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Hassocks v Erith Town

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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

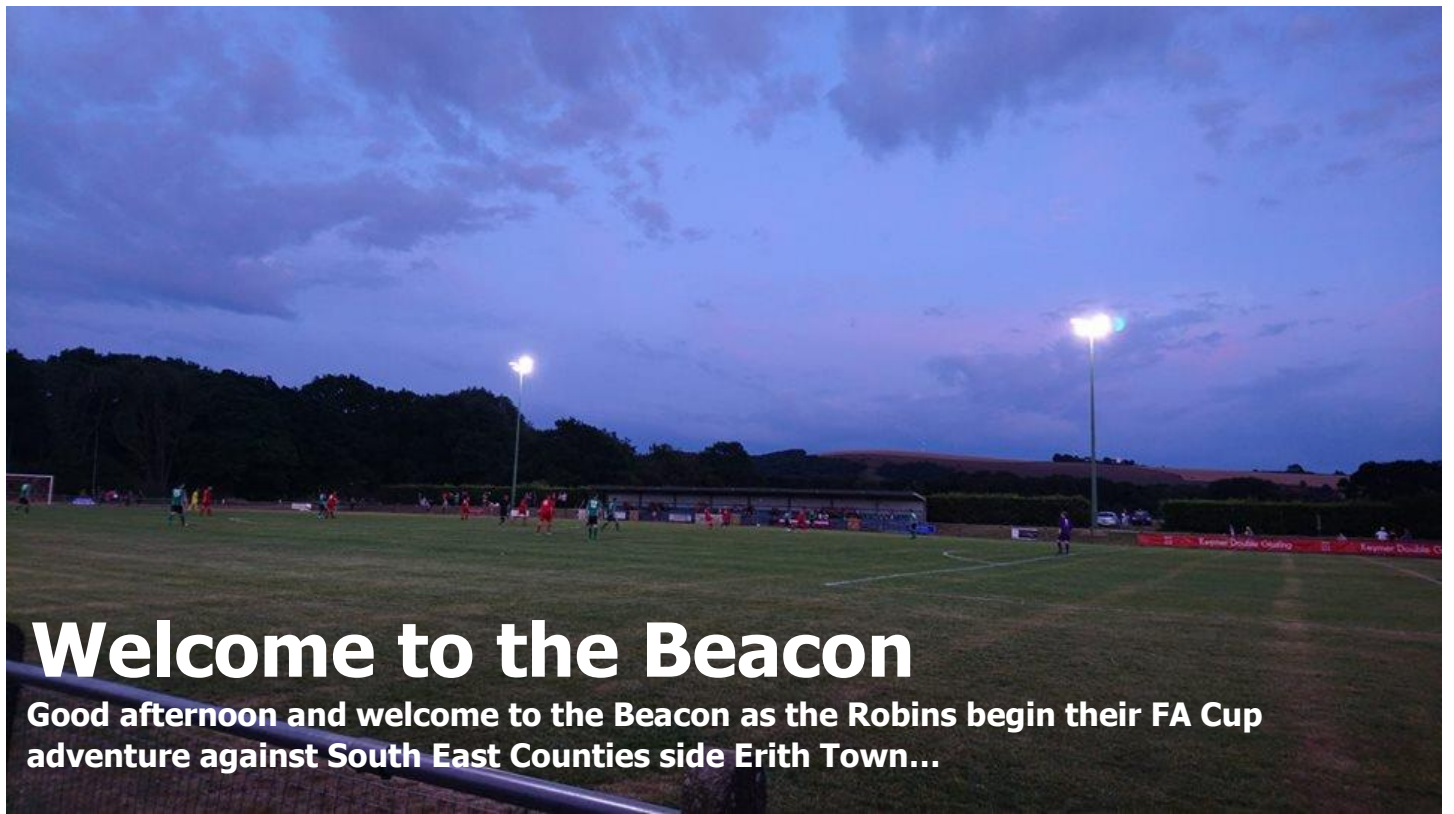
VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017



Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon as the Robins begin their FA Cup adventure against South East Counties side Erith Town...

The magic of the FA Cup

We'd like to start by welcoming our visitors from Erith who have made the journey to Mid Sussex today for this Extra Preliminary Round tie.

The two sides aren't strangers to each other although it has been over a decade since the last of the three meetings between the two took place in 2005, a 3-0 Hassocks win at the Erith Sports Stadium.

The Robins have in fact never lost a game to Erith but they'll have to be at their best today to keep up that fine record, with Town providing formidable opposition coming as they do from the South East Counties League which is generally considered to be stronger than our own Southern Combination League.

If the tie is unable to provide a winner today, then a replay will take place away at Erith on Monday night.

The winners of today's tie will have an away game in the next round against either Loxwood of the Southern Combination League or Hollands and Blair from the same division as Town.

Classy Chi's convincing win

Anybody who witnessed Tuesday night's game at the Beacon against Chichester City would've been left in no doubt that Chi have a serious claim to lifting the Premier Division title this season.

On paper, a 6-0 defeat in your second game of the campaign doesn't look good but there were at least some positives to take from the performance.

In the first 25 minutes, Hassocks proved to be more than a match for Chi and in the last 20 minutes we again looked to be somewhere near their level with what we did with the ball.

It was off the ball that seemed to be the problem and an improvement in that area and who knows what the Robins could achieve this season.

It was also great to see Phil Johnson back in a Hassocks shirt for his first appearance since re-signing from Horsham YMCA.

Although only a cameo at the end, Jonno's presence seemed to have a galvanising effect and hopefully when he is fit and firing there will be a concerted push up the league.

Under 23s a wash out

Nigel Pearce's under 23 side had been due to face Horsham in a friendly here at the Beacon on Thursday night.

Unfortunately, the late decision had to be taken to cancel the match after the deluge of rain that hit Mid Sussex and actually managed to cause flash flooding across the region.

You might wonder how after no rain for six weeks a game is getting postponed because of the weather, but the pitch might well have forgotten what rainwater is and it was deemed necessary to protect it for today's FA Cup clash.

So apologies to anyone who had wanted to watch the Robins in action, but you've got another chance on Monday night when they host Newhaven here with a 7.45pm kick off.

Player Sponsorship

We're getting more interest in our Player Sponsorship scheme, so thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

There are still plenty of players available and it is a great way of supporting your football club.

For only £40, you'll get yours or your businesses name in every matchday programme and mentions across our social media platforms.

If you'd like to sign up, please speak to Owen behind the bar today.

Next up at the Beacon

We're currently not scheduled to have another game at the Beacon until Bank Holiday Monday, but that may change depending on what happens today and various cup draws.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.



For the second season running, the FA Cup has handed Hassocks a home tie with Southern Counties East League opponents. Whereas last year was a step into the unknown, this year is a more familiar opponent...

Last season it was Hollands and Blair for Hassocks, a side they had never previously faced and who they won't be in a hurry to meet again after a 3-2 defeat at the Beacon eliminated the Robins from the competition at this very stage.

This time around, Erith Town are the visitors and there is at least a little bit of history between the two sides.

Today will be the fourth time that Hassocks and the Dockers have met with the previous three all coming in the FA Cup as well.

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 back here at the Beacon three days later.

It's not just in history terms that you can draw comparisons between Hassocks and Town – both had similar seasons last time around as well.

While the Robins finished 18th in the Southern Combination League, the Dockers 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.

It's an accepted fact that the Southern Counties East League is somewhat stronger than the Southern Combination however, and you certainly get a sense of that by looking at the league table which shows Town finishing eight points ahead of Hollands and Blair.

In terms of 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 did manage to reach the first qualifying round last year, where they fell to a 3-0 defeat just up the road from here against Burgess Hill Town at the Green Elephants Stadium.

The winners of today's tie will go onto face either Loxwood or – wait for it – Hollands and Blair in the Preliminary Qualifying Round in two weeks time.



FACTFILE

Erith Town

Founded 1959

Nickname Dockers

Ground Erith Sports Stadium

Website erithtown.co.uk

Twitter @ErithTown

Manager Adam Woodward

Top Scorer

HONOURS

Kent Senior Trophy

Winners 2011

South East Counties Premier Cup

Winners 2008

Runners up 2009

Metropolitan Sunday League

Winners 1966, 1971, 1975

10 Key Moments

1959... club was founded as Woolwich Town, initially as a Sunday League side
1966... win their first of three London Metropolitan Sunday League titles
1991... make the switch to Saturday football by joining the London Spartan League
1995... three promotions in three years saw the Dockers reach the Spartan Premier Division
1996... moved from the Spartan League to the South East Counties League
1997... adopt their current name to reflect their relocation from Greenwich to Erith
2008... win the South East Counties League Cup, defeating favourites Hythe Town 1-0 in the final
2009... come close to retaining the League Cup before losing the final on penalties to Croydon
2011... lift their first ever Kent Senior Trophy with victory over Tunbridge Wells
2018... after five years of nomadic existence, return to the Erith Sports Stadium for the 2018-19 season

Last 20 Seasons

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

Hassocks v Erith Town :: Head-to-Head

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

Total... Played 3 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 0 Scored 8 Conceded 3

Last 3 meetings

2005-06 FA Cup: Erith Town 0-3 Hassocks

2000-01 FA Cup: Hassocks 3-1 Erith Town

2000-01 FA Cup: Erith Town 2-2 Hassocks



CUP DREAMS OVER AS HASSOCKS BEATEN BY BLAIR

It was a short-lived return to the FA Cup for Hassocks as their first foray into the world's most famous cup competition since 2014 came to an end after 90 extra preliminary qualifying round minutes against Hollands & Blair.

This was a game that could've gone either way; the Southern Counties East League visitors racing into a 2-0 lead inside of 20 minutes only for Hassocks to pull a quick fire double of their own before we had reached half time.

Both teams had chances to win it in the second 45 with Blair eventually taking one of those through their prolific forward Jamie McDonald with six minutes remaining.

That was too late for the Robins to launch another comeback although there were plenty of supporters in attendance afterwards left wondering if things might have worked out different had Hassocks not been afflicted by the selection issues they seem to have in the opening few weeks of every season.

What also didn't help their cause was a terrible start to proceedings in which they went 1-0 down inside of a minute.

Most of the spectators hadn't left the sanctuary of the clubhouse by that point as Blair scored a scrappy goal that suggested it could be a long afternoon for Hassocks, Sam Adgie

heading home a Brad Webb corner.

That impression was reinforced over the following 20 minutes when it was a genuine miracle that Blair didn't put the game to bed.

Dan Stokes and Tom Barnes both had to head off the line while Alex Harris suffered a moment of madness in the Hassocks goal when he tried to dribble around an attacker, only to get into a right state, surrendering possession and somehow not being punished.

The large away contingent who had made the journey from Kent and were gathered on the bank behind Harris' goal enjoyed that and their happiness increased when Harris was nutmegged from a matter of yards after a cheeky flick from Ben Brown to double the lead.

That finally shook Hassocks into life and within five minutes they pulled one back, Michael Death reacting with a crisp volleyed finish after Tom Benham had flapped at a cross from the latest member of last season's youth team to be handed a first team debut, Matt Berridge.

Ashley Marsh made an excellent last ditch tackle and Harris pulled off a flying stop before Benson levelled things up just before the interval.

The Hassocks wing backs of Stokes and Berridge were discovering that Blair's back line weren't the quickest and it was Benson who took

full advantage of that fact, latching onto a long ball over the top to streak away and lob over Benham with aplomb.

At half time a deluge of rain was deposited over the ground but the Beacon doesn't have a reputation as one of the best pitches in the county for no reason and it was more than able to cope.

If anything, it aided the game as the slick surface now sped things up and both teams went hammer and tongs at each other.

Harris atoned for his interesting first half display with a couple of fine stops while Stokes shot wide and the move of the match went through Berridge, Death and Stokes but again Stokes was off target.

Hassocks were clearly keen to avoid a trek to Gillingham on Tuesday night for a potential replay but that attacking intent proved costly as they were hit by a sweeping move on the counter which McDonald finished clinically one-on-one.

The Robins summoned Nathan Miles from the subs bench for what proved to be a dramatic final six minutes; Benson firing over when he was played in, Harris making another good stop with his body and then Jordan Badger rampaging forward from centre back to crash an effort inches away.

The drama didn't end with the final whistle either, Hollands & Blair seeing Anthony Jeffers shown a second yellow card for having a few choice words with referee - a bizarre finish to a game that otherwise lacked any flashpoints other than a nasty first half challenge on the talismanic James Westlake.

Hassocks: Harris; Barnes, Marsh, Badger; Stokes, J Westlake, Mills, L Westlake, Berridge; Benson, Death.

Subs: Miles (Barnes), Wilkins, Russell, O'Leary, Rowe, Green.





HASSOCKS IN THE FA CUP

The 2018-19 season represents Hassocks' 21st crack at the FA Cup with the Robins furthest run so far seeing them get to within two games of the first round proper. Here's a look back at the club's previous efforts in the world's greatest cup competition...

Rattling the Rooks

Hassocks' best run in the FA Cup came in the 2001-02 season when Dave John's side made it to within two games of the first round proper.

Lewes were the team who ended that most unlikely of dreams, triumphing 3-0 in the third qualifying round.

Ashford Town were seen off 3-2 in the Preliminary Qualifying Round to set up a date with Ash United in the First Qualifying Round.

Nothing could separate the sides in the first game at the Beacon and so it was off to the Shawfield Stadium for a Tuesday night replay.

Three goals in six second half minutes were enough to win the tie for Hassocks and end Ash's unbeaten start to the season as well.

Marc Rendall notched the first in the 70th minute, bringing a Mickey Turner cross under control and slamming the ball into the bottom

corner.

Home defender Stuart Woodhouse put through his own net with a volley from a quickly-taken Luke Flomo free

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kick five minutes later.

And the Robins blitz was completed when Flomo teed up James Laing who beat two defenders to fire home.

The result and performance earned Hassocks the applause of the Ash support and set the Robins up for a tie against Bromley from two divisions higher.

Not many people gave Hassocks a hope going into that one, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon.

That set up a mouthwatering all-Sussex tie at the Dripping Pan where Jimmy Quinn's Rooks proved to be too good for Hassocks.

Lewes would go onto make it all the way into the main draw, facing Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the first round.

The Robins meanwhile were able to build the Maurice Boxall Stand with the money generated from their cup run, which still stands on the south side of the Beacon today.

Nothing dull about Dulwich

Fast forward four seasons to the 2005-06 campaign and Hassocks nearly equaled that famous run, going out at the second qualifying round stage against Isthmian Premier side Dulwich Hamlet.

Being the only Southern Combination League side left in the competition by that point, there was a bumper crowd at the Beacon of over 300 who witnessed Hamlet squeak through by the tightest of 1-0 margins.

It took four games to get that far in the competition, victories over Erith Town and Chessington & Hook sandwiching two meetings with Hillingdon Borough following a draw at Hillingdon.

Pat Harding had a particularly good time of it, scoring four times in that cup run and he is one of only two former Robins to appear in the competition proper.

That was when he was a regular at Eastbourne Borough; the other player being Eddie French who was part of Horsham's famous run that included taking Swansea City to a replay in the mid 2000's.

Facing the big guns

The biggest side the Robins have faced in the FA Cup was Havant & Waterlooville in the First Qualifying Round in the 1998/99 season.

That game saw a highly credible 1-0 defeat away at Westleigh Park, one of six exits at that particular stage of the competition for Hassocks.

We've faced Bromley - who can currently be found in the Conference National - on two other occasions aside from that 2001-02 run.

Both of those came in the 1999-00 season, when the Ravens required a replay to knock the Robins out, eventually winning 2-1 at Hayes Road after a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.

That tie was set up by one of our most notable scalps in the competition, a 1-0 win away at Horsham,

French scored the only goal of the game at Queens Road, heading home a Dickie Fernley corner in the 29th minute.

The Hornets were unable to find a way past the inspired Paul John in the Hassocks goal after that and their heads dropped as a result for the final 20 minutes in which Hassocks could've made the game safe.



The Maurice Boxall Stand was built with the proceeds of the Robins 2001 run to the Third Qualifying Round



A bumper crowd of over 300 pack out the Beacon for a second qualifying round tie with Dulwich Hamlet in 2005



Nathan Cooper can't believe it as Phil Gault's missed 90th minute penalty sends Hassocks out against Chipstead in 2013

Laing was denied twice by Horsham' debutant goalkeeper Phil Lewis and Lewis also saved well from a powerful Adam Waller drive.

The shock result saw Hornets boss Russell Mason quit as manager in the immediate aftermath.

Hassocks' heaviest FA Cup defeat came in the First Qualifying Round in 2010-11, a 5-0 away defeat at an impressive Sholing side, a game that was overshadowed by Chris Maynard suffering a terrible double leg break that would rule him out for the best part of a year.

That season was also responsible for the Robins' biggest ever FA Cup win when Eastbourne United were hammered 7-1 at the Beacon in the Extra Preliminary Round of the competition.

Maynard scored twice that day along with a Neil Kane brace and further goals from Anthony Hibbert, Daley Clark and Dan Smith.

Aside from the big loss at Sholing, there have been a couple of other heavy defeats in the First Qualifying Round, with Tonbridge Angels and Sittingbourne both winning 3-0.

The most recent time Hassocks made it as far as the First Qualifying Round was in the 2013-14 season under the management of Mickey Jewell.

That run included a rare victory at Gorings Mead against fellow Southern Combination League side Horsham YMCA – only Hassocks' third win there since the turn of the century - and a 1-0 replay victory over Dorking

Wanderers after a 0-0 draw at Westhumble Playing Fields.

Isthmian South side Chipstead provided the opponents in the fourth game in the competition, winning 2-1 at the Beacon.

The Robins were good value for the draw that today however and would've had a replay three days later were it not for a last minute penalty miss from Phil Gault.

"Gault did suitably punish himself for missing that penalty against Chipstead by spending the evening drowning his sorrows in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post"

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Learning the ropes

It took Hassocks a few seasons to learn the ropes of national cup competitions - that aforementioned Horsham win was the clubs first in the competition, coming at the fourth season of asking.

Hassocks' first ever FA Cup game came in the Preliminary Round in the 1996/97 season, a 3-1 home defeat against Egham Town.

The following season saw a 2-1 defeat against Barton Rovers while

there have been four other exits at the second stage; to Molesey 3-0, Merstham 3-1, Walton & Hersham 3-0 and most disappointingly, a heavy 4-0 loss at Mill Road against fellow Southern Combination League club Arundel in 2003-04.

Over and out as early as possible

The Extra Preliminary Round was added to the competition in the 2005-06 season and Hassocks exited at that earliest point of the competition in six of the last eight seasons that they've entered the competition.

The first of those came in 2008/09, a disappointing 1-0 defeat to Shoreham played at Culver Road due to the summer pitch works at the Beacon not being completed in time to host the tie.

Kane was still a Shoreham player at that point and he got the only goal of the game for the Mussell's.

By the time Hassocks were knocked out of the following seasons competition he was in a Hassocks shirt, part of Dave John's side which crashed out 4-1 at home to Ash United.

Back-to-back Extra Preliminary Round exits came in 2011-12 away at Raynes Park Vale and a shock reversal at home to Sidley United in 2012-13.

Hassocks' two most recent voyages into the FA Cup also came to an end at the Extra Preliminary Round when they were well beaten 3-1 by Epsom and Ewell in 2014 and last season as Hollands and Blair ran out 3-2 winners at the Beacon.



Anthony Hibbert nets a late consolation against Epsom and Ewell as Hassocks go out in the Extra Preliminary Round in 2014



Joel Harding is beaten in defeat at Sittingbourne

Hassocks boss looking for improvement



Hassocks boss Mark Dalglish spoke to the Mid Sussex Times about his hopes for the coming season ahead of last weeks opening game with Broadbridge Heath...

Hassocks manager Mark Dalglish is hoping that his side can avoid a repeat of last season.

The Robins finished 18th in the Southern Combination Premier Division and were consigned

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to relegation but were later reprieved.

Dalglish wants the Robins to better last year's lowly finish after their lucky escape from the drop.

He said: "I'm just looking for an improvement on last year and I hope we're extremely strong and competitive in every game."

Hassocks have been busy strengthening and have brought in significant reinforcements to help them improve in the league.

Dalglish was pleased to have these players on board and felt that, added with his young charges, he had a balanced squad.

He added: "We've signed Phil Johnson from Horsham YMCA, as well as Liam Benson and Alex Spinks from Lancing.

"We've also had Dan Webster and Harvey Blake come in and it looks like Will Bloomfield is coming back to us from Haywards Heath Town.

"We're looking all right player-wise and then we've got the youngsters from last season so it should be a good blend of youth and experience.

"The only one who we've lost is keeper Nathan Stroomborg who has gone to Saltdean United but he lives near them so I can't blame him."

Mid Sussex Times

The Robins drew 1-1 at home to Horsham on Tuesday, Hassocks scoring from an own goal, before they kick off their league campaign at home to Broadbridge Heath on Saturday.

"I never think anyone gets up to game speed until about five or six games so we will wait and see but I'm looking forward to it."

Dalglish felt that his side would build slowly in the league.

He added: "I never think anyone gets up to game speed until about five or six games into the season so we will wait and see but I'm looking forward to it."

Ann John Memorial Trophy raises £820



St Peter and St James' Hospice have confirmed that this year's Ann John Memorial Trophy game raised £820 for the charity.

A crowd of 337 packed into the Beacon in July to watch Hassocks take on Burgess Hill Town for the sixth edition of the annual charity game.

The money raised through entry prices and a raffle held on the day will pay for over 43 hours of hospice care from one of St Peter and St James' ward nurses.

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Hill ended up lifting the trophy outright for the first time after a convincing 4-0 win.

Aaron Smith-Joseph in particular had a profitable evening, scoring twice and playing a key role in Hill's other two goals. They came from a Kieron Pamment penalty and a Billy Barker tap in.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for this year's event and in particular to Ian Chapman and Burgess Hill Town for their support.



St Peter & St James Hospice
Hospice care in the heart of Sussex

Congratulations to our two Robins Man-of-the-Match winners so far this season



MAN OF THE MATCH

**LIAM
BENSON**



MAN OF THE MATCH

**JACK
WILKINS**

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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	0-6	
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		
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20/04 – 15:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP		
22/04 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
27/04 – 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		

THE HASSOCKS
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Appearances 2018-19



	2018/19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jordan Badger	2	0	2	0	77	4
Bradley Bant	2	0	2	0	128	12
Liam Benson	2	0	2	1	68	18
Matt Berridge	2	0	2	0	17	0
Alex Harris	2	0	2	0	53	0
Jake Lindsey	2	0	2	0	21	4
Harry Mills	2	0	2	0	68	2
Alex Spinks	2	0	2	0	3	0
Dan Webster	2	0	2	0	2	0
Jack Wilkins	2	0	2	0	60	1
Spencer Slaughter	1	1	2	0	266	42
Dan Stokes	1	1	2	0	106	5
Harvey Blake	0	2	2	0	2	0
Phil Johnson	0	1	1	0	111	46

Next at the Beacon...



CHI SHOW WHY THEY'RE FAVOURITES AS HASSOCKS ARE HIT FOR SIX

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division
Tuesday 7th August 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-6 Chichester City

Chichester City must lick their lips every time they see the name Hassocks on the fixture list.

Before Tuesday nights game at the Beacon, they'd won six of the last seven meetings between the two, racking up 21 goals along the way.

They improved that impressive record even further, a 6-0 blitz taking it to seven wins from eight with 27 scored.

It also solidified their position in many peoples minds as market leaders for the Southern Combination League title this season.

It was Hassocks who had ended Chi's title hopes at the back end of last season.

The Robins shock 2-1 win at Oaklands Park in the final few weeks of the season ensuring that Miles Rutherford's side were mathematically eliminated from the race.

Fast forward four months and for the opening 25 minutes at least, it looked as though a similar upset could be on the cards.

Hassocks' young side battled gamely in the Mid Sussex rain against their visitors with there being little to pick between the two sides.

Indeed, a casual observer wouldn't have been able to tell you which one was the club expected to put in a genuine tilt for honours this season and which one was only playing in the division because of a relegation reprieve at the end of the last.

Dan Stokes for Spencer Slaughter was the only change to the Hassocks line up from the opening weekends 1-1 draw with Broadbridge Heath and Stokes and Matt Berridge were particularly impressive in the centre of midfield during that opening spell as Hassocks showed great control on the ball.

Neither side had managed to create a clear cut chance with just a couple of long range efforts each that failed to test either Alex Harris or his opposite number Jordan Matthews before Chi took the lead with half an hour played.

It was a disappointing goal to concede from a Hassocks point of view, Harry Mills diverting a free kick towards his own goal but still it looked like Harris should've done better than the parry that he produced which left a simple tap in for Scott Jones.

Conceding soft goals against opponents as good as Chi is one thing you can't afford to do.



Letting your heads drop after it happens is another and five minutes later, Hassocks were punished for making that mistake when a cross from the left was turned in by Dave Herbert.

The Robins made it to the break without anymore mishaps and it didn't feel at that stage like they were out of the game, providing they could keep getting Stokes, Berridge and Jake Lindsey on the ball and try and fashion a chance for Liam Benson against a well organised Chi defence.

By the time the clock reached the hour mark however, any Hassocks hopes of taking something from in tie were over as Chi's summer signing from Broadbridge Heath, Gicu Iordache grabbed his first goals in white and green with a quick fire brace to make it 4-0.

Hassocks introduced a summer signing of their own as Phil Johnson received a rapturous reception from the home faithful when replacing Jake Lindsey for his first appearance since rejoining from Horsham YMCA.

Johnson's presence did at least seem to galvanise the Robins for the final 25 minutes as they recovered some of the composure on the ball they'd shown in that decent opening spell.

Off the ball though there is plenty of work to be done for Mark Dalglish and his coaching staff as Hassocks ended up conceding twice more as substitutes Jimmy Wild and Rob Hutchings climbed off the bench to net in the 75th and 89th minutes respectively.

Hassocks: Harris; Mills, Badger, Webster, Bant; Wilkins, Stokes, Berridge, Lindsey; Spinks; Benson.

Subs: Johnson (Lindsey), Blake (Berridge), Slaughter (Mills), Broomfield, Galbraith-Gibbons (unused).



Under 18s begin title defence with local derby



Hassocks Under 18s will begin the defence of their Southern Combination League Under 18 title with a local derby against St Francis Rangers.

Rangers will visit the Beacon on Sunday 2nd September with an 11am kick off.

In a forward thinking and much welcomed move, the league have published a full season fixture list for the first time ever, dispensing with the monthly updates of previous campaigns.

That means that Brad Sweetman's side know they can look forward in advance to a meeting with local rivals Haywards Heath Town at Hanbury Park on Sunday 21st October.

Heath will make the short journey to the Beacon on February 2nd. The return game with St Francis takes place on November 18th and there is one game under lights to look forward to.

Upper Beeding visit the Beacon on Thursday 13th September with a 7.45pm kick off. Old Barn Way was the only ground where the Robins lost a league game last season.

They have the chance to exorcise those demons when they visit Southwick for what is currently scheduled to be the final game of the campaign on February 24th.

"In a forward thinking and much welcomed move, the league have published a full season fixture list for the first time ever."

Seasoned under 18 watchers will know that is unlikely to be the case. Last year, Hassocks managed just three games between the end of November and the middle of March as the weather decimated the fixture list.

With that in mind, the league have sensibly thrown in a number of reserve dates, with four weeks currently set aside for rearranged games at the end of the campaign and two weeks prior to Christmas.

The draw for the Under 18 League Cup has also been made and Hassocks' bid to retain that trophy will begin at home to Steyning Town in the first round on September 30th.

New Hassocks Under 18s manager Brad Sweetman knows he will be hard pushed to provide as many players for the first team in 2018-19 as was the case last season.

Hassocks gave debuts to seven of their title winning youth squad over the course of the campaign, with Jake Lindsey and George Galbraith-Gibbons both cementing a regular place in the squad.

The Robins summer recruitment drive means that competition for places is fiercer than ever and Lindsey was the only member of the last seasons under 18s to feature on the opening day against Broadbridge Heath.

Six of Mark Dalgleish's 13 players from the draw with the Bears were youth team products, ranging from 17-year-old Lindsey to Spencer Slaughter who was part of the under 18 side that won the league title as long ago as 2006.

Under 18s 2018-19



Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
09/09 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFL18		
13/09 – 19:45	Upper Beeding (H)	SCFL18		
16/09 – 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18		
23/09 – 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18		
30/09 – 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	U18LC1		
07/10 – 11:00	Rottingdean Village (A)	SCFL18		
21/10 – 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18		
28/10 – 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18		
04/11 – 11:00	Southwick (H)	SCFL18		
18/11 – 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		
02/12 – 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18		
06/01 – 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL18		
13/01 – 11:00	Upper Beeding (A)	SCFL18		
20/01 – 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18		
03/02 – 11:00	Rottingdean Village (H)	SCFL18		
10/02 – 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
17/02 – 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18		
24/02 – 11:00	Southwick (A)	SCFL18		

Under 21s 2018-19

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		

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22 QUESTIONS WITH...

Dan Stokes

The Robins multi lingual former youth team captain is next up to face the 22 questions challenge...

What's your nickname?

Stokesy. Pretty self-explanatory but it seems to be the name I get whichever football team I play in.

What team do you support?

Arsenal. They were the best team in the country when I was getting into football.

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

David Beckham.

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

My Horsham and District Under 11 D-League relegation medal. Actually, my under 18s winners medal with Hassocks a few seasons ago is probably better.

Best moment in your career?

Playing at the Gothia World Cup in Sweden

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

It doesn't get much more embarrassing than being saved from relegation through league restructuring!

Funniest thing you've seen in football?

My favourite things in football are open goal misses and voice breaks always give me a chuckle. Dawes against Haywards Heath was great.

Best player you've ever played with?

There was one fella we played against at our Year Six End of School trip to the Isle of Wight. He was a proper player.

Best ground you've ever played at?

Back to the Gothia World Cup, we played on a lovely pitch in Sweden with stands all around and loads of people watching.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Lewes or Burgess Hill Town.

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Spencer Slaughter.

Worst dressed player?

Don't think we're too shabby as a team but you could pick any from Jack Wilkins, Alex Harris or Bradley Bant for worst dressed.

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

Our intricate passing play which we have a big reputation for.

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

"Just go out there and enjoy yourself." That was from my Mum in 2002.





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

An instant booking for play acting.

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

There's a few you have to consider for greatest of all time but some of the things Ronaldinho did were absolutely incredible.

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

Diego Costa. Especially when he was in the Premier League, because he would get away with all kinds of stuff.

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

Chilling, chilling and chilling.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Thierry Henry, Alicia Vikander and Donald Trump. They're all famous for different reasons and would bring some decent stories along.

"The most embarrassing moment of my career? It probably doesn't get much more embarrassing than being saved from relegation through league restructuring!"

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

The 1966 World Cup Final.

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

Ansel Elgort because we look quite similar

Give us one interesting fact about you?

I can speak French, Spanish and Italian.

Stokesy's dinner guests...



Donald Trump



Alicia Vikander



Thierry Henry

COMING UP



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.

Hassocks' 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 claimed a hat-trick and Mikey Lloyd notched the sixth.

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.





Arundel

When?

Tuesday 21st August

Where?

Mill Road

Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

£5 adults, £2 concessions

Arundel last season?

For the first half of last season, it looked as though Arundel were going to be doomed to relegation. They occupied a spot in the bottom three from the opening weeks right the way through until they visited the Beacon in mid-December. By that point, manager Richard Towers had already resigned and then be reappointed in the space of a week. For most clubs that would smack of lunacy, but it worked for the Mullets as Towers then led Arundel to safety in the second half of the season with a 17th placed finish, one position and two points better off than Hassocks.

Hassocks' record against Arundel?

Having played each other at least twice every season since 2000, the head-to-head record is pretty even. Hassocks have won 16 of the meetings with 17 draws and 14 Arundel wins. Both sides much prefer playing at home for this one with the Robins having a particularly woeful track record at Mill Road with just a handful of wins from their last 20 league visits.

Last time we met?

It was arguably Hassocks' worst performance of the season as Arundel came to the Beacon as one of only four sides below the Robins in the table yet left having climbed above them with a dominant 4-0 victory. All the goals came in the second half with midfielder Dion Jarvis claiming a 21 minute hat-trick and Shane Brazil rounding off the scoring with 10 minutes remaining.

How to get to Mill Road?

Follow the A27 through Lancing and Worthing until you come to Arundel. At the roundabout at the bottom of the town, take the second exit and after crossing the river on Queen Street, Mill Road is the first on your right. The ground is approximately 100m up the road on the right.

If the football is boring?

You can admire the view of Arundel Castle in the background, which makes Mill Road one of the most picturesque grounds in the whole country to visit.



Saltdean United

When?

Monday 27th August

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

11am

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

£6 adults, £3 concessions

Saltdean United last season?

Saltdean's first season back in the top flight of the Southern Combination League for 16 years was a comfortable one as they finished in eighth spot, 18 points behind champions Haywards Heath Town. They looked as though they could have been genuine title contenders in the early weeks of the campaign before falling away although having waited so long to reclaim a spot in the Premier Division, it was definitely seen as a season of success for the Tigers.

Hassocks' record against Saltdean United?

There have been 26 meetings between the two with both sides having won 12 games apiece and only two draws, meaning it is one that you want to avoid putting on your coupon. The Robins head-to-head is largely helped by our clashes in Division One, when we won 6 games out of 6, scoring 19 goals and conceding just four during the early 90's.

Last time we met?

Hassocks' first visit to Hill Park since 2001 was one to forget as they were well beaten 3-0 by the Tigers in the final game of 2017. Rob O'Toole gave United a first half lead which Ryan Warwick doubled in controversial circumstances after Hassocks right back Joe Maskell was poleaxed in possession up field. Former Bristol Rovers midfielder James Fraser completed the scoring late on when rounding off a fine counter attacking goal.

Played for both?

Hassocks' number one goalkeeper from last season Nathan Stroomberg made the move to Hill Park in the summer. There's been a fair bit of movement between the two clubs over the last decade with Dan Smith, Stuart Brown, Terry Gacias and Jamie Buckett just some of the names to have played for both.

ON THIS DAY

August 11th

2007 –

Hassocks kick off campaign by ending their Arundel hoodoo

When the County League fixture list threw up Arundel away on the opening day for Hassocks, the Robins could've been forgiven for fearing the worst.

Mill Road has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks and the Mullets have proven to be a real thorn in the side of Dave John and his team for as long as anyone can care to remember.

However, on this day, the Robins rode their luck, weathered a bit of a storm in the second half and finished strongly to record a hard fought 2-0 win in baking conditions on the banks of the River Arun.

Not many of the 50 or so Hassocks supporters who made the trip to Mill Road could remember the last time their side had won there so it was a bit of a surprise that they came away with maximum points thanks to a real poacher's goal from Phil Gault and a crisp Anthony Hibbert volley in stoppage time.

The match started at a frantic pace and there could have been as many as four goals in the opening 15 minutes.

Matt Hockett was twice denied by the impressive Joel Harding, firstly low down to his right and then with his legs.

At the other end, Sam Fisk scooped over from inside the six yard box after great work from Matt Robbins and Gault headed over a teasing Mickey Turner cross with the goal gaping.

Dave Towers picked up a booking for dissent after just four minutes, whilst later in the half, Ashley Marsh followed him into Bob Bell's notebook for a challenge on Dave Walker, as did Chris Hibberd for a poor challenge on Turner.

In between that flurry of cards, Chris Brown headed a Hibberd header off the line and Walker tried an audacious shot from the halfway line which Harding watched sail harmlessly wide.

Arundel became more dominant as the half wore on and so there was a real sense of relief at half time that Hassocks had made it to the break without conceding and would have 15 minutes to regather themselves.

Whatever was put in the Robins' half time oranges had an almighty galvanising effect as within a minute of the restart, Gault had tested Ben O'Connor with a rasping 30-yard effort and on 51 minutes the Robins striker gave the visitors the lead.

Harding's free kick from the centre circle was left by both Lloyd Walker and Jason Wimbleton for the other to deal with and Gault's sharpness saw him nip in front of O'Connor and tuck the ball home.

It was certainly a "route one" goal but praise should be given to Gault for assessing the situation quickly.

Arundel continued to play some good football, keeping the ball on the deck and utilising the wing backs, Dave Hall and Alex Duncan, but in truth they had very few shots to trouble Harding.

Harding was dominant coming for crosses that were thrown into the box and the back five of Turner, Fisk, Lear, Marsh and Brendan Leahy held firm.

Seeing Leahy starting a game after an injury hit couple of seasons was a particular bonus for Hassocks, especially with cricketing commitments likely to keep Stuart Faith away for several more weeks yet.

Arundel did eventually managed to beat Harding through a Wimbleton header, but Brown was again on hand to clear off the line.

Dave John rang the changes with 15 minutes to go as Mark Sheriff replaced Matt Amos and Richard Thompson, returning to first team duty after spending most of last season in the reserves following the birth of his first child, came on for Brown.

Sheriff was immediately into the action, nearly making the game safe for the Robins with a volley which flashed just wide.

They did eventually add their second deep into injury time, Gault chesting down a Thompson throw to his find the unmarked Hibbert who crisply volleyed past O'Connor to seal victory.

Hassocks: Harding; Turner, Lear, Marsh, Leahy, Fisk; Robbins, Brown, Hibbert; Gault, Amos.

Subs: Sheriff (Amos 74), Thompson (Brown 77), Hewitt, Newington (unused).



Around the League

There was a full midweek fixtures list in the Macron Store Hastings Southern Combination Premier Division with four sides maintaining their 100% records after two games...

Chichester City lead the way as their 6-0 win here at the Beacon took them onto eight goals scored and none conceded from their two wins so far this season.

Little Common sit in second placed having won the first of two Eastbourne derbies that took place on Tuesday evening.

Common were the "home" team against landlords **Eastbourne United** and ran out convincing 4-0 winners in front of a crowd of 102.

The game was all but over before half time as goals from Jamie Crone, Russell Eldridge and Wes Tate put Common 3-0 up going to the break.

They added one more 20 minutes into the second half through Daniel Ryan to maintain their impressive start to their first season of Premier Division football.

Following their thrilling 4-3 opening day win at AFC Uckfield Town, **Horsham YMCA** had a much more routine victory in their first game in front of the Gorings Mead crowd of the season.

East Preston were the visitors as goals in either half from Luke Donaldson and Mark Pritchard-Cave ensured that Peter Buckland's side made it two wins from two.

The fourth and final 100% record in the division belongs to **Pagham** who showed why they are among the favourites for the title this season as they eased to a 3-0 success over a strong **Lancing** outfit.

The sides had gone into the break level at 0-0 at Nyetimber Lane but the Lions roared after half time, scoring three times in 20 minutes through Callum Overton, Daniel Simmonds and

George Gaskin to secure the three points.

The second Eastbourne Derby of the night was at the Saffrons where **Eastbourne Town** and **Langney Wanderers** met for the first ever time in senior football.

The biggest Southern Combination League crowd of the season of 283 saw a well contested game in which the sides turned around level at the break.

It took until the 66th minute for the deadlock to be broken, Evan Archibald giving Town the lead and Sam Carrington doubled the hosts advantage eight minutes later.

Wanderers did pull one back in the 93rd minute through Wayne Wilkinson but that proved to be too little, too late for the visitors as they suffered their first defeat since their promotion into the top flight.

Saltdean United secured their first win of the season but they were made to do it the hard way, having to come from 2-0 down to defeat **Broadbridge Heath** 3-2 at Hill Park.

Lee Carney and Devon Fender had put the Bears in a promising position with goals eight minutes before and three minutes after the break respectively.

Former Hassocks man Ben Bacon pulled one back with his first goal for Saltdean on the hour mark and within 12 minutes Curtis Gayler had helped himself to a brace to give the Tigers all three points.

Loxwood and **Shoreham** shared six goals at Plaistow Road with the recently relegated Mussel's running out 4-2 winners.

Harry Williams had put Loxwood 1-0 ahead but their lead was short

lived as Andrew Dalhouse equalised almost immediately.

Harvey Dunk made it 2-1 to Shoreham on 22 minutes with Matthew Hards ensuring the sides went into the break level with an equaliser for the Magpies three minutes before half time.

Dalhouse added his second of the evening on 52 minutes and Sammy Donnelly's men wrapped up their first win of the campaign when Stefan Josef added a fourth midway through the half.

Arundel and **Crawley Down Gatwick** both drew their opening games of the season and nothing could separate them on matchday two in a 0-0 draw at the Haven.

At the Trafalgar Ground, Lee Robinson completed the remarkable achievement of scoring his 300th goal for the **Newhaven** with the Docker's equaliser in their 1-1 draw with **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Matthew Maclean had given the visiting Uckers a half time lead.

The divisions final game took place on Wednesday night at East Court where **Lingfield** hosted **Peacehaven & Telscombe** in the Lingers first top-flight home game since 2014.

And right up until the 85th minute it looked like they would make it with a win after Christopher Ransome's 49th minute goal put them ahead.

The Tye had other ideas however and with five minutes remaining, Connor Martin levelled things up and 60 seconds later Curtis Ford netted again for the visitors to give Peacehaven a come-from-behind 2-1 victory.



How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chichester City	2	2	0	0	8	0	6
Little Common	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Pagham	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Horsham YMCA	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Saltdean United	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Eastbourne Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Peacehaven & Tels.	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Shoreham	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Lancing	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Arundel	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Crawley Down	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
AFC Uckfield Town	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Broadbridge Heath	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Langney Wanderers	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Lingfield	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
East Preston	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Newhaven	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Eastbourne United	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Hassocks	2	0	1	1	1	7	1
Loxwood	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

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Chichester City	WW
Horsham YMCA	WW
Little Common	WW
Pagham	WW
Eastbourne Town	DW
Saltdean United	DW
Peacehaven & Tels.	LW
Shoreham	LW
Lancing	WL
Arundel	DD
Crawley Down	DD
AFC Uckfield Town	LD
Newhaven	LD
Broadbridge Heath	DL
East Preston	DL
Eastbourne United	DL
Hassocks	DL
Langney Wanderers	DL
Lingfield	DL
Loxwood	LL

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	283	283	283	283
Peacehaven & Tels.	164	164	164	164
East Preston	128	128	128	128
Langney Wanderers	125	125	125	125
Horsham YMCA	115	115	115	115
Pagham	104	104	104	104
Little Common	102	102	102	102
Lancing	100	100	100	100
Eastbourne United	97	97	97	97
Newhaven	97	97	97	97
Hassocks	94	188	104	84
Crawley Down	91	91	91	91
Chichester City	78	78	78	78
Lingfield	73	73	73	73
Shoreham	55	55	55	55
Saltdean United	52	52	52	52
Arundel	47	47	47	47
AFC Uckfield Town	36	36	36	36
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0

Premier Division Scorers

Alex Barbary	Horsham YMCA	2
Lewis Hole	Little Common	2
Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	2
Gicu Iordache	Chichester City	2
Luke Donaldson	Horsham YMCA	2
David Hebert	Chichester City	2
Wayne Wilkinson	Langney Wand	2
Lewis Hole	Little Common	2
George Gaskin	Pagham	2
Daniel Simmonds	Pagham	2
Curtis Gayler	Saltdean United	2
Daniel Mobsby	Horsham YMCA	1
Matt Daniel	Lancing	1
Paul Rogers	Langney Wand	1
Bailo Camara	AFC Uckfield	1
Ryan Davidson	Pagham	1
Matt Maclean	AFC Uckfield	1
Anthony Storey	AFC Uckfield	1
Brandon Kiula	Peacehaven	1
Jack Phillips	Peacehaven	1

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Chichester City home **Jack Wilkins**

Erith Town home

Peacehaven & Telscombe away

Arundel away

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Langney Wanderers away

Crawley Down Gatwick home

Little Common away

Newhaven home

AFC Uckfield Town away

Broadbridge Heath away

Pagham away

Lingfield home

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Eastbourne Town away

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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:

3rd:

November 2018

1st:

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3rd:

December 2018

1st:

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January 2019

1st:

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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	227	38	265	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	30	105	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



James Laing

One of the most popular players in Hassocks history, if you threw a brick in the air then James Laing would still try and head it.

It was that commitment to the cause that saw him net 143 goals in 351 appearances for the Robins throughout the 90's and the 00's, a total only bettered by Phil Gault.

His tally would have been even more had he not missed two seasons with a serious ankle complaint but the fact he battled back from that tells you everything.

His partnership with Pat Harding in the early part of the last decade was particularly effective as Laing was unselfishly happy to play second fiddle to Harding in the scoring stakes, allowing Harding to become one of the most deadly strikers in Sussex in the process.

Laing officially retired from first team duty in 2012, but he was still around to help the reserves to their historic treble under Roy Staughton in 2012-13.

You can still find him turning out on occasions for the veterans and he was a real Hassocks man, being one of the only players to actually live in the village.

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Eastbourne United v Hackney Wick
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