock.

Holmes saw his shot blocked with the rebound falling kindly to substitute Dean Robinson who found the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the box.

The Robins finally wrapped up the game ten minutes into the extra period when substitute George Amos, on for his senior debut, was sent away down the right-hand side and his cross was volleyed emphatically home by Weston for his first goal of the season.

**Hassocks:** Plumley; South, Marsh, Wallis, Maynard; Johnson, Hibbert, Hawkes, Weston; Miles, Pople.

**Subs:** Cooper (Hawkes 48), Pawson (Maynard 67), Amos (Johnson 84).

**Starman:** Anthony Hibbert. Pulled the strings in midfield and rewarded with his first goal of the campaign.



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# **SUMMER OF RETURNS**

It's been a busy summer of recruitment for Mark Dalgleish with the result being plenty of familiar faces returning to the Beacon. Here's who the Robins are welcoming back for the 2018-19 season...

The headline returnee is no doubt Phil Johnson who left the Beacon after a 2014-15 season in which he established himself as one of the Southern Combination League's deadliest marksman.

It was a breakthrough campaign for Johnson as his 26 goals in 39 games fired Hassocks to Premier Division safety from what looked a particularly perilous position at the turn of the year.

That was enough to earn Johnson a move to the Isthmian League and Burgess Hill Town.

His stay at the Green Elephants Stadium was a short one and an even briefer spell at Haywards Heath Town followed before Johnson moved to Horsham YMCA where he has spent the last two-and-a-half seasons.

Johnson hit 13 goals after arriving at Gorings Mead for the second half of the 2015-16 season and was YMCA's top scorer in each of the last seasons, hitting 22 in 2016-17 and 21 in 2017-18.

Johnson's previous spell at the Beacon saw him his first team debut in 2008, shortly before netting a sensational hat-trick as the under 18s won the Southern Combination League Under 18 League Cup with a 3-2 win over Arundel.

University commitments meant that he had to wait until





46 goals in 110 appearances for the Robins.

Johnson isn't the only striker to have previously lifted silverware with the under 18s to return this summer either as Liam Benson is also back after a short spell at Lancing.

Benson left the Beacon in November last year to move to Culver Road having scored seven goals in the first 22 games of the season for the Robins.

Despite spending over half the campaign with the Lancers, that was remarkably still enough to ensure he was Hassocks' second top scorer last season, his total only bettered by the 12 netted by Michael Death.

Benson's breakthrough season came in 2016-17 when he netted 10 times having been top scorer for the reserves in 2004-05.

He also played a crucial role in helping the under 18s to lift the Central Division title in 2014, netting 22 goals from 27 appearances as Nigel Pearce's side were crowned champions for the first time in eight years.

Goalkeeper Alex Harris is back with the Robins for a fourth spell having spent the second half of last season registered with Ringmer.

Harris first joined Hassocks on joint forms from Woking in the 2013-

14 season, when he deputised for Jack Simspon and then took over when the Robins longterm number one went traveling for the second half of Mickey Jewell's last campaign in charge.

He returned midway through the 2015-16 season from Metropolitan Police, going onto record 11 clean sheets in 24 appearances before losing his place early in the 2016-17 season to James Broadbent.

Harris moved to AFC Uckfield Town as a result before returning to Hassocks for a third spell at the start of last season, making seven appearances in the first half of the campaign before his transfer to the Caburn.

Fan favourite Dan Jacques has rejoined from Lindfield after a trophyladen spell in the Mid Sussex Premier Division.

Since swapping the Robins for the Swans in 2016, Jacques has lifted two Mid Sussex League titles and a Montgomery Cup with Lindfield.

The enigmatic utility man made played 190 times between 2007 and 2015 and captained the reserves to their historic treble in the 2012-13 season.





# **First Team 2018-19**

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# HILL HOIST TROPHY AS ROBINS RAISE £800 FOR CHARITY

Hassocks kicked off their pre-season schedule with the sixth annual Ann John Memorial Trophy match as Burgess Hill Town lifted the cup for the first time in front of a bumper Beacon crowd of 337

Burgess Hill Town lifted the Ann John Memorial Trophy after defeating Hassocks 4-0 at the Beacon in front of a bumper crowd of 337.

They helped to raise over £800 for St Peter & St James Hospice and those in attendance were treated to a masterclass from Hill forward Aaron Smith-Joseph as he helped his side win the cup outright for the first time.

Smith-Joseph scored Hill's first and fourth goals, played a crucial role in earning the penalty for their second and set up the third.

His pace and directness tormented Hassocks all night and the Robins young side will be thankful that they won't come up against too many players of his quality in the Southern Combination League this season.

These games have provided rich entertainment in the past, with four of the five previous editions ending in draws and the trophy shared.

Last years in particular was superb.

Hassocks stormed into an early 3-0 lead through Michael Death and two goals from James Westlake, only to see the Hillians fightback to draw the

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game through a late leveller from former Robin Sam Fisk.

There was none of that sort of

drama this time around, with the first 30 minutes being completely forgettable as neither side managed to work a worthwhile opening.

A chance finally arrived on 34 minutes and it fell to Smith-Joseph who's shot through a crowd of players drew a sprawling full stretch save from Alex Harris in the Hassocks goal.

From the resulting corner, Harris got into a bit of a flap when attempting to punch clear and the Robins keeper was grateful to see Smith-Joseph's shot after collecting the loose ball blocked on the line by Spencer Slaughter.

Hill did get the ball in the back of the net shortly after that, but it was disallowed for handball after Smith-Joseph practically caught a cross, dropped it at his feet and volleyed home.

After that dour first half, supporters could've been forgiven for taking a little longer to leave the bar at half time but those who loitered inside would've missed the game's opening goal as Hill scored within two minutes of the restart.

Smith-Joseph's pace down the left was electric as he tore away from Harry Mills and Jordan Badger to bear down on Harris' goal, slotting the ball calmly under the Hassocks keeper to give Hill the lead.

They nearly had a second five minutes later when Gary Elphick's diving header was only just kept out by Harris, leading to half-hearted appeals from the Hill captain that the ball had crossed the line.

It hadn't on that occasion, but it definitely did cross the line when Kieron Pamment met a floated free kick to bundle home.

Unfortunately, he also took Harris with him with the referee correctly ruling that one out for the foul.

Five minutes later and it was Pamment who was on the receiving end of a foul, earning Hill the penalty from which they scored their second.

Smith-Joseph popped up on the right this time and blitzed away from Jake Atherton before pulling the ball back to Pamment.

Pamment was about to pull the trigger when Mills clumsily bundled into him from behind with Pamment dusting himself down after the challenge to hammer the penalty into the top left corner of Harris' goal.

Smith-Joseph's cross to the far post set up Billy Barker for a tap in for goal number three and Smith-Joseph himself added the fourth, breezing past Dan Turner and dropping a shoulder on Adam Dawson before firing home from a tight angle.

Hassocks finally managed to summon up a couple of shots in the final few minutes, the first being a glorious opportunity that was spurned in the strangest of circumstances. George Galbraith-Gibbons latched onto a long ball over the top, beating Hill's substitute goalkeeper Mitch Bromage to the ball and lifting it over him.

That left an easy chance for Galbraith-Gibbons' strike partner, an open goal from six yards out yet somehow, he managed to volley the ball against the crossbar and straight back into the arms of a relieved Bromage.

Galbraith-Gibbons had Hassocks' other opportunity, but his shot was turned behind for a corner by Bromage after good work down the right by Dan Stokes.



"The evening helped to raise over £800 for St Peter & St James Hospice and those in attendance were treated to a masterclass from Hill forward Aaron Smith-Joseph as he helped his side win the cup outright for the first time."







# CHAMPIONS HEATH PROVE TOO GOOD FOR HASSOCKS

The Robins hosted Southern Combination League champions Haywards Heath Town in their second pre-season fixture of the summer with Heath running out 3-1 winners in a fiery local derby that didn't always live up to the "friendly" memo

Hassocks played their second pre-season friendly inside of 48 hours when Haywards Heath Town visited the Beacon and although a familiar result, there was at least an improvement in the performance of the Robins.

After creating only two meaningful chances in Thursday night's 4-0 defeat against Burgess Hill Town in the Ann John Memorial Trophy, Mark Dalgleish's side did at least get the ball in the back of the net in going down 3-1 to the reigning Southern Combination League champions.

George Brown was the Robins scorer late on with Heath already leading 3-0 by that point through goals from Callum Saunders, Karly Akehurst and Max Miller.

Heath rattled the bar early on through Akehurst when Alex Harris failed to gather a low cross into the box, but they didn't have long to wait to take the lead, a surging run down the right from Luc Doherty being ended when he went to ground in the box despite Bradley Bant pulling out of the tackle.

Clearly, the famous Jack and Jill sniper was back on Clayton Hill, but referee Jonathan Wilks went for it, awarding Heath a penalty. There were unsavoury scenes before Saunders could take the spot kick as Spencer Slaughter and Melford Simpson began eyeballing each other, with Simpson shouting "Do you want some?" over and over like a record that had become stuck.

Saunders remained calm despite all that kerfuffle and he sent Harris the wrong way from the spot.

Nathan Cooper went close to doubling the lead when Harris dropped a header from a Saunders free kick with Cooper succeeding in only flicking the loose ball over the bar.

The woodwork at the West End of the Beacon clearly had something against Akehurst as the post denied him with another distance drive just before the break.

Hassocks have had well documented troubles defending set pieces over the few seasons and that inability to deal with corners raised its head again for Heath's second.

A long delivery to the back post saw Simpson rise highest above Mills, heading the ball back across goal for Akehurst who managed to avoid hitting the frame of the goal this time as his header was placed just out of the reach of Harris. The Blues added their third with three minutes remaining, Simpson brushing off the challenge of Adam Dawson before squaring to Miller who hit a shot across Harris and into the bottom corner.

That wasn't the end of the scoring

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as the Robins late consolation arrived two minutes after.

Heath's attempts to play an offside trap as Dawson launched a free kick over the top went desperately awry as the ball was squared from out on the right to Brown who beat Heyburn at





# 2012 - On Song Robins open campaign with win

This is likely to turn out to be a really good result for Hassocks as in the season opener they mugged the team who finished runners up in Division One last season.

Lancing ended the 2011-12 campaign two places but 14 points better off than the Robins.

The Lancers were only three points behind champions Three Bridges and with their being no clear favourites for the County League title at this stage, they'll fancy their chances of going one better this season.

Hassocks themselves will have designs on at least bettering their highest-ever finish of fourth from last year, making more of an impression on the title race in the process.

These are the sorts of games that they need to win if they are to do that, so Mickey Jewell will no doubt have been delighted at his sides ability to pick up the three points despite being well below their best at the Beacon.

For much of the first half the visitors looked the better side, comfortable on the ball and finding their men with more ease and regularity than their hosts.

But Hassocks are always dangerous with Phil Gault and Nathan Miles up front and it was this pair who combined to send them in leading 2-1 at half time after they had fallen behind only ten minutes in.

Lancing had already threatened down the flanks when full back Grant Philpott made ground down the left and squared the ball for Tyler Goatcher to score with a side foot finish off the inside of Jack Simpson's right-hand post.

It was compensation for Goatcher who had earlier skied over a decent chance on the other side.

Titus Patterson went close from distance but Hassocks rallied and on 27 minutes a sequence of events suggested it could be their day rather than Lancing's.

Visiting right back Dan Taylor was booked for needlessly kicking the ball away after conceding a free kick, which Anthony Hibbert whipped in dangerously and saw headed against his own bar by midfielder Adam Hunt.

From the resulting corner the ball fell to Miles, who did well to work himself the room to fire in a shot from close range for 1-1.

It now looked a little more even and on 37 minutes the Robins caught their visitors with the perfect goal on the break.

They broke swiftly from a Lancing corner and Miles did superbly down the left flank before pulling the ball back for Gault to provide a clinical low finish.

Spencer Slaughter picked up a first-half injury and did not appear after the break, being replaced by summer signing from St Francis Rangers, Jake Forward.

And later the home side used their two other options as another arrival from St Francis, Louis Pople, replaced the admirable Miles, and Nathan Cooper came on for newcomer Lee Bryant who has arrived from Combined Counties League side Horley Town.

Hassocks certainly had better luck with their changes than Lancing. Lee

Garnham came on in a double change but was injured almost immediately when colliding with Simpson and then his replacement, Dan Turner, was on the field barely more than a minute before a foul on Chris Maynard led to referee Barrie Small showing a red card.

It was a little harsh on Turner, who was more justifiably sent off when the teams met at Culver Road last season.

The interval between Garnham's introduction and Turner's dismissal was no more than seven minutes.

The first double change had come as soon as the visitors had gone 3-1 down on 64 minutes.

Good play by Hassocks on the edge of the box enabled Gault to cleverly set up Hibbert for a blockbuster of a shot that bounced off the chest of keeper Jamie Bansco-Zaragoza and was headed in by James Westlake.

That put Robins on easy street and with Lancing's performance tailing off, the hosts never seriously looked like surrendering their advantage.

**Hassocks:** Simpson; Bryant, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Maynard; Westlake, Hibbert, Slaughter, Weston; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Forward (Slaughter 45), Pople (Miles 65), Cooper (Bryant 69).

# 20 QUESTIONS WITH... Spencer Slaughter

#### What's your nickname?

Gypsy, and that's thanks to Faithy, Pat and Joel Harding and Hibby. When I first arrived at 17 I was right little Del Boy. I guess not much has changed over the last 13 years!

# What team do your support?

Manchester United. My Grandad used to know George Best and he got my first ever football kit.

# Who was your footballing idol growing up?

Paul Scholes. The bloke was an absolute magician.

# What is the most valuable medal or award in your trophy collection?

The year I won Player's Player, Manager's Player and Supporters Player of the Season for Hassocks was pretty amazing, but it would have to be my league winners medal for Burgess Hill when we won the Ryman South to take them into the Premier for the first ever time.

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Greg Luer...

...best player I've ever played with

# **Best moment in your career?**

I've been lucky enough to play at some great grounds and with and against some great players. Winning away at Aldershot in the FA Trophy with Burgess Hill when they were in the Conference and we were four divisions lower in Ryman South was unreal.

# Most embarrassing moment of your career?

There's been a few! To name a couple, missing a penalty in the derby against St Francis Rangers and losing my head for Worthing, getting sent off and then barking with team mate Jamie Brotherton.

# Funniest thing you've seen in football?

Spinksy's air kick in pre-season is up there! When I was at Worthing we were on a night out and one of the boys – not me for once – called up the gaffer giving him a load of grief while he was absolutely steaming. It was so funny at the time but come the next training session we all paid for it.



Stuart Faith...

...gave me my nickname

# Best player you've ever played with?

Both at Burgess Hill – Greg Luer or Darren Budd.

# Best ground you've ever played at?

I loved playing at the Broadfield Stadium when I was at Crawley and I've also played at Colchester which was good. I was recently lucky enough to get to play in a charity game at the Amex though and that was unreal.

# Favourite opposition team to play against?

Haywards Heath Town were my favourite rival to play against. I always tended to score against Redhill when they were in our league.

# Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Me. I'm a busy old git.

## Worst dressed player?

Sherriff (Harry Mills). If you ever need a belt, ask him for one. He has plenty.



# Redhill...

...team I'd always score against

# What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

To me, whenever anyone says Hassocks I just think "Johnsy". I was ready to quit football when I left Crawley but he helped me out, bought me into the youth team here and helped me at a time I really needed it. Ever since then, I've been in love with the club which is why I keep coming back. It's always a great set of boys, great staff and fantastic facilities.

# What's the best piece of footballing advice you've been given?

Johnsy told me when I was 17 to stop stressing about football and enjoy it while it lasts.

# If you could introduce one rule to football, what would it be?

Nothing. If anything, I'd start taking rules out. I used to love the way the game was played in the old days with proper tackles. I'm very old school myself.

# Messi, Ronaldo or another? Who is the greatest of all time?

For born talent, it is Messi. For pure hard work and motivation, Ronaldo. You really can't choose between the two.

# Which player do you dislike in football the most and why?

Any player that simulates or waves their hand in the air for a booking. It's an absolute joke. Based on that, maybe Neymar, although he is still class.



# What do you do with your life away from the Beacon?

I live with my Mrs, Megan. I work as a floor layer and I love to travel and see different countries. I'm also a massive family man.

# Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Elton John, David Beckham and Joe Wilkinson.

# If you could attend one sporting event from any moment in history, which would you pick?

I'm cheating and picking two. Either the 1966 World Cup Final or the 2003 Rugby World Cup Final.

# If someone was playing you in a movie about your life, who would it be?

Joe Wilkinson

# Give us one interesting fact about vou?

I've visited 27 different countries across five continents. I've also got "Faith Dog", "Wozza" and "Bozza" tattooed on me in honour of Hassocks legends Stuart Faith, Joel Harding and Pat Harding.

# **SPOT THE SPENCER:**

A baby-faced Slaughter was part of the 2005-06 title winning Hassocks Under 18s side. Recognise him?



# TWO TEAMS

It may have been a disappointing season for the first team in 2017-18, but it was a different story for the under 18s and the ladies. Both sides added silverware to the Beacon trophy cabinet, winning the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup and the South East Counties Women's League Cup respectively. Here's a look at how they did it...



In baking heat at Maidstone United's Gallagher Stadium, Hassocks Ladies defeated a strong Worthing side to bring home the South East Counties Women's League Cup for the second time with a superb team performance.

The Robins had lost in the final of this competition two years ago and they were clearly determined not to be the bridesmaids again as they stormed into an early lead.

It came after a period of Worthing possession. Kirstin Mair won the ball on the left and played a long through ball to Billie Phillpot, with Phillpot calmly cutting inside and putting an unstoppable shot into the corner for 1-0.

Worthing tried to press and delivered an over the top ball that required both Sam Newman and Claire Stevens to be alert, clearing the for what would be the first of many corners for Worthing.

Minutes after that scare and it was 2-0 to the Robins. Good work from Tallie Bright and Jess Craig found Phillpot just outside the box with the Worthing defence caught square.

Phillpot's pace took her through, leaving her one-on-one with the Worthing goalkeeper and she calmly slotted the ball between keeper and near post.

Philpott was proving to be a real meance and she nearly wrapped up a quick-fire hat-trick when she again used her searing pace to latch onto a loose back post but could only striker her effort against the post.

Hassocks didn't have to wait long for their third though. Mair again won the ball on the left and found Philpott, who squared to Tallie Bright.

Bright produced the deftest of touches into the path of Katherine Chappell, whose excellent first touch allowed her to get the ball out of the feet to set up a thumping shot past the Worthing goalkeeper.

To Worthing's huge credit they did not fold and demonstrated their skill on the ball with some tight passing, only to be frustrated by some great Hassocks defending.

Jess Craig and twin sister Gemma dominated the area in front of the Hassocks back four, protecting the Robins defence brilliantly with Worthing looking most likely to get joy from set pieces.

They couldn't take advantage of those however as the Hassocks back line, marshalled brilliantly by captain Sam Newman, stood firm with Stevens and Newman herself winning some key headers.

On the two occasions Worthing manage to break through, Chloe John won some important tackles to clear the ball away from danger and Sarah Chappell in the Hassocks goal saved brilliantly at full stretch to her right.

Shortly after, the Robins were again indebted to Chappell as she produced a magnificent double save.

# TWO CUPS

Worthing's pressure eventually told and in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute they pulled one back with a beautifully taken shot from distance.

At that point, it looked briefly as if Worthing would find a way back into the game, but Hassocks started to reassert themselves.

Emma Young won a key challenge with a trademark sliding tackle and shortly afterwards found Bright with a great pass which nearly put her through on goal.

Lisa Callow replaced Philpott who had run herself into the ground at the break and Worthing started the second half with clear intent, Chloe John having to react quickly to some dangerous through balls.

Hassocks weathered the storm with Newman proving to be particularly inspirational as Hassocks came back into the game in the final half hour.

A well-timed tackle by Stevens set the course for Bright to deliver a lovely through ball to Philpott who unfortunately struck just wide of the post.

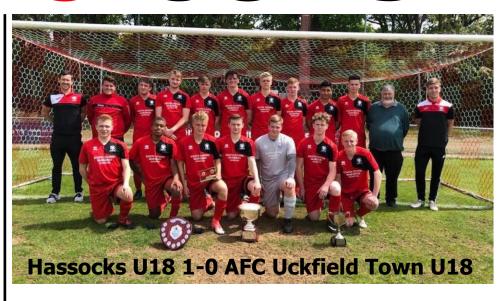
Bright then delivered a fantastic ball into the box, which saw Kirstin Mair attempt to connect before the Worthing goalkeeper could grab the ball from the air.

Mair landed awkwardly but was able to continue; all the more remarkable given that an x-ray later would reveal a broken wrist.

Entering the final 15 minutes, Worthing began resorting to more long range efforts which proved to be comfortable for Sarah Chappell to deal with.

Hassocks saw more of the ball in the final 15 minutes but were content to just keep it and run the clock down with Jess Hummer being introduced for the tireless Bright late on.

On the final whistle, there were joyous scenes but also tremendous pride and satisfaction at a true team performance from all thirteen Hassocks players as their dogged defending and clinical finishing delivered some well deserved silverware at the end of an at times challenging season.



Hassocks Under 18s completed an historic league and cup double on Sunday as a 1-0 win over AFC Uckfield Town ensured that the Southern Combination Youth League Cup returned to the Beacon for the first time since 2009.

The young Robins had already wrapped up the Central Division title with plenty to spare, finishing the campaign 15 points ahead of closest pursuers Steyning Town having dropped only five points all season, racking up a goal difference of +69 along the way.

Things could get even better this coming Sunday morning when they face West Division winners Chichester City at the Beacon in the playoff final to decide the overall Youth League Champions, with no Hassocks side having previously taken a clean sweep of all three Southern Combination trophies in a season before.

This one was given to them by Jake Lindsey's first half strike, just another high point in a season in which the 17-year-old forward found himself carrying the hopes of Hassocks' first team at times such was the impact he made when pitched into the Robins ultimately unsuccessful battle to avoid finishing in the bottom three.

Lindsey's goal arrived just before the break, Jake Atherton delivering a fizzing low cross which the striker turned in from inside the six-yard box but really it could and should have been more.

Inside of the first 10 minutes, Lindsey played through George Galbraith-Gibbons but he lifted the one-on-one chance over both the Uckfield goal keeper and the bar.

Next, it was Atherton's turn to be fed by Lindsey but his left footed effort curled away from goal and Galbraith-Gibbons then hit the bar after a deep corner was turned back towards goal by Dan Turner.

The Uckfield goalkeeper made three fine saves in quick succession after that, the best coming when he got the faintest of touches onto a Turner header to turn it around the post and he again denied Galbraith-Gibbons from close range before Lindsey struck, although Uckfield nearly responded immediately, rattling the Hassocks post from a brilliant free kick right on the stroke of half time.

The second half continued much where the first had left off, Kieran Dimelow feeding Galbraith-Gibbons whose effort shaved the far post while Galbraith-Gibbons, Lindsey and Dimelow were all denied by the goalkeeper and Turner by the bar.

That profligacy in front of goal was nearly punished with Ben John being forced into a sprawling save low in a rare Uckfield attack as the game came towards its close but the Robins never really looked in danger as they saw it out to set themselves up for a shot at history next week.

# **COMING UP**



# **CHICHESTER CITY**

#### When?

Tuesday 7th August

#### Where?

The Beacon

# Time?

7.45pm

# **Competition?**

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

#### Admission?

£6 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

## **Chichester City last season?**

Chi are enjoying one of the most consistently good spells in their history. They finished third in the Premier Division in 2016-17 and although a sixth-place finish last time out not look as good in comparison, they were in title contention until the final month of the campaign. Away from the league, there was some silverware for the Oaklands Park trophy cabinet thanks to a 4-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup final win over fierce rivals Pagham and they did what very few Sussex sides have done in recent seasons and went deep into the FA Vase before a fifthround elimination to 1874 Northwich.

# Robins record against Chichester?

Given that up until April Hassocks hadn't beaten Chichester in nine attempts, the Robins surprisingly lead the head-to-head with 16 wins to Chi's 14 and seven draws from the previous 37 meetings.

#### Last time we met?

Hassocks pulled off one of the shocks of the season at Oaklands Park in

April. Chi were on the fringes of the title race while the Robins were fighting for their lives having been rooted in the relegation zone for over a month. You'd have got long odds then on an away win but that is what happened as second half goals from Michael Death and George Galbraith-Gibbons put Hassocks 2-0 ahead. The Robins lost goalkeeper Haig Kingston who was stretchered off with a serious ligament injury with joint boss Phil Wickwar taking his place but despite that and conceding from a fluky Scott Jones goal with 10 minutes play, they managed to hold on for a famous 2-1 win.

## Played for both?

Rowan Wallis spent time with Chichester City as a first team regular before his arrival at the Beacon midway through the 2011-12 season. He spent his first three seasons with the Robins mainly in the reserves, helping Roy Staughton's side to their historic treble in 2012-13 before becoming a fan favourite and first team regular from 2014 until 2016 when he left the club after the birth of his first child.







## **ERITH TOWN**

## When?

Saturday 11th August

#### Where?

The Beacon

# Time? 3pm

## **Competition?**

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary
Qualifying Round

#### **Admission?**

£6 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

# **Who are Erith Town?**

Erith Town were originally formed as Woolwich Town, a Sunday League side playing in the London Metropolitan League. They made the switch to Saturday football in 1991 and joined the Southern Counties East League in 1996, taking on their current name the following season after moving to the Erith Stadium. They were Premier Division Cup winners in 2008 and won the Kent Senior Trophy in 2011.

#### **Erith Town last season?**

Just like Hassocks, Erith Town had a season of struggle last time out. They finished in 17<sup>th</sup> spot in the Southern Counties East Premier Division although with only the bottom side going down, they weren't in any real serious relegation trouble. As some sort of marker of what to expect, they finished eight points ahead of Hollands and Blair, who eliminated the Robins from the FA Cup last season at the same stage as these two will meet.

# **Have Hassocks played them before?**

The Robins have faced Erith Town three times. The most recent of those came again in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup 13 years ago. Anthony Hibbert and a Pat Harding brace secured a 3-0 win as Dave John's side started a run that only ended two games from the first round proper. The two other meetings came in the 2000-01 season in the Preliminary Round. The sides played out a 2-2 draw at the Erith Sports Stadium before the Robins triumphed 3-1 in the replay three days later.

# What's Erith Town's FA Cup pedigree?

While Hassocks have reached the third qualifying round once, the Dockers have never gone beyond the second qualifying round. They've reached that stage on four previous occasions, the most recent being in the 2011-12 season. They reached the first qualifying round last year, where they fell to a 3-0 defeat against Burgess Hill Town at the Green Elephants Stadium.





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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chichester City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley Down	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langney Wanderers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Common	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peacehaven & Tels.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



#### **Premier Division Form Guide**

AFC Uckfield Town Arundel Broadbridge Heath Chichester City Crawley Down **East Preston** Eastbourne Town Eastbourne United Hassocks Horsham Lancing **Langney Wanderers** Lingfield Little Common Loxwood Newhaven Pagham Peacehaven & Tels. Saltdean United Shoreham

#### **Premier Division Attendances**

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
AFC Uckfield Town	0	0	0	0
Arundel	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0
Chichester City	0	0	0	0
Crawley Down	0	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne United	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0
Langney Wanderers	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0
Little Common	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0
Peacehaven & Tels.	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0

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# Hassocks

# The top 50 appearance makers for the Robins in senior football

	Start	Sub	Total	Goals
<b>Mickey Turner</b>	<b>573</b>	21	<b>594</b>	<b>63</b>
Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
James Laing	298	53	351	143
Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
Phil Gault	323	10	333	185
Paul John	329	0	329	0
Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
Spencer Slaughter	226	38	264	42
Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
Pat Harding	178	17	195	131
James Westlake	177	13	190	28
Dan Jacques	162	28	190	8
Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37
Stuart Agate	172	7	179	4
Graham Beveridge	142	23	165	17
Jack Simpson	161	0	161	0
Matt Robbins	142	15	157	20
Steve Hards	146	9	155	65
Kieran O'Callaghan	141	14	155	17
Luke Flomo	126	20	146	31
Rob South	130	14	144	3
Peter Lear	137	3	140	6
Ian Dawson	70	66	136	7
Andy Burt	77	56	133	35
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Bradley Bant	114	13	127	12
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Phil Johnson	90	20	110	46
Jamie Weston	84	23	107	14
Mark Launder	77	29	106	1
Dan Stokes	75	29	104	5
Sam Fisk	84	20	104	6
Tom Barnes	90	13	103	0
Jamie Hillwood	79	23	102	22
Eddie French	97	2	99	10
Luke Akehurst	86	10	96	1

84

Chris Brown

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# **Mickey Turner**

Mickey Turner is Hassocks' record appearance holder, having racked up 594 games for the Robins before his retirement at the end of the 2007-08 season. Originally a striker with Crawley Town, he played out the final half decade of his career as a right lung back in Dave John's famous 3-5-2 formation. Turner didn't restrict his work for the club to the pitch either - he served for a number of years as club treasurer before emigrating to Australia.



# **Rob South**

Another marauding full back like Turner, Rob South was signed by Mickey Turner in the summer of 2010 and went onto rack up 144 appearances for the Robins over the course of the next five seasons. A popular figure with both the Beacon faithful and the ladies, everybody was sad when work took South away from the area as Hassocks lost a quality player and a fantastic bloke.

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Chichester City
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. 7:45pm
Southern Combination Premier Division

#### **Today's other Premier Division games**

AFC Uckfield Town v Horsham YMCA Chichester City v Newhaven Crawley Down Gatwick v Lingfield East Preston v Eastbourne Town Lancing v Loxwood Langney Wanderers v Saltdean United Peacehaven & Telscombe v Pagham Shoreham v Little Common