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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 embark on the road to Wembley in the FA Vase against K Sports...

## Welcome to the Paperboys

We'd like to welcome our visitors from K Sports to the Beacon today for their first ever visit to this part of Mid Sussex.

The Paperboys – surely the best nickname in all of football – have bought a coach load of players, committee members and supporters with them today and hopefully they enjoy their stay.

Both sides have agreed as per competition rules that the tie should be decided on the day which means we will play to a finish via extra time and penalties if necessary.

## New first team fixture scheduled in for Tuesday night

There might not be an FA Vase replay, but the Robins will still be in action on Tuesday night as the league have scheduled in our Peter Bentley League Cup second round game.

Kick off will be at 7.45pm here at the Beacon and normal admission prices of £6 adults, £3 concessions and under 16s going free will be in place.

We now your probably getting bored of the place by now having seen seven of the Robins first nine games of the season taking place at the Beacon, but please do your best to come along and support.

There are back-to-back games on the road away at Loxwood and East

Preston after that which are then followed by just another three home games in succession!

## Under 18s and ladies kick off tomorrow

If your one of the few people who isn't bored with all this football, then the under 18s and ladies both start their competitive campaigns.

Brad Sweetman takes the young Robins to St Francis Rangers as they begin the defence of their title while the ladies play in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup here against Islington Borough at 2pm.

## Sponsor a Goal money due

The end of the month means that the first set of payments for the Robins Sponsor a Goal scheme are now due.

Hassocks have been in good form in front of goal this month with the result being a total of £144 raised.

If you're part of the scheme then you can probably expect that dreaded tap on the shoulder from Dave John today and trust us when we say it's best to pay the man!

For anyone who is not yet taking part in the scheme and would like to contribute £1 for every goal that the first time score this season, then please also speak to Johnsy or Owen behind the bar who will be only too happy to sign you up.

## Mixed Bank Holiday Weekend

In terms of the last two games, it was something of a mixed bag of a Bank Holiday Weekend for the Robins.

Saturday saw the side put in an excellent performance to see off Crawley Down Gatwick 2-1 in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

The deadly duo of Phil Johnson and Liam Benson were on target and really, the victory could've been by a greater margin given the way that Hassocks started the game.

Fast forward 48 hours later and there were a few individual mistakes against a Saltdean United side who, on that showing, will be there or thereabouts come the end of the campaign.

Nonetheless, to lose 4-1 was disappointing and then to see Alex Harris sent off after the final whistle compounded a miserable day.

Alex will now miss three games starting from Tuesday night but the positive news is that Alex Spinks should be back from suspension today having served his three game ban.

Mark Dalglish will still be without the services of Spencer Slaughter who is away, but no doubt the boss will be looking for a much improved performance against what we are expecting to be an extremely difficult K Sports side.





# Today's visitors...

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**K Sports are embarking on their first season in the South East Counties Premier Division, having finished runners up in Division One last season and today represents the first ever meeting between the two....**

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.

It comes at an interesting time for the club with a merger with the youth section of Holtwood Rangers giving K Sports an entire youth section to work with and a genuine pathway for talented players from junior football into adult football.

K Sports have 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 here at the Beacon three weeks ago.

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 the replay didn't go quite so well with Pagham eventually winning through 2-0.

As already mentioned, this will be the first ever meeting between the two sides with K Sports embarking on only their second ever campaign in the FA Vase.

They made it to the first round proper last season, 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 while Hassocks haven't won a game in the competition since the 2014-15 season having been eliminated at the earliest possible opportunity in the last two years to Horley Town and Spelthorne Sports.

We hope everybody from K Sports enjoys their brief stay with us here in Mid Sussex today.



## FACTFILE

**K Sports**

**Founded** 1919

**Nickname** Paperboys

**Ground** K Sports Cobdown

**Website** ksports-fc.co.uk

**Twitter** @KSportsFC

**Manager** Kris Browning

**Top Scorer** Matt Gething, 3

## HONOURS

**South Counties East Division 1**

Runners up 2018

**Kent County Premier West**

Winners 1987, 1991

**Kent County League Senior West**

Winners 1960, 1965

**Kent League Division 2**

Winners 1930, 1931, 1932, 1947

# **SUPERIOR SPELTHORNE SEND ROBINS OUT OF VASE**

**Hassocks' last FA Vase adventure lasted just the one game as Spelthorne Sports ran out convincing 3-0 winners at the Beacon thanks to a hat-trick from Matt Weston...**

**There will be no FA Vase run to distract Hassocks from the woes of their league campaign after the Robins were well beaten 3-0 by Spelthorne Sports at the second qualifying round stage.**

Hassocks had advertised this game as them being "only eight games from Wembley".

Given that their current average of one win in 11 means that they aren't even on course to win eight games this season, that seemed wildly optimistic even before you considered the fact that the draw had paired them with one of the better teams from the superior Combined Counties League Premier Division.

Spelthorne have had an excellent start to the season and are currently sitting pretty in fifth place in the table.

They deserved to win this game, but once again Hassocks were left ruing a controversial refereeing decision for goal one, some bad luck for goal two and a lack of some pretty basic defending principles for goal three as the visitors Matt Weston took full advantage to help himself to a hat-trick.

Given that they conceded in the first and third minutes of their last two games, Hassocks would've been pleased with the start they made as they not only held out until the 15 minute mark but they were also the better team in the opening exchanges.

They could even have taken they lead via a flowing move up the pitch that ended in Will Broomfield connecting with a firm header that perhaps should have troubled

Spelthorne goalkeeper Brendan Hazlett more than it did.

Spelthorne duly made Hassocks pay for that spurned opportunity with a huge helping hand from referee Luke Chapman.

Nathan Stroomberg appeared to have the ball grounded with both hands clasped around it when Weston booted him and the loose ball ended up in the back of the net.

**"Even Lord Lucan would've been proud of the disappearing act that the Hassocks defence produced as Badger was left completely exposed as the last man with Weston running clear to wrap up his treble and the tie."**

There was clearly some ambiguity about what had gone on as Mr Chapman and his assistant took an age to come to a decision to allow the goal to stand, incensing Hassocks players and supporters alike.

Stroomberg meanwhile received lengthy treatment and while he was able to complete the game, Phil Wickwar revealed afterwards that the incident had left the young Hassocks goalkeeper with three badly swollen fingers that could rule him out for a few weeks - hardly ideal given that the Robins have six hugely important games crammed into the next three weeks.

Hassocks channelled their anger at that goal being allowed in the right way, going straight onto the front foot again and forcing Hazlett into an

excellent stop from a Phil Gault free kick after Charlie Pitcher was fouled on the edge of the box.

From the resulting corner, a towering header from Jordan Badger went just wide.

It was midway through the first half when Weston doubled his sides advantage, Tom Barnes stepping out of defence to make a challenge, only to see the ball ricochet off to Luke Richards who squared to Weston to fish neatly into the corner.

Despite that, there was still a feeling that Hassocks had a real shot of getting back into things after the break; on another day neither of those goals happens and they had a bench packed with quality including the likes of James and Lewis Westlake, Dan Stokes and Jamie Hillwood who has rejoined the club after a brief spell at Haywards Heath Town.

Wickwar said that the players were aware that they needed to keep it tight at the back early on as a two goal deficit was recoverable but a three goal deficit would've been game over.

And it was game over within eight minutes of the second half.

Even Lord Lucan would've been proud of the disappearing act that the Hassocks defence produced as Badger was left completely exposed as the last man with Weston running clear to wrap up his treble and the tie.

**Hassocks:** Stroomberg; Barnes, Marsh, Badger; Maskell, Broomfield, Gault, Slaughter, Benson; Death, Pitcher.

**Subs:** J Westlake, Stokes, Hillwood (used), L Westlake, Harris (unused).





**The Robins go looking for a first win in the FA Vase since 2014 today. Here's a look back at some of their previous efforts in the competition...**

### **Five games from Wembley**

The closest Hassocks have ever got to reaching Wembley in the FA Vase is the second round of the competition, a stage that the Robins have reached on four previous occasions.

The most recent of those came in the 2014-15 season and it was an evening to forget for Dave John's young side as they were hammered 7-0 by Ashford United – Hassocks' heaviest defeat in the competition.

That was the season in which the Robins most recently won a game in the Vase, the previous round seeing a 3-1 home win over Cortinthian thanks to two goals in the final five minutes from Phil Johnson and Nathan Miles.

Hassocks' other games in the second round stage were less chastening than that Ashford experience; 1-0 defeats away at Lymington Spa and Kingsbury Town in 2007-08 and 2005-06 respectively and a 2-1 loss at Banstead Athletic in 1998/99.

That Banstead defeat as preceded by probably Hassocks' best ever set of results in the competition.

The Robins weren't drawn at home in one round but picked up quite brilliant wins on the road in tough away games at Knitbury Rangers (3-2) and then a stunning 3-0 win away at Ware.

### **Stung by the Hornets**

The Vase seemed to love throwing up games with Horsham in the early 90s and Hassocks and the Hornets faced off three times in the FA Vase between 1995 and 2000.

The first of those came in the first season that the Robins entered the competition, Horsham winning a topsy-turvy game 6-3 at Queen Street in the first round in 1995-96.

Ramsgate became the first side Hassocks ever beaten in a national cup competition in the previous round following a 2-1 away win.

John's side then went out to the Hornets again in 2000/01 thanks to a 2-1 replay defeat at Queen Street after they'd done fantastically well to hold their higher division visitors 2-2 here at the Beacon.

The fact that game went to a replay was a rarity in itself, as only one other time in over 20 years of entering the competition have Hassocks needed an additional 90 minutes to decide a game.

That came in the first qualifying round game against Farnham Town in 2011-12.

Both of those matches ended in 1-1 draws with Town eventually triumphing 8-7 on penalties on a horrible Tuesday night in Surrey.

Phil Gault scored the Hassocks goals in both games and it was the unfortunate James Westlake who missed the decisive spot kick.

### **No Deal at Deal**

There have been five other exits at the first round stage, the most disappointing of which came at Deal Town in 2012-13.

Hassocks had finished the previous season in fourth place in the Sussex County League - their highest ever finish - and had arguably the best squad in the clubs history but they simply didn't turn up on the day, going down 2-0 to a set of gloating hosts.

The only positive from the experience came with meeting the 'Deal Duck', Town's mascot that was effectively a bloke dressed in a Donald Duck outfit.

Spencer Slaughter in particular was delighted to meet him, demanding a picture after the game in what was otherwise a pretty poor afternoon on the road.

The Robins other first round exits have come at the hands of Chessington & Hook United 3-0 in 2013-14, Witney United in 2004-05 just before a certain David Cameron became the local MP, fellow Sussex side Sidley United 3-1 in 2001-02 and

away at Herne Bay in the 1996/97 season.

### **Sussex sides send the Robins crashing**

Of the Robins six other second qualifying round exits, three of them have come at the hands of clubs from the Southern Combination League.

Littlehampton Town accounted for the Robins exit from the competition in 1997, Arundel in 2003 and Eastbourne Town in 2006.

That Eastbourne Town defeat was particularly harsh on the Robins as they took the eventual Premier Division champions all the way to extra time before succumbing 3-1.

Two of the other three exits were all by a single goal – 3-2 away at BAT Sports in the 1999-00 season and at home to Chertsey Town 3-2 AET in 2008-09.

There was also a disappointing 2-0 defeat away at Molesey in the 2009-10 campaign and last seasons 3-0 home defeat to Spelthorne Sports.

### **Out at the earliest**

Given that Hassocks have rarely finished in the bottom six during their 24 years in the top flight of the Southern Combination, it has not been often that they've entered the FA Vase at the first qualifying round, as is the case today.

The last occasion came in 2016-17 when Hassocks were on the end of a 4-2 defeat away at Horley Town in the clubs first game in the competition for two years, having failed to enter for the 2015-16 season.

The Robins only other exits came in 2010-11, 3-2 away at Blackfield & Langley in a game that is probably best remembered for young Hassocks left back Andy Whittingham receiving a quite sensational red card for attempting to kung fu kick an opposition player in the face.

There was also a 3-2 defeat at big spending Moneyfields in 2003-04.

Hassocks have won two games at the first qualifying round of the competition previously including one of the most entertaining in the Vase, a 4-3 win over Three Bridges in 2008-09 in which Jack Simpson made his Hassocks debut.

The other victory came by three goals to one the following season at home to Sevenoaks Town.

## **Some FA Vase facts and figures...**

### **Biggest win...**

4-0 v Farnham Town - Second Qualifying Round 2000-01 season

### **Heaviest defeat...**

7-0 v Ashford United - Second Round 2014-15 season

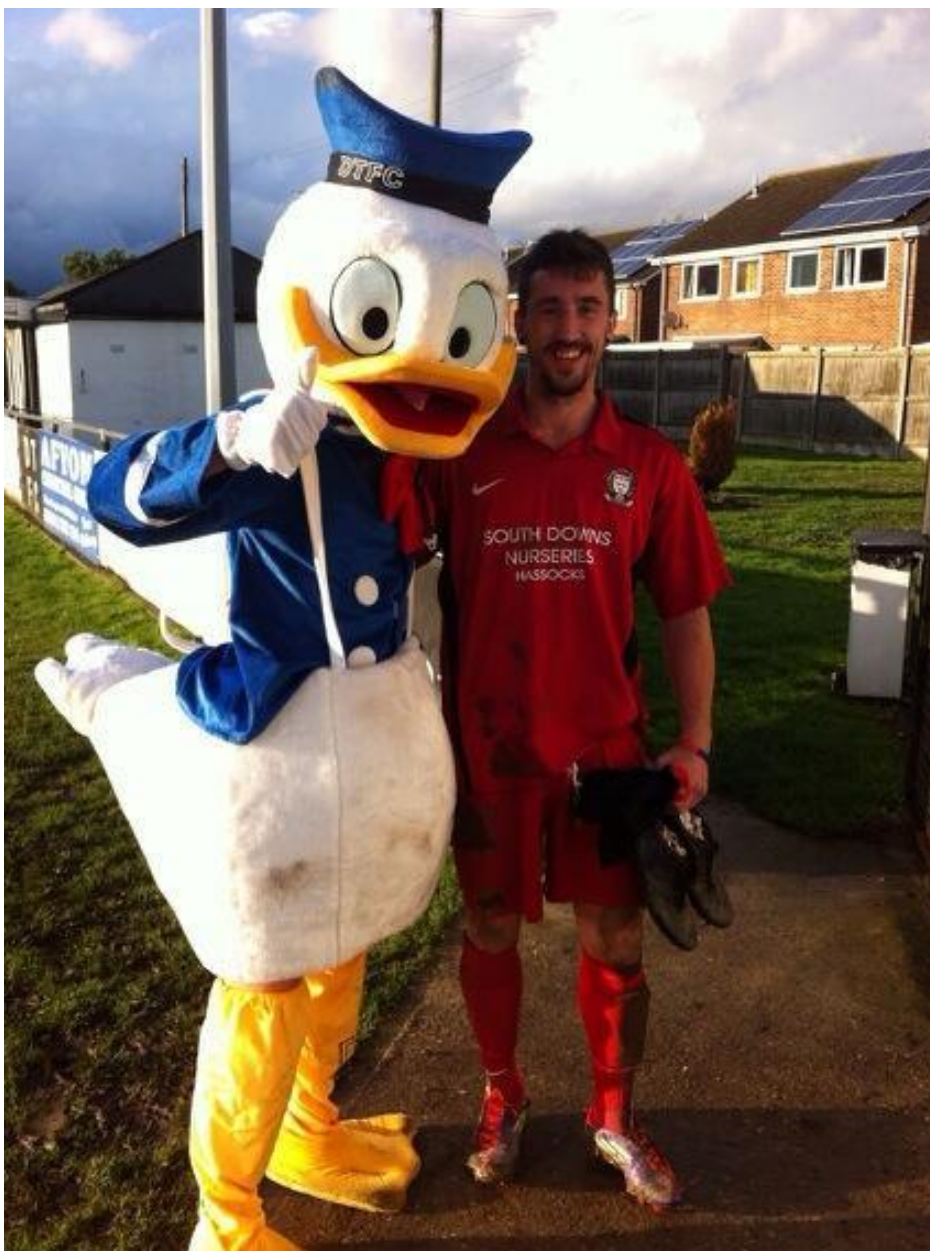
### **Most frequent opponents...**

Horsham and Farnham Town – three games against each

### **Furthest round reached**

Second Round Proper – 1998-99, 2005-06, 2007-08 seasons

## **And Spencer Slaughter meets the "Deal Duck" away at Deal Town in 2012...**





# **Congratulations to our August Bank Holiday Man-of-the-Match winners**



**MAN OF THE MATCH**  
**MATT BERRIDGE**



**MAN OF THE MATCH**  
**HARVEY BLAKE**

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# 50 up for Jonno

**Phil Johnson's consolation goal against Saltdean United on Bank Holiday Monday saw him join an exclusive club of players to have netted 50 times in senior football for the Robins...**

**Phil Johnson scored his 50th goal for Hassocks in Bank Holiday Monday's 4-1 defeat to Saltdean United, becoming only the 11th player in the clubs history to notch a half century in senior football.**

Johnson's strike just past the hour mark was his fourth of a season that continues to get better and better following his summer return to the Beacon from Horsham YMCA.

He's bought up the landmark in 114 games since making his debut in the 2007-08 season, the same campaign he notched a sensational hat-trick for the under 18s as they lifted the Southern Combination Youth League Cup with a 3-2 final win over Arundel.

University commitments meant that although Johnson made his debut towards the end of that season, it was only four seasons later that he became a first time regular under Mickey Jewell's management in 2011-12.

He scored nine times in 39 games that season, adding four

more from nine appearances in 2012-13 and seven in 20 in 2013-14 as again his studies prevented regular football.

Phil Gault's departure to Haywards Heath Town and Nathan Miles' injury problems gave Johnson the opportunity to become the Robins lead striker in 2014-15 and he grabbed it with both hands, scoring 26 times in 39 games despite being regularly found in Burgess Hill's popular nightspots The Railway and Jacobs Post on a Friday night.

Those goals fired Hassocks to a Great Escape from relegation and earned Johnson a move to Burgess Hill Town and then a prolific two and a half year spell with YM.



Johnson has some way to go to catch Gault who stands head and shoulders above anyone else in the top 10 with 185 goals from 33 appearances.

Gault is followed by James Laing on 143 goals from 351 games with Pat Harding in third having scored 131 times in 195 games which gives Harding comfortably the best goals-to-game ratio.

Anthony Hibbert is fourth with 124, a remarkable total for a midfielder with 462 appearances to his name and the top five is rounded off by popular 90's striker Robbie Kitchen who netted 123 in 323.

Johnson's former under 18 team striker partner Nathan Miles is sixth with 74 in 211 appearances, a total that Johnson will surpass if he keeps up his current goals-to-game ratio throughout the remainder of the season.

In seventh is Neil Smith with 68, eighth is Steve Hards with 65, ninth comes the Robins record appearance maker Mickey Turner with 63 from his 594 games and the top 10 is rounded off by Dave Smith with 53.



# First Team 2018-19

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>F-A</b>	<b>Scorers</b>
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	2-1	Johnson, Benson
27/08 – 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP	1-4	Johnson
01/09 – 15:00	K Sports (H)	FAVQ1		
04/09 – 19:45	Bexhill United (H)	PBLC2		
08/09 – 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
11/09 – 19:45	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
22/09 – 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
29/09 – 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
06/10 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
20/10 – 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
27/10 – 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
03/11 – 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
10/11 – 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
17/11 – 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
24/11 – 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
01/12 – 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
08/12 – 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
15/12 – 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
22/12 – 15:00	Chichester City (A)	SCFLP		
26/12 – 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFLP		
29/12 – 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP		
05/01 – 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/01 – 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
26/01 – 15:00	Arundel (H)	SCFLP		
02/02 – 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
09/02 – 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
16/02 – 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
23/02 – 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
02/03 – 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
09/03 – 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
16/03 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/03 – 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
30/03 – 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
06/04 – 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
20/04 – 15:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP		
22/04 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
27/04 – 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		

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*Traditional Pub*

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# Appearances 2018-19



	2018-19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jordan Badger	7	0	7	0	82	4
Alex Harris	7	0	7	0	58	0
Liam Benson	6	1	7	3	73	20
Dan Stokes	6	1	7	1	111	6
Jack Wilkins	6	1	7	0	65	1
Harvey Blake	5	2	7	0	7	0
Jake Lindsey	5	1	6	0	25	4
Harry Mills	5	1	6	0	72	2
Spencer Slaughter	5	1	6	1	270	43
Will Broomfield	5	0	5	0	32	0
Alex Spinks	5	0	5	0	6	0
Bradley Bant	4	1	5	0	131	12
Matt Berridge	4	1	5	0	20	0
Phil Johnson	4	1	5	4	115	50
Joe Bull	1	3	4	0	4	0
Dan Wesbter	2	0	2	0	2	0

## Today's game poster...



# ROBINS PICK UP A RARE CUP SUCCESS

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Second Round  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018, The Beacon

**Hassocks 2-1 Crawley Down Gatwick**



**Cup competitions haven't been kind to Hassocks in recent seasons so this 2-1 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup victory over Crawley Down Gatwick was a welcome result for everyone at the Beacon.**

The Robins managed just one win out of six in knockout ties last season.

The Anvils meanwhile won this competition in 2011 and reached the final as recently as two seasons ago, eliminating Hassocks along the way.

The visitors would have been confident of another cup run had they overcome Hassocks, given that the winners will face either Southwick or Seaford Town from Division One in round three.

That opportunity will now go to Mark Dalglish's side after goals from Phil Johnson and Liam Benson made it back-to-back wins for only the second time since October.

The Robins made three changes from the side that had been so impressive in defeating Arundel four days previously.

Alex Spinks was suspended which saw the outstanding Matt Berridge return to the line up while Jack Wilkins and Liam Benson dropped down to the bench with Joe Bull and Jake Lindsey taking their places.

Hassocks were quick out of the blocks and took the lead after only five minutes.

There's a real energy and a strong work rate amongst this Hassocks side at the minute and that is led from Johnson at the front.

**"There looked to be a hint of offside about the goal but even so, it was an excellent finish from Johnson who is already making a really impact on his return to the Beacon after three seasons away."**

Needless to say, it was he who opened the scoring.

There looked to be a hint of offside about the goal but even so, it was an excellent finish from the forward who is already making a really impact on his return to the Beacon after three seasons away.

Down were aggrieved that Johnson's finish had been allowed to stand and they were even more incensed when Sam Cane had an equaliser ruled out for an equally contentious decision midway through the first half.

The experienced Marc Pelling headed back to Cane who tucked the ball past Alex Harris.

The Anvils were adamant that Cane had run past the Robins' defenders Jordan Badger and Will

Broomfield to score but that wasn't the view of the match officials who chalked the goal off for offside.

Down were much more of a threat in the second half as they finally got to grips with Hassocks' pressing game and Cane put two decent chances over the bar while Pelling saw a header graze the wrong side of the post, much to the relief of Harris.

With the visitors on top, Dalglish turned to his bench.

Whereas last season it was often filled with under 18 players, here Hassocks had three bona fide first team regulars to throw on in Benson, Wilkins and Bant.

It was the first of those who punished the Anvils for their succession of missed opportunities when he doubled the Robins lead on 70 minutes for his third goal of the season since re-signing from Lancing.

Cane did finally get on the score sheet in the 94th minute but that proved to be too little, too late for the Anvils.

Indeed, there were no more than 20 seconds between that goal and the full time whistle as Hassocks secured a rare safe passage into the next round of a knockout competition.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Blake, Broomfield, Badger, Mills; Berridge, Slaughter, Stokes; Bull, Johnson, Lindsey.

**Subs:** Benson, Wilkins, Bant (used), Russell, O'Leary (unused).





# BACON SIZZLES TO SCORE FOUR ON HIS BEACON RETURN

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, The Beacon  
**Hassocks 1-4 Saltdean United**



**There haven't been many returns to the Beacon like that of Ben Bacon's on Bank Holiday Monday for Saltdean United.**

The striker, who netted nine times in 24 appearances in the 2016-17 season for the Robins, marked his first return to Hassocks since leaving for Steyning Town at the end of that campaign with a sizzling display as he netted all four goals in his new club's 4-1 victory.

On this form, United look well placed to put in a genuine tilt for honours this season.

For Hassocks, it was a case of coming back to Earth with a bump following back-to-back victories over Arundel and Crawley Down Gatwick.

Mark Dagleish's side played well for large parts of the game, but just as when they came up against another one of the title favourites Chichester City three weeks previously, they were undone by disappointing spells at the start and the end of the encounter.

For Hassocks goalkeeper Alex Harris, that ending is one he'll want to forget especially quickly.

He'd been responsible for gifting Bacon the fourth and final goal in the 95th minute when he passed the ball straight to the feet of his former team mate who in turn lobbed it back over him and into the empty goal.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Harris then took his frustrations out on referee Barry Cox minutes later after the final whistle and received a red card and a subsequent three game ban for his troubles.

Hassocks were missing influential midfielder Spencer Slaughter who is away for another week.

In his place, Jack Wilkins was promoted to the starting line up and Liam Benson, scorer of what proved to be the winner against Crawley Down 48 hours earlier, took the place of Joe Bull who was benched.

The game was just 30 seconds old when Bacon put Saltdean ahead and he doubled the advantage with half an hour played, which at least led to the Robins belatedly making a game

of it for the next 30 minutes either side of the interval.

Bacon wasn't the only ex-Hassocks player in the Tigers line up with last seasons number one goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg also having moved to Hill Park in the summer.

There was nothing that he could do when Phil Johnson gave Hassocks hope of coming back into the game when he halved the deficit just past the hour mark with his fourth goal of the season and his 50th for the club, becoming only the 11th player to manage a half century in senior football for the Robins.

The reprieve was short lived however as less than 10 minutes later, Bacon completed his hat-trick before Harris' moment of madness five minutes into a lengthy period of injury time.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Mills, Broomfield, Badger, Blake; Wilkins, Berridge, Stokes; Johnson, Benson, Lindsey.

**Subs:** Bull (used).



# SALTDEAN MATCH ACTION



Thanks to Tommy McMillan for these photos of the Robins clash with Saltdean United



# 22 QUESTIONS WITH... Jack Wilkins

## Whats your nickname?

Phsyco – the clue is in the name

## What team do you support?

Chelsea.

## Who was your footballing idol growing up?

Frank Lampard or Didier Drogba.

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

I've won back-to-back titles and a golden boot in youth football.

## Best moment in your career?

I've taken Woking from the Conference to the Champions League in six seasons on Football Manager. Stuff like that doesn't go unnoticed.

## Most embarrassing moment of your career?

Losing against St Francis Rangers for the youth team. Not sure we would ever live that down

## Funniest thing you've seen in football?

Liam Benson and Alex Spinks doing their initiation song together this season

## Best player you've ever played with?

Joe Russell

## Best ground you've ever played at?

The Beacon, obviously.

## Favourite opposition team to play against?

None. I hate all our opposition.

## Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Spencer Slaughter.

## Worst dressed player?

James Littlejohn. Horrific.

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

Everything about playing for Hassocks is great.

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

"Jack, calm down." Seem to hear that from Mark Dalgleish all the time and he isn't exactly a calm bloke himself.

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

Straight red cards bought in for diving.

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

Ronaldo.

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

Luis Suarez

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

Work and listen to Oasis.

## Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Liam Gallagher, Diego Costa and Jimmy Carr.

## 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?

Charlie Sheen.

## Give us one interesting fact about you?

I haven't mentioned it, but I love Oasis. Best band of all time.

# UNDER 23S KICK OFF WITH LANCING LEVELLER

## Hassocks Under 23s kicked off their Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division season with a 1-1 draw away at Lancing last Friday night.

The Robins had taken a first half lead through last season's top scorer Max Willcox who netted five minutes before the break.

Lancing looked like they had made the perfect start when they were awarded a penalty inside the opening five minutes but Luke Richards failed from the spot.

The hosts equaliser came in the 66th minute as Taku Madhlazi

rounded off a man-of-the-match showing for the Lancers with the goal that earned them a share of the spoils.

Hassocks boss Nigel Pearce had handed under 23 debuts to Harvey Enticknapp and Will Glenn from the start while both Martin Ratcliffe and Ben Miller made their first appearances for the Robins from the substitutes bench.

There was also a first appearance for Ryan Collins since the midfielder left the Robins midway through the 2015-16 season, since when he has subsequently played for AFC

Varndeanians and Ringmer.

Hassocks kicked off their home campaign on Thursday night at home to Midhurst & Easebourne in what was the first ever meeting between the two clubs at under 23 level.

If you missed that one and would like to catch the Robins in action, then they are away at Southwick on Thursday night with a 7.45pm kick off at Old Barn Way.

That is followed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September with a mouth-watering home tie against the side that pipped them to the title last season, Pagham.

## Under 23s Fixtures & Results 2018-

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
24/08 – 19:45	Lancing (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Willcox
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 23s Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Connor Bradley	1	0	1	0
Ryan Collins	1	0	1	0
Ellis Common	1	0	1	0
Louie Derham	1	0	1	0
Harvey Enticknap	1	0	1	0
Will Glenn	1	0	1	0
Josh Green	1	0	1	0
James Littlejohn	1	0	1	0
Solly Ross	1	0	1	0
Kieran Wells	1	0	1	0
Max Willcox	1	0	1	1
Ben Miller	0	1	1	0
James Oliver	0	1	1	0
Martin Ratcliffe	0	1	1	0
Joe Russell	0	1	1	0

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# CURTAIN RAISERS ON SUNDAY FOR LADIES AND UNDER 18S

**Both Hassocks Under 18s and Hassocks Ladies kick off their competitive league seasons tomorrow with huge games for differing reasons.**

The Young Robins will look to become the first Hassocks side to ever successfully defend the Southern Combination Youth League title when they travel to local rivals St Francis Rangers for a Mid Sussex Derby to kickstart the season.

It will be Brad Sweetman's first competitive game in charge after stepping up from assistant manager to replace Dave John who stepped down at the end of the previous

season's treble winning campaign.

This is Rangers' first season back in the league having not entered a youth side in 2017-18, with the last meetings between the two both going the way of Hassocks in the 2016-17 season.

There was a 3-0 victory at the Beacon through goals from Matt Denyer, Danny Austin and an own

**"The ladies are only three wins from the first round proper of the FA Cup"**

goal and a 7-2 win at Colwell Road in the return fixture.

Kick off at the Hospital is at 11am for anybody who would like to go and cast an eye over the newest generation of Robins.

The ladies meanwhile will be looking to do what the men failed at by progressing in the FA Cup.

Martin Lee's side will take on Islington Borough at the Beacon with kick off in that one set for 2pm.

Islington set up the meeting thanks to a 4-0 victory over the Robins' South East Counties League Division One West rivals Oakwood in the Preliminary Round two weeks ago

## 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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# ON THIS DAY

## September 1st

### 2007

**Hassocks bowed out of the FA Cup 3-0 in a frustrating encounter on Saturday as Dave John's men were taught a valuable lesson in finishing by Surrey-based hosts Walton & Hersham.**

In what proved to be a relatively even affair against higher-ranked opposition, Hassocks paid the ultimate price for rarely testing home goalkeeper Rob Webb despite creating a number of opportunities.

Conversely, the Ryman League hosts pounced on limited openings to send Hassocks out of the cup and deprive the visitors of an extra £1,000 in the bank.

Afterwards Hassocks boss John commented, "I don't think we deserved to lose 3-0.

"We were the better side until their first goal and rank bad defending gave them a second."

"After battling hard in the second half, it was frustrating to give away a third."

The hosts started brightly and could have taken the lead in the eighth minute when Rob George poked the ball straight at Harding from close range.

But Hassocks responded well and began to exert long spells of pressure on Walton, with full-back Mickey Turner making some thrusting runs down the right-hand channel.

Yet Hassocks failed to create any clear-cut chances in the opening half hour despite looking the better side.

And they were punished in the latter stages of the first half when the hosts effectively won the tie.

On 37 minutes Walton took the lead against the run of a play when a long ball picked out the run of substitute striker Nathan Graham,

who drilled the ball home from a tight angle.

It only took another five minutes for the hosts to add a second when midfielder Lawrence Yiga rose above his marker to head home Tom Carter's excellent cross.

To their credit, Hassocks refused to give up and they almost reduced the deficit on the stroke of half-time when Phil Gault's superb curler cleared the bar by inches.

And the visitors continued to look dangerous after the break as Spencer Slaughter came agonisingly close with an audacious 40-yard lob.

In the first 20 minutes of the second half alone, Hassocks were guilty of squandering five chances, with Webb only required to make one notable save from Anthony Hibbert on the hour mark.

The best of these openings probably came in the 62nd minute when a clever Gault flick picked out James Laing, who sadly failed to control the ball in a superb shooting position.

Yet it was Gault who missed Hassocks' best chance after tamely shooting straight at Webb following a pinpoint cross from the overlapping Turner on the right.

And their misery was compounded in stoppage time as Carter made it 3-0 with a left-footed effort that passed through the arms of Harding.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Turner, Lear, Marsh, Leahy, Thompson; Robbins, Slaughter, Hibbert; Gault, Laing.

**Subs:** Newington (Laing 82), Bates (Slaughter 89), Thomas, Franks, Wickwar (unused).

### 2006

**Hassocks Reserves only had themselves to blame as they left Mill Road with just a point following a 1-1 draw with Arundel.**

A combination of some woeful finishing and an incredible error from goalkeeper Phil Wickwar ensured that this Friday night encounter ended with the spoils shared.

Wickwar's mistake came when he decided to duck out of the way of an Arundel cross which turned out to be the only thing the home side managed to get on target all evening.

It flew in at the near post straight over the head of the Hassocks player-manager and the cheap concede was compounded by a complete lack of composure in front of goal from the Robins.

Arundel were comfortable in possession but lacked any real penetration with the back three of Martin Woods, Steve Hudson and Ian Simpson all outstanding throughout the encounter.

Veterans Lee Cooke and Steve Spies combined well upfront despite missing a hatful and it was Cooke's great run and shot that was tapped in by Spies for the Robins only goal.

Mark Darbyshire had a great chance to win the game late on but snatched at it and Spies also came close when great control and a shot on the turn (yes, he did that) hit the post with the keeper well beaten.

Despite their inability to score more than Spies' poachers finish, it was still a good performance from the Robins in the cold light of day but there can be little doubt that it was very much a case of two points dropped.

# COMING UP



## **Bexhill United**

### **When?**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### **Where?**

The Beacon

### **Time?**

7.45pm

### **Competition?**

Peter Bentley League Cup  
Second Round

### **Admission?**

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

### **Bexhill United last season?**

The Pirates had a decent campaign last time out, finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> spot in Division One although they were some way behind the final promotion place, trailing Lingfield by 24 points. They did manage to beat eventual runners up Langney Wanderers and there were some memorable cup performances as well which Hassocks fans probably don't require too much reminding about...

### **Hassocks' record against Bexhill United?**

This will be the eighth meeting between Hassocks and Bexhill. The first four of those came in the league when they were known as Bexhill Town and the three most recent ones in cup competitions with the newly formed Bexhill United, a result of a 2002 merger between Town and Bexhill AAC. The Pirates lead the head-to-head with four wins to

Hassocks' two while there has been one draw along the way.

### **Last time we met?**

That was in the same stage of the competition a year ago at the Beacon. United pulled off a cup shock, winning 1-0 through Corey Wheeler's extra time goal. It was particularly memorable evening for the Pirates' goalkeeper Dan Rose who pulled off in quick succession two of the finest saves the Beacon saw all season when denying Michael Death and then Nathan Miles.

### **Bexhill is famous for?**

Fossils. In June 2011 it was reported that the world's smallest dinosaur had been discovered near the town and in 2009, a 140-million-year-old spider web was found encased in amber. (It would be too easy to make a joke about fossils and Hassocks FC here, so we'll just leave it).





**Loxwood**

**When?**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 87<sup>th</sup> 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

**Last weekend was a relatively successful one for the Southern Combination League's remaining FA Cup representatives while a couple of the league's own cup competitions got underway...**

**The Southern Combination League is guaranteed to have at least four teams in the first qualifying round of the Emirates FA Cup and that could rise to as many as six depending on the results of two replays this coming week.**

Definitely through are AFC Uckfield Town, Horsham YMCA, Lancing and Pagham and they could be joined by Saltdean United and Loxwood.

Former Hassocks striker Charlie Pitcher gave one of the performances of the round as his four goal haul set **Lancing** up for another giant killing act against Bostik League opponents.

Having already accounted for Haywards Heath Town in the previous round, the Lancers eliminated Greenwich Borough with a stunning 7-3 success away from home.

All their goals came in a 31 minute period either side of half time with Matt Daniel scoring twice and another former Robin in Jack Rowe-Hurst grabbing one for good measure.

There was a big win as well for **AFC Uckfield Town** who saw off Broadfields United 4-1 at the Oaks thanks to two goals from Dee Okijoe and singles from Samuel Cooper and Callum Smith.

Second half strikes from Dan Mobsby and Sam Schaff gave **Horsham YMCA** a 2-0 success away at Ashford United while it was the same score line in the rounds only all-Southern Combination League tie at the Trafalgar Ground where **Newhaven** were beaten 2-0 by **Pagham** where George Gaskin and Callum Overton were the scorers.

**Saltdean United** will try again on Tuesday night after drawing 1-1 with Whyteleafe while **Loxwood** will travel

to Hassocks' conquerors from the last round Erith Town on Monday night after the two couldn't be separated in a 1-1 draw at Plaistow Road.

Definitely out of the completion are **Arundel** who were hammered 7-1 at home by Herne Bay, **Shoreham** who went down 6-0 at Walton Casuals and Division One's only representatives **Worthing United** who were beaten 3-0 at Hythe Town.

There were two games in the Peter Bentley League Cup where **Chichester City** made hard work of seeing off **Broadbridge Heath** 2-1, relying on an own goal and a David Herbert effort while Ben Hands better for the Bears.

**"Former Hassocks striker Charlie Pitcher gave one of the performances of the round as his four goal haul set Lancing up for another giant killing act against Bostik League opponents, as this time they defeated Greenwich Borough 7-3"**

Cristos Misirilis had given **Langney Wanderers** the lead after only six minutes at Priory Lane but visitors **Peacehaven & Telscombe** came roaring back through Callum Hart, Fergus Button and Hart again on their way to a 3-2 win. Paul Rogers got the hosts second.

In the Premier Division, the days only game saw **Eastbourne United's**

difficult start continue as they went down 3-1 to **Lingfield**.

Chris Ransome, TJ Stead and Jake Horn scored for the Lingers with United's equaliser being netted by Luca Page.

In Division One, **AFC Vardeanians** made it four wins from four as a Matt Waterman hat-trick saw off **Southwick** 3-1 at Withdean Stadium with Jacob Cook scoring the late consolation for the Wickers.

**Alford's** impressive start to life in their first ever campaign in senior football continued with a 3-0 win away at **St Francis Rangers**.

Samuel Lemon scored twice for the visitors with Kieron Purkis also netting at Colwell Road.

Sam Divall scored a second half hat trick at the Beaconsfield where **Hailsham Town** defeated **Mile Oak** 6-0.

The Stringers had gone into the break three goals to the good thanks to a Scott Taylor double and one from Liam Baitup.

**Sidlesham** and **Littlehampton Town** shared eight goals at Sidlesham Rec where the visitors eventually triumphed 5-3 thanks to injury time goals from Rafael Santos and Davidson Mendes Borges.

It had looked like the game would finish level after it passed the 90 minute mark locked at 3-3 with Mendes Borges having already nabbed two along with one from Will Lintott for the Golds and Morgan Forry, Ryan Chittock and Cameron Corwell netting for Sids.

**Bexhill United** smashed seven past **Seaford Town** at the Crouch.

Seaford had taken the lead with 15 minutes played through Alexander



## Monday & Tuesday's action...

Rainford but the Pirates ended up convincing winners thanks to a Jack Shonk hat-trick, a Jack McLean double and Jamie Bunn and Wayne Giles.

A remarkable game at **Oakwood** saw visitors **Midhurst & Easebourne** race into a 4-0 lead inside of 50 minutes yet still end up losing 6-5.

Grant Radmore hit a hat-trick for the Stags along with a Duncan Brown effort but Oakwood launched a stunning comeback to level things up with 15 minutes still to play through Shane Saunders and a treble from Adrian Cawte.

Midhurst still thought they'd done enough to win it when Jake Goulding made it 5-4 with only four minutes left but two stoppage time goals from Clive Piller gave Oaks victory.

Ryan Morey got the only goal of the game at the Shooting Field as **Steyning Town** tasted defeat for the first time this season when going down to **Selsey** and it was the same score line just up the road in **Storrington** as Jordan Suter's first half goal gave the hosts a 1-0 with against **Billingshurst**.

In Division Two, **Brighton Electricity**'s first game since promotion saw them hammered 9-0 away at **Roffey**. Patrick O'Sullivan scored seven of those with Craig Grantham getting the other two in the final 10 minutes.

**Rustington** picked up all three points by winning 5-3 away at **Upper Beeding**.

Josh Irish scored four times along with Richard John while Kristian Harding, Callum Angood and Jordan Winch were on target for Beeding.

Second half goals from Ashley Hills and Bradley Stevens gave **Rottingdean Village** a 2-1 win at **Worthing Town** for whom Chris Welbelove netted a late consolation while **Jarvis Brook** picked up an impressive 5-0 win over **Bosham** through Ollie Hyland, Thomas Saunders, Mihalache Nicusor and a double from Daryl King.

Goals from Jordan Varza, Barney Boutwood, Sam Leggatt and Tom Foxon gave **Littlehampton United** their first ever Division Two win with a 4-0 success at Ferring and the other Saturday game finished **Cowfold** 4-2 **Westfield**.

There was one Division Two game on Friday night which saw **Montpellier Villa** lose 3-0 to **Angmering Seniors**.

**Chichester City** went back to the top of the Southern Combination League Premier Division on Tuesday night after a 4-0 win at **East Preston**.

George Way, Scott Jones, Kieran Hartley and Connor Cody were on target for Miles Rutherford's side in yet another convincing.

It was **Pagham's** slip up at home to **Arundel** that allowed Chi to take top spot as the Lions were held to a 0-0 draw by the Mulletts at Nyetimber Lane.

Saltdean's win here at the Beacon saw them remain third while **Newhaven** are up to fourth having dispatched of **Eastbourne Town** 4-3 at the Saffrons.

Evan Archibald gave Town the lead but by 75 minutes Newhaven were 3-1 ahead through two from Lee Robinson and one from Ian Robinson.

Two goals in the last 10 minutes from Sam Carrington then gave the home faithful of a comeback point, only for Ian Robinson to hit a last-minute winner for the Dockers.

**Horsham YMCA** ensured that **Loxwood** remain winless at the bottom of the table after a 3-0 success thanks to goals from Mark Pritchard-Cave and an Alex Barbary brace.

Callum Smith scored all four of **AFC Uckfield Town's** goals as the Oaks saw off **Langney Wanderers** 4-3.

Wayne Wilkinson, Daniel Bateman and Paul Rogers were the Wanderers scorers.

There was a hectic game between **Broadbridge Heath** and **Crawley Down Gatwick** which Heath eventually triumphed 5-4 in.

Max Howell with two, Devon Fender and George Cousins were the Bears scorers with Oliver Leslie netting a hat trick in reply for Down along with Sam Cane.

Nothing could separate two of the promoted sides at the Oval where second half goals saw hosts **Little Common** score through Lewis Hole and visitors **Lingfield** net through Jake Connaris as they drew 1-1.

**Lancing** and **Shoreham** shared a 2-2 draw at Middle Road in which the visitors had led 2-0 at the break through Charlie Pitcher and Matthew Daniel, only for the Mussels to claim a

point via Stefan Joseph and Omari Hibbert.

The scheduled game between Eastbourne United and Peacehaven & Telscombe was called off due to United being unable to raise a side.

In Division One, **AFC Vardeanian's** now have five wins from five but this was their hardest of the lot as only Joe Keehan's strike on 16 minutes separated them and **Bexhill United**.

Three goals in the final 20 minutes gave **Alford** some gloss on their score line as they defeated **Oakwood** 4-0.

All the goals came in the second half for **Hailsham Town** away at **Southwick** as Liam Baitup, Dean Stevens and Connor Townsend gave the Stringers a 3-0 success.

**Steyning Town** picked up a big 5-1 win away at Wick while **Midhurst & Easebourne** won by the same scoreline away at **Billingshurst**.

**Worthing United's** nightmare start to life in Division One following relegation from the Premier continued as they were beaten 2-0 at home by **Sidlesham**.

Three 100% records remain in Division Two with Rustington, Rottingdean Village and Angmering Seniors all winning again on Bank Holiday Monday.

For **Rustington**, it was a 7-0 win away at **Ferring** while **Rottingdean** were nearly as convincing as they hammered newcomers **Brighton Electricity** 6-0 with a hat-trick for Bradley Stevens.

It wasn't quite so easy for **Angmering Seniors** as they relied on goals either side of half time for first Michael Hendrick and then Danny Cooper to give them a 2-0 home win over **Bosham**.

**Roffey** dropped their first points of the season when drawing 1-1 at **Upper Beeding** while **Jarvis Brook** came away from **Westfield** with an impressive 3-1 win.

There was a first defeat for **Copthorne** since their promotion from the Mid Sussex League as they went down 2-0 away at **Cowfold** while **Worthing Town** ran out 3-2 winners for their first three points of the season against **Littlehampton United** who had Barney Boutwood on target twice.



# How they stand...

## Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chichester City	5	4	1	0	14	1	13
Pagham	5	3	2	0	14	4	11
Saltdean United	4	3	1	0	12	6	10
Newhaven	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Horsham YMCA	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
AFC Uckfield Town	5	2	2	1	13	10	8
Broadbridge Heath	5	2	2	1	13	12	8
Lingfield	6	2	2	2	10	9	8
Peacehaven & Tels.	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Little Common	5	2	1	2	7	5	7
Shoreham	5	2	1	2	10	10	7
Crawley Down	5	1	3	1	8	8	6
Lancing	5	1	2	2	5	9	5
East Preston	5	1	2	2	3	8	5
Eastbourne Town	5	1	1	3	7	9	4
Arundel	5	0	4	1	2	4	4
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>
Langney Wanderers	5	0	3	2	7	9	3
Eastbourne United	5	0	1	4	4	15	1
Loxwood	5	0	1	4	4	16	1

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	302	604	321	283
Peacehaven & Tels.	187	374	210	164
Eastbourne United	137	410	125	81
Pagham	130	260	156	104
Horsham YMCA	127	253	138	115
Langney Wanderers	113	225	125	100
East Preston	110	330	128	79
Lancing	109	327	132	95
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>84</b>
Newhaven	86	171	97	74
Little Common	83	165	102	63
Shoreham	81	242	99	55
Crawley Down	77	229	91	68
Loxwood	63	125	63	62
Lingfield	59	118	73	45
Chichester City	52	156	78	78
Saltdean United	52	52	52	52
AFC Uckfield Town	49	145	57	36
Arundel	42	125	47	36
Broadbridge Heath	23	45	45	45

## Premier Division Form Guide

Chichester City	WWWDW
Pagham	WWDWD
Saltdean United	DWWW
Newhaven	LDWWW
Horsham YMCA	WWLW
AFC Uckfield Town	LDDWW
Lingfield	DLLWWD
Broadbridge Heath	DLWDW
Peacehaven & Tels.	LWWD
Shoreham	LWWLD
Little Common	WWLLD
Crawley Down	DDDWL
East Preston	DLWDL
Lancing	WLLDD
Arundel	DDDL
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>DLLWL</b>
Eastbourne Town	DWLLL
Langney Wanderers	DLDDL
Loxwood	LLDLL
Eastbourne United	DLLLL

## Premier Division Scorers

Lee Robinson	Newhaven	7
Callum Smith	AFC Uckfield	6
Ben Bacon	Saltdean	5
Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	5
Callum Overton	Pagham	5
Andy Dalhouse	Shoreham	4
Oliver Leslie	Crawley Down	4
George Gaskin	Pagham	4
Wayne Wilkinson	Langney Wand	4
Alex Barbary	Horsham YMCA	4
Scott Jones	Chichester City	3
Evan Archibald	Eastbourne T	3
Sam Carrington	Eastbourne T	3
<b>Phil Johnson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
Chris Ransome	Lingfield	3
Lewis Hole	Little Common	3
Daniel Simmonds	Pagham	2
Curtis Gayler	Saltdean United	2
George Cousins	B'bridge Heath	2
David Herbert	Chichester City	2
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**Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Table**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Pagham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Midhurst & E'bourne	1	1	0	0	7	5	3
East Preston	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Southwick	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Lancing	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Selsey	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Horsham YMCA	1	0	0	1	5	7	0
Arundel	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

**Under 23 West Scorers**

Jake Goulding	Midhurst	4
Bradley Ross	Horsham YMCA	2
Sam James	Midhurst	2
George Cody	Pagham	2
Laurence Smith	Arundel	1
Jakob Heryet	East Preston	1
Lewis Jenkins	East Preston	1
<b>Max Willcox</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>
Harry Batchelor	Horsham YMCA	1
Leon Earles	Horsham YMCA	1
Jack Frankland	Horsham YMCA	1
Taku Madhlazi	Lancing	1

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

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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

**Under 18 Central Scorers**


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

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Bexhill United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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

**Division One West Scorers**


**Mid Sussex League Veterans Group 1A Table**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Brockham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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

To vote for your Hassocks Man of the Match, simply head on over to our Twitter page after each game to cast your selection. And keep an eye out for the monthly poll to pick the winner of our Player of the Month Awards

## 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 **Jack Wilkins**  
Crawley Down Gatwick home **Matt Berridge**  
Saltdean United home **Harvey Blake**  
K Sports home  
Loxwood away  
East Preston away  
Eatbourne United home  
Langney Wanderers away  
Crawley Down Gatwick home  
Little Common away  
Newhaven home  
AFC Uckfield Town away  
Broadbridge Heath away  
Pagham away  
Lingfield home  
Horsham YMCA home  
Eastbourne Town away  
Peacehaven & Telscombe home  
Chichester City away  
Lancing home  
Shoreham away  
East Preston home  
Eastbourne United away  
Arundel home  
Saltdean United away  
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

1<sup>st</sup>:

2<sup>nd</sup>:

3<sup>rd</sup>:

September 2018

1<sup>st</sup>:

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3<sup>rd</sup>:

October 2018

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November 2018

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December 2018

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January 2019

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March 2019

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**Money raised in 2018/19**

**August £144  
September  
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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	232	38	270	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
<b>Kieran O'Callaghan</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>17</b>
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	14	131	12
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Phil Johnson	94	21	115	50
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Dan Stokes	81	30	111	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



**Kieran O'Callaghan**

Kieran O'Callaghan remains the only international footballer to have played for Hassocks.

The popular figure travelled the world representing England at beach football while turning out for Hassocks between 2004 and 2015.

O'Callaghan made his debut under Dave John in the 2004-05 season while still a student and he played a handful of games a season between then and 2010.

After that, he became a far more regular presence and racked up 155 games before playing for the club for the final time, away at Shoreham at the start of the 2015-16 season.

O'Callaghan's versatility proved invaluable and at various points during his time at the Beacon he played as a central defender, in the centre of midfield and even as an emergency striker.

He was also the politest man to ever represent the club which made his disciplinary record even more remarkable with the general consensus being that referees were baffled by O'Callaghan's use of the English language and so booked him for being too intelligent.

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Dan Stokes	
Alex Spinks	
Dan Jacques	
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Phil Johnson	
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**Manager** Mark Dalglish  
**Coach** Mark Price  
**Goalkeeper Coach** Haig Kingston  
**Physio** Phil Wickwar



## K Sports

	Adam Highsted
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<b>Referee</b>	Steve Rothery
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<b>Assistants</b>	Tom Montgomery
	Alex Arif
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**Manager** Chris Browning  
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**Coaches** Michael Dodsworth & Sonny Gladdish  
**Physio** Lewis Costick

### Next at the Beacon



Bexhill United  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. 7.45pm  
 Peter Bentley League Cup

### Today's other FA Vase games

AFC Uckfield Town v Hollands & Blair  
 Croydon v Little Common  
 East Preston v Eastbourne United  
 Erith Town v Arundel  
 Glebe v Loxwood  
 Langney Wanderers v Canterbury City  
 Lewisham Borough v Broadbridge Heath  
 Saldean United v Crawley Down Gatwick  
 Snodland Town v Newhaven