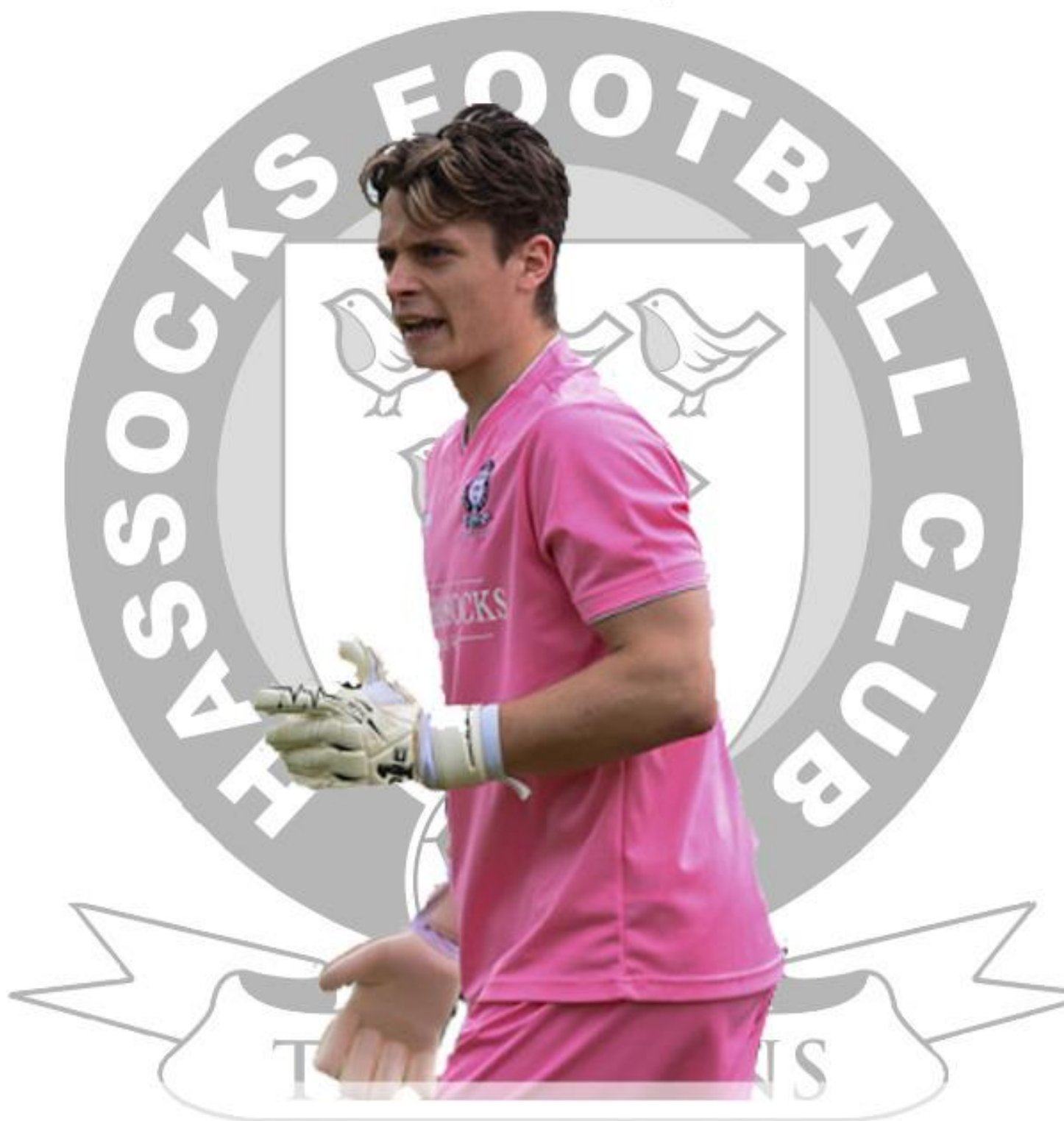


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HONOURS

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



Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for this evening's Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division game with Chichester City

Welcome to Chi

We'd like to start by welcoming our visitors this evening, Chichester City to the Beacon.

Chi arrive here as one of the favourites for the league title and they got their season off to a solid start at the weekend, winning 2-0 at home to another highly fancied side Newhaven.

David Hebert and Joao Andrade got the goals for Miles Rutherford's side which was enough to put them at the top of the matchday one table.

A tough task awaits Hassocks this evening then and we hope that our visitors and our match officials enjoy their brief stay with us this evening in Mid Sussex.

A good point on Saturday

Hassocks kicked off their campaign with a 1-1 draw against Broadbridge Heath on Saturday, a promising start for the new look Robins.

There were five debutants on show and we'd like to welcome Alex Harris, Liam Benson and Alex Spinks back to the club.

We'd also like to welcome Harvey Blake and Dan Webster who have joined from Sporting Lindfield and Horsham YMCA respectively and wish them luck for their careers here at the Beacon.

Heath have also had a busy summer of recruitment with big name

players such as Mark Fox, Lee Carney and Glenn Woodburn having joined the Bears so this was a good point given the quality Steve Painter's squad now possesses.

It was Benson who netted the Hassocks goal from the penalty spot and there is a full match report further on in the programme.

Our thanks go to Nick Davie for providing that while there are also photos from Chris Neal.

You can check out the full selection of Chris' images at his Flickr site, www.flickr.com/photos/cnthings.

Player Awards

It was Benson who was voted our Twitter Man of the Match for his performance against Broadbridge Heath and we will again be running polls throughout the season for you to vote on.

In addition, we're looking for a new sponsor for our Player of the Month awards.

You or your company will have your name and logo used in conjunction with our monthly awards which garner a great amount of interest both through social media and on our website.

If this is something that would be of interest to you, then please speak to Owen behind the bar who can give you more details about the opportunity available.

Under 23s kick off with a draw

The first team aren't the only side in action again as the under 23s kicked off their friendly campaign last Thursday at home to Mid Sussex Premier Division side Balcombe.

The visitors had a side packed with quality including three former Hassocks players with Jamie Weston, Elliott Butler and Will Howes all starting.

Howes netted a hat-trick as Balcombe stormed into a 3-0 lead, but the Robins showed great character to battle back and draw 3-3.

Nigel Pearce' side have two games in quick succession coming up with Horsham visiting on Thursday night and Newhaven next Monday.

Both those games kick off at 7.45pm and entrance is free.

The first six weeks worth of under 23 league fixtures have also been released and are included within the programme, as well as a brief look ahead to the new season.

Player Sponsorship

We've had a surge in interest in our Player Sponsorship schemes and we'd like to thank all those who signed up on Saturday.

If you'd like to secure your favourite player for the price of £40, please speak to Owen ASAP before they are chosen.



Today's visitors

After finishing third in 2016-17 and lifting the RUR Cup last season, Chichester City come into this campaign one of the favourites to make a real impression on the Premier Division...

In a league which doesn't have one standout club this time around, it could be any from about six teams who follow in Haywards Heath Town's shoes by lifting the Premier Division title.

That competitiveness was in evidence for all to see last season, when even at the midway point in April the title could have been heading to five different clubs.

Chichester were one of those well in the mix until late on and, whisper it quietly so they aren't out on too much of a revenge mission tonight, it was probably Hassocks' shock win at Oaklands Park that put paid to their hopes.

Any disappointed that Chi might have had at missing out on the title would have been lessened slightly come May though when they lifted their first Sussex RUR Charity Cup in 11 years.

It was a particularly sweet victory for Miles Rutherford's side, coming as it did against local rivals Pagham and by such a convincing scoreline as they ran out 4-0 winners at Culver Road.

Chi also did what very few Sussex sides ever manage and went deep into the FA Vase, reaching the fifth round stage where they were eliminated by 1874 Northwich, or Northwich Victoria as they used to be

better known when they were one of the giants of the non-league world.

Bar the aforementioned Hassocks win away at Chi at the tailend of last season, the Lilywhites have had nothing to fear when it comes to facing the Robins in recent season.

Before April, you had to go back nine meetings between the two to February 2013 to find the last time that Hassocks managed to beat Chi, a 3-2 victory for the Robins at the Beacon which you can read more about a little further on in tonight's programme.

Despite only having two wins from 10 games, Hassocks remarkably still lead the head-to-head record between the two, having chalked up 16 wins to Chi's 14 and seven draws from the previous 37 meetings.

Mark Dalgleish will know that his side will have to be at their best tonight if they are to add to their victory total, with Chi having scored a total of seven goals on their last two visits to the Beacon.

One good piece of news for Hassocks comes with Scott Murfin heading back to Pagham for another spell, which at least means that the diminutive striker can't score his annual goal against the Robins just yet.

There's just Chi's array of other strikers to worry about instead...



FACTFILE

Chichester City

Founded 1873

Nickname Lilywhites

Ground Oaklands Park

Website

pitchero.com/clubs/chichestercityfc

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Manager Miles Rutherford

Top Scorer

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1960, 1961, 1968, 1973, 1980, 2004

Runners up 1951, 1962, 1966, 1967, 1970

Southern Combination Division 1

Runners up 1985, 1991, 1997

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1926

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1961, 1964, 2007, 2018

Runners up 1953, 1963, 1972, 1985, 2005

10 Key Moments

1920... 47 years after Chichester City were founded, they join the Southern Combination League
1926... win the Sussex Senior Cup for the first and so far only time in the clubs history
1960... reach the FA Cup 1st round, earning a trip to Ashton Gate to take on Bristol City. They lose 11-0
1960... lift their first of six Southern Combination League titles
1961... successfully defend their league title, adding an RUR Charity Cup to it to complete the double
1983... three years after lifting their fifth league title, Chi are relegated to Division One for the first time
1985... their Division One stay is brief as they win back promotion after two seasons
2000... Chichester City merge with Portfield to become Chichester City United
2004... win their sixth and most recent Southern Combination League title
2008... moved to Oaklands Park from their former Church Road home

Last 20 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 20th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 13th
2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 7th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 17th
1998-99, Southern Combination Premier 15th

Hassocks v Chichester City :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 36 - Won 15 - Drawn 7 - Lost 14 - Scored 58 - Conceded 58
Sussex Senior Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 1 - Conceded 0

Total... Played 37 Won 16 Drawn 7 Lost 14 Scored 59 Conceded 58

Last 10 meetings

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Chichester City 1-2 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Chichester City
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Chichester City 4-2 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Chichester City
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Chichester City

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Chichester City 6-1 Hassocks
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Chichester City
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Chichester City 0-0 Hassocks
2013-14 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Chichester City
2013-14 SCFL Premier: Chichester City 1-1 Hassocks

Played for both

Centre back **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 while making a handful of first team appearances under both Mickey Jewell and Dave John.

It was when John stepped down to be replaced by Mark Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar in December 2014 that Wallis' Hassocks career really took off.

He became a mainstay of the defence that pulled off great escapes

from relegation in both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons before retiring after the birth of his first child in the summer of 2016.

Wallis played a total of 62 times for the Robins, scoring twice along the way.

He remains the only player in Hassocks history to have made marmalade in his spare time, which meant that on the rare occasions that he partnered Kieran O'Callaghan – a man who's hobbies included bee keeping - in defence, the Robins could lay claim to having the most middle class back line in the Southern Combination League.



LAST TIME WE MET

April 21st 2018

Chichester City 1-2 Hassocks

ONE FOR JACK AS ROBINS SHOCK CHI

A week after the shock passing of Chris "Jack" Hewitt, Hassocks paid the best possible tribute with a 2-1 victory away at Chichester City and a performance that had all the hallmarks of their popular former captain.

Battling qualities, organisation, defensively solidity and the ability to give bigger clubs with much larger budgets a real fright were what the Hassocks sides that Jack played in were known for and all those qualities were on show here as the Robins effectively ended Chi's slim hopes of winning a first Southern Combination League title since 2004 while moving themselves outside of the relegation zone for the first time in over a month.

If the performance reflected Jack's career, then he'd have been delighted with the makeup of the side as well.

Past and present Hassocks players like Spencer Slaughter, Ashley Marsh, Joel Harding and Terry Gacias were glowing in their praise of the difference that Jack made to young players coming into the side, making the transition from under 18s and reserve team football that much easier.

He'd take them under his wing and help each and every one make the most of their potential.

He'd have loved the youthful exuberance on show at Oaklands Park with no less than seven youth team graduates and six players under the age of 21 – not that you could tell against a Chi side packed with experience and quality.

The first half was an even affair with very little goalmouth action.

Haig Kingston was called into action to deal with a couple of crosses into the box as Chi looked to make the most of the huge height advantage that they had over the

Robins and he also made two saves low down that were not as comfortable as they looked due to the bobbly surface.

At the other end, Jake Lindsey was again Hassocks' biggest threat and he beat two men down the left wing only to see his cross just avoid Michael Death while George Galbraith-Gibbons phenomenal work rate saw him pick the pocket of the Chi defence as they tried to play out from the back but his effort was blocked for a corner.

Hassocks were the dominant side in the second half with Death causing Chi real problems.

It was his rasping drive that forced Chi goalkeeper Anthony Ender into a brilliant tip onto the bar, his snapshot after a flowing move through Bradley Bant, Lindsey and Galbraith-Gibbons that produced another fine stop and finally his crisp low finish that gave

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the Robins the lead on the hour mark.

Death was also the architect of Hassocks' second which arrived 10 minutes later, playing a delightful ball which sent Galbraith-Gibbons away who's effort evaded Ender and nestled into the bottom corner.

Chi appeared shell-shocked at finding themselves 2-0 down against a side who started the day 36 points behind them, but Hassocks couldn't take full advantage by adding a third, Lindsey finding the side netting after riding a couple of challenges when he perhaps should've squared to the well-placed Galbraith-Gibbons while

the tricky surfaced saved Chi when Lindsey looked to be in on goal before an unhelpful bobble took the ball away from him.

Hassocks then suffered a real blow when Kingston was stretchered off with what looked like a serious ligament problem following a collision.

That meant Phil Wickwar taking over in goal on for the final 20 minutes, much to the delight of the home support who enjoyed taunting the joint-boss as he made his way onto the pitch.

He soon silenced the doubters by confidently claiming a couple of crosses and there was little he could do about Chi's goal, a brilliant clearing header from Slaughter cannoning into the back of Scott Jones' head and into the net for one of the flukiest goals you are ever likely to see.

That set up a nervy last 10 minutes, but Hassocks stood firm to repel wave after wave of Chi attacks with the back four of Jordan Badger, Will Broomfield, Slaughter and Joe Russell – an 11th hour replacement after Joe Maskell withdrew – ensuring that Wickwar didn't have a meaningful save to make.

"It was an unreal performance in what has been a very difficult week for everybody at the club," Wickwar said afterwards.

"They were a physical side but our young players more than matched them. We could have won by more, no mean feat against a side who will probably finish in the top five."

"We know survival is still out of our hands with the other sides around us having games in hand but we've given ourselves a real chance."

Hassocks: Kingston; Russell, Broomfield, Slaughter, Badger; Wilkins, Stokes, Bant, Lindsey; Galbraith-Gibbons, Death.

Subs: Berridge (Wilkins), Wickwar (Kingston).

Hassocks 3-2 Chichester City

HASSOCKS SHOW JUST ENOUGH TO SEE OFF CHI

Two sides at contrasting ends of the Sussex County League Division One table met at the Beacon on a cold February night in 2013, where struggling Chichester City nearly claimed a point off title chasing Hassocks in a five-goal thriller...

A look at the league table would suggest this was not a particularly good win for Hassocks on Tuesday but that would be doing Chichester City a grave disservice.

They came fresh from a crucial 5-4 victory over fellow relegation candidates Shoreham on Saturday and retained hopes of getting something out of this match right the way up until the final whistle blew.

They twice led and in truth over the course of the ninety minutes were worth a point which would have been a huge boost in their battle to avoid the drop.

As for the Robins, they will have been delighted to finally see off opposition who were particularly lively in attack and now that we are firmly in term time, can expect the regular availability of many gifted university students.

Their attack looked capable of troubling any defence in the league and certainly Hassocks were rocking early on.

Chi went in front after only seven minutes although the officials missed a clear pull back before Aaron McCarthy finished in devastating fashion.

There were chances at both ends before the hosts levelled on the half hour when top scorer Phil Gault lethally punished an error by Chi skipper Perry Northeast to notch his 24th of the campaign and third in two matches.

Ashley Marsh missed a great heading chance from James Westlake's delicious free kick and three minutes after the break Anthony Hibbert struck a post.

But in the tradition of a fine and evenly fought game, the pacy and

highly potent Tom Smith struck the Hassocks bar four minutes later and then McCarthy beat the offside trap to restore Chi's lead on 61 minutes.

At the other end Jamie Weston was denied as Dan Roberts pushed a shot onto his left-hand post but the keeper could do nothing to prevent Marsh heading home another equaliser.

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Having waited eight years to add to his solitary Robins goal from his debut season, it was Marsh's second of what is turning out to be a prolific campaign for the defender.

It could have been anyone's game after that, but the honour fell to the hosts courtesy of the returning Kieran O'Callaghan's prod from a goalmouth scramble in the 78th minute.

Hassocks certainly rode their luck but in stoppage time but they almost grabbed a fourth when Hibbert hit the post after Gault's persistence had put the visiting defence under pressure.

Hassocks: Lehkyj; South, Marsh, Faith, Butler; Westlake, Cooper, O'Callaghan, Hibbert, Weston; Gault.

Subs: Bryant (Hibbert 88), Maynard, S Brown (unused).



You wait eight years for an Ashley Marsh goal to come along, and then you get two in one season



First Team 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
04/08 – 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Benson
07/08 – 19:45	Chichester City (H)	SCFLP		
11/08 – 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP		
18/08 – 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
21/08 – 19:45	Arundel (A)	SCFLP		
27/08 – 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
01/09 – 15:00	K Sports (H)	FAVQ1		
08/09 – 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
11/09 – 19:45	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
22/09 – 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
29/09 – 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
06/10 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
20/10 – 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
27/10 – 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
03/11 – 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
10/11 – 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
17/11 – 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
24/11 – 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
01/12 – 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
08/12 – 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
15/12 – 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
22/12 – 15:00	Chichester City (A)	SCFLP		
26/12 – 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFLP		
29/12 – 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP		
05/01 – 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/01 – 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
26/01 – 15:00	Arundel (H)	SCFLP		
02/02 – 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
09/02 – 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
16/02 – 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
23/02 – 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
02/03 – 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
09/03 – 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
16/03 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
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—Traditional Pub—

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Appearances 2018-19



	2018/19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jordan Badger	1	0	1	0	76	4
Bradley Bant	1	0	1	0	127	12
Liam Benson	1	0	1	1	67	18
Matt Berridge	1	0	1	0	16	0
Alex Harris	1	0	1	0	52	0
Jake Lindsey	1	0	1	0	20	4
Harry Mills	1	0	1	0	67	2
Spencer Slaughter	1	0	1	0	265	42
Alex Spinks	1	0	1	0	2	0
Dan Webster	1	0	1	0	1	0
Jack Wilkins	1	0	1	0	59	1
Harvey Blake	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dan Stokes	0	1	1	0	105	5

Action Replay



For Chris Neal's full set of photos from Hassocks v Broadbridge Heath, you can visit his Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/cnthings



BENSON SPOT ON AS ROBINS START WITH DRAW

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 4th August 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath



Hassocks kicked off a new season and a new era at the Beacon by drawing 1-1 with Broadbridge Heath in their opening game of the Southern Combination League Premier Division season.

A crowd of 104 turned out to see Mark Dalgleish take sole charge of the Robins for the first time following Phil Wickwar's decision to sand down as joint manager.

It isn't just in the dugout where there have been changes.

On the pitch, the Robins included four new signings in their starting line-up and one from the substitutes bench as they look to ensure they avoid a repeat of last season's bottom three finish in which they were only spared relegation due to Haywards Heath Town and Three Bridges promotions into the Bostik League and only Shoreham coming down

It was one of those new signings, Liam Benson, who scored the Hassocks goal, tucking away a 70th minute penalty after Jack Wilkins had been felled in the box.

That was cancelled out by Devon Fender's equaliser 10 minutes before time for Heath.

Both Benson and Alex Spinks have returned to the Beacon from Lancing while Alex Harris is back in goal after a short spell with Ringmer.

The fourth new face to start was defender Dan Webster, formerly of Burgess Hill Town and signed from Horsham YMCA.

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The Robins' most eye-catching signing of the summer wasn't present here. Phil Johnson has also returned from YM after three goal-studded seasons at Gorings Mead since he left Hassocks in the summer of 2015.

Johnson was ruled out of this one through injury but the acquisition of him and Benson, both of whom featured in the Premier Division's golden boot chart last season, should help ensure that Hassocks manage more than the 38 goals they scored last time out which left them as the second lowest scorers in the division.

It was Heath who started the better of the two sides with Stuart Chester's pace and crossing ability and Fender's presence giving Harris and his back four of Harry Mills, Webster, Jordan Badger and Bradley Bant plenty to think about.

Fender had the first clear cut chance of the game when a lovely through ball from Lee Carney put him clear but he dragged his shot just wide of the post.

After weathering the storm, Spencer Slaughter and Matt Berridge began to give Hassocks some control in midfield and the impressive Jake Lindsey drew a save from Heath's new goalkeeper Mark Fox with a long range effort.

Spinks then found Benson with a visionary pass and Benson showed good strength to barge one-time Hassocks defender Glen Woodburn off

the ball to leave himself one-on-one with Fox.

Remarkably, referee Robert King awarded a free kick to Heath, much to the annoyance of everyone in red.

The last chance of the first half came when Hassocks failed to clear a corner with the ball eventually falling just outside the area to Marlon Maxwell but his brilliant connection was only rewarded with the shot flying just over the bar.

Neither side seemed to have played to their potential in the first half with the main talking point being not about any of the new signings on the pitch, but the addition of Dark Fruits cider to the bar which went down a treat with supporters.

Hassocks were quickest out the blocks in the second half with Wilkins causing trouble down the right flank, his pull back finding Spinks who drew another comfortable save from Fox.

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Heath then had the best chance of the game, Ben Hands delivering a superb cross right onto the head of Fender but his powerful head was wonderfully kept out by the reflexes of Harris.

That save seemed to galvanise the Robins and Benson and the outstanding Berridge both went close to beat Fox before Spinks put the ball into the penalty area and just as Wilkins was about to pull the trigger, he was clumsily bundled over by Woodburn.

Mr King pointed straight to the spot and Benson made no mistake with the spot kick, beating Fox with ease to give the Robins the lead.

It was all Hassocks after that with Benson the centre of attention. He breezed his way into the box but instead of shooting, opted for the unselfish pass to Wilkins who was slightly off balance and as a result couldn't hit the target.

Heath equalised shortly after with a real sucker punch.

Scott Weller delivered a defence splitting pass to Fender who used his strength and pace to blast through and smash home an equaliser for 1-1. Hassocks made a double change in response as Dan Stokes and Harvey Blake, the fifth new face on the day having signed from Mid Sussex Premier Division side Sporting Lindfield, took to the field.

Blake had a lively cameo in his first 10 minutes in senior football. He was denied a debut goal by an

excellent save from Fox after Wilkins had broken down the wing to cross and Blake then turned provider with a marauding run down the flank from which he found Benson but the Hassocks striker couldn't get the sort of connection he was looking for and it resulted in a comfortable save for Fox.

That was the final chance of the game with a draw just about the right result.

There were certainly plenty of positives to take for the Robins ahead of a stern test against one of the title favourites, Chichester City on Tuesday night.

Hassocks: Alex Harris; Harry Mills, Jordan Badger, Dan Webster, Bradley Bant; Jack Wilkins, Spencer Slaughter, Matt Berridge, Jake Lindsey; Alex Spinks; Liam Benson.

Subs: Dan Stokes, Harvey Blake (used).

Starman: Liam Benson

Attendance: 104





Under 21's all grown up

There were big changes in the Southern Combination League over the summer, with the reserve section dropped completely and the under 21's becoming under 23's. Here's how the changes could be great news for the Robins...

When under 21 football was first introduced in 2015, it came at a great time for the Robins.

The 2014-15 season had been a bit of a disaster for the reserves. A young Hassocks side had recorded their worst ever finish in the Reserve Section Premier, finishing ninth and only just escaping the bottom four relegation spots by a handful of points.

The theory went that a squad heavily reliant on players from the unsuccessful under 18 sides of the time would fare better playing against opposition of similar age on Thursday night under lights rather than in reserve team football, a sort of wasteland between young players coming up and older players eeking the last days from their careers.

That theory was kind of right. Under Del Tobias in 2015-16, Hassocks finished sixth out of seven team league but there were some encouraging signs, such as the 6-0 hammering the Robins dished out away at eventual runners up Crawley

Down Gatwick and a 4-3 success over Bostik League opponents East Grinstead Town.

It was the return to the Beacon of Nigel Pearce in place of Tobias for 2016-17 that really sparked the under 21s into life.

Having been manager of the under 18s for four seasons between 2011 and 2015, Pearce was able to bring a whole host of former youth team players he'd coached for the Robins back to the club.

That meant a much more competitive squad who finished third in the East Division behind two outstanding sides in champions Newhaven and runners up Eastbourne Town.

The Robins success came in spite of their controversial placing in the East Division – it was a toss up between Hassocks and St Francis Rangers as to who would move across from the West Division to balance the numbers, with Hassocks apparently being more easterly than Rangers – despite the fact Colwell Road is

located in the east of Haywards Heath. We'd love to know where who made that decision studied geography.

Last season saw a welcome move back to the West Division, where Pearce's side finished runners up behind a Pagham outfit who were lifting the title for the second consecutive year.

That would have been many of the squads last season – most would be over the age limit had it have stayed at under 21s – so the lifting to under 23s has, much like the introduction of under 21 football, come at the perfect time for the Robins.

It means that Pearce's young squad can stay together for two more years and look to win Hassocks' first silverware at development squad level, although if they are to do so they will have to find a way past the formidable back-to-back champions from Nyetimber Lane.

Either way, they should be worth a watch this season.

Revenge mission with Lions in Robins' first month

The first six weeks worth of Southern Combination League Under 23 fixtures have been released with Hassocks set to start their season away at Lancing.

The Robins will make the trip to Culver Road for their season opener on Friday 24th August. Nigel Pearce's side did the double over the Lancers last season, winning 4-0 away from home and 3-2 at the Beacon.

A first ever meeting at this level with Midhurst and Easebourne follows on Thursday 31st August at the Beacon. A week later, Hassocks travel to Old Barn Way to Southwick.

The Robins drew 2-2 and won 5-3 against the Wickers in the 2017-18.

Two weeks later comes a mouthwatering clash as last seasons Under 21 Champions Pagham visit the Beacon.

The Lions wrapped up the league title at the Beacon back in May with a 3-1 victory, ending Hassocks' own championship hopes at the same time.

That completed a league double for Pagham as they'd also triumphed in October's meeting at Nyetimber Lane.

The Robins final September fixture is also at home when Mile Oak make the short journey over the South Downs.

A Matt Berridge goal gave Hassocks a 1-0 win away from home

against Oak last season, with the game at the Beacon ending 1-1.

Hassocks have two home friendlies before the season kicks off,

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with Horsham visiting on Thursday 9th August and Newhaven on Monday 13th.

Each of those kick off at 7.45pm.

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
24/08 – 19:45	Lancing (A)	SCFL23		
30/08 – 19:45	Midhurst & E'bourne (H)	SCFL23		
06/09 – 19:45	Southwick (A)	SCFL23		
20/09 – 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFL23		
27/09 – 19:45	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL23		

So close, yet so far – the under 21s second place season...

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
24/08/17 – 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL21	5-1	Littlecott, Willcox (2), Bradley, Hersheson
30/08/17 – 19:45	Three Bridges (A)	SCFL21	2-1	Berridge, Rowe
07/09/17 – 19:45	Southwick (H)	SCFL21	2-2	Rowe, Willcox
15/09/17 – 19:45	Lancing (A)	SCFL21	0-4	Rayland, Willcox, Berridge, Lindsay
21/09/17 – 19:45	East Preston (H)	SCFL21	2-0	Willcox (2)
28/09/17 – 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL21	2-1	Rayland, Willcox
05/10/17 – 19:45	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL21	1-1	Berridge
12/10/17 – 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	U21C1	3-4	Willcox (2), Alderton
16/10/17 – 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFL21	2-3	Berridge, Bradley
24/10/17 – 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL21	5-0	Bradley, Rowe (2), Berridge (2)
09/11/17 – 19:30	Hailsham Town (A)	SU21C2	5-0	Rowe (2), Bradley, Willcox, Berridge
23/11/17 – 19:45	Three Bridges (H)	SCFL21	1-1	Willcox
11/01/18 – 19:45	Wick (H)	SCFL21	4-3	Berridge (2), Booth, Willcox
18/01/18 – 19:45	Worthing United (A)	SCFL21	4-2	Johnson, Rowe (2), O'Leary
25/01/18 – 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SU21C3	0-3	
22/02/18 – 19:45	Wick (A)	SCFL21	2-2	OG, R.John
08/03/18 – 19:30	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL21	1-0	Berridge
22/03/18 – 19:45	Lancing (H)	SCFL21	3-2	Galbraith-Gibbons (2), Berridge
05/04/18 – 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL21	1-2	Willcox
12/04/18 – 19:45	Worthing United (H)	SCFL21	3-3	Willcox, Galbraith-Gibbons, Bradley
19/04/18 – 19:45	East Preston (A)	SCFL21	1-1	Bradley
03/05/18 – 19:45	Southwick (A)	SCFL21	5-3	Bradley (2), Russell, Willcox (2)
10/05/18 – 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFL21	1-3	Booth

ON THIS DAY

August 7th

2012 – Slaughter injury news rounds off miserable day for Robins

After kicking off their County League season with a solid 2-1 win over the previous year's runners up Lancing, Hassocks were in a bouyant mood ahead of the visit of Redhill to the Beacon.

90 minutes later and the Robins had a stark reminder of how quickly football can you take from extreme highs to the lowest of the lows as they were blown away 5-0 by the Lobsters and received some damaging injury news about Spencer Slaughter.

Slaughter didn't appear for the second half of that weekend win over the Lancers with Jake Forward taking his place, although there was nothing at the time to suggest of the severity of the issue that their talismanic midfielder had picked up.

Certainly those Robins supporters who turned out to see their side take on Redhill wouldn't have expected to see Slaughter hobbling around the Beacon with his left foot in a cast.

Early diagnoses suggest a ligament problem, a cruel blow for Slaughter who missed much of last season through injury before being restricted to cameo appearances off the bench in the final weeks as Hassocks secured their best ever finish.

It's also a big blow for Hassocks' hopes of bettering that fourth place showing, given the quality that a fit and firing Slaughter can bring.

They certainly missed his combative side here as they fell alarmingly apart in the second half to crash to their biggest home defeat since 2007 against an admittedly impressive Redhill outfit.

It was perhaps a little unfortunate to meet the Surrey club so early in the season when they are traditionally at their strongest.

Redhill's campaigns tend to begin with a string of impressive results before Christmas, after which several of their better players leave and they fade away to a midtable finish.

If they can keep this squad together then they'll justify their tag as dark horses for the title this season

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but given what has happened in previous seasons, that is a very big if.

No matter the quality that Redhill currently have on show, Hassocks still need to take a long look at themselves as it was a little embarrassing the way the hosts surrendered so meekly after the break.

They were trailing only 1-0 at the turnaround but in the end were totally outclassed.

Brazilian Gus Sousa posed particular problems and he pulled a magnificent close range save from

Jack Simpson with a quarter of an hour on the clock.

At that stage, Redhill had already had a Jimmy Davies 'goal' ruled out for offside.

They finally went ahead on 20 minutes when Sean Kelly nodded back a corner at the far post and Gavin Gordon headed the ball in from close range.

The Robins' best moment of the first half came on 32 minutes when Anthony Hibbert broke from midfield but despite getting in a powerful shot, the angle always favoured visiting keeper Andy Greaves who was able to make the save.

Calvin Headley cleared off the line from Kieran O'Callaghan on 50 minutes as Hassocks tried to force the equaliser, but it was all downhill after that from a Robins point of view.

Gordon made it 2-0 on 66 minutes and seven minutes later Leroy Griffiths scored with a powerful left-footer for 3-0.

The hosts were well beaten at that stage and were punished for over-elaboration at the back as Chris Maynard, Ashley Marsh and Simpson got into a right mess, allowing Redhill substitute Tyrone Pink to lob Simpson on 82 minutes.

The misery was complete when Pink struck again four minutes later.

Hassocks: Simpson; Westlake, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Maynard; Hibbert, Forward, N Cooper, Weston; Miles, Gault.

Subs: Pople (Miles 57), Bryant (Weston 74), Pawson (Maynard 57).

22 QUESTIONS WITH...

Alex Harris

Former Crystal Palace and Woking Youth goalkeeper Alex Harris is back for a fourth spell at the Beacon, and he is the next player to face 22 questions...

What's your nickname?

Popadom wrists, because I can't catch the ball.

What team do you support?

Arsenal.

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

David Seaman. The Arsenal and goalkeeping connection.

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

I won the National Schools Championship at under 15 level

Best moment in your career?

Winning 3-2 in the first round of the FA Youth Cup for Woking away at Cambridge United

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

There are too many to list

Funniest thing you've seen in football?

I've managed to hit my own crossbar with my own goal kick before.

Best player you've ever played with?

Wilfried Zaha. He was a few years ahead of me at Palace.

Best ground you've ever played at?

Selhurst Park.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Any big sides.

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Spencer Slaughter.

Worst dressed player?

Hard to pick one out as there is some awful clobber from all of the lads.

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

It's a fantastic ground to play at and every time I've signed here there has always been a great bunch of lads

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

Do the simple things well and fly under the radar.

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

I'd make extra time goals count for double.

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

Ronaldo.

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

I used to play against Victor Moses growing up and he was horrible to play against. He'd just make people look silly.

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

Work hard and play harder.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Jordan Pickford, David Seaman and Gianluigi Buffon.

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

England winning the 1966 World Cup Final.

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

Tom Hardy.

Give us one interesting fact about you?

I was in a boyband at school.



COMING UP



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?

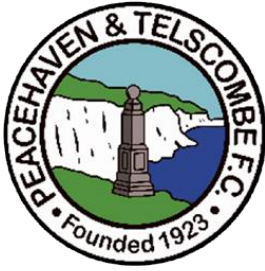
Just like Hassocks, Erith Town had a season of struggle last time out. They finished in 17th spot in the Southern Counties East Premier Division although with only the bottom side going down, they weren't in any real serious relegation trouble. As some sort of marker of what to expect, they finished 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.



Peacehaven & Telscombe

When?

Saturday 18th August

Where?

The Sports Park

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination
Premier Division

Admission?

£6 adults, £4 concessions,
Under 16s go free

Peacehaven & Telscombe last season?

It was a season of two halves last time out for Peacehaven. They began like an absolute train, dropping just seven points up until the end of October when they sat joint-top with Haywards Heath Town. Things fell away after that however and they ended the season in seventh spot. That still represented a respectable finish for a club finding their feet and now owned by the community after their rapid rise to and equally quick fall to and from the Bostik Premier Division.

Our record against Peacehaven & Telscombe?

Peacehaven have dominated the fixture, securing 17 wins to Hassocks' seven with seven draws thrown into the mix. In 22 league meetings, Hassocks have only won four times with only one of those coming at the Sports Park. Trips to Peacehaven are normally a joyless experience for the Robins.

Last time we met?

Peacehaven visited the Beacon in March and inflicted a biggest defeat of the season on the Robins. It was 1-0 to the Tye at half time through a Dean Brown strike before a second half blitz saw the visitors net four times in the space of 24 minutes to run out 6-0 winners. Brown added another to his total, Josh Marshall

How to get to the Sports Park?

By Hit the A259 and head into Peacehaven. Just after the Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church on your left comes Piddinghoe Avenue, with the ground being situated at the end of the road.

Played for both?

Striker Dan Smith was a bit of a nomadic figure at the start of the decade, playing for Hassocks across three separate spells. Mickey Jewell first bought him to the Beacon for the 2010-11 season when he scored 10 goals in 37 appearances. He moved to Saltdean United for the start of 2011-12 and managed to squeeze in a couple of spells with Peacehaven around a brief return to the Beacon in which he netted three goals in 5 games. His third Hassocks spell came in 2012-13 and was easily his most productive, yielding 12 goals in 17 games.

If the football is boring?

Check out the Meridian Monument – the point where the Greenwich meridian crosses the English south coast. There are also some lovely chalk cliffs that you can check out while taking a walk along the coast. Just try not to get blown away. There is a reason Peacehaven is the windiest place in England.



“Trips to Peacehaven are normally a joyless experience for the Robins – Hassocks have only ever won once there in the league”





Around the League

The Macron Store Southern Combination League got underway at the weekend with both the Premier Division and Division One kicking off....

For the first time in several seasons, the Premier Division doesn't appear to have one or two teams who look clear favourites for the title and that was reflected in the opening weekend's results as there were five draws from 10 games.

Only two sides managed to win by a margin greater than a single goal with **Chichester City**, one of the sides tipped to do well, defeating fellow candidates **Newhaven** 2-0 at Oaklands Park.

Both of Chi's goals came in the first half through David Herbert and then Joao Andrade right on the stroke of half time as Miles Rutherford's side got their campaign up and winning with three points to top the first league table of the season.

Newly promoted **Little Common** showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with in their first season in the top flight as they won 2-0 away **Shoreham**, playing their first game back in the Southern Combination after relegation from the Bostik League.

Lewis Hole scored both of Common's goals, one in either half to give the newcomers the perfect start to life in the Premier Division.

The game of the day took place at the Oaks where **AFC Uckfield Town** and **Horsham YMCA** shared seven goals in a 4-3 thriller that was eventually won by the visitors.

Bailo Camara had given Town the lead in the 23rd minute with Luke Donaldson equalising nine minutes later.

Alex Barbary then notched his first of the afternoon as YM went 2-1 ahead within three minutes of the second half kicking off before Anthony

Storey equalised for the hosts just past the hour mark.

They weren't level for long however, Dan Mosby making it 3-2 just three minutes later.

Matt MacLean scored for Uckfield with 15 minutes remaining to level things up again and it looked like that is how it would finish until Barbary popped up with his second of the afternoon just four minutes from time.

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There were goals galore at **Peacehaven & Telscombe** as well as the hosts were beaten 3-2 by **Pagham**.

Jack Phillips had given the Tye the lead with 28 minutes played only for new Lions signing George Gaskin to mark his Pagham debut with an equaliser seven minutes before the break.

Ryan Davidson put Pagham into the lead two minutes before half time and Daniel Simmonds made it 3-1 with 79 minutes played.

Peacehaven did manage to set up a nervy last few minutes when

Brandon Kiula pulled one back in injury time but that proved to be too little, too late as Pagham held on for the win.

Ash Bailey got his second spell in charge of **Lancing** off to the perfect start as Matthew Daniel's 33rd minute goal secured a 1-0 win over **Loxwood** at Culver Road.

Langney Wanderers first ever game in the Premier Division saw them claim a credible point at home to **Saltdean United** with a 2-2 draw at Priory Lane.

The Tigers have had a busy summer of recruitment and it was one of their new faces, Jamie Brotherton who gave them the lead inside of 12 minutes.

Wanderers shocked their visitors though with two goals in the space of 10 minutes before the break.

Firstly, Paul Rogers netted on 37 and then with virtually the last kick of the half, Wayne Wilkinson sent the hosts in 2-1 ahead.

The second half was only five minutes old when Joshua Marshall equalised for Saltdean and despite that blitz of three goals in the space of 15 minutes, the scores remained level for the remaining 40.

Eastbourne Town had a 66th minute equaliser from Ethan Strevett to thank for them rescuing an opening day point away at **East Preston**.

Scott Rafferty had given the hosts a 39th minute lead at the Lashmar as the sides played out a 1-1 draw.

It was the same scoreline at the Oval where two of last seasons strugglers, **Eastbourne United** and **Arundel** met.

The Mullets looked like they would be taking all three points back to Mill Road with them thanks to Benjamin Gray's 67th minute goal but Ollie Black

ensured that Tobi Hutchinson's side claimed a share of the spoils with an 84th minute equaliser.

In the divisions other game, **Crawley Down Gatwick** played host to a **Lingfield** side playing their first top flight game in four years with a 0-0 draw being the result at the Haven.

In Division One, **Seaford Town** are the opening day leaders after winning 4-2 at home to relegated **Worthing United**.

Town made the perfect start as Ashley Kidman gave them the lead after just one minute but within 10 minutes were level through Tim Tapscott.

Jamie Strong put Seaford ahead again with 16 minutes played with further goals coming from Alexander Rainford and another from Kidman to make it 4-1.

Aidan Robbins added a second consolation for United with 20 minutes to play.

The other relegated side endured a joyless first game in Division One as **Littlehampton Town** went down 3-1 at **St Francis Rangers**.

Town took the lead through Rafael Santos on 41 minutes but Rangers still found the time to ensure they went into the break level thanks to Jonathan Noakes' leveller in first half

injury time.

That seemed to shock Nigel Geary's side and second half goals from Daniel Lilley and Alex Delmaine gave Rangers three impressive points.

Southwick were only spared relegation to Division Two at the end of last season due to ground grading

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and they look in no mood to risk a repeat this time around, winning 2-0 away at **Selsey**.

Liam Reyland and Jame McKenzie scored in either half for the Wickers as they picked up an impressive three points from the Bunn Leisure Stadium.

Oakwood were 2-0 up inside of five minutes at home to **AFC Vardeanians** but still found themselves losing as the V's produced

a marvellous comeback to win 3-2 at Tinsley Lane.

Oak's early goals came from Farzad Bidgood and Aaron Curtis with Bradley Murray pulling one back before the break for V's, who went onto win the game through a second half double from Matt Waterman.

First half goals from Darryl Livesy and Callum Wells gave **Mile Oak** a 2-1 away win over Sidlesham.

Ben Mephram was the man to score the 80th minute consolation for Sids.

Wick had to come from behind to defeat **Storrington** after Russell Shoebridge had given the Swans a 19th minute lead at the Recreation Ground.

David Crouch equalised for the visitors five minutes before half time with Guy Church netting what proved to be the winner with 73 minutes on the clock.

Alford marked their first ever game in senior football with a 1-0 win over **Bexhill United** with Daniel Hallett making history as their first ever scorer in Division One.

The division's final game saw Chris Neatherway score the only goal as **Steyning Town** ran out 1-0 winners over **Midhurst and Easebourne** at the Shooting Field.

The Greatest Cup Competition in the World returns to the Beacon this Saturday...





How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chichester City	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Little Common	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Pagham	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Lancing	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Langney Wanderers	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Saltdean United	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Arundel	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
East Preston	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Eastbourne Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Eastbourne United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hassocks	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Crawley Down	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lingfield	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
AFC Uckfield Town	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Peacehaven & Tels.	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Loxwood	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Newhaven	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Shoreham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

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

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Peacehaven & Tels.	164	164	164	164
East Preston	128	128	128	128
Langney Wanderers	125	125	125	125
Hassocks	104	104	104	104
Lancing	100	100	100	100
Eastbourne United	97	97	97	97
Crawley Down	91	91	91	91
Chichester City	78	78	78	78
Shoreham	55	55	55	55
AFC Uckfield Town	0	0	0	0
Arundel	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	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
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0

Premier Division Scorers

Alex Barbary	Horsham YMCA	2
Lewis Hole	Little Common	2
Benjamin Gray	Arundel	1
Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	1
Joao Andrade	Chichester City	1
David Hebert	Chichester City	1
Scott Rafferty	East Preston	1
Ethan Strevett	Eastbourne T	1
Ollie Black	Eastbourne T	1
Liam Benson	Hassocks	1
Luke Donaldson	Horsham YMCA	1
Daniel Mobsby	Horsham YMCA	1
Matt Daniel	Lancing	1
Paul Rogers	Langney Wand	1
Wayne Wilkinson	Langney Wand	1
Ryan Davidson	Pagham	1
George Gaskin	Pagham	1
Daniel Simmonds	Pagham	1
Brandon Kiula	Peacehaven	1
Jack Phillips	Peacehaven	1

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Broadbridge Heath home **Liam Benson**

Chichester City home

Erith Town home

Peacehaven & Telscombe away

Arundel away

Saltdean United home

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East Preston away

Eatbourne United home

Langney Wanderers away

Crawley Down Gatwick home

Little Common away

Newhaven home

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Pagham away

Lingfield home

Horsham YMCA home

Eastbourne Town away

Peacehaven & Telscombe home

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Crawley Down Gatwick away

Langney Wanderers home

Eastbourne Town home

Horsham YMCA away

Shoreham home

Lancing away

AFC Uckfield Town home

Player of the Month 2018-19

August 2018

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

September 2018

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

October 2018

1st:

2nd:

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November 2018

1st:

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December 2018

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January 2019

1st:

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February 2019

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2nd:

3rd:

March 2019

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

April 2019

1st:

2nd:

3rd:



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Who's who of Hassocks

The top 50 appearance makers for the Robins in senior football

	Start	Sub	Total	Goals
Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
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
Chris Brown	84	8	92	0



Stuart Faith

Stuart Faith's player profile once read, "Faithy wasn't born, he was sculpted from a lump of mud taken from the Railway End of the Beacon." That tells you everything you need to know about this Hassocks stalwart. A one-club man, he was first team regular in either defence or midfield for a decade, he captained the Robins in their best league season when Mickey Jewell's side finished fourth in 2011-12. Faith retired at the end of 2012-13 but has still turned out for the reserves, thirds and under 21s when required over the past five years.



Nick Newman

Dependable defender Nick Newman moved to the Beacon from Haywards Heath Town in 2002. Although he only managed two goals in 114 games for Hassocks, he would often cause all kinds of danger when going up to attack corners and free kicks to the point where boss Dave John nicknamed him "the decoy". Newman was still turning out for the veterans last season.

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