

HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB 2018/19 SEASON



August Bank Holiday Double Header Programme £1



Crawley Down Gatwick
Saturday 25th August
RUR Charity Cup
Kick off 3pm

Saltdean United
Monday 27th August
SCFL Premier Division
Kick off 11am





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

Double issue programme

One of the quirks of the early season fixture list is that the Robins have two home games inside of 48 hours with the visit of Crawley Down Gatwick in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup and Saltdean United in the league taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

As a result of the quick turnaround – and the fact one half of the programme editing team has jetted off to Germany for the start of the Bundesliga season – we’ve had to produce one programme for both games.

That does mean it’s packed with double the amount of pages but it also means that it won’t be updated with anything that happened on Saturday, nor the under 23s season opener which took place against Lancing on Friday night.

If you’d like more information on that, then Owen behind the bar can probably give you more!

The home games come thick and fast

It isn’t just the first team who have a ridiculously busy schedule at the Beacon.

The Sussex County FA Cup draws were made recently and every single Hassocks team was handed a home tie with the exception of the veterans, who go to Furnace Green Rovers in their competition.

There’s more information as to where and when you can catch each of the sides further on in the programme, but if you’re looking for a regular football fix in Mid Sussex it certainly looks like the Beacon is going to be the place to be this season.

Sponsorship opportunities

With so much football going on here, we’re still looking for local businesses to advertise with us.

We’re offering pitch side advertising around the Beacon for just £200.

That will ensure that your businesses name is seen by every visitor for every game held here – be that first team, under 23s, under 18s, veterans, women’s plus all the school’s representatives football and various cup finals we hold.

If you’d like to support the club in this way, then please speak to Owen behind the bar or Dave John who will be only too happy to point you in the right direction.

Robins off the mark with win at last

We’ve played three times since the most recent home programme and in that time, the Robins put their first win of the season on the board.

That came on Tuesday night, a quite brilliant performance away at Arundel culminating in a 3-1 victory.

It was great to see Phil Johnson scoring again in Hassocks colours and Dan Stokes notching a rare goal of his own with a sublime finish.

Hopefully, that result can prove the catalyst for a memorable season.

Before that win at Mill Road, Hassocks exited the FA Cup at the hands of Erith Town two weeks ago and were beaten 3-1 at Peacehaven & Telscombe.

That game with the Tye didn’t tell the entire story as we gave them a real run for their money for the most part.

If the Robins can keep performing like that on a more regular basis, then we should be able to avoid the trouble of last season.

The magic of the Vase next week

It really is cup season at the minute with the FA Vase following hot on the heels of the RUR Cup and the FA Cup.

We welcome K Sports in that competition next Saturday and your support will be very much appreciated as the Robins go looking for a first win in the competition since the 2014-15 season.

Kick off is at 3pm and all the normal facilities will be open for your enjoyment.



Saturday's visitors...

The first game of the Bank Holiday Weekend Beacon double header sees Crawley Down Gatwick make the short journey to Mid Sussex in the second round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup...

The Anvils have an impressive record in this competition over the last two seasons, having lifted the trophy when completing a league and cup double in 2011 and finishing runners up two seasons ago.

They knocked out Hassocks on their way to Culver Road on their most recent appearance in the final, running out convincing 3-0 winners at the quarter final stage in December 2016.

The teams had gone in level at the Haven with the Robins having missed a succession of chances and they were punished for that profligacy when Marc Pelling, Mike Spence and Sam Cane booked Down's semi final spot.

The Anvils went onto meet Newhaven in the final but they were well beaten, going down 5-0 to the Dockers.

That meeting in the last eight is one of three between the two sides in the competition.

Hassocks and Crawley Down's first ever meeting in senior football came in the second-round stage of the RUR Cup back in the 2005-06 season.

On that occasion, it took an Anthony Hibbert strike nine minutes

from time for Dave John's side to see off their spirited opponents.

Two years later, Hibbert was again on target along with a Matt Amos hat-trick as the Robins sauntered to a 4-0 win at the Haven.

Since those first two meetings, Down have enjoyed quite the journey having risen to the Isthmian League, played in a Sussex Senior Cup final at the Amex and then fallen all the way back to the second tier of the Southern Combination League before reclaiming their current Premier Division spot.

Manager Paul Cooper has done an excellent job at the helm, helping the club return to it's routes after those three seasons in the Isthmian by putting together a squad of relatively young, local players who continue to defy the expectations by consistently shocking some of the bigger sides in the league.

It makes them dangerous opponents and with the winners of this tie set to face Division One opponents in either Seaford Town or Southwick, they'll be confident of putting together yet another memorable cup run for their collection if they can get past Hassocks.



FACTFILE

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Nickname Anvils

Ground The Haven

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Top Scorer

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 2011

Southern Combination Division 1

Runners up 2016

Southern Combination Division 2

Runners up 1996

Peter Bentley League Cup

Runners up 2010

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2017

Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 2012

Mid Sussex League

Winners 1995

10 Key Moments

1993... Crawley Down United and two other local sides merge to form Crawley Down Village
1995... win promotion to the Southern Combination League after lifting the Mid Sussex League title
1996... runners up in Division Two at the first attempt taking the Anvils into senior football for the first time
1999... they drop 'Village' from their name & finish 3rd in Division 1 but can't go up due to ground grading
2007... permission is finally granted to develop The Haven with floodlights, hard standing and seats
2009... reach the fourth round of the FA Vase and finish 3rd to win promotion to the Premier Division
2011... it's a double as the RUR Cup and Southern Combination title are lifted and promotion secured
2014... after a three season stay in the Isthmian League, Down are relegated
2016... back-to-back relegations see them slip back into Division One for one season before promotion
2017... reached the RUR Cup final last season where they lost to Newhaven

Last 20 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 12th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2015-16, Southern Combination One 2nd
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2013-14, Isthmian South 23rd
2012-13, Isthmian South 13th
2011-12, Isthmian South 16th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2008-09, Southern Combination One 3rd
2007-08, Southern Combination One 6th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 16th
2005-06, Southern Combination One 5th
2004-05, Southern Combination One 10th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 11th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 15th
2001-02, Southern Combination One 11th
2000-01, Southern Combination One 16th
1999-00, Southern Combination One 4th
1998-99, Southern Combination One 3rd

Hassocks v Crawley Down Gatwick :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 10 - Won 4 - Drawn 2 - Lost 4 - Scored 19 - Conceded 21

RUR Charity Cup... Played 3 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 5 - Conceded 3

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

Total... Played 14 Won 7 Drawn 2 Lost 5 Scored 28 Conceded 26

Last 10 meetings

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 1-3 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Crawley Down
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Crawley Down
2016-17 RUR Charity Cup: Crawley Down 3-0 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 4-6 Hassocks

2015-16 Peter Bentley Cup: Crawley Down 2-3 Hassocks
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 1-2 Hassocks
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Crawley Down
2010-11 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Crawley Down
2010-11 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 2-0 Hassocks



LAST TIME WE MET

March 6th 2018

Crawley Down Gatwick 1-1 Hassocks

LINDSEY STRIKES AGAIN FOR A PRECIOUS POINT

Jake Lindsey is turning out to be quite the find for Hassocks.

The teenage striker netted his third goal in five starts since his elevation from the Robins youth team on Tuesday night to ensure that his side left Crawley Down Gatwick with a share of the spoils.

This 1-1 draw made it five points out of a possible 12, a haul that has kept Hassocks in touch with the sides above them just outside the relegation zone and Lindsey has played a part in all of them; equalising just before half time at the Haven, netting the opener in the 2-0 win over Littlehampton Town three days previously and scoring an 88th minute leveller against East Preston four game ago.

"Another precious point," was how Phil Wickwar described it afterwards.

"We've played better football at times but we displayed fantastic character to come away from a difficult place with something to show for our efforts."

The Haven is one of the tougher venues to go in the Southern Combination League's Premier Division.

Down have lost only once at home so far this season and have taken points off title challengers Chichester City, Haywards Heath Town and Peacehaven & Telscombe so this looked on that basis at least an onerous task for the Robins.

They didn't get off to the best of starts either, going behind as early as the sixth minute in all too familiar fashion.

A Down corner wasn't dealt with convincingly and Hassocks' attempt at a scuffed clearance only presented Johden De Meyer with the chance to fire home for 1-0.

The Robins early elimination from most of the cup competitions this season meant that this was the first time they'd been asked to play Saturday-Tuesday since October and you could tell they aren't used to the

demands of two games in a week as it was a leggy opening 30 minutes for a side who appeared to be feeling for the effects of the effort that went into their weekend win.

There were after all only two changes to their starting line-up and both of those came in defence, youth team left back Ben O'Leary being handed his second senior start along with a recall for Josh Tuck as Bradley Bant and Will Broomfield moved forwards into midfield to replace the unavailable duo of Dan Stokes and Matt Berridge.

The heavy pitch, which only passed an inspection on the afternoon of the game, didn't help either and the Robins were indebted to Haig Kingston for ensuring they didn't slip further behind midway through the first half when he made a superb one handed tip around the post from Sam Cane.

Lindsey's goal arrived three minutes before half time, a deft header from a brilliant inswinging free kick from Michael Death.

While Hassocks have conceded too many goals from set pieces to

count over the last few seasons, it was pleasing to see them score from one at the other end and the quality of Death's delivery cannot be overstated.

In fact, Death was having one of his all-round good evenings.

He led the line superbly and linked up well with Lindsey who was a real outlet throughout for the Robins, the duo drawing special praise afterwards from Wickwar along with Jordan Badger and Tuck who the Hassocks joint boss described as "outstanding."

Tuck and Badger will certainly have busier games over the Robins remaining 10 fixtures as the second half of this one was pretty nondescript, both teams doing plenty of huffing and puffing but with very little in the way of quality football on show, leaving the draw a fair result come the final whistle.

Hassocks: Kingston; Maskell, Tuck, Badger, O'Leary; Bant, Mills, Broomfield, Lindsey; Wilkins, Death.

Subs: Atherton (Wilkins), Dimelow, Bradley, Turner, P Wickwar (unused).





Monday's visitors...

Monday's game is a return to league action with the Robins welcoming Saltdean United. The Tigers had a great first season back in the top flight last time, and will be looking to do even better in 2018-19...

With the backing of local businessman Rod Flavell, Saltdean United were one of the teams of the 90s, being one of the few sides able to challenge the all-dominating Burgess Hill Town side of the era.

When they were going to toe-to-toe with Alan Pook's Hillians, you'd have got long odds on a 16-year-absence from the top flight being just around corner, but that's what happened when they were relegated from the Premier Division in 2002.

That was the start of a downward spiral and in the intervening 16 years, the Tigers have experienced all the highs and lows there is to come with football.

They slipped into intermediate football in Division Two and even as recently as 2016, were only spared the drop back down to that level due to the sides aspiring to come up not having the relevant ground grading compared to Hill Park.

There fortunes turned in 2016-17 however when they enjoyed a fantastic campaign that culminated in lifting the Division One title to take their place in the Premier Division for the first time since 2012.

They recruited well last summer and looked to be in genuine title contention for most of the season, eventually finishing in a credible 8th spot.

The Tigers were particularly impressive in the Sussex Senior Cup, doing what very few Southern Combination League sides do and making the last four, where they eventually fell to the professionals of Crawley Town.

With no obvious favourite for the Premier Division title this season, they are one of a number of clubs who could be in with a shout following some smart signings.

They've certainly begun the season like a side who is intent on making an impression, being unbeaten so far with two wins and a draw from three completed games.

Their game on Tuesday night against Horsham YMCA was abandoned with YM 3-1 ahead after a serious injury to a Tigers player necessitated the abandonment of the game.

We'd like to wish him well and our visitors this morning all the best for the season ahead.



FACTFILE

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Ground Hill Park

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Manager Damion Freeman

Top Scorer

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Runners up 1999

Southern Combination Division 1

Winners 1996, 2017

Southern Combination Division 2

Winners 1989

Runners up 2012

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2000

SCFL Division 2 Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2006

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 1996, 2000

Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 1997

10 Key Moments

1966... Saltdean United are formed and join the Brighton League where they rise through the divisions
1984... after securing their ground at Hill Park, they join the Southern Combination League in Division Two
1989... lift the Division Two title to secure promotion to senior football for the first time
1996... the start of the clubs 'Golden Years' as they are promoted as Division One champions
1997... embark on a memorable run to the Sussex Senior Cup Final, where they lose to St Leonards
1999... finish 2nd in the league & a season later win the Peter Bentley Cup
2002... with the money drying up, United drop back into Division One
2007... a second relegation follows in 2007 as the Tigers drop into Division Two and intermediate football
2012... win promotion back into Division One as well as the Vernon Wentworth Cup
2017... Division One champions, bringing top flight football back to Hill Park for the first time in 15 years

Last 20 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2016-17, Southern Combination One 1st
2015-16, Southern Combination One 17th
2014-15, Southern Combination One 13th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 13th
2012-13, Southern Combination One 18th
2011-12, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2010-11, Southern Combination Two 5th
2009-10, Southern Combination Two 8th
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 7th
2007-08, Southern Combination Two 9th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 18th
2005-06, Southern Combination One 16th
2004-05, Southern Combination One 15th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 13th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 5th
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 20th
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 16th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
1998-99, Southern Combination Premier 2nd

Hassocks v Saltdean United :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 14 - Won 4 - Drawn 1 - Lost 9 - Scored 13 - Conceded 26

SCFL Division One... Played 6 - Won 6 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 19 - Conceded 4

SCFL Division Two... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

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

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 3

Total... Played 26 Won 12 Drawn 2 Lost 12 Scored 42 Conceded 41

Last 10 meetings

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Saltdean United
2001-02 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks
2001-02 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-2 Saltdean United
2001-02 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-3 Saltdean Utd

2000-01 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Saltdean United
2000-01 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 2-0 Hassocks
1999-00 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Saltdean United
1999-00 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 0-2 Hassocks
1998-99 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks

Played for both

Saltdean could line up with two former Robins in their starting XI today at either end of the pitch.

Goalkeeper **Nathan Stroomborg** spent last season with Hassocks, racking up 21 appearances after signing from Lewes.

He proved a popular figure around the Beacon which was no mean feat given he replaced James Broadbent in the Robins goal who had won Players' Player, Manager's Player and Supporter's Player of the Season in the 2016-17 season on the way to

earning a move to Southern Combination champions Shoreham.

The Tigers also signed **Ben Bacon** from Three Bridges in the summer.

Bacon netted nine times in 24 appearances at the start of the 2016-17 season after joining from Haywards Heath Town.

He averaged over a goal a game at the start of last season in Division One with Steyning Town before moving to Bridges and then onto Hill Park.

There's been a fair bit of movement between the two clubs other than those two over the last decade.

Striker Dan Smith played for the Tigers in amongst his three spells with Hassocks between 2010 and 2013.

Stuart Brown moved to Hill Park for first team football from the Beacon midway through the 2014-15 season and other names have played for both include Terry Gacias and Jamie Bucket.

Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks

TIGERS MAUL ROBINS AT WINDY HILL PARK

The curtain came down on 2017 for Hassocks with yet another day to forget as they were defeated 3-0 on their first visit to Saltdean United in 16 years.

It's been a year that the Robins won't look back on too fondly and they end it on a run of no win in nine games which has left them in the Southern Combination League Premier Division drop zone, two points shy of safety.

They need to turn things around and fast if 2018 isn't to be remembered as the year that the club suffered its first ever relegation for matters that have happened on the pitch, which would end their involvement in top flight football after 24 years.

"We were well beaten by a good team," Phil Wickwar said afterwards.

"You look at their team sheet and its full of recognisable names who could all play at a higher level."

"Compare that to ours...we finished with three under 18s on the pitch and two under 21s while Aaron Agate in goal is playing only his second ever game at this level having agreed to help us out of a huge hole."

"It was always going to be difficult coming here and we know we are in trouble."

"With three home games in a row to come, January is the time we need to dig in if we are going to get out of it."

Four games in the division fell to the weather and although Saltdean passed an inspection, conditions were difficult with a heavy pitch and a strong wind battering the ground at the foot of the South Downs.

Hassocks defended that wind in the first half and they made a decent fist of it.

It was pretty much all one way traffic towards the goal of Aaron Agate but the back four of Joe Maskell, Spencer Slaughter, Josh Tuck and Jordan Badger.

United had only one goal to show for their efforts coming in at the break.

That came in the 36th minute from a fantastic finish from Rob O'Toole, one of the many high quality signings Saltdean have been able to bring in and that led them to be labelled as dark horses for the title following their lifting of the Division One title last season.

That hasn't quite worked out as they are some way off the cluster of clubs at the top of the table, but they remain dangerous opponents and could have made it 2-0 just before the break when they hit the post from a corner.

The resulting scramble could've been played out to the Benny Hill

"While Hassocks are forced to call upon teenagers, Saltdean contain former professionals among their ranks and it was one of those in ex-Bristol Rovers midfielder James Fraser who rounded off the scoring with the hosts third."

theme tune with some great defending from Hassocks eventually leading to the ball being cleared.

It was from a corner of their own that Hassocks had their only real chance of the first half, Tuck causing panic among the United defence but he couldn't quite direct an excellent James Westlake delivery towards goal.

With the wind now in their favour, Hassocks would have fancied their chances of getting back into things in the second half as they looked to bring lone front runner Michael Death into things more.

George Galbraith-Gibbons got in down the right flank but his finishing wasn't the best and Hassocks did have the ball in the goal when Harry Mills netted but a correct offside flag was raised.

United doubled their lead on 53 minutes and there was plenty of controversy about the goal.

Right back Joe Maskell was on the receiving end of a terrible challenge as he attempted to push forward which remarkably referee Ciaran Fiddler let go.

That left Hassocks exposed, both in terms of having one man writhing around in pain on the deck and out of position and United ruthlessly exploited Mr Fiddler's decision not to award a foul by storming up the other end and making it 2-0 through Ryan Warwick.

Maskell's afternoon was at an end after that tackle and he could be out of action for up to a month, adding another name to the Robin's already lengthy injury and unavailability list.

The forced withdrawal of Maskell allowed Hassocks to be bold and they threw on a striker for their full back as 17-year-old youth team striker Jake Atherton became the latest player from the under 18s set up to be given a first team debut this season, showing some good touches as he joined the lacklustre Death in attack.

While Hassocks are forced to call upon teenagers, Saltdean contain former professionals among their ranks and it was one of those in ex-Bristol Rovers midfielder James Fraser who rounded off the scoring with the hosts third, another fine counter attacking goal with seven minutes remaining.

Hassocks: Agate; Maskell, Tuck, Slaughter, Badger; Galbraith-Gibbons, J Westlake, Gault, Mills, Wilkins; Death.

Subs: Jake Atherton (used).

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



MAN OF THE MATCH
SPENCER
SLAUGHTER



MAN OF THE MATCH
LIAM
BENSON

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Home is where the heart is for Robins in Cups

It's not just the draw for the Sussex RUR Charity Cup that has been made. The Robins under 23s, under 18s, ladies and veterans sides all found out their opponents in the county competitions and it's going to be a busy time of it for the Beacon, with all but the vets having home games...

Under 23s set to face familiar foe

Hassocks Under 23s will enter the Sussex Under 23s Challenge Cup at the first-round stage.

Nigel Pearce's side will host Hailsham Town at the Beacon, having knocked the Stringers out of the competition last year in the third round stage.

The Robins ran out 5-0 winners at the Beaconsfield on that occasion through a Kieran Rowe brace and goals from Connor Bradley, Max Willcox and Matt Berridge.

The winners will face a difficult task against either Hastings United or the reigning West Division champions Pagham in the second round.

The quarter finals follow with the winners of that facing either Horsham YMCA or Newhaven for a place in the last four.

Battle of the Robins for Under 18s

In the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup, Hassocks Under 18s will enter in the second round stage with a home tie against Bosham.

The winners of the meeting of the league's two Robins will then be at home to either AFC Varndeanians or Haywards Heath Town, giving Brad Sweetman's side the tantalising prospect of a potential Mid Sussex Derby in the third round.

Should they make it through that, then one of either Shoreham, AFC Uckfield Town, Wadhurst United or Steyning Town would visit the Beacon in the quarter finals.

It was in the last eight that the Robins were eliminated last year, their best performance in the Dennis Probee Cup since lifting the trophy in 2002.

Ladies welcomes Pirates

The ladies enter the Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy which is the second

tier County Cup competition for women.

They'll kick off their campaign against Bexhill United who ply their trade a division above the Robins in the South East Counties Womens League Premier Division.

That tie takes place at the Beacon and feeds straight into the quarter finals, where Hassocks would have yet another game against the winners of Horsham Sparrows v AFC Littlehampton.

Veterans on the road with a trip north

The Veterans are the only Hassocks side to have been handed an away tie, making the trip to face Furnance Green Rovers in the Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup in the first round.

Should they win that, then just like the under 18s, Steve Spies' side could have a derby with Haywards Heath Town on their hands in round two.

After that, there would be a potential quarter final meeting against one of AFC 2015, Goring-by-Sea Cricket Club, Worthing Town or Hailsham Town.



Robins in the RUR



Hassocks first entered the Sussex RUR Charity Cup in 1981. Here's a look back at their efforts to make it the first senior trophy to ever enter the Beacon trophy cabinet...

Everybody knows the fact – Hassocks have never reached a senior cup final, let alone lifted a trophy in their 114 year history.

The Sussex RUR Charity Cup is the one that has provided the Robins with the best opportunity to do so – not that that is saying much admittedly – with the club having reached the semi-finals of the competition on three occasions.

The most recent of those visits to the last four was probably the most disappointing when in 2011-12, Hassocks were beaten 3-1 by lowly Selsey at Culver Road.

A 5-2 victory in the league at the High Street Ground had been recorded a month previously and the Robins went into the tie the favourites despite being without the talismanic Phil Gault.

But there could be little complaint about the score on the day as Mickey Jewell's side simply didn't turn up and the chance of a first ever cup final went begging.

It had been a straight forward cup run up until that point with victories against Mile Oak, East Grinstead Town and Southwick paving the way to heartache in the last four.

If that illustrated just what a favourable draw can do for a cup run

then, then Hassocks' previous semi-final defeat before that was an indication of how it can work the other way, when we met all-conquering Burgess Hill Town in the 1999-00 season.

Mile Oak, Arundel and Lancing had all been vanquished on route to the meeting with the Robins arch rivals of the time and although formbooks and class can go out the window when it comes to a local derby, Hassocks proved to be no match for the Hillians who ran out 4-1 winners.

The third semi of this competition the Robins have made came six seasons before that defeat at the hands of Hill in 1993-94 and it was the closest Hassocks have ever come to clearing the hurdle into actually making a final as they went down only in extra time 2-0 to Pagham.

That wasn't an easy run to reach the last four either with victories over Wick, Southwick, Lancing and Whitehawk all being gained along the way.

In the mid 00's, Hassocks were remarkably consistent in bowing out of the competition at the quarter final stage with four last eight exits in a row – 2005-06 to Shoreham, 2006-07 to Whitehawk, 2007-08 to Rye United and 2008-09 to Three Bridges.

There have been five other quarter final exits, to Burgess Hill Town the year before that semi heartache, to Selsey in 1994-95, Pagham in 1992-93 and Southwick in 1981-82 – the first season we entered the competition.

Saturday's opponents Crawley Down Gatwick were responsible for the most recent when they won 3-0 at the Haven in 2016-17 on route to defeat in the final against Newhaven.

Round three only came into existence for the 2000-01 competition when the preliminary round was removed and it has been the Robins exiting point on three occasions, most recently in 2013-14 in a 3-2 defeat away at Horsham YMCA.

Hassocks crashed out at the stage in back-to-back campaigns in 2000-01 and 2001-02 to Selsey and Southwick respectively.

And as for the aforementioned preliminary round? Hassocks only ever had one dalliance with it in the 1993-94 season, a 3-2 win over Wick.

As for the second round, that was the stage of the competition we exited at last year, blowing a 2-0 lead to lose 4-2 in extra time at AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks also exited the competition at that stage in both the

2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons via heavy home defeats, 5-1 against Eastbourne Town and 5-0 against Littlehampton Town respectively. The less said about those, the better.

Given the Robins well documented ability to make hard work and more often than not lose to teams from a lower division, Hassocks have been knocked out of the RUR Cup a surprisingly low number of times by sides from lower down the pyramid.

The most recent of those did come in the second round, a penalty shootout defeat to Division One outfit Little Common in 2012-13 after an astonishing 5-5 draw.

Round two also accounted for Hassocks' exits in 2010-11 to Sidley United and 2009-10 to Selsey.

Selsey again eliminated the Robins at that stage in 2004-05 which followed hot on the heels of second round defeats to Pagham the previous year and Burgess Hill Town before that.

Other exits came against Shoreham in 1997-98, Midhurst & Easebourne in 1995-96 which represented another rare shock, Sidley in 1986-87 and Whitehawk in 1982-83.

Hassocks have been on a remarkable run of receiving byes in the competition to the point where they didn't actually compete in the first round for 17 years between beating Worthing United 6-3 in the 2016-17 season and defeating Mile Oak in the 1999-00 season.

The Robins have only bowed out of the competition three times at the first round stage – to Langney Sports in 1996-97, Ringmer in 1984-85 and Peacehaven & Telscombe in 1983-84.

That exit to the Tye remains one of only two games in the competition

that Hassocks have been involved in that required a replay, a 1-1 draw at Adastra Park being followed by a 1-0 defeat away from home.

The other came two seasons previously when another 1-1 draw at

"Hassocks exited the competition at that second-round stage in both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons via heavy home defeats, 5-1 against Eastbourne Town and 5-0 against Littlehampton Town respectively. The less said about those, the better.

Adastra necessitated a second game, this time Hassocks triumphing 5-3 in a thriller away at Hastings Town.

Five games have gone to extra time and Hassocks have won three of them, the only blemishes being that semi-final defeat to Pagham and last years exit to AFC Uckfield Town.

The extra time wins have seen the Robins defeat Ringmer 4-3 in 1982-83, Worthing United 4-2 in 1995-96 and Ringmer again in 2005-06, that time 2-1.

Aside from the Little Common penalty defeat, Hassocks have only had one other shoot out in the competition which was in 2007-08 when Arundel were beaten 4-1 from 12 yards after a 2-2 draw in normal time.

Hassocks' biggest victory in the competition also represents one of their biggest every victories in senior football, a 9-0 hammering dished out to the now defunct Shinewater Association in 2000-01 while the Robins heaviest defeat is that 5-0 loss to Littlehampton Town from 2014.

Robins RUR Fact file

3 First Round exits

1983-84, 1984-85, 1996-97

14 Second Round exits

1982-83, 1986-87, 1995-96, 1997-98, 2000-01, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18

3 Third Round exits

2000-01, 2001-02, 2013-14

9 Quarter Final exits

1981-82, 1992-93, 1994-95, 1998-99, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2016-17

3 Semi Final exits

1993-94, 1999-00, 2011-12

Biggest win

Hassocks 9-0 Shinewater Association, Second Round 2000-01 season

Biggest defeat

Hassocks 0-5 Littlehampton Town, Second Round, 2015-16 season

Most common opponent

Selsey, six meetings with Hassocks only tasting victory once in 1998-99



Another final shot goes begging... Stuart Faith can't believe it as the Robins lose in the semis to Selsey in 2012...



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	1-3	Slaughter
18/08 – 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	1-3	Benson
21/08 – 19:45	Arundel (A)	SCFLP	3-1	Johnson (2), Stokes
25/08 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	RURC2		
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		
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20/04 – 15:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP		
22/04 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		

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Appearances 2018-19



	2018/19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jordan Badger	5	0	5	0	80	4
Liam Benson	5	0	5	2	71	19
Alex Harris	5	0	5	0	56	0
Alex Spinks	5	0	5	0	6	0
Jack Wilkins	5	0	5	0	63	1
Spencer Slaughter	4	1	5	1	269	43
Dan Stokes	4	1	5	1	109	6
Harvey Blake	3	2	5	0	5	0
Bradley Bant	4	0	4	0	130	12
Jake Lindsey	3	1	4	0	23	4
Harry Mills	3	1	4	0	70	2
Will Broomfield	3	0	3	0	30	0
Matt Berridge	2	1	3	0	18	0
Phil Johnson	2	1	3	2	113	48
Dan Wesbter	2	0	2	0	2	0
Joe Bull	0	2	2	0	2	0

Next at the Beacon...



STILL NO LOVE FOR FA CUP AS ROBINS BARREN RUN GOES ON

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round
Saturday 11th August 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-3 Erith Town



It may be the world's most romantic cup competition, but Hassocks won't feel any love for the FA Cup after their winless run in the competition was stretched to five years.

You have to go back to 2013 to find the last time Hassocks won an FA Cup game.

That was in the Preliminary Round stage when the Robins eliminated Dorking Wanderers in a replay.

They went onto give Isthmian League side Chipstead a real fright in the next round before succumbing to an unfortunate 2-1 defeat. Since then, the cupboard has been bare.

True, Hassocks didn't enter for two seasons in 2015-16 and 2016-17, but their three other adventures have

all ended in the Extra Preliminary Round stage, the latest of which was

"The penalty decision proved to be the turning point in the game but not in the way that Hassocks would've hoped as the otherwise outstanding Slaughter saw his spot kick kept out by the visiting goalkeeper."

against Southern Counties East Premier division outfit Erith Town at the Beacon.

Both sides came into the game with identical league records of one point from two games.

Erith opened their campaign with a 4-2 defeat to K Sports, who Hassocks will host in the FA Vase in three weeks time.

They followed that up with a 1-1 draw against Glebe at the Erith Sports Stadium in their first game at their traditional home ground for five years.

Since 2013, they've ground shared firstly with Cray Valley PM and then VCD Athletic.

Understandably, the return to Erith has given the Dockers a real boost this season and as a result they arrived at the Beacon in buoyant mood to take on a Hassocks side fresh from a 6-0 hammering at the hands of Chichester City in midweek.

You'd have thought that the momentum would be with the visitors then but it took just seven minutes for Hassocks to upset the apple cart, Spencer Slaughter opening the scoring with his first goal of the season.

Slaughter was one of three changes made by Robins boss Mark Dalglish.

The other saw Will Broomfield come in for his first start of the season at the expense of Dan Webster while Harvey Blake was handed a full debut in place of Harry Mills after two promising cameos from the bench since his summer move from Mid Sussex League side Sporting Lindfield.

The lead was short lived as within three minutes, Erith were level through Alex Nelson.

They went into half time 2-1 ahead, Luis Valencia adding the visitors second on 24 minutes. Whatever Dalglish said to his side at half time had the desired effect as Hassocks were much the better side at the start of the second half.

The Robins were knocking on the door without ever quite managing to force it open until they were awarded a penalty in the 65th minute.

That proved to be the turning point in the game but not in the way that Hassocks would've hoped as the otherwise outstanding Slaughter saw his spot kick kept out by the visiting goalkeeper.

It knocked the wind from the Robins sails somewhat and they never really recovered despite throwing on the lively Joe Bull for his debut from the substitutes bench, becoming the 299th player to represent Hassocks in the Beacon era in the process.

Still, Hassocks harboured hopes of a trip to South East London for a Monday night replay right up until the 89th minute when Valencia finally put the Robins out of their misery with his second and Erith's third of the afternoon.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Badger, Broomfield, Bant; Wilkins, Slaughter, Stokes, Lindsey; Spinks; Benson.

Subs: Bull (used), Mills, Atherton, Webster, Collins, Russell (unused).

Starman: Spencer Slaughter.



BETTER FROM HASSOCKS BUT STILL NO POINTS

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 18th August 2018, The Sports Park

Peacehaven & Telscombe 3-1 Hassocks



Journeys back from Peacehaven & Telscombe have never been particularly pleasant for Hassocks in the past.

Only twice in 11 visits have they ever left the Sports Park with all three points.

That record was extended to two in 12, but on this occasion Mark Dalglish and his players would've spent the 16-mile trip home wondering what might have been.

They played their best football of the season and did so for the majority of the game with only 10 men following Alex Spinks' dismissal with 30 minutes played.

The 3-1 scoreline really did not reflect what had gone on, which is where Hassocks' wonderment can come from.

They had flown out of the traps, largely inspired by the brilliant Phil Johnson.

It feels like the Robins have been waiting a lifetime to unleash their new centre forward with injury and holiday restricting him to just one brief substitutes appearance since his summer return from Horsham YMCA.

Johnson's first start came in place of the absent Jake Lindsey and he should've had a penalty inside of two minutes when a heavy tackle from Jack Phillips was remarkably deemed legal by referee Luke Chapman.

There were two more glorious chances for the Robins in a barnstorming opening period that ebbed and flowed before Peacehaven took the lead with 15 minutes played, Sid Adams embarking on a driving run down the left hand side before delivering a low cross which Marcus Richmond smashed home from six yards.

Hassocks responded well to that setback and Johnson and Liam Benson both went close while at the other end Alex Harris had to make a smart stop to deny Richmond his second.

It was noticeable by this point that Spinks and Tye captain Riley Grant had some real issues with each other, the pair earning a talking to in the Peacehaven box from Mr Chapman after a coming together.

That had little effect and five minutes later they clashed again in the penalty box at the other end of the pitch, which culminated in Spinks head-butting Grant.

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Spinks protested his innocence, claiming that he'd never made contact but the damage was done the moment he'd lent towards Grant and Mr Chapman quite rightly produced the red card.

Hassocks lost their discipline slightly after that, Jordan Badger having to show the qualities that have seen him handed the Robins armband at such a young age by bringing his side back under control.

Alongside Will Broomfield, there was real leadership at the back.

Once they'd regained their composure, the Robins set about testing Alifeu Secka in the Tye goal and he was called into producing one outstanding save in particular, pushing away a free-kick right on the stroke of half time to ensure that Peacehaven went into the break ahead.

Peacehaven began the second half the quickest and Hassocks were grateful to the post for ensuring they didn't slip further behind within just two minutes of the restart when

Curtis Ford's effort beat Harris but not the upright.

Hassocks knew that what they were lacking in men they could make up for in work rate with Johnson, Benson and Jack Wilkins all running themselves into the ground, Spencer Slaughter proving to be a driving force in midfield and Harvey Blake continuing his impressive start to life in senior football with an all-action performance at right back.

It was fully deserved when they equalised from the penalty spot just past the hour mark. A cross came into the Peacehaven box and Secka was clumsy in his attempts to try and gather it, only succeeding in bringing down Johnson who would've been well placed to score.

The Tye felt the decision harsh and after a lengthy delay, it was Benson who was entrusted with the spot kick after Slaughter's miss the previous week in the FA Cup and he duly dispatched the penalty with aplomb.

Things were level for only five minutes when Peacehaven were awarded a penalty of their own after Ford was pushed in the back in the box with Richmond converting the spot kick.

Hassocks desperately tried to find an equaliser after that but it was Peacehaven who made the game safe thanks to a huge element of luck.

Jake Brocklebank hit a distance effort which looked like it was on it's way to causing destruction to a nearby housing estate before it connected with Ford, who's buttocks managed to divert the ball in the complete opposite direction, leaving Harris stranded and handing Peacehaven all three points.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Badger, Broomfield, Bant; Stokes, Slaughter, Spinks, Wilkins; Benson, Johnson.

Subs: Mills (Stokes), Berridge (Wilkins), Bull (Slaughter), Jacques (unused).

PEACEHAVEN MATCH ACTION



Steve Mills
Photography



For the full set of photos from the Robins defeat away at Peacehaven & Telscombe, visit

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JONNO BACK WITH A DOUBLE AS HASSOCKS FINALLY GET A WIN

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division
Tuesday 21st August 2018, Mill Road
Arundel 1-3 Hassocks



Hassocks are finally up and running as the Robins got their first win of the season at the fifth time of asking thanks to a 3-1 success away at Arundel.

Phil Johnson netted his first goals since his summer return to the Beacon with a brace and Dan Stokes was the other man on target as a superb Robins display blew away the Mullets.

Hassocks have been threatening a performance like this for time.

They've looked good in glimpses in their previous four outings without ever managing to sustain it over the course of 90 minutes, normally due to wastefulness in front of goal or sloppy errors at the back.

They had to negotiate a difficult start against dangerous opponents at Mill Road – Arundel came into the game unbeaten in the league and with a hugely impressive 4-1 FA Cup win against Chertsey Town to their name – before going onto control proceedings and run out deserved winners.

Last time these two sides met in December, the Mullets left the Beacon 4-0 winners with Hassocks unable to cope with the movement of the Arundel's lively forward players.

It looked like it might be a similar story here in the opening exchanges

as the hosts dominated for the first 20 minutes.

Hassocks looked nervy and it was only once the excellent Harry Mills and Will Broomfield down the right side of the Robins defence got to grips with their opponents that the Robins began to come into proceedings.

The Robins could've taken the lead at that stage but for a bizarre set of circumstances.

Referee Jonathan Wilks had played an excellent advantage, allowing Hassocks to break and when it looked like that advantage had come to nothing as the ball was played back to Daniel Stevens in the Arundel goal, Mr Wilks pulled back play to award the visitors the initial free kick.

That was lucky for Stevens as seconds after Mr Wilks had stopped play, Stevens made a total hash of his clearance, smashing the ball into the back of defender Nathan Foster which resulted in it looping into the back of the net.

Unfortunately for Hassocks, they then squandered the opportunity from the resulting free kick.

A few minutes later and the Robins misery at not being 1-0 ahead was compounded as Arundel took the lead.

Hassocks failed to deal with a long ball over the top which was flicked on allowing Gray a free run at goal. Alex

Harris did manage to save the initial effort but Gray wasn't to be denied and he tucked away the rebound.

A piece of individual brilliance from Harvey Blake nearly dragged Hassocks back into it.

Blake embarked on a mazy run from left back which took him past virtually the whole Arundel team to 12 yards out from the Mullets goal where his left footed strike was only kept out by a combination of Stevens' fingertips and the crossbar.

Arundel were just two minutes away from reaching half time with the lead when the Robins equalised. Spencer Slaughter sent a perfect free kick delivery onto the head of Broomfield and his header across goal was met by Johnson who turned the ball in for his 47th Hassocks goal.

Slaughter was again the architect of the Robins second which arrived on the hour mark.

This time, the midfielder drove out to the left, riding a couple of challenges along the way before playing the ball into Johnson's feet.

Johnson managed to find the onrushing Stokes who, having been told at half time by coach Mark Price that he could be the Robins match winner, duly sent a splendid strike into the top corner.

Jack Wilkins work rate and movement earned him a few half chances as Hassocks went looking for a third to kill the game off with the midfield three of Slaughter, Stokes and Alex Spinks offering great control throughout the second half.

It was a classic Johnson goal that wrapped things up with just a minute of normal time remaining.

Blake hit a long ball over the top which Johnson's explosive pace took him onto and a brilliant first touch saw him round Stevens to slot home.

Hassocks: Harris; Mills, Broomfield, Badger, Blake; Spinks, Slaughter, Stokes; Wilkins, Benson, Johnson.

Subs: Lindsey (Johnson).





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		

Under 18s 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		
09/09 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFL18		
13/09 – 19:45	Upper Beeding (H)	SCFL18		
16/09 – 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (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 (H)	SCFL18		
02/12 – 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18		
06/01 – 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL18		
13/01 – 11:00	Upper Beeding (A)	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		

Ladies 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 14:00	Oakwood/Islington (H)	FACQ1		
09/09 – 14:00	Steyning Town (H)	SECW1		
16/09 – 14:00	Oakwood (A)	SECW1		
30/09 – 14:00	Mole Valley (A)	SECW1		
07/10 – 14:00	Milford & Witley (A)	SECW1		
14/10 – 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SECW1		
21/10 – 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	CWT1		
28/10 – 14:00	Victoire Development (H)	SECW1		
11/11 – 14:00	Wandgas (H)	SECW1		
25/11 – 14:00	Bexhill United (A)	SECW1		

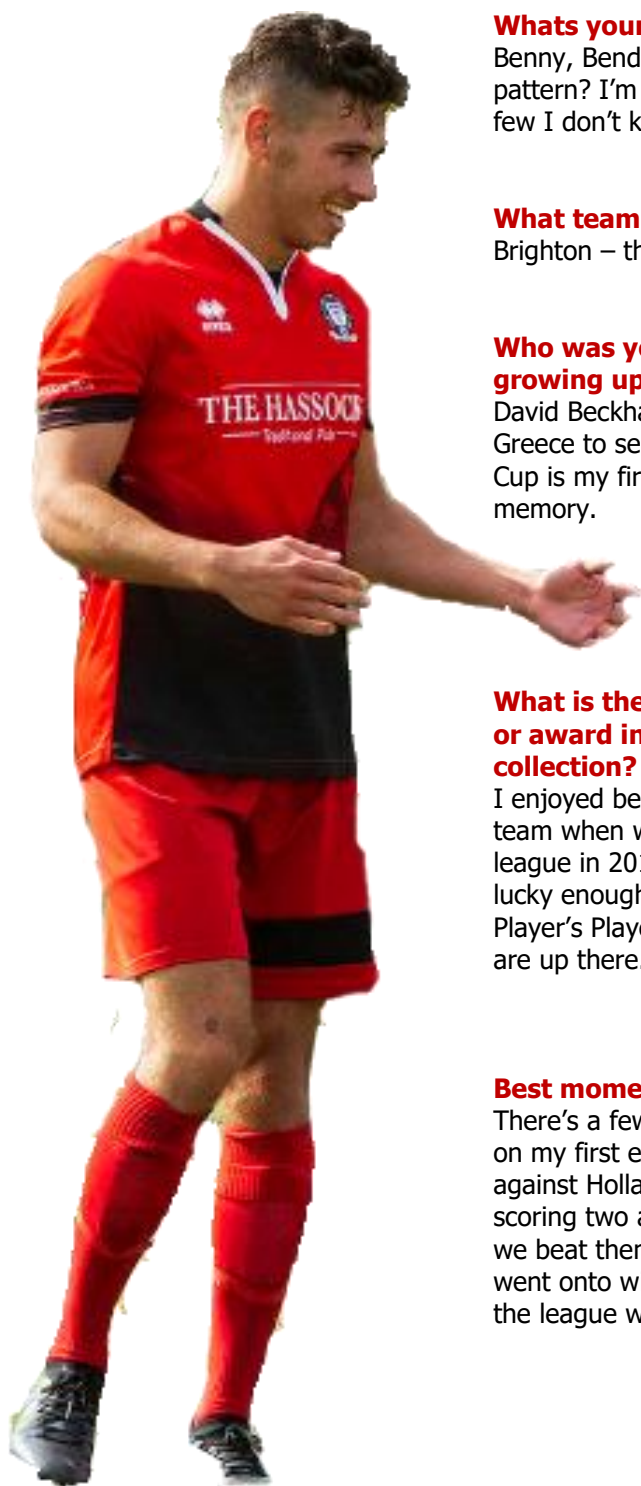


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22 QUESTIONS WITH...

Liam Benson

Liam Benson is back after a brief spell with Lancing and here he talks Leonardo Di Caprio playing him in a move, being caught offside and the ignominy of being benched in a reserve team game in place of a 40 year old...



Whats your nickname?

Benny, Bendo or Bendog. See the pattern? I'm pretty certain there is a few I don't know about though.

What team do your support?

Brighton – they're my Dad's team.

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

David Beckham. His free kick against Greece to send England to the World Cup is my first ever footballing memory.

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

I enjoyed being part of a very good team when we won the under 18s league in 2013-14 and I've also been lucky enough to win a couple of Player's Player awards as well which are up there.

Best moment in your career?

There's a few that stand out. Scoring on my first ever game in the FA Cup against Hollands and Blair last season, scoring two against Shoreham when we beat them 4-1 here the year they went onto win the league and winning the league with the under 18s.

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

Getting benched for a 40 year-old-man when playing for the reserves

Funniest thing you've seen in football?

That's a tough question! Maybe just watch some old clips of me trying to play football on YouTube for a laugh....

Best player you've ever played with?

I'll be able to answer that one after this season.

Best ground you've ever played at?

The Beacon, of course. Silly question.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Any team that I can score goals against!

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Jack Wilkins always works really hard in training when he isn't too busy punching himself about making a mistake.

Worst dressed player?

Alex Spinks. Not that he realizes – he rates himself highly!

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

There's lots of good people at the club and of course the facilities are fantastic.

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

"Play between the goalposts." I can't remember who told me that, but I found it helpful.

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

No offsides. That would save me from being caught offside every two minutes.

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

Messi for me.

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

Wilfried Zaha because he always, always manages to score against Brighton.

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

Work, gym and then a few beers at the weekend to unwind.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

David Beckham, David Brent and Floyd Mayweather. Then you've got a bit of everything.

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

World Cup Final in 1966.

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

Probably Leonardo Di Caprio or something...

Give us one interesting fact about you?

I have two left feet!

Benson's Best Bits...



...Under 18 league champions 2013-14



...scoring twice v leaders Shoreham



...goal on FA Cup debut

ON THIS DAY

August 25th

2006

After finally getting their season off the mark in the FA Cup six days previously, Hassocks made it third time lucky in the league with this 3-1 Friday night success at Worthing United.

Not that there was anything lucky about it however as the Robins worked hard for a thoroughly deserved victory and probably even surprised themselves by scoring three times against a side who had claimed a fine 2-1 cup win at Banstead last time out.

With just one goal from their opening three games and without the suspended Mark Sheriff, things hardly looked promising for the visitors especially as they fell behind on 32 minutes.

Manager Dave John gave a full debut to Will Wright alongside Richard Thomas up front and after struggling to make much an impact for 50 minutes, Wright began to find his feet, playing a big part in Matt Robbins second goal and then scoring himself.

But even more impressive in the second half was the phenomenal work rate of Thomas, who may struggle for goals but cannot be faulted for effort.

It was probably in midfield where the game was won as Robbins was superb and contributed the goals he so often threatens, while Chris Brown and Anthony Hibbert were excellent throughout.

Add to that the impressive consistency of newcomer Pete Lear at the back and it was enough to leave the visitors worthy winners, especially after home centre half Paul Jones' set-piece header put them behind.

Up to that point, Hassocks had put together some useful moves but the

end product was sadly lacking until Robbins timed his run perfectly to nip in front of keeper James Everett and nod in Richard Thompson's cross after Thomas had done well initially in the move.

It was all set up for a close second half but the hosts failed to test Joel Harding at all after he had pulled off a vital save from Dave Schneider on the stroke of half time.

Eight minutes after the restart, Thomas again did well and when Wright headed the ball down, Robbins once more timed his run to perfection to get ahead of his marker and slip the ball past the advancing keeper.

United barely threatened a comeback after that as the visiting defence kept the likes of Gavin Geddes quiet.

Victory was sealed in the 77th minute when a mistake by Young let in Wright, who lifted the ball over the stranded Everett.

Visiting boss John was well pleased with his teams efforts and so too were the travelling fans who would have remembered last seasons visit to the Robert Albon Ground slightly less fondly as popular striker James Laing was badly injured in a goalless draw that ended a run of 11 goals in three games for Hassocks.

Hassocks: Harding; Turner, Lear, Hewitt, Marsh, Thompson; Robbins, Brown, Hibbert; Thomas, Wright.

Subs: Amos (Wright 85), Fisk, Woods, Hudson, Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Matt Robbins. Important goals from the match winning engine room.

2007

The reserves followed up their 3-1 win at home to Whitehawk on the opening day of the season with a 4-0 victory over Selsey.

James Laing continued his return to fitness after over 18 months out with an ankle injury by adding a hat-trick to the brace he'd netted against the Hawks eight days earlier with Dan Jacques also on target for Mickey Jewell's side.

2012

Hassocks came away from their first ever visit to Dorking Wanderers with a 3-1 victory over the Sussex County Division One newcomers.

Although a comfortable sounding victory, the Robins were actually indebted to debutant goalkeeper James Plumley as the former Millwall professional pulled off a string of sensational saves to earn the visitors three points at Westhumble Playing Fields.

Hassocks took the lead against the run of play with 15 minutes gone when James Westlake's corner wasn't effectively cleared and Jake Forward was on hand to fire home his first goal for the club.

Nathan Miles made it 2-0 on 26 minutes with Plumley pulling off four outstanding saves between that point and the end of the first half.

There was little he could do when a Jake Hill shot took a deflection as Wanderers pulled one back.

The hosts poured forward after that but that gave Hassocks' dangerous attack opportunities to counter and they duly did, Miles making the game safe when heading in a Phil Johnson cross.

ON THIS DAY

August 27th

2013

Hassocks hit five goals for the second time in three days and Tuesday's win may well go down as truly memorable come the end of the season.

Shoreham arrived having played only twice so far this season but they'd plundered nine goals in those two outings, suggesting that the hosts' defence might be in for a tough examination.

In truth, the visitors did flatter to deceive a little although they looked a far better side than this score line might suggest, and early indications are that they are unlikely to suffer the same struggles that have dogged them in recent seasons.

They were particularly unlucky to turn around trailing 2-1 at half time and deserved much more than the one goal they managed which came three minutes before the break.

At that stage it looked like the next goal would be crucial but even when Hassocks came up with that just eight minutes into the second half, few would have envisaged quite such a comfortable victory.

It came because they raised their game while the visitors struggled to find a cutting edge.

After opening his season's account with a four goal haul in Saturday's demolition of Selsey, Phil Gault took only eight minutes to score in this match, neatly punishing a woeful error by keeper Josh Heyburn who looked highly suspect all evening.

He miscontrolled a throw-in and Gault did the rest.

If Shoreham felt they were unlucky to trail at that stage, their disappointment must have been even greater on 23 minutes when they were hit by a splendid goal.

Jamie Ingham did well to release Gault on the right and from his incisive cross, Kieran O'Callaghan timed his run perfectly to score with a header at the far post.

It was no more than Shoreham deserved when Josh Clack headed in a fine cross by Rob O'Toole to leave it all to play for in the second half but from there the visitors' challenge faded quite dramatically.

Eight minutes again proved an unfortunate time for Shoreham as Gault prospered from a rebound to release Anthony Hibbert for a pull-back that Nathan Miles did well to control before beating Heyburn inside his right-hand post for his 50th goal for the club.

It was almost surreal as the Robins struck twice more in the next ten minutes.

Defender Nick Pitcher bundled in Chris Maynard's excellent in swinging corner at the far post and then Miles left Heyburn rooted to the spot with a superb finish after the young keeper's rush of blood enabled Jamie Hillwood to set up the chance after a great through ball by Ingham.

Hillwood had been the first home sub used when replacing the injured Phil Johnson in the first half and when another sub, Laurence Robinson, seemed to badly twist a knee with no-one near him, that left the hosts to play out the last 14 minutes with only 10 men.

Before that home keeper Jack Simpson pulled off one truly outstanding save to somehow keep out a goal bound Craig Bunch header and Shoreham's night was fast turning into a nightmare as Bunch, Mark Zydonik and John Buggy were booked late on.

2004

An Ian Church goal helped the reserves to claim an impressive point against much-fancied Eastbourne Town in a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.

2010

Another reserve team game ends in a 1-1 draw – this time it's Pat Rose on target as the Robns are held away at Hailsham Town.

2011

Phil Gault has a rare run out for the reserves but not even that can help Hassocks to victory as they go down 5-2 at East Preston.

Gault does manage to net however, joining young right back Jake Mills on the scoresheet.

2012

Clearly there was something about facing Shoreham on this date that bought out the best in Hassocks.

A year before they put in that five-star showing against the Mussels, they ran out 2-1 winners on Bank Holiday Monday at the Beacon

The Robins did the damage in the first half as Nathan Miles teed up Phil Gault for the first with just 13 minutes played.

Shoreham equalised out of the blue just before the half hour mark through a stonking Owen Callaghan volley from outside the box after Hassocks failed to deal with a free kick.

But parity lasted only four minutes before Gault scored at the second attempt after his initial header hit the bar for what proved to be the winner.

COMING UP



K Sports

When?

Saturday 1st September

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Buildbase FA Vase
First Qualifying Round

Admission?

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

Who are K Sports?

K Sports are embarking on their first season in the South East Counties League Premier Division, having finished runners up in Division One last season. Before 2016, they were known as APM Contrast while their previous names include APM, APM Mears, Reed International and Aylesford Paper Mills. They've been around since 1919 and although they briefly folded in the late 1960's, they spent most of their existence in various Kent Leagues before being co-opted into the South East Counties when it absorbed the Invicta League. This is the highest level of football they've ever played at.

How are they getting on this season?

They've made an impressive start to life in the top division and if their results so far are anything to go by, Hassocks will have their work cut out to avoid an early elimination from the Vase. They kicked off their league season with a 4-2 win over Erith Town

who eliminated the Robins from the FA Cup last week. The Paperboys own FA Cup game was the first ever foray into the competition and saw them hold Pagham - one of the favourites for the Southern Combination League title - 2-2 at K Sports Cobdown. Their trip to Nyetimber Lane in midweek didn't go quite so well with Pagham eventually winning through 2-0.

Any history between Hassocks and K Sports?

None at all – this will be the first ever meeting between the two sides.

What's their FA Vase record like?

The Paperboys entered the FA Vase for the first time last season, making it to the first round proper where they went down to a 4-3 defeat away at Canterbury City. To reach that stage, they eliminated Colliers Wood United and Abbey Rangers.



Loxwood

When?

Saturday 8th September 2018

Where?

Plaistow Road

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination
Premier Division

Admission?

£6 adults, £5 over 65s and students,
Under 18s free

Loxwood last season?

The 2017-18 season was Loxwood's most disappointing in terms of league position since their promotion to the Premier Division in 2014. The Magpies 11th placed finish was still a huge success though as it proved to be something of a transitional campaign at Plaistow Road. Loxwood famously provided over half the Sussex Squad that reached the FA County National Cup Final in 2015 but the core of the squad began to leave them last season, lured away by the money on offer at other Premier Division teams. With that in mind, last year should be considered a success.

Hassocks' record against Loxwood?

The Robins have never defeated Loxwood in a game at senior level. There have been eight previous meetings between the two with Loxwood winning six and two draws. The Robins have conceded 17 times against the Magpies and scored just six goals of their own

Last time we met?

Four days after they'd been hammered 6-0 at home by Peacehaven & Telscombe, Hassocks put in a much improved performance but it still wasn't enough to avoid defeat at Plaistow Road. Dean Wright opened the scoring early on when he found himself in the ludicrous position of having a clear run at goal despite being just 15 yards or so inside the Hassocks half. Reece Hallard doubled the lead midway through the second half with Michael Death grabbing an injury time consolation for the Robins.

How to get to Plaistow Road?

Follow the A272 to and through Billingshurst, crossing the roundabout with the A29 before joining the B2133 shortly after. Pass through Newpound and Roundstreet Common, approaching a fork in the road with Skiff Lane. Plaistow Road is just on the left after that with the ground on your left a very short distance down it.



East Preston

When?

Tuesday 11th September

Where?

The Lashmar

Time?

7:30pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination
Premier Division

East Preston last season?

Survival was the name of the game for East Preston in their first season back in the Premier Division after winning promotion from Division One at the end of 2016-17. They achieved that comfortably in the end, Bob Paine's young side ending up in 13th spot, some 17 points clear of Hassocks in the final relegation place. There were some real highlights along the way, including inflicting Peacehaven & Telscombe's first defeat of the season and taking Brighton and Hove Albion Under 23s to extra time in the Sussex Senior Cup.

Hassocks' record against East Preston?

There have been 41 meetings between the two sides with Hassocks winning 13, nine draws and EP tasting success on the remaining 19 occasions. EP are normally good for a goal or two in the fixture as well, having scored 79 times.

Last time we met?

It was a case of two players at very different ends of the age spectrum shining as the sides drew 2-2 at the Beacon in February. 40-year-old Phil Wickwar had to done the gloves because of a goalkeeper crisis and took the man-of-the-match plaudits for a string of excellent saves while it was 17-year-old Jake Lindsey's 87th minute equaliser that rescued a point for Hassocks. Michael Death had opened the scoring on 10 minutes with Ryan Quirke getting both of EP's goals.

How to get to the Lashmar?

Take the A259 through Worthing heading through Littlehampton. After going through Worthing and passing Roundstone Farm on your right, take the first exit at the roundabout onto Old Worthing Road. Cross the railway line, taking a left after it followed by the next right onto Roundstone Drive and the ground is at the end of the road on the left.



Around the League

Only one 100% record remained in the Southern Combination League Premier Division after match day three last Saturday while Division Two kicked off in earnest...

Only one 100% record remained in the Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division after matchday three after Chichester City made it three wins from three to start the campaign.

Miles Rutherford's side left it late to claim all three points against **Horsham YMCA** at Oaklands Park, relying on Scott Jones' 86th minute strike to win the game.

Jones had given **Chichester** a first half lead which was cancelled out by Daniel Mobsby's equaliser just past the hour mark.

That looked like it might earn Peter Buckland's men a share of the spoils as well as preserving their unbeaten start to the season before Chi's late winner secured a 2-1 win for the early table toppers.

Pagham dropped their first points of the season after being held 1-1 away at Saturday's visitors to the Beacon, **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Oliver Leslie gave Down the lead just before the hour mark and it looked like that might be enough to earn them a shock first win of the season until Lindon Miller levelled things up with nine minutes remaining.

Monday's visitors **Saltdean United** moved up into third following a 3-1 come-from-behind win against **Eastbourne United** who are still searching for their first victory.

Tyler O'Callaghan had given the hosts a 20th minute lead at the Oval but it was short-lived as James Waters equalised for the Tigers 14 minutes later.

Two second half goals in the space of seven minutes from Toby

House ensured all three points went back to Hill Park.

Little Common tasted their first Premier Division defeat as Scott Rafferty scored the only goal of the game to secure a 1-0 win for East Preston at the Lashmar.

Peacehaven & Telscombe made hard work of seeing off a **Hassocks** side who played for over an hour with 10 men at the Sports Park.

Marcus Richmond put the hosts 1-0 ahead in the first half before Liam Benson equalised from the penalty spot for the Robins.

They were unable to hold onto a famous point however as another Richmond goal and a Curtis Ford effort gave the Tye a 3-1 victory.

Shoreham continue to make steady progress as they look to make an immediate return to the Bostik League following relegation, recording a 2-1 win over fellow promotion candidates **Eastbourne Town**.

The Mussels went 1-0 ahead through Andrew Dalhouse with Evan Archibald equalising for Town just two minutes into the second half.

It looked like it would finish that way until Kai Bichard netted an 89th minute winner for Sammy Donnelly's side.

Broadbridge Heath got their first win of the season on the board, edging out **Lingfield** in a nine-goal thriller at the Leisure Centre.

George Cousins set the tone for the ridiculously entertaining encounter that was to come by giving Heath the lead inside of two minutes.

Chris Ransome equalised for the visitors on 16 minutes, Devon Fender put the Bears back ahead on 23 and TH Stead ensured it was level at the

break with the Lingers second leveller 10 minutes before half time.

Fender netted his second two minutes after the restart and Cousins completed his brace 10 minutes later to put Heath in the driving seat.

But Lingfield came roaring back with two goals of their own from Sammy Clements and Jake Horn.

The game was eventually decided deep into injury time, Fender adding his third and Heath's fifth in the 95th minute as the Bears ran out 5-4 winners.

Lee Robinson continued his excellent start to the season for **Newhaven** by notching two of the Dockers goals in their 3-1 win at **Lancing**.

Robinson gave the visitors the lead with just a minute played with Jack Langford equalising eight minutes later.

Robinson netted his second five minutes before the break with Seb Saunders rounding off the scoring just past the hour mark.

Arundel drew for the third game running, this time 0-0 with **Langney Wanderers** and the divisions other game saw Jordan Warren's 92nd minute equaliser rescue a 1-1 draw for **Loxwood** away at **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Callum Smith had given the Oaks the lead two minutes into first half injury time.

AFC Vardeanian's impressive summer recruitment continues to pay dividends in Division One as they lead the way with six points from a possible six after a 4-0 win at **St Francis Rangers**.

Matt Waterman hit a brace for V's with Oliver Blackman and Kevin Keehan the other scorers.

Tuesday Night Round Up

Wick also have a 100% record following a 3-1 home win over **Seaford Town** with Dean Janman, Jack Cole and David Crouch on target.

Alford continue to make light work of their first ever season in senior football, seeing off **Selsey** 2-0 at the Recreation Ground where there were goals in each half from Johden De Meyer and Samuel Lemon.

The fourth and final 100% record in Division One belongs to **Steyning Town** who saw off spirited **Mile Oak** 2-1 away from home.

Chad Milner gave the Barrowmen the lead before Joseph Hall equalised for Oak with Jake Cockerton scoring what proved to be the winner for the visitors with 15 minutes remaining.

Bexhill United got their first win on the board in some style, hammering **Storrington** 7-1.

The Swans had gone 1-0 ahead through Kelvin Lucas' ninth minute opener and proceedings were level at the break with the Pirates only having a Liam Foster effort on the scoreboard.

They added another six to that in the second half with a hat-trick for Jack Shonk and further goals from Jack McLean, Sammy Bunn and Jamie Bunn.

Hailsham Town played their first game of the season a week later than everyone else and got off the mark with a 4-0 success at **Midhurst & Easebourne**.

Peter Cooper scored twice either side of half time for the Stringers with Sam Divall and Connor Townsend also netting.

There was a first win since relegation from the Premier Division for **Littlehampton Town** who ran out 4-2 winners at Southwick.

A double from Rafael Santos and one from Lawrence Edwards put Nigel Geary's side 3-0 ahead but two goals from Andrew McDowell set up a tense final five minutes as the Wickers looked to snatch an unlikely point.

It wasn't to be however and Tayler Lee-Hayes 93rd minute strike made it comfortable in the end for the visitors.

All the goals at Sidlesham Recreation Ground came in the first half as **Sidlesham** were 2-1 winners against **Billingshurst**.

Jordan Stallibrass gave Hurst the lead inside of 12 minutes but two goals in five minutes either side of the half hour mark from Ryan Chittock

and Morgan Forry gave Sids their first win of the season.

The divisions final game saw **Worthing United** and **Oakwood** play out a 1-1 draw at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground.

Keiran Deacon put the Mavericks 1-0 ahead midway through the second half with Farzad Bidgood netting the equaliser for the visitors with 15 minutes remaining.

The Division Two season got underway with **Rottingdean Village** the days big winners after a 5-0 success at **Ferring**.

Rottingdean were 3-0 up inside of 20 minutes through a quickfire Bradley Stevens brace and a Sean Russell strike.

Richard Cloake and Danny Stearman added gloss to the scoreline with two more goals in the final 15 minutes.

Angmering Seniors made the perfect start to life in the Southern Combination League by beating **Upper Beeding** 4-0 at Decoy Drive.

Danny Cooper gave the newcomers a first half lead with further goals from Luke Hugget, Daniel Swain and Michael Hendrick securing an impressive victory.

There were six first half goals at **Cowfold** where the hosts went down to a 5-2 defeat to **Rustington**.

Alexander McIver put the visitors into the lead with just four minutes played and four minutes later it was 1-1 thanks to Evan Millias' equaliser.

Josh Irish, Tom Ryder and Irish again all netted in an eight-minute blitz for Rustington before Tony Martin scored for Cowfold to leave a breathless first half finishing 4-2 to the hosts.

There was only one further goal in the second half and it came from Rustington's Jack Anderton.

Another one of the divisions newcomers started with a win as a Miguel Figueroa-Dunne helped himself to a hat-trick as **Copthorne** won 3-0 away at **Worthing Town**.

Two goals from Patrick O'Sullivan gave **Roffey** a winning start at home to **Bosham** in a 2-1 win with Luke Gregory grabbing a late consolation for the Robins and **Westfield** won by the same scoreline against **Montpellier Villa**.

There were no goals in the divisions other game, **Littlehampton United** marking their first match in the league with a 0-0 draw away at **Jarvis Brook**.

Pagham took over at the top of the Premier Division on Tuesday night following their 7-1 annihilation of Loxwood.

Callum Overton scored four times for the Lions as they took advantage of Broadbridge Heath hold Chichester City 0-0 at Oaklands Park to move to the top of the table for the first time this season.

Pagham's other scorers were George Gaskin with a brace and Lindon Miller while Matthew Hards netted for the Magpies when giving them a shock lead in the 12th minute.

Newhaven climbed to fourth thanks to a 3-0 home win over Little Common with the goals at the Trafalgar Ground coming from Seb Saunders and a Lee Robinson brace.

Langney Wanderers and Peacehaven & Telscombe shared the spoils after a 1-1 draw at Priory Lane with Sidney Adams goal for the visitors cancelling out Wayne Wilkinson's opener on the hour mark.

Crawley Down Gatwick inflicted a second defeat of the season on Shoreham as they won 3-2 at the Haven through goals from Michael Belli, Josh Martin and Sam Cane with Andrew Dalhouse and Kai Bichard on target for the Mussels.

Eastbourne United's difficult start to the season continued as they were beaten 4-1 at home by AFC Uckfield Town for whom Matt Black scored a brace along with goals from Shaun Loft and Callum Smith.

Luca Page netted the United consolation.

Lancing and East Preston shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Culver Road while one of the pre-season promotion favourites Eastbourne Town went down to a shock 1-0 defeat away at newly promoted Lingfield.

Sammy Clemments netted the only goal of the game at East Court for the Lingers.

The divisions other game saw Saltdean United v Horsham YMCA abandoned after 75 minutes after a serious injury to a United player at Hill Park.

YM had been leading 3-1 at the time and it remains to be seen what the leagues decision will be with regards to that one.



How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pagham	4	3	1	0	14	4	10
Chichester City	4	3	1	0	10	1	10
Saltdean United	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Newhaven	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
Peacehaven & Tels.	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Horsham YMCA	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Little Common	4	2	0	2	6	4	6
Crawley Down	4	1	3	0	4	3	6
Shoreham	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
AFC Uckfield Town	4	1	2	1	9	7	5
Broadbridge Heath	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
East Preston	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Lingfield	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Eastbourne Town	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Lancing	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Hassocks	4	1	1	2	5	11	4
Langney Wanderers	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
Arundel	4	0	3	1	2	4	3
Loxwood	4	0	1	3	4	13	1
Eastbourne United	4	0	1	3	3	12	1

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	283	283	283	283
Peacehaven & Tels.	187	374	210	164
Langney Wanderers	125	125	125	125
Horsham YMCA	115	115	115	115
Eastbourne United	111	222	125	97
East Preston	104	207	128	79
Pagham	104	104	104	104
Little Common	102	102	102	102
Lancing	98	195	100	95
Newhaven	97	97	97	97
Hassocks	94	188	104	84
Crawley Down	81	161	91	70
Chichester City	78	156	78	78
Lingfield	73	73	73	73
Loxwood	62	62	62	62
Shoreham	72	143	88	55
Saltdean United	52	52	52	52
AFC Uckfield Town	47	93	57	36
Arundel	45	89	47	42
Broadbridge Heath	45	45	45	45

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Pagham	WWDW
Chichester City	WWWD
Saltdean United	DWW
Newhaven	LDWW
Peacehaven & Tels.	LWWD
Horsham YMCA	WWL
Shoreham	LWWL
Little Common	WWLL
Crawley Down	DDDWW
AFC Uckfield Town	LDDW
Broadbridge Heath	DLWD
East Preston	DLWD
Hassocks	DLLW
Lingfield	DLLW
Eastbourne Town	DWLL
Lancing	WLLD
Langney Wanderers	DLDD
Arundel	DDDL
Loxwood	LLDL
Eastbourne United	DLLL

Premier Division Scorers

Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	5
Andy Dalhouse	Shoreham	4
Scott Jones	Chichester City	3
Wayne Wilkinson	Langney Wand	3
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	3
Matt MacLean	AFC Uckfield	2
Ben Gray	Arundel	2
Lewis Hole	Little Common	2
George Gaskin	Pagham	2
Daniel Simmonds	Pagham	2
Curtis Gayler	Saltdean United	2
George Cousins	B'bridge Heath	2
David Herbert	Chichester City	2
Gicu Iordache	Chichester City	2
Scott Rafferty	East Preston	2
Evan Archibald	Eastbourne T	2
Liam Benson	Hassocks	2
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	2
Alex Barbary	Horsham YMCA	2
Luke Donaldson	Horsham YMCA	2

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Table**Under 23 West Scorers**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arundel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midhurst & E'bourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 18 Central Table**Under 18 Central Scorers**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haywards Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rottingdean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Beeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

South East Counties Womens League Division One West Table**Division One West Scorers**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bexhill United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milford & Witley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mole Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wandgas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mid Sussex League Veterans Group 1A Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brockham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarvis Brook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maresfield Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ROBINS AWARDS

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Hassocks Twitter Man of the Match 2018-19

Broadbridge Heath home **Liam Benson**
Chichester City home **Jack Wilkins**
Erith Town home **Spencer Slaughter**
Peacehaven & Telscombe away **Liam Benson**
Arundel away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
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Loxwood home
Newhaven away
Little Common home
Lingfield away
Pagham home
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:

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October 2018

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November 2018

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December 2018

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January 2019

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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	231	38	269	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
Bradley Bant	117	13	130	12
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Phil Johnson	92	21	113	48
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Dan Stokes	79	30	109	6
Jamie Weston	84	23	107	14
Mark Launder	77	29	106	1
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



The success of Mickey Jewell's Hassocks sides throughout the early part of the decade was built very much around one element – scoring goals.

While Phil Gault took most of the plaudits in that regard, his strike partner Nathan Miles was very bit as important.

Miles had been part of the under 18s side who lifted the League Cup in 2008 but found first team opportunities difficult to come by, being used only sporadically by first Dave John and then Jewell until the latter abandoned his 4-5-1 formation early in the 2011-12 season and partnered Gault and Miles up front.

The result was spectacular with Miles finishing the season with 18 goals from 46 appearances as the Robins secured their highest ever finish of fourth place in the top flight.

The following season was even better as Miles hit 26 goals in 45 games and closed in on a half century which he passed early in 2013-14.

Unfortunately, injuries struck after that but he still managed to add another 24 to his tally over the next five seasons to stand sixth in the all-time scorers list before retiring at the end of last season at the age of 28.

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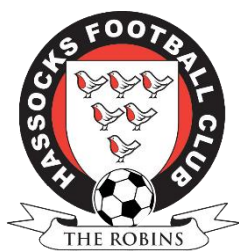


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Mark Browning

Assistants
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Saltdean United
Monday 27th August. 11am
Southern Combination Premier Division

Today's other games

Peter Bentley League Cup
Broadbridge Heath v Chichester City
Langney Wanderers v Peacehaven & Tels.

Premier Division
Eastbourne United v Lingfield



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	Matt Hurley
	Rabbit Kinkene
	Will Berry
	Josh Marshall
	Leon Moore
	James Waters
	Toby House
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	Matthew Whitehead
	Curtis Gayler
	Jamie Brotherton
	Ben Bacon
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	Jack Meeres

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Next at the Beacon



K Sports
Saturday 1st September. 3pm
FA Vase First Qualifying Round

Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Uckfield Town v Langney Wanderers
Eastbourne Town v Newhaven
Horsham YMCA v Loxwood
Little Common v Lingfield
Pagham v Arundel
Peacehaven & Telscombe v Eastbourne Utd
Shoreham v Lancing

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