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HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 21 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 21 West Division

Runners up 2018

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017



Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon as Hassocks host local rivals Haywards Heath Town in the quarter finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup...

Welcome to Heath

We'd like to start by welcome Shaun Saunders, his players and the officials and supporters of Haywards Heath Town to the Beacon today.

The Blues need no introduction as the reigning Southern Combination League champions and they've taken to life in the Bostik League like a duck to water, meaning that Hassocks have a very stiff test ahead of them this evening.

As we all know, league form sometimes goes out the window in a local derby so fingers crossed that happens tonight – or at the very least, we get an entertaining game for the only Mid Sussex Derby of the season.

Westlake and Tighe return to the Robins

There were two familiar faces in the starting line up for Hassocks' brilliant 3-2 win over Lingfield 17 days ago with James Westlake and Bradley Tighe both making their first appearances since re-signing with the club.

We'd like to welcome them back and wish them all the best for their latest spells at the Beacon – in Westie's case, he could have something to celebrate very soon being just nine games away from 200 appearances for the club now.

Storm Diana causes chaos

Storm Diana has caused absolute chaos in terms of the Robins' fixtures over the last fortnight with no football at all being played a fortnight ago.

The first team's home games against AFC Uckfield Town and Horsham YMCA were both postponed, as was the Under 23s meeting with Southwick and the Under 18s home clash with Lancing.

The Ladies didn't escape the cancellations either, their trip to Anchorians in the South East Counties Women's League due to be played last Sunday was also lost.

At the time of writing, we have only one new date with the AFC Uckifield Town tie set to take place a week today on Tuesday 18th December at 7.45pm.

Please keep an eye on both the website and our social media feeds for news as and when we have it.

Under 23s go through in Cup but Under 18s crash out

In the last football played before the storm hit, there were mixed results two weeks ago for the Under 23 and Under 18 sides as they played in their respective League Cups.

For the Under 23s, a 6-0 victory over Peacehaven & Telscombe sent the Robins into the third round of the competition for the first ever time.

It wasn't such good news for the Under 18s, whose defence of their League Cup is over after a 3-2 defeat against Montpelier Villa at the Beacon.

The Ladies meanwhile continue to be in free scoring form after hammering Bexhill United 17-0 to make it seven wins from seven at the top of the South East Counties Women's League Division One West.

Match reports from all three of those games are included elsewhere in the programme, as well as the latest fixture news for each team up to Christmas and the New Year.

Sponsor a Goal money due

Only having one home game in November means that for those of you involved in the Sponsor a Goal scheme who haven't yet paid up, you're now looking at a double payment!

October's money is still due while November's total has also been finalised although it is the lowest amount of the season with the Robins five goals meaning that payees need to put up just £5.

We're still looking for people to join the scheme so if you're interested in supporting vital fundraising, then please speak to Owen behind the bar or Dave John who can give you more details on the programme.



Today's visitors...

There's place in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup semi finals up for grabs but if Hassocks are to make it, they'll need to provide the mother of all upsets against local rivals Haywards Heath Town...

Haywards Heath were the outstanding side in the Southern Combination League Premier Division, easing to the league title and also winning the Peter Bentley League Cup to cap a magnificent season with a silverware double.

They've showed no sign of letting up so far in this campaign either, taking to life in the Bostik League South East Division like a duck to water by mounting a credible promotion bid.

At time of writing, they sit in seventh spot, only outside of the play off zone on goal difference having won seven, drawn four and lost four of their league games so far.

Leaders Cray Wanderers are miles clear of everyone else, but from second down to mid table anyone could claim a play-off spot which leaves Heath as a side who traditionally come into their own in the second half of the campaign in a great position.

Their route to this stage of the RUR Cup makes for ominous reading for Robins fans as well.

They hammered Lancing 10-0 in

the last round of the competition to book a quarter final spot having squeaked past Bexhill United in round two, where they only defeated the Pirates 1-0 – a little hope from that one, perhaps?

Remarkably, tonight is the first ever meeting between the two sides outside of league competition.

Mid Sussex Derbies have been few and far between in general with Hassocks' rise from park football to the top flight of the Southern Combination League coincided with Heath's slide into the bottom two divisions.

There have only been eight previous meetings at senior level with Hassocks winning just two of those – 2-0 and 1-0 back in the 1980's - while there has been one 1-1 draw and Town have 3-0, 2-0 5-0 and two 4-1 wins to their name.

The Blues could have several familiar faces on show tonight with Hassocks youth team products Nathan Cooper, Kieran Rowe and George Brown all having played for Heath so far this season and we're sure that all three will receive a warm reception.



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HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1950, 1951, 1970, 2018

Runners up 1975, 2017

Southern Combination Division 1

Winners 2016

Runners up 1986

Southern Combination Division 2

Runners up 2002, 2013

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1958

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1944, 1967, 1975, 1976

Runners up 1928, 1942, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1968

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2018

Runners up 2017

10 Key Moments

1931... after dominating the Mid Sussex League through the 1920s, Heath move to the Brighton League
1932... lift the Brighton League title with a 100% record, earning promotion to the SCFL
1950... lift their first of three Southern Combination League titles
1952... take up residency at Hanbury Park, moving to the Metropolitan League at the same time
1958... Heath lift their one Sussex Senior Cup to be crowned best side in the county
1962... return to the Southern Combination League, winning their most recent league title eight years later
1981... relegated into Division One for the first time in the clubs history
1993... back-to-back relegations leave Heath in Division 2, where they spend 17 of the next 23 seasons
2016... two promotions in three seasons including winning Division One return them to top flight
2017... lift the Southern Combination League title to earn a first ever promotion to the Isthmian League

Last 20 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 2nd
2015-16, Southern Combination One 1st
2014-15, Southern Combination One 9th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 5th
2012-13, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2011-12, Southern Combination Two 15th
2010-11, Southern Combination Two 8th
2009-10, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2007-08, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2006-07, Southern Combination Two 6th
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 8th
2004-05, Southern Combination Two 12th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 18th
2002-03, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2001-02, Southern Combination Two 6th
2000-01, Southern Combination Two 3rd
1999-00, Southern Combination Two 5th
1998-99, Southern Combination Two 14th

Hassocks v Haywards Heath Town :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 – Lost 4 - Scored 2 - Conceded 15

SCFL Division One... Played 4 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost - 1 - Scored 3 - Conceded 4

Total... Played 8 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 5 - Scored 5 - Conceded 19

Last eight meetings

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath 5-0 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Haywards Heath
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Haywards Heath
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath 4-1 Hassocks

1992-93 SCFL One: Hassocks 2-0 Haywards Heath
1992-93 SCFL One: Haywards Heath 0-0 Hassocks
1985-86 SCFL One: Haywards Heath 1-1 Hassocks
1985-86 SCFL One: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath

Played for both

Given that less than seven miles separates the Beacon from Hanbury Park, it will come as no surprise that there have been plenty of players to have represented both clubs through the years.

We've already mentioned Heath's current ex-Hassocks contingent of **Nathan Cooper, Kieran Rowe and George Brown** and there will be a familiar face in the visitors dugout as well with **Roy Staughton** part of Shaun Saunders' coaching staff.

Staughton remains the most successful reserve team manager in Hassocks history having delivered an historic treble of Reserve Premier Division title, League Cup and Mid Sussex Senior Cup during the 2012-

13 season.

His side also lifted the League Cup the previous year and he made the final of the competition in his first season with the Robins in 2010-11 after joining the club from St Francis Rangers.

Staughton stepped up to assist Mickey Jewell with the first team for the 2013-14 campaign with former Heath boss **Tim Wilkins** coming in as reserve team manager and leading the side to a runners up spot in his one season in charge.

Another man to have sat in both dugouts is **Dave John**, who was told to reapply for his job as Heath boss in 1991 and so instead made the move to Hassocks where he has remained ever since.

John bought several players over

from Hanbury Park to Aadastra with him including **Andy Fisk** while the current Hassocks squad has **Spencer Slaughter, James Westlake and Phil Johnson** who have all had brief spells with Heath.

Hassocks' record goal scorer **Phil Gault** also spent time at Hanbury in between his second and third spells with Hassocks while **Jamie Weston** played for both with great distinction and was part of Heath's title winning side last season before dropping down to the Mid Sussex League where he currently plays for Balcombe.

Others to have represented the Blues and the Robins include **Tom Barnes, Simon Lehkyj and Nick Newman**.

FIVE STAR TOWN HAMMER HASSOCKS

Two sides seemingly heading in opposite directions for next season met in Easter Monday's Mid Sussex Derby at Hanbury Park.

A 5-0 victory for hosts Haywards Heath Town took them to the top of the Southern Combination League Premier Division while defeat for Hassocks leaves the visitors three points adrift of safety with four games left and having played at least twice more than every side around them at the bottom of the table.

Barring non-playing relegations being issued, promotions being denied for ground grading reasons or the greatest of great escapes, the Robins look almost certain to be playing Division One football in 2018/19 which would end a run of 24 consecutive seasons in the top flight.

Where Heath will be come August is less clear. They lead the way with six games remaining yet only two points separate the top five and you can't discount Chichester City down in sixth either, seven points behind the leaders with two games in hand and a run in including both struggling Eastbourne United and Hassocks.

The Robins could yet do their local rivals a favour then by taking points off Heath's title rivals— they also face second placed Pagham on the final day of the season – and if they can combine a repeat of the doggedness of their performance from the first half with being far less wasteful with possession, then they could yet surprise a few people.

Heath were frustrated for the most part and led only 1-0 at the break after Melford Simpson finished off a breakneck counter attack five minutes before half time.

Hassocks had been well placed in the Heath box when they squandered possession to Joel Daly who's hoof up the line was collected by Jamie Weston.

From there, Weston easily shrugged off the challenge of Joe

Maskell before releasing Max Miller who advanced into the box and squared to Simpson for the easiest goal the man mountain of a striker is likely to score this season.

It had been a game of few chances before that, the Robins young forward line of Jake Lindsey, Jack Wilkins and Michael Death looking lively without ever testing Josh Heyburn while Heyburn's opposite number Haig Kingston only had one save to make, turning away Josh Spink's header with his feet after Miller's explosive pace had taken him past Ben O'Leary.

Miller was a real handful throughout and he was only denied a first half goal of his own by a clever Maskell block on the line after good work by Kane Louis while a Death drive that flew over the bar represented the Robins best opportunity of the opening 45.

The second half was just two minutes old when Heath ruthlessly punished Hassocks for gifting them the ball again.

This time it was Matt Berridge whose attempted pass to either Dan Stokes or Will Broomfield fell somewhere in between the two of them, right at the feet of Louis who latched onto the loose ball, working it through Simpson to Alex Laing who rifled home from the edge of the box.

It was quite the impact from Laing who had only been introduced at half time in place of Daly.

Kingston produced another good stop three minutes later as Miller slid in to connect with a Laing cross while Hassocks nearly replicated Heath's counter attacking goal of the first half but Lindsey's effort was just wide of the upright.

Kingston denied Laing at his near post before Heyburn produced the save of the game, somehow keeping out Broomfield's header from point blank range after Jordan Badger had acrobatically turned a deep Berridge corner back into the box.

Berridge had a second chance to deliver when Heath failed to effectively clear their lines from that scramble and deliver he did, finding the head of Badger who was unmarked in the middle of the goal but his glancing header dropped the wrong side of the post.

Heath looked a little ruffled at that point and you sensed if the Robins could pull one back, a tense final 20 minutes could be in store.

Essentially, the next goal was key and Heath nearly had it through a brilliant piece of opportunism when both Kingston's punch and Spencer Slaughter's header were far from convincing but Karly Akehurst's overhead hit the side netting.

Any hopes Hassocks did have of getting back into the game were extinguished on 75 minutes when Heath added their third and again it came from the Robins losing the ball.

Stokes thought he had been tripped by Naim Rouane as he attempted to turn away from the Heath captain but referee Charles Bowen didn't agree, waving away Stokes' appeal and allowing Weston to play the loose ball to Laing who skipped past Maskell, went outside of Slaughter and pulled back to Simpson who finished with aplomb.

Hassocks were starting to tire by this and goals four and five for Heath came in the final five minutes.

The Robins again lost the ball, allowing Miller to find George Hayward who made no mistake from 10 yards and the hosts rounded things off when Laing went past the Matt Denyer, Maskell and Joe Russell before squaring to Akehurst who finished.

Hassocks: Kingston; Maskell, Broomfield, Slaughter, Badger, O'Leary; Stokes, Berridge, Lindsey; Wilkins, Death.

Subs: Russell, Denyer, Galbraith-Gibbons (used).

Tighe and Westlake return to the Robins

Hassocks boss Mark Dalgleish moved to strengthen his squad last week by bringing two familiar faces back to the Beacon

The Robins completed the signings of both defender Bradley Tighe from Lancing and midfielder James Westlake who has spent the past year concentrating on his burgeoning running career.

Last Saturday's game with Lingfield was Westlake's first competitive action since the Robins' 4-0 defeat away at Saltdean United on December 30th last year.

Since then, he has finished seventh out of every single British entrant in the London Marathon, set a new course record for the Worthing 10k winning in 00:30:31, won the Brighton 10 mile and finished 20th in the Toronto Marathon on his debut for England athletics with a PB of 2:23:05.

Westlake is now just nine games away from racking up a double century of appearances in a Hassocks shirt having first arrived at the club from St Francis Rangers towards the end of the

2010-11 season.

He left in the summer of 2013 for a two-season spell back at Colwell Road before re-joining the Robins from Haywards Heath Town in December 2015.

The energetic midfielder has racked up a respectable total of 28 goals in that time and was vice captain in the opening months of last season before stepping away to concentrate on his marathon commitments.

Tighe meanwhile returns to the club where he first made his name in senior football having come through the Hassocks youth ranks.

He made his debut as a 17-year-old under Dave John in the 2014-15 season, going onto make the right back position his own once Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar took the reigns in December of that year and playing a crucial role in the Great Escape from relegation that followed.

Tighe remained a first team regular for the next two seasons, going onto play 74 times for the Robins without managing to get on

the scoresheet.

He had a little more success in front of goal for the Under 21s, netting two times in 13 appearances when turning out for Nigel Pearce's side in the 2016-17 season, showing himself to be a real clubman by representing the Under 21s on a Thursday night and then turning out for the first team on a Saturday.

Tighe left the Robins in the summer of 2016 along with Jack Rowe-Hurst for a new challenge at Ringmer and he was a regular at the Caburn last season.

With Ringmer folding at the end of the campaign, he made the move to Lancing in the summer and played seven times for the Culver Road outfit before his transfer back to the Beacon.



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 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.

Crawley Down Gatwick were responsible for the most recent last eight elimination 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 season, 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 Adastra necessitated a second game,

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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 year's 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 ever 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...

HASSOCKS LEAVE IT LATE TO SEE OFF LINGERS

Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 24th November 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks 3-2 Lingfield



An action packed final 30 minutes saw Hassocks and Lingfield net five times between them with the Robins doing just about enough to run out 3-2 winners for their first league victory in over two months.

Phil Johnson scored twice for Hassocks with substitute Jake Lindsey the other man on target with what proved to be the winner in the 90th minute.

That put Hassocks 3-1 ahead, but there was still time for Jake Horn to pull one back with virtually the last kick of the game, leaving a nervy final few seconds which the Robins managed to see out.

It was breathless, tense, exciting and ultimately a massive three point for the Robins against a side they'd lost 3-0 to just a month ago in the Peter Bentley League Cup with the result taking them above Arundel and out of the relegation zone.

Having not won in the league since bottom club Eastbourne United visited the Beacon on September 22nd, Mark Dagleish looked to shake things up and he was aided in that by the return of two favourites.

Bradley Tighe has rejoined the Robins from Lancing having left the Beacon for Ringmer originally in the summer of 2017.

The former youth team products inclusion allowed Harvey Blake to move forward from right back to a more advanced wide role and the link up between the two down the flank pointed to a potentially promising partnership going forward.

James Westlake was also back in the side for his first competitive action since December.

Westlake has spent the past 11 months concentrating on his running commitments, in which time he was the seventh British finisher in the London Marathon, set a new course record for the Worthing 10k winning in 00:30:31, won the Brighton 10 mile

and finished 20th in the Toronto Marathon on his debut for England athletics with a PB of 2:23:05.

Not that you could tell that Westlake hasn't kicked a ball for nearly a year.

Alongside Spencer Slaughter and the outstanding Harvey Enticknap, the Robins midfield three gave a hard working and organised showing which provided the platform for victory.

Johnson was keen to praise the

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impact of Tighe and Westlake afterwards, saying, "The new boys that played were really good and made a real difference for us."

"We showed great character throughout the game, especially to recover from the first equaliser and then go and win the game."

"It's an important win to get under our belts as we've been on a bad run recently."

There was little of note to report in the opening exchanges.

Hassocks did get themselves into a bit of a pickle when attempting to play out from the back, Spencer Slaughter's back pass to Josh Green being returned by the Hassocks goalkeeper into a gap between Jordan Badger and Dan Jacques which nearly proved costly not just in terms of goal but in terms of discipline as Slaughter and Harry Mills shared more than a few stern words before being separated by Badger.

Slaughter put that down to the two individual's passion for the club

afterwards and Hassocks certainly channeled any frustrations they had positively in the second half, Johnson continuing his remarkable record of missing with his head when nodding a corner wide when left free in the box.

The Robins top scorer made up for that miss by earning and then converting a penalty for the opener on the hour mark.

Tighe hit a brilliant long ball over the top and Johnson's pace took him steaming past Jamie Bakhit whose only answer was to haul the Hassocks striker down.

Bakhit received a yellow for his troubles and Johnson made no mistake from the spot, sending goalkeeper Oliver Moore the wrong way to give Hassocks the lead.

17 minutes elapsed before Lingfield equalised on 77 and they were level for all of five minutes before an error from Moore gifted Johnson his second, the Lingers number one spilling a shot straight to Lindsey who sensibly squared to Johnson for a tap in.

Johnson's pace again caused devastation in the visitors back line with a couple of minutes remaining and he ran through before whipping the ball in for Lindsey to tap home at the back post to make it 3-1 but the game wasn't done yet, Jake Horn scoring the Lingers second with seconds remaining.

Having not won for so long, the Hassocks faithful could've been forgiven for feeling anxious in what remained but there was no time for Lingfield to force an equaliser as the Robins hung on to three precious points which moves them out of the bottom three.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Jacques, Mills, Badger; Enticknap, Slaughter, Westlake; Wilkins, Johnson, Blake.

Subs: Lindsey, Bull, Spinks (used).



Johnson hails Hassocks character

Top scorer Phil Johnson netted his 12th and 13th Hassocks goals of the season on Saturday before hailing the Robins character as they battled to a first league win in two months.

Johnson's two goals along with what proved to be the winner in the 89th minute from young Jake Lindsey gave Hassocks all three points against Lingfield at the Beacon, securing a huge three points that lifted the Robins above Arundel and out of the bottom three.

Speaking after the game, Johnson said, "We've had a bad run recently so it's good to get an important win under our belts.

"We showed great character throughout the game, especially to recover from the first equaliser and then go and win the game.

"There's a real buzz in the changing room now and we can't all

wait to get back on the pitch Tuesday night.

"We've been given a bit of an advantage maybe with AFC Uckfield Town asking to play the game at the Beacon so we need to take advantage of that and go again."

Tuesday night's tie had been due to take place at the Oaks but Uckfield asked if the game could be switched to the Beacon as they look to protect their home pitch for their weekend FA Vase third round game against Sutton Common Rovers.

It will give another chance for returning favourites Bradley Tighe and James Westlake to show what they can offer the home crowd, having both pulled on a Hassocks shirt for the first time this calendar year in the victory over Lingfield.

Johnson was impressed by both, saying, "The new boys that played

were really good and made a real difference for us."

"In the first half we played some of the best football we have all season and even through the second half in spells we were equally good."

Spencer Slaughter meanwhile addressed the "handbags" he'd had with team mate Harry Mills after Hassocks' attempts to play out from the back got them into a bit of trouble, the pair having to be separated by captain Jordan Badger.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with that on the pitch," Slaughter said.

"I love Sheriff (Mills) and it shows the passion we both have for the club.

"To be fair as we faced up any anger had I went and I just wanted to kiss him because he's a handsome man."

"We showed great character throughout the game, especially to recover from the first equaliser and then go and win it."

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BATTLING ROBINS PUSH TOWN ALL THE WAY

Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 8th December 2018, The Saffrons
Eastbourne Town 2-1 Hassocks



Eastbourne Town held their annual Christmas Charity Day as Hassocks visited the Saffrons but the Robins clearly didn't get the memo as they pushed their in-form hosts all the way before succumbing to a 2-1 defeat.

Off the pitch, the second-biggest ninth tier crowd across the whole country of 261 was in a charitable mood, helping to raise a staggering £1060 for Memory Lane, a local charity who help provide social activities for those with dementia and their carers.

On it, Hassocks were feeling far from generous as they left Town never really certain of the three points until referee Adam Parry blew his whistle for full time, much to the obvious delight and relief of a boisterous home crowd.

Entrance was free with supporters instead asked to make a bucket donation to Memory Lane, a brilliant initiative which would have left the hosts out of pocket for the day but done wonderful things for their local community.

Those who took advantage of the offer could have been forgiven for thinking that they'd turn up and watch a routine Town win given the contrasting form both sides arrived in.

John Lambert's side had made their traditional slow start to the season, picking up just one win from their first six matches across all competitions.

That may have put a serious dent in their hopes for a tilt at the Southern Combination League title,

but things have picked up markedly since the start of October and they came into the clash having beaten three of the top five in their last six fixtures.

Hassocks meanwhile had won just one of their last six and haven't tasted victory at the Saffrons for nearly 13 years, a Stuart Faith goal giving Dave John's side a shock 1-0 win back in February 2006.

The Robins' cause on this day wasn't helped by several notable absentees including goalkeeper Josh Green who was replaced by current Under 18s number one Toby Fisher.

Fisher was just three years old when Hassocks last left the Sunshine Coast with all three points.

Spencer Slaughter was also unavailable but on the credit side, Mark Dalglish gave a second debut to Andy Whittingham who has returned to the Beacon seven years after leaving the club for Seaford Town.

The left sided player has since gone onto play for AFC Uckfield Town and Hailsham Town and he will add some more bite to a side that can sometimes appear overly nice, as evidenced by the fact he picked up a yellow card with the second half just a couple of minutes old.

The scores were still level at that point, Fisher impressing once again with the back four of Bradley Tighe, Jordan Badger, Harry Mills and Will Broomfield doing a far better job of protecting him that they'd managed on the young custodian's debut when he'd picked up the man-of-the-match award despite conceding six times away at Broadbridge Heath a month

previously.

It had been a scrappy first half with Mr Parry's notebook getting through as much work as any of the 22 players on the pitch as bookings were flashed to Ollie Black and Sonny Dullaway for the hosts and Alex Spinks for the visitors.

Dullaway added a goal to his caution, opening the scoring with 49 minutes on the clock and five minutes later it was 2-0 thanks to Marcus Goldsmith.

At that point, Hassocks supporters could've been fearing the worse as their side have alarmingly collapsed when conceding goals in quick succession to Town in the past, most notably in the last meeting between the two at the Beacon when Even Archibald scored a 40-minute hat-trick.

They regained their composure here though and gave themselves a lifeline back into the tie with 25 minutes left to play when James Westlake scored his first goal in just his second appearance of the season after returning from his running commitments.

Dalglish threw on strikers Jake Lindsey and Liam Benson after that but Hassocks couldn't quite find a way through, leaving Town as winners on the pitch and Memory Lane as winners off it.

Hassocks: Fisher; Tighe, Broomfield, Mills, Badger; Blake, Westlake, Spinks, Enticknap, Whittingham; Johnson.

Subs: Stokes, Benson, Lindsey, Jacques, Bull.

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First Team 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
04/08 – 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Benson
07/08 – 19:45	Chichester City (H)	SCFLP	0-6	
11/08 – 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP	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	0-2	
04/09 – 19:45	Bexhill United (H)	PBLC2	3-2	Littlejohn, Jacques, Johnson
08/09 – 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	4-0	Benson, Slaughter, Johnson (2)
11/09 – 19:45	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	2-2	Stokes (2)
22/09 – 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	3-0	Berridge, Benson, Slaughter
29/09 – 15:00	Langney Wanderers (A)	SCFLP	2-2	Johnson, Badger
02/10 – 19:45	Chichester City (A)	SSC1	1-2	Benson
06/10 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Johnson
13/10 – 15:00	Lingfield (H)	PBLC3	0-3	
20/10 – 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Lindsey, Blake
27/10 – 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Johnson
30/10 – 19:45	Seaford Town (H)	RURC3	6-2	Benson, Badger, Johnson, Lindsey (2), Mills
10/11 – 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
17/11 – 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP	2-5	Lindsey, Badger
24/11 – 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	3-2	Johnson (2), Lindsey
08/12 – 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	1-2	Westlake
11/12 – 19:45	Haywards Heath Town (H)	RURCQF		
15/12 – 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
18/12 – 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (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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Appearances 2018-19



	2018-19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	20	1	21	7	87	24
Harvey Blake	18	2	20	1	20	1
Jordan Badger	18	1	19	3	84	7
Phil Johnson	17	2	19	13	129	59
Jake Lindsey	12	6	18	5	37	9
Harry Mills	15	2	17	1	83	3
Dan Stokes	14	3	17	3	121	8
Spencer Slaughter	15	1	16	3	280	45
Joe Bull	7	9	16	0	16	0
Matt Berridge	12	3	15	1	30	1
Will Broomfield	13	0	13	0	40	0
Dan Jacques	13	0	13	1	203	9
James Littlejohn	8	4	12	1	13	1
Josh Green	11	0	11	0	17	0
Alex Spinks	8	3	11	0	12	0
Jack Wilkins	8	2	10	0	68	1
Alex Harris	9	0	9	0	60	0
Harvey Enticknap	5	3	8	0	8	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	7	7	0	27	3
Bradley Bant	4	1	5	0	131	12
Ellis Common	3	0	3	0	29	2
Matt Ford	3	0	3	0	3	0
Ryan Collins	2	1	3	0	35	2
Dan Webster	2	0	2	0	2	0
Phil Wickwar	1	1	2	0	40	0
Jack Baden	0	2	2	0	2	0
Ben O'Leary	0	2	2	0	8	0
Toby Fisher	1	0	1	0	1	0
Joe Russell	1	0	1	0	14	0
Bradley Tighe	1	0	1	0	75	0
James Westlake	1	0	1	0	191	28

Coming up...



Under 23s Fixtures & Results 2018-19

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	9-0	Willcox, Bradley, Littlejohn (4), Galbraith-Gibbons (3)
06/09 – 19:45	Southwick (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Littlejohn
20/09 – 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Lindsey, Littlejohn
27/09 – 19:45	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL23	4-2	Enticknap, Bradley (2), Littlejohn
05/10 – 19:45	Selsey (A)	SCFL23	0-1	
11/10 – 19:45	Hailsham Town (H)	CU23C1	6-0	Willcox (4), Littlejohn, Bradley
18/10 – 19:45	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL23	5-0	Russell, Willcox (2), Enticknap
25/10 – 19:45	Lancing (H)	SCFL23	3-2	OG, Glenn, Galbraith-Gibbons
15/11 – 19:45	Hastings United (H)	CU23C2	2-4	Common, Littlejohn
22/11 – 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	U23LC2	6-0	Littlejohn (2), Willcox (2), Hayes (2)
06/12 – 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	1-1	Bradley
13/12 – 19:45	East Preston (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23s Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Josh Green	11	0	11	0
Harvey Enticknap	10	1	11	2
Louie Derham	9	2	11	0
James Oliver	8	3	11	0
Kieran Wells	7	4	11	0
Will Glenn	6	5	11	1
Connor Bradley	10	0	10	4
James Littlejohn	10	0	10	12
Jake Lane	5	5	10	0
Ellis Common	9	0	9	1
Joe Russell	7	2	9	1
Max Willcox	8	0	8	10
Ben Jonas	7	1	8	0
Martin Ratcliffe	4	4	8	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	2	5	7	4
Solly Ross	3	1	4	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	3	4	0
Tristan Hayes	1	2	3	2
Matt Berridge	2	0	2	0
Steve Bright	1	1	2	0
Ben Miller	0	2	2	0
Ryan Collins	1	0	1	0
Matt Denyer	0	1	1	0
Jake Lindsey	0	1	1	1



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FOURTH TIME LUCKY AS ROBINS FINALLY WIN IN CUP

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 League Cup Second Round
Thursday 22nd November 2018, The Beacon

Hassocks Under 23s 6-0 Peacehaven & Tels. Under 23s

After three previous attempts, Hassocks finally won a tie in the Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup as they hammered Peacehaven & Telscombe 6-0 to progress to round three of the competition.

First half doubles from James Littlejohn and Max Willcox had the game all but wrapped up by the time the teams headed for their half time oranges with youth team striker Tristan Hayes coming off the bench to net a second half brace of his own for a convincing win for Nigel Pearce's side.

Since the advent of the Under 21 section in 2015, Hassocks had crashed out at the earliest possible stage of this competition to East Grinstead Town and Shoreham in the first two editions and then against AFC Uckfield Town last season.

There was to be no repeat of that heartache here and with the monkey off their back, the Robins will fancy their chances of going some way into the competition as the current West Division leaders, especially as their nearest pursuers in the league Horsham YMCA are already out.

The three outstanding sides from Peacehaven's East Division remain with leaders AFC Uckfield Town, second place Eastbourne Town and reigning champions Newhaven all still in the pot which means that Hassocks will have to beat the best at some point of they are to make this the first trophy that they've ever won at Under 23 level.

Pearce made a handful of changes from the side who'd seen their interest in their other knockout competition ended a week previously in a 4-2 Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup defeat at home to Hastings United.

Kieran Wells, Will Glenn and Martin Ratcliffe all returned to the starting line up with Jake Lane, Matt Berridge and Joe Russell missing out,

the latter two through unavailability while Lane had to settle for a spot on the bench.

It took Hassocks just five minutes to open the scoring, Littlejohn netting and three minutes later his strike partner Willcox had doubled the advantage.

Littlejohn added his second and Hassocks' third with 20 on the clock, after which the Tye nearly made it to half time without conceding again, only for Willcox to complete his brace five minutes before the break.

17-year-old Hayes was introduced from the substitutes bench and he wasted no time in scoring his first goal for the Under 23s, making it 5-0 just before the hour mark.

The youth team striker already has 13 goals in eight appearances for Brad Sweetman's Under 18s this season and he doubled his tally for Pearce's team with five minutes remaining to round off the scoring and give Hassocks their joint biggest victory of the season.

It was an impressive way for the Robins to bounce back from their heartache against Hastings the previous week.

It also sets them up nicely for a huge run of three games between now and Christmas with the stand out fixture of those being the eagerly anticipated top of the table clash between Hassocks and YMCA.

That will take place at the Beacon on Thursday 6th December, sandwiched between another home game against Southwick next Thursday night and a trip to the Lashmar to face East Preston a week later in their final outing before breaking up for Christmas and New Year.

Hassocks: Green, Common, Wells, Jonas, Oliver, Glenn, Bradley, Enticknap, Ratcliffe, Willcox, Littlejohn.

Subs: Derham, Lane, Hayes.



"First half doubles from James Littlejohn and Max Willcox had the game all but wrapped up by the time the teams headed for their half time oranges."

Hassocks' Previous League Cup Heartache...

**2015-16 –
Hassocks 1-2 East Grinstead Town**

The Robins first ever taste of the Under 21 League Cup saw them go down to a 2-1 home defeat to East Grinstead Town. Jake Booth got the Hassocks goal against opponents they'd go onto beat 4-3 in the league a week later

**2016-17 –
Hassocks 2-3 Shoreham AET
Shoreham needed extra time to see off Hassocks, eventually triumphing 3-2 at Middle Road. Bradley Tighe and Connor Bradley got the Robins goals.**

**2017-18 –
Hassocks 3-4 AFC Uckfield Town
A cracking cup tie was eventually won 4-3 by AFC Uckfield Town. Max Willcox scored twice for Hassocks with Charlie Alderton the other scoring for his only goal for the Under 21 side.**

Under 18s 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	4-1	Le-May, Loveridge, Azizi (2)
09/09 – 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFL18	5-4	Moulvogny, Hayes (3), Baden
13/09 – 19:45	Upper Beeding (H)	SCFL18	4-0	Hayes (2), Azizi
16/09 – 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18	5-1	Azizi (2), Dimelow, Herd
30/09 – 11:00	Steyping Town (H)	U18LC1	4-2	Azizi, Hayes (3)
07/10 – 11:00	Rottingdean Village (A)	SCFL18	8-1	Hayes (2), Baden (2), Sandilands (2), Fowler, Azizi
21/10 – 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18	3-5	Hayes, Azizi, Sandilands
28/10 – 11:00	Steyping Town (A)	SCFL18	2-1	OG, Moulvogny
18/11 – 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	2-3	Hayes (2)
25/11 – 11:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	U18LC2	2-3	Azizi, McDermott
09/12 – 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	CU18C3		
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	Steyping Town (A)	SCFL18		
24/02 – 11:00	Southwick (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18s Appearances 2018-19

2018-19 Season:

	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Gardner	10	0	10	0
Josh Sandilands	10	0	10	3
Yahya Azizi	9	1	10	10
Toby Fisher	7	3	10	0
Brandon Sheppard	5	5	10	0
Jack Baden	9	0	9	3
Jordan Fowler	9	0	9	1
George Mercer	9	0	9	0
Alex Moulvogny	8	1	9	2
Henry Le-May	6	3	9	1
Tristan Hayes	8	0	8	13
Harvey Ransome	8	0	8	0
Ross Pedley	4	3	7	0
Sam Herd	1	6	7	1
Alfie Loveridge	3	2	5	1
Harry Meredith	2	1	3	0
Luke Brayne	0	3	3	0
Finley McDermott	0	2	2	1
Danny Bulgin	1	0	1	0
Connor Curran	0	1	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	1	1	0
Wilfres Tunley-Ho	0	1	1	0

Mid Sussex Times

Battling Under 18s slip to two defeats

Hassocks Under 18s went down to only their third and fourth defeats since the start of the 2017-18 season, losing a local derby to St Francis Rangers and then seeing their hopes of retaining the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup ended by Montpellier Villa...



Hassocks Under 18s went down to a disappointing 3-2 defeat at home to local rivals St Francis Rangers, allowing Haywards Heath Town to open up a six point league at the top of the Under 18 Central Division.

Hassocks were understandably rusty having played just three times in the past six weeks due to a mixture of no fixtures being scheduled, adverse weather and Bosham pulling out of the league leaving them with a bye into the next round of the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup.

Manager Brad Sweetman made two changes to the side that beat Steyning Town in the Robins last outing three weeks ago.

Winning goalscorer Alex Moulvogny returned to the starting line up at the expense of Ross Pedley and Yahya Azizi replaced Alfie Loveridge.

The game sparked into life five minutes before half time when Rangers took the lead through Harry Naylor.

The visitors couldn't quite see things through until the break, Hassocks going straight on the attack after they'd fallen behind with that bravery being rewarded as top scorer Tristan Hayes equalised seconds before referee Peter Moran blew for the interval.

Hayes put Hassocks ahead 11 minutes after the restart with his 13th goal from just eight appearances so far this season but that was as good as it got for the Robins as Omar-Jermain Ashby levelled things up on the hour mark.

It looked like both sides would have to settle for a draw as the game

entered the final 10 minutes but that reckoned without Naylor scoring his second and Rangers' third of the morning with five left on the clock to inflict a second defeat of the season on Hassocks.

Hassocks: Fisher, Ransome, Sandilands, Moulvogny, Gardner, Baden, Le-May, Fowler, Azizi, Mercer, Hayes.

Subs: Pedley, McDermott, Sheppard (used).



The defence of Hassocks Under 18s' Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup came to an end as the Robins were eliminated by Montpellier Villa at the second round stage.

This 3-2 loss was the first time that Hassocks had tasted defeat in the League Cup since January 2017 when Steyning Town had won 4-1 at the Beacon at the same stage of the competition.

It also inflicted back-to-back defeats on the young Robins for the first time April 2017 when they lost two consecutive games against Burgess Hill Town which secured the Central Division title for the Hillians.

Hassocks' response was emphatic as they went onto win the title for themselves the following season by dropping only four points and manager Brad Sweetman will be hoping his latest crop of talented youngsters will have an equally strong reaction to their latest setbacks.

Sweetman was dealt a selection blow before the game, being without

top scorer Tristan Hayes who would've been full of confidence having netted twice for the Under 23s 72 hours earlier in their 6-0 win over Peacehaven & Telscombe.

His place was taken by Brandon Sheppard in the only change from the previous weeks Mid Sussex Derby defeat to St Francis Rangers as Sweetman looked to inject some consistency into his side.

With Hayes absence, the goalscoring responsibilities would fall to his strike partner Yahya Azizi and he duly delivered when giving Hassocks the lead with half an hour played with his 10th goal from 10 appearances so far this season.

The Robins weren't ahead for long however, Ned Sullivan levelling things up just five minutes later to ensure the sides went in locked at 1-1 at the break.

This was the first ever meeting between the two at Under 18 level but Villa had impressed in the first half and they took the lead 15 minutes into the second through Oliver Cass.

Cass then added his second and Villa's third with 20 minutes remaining to leave Hassocks' hopes of retaining the trophy they'd won by battling to a 1-0 success over AFC Uckfield Town in last May's final hanging by a thread.

Substitute Finlay McDermott did give them some late hope with his first goal for the club in the 89th minute but Hassocks weren't able to force an equaliser as Villa progressed to the quarter final.

Hassocks: Fisher, Ransome, Sandilands, Moulvogny, Gardner, Baden, Sheppard, Fowler, Azizi, Mercer, Le-May

Subs: McDermott, Herd, Loveridge (used).

Ladies 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 14:00	Oakwood/Islington (H)	FACQ1	2-4	Rushworth, OG
09/09 – 14:00	Steyning Town (H)	SECW1	8-1	K.Chappell (3), Philpott (3), Mair
16/09 – 14:00	Oakwood (A)	SECW1	1-0	Philpott
23/09 – 14:00	Steyning Town (A)	SECW1	3-1	G.Craig (2), Philpott
30/09 – 14:00	Mole Valley (A)	SECW1	4-2	K.Chappell (2), Philpott, Stevens
07/10 – 14:00	Milford & Witley (A)	SECW1	4-0	Philpott (2), K.Chappell (2)
21/10 – 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	CWT1	2-1	Philpott, Rushworth
04/11 – 13:30	Cray Valley (H)	WLC1	5-0	Philpott, Rushworth, Johansson, K.Chappell, Mair
11/11 – 14:00	Wandgas (H)	SECW1	7-0	K.Chappell, G.Craig, Philpott (2), Rushworth, Callow (2)
18/11 – 14:00	Victorie Development (A)	SECW1	11-0	K.Chappell (3), Mair (3), Philpott (3), Callow, Rushworth
25/11 – 14:00	Bexhill United (A)	SECW1	17-0	Philpott (6), Johansson, K.Chappell (3), Rushworth (3), Mair (2), Bright (2)
09/12 – 13:30	Anchorians (A)	WLC2	5-1	
16/12 – 13:30	Littlehampton (H)	CWTWF		

Ladies Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Newman	10	0	10	0
Billie Philpott	10	0	10	20
Kelly Rushworth	9	1	10	7
Emma Young	9	1	10	0
Katherine Chappell	9	0	9	15
Chloe John	9	0	9	0
Kirsten Mair	9	0	9	8
Gemma Craig	8	0	8	3
Sarah Chappell	8	0	8	0
Claire Stevens	6	2	8	1
Jodie Johanson	4	4	8	2
Liz King	4	4	8	0
Tallie Bright	7	0	7	2
Lisa Callow	1	5	6	3
Ellie Moquet	3	2	5	0
Laura Espana	1	2	3	0
Hollie Larmar	0	3	3	0
Ria Banitas	2	0	2	0
Banna Hannes	0	2	2	0
Jess Craig	0	1	1	0
Rose Jump	0	1	1	0



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Ladies plunder 28 goals in two games

Hassocks Ladies' remarkable season continued as they racked up an 11-0 win over Victoire three weeks ago and followed that up by beating Bexhill United 17-0 to remain top of the pile in Division One West...



Despite a strange league rule stating that Victoire can play nine-a-side games if that is the number of players they have available, Hassocks took a full squad of 14 and managed to keep everyone happy via an 11-0 victory.

The Robins came into the tie having netted 12 times in their past two games and they wasted no time in adding to that tally, scoring twice in the opening 12 minutes.

Billie Philpott was the architect of both, teeing up Kirsten Mair for the first and Katherine Chappell for the second.

Chappell made it 3-0 midway through the half and Philpott added two of her own before half time to send the Robins into the break with a 5-0 lead.

Hassocks rang the changes at the interval in a bid to give everyone game time.

Goalkeeper Sarah Chappell was withdrawn after a quiet afternoon in which she only had to deal with a couple of back passes and captain Sam Newman also made way as Ellie Moquet took over in goal and Emma Young in defence.

The second half was only a few minutes old when Katherine Chappell completed her hat-trick after collecting a Chloe John pass and Philpott didn't have long to wait to join her in the treble club, slotting home the rebound after the Victoire goalkeeper had saved a Tallie Bright effort.

Katherine Chappell made way for Kelly Rushworth and Rushworth was soon in on the act, scoring within five minutes of her introduction for Hassocks' eighth.

Mair then added two more to become the Robins' third hat-trick scorer of the day and take her side into double figures with 20 minutes still to play.

Victorie did at least manage to stem the flow of goals after that, conceding just once more when Lisa Callow's shot deceived the home goalkeeper, who denied Liz King and Hollie Larmar in between Hassocks' 10th and 11th goals.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Stevens, Newman, Mair, John, King Bright, K Chappell, Philpott

Subs: Larmar, Moquet, Young, Callow, Rushworth (used).



Hassocks Ladies free scoring form showed no sign of abating away at Bexhill United as they racked up a 17-0 win away against the Pirates.

This may have been top versus bottom in South East Counties Women's League Division One West, but even so it was a remarkable performance from a relentless Robins outfit who have now plundered 40 goals in their past four matches.

Hassocks set the tone for the afternoon by registering three shots on goal inside of the first five minutes through Billie Philpott, Jodie Johanson and Kelly Rushworth.

It was Philpott who opened the scoring with nine minutes on the clock, the first of six goals for the Sussex Rep Squad striker as she finished off a month involving Sam Newman and Kirsten Mair.

The Bexhill keeper denied Rushworth with two super saves from point blank range but Hassocks wouldn't be denied for long and

Philpott made it two after slotting home from a Katherine Chappell pass.

Philpott added three more goals between the 20th and 27th minutes thanks largely to the work of the midfield four, Chappell and Mair in the middle and Johanson and Tallie Bright out wide who were proving to be a devastating supply line.

It looked as though Philpott's five would be it for the opening 45 until Hassocks added two more in the final few minutes of the half through an own goal and a stunning flick and volley from Chappell.

Hassocks withdrew goalkeeper Sarah Chappell at half time with Ellie Moquet coming on and she hadn't touched the ball by the time the Robins added two more to make it 9-0, Rushworth scoring and then Philpott completing her double hat-trick with a cross-cum-shot.

Chappell's second bought up double figures but their best goal of the game was still to come with number 11, a sweeping move which started with Moquet in goal and going through nearly every red shirt on the pitch before being finished off by Mair.

Chappell fed Rushworth for her second and Hassocks' 12th before Philpott was withdrawn with Bright being moved in to the central strikers role and Banna Hannes coming on out wide.

Bright instantly added the 13th, Johanson scored number 14 and Bright number 15.

The final two arrived in the last 10 minutes as both Chappell and Rushworth completed their hat-tricks.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Young, Newman, Mair, Stevens, John, Johanson, K Chappell, Philpott, Rushworth, Bright.

Subs: Moquet, Hannes, Larmar (used).

22 QUESTIONS WITH...

Dan Jacques

After two-and-a-half seasons away at Lindfield, Dan Jacques returned to the Beacon in the summer. Here, the Hassocks stalwart talks about the best advice he has received (retire), the best player he thought he'd ever played with (never got past the reserves) and the time a third team defender played with one eye bandaged up...

What's your nickname?

Cakesy. It obviously rhymes with Jacquesy and a few years ago there was a picture of me in the Mid Sussex Times stretching for the ball and my gut was hanging out. I have Reece Wickwar to thank for his quick wit.

What team do your support?

Chelsea. My Step Dad took me to my first game when I was six years old and I've been going regularly ever since.

Best moment in your career?

That season with the reserves was unbelievable. Although I did once score a screamer against Burgess Hill Town in the Ann John Memorial Trophy a few seasons back. It is on YouTube just in case anybody wants to take a look...

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

Dennis Wise and then later, John Terry. Two proper leaders who always led by example.

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

I seem to vomit on the pitch most weeks which is often extremely embarrassing. However being heckled by our own fans with shouts of "Why do you keep picking him?" and "He's done it again" when something goes wrong are not my proudest moments, although everyone else seems to get a good laugh out of it!

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

Probably the Reserve Premier Division, Reserve Section Cup and Mid Sussex Cup winners medals we picked up with the reserves in the 2012-13 season.

Funniest thing you've seen in football?

When we were playing for the third team over 10 years ago now, Alex Ternouth split his head open during a game and Dusty the Physio had to bandage it up. He did such a good job that he actually covered up one of Tooth's eyes, so he had to play for the rest of the game only being able



“Best piece of advice I've ever received? Wickers told me to retire recently”

to see out of one eye. He was bad enough with two eyes!

Best player you've ever played with?

I always used to say Jon Roe when we were coming through the youth, third and reserve teams but seeing as he never went higher than the reserves it probably wasn't! Probably Sam Fisk or Lord Gault in that case, although Phil Johnson isn't too bad either.

Best ground you've ever played at?

Upton Park as it is the only proper ground I've played at. In the Southern Combination League though it is hard to beat the facilities that we have here at the Beacon.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Any team we can get three points against at the minute!

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Liam Benson. He absolutely loves it.

Worst dressed player?

Jordan Badger all day long. I've never, ever seen a pair of trousers in my life as bad as the ones he wore on our last team night out.

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

“The season we won the treble with the reserves was incredible, although I did once score a screamer v Burgess Hill”

It's a great family club with fantastic facilities. Best of all though is that I've made some tremendous mates over the last 15 years or so playing here.

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

Dave John always told me to play where the opposition can't hurt you, but I don't think I've listened well enough to that one. Wickers told me to retire recently, that's probably quite good advice.

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

It's not a rule as such, but I just wish players could put in a proper hard tackle without running the risk of getting booked. Football is quickly becoming a non-contact sport and it's ruining the game I love.

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

It has to be Ronaldo in my lifetime – although Eden Hazard is currently the best on the planet.

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

I know he played for Chelsea at the moment, but it has to be Alvaro Morata. Not only is he not good enough, but the bloke is a complete fairy as well.

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

I love a beer, which is normally combined with a trip up to Chelsea or a day out at the horse racing.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Louis Theroux as he's met some weird people and would be good for a story. Mike Ashley for business tips and for a good piss up. And Piers Morgan, so I could poison him.

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

It has to be the 1966 World Cup final for obvious reasons.

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

Damien Lewis. A fellow ginge, big football fan and a top actor.

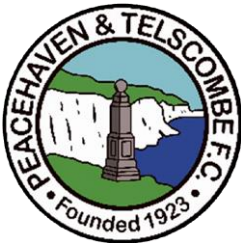
Give us one interesting fact about you?

I only have 10 of my own teeth.





COMING UP



Peacehaven & Telscombe

When?

Saturday 15th December

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

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

Peacehaven & Telscombe this season?

It's been a mixed season so far for the Tye. They began it in impressive fashion and were challenging towards the top but have since dropped off slightly in the last couple of weeks, currently sitting ninth in the table with eight wins, two draws and six defeats. That will probably suit them – after some extravagant spending as they climbed straight from Southern Combination League to Bostik Premier and then fell all the way back again, they are now a fan owned club with lots of local players involved. Stability is the name of the game.

Hassocks' record against Peacehaven & Telscombe?

Peacehaven have dominated the fixture, securing 18 wins to Hassocks' seven with seven draws thrown into the mix. In 23 league meetings, Hassocks have only won four times with only one of those coming at the Sports Park. The Robins will be glad

to be at home for this one at least with their last victory against Peacehaven coming here in August 2016.

Last time we met?

This will be the second meeting between the two sides this season. The first came back in August and saw the Tye triumph 3-1 in the third league game of the campaign. Hassocks' cause wasn't helped by the first half dismissal of Alex Spinks but they battled gamefully, coming back from 1-0 down to a Marcus Richmond goal to level through Liam Benson. Two late strikes won it for Peacehaven though, Richmond again netting along with Curtis Ford.

Any familiar faces?

Bradley Bant left the Beacon in September after nearly four years and 131 appearances to move to Peacehaven. He'll be sure of a warm welcome back should he feature.

*****Half price entry to Hassocks v Peacehaven if you wear a Christmas Jumper*****



AFC Uckfield Town

When?

Tuesday 18th December

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

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

AFC Uckfield Town this season?

After being spared relegation to Division One only by ground grading at the end of the 2016-17 season, AFC Uckfield Town haven't looked back. They finished in 14th spot last season although that was with a nine point penalty – without that deduction, it would have been a 10th place finish which would've been close to their highest ever. They've taken that impressive form into this season and are in a comfortable mid-table position while also being one of just four Southern Combination League sides to have made it to the third round of the FA Vase. Among their impressive results are victories over Eastbourne Town and points taken from both Saltdean United and Newhaven.

Hassocks' record against AFC Uckfield Town?

It's pretty mixed. The Robins have won eight of the 14 meetings between the two with the Oaks triumphing in six. There has never

been a draw, which means it won't be one that you'll want to include on your coupon.

Last time Hassocks played AFC Uckfield Town?

It was a complete disaster from a Hassocks point of view as the Robins were plunged further into the relegation mire with a 3-1 defeat at the Beacon in February. Bright Temba, Bailo Camara and Matt McLean all scored in the space of five second half minutes to give the Oaks victory. Spencer Slaughter netted the consolation.

Played for both?

Goalkeeper Alex Harris is one of a number of players to have represented both clubs over the last eight years or so, having played for Town briefly at the end the 2016-17 season in between his second and third spells with Hassocks. Others include left back Andy Whittingham, central defender Matt Carruthers and striker Dan Barnard.



Chichester City

When?

Saturday 22nd December

Where?

Countrywide Gas Stadium

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Chichester City this season?

As one of the sides many people fancied to lift the title come the end of the season, Chichester City made a flying start to the campaign and led the way for much of the first two months of the season. They dropped just two points from their opening seven fixtures before losing to Saltdean United, since when they've also tasted defeat against fellow title challengers Newhaven and an improving Eastbourne Town. Those three losses leave them some five points behind leaders Horsham YMCA although they do have a game in hand on YM.

Hassocks record against Chichester City?

Both sides have 16 wins to their name which is surprising from a Hassocks point of view given that up until April, the Robins hadn't beaten Chichester in nine attempts. Of the 39 meetings, seven have ended as draws.

Last time Hassocks played Chichester City?

There has already been two meetings between the two sides this season. Hassocks came close to pulling off a Sussex Senior Cup shock down at the Countrywide Gas Stadium back in October before succumbing to a 2-1 defeat. That was a far cry from the first league meeting when Chi left the Beacon with a convincing 6-0 victory back on the first Tuesday of the campaign.

How to get to Oaklands Park?

Take the A27 to Chichester. At the first roundabout of the bypass, take the second exit onto the A285 towards the city centre. Continue on that road left at the Sainsbury's petrol station until you come to the first road on your right, Spitalfield Lane which you should take towards the hospital. Continue ahead at the roundabout at the end of that road and Oaklands is on your right. You need to head around the one way system to access the ground which is behind the tennis courts.

ON THIS DAY

December 11th

2010 – LEAKY HASSOCKS STUTTER TO DEFEAT

Of all the days for Hassocks to give their worst defensive performance of the season, they had to pick the one where free scoring Hailsham Town came to the Beacon.

The Stringers may be flattering to deceive slightly in the league, but the one thing they do have is an obscene amount of firepower and they demonstrated every ounce of it by scoring four times in Mid Sussex.

Hassocks did manage two of their own, both coming from Phil Gault penalties but in truth they only had themselves to blame as they gave away possession far too easily.

Of more concern for Mickey Jewell than his side's inability to keep the ball will be the fact that Hailsham seemed to want it that much more, a will to win fired perhaps by the fact that the Robins had ended the Stringers five match unbeaten run with a 2-0 success at the Beaconsfield just four weeks previously.

The result also denied Hassocks the chance of climbing to the dizzy heights of third in Division One and represented a third defeat in their past four league games after going unbeaten in the opening 14 of the

Jewell era.

Hassocks had started brightly with Dan Barnard testing Russ Tanner in the Hailsham goal early on and then Spencer Slaughter fired a snapshot just wide.

That was about as good as it got though as Hailsham took the lead on 13 minutes, Jack Simpson somehow allowing Ashley Jarvis' scuffed effort from 18 yards to squirm underneath his body for 1-0.

He was beaten again just three minutes later, this time after Simon Catt's long-range effort rebounded off the woodwork and straight to Mark French who tapped home the loose ball from six yards.

Hassocks had to wait until the 41st minute to have another worthwhile effort, Gault seeing a shot blocked and then Dan Smith floated one wide of Tanner's post.

Any hope the Robins had of getting back into the tie evaporated 14 minutes into the second half, French again reacting quickest in the box to slam the ball into the top corner after an effort from Luke Denton this time came back off the bar.

Gault reduced the deficit from the

penalty spot on 65 minutes after Paul Richardson was somewhat harshly adjudged to have handled a Slaughter flick but almost immediately Hailsham made it 4-1, Denton unleashing an unstoppable 30 yarder that arrowed past the helpless Simpson.

Substitute Nathan Miles saw an effort smothered by Tanner before Hassocks received their second spot kick of the afternoon, Gault again converting by sending Tanner the wrong way after Smith was felled by Steve Early.

Hassocks perhaps should have had a third spot kick, Smith looking like he'd gone down in the box but a free kick right on the edge of the area was awarded, from which Gault drew a brilliant fingertip save from Tanner.

Hailsham nearly made it 5-2 at the end, Rob South clearing off the line superbly from Craig Norman.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, O'Callaghan, Lear, Whittingham; Hibbert, Smith, Gault, Slaughter, Butler; Barnard.

Subs: Waterhouse (Hibbert 63), Miles (Barnard 63), Howes (Lear 71), Laing, Gander (unused).





Around the League

One Southern Combination League side remain in the FA Vase as AFC Uckfield Town progressed to the fourth-round while there was an otherwise full fixture list in the Premier Division despite the wet weather of the previous week...

At the Oaks, AFC Uckfield Town put in a superb performance to move to within four wins of a potential Wembley final after defeating Sutton Common Rovers 5-2.

Ellis Cormack scored twice for Uckfield with the other goals coming from Matt McLean, Calum Sherriff and Dee Okojie in a brilliant win that continues their historic run in the national cup competition.

In the Premier Division, nothing could separate leaders **Horsham YMCA** and third placed **Newhaven** who drew 0-0 at Gorings Mead, a result that allowed second placed **Chichester City** to move within three points of top spot after they were 2-0 victors at home to **Shoreham**.

Ellis Martin and Gicu Iordache got the goals for Miles Rutherford's side who will draw level with YMCA should they win their upcoming game in hand.

Will Berry scored the only goal of the game as **Saltdean United** leapfrogged **Pagham** into fourth spot thanks to a 1-0 victory as the sides met at Hill Park while **Broadbridge Heath** took advantage of the Lion's defeat to climb to the dizzy heights of fifth after they hammered **Langney Wanderers** 6-0 at the Leisure Centre.

Richard Wetton scored twice in that one with the other goals coming from Lee Carney, Ryan Brackpool, Thomas Howard-Bold and Richard Wetton.

Cameron Wiltshire scored a 75th minute winner for **Peacehaven & Telscombe** as they saw off **Crawley Down Gatwick** 2-1 at the Sports Park.

Callum Hart had given the hosts a half time lead only for Down's top scorer Oliver Leslie to level things up just past the hour mark.

Lingfield inflicted further misery on **Arundel** as goals from Ben Connolly, Naseem James and Thomas Stead gave them a 3-0 win at Mill Road while **Lancing** ran out 3-1 winners over bottom side **Eastbourne United** through Daniel Turner, Alex Bygraves and Mark Pulling with Casey Ham netting a late consolation for United.

In the Division's final game, **Loxwood** continued their upturn in form by hammering **Little Common** 4-1 thanks to a Sam Karl hat-trick and an own goal, a result which now leaves the Magpies just four points outside the relegation zone, a hugely impressive comeback given that they hadn't won a league game until a little over a month ago.

It was a disappointing Saturday for Division One leaders **Steyning Town** as they were held to a 0-0 draw at home to lowly **Mile Oak**, while second placed **AFC Vardeanians** couldn't take advantage as their game against **St Francis Rangers** was cancelled as Rangers were unable to raise a side.

Third placed **Alford** did play and they were made to work hard for a 2-1 victory away at fellow promotion chasers **Selsey**, Kieron Purkis scoring a 60th minute winner for the visitors after Ryan Morey's first half leveller for the Blues had cancelled out Johden De Meyer's opener.

Bexhill United survived a late scare to hold on and beat **Storrington** 3-2 at the Polegrove.

The Pirates had been leading 3-0 through goals from Sammy Bunn and

a Jack Shonk double with 20 minutes left to play but the Swans rallied and pulled things back to 3-2 through Ben Dines and Tommy Lee-Smith before falling just short in their attempts to complete a remarkable comeback.

Littlehampton Town continued their revival with a 5-1 success at home to **Southwick** as five different players got on the scoresheet while the division's final game witnessed **Sidlesham** pick up a big three points away at **Billingshurst** courtesy of a 2-1 win.

Just four games took place in Division Two where there were plenty of goals.

The highest scoring of the four came at the Limekiln where **Jarvis Brook** hammered **Brighton Electricity** 6-1 with Daryl King netting a six-minute second half hat-trick.

Bosham ran out 5-2 winners over **Littlehampton United** and it was the same scoreline at the Glebelands where bottom side **Ferring** went down to **Westfield**.

The division's other game saw **Copthorne** win 3-2 away at Roffey despite the fact they trailed 2-0 at the hour mark, Miguel Fiugiera-Dunne scoring twice for the visitors.

Four Division Two sides made safe progress in the Sussex Intermediate Cup with **Angmering Seniors** knocking off East Dean, **Rottingdean Village** beating Steyning Town Reserves and **Rustington** defeating **Worthing Town** 5-2 thanks to a Josh Irish hat-trick.

Upper Beeding are also through after **Cowfold** were unable to raise a side for their game at Cowfold Playing Fields.



How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horsham YMCA	18	14	1	3	51	21	43
Chichester City	17	13	1	3	49	14	40
Newhaven	17	12	3	2	41	23	39
Saltdean United	17	10	4	3	40	23	34
Broadbridge Heath	18	9	4	5	43	25	31
Pagham	17	8	7	2	37	19	31
Crawley Down	19	8	5	6	37	32	29
Eastbourne Town	17	9	2	6	32	28	29
Peacehaven & Tels.	17	9	2	6	28	32	29
Lingfield	17	7	3	7	30	33	24
Lancing	19	7	3	9	32	42	24
East Preston	16	6	4	6	24	24	22
AFC Uckfield Town	15	6	3	6	36	29	21
Shoreham	18	4	4	10	22	36	16
Little Common	17	4	3	10	28	40	15
Hassocks	16	4	3	9	27	42	15
Langney Wanderers	19	3	6	10	25	45	15
Arundel	17	2	6	9	23	44	12
Loxwood	17	3	2	12	27	44	11
Eastbourne United	16	0	2	14	11	47	2

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Horsham YMCA	WWWWWWD
Newhaven	WWWWWWD
Chichester City	WWLWWW
Broadbridge Heath	LDWWWWW
Eastbourne Town	LWDWWW
Peacehaven & Tels.	WDWLWW
East Preston	LWDDWL
Saltdean United	LWDWLW
Crawley Down	DWWWLL
Lancing	WLLLWW
AFC Uckfield Town	LWLLWW
Lingfield	WWLLLW
Pagham	DWDDWL
Loxwood	LLLDWW
Little Common	WDDLLL
Shoreham	WDLLLL
Hassocks	LLLLWL
Langney Wanderers	LLWLLL
Eastbourne Utd	LLLDLL
Arundel	LDLLLL

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	225	1570	321	117
Peacehaven & Tels.	179	1606	444	108
Horsham YMCA	110	764	138	65
East Preston	109	865	128	61
Pagham	104	724	156	66
Langney Wanderers	103	822	140	55
Eastbourne United	98	778	125	71
Newhaven	97	774	132	74
Chichester City	95	850	160	65
Hassocks	89	622	105	79
Lancing	80	634	132	60
Little Common	79	547	147	51
Shoreham	78	697	137	55
Crawley Down	65	641	92	38
Broadbridge Heath	58	515	89	44
Loxwood	55	436	85	44
Lingfield	52	411	73	41
Arundel	43	385	51	36
AFC Uckfield Town	43	295	57	28
Saltdean United	40	316	52	34

Premier Division Scorers

Lee Robinson	Newhaven	22
Callum Overton	Pagham	14
Dean Brown	Horsham YMCA	14
Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	11
Ben Gray	Arundel	11
Scott Jones	Chichester City	11
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	10
Oliver Leslie	Crawley Down	10
Callum Smith	AFC Uckfield	9
George Gaskin	Pagham	9
Jamie Brotherton	Saltdean	9
Alex Barbary	Horsham YMCA	9
Ben Bacon	Lingfield	8
Lewis Hole	Little Common	8
Sam Cane	Crawley Down	8
Andy Dalhouse	Shoreham	7
Wayne Wilkinson	Langney Wand	7
Matt MacLean	AFC Uckfield	7
Dan Perry	Eastbourne Town	6
Sam Clements	Lingfield	6

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horsham YMCA	11	7	2	2	30	18	23
Hassocks	9	6	2	1	27	8	20
East Preston	10	6	1	3	33	33	19
Lancing	13	5	2	6	29	20	17
Pagham	10	5	1	4	29	15	16
Arundel	10	3	5	2	22	25	14
Southwick	11	4	2	5	19	32	14
Broadbridge Heath	8	3	2	3	13	14	11
Selsey	8	3	1	4	17	14	10
Midhurst & E'bourne	9	2	1	6	16	35	7
Mile Oak	11	1	1	9	12	44	4

Under 23 West Scorers

Dion Jarvis	Arundel	10
Jakob Heryet	East Preston	9
James Littlejohn	Hassocks	8
Luke Richards	Lancing	7
Leon Earles	Horsham YMCA	7
Taku Madhlazi	Lancing	5
Max Willcox	Hassocks	5
Tom Shergold	B'bridge Heath	5
James Hubbard	Pagham	5
Jake Goulding	Midhurst	4
Jack Collins	East Preston	4
George G'Gibbons	Hassocks	4
George Cody	Pagham	4

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 18 Central Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haywards Heath	10	10	0	0	70	17	30
Hassocks	8	6	0	2	33	16	18
Upper Beeding	8	6	0	2	33	18	18
Southwick	7	4	0	3	31	18	12
Steyning Town	8	3	0	5	27	20	9
Lancing	7	3	0	4	24	21	9
St Francis Rangers	7	2	0	5	15	27	6
Broadbridge Heath	9	2	0	7	16	44	6
Rottingdean	8	0	0	8	15	83	0

Under 18 Central Scorers

Ollie Broad	Haywards Heath	24
Jacob Ross	Southwick	11
Tristan Hayes	Hassocks	10
Mahamadou Juwala	Haywards Heath	10
Yahya Azizi	Hassocks	8
Alex Bridger	Steyning Town	8
Morgan Kennett	Southwick	8
Charlie Millard	Lancing	7
Joey Biner	Haywards Heath	7
Harvey Gallis	Steyning Town	7

South East Counties Womens League Division One West Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	9	9	0	0	55	3	27
Mole Valley	9	6	1	2	36	19	19
Wandgas	9	5	1	3	20	18	16
Steyning Town	8	4	1	3	34	17	13
Oakwood	9	4	0	5	30	16	12
Burgess Hill Town	5	3	1	1	20	5	10
Milford & Witley	7	3	1	3	23	15	10
Bexhill United	10	0	1	9	8	73	1
Victoire	8	0	0	8	2	62	0

Division One West Scorers

Billie Philpott	Hassocks	21
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	15
Charlotte Blunt	Mole Valley	13
Leigh Anne Jordan	Steyning Town	9
Kirstin Mair	Hassocks	8
Lauren Tyler	Oakwood	7
Keeley Wheatley	Burgess Hill	7
Maria Bardea	Burgess Hill	7
Shauna Mann	Wandgas	7
Sydnee Offord	Milford & Witley	7
Liz Neatherway	Steyning Town	7



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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 **Jack Wilkins**
Crawley Down Gatwick home **Matt Berridge**
Saltdean United home **Harvey Blake**
K Sports home **Ryan Collins**
Bexhill United home **Phil Johnson**
Loxwood away **Phil Johnson**
East Preston away **Dan Stokes**
Eastbourne United home **Spencer Slaughter**
Langney Wanderers away **Spencer Slaughter**
Chichester City away **Spencer Slaughter**
Crawley Down Gatwick home **Harvey Blake**
Lingfield home **Harvey Blake**
Little Common away **Jake Lindsey**
Newhaven home **Harvey Blake**
Seaford Town home **Jake Lindsey**
Broadbridge Heath away **Jack Wilkins**
Pagham away **Harvey Enticknap**
Lingfield home **Harvey Enticknap**
Eastbourne Town away
Haywards Heath Town home
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
AFC Uckfield Town 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

1st: **Jack Wilkins**
2nd: **Harvey Blake**
3rd: **Phil Johnson**

September 2018

1st: **Spencer Slaughter**
2nd: **Phil Johnson**
3rd: **James Littlejohn**

October 2018

1st: **Harvey Blake**
2nd: **Phil Johnson**
3rd: **Will Broomfield**

November 2018

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

December 2018

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

January 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

February 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

March 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

April 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:



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**Ken Deaville
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Frank Marshall
Eddie Benson
Paul Elphick
Matt Hicks
Ian Plummer**

Money raised in 2018/19

**August £153
September £238
October £187
November £85
December
January
February
March
April**

TOTAL £663

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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	242	38	280	45
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
Dan Jacques	175	28	203	9
Pat Harding	178	17	195	131
James Westlake	178	13	191	28
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	14	131	12
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Phil Johnson	107	22	129	59
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Dan Stokes	89	32	121	8
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
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



Experienced midfielder Chris Brown was a rare summer signing in the days when Hassocks' forays into the transfer market happened once in a blue moon.

He arrived at the Beacon in the summer of 2005 from Ringmer, where he'd enjoyed several seasons of service as part of an outstanding Blues side who were consistently challenging towards the top of the table.

Brown had been part of his fair share of successful sides prior to rocking up at the Caburn, having also played for Burgess Hill Town and Whitehawk through the 1990s.

A tough tackling midfielder, he added some real bite to the Robins central midfield three for three seasons between 2005 and 2008.

Before Brown's arrival, Hassocks were regular finishers in the top three Fair Play Awards. That went out the window with him in the side, much to manager Dave John's chargin!

There was no doubting Brown's quality however and that is why he racked up 92 games as a virtual ever present before deciding to retire at the same time as John when the 2007-08 season came to a close.

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Matt Ford	
James Westlake	
Dan Stokes	
Alex Spinks	
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Phil Johnson	
James Littlejohn	
Liam Benson	
Jake Lindsey	
Jack Wilkins	
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Coach Mark Price
Goalkeeper Coach Haig Kingston
Physio Phil Wickwar



Haywards Heath Town

Josh Heyburn	
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Nathan Cooper	
Melford Simpson	
Andrew Dalhouse	
Anthony Ender	
George Fenton	
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Alex Laing	
Kane Louis	
Max Miller	
Byron Napper	
Luke Robinson	
Sean Roddy	
Kieran Rowe	

Referee
 Marc Meeten

Assistants
 Ciaran Kane &
 John Patrick Kane

Manager Shaun Saunders
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Coach Mark Russ
Physio John Fairley

Next at the Beacon



Peacehaven & Telscombe
 Saturday 15th December 2018
 Southern Combination Premier Division

Tonight's other RUR Cup games

Eastbourne United v Chichester City
 Pagham v AFC Uckfield Town
 Saltdean United v Peacehaven & Telscombe

Tonight's Sussex Senior Cup game

Eastbourne Town v Worthing

Tonight's Premier Division game

Langney Wanderers v Arundel