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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 for our Christmas Jumper game against Peacehaven & Telscombe...

Welcome to the Tye

We'd like to start by welcoming Mark Shutt and the players, supporters and officials of Peacehaven to the Beacon this afternoon and hope they enjoy their brief spell with us.

We're also welcoming back Bradley Bant who makes his first return since leaving the club in September for a new challenge at the Sports Park.

Bants played over 130 times for the Robins and gave his everything over nearly four years in a Hassocks shirt so we'd like to take the opportunity to thank him for his efforts – although he hopefully won't be too happy come 5pm today!

Spirited showing against Haywards Heath

In the first of three home games in a row, Hassocks gave a spirited showing against Haywards Heath Town before being eliminated from the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup with a 3-0 defeat.

All the goals against our Bostik League local rivals came in the final 20 minutes and the majority of those in attendance agreed that even that was a harsh score line after an impressive Hassocks display.

The result leaves the Robins to concentrate on the league now, starting with a tough game today against a club who usually get the better of meetings between the two.

If Hassocks show the same sort of spirit and determination as they did on Tuesday night throughout the rest of the season, then hopefully there will be plenty of success to come over the next four months.

Welcome back Whittingham

A familiar name was back on the team sheet for the past two games as Andy Whittingham has returned to the Beacon seven years after leaving for Seaford Town.

He was straight back into his groove, picking up yellow cards in his first two appearances, much to the delight of former players Chris Maynard and Ashley Marsh who were reminiscing on Twitter about the time he accidentally roundhouse kicked a Blackford & Langney player in the face in the FA Vase in 2010!

The County FA fines pot is probably delighted to hear that Andy is back and so is everyone at the Beacon with us all wishing him well for his second spell with the club.

New date set for Horsham YMCA

We've got a new date set for the visit of Premier Division Horsham YMCA, with Peter Buckland set to bring his side to the Beacon on Saturday 12th January.

That was a weekend that the league had sensibly not scheduled any games for in the event of

postponements which the Robins are taking full advantage of, rearranging the fixture that we lost to Storm Dianna two weeks ago.

Under 23s and Ladies pick up big results

There have been a couple of big results for the Under 23s and Ladies over the last couple of weeks.

Nigel Pearce's side kept their title dreams on track when drawing 1-1 with Horsham YMCA nine days ago through a Connor Bradley equaliser.

The point keeps them three points behind YM at the top of the West Division but with two game in hands on the leaders.

They played their final game of 2018 on Thursday night at East Preston and as always, please ask Owen behind the bar if you want to know how they got on.

The Ladies meanwhile are into the quarter finals of their League Cup after defeating Anchorians 5-1 away from home last Sunday.

They play for the last time this year here at the Beacon tomorrow afternoon with a spot in the semi finals of the County Trophy up for grabs against AFC Littlehampton – kick off is at 1.30pm.

The Under 18s meanwhile are done until 2019 now after losing 4-1 in the County Cup to AFC Varndeanians.



Today's visitors...

The second of three home games in the space of seven days for Hassocks sees Peacehaven & Telscombe visit the Beacon with the Robins knowing that they'll need to upset both recent history and the league table to secure a result...

Peacehaven have dominated the fixture since it was first played in the 1990's, securing 17 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, a 2-1 success given to them via goals from Phil Gault and Nathan Miles.

That was the Tye's first season back in the Southern Combination League after a whirlwind couple of years in which they swept everyone before them in climbing through the division before falling back down nearly as fast as they rose.

They were crowned Southern Combination champions at the end of the 2012-13 season and a year later followed it up by winning the Isthmian League South title at the first attempt as well as lifting the Sussex Senior Cup in a showpiece final at the Amex.

Life in the top flight of the Isthmian League was far harder than anyone could have imagined and back-to-back relegations as well as severe financial troubles followed.

The people of Peacehaven rallied

though and the club became community owned to coincide with their return to local Sussex football, since when they've competed gamefully with a side full of local young players in a stark contrast the free-spending that went on as they rose through the pyramid.

With regards this season, its been a mixed campaign 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 in mid table at the time of writing.

They do however remain one of the best supported clubs in the division with an average attendance only exceeded by Eastbourne Town and the Robins will be hoping to welcome a number of away fans to the Beacon this afternoon.

Also getting a warm welcome will be Bradley Bant who left the Beacon in September after nearly four years and 131 appearances for Hassocks to take up a new challenge at Peacehaven.

Bant became a popular member of the squad during his time with the Robins and it will be good to see him back today, no matter how briefly.



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Ground The Sports Park

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Top Scorer

HONOURS

Isthmian League South

Winners 2014

Southern Combination League

Winners 1979, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2013

Southern Combination Division 1

Winners 2009

Southern Combination Division 2

Winners 2006

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1982, 1994, 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1978, 1982, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2010

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1992, 1993, 2010, 2013

SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1970, 1976, 2008, 2009

10 Key Moments

1923... the current club formed following a merger of Peacehaven Rangers and Telscombe Tye
1970... Brighton League winners, earning promotion into the Southern Combination for the first time
1976... win promotion to the top flight of the Southern Combination League for the first time
1979... win their first of six titles league titles in 19 seasons, before relegation from the top flight in 1998
1999... bounce back to the Premier at the third time of asking, but are relegated just two seasons later
2005... relegated to Division Two but their stay there was brief, winning promotion back after one season
2009... promoted back to the Premier Division, finishing runners up in their first season.
2013... won SCFL title & promotion to the Isthmian League for the first time.
2014... Isthmian South and Sussex Senior Cup winners in the clubs most successful season to date
2016... back-to-back relegations complete a dramatic fall back to the Southern Combination League

Last 20 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2015-16, Isthmian South 24th
2014-15, Isthmian Premier 21st
2013-14, Isthmian South 1st
2012-13, Southern Combinaton Premier 1st
2011-12, Southern Combinaton Premier 5th
2010-11, Southern Combinaton Premier 3rd
2009-10, Southern Combinaton Premier 2nd
2008-09, Southern Combinaton One 1st
2007-08, Southern Combinaton One 4th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 5th
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 1st
2004-05, Southern Combination One 17th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 12th
2002-03, Southern Combinaton Premier 18th
2001-02, Southern Combinaton Premier 12th
2000-01, Southern Combinaton One 2nd
1999-00, Southern Combinaton One 14th
1998-99, Southern Combinaton One 12th

Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 23 - Won 4 - Drawn 6 - Lost 13 - Scored 30 - Conceded 46

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

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

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

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 2 - Conceded 0

Total... Played 31 - Won 7 - Drawn 7 - Lost 17 - Scored 38 - Conceded 55

Last 10 meetings

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-1 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-6 Peacehaven
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-2 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 1-0 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Peacehaven

2013-14 Sussex Senior Cup: Peacehaven 2-0 Hassocks
2012-13 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 2-1 Hassocks
2012-13 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Peacehaven
2011-12 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Peacehaven
2011-12 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 0-3 Hassocks

Played for both

Striker Dan Smith was a bit of a nomadic figure at the start of the decade, playing for Hassocks across three separate spells.

Mickey Jewell first bought him to the Beacon for the 2010-11 season when he scored 10 goals in 37 appearances.

He moved to Saltdean United for the start of 2011-12 and managed to squeeze in a couple of spells with Peacehaven around a brief return to the Beacon in which he netted three goals in 5 games.

His third Hassocks spell came in 2012-13 and was easily his most

productive, yielding 12 goals in 17 games.

Bradley Bant has already got a mention and today will be his first return to the club as an opposition player.

Bant arrived from Lancing a few months into the 2014-15 season as one of Dave John's last signings as manager, going onto play 131 times for the club over the next three-and-a-half seasons as both a central midfielder and a left back before moving to the Sports Park back in September.



BETTER FROM HASSOCKS BUT STILL NO POINTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

It feels like the Robins have been waiting a lifetime to unleash their new centre forward with injury and holiday restricting him to just one brief substitutes appearance since his summer return from Horsham YMCA. Johnson's first start came in place of the absent Jake Lindsey and he should've had a penalty inside of two minutes when a heavy tackle from Jack Phillips was remarkably deemed legal by referee Luke Chapman.

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

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

second.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peacehaven began the second half the quickest and Hassocks were grateful to the post for ensuring they didn't slip further behind within just two minutes of the restart when Curtis Ford's effort beat Harris but not the upright.

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

It was fully deserved when they equalised from the penalty spot just past the hour mark.

A cross came into the Peacehaven box and Secka was clumsy in his attempts to try and gather it, only succeeding in bringing down Johnson who would've been well placed to score.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Starman: Liam Benson

Peacehaven & Telscombe 0-3 Hassocks

ROBINS BACK ON SONG IN SUPERB TEAM EFFORT

After a winless run stretching back seven games to the opening day, Hassocks finally tasted victory for the second time this season as they shocked third placed Peacehaven & Telscombe 3-0 at the Sports Park.

Goals from Phil Gault, Nathan Miles and James Westlake ended the Robins barren spell, bringing huge relief to Robins boss Mickey Jewell in the process.

Jewell deserves that. He was bold enough to abandon his favoured 4-5-1 formation and switch to a more attacking 4-4-2, pairing Miles and Gault up front in a lively combination that on this evidence could provide plenty of goals if it is persevered with.

Behind those two, Jewell selected a naturally defensive midfield pairing of Kieran O'Callaghan and Matt Carruthers and that also proved to be a clever move as it allowed James Westlake and Jamie Weston to get forward on numerous occasions down the flanks.

Unfortunately for Hassocks, O'Callaghan now misses two games due to suspension but the Robins remain hopeful that Anthony Hibbert will soon return from a nagging knee injury.

Having been 2-0 down inside the first quarter of an hour in successive games, it was important for Hassocks not to concede and although Craig Bunch nudged an effort just wide early on and former Robin Sol Bowra rattled the bar with a header, Hassocks weathered early

Peacehaven pressure and grew in confidence.

Carruthers had an effort blocked on the line from a Westlake corner and then following a flowing move involving O'Callaghan, Weston and Westlake, Gault rounded Jake Buss in the Peacehaven goal but his effort hit the side netting.

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Westlake then played in Nathan Miles who shot straight at Buss and then Miles fired over from another Westlake centre.

However, on the half hour Hassocks got the reward that their dominance deserved when Gault rose to head home a typically excellent Chris Maynard free kick.

Stuart Faith earned his customary booking from referee Darren Eaton for upending Bunch before Hassocks doubled their lead on 39 minutes.

Gault had dropped deep to win the ball in midfield and he fed Westlake who's shot rebounded off the post to Miles who stretched to tap in for his second goal of the season.

The second half saw Bunch booked early on for a bad tackle but

the same player then nearly halved the deficit, only to be denied by an excellent Ashley Marsh block.

Jamie Weston shot over and Gault smashed wide whilst Wes Millis volleyed over for the home side.

In the 85th minute it was 3-0, O'Callaghan beat the offside trap and squared it to Miles whose shot deflected off the backside of Westlake to wrong foot Buss.

In the 88th minute, Bowra was shown a straight red card for a two footed tackle on Marsh, which was a little against character for the former Hassocks defender.

That rounded off a disappointing evening for the hosts but take nothing away from Hassocks who produced a fine all round team performance from the Robins after some poor efforts of late.

With more players soon returning and Jewell said to be on the verge of making a couple more additions to his squad, hopefully this will be the confidence booster needed to start climbing the table.

Hassocks: Simpson; Jacques, Marsh, Faith, Maynard; Westlake, O'Callaghan, Carruthers, Weston; Miles, Gault.

Subs: Hearne (Miles 89), Parsons (Gault 90), Goodridge, R Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Unfair to pick out individuals on such a good team performance.

100 up for the Robins Youth System

When 16-year-old goalkeeper Toby Fisher was handed his first team debut in last month's defeat at Broadbridge Heath, he became the 100th Hassocks youth team player to play first team football for the Robins...

When Hassocks first approached Dave John about taking over as General Manager in the summer of 1991, he had a few demands that had to be met before he agreed to taking up the post.

The first was that he was allowed to structure the football club as he saw fit, which meant him supplying the players and Pete Liddell and Nick Greenwood managing the team.

The second was that if the club could win promotion out of the bottom tier of the Southern Combination League, every effort would be made to get the new ground being built at the Beacon ready to host senior football.

The third was that the Robins set up a youth team to provide a supply line for young players to come through and play first team football for the club.

It was the final one of those demands that has had the greatest legacy on Hassocks, with Toby Fisher recently becoming the 100th youth team product to play first team football for the club 27 years after the first Under 18s side was set up.

That averages out at over three youth team players per season making the step up to play first team football, an astonishing figure that is testament to the talent that the Robins Under 18s sides have managed to attract down the years and subsequent first team managers willingness to give them the sort of opportunities that don't exist at other clubs.

By far and away the most successful youth team product in terms of playing games for Hassocks is Ashley Marsh who racked up 525 games for the club between 2004 and

2018.

Anthony Hibbert made 462 appearances scoring a remarkable 124 goals from midfield while goalkeeper Joel Harding is third on the home-grown product list having played 340 times for the Robins.

Both Hibbert and Harding were part of the only Hassocks Youth team to have won the prestigious Sussex County Challenge Cup, part of a treble with the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division title and the Champions of Champions Play Off.

Fourth on the list is Richard Thompson with 324 appearances followed by Stuart Faith on 289 and Spencer Slaughter on 264, the highest player still playing for the Robins and the only member of the 2005-06 title winning Under 18 side to make over 100 appearances for the club.

Seventh is Nathan Miles on 211 who is the highest placing player from the youth team that lifted the League Cup in 2008, with Phil Johnson and Nick Pitcher the other two players from that year to pass a century of appearance.

Eighth is another player still plying his trade at the Beacon in Dan Jacques on 202, ninth is Pat Harding on 195 and rounding off the top 10, Marc Rendall on 183.

In terms of goals, it will come as no surprise to learn that Pat Harding and Hibbert are some way clear of the rest of the pack, Harding having managed a total of 131 which is seven more than Hibbert scored.

Miles' 74 goals leave him third on the top scoring youth products list and if Johnson keeps banging them in this season, he will be making steady progress up the charts having plundered 59 so far in Hassocks colours while Slaughter rounds off the

top five with 45.

In terms of going onto bigger and better things away from the Beacon, the two biggest success stories must be Pat Harding and Sam Fisk who both went onto play Conference National football with Eastbourne Borough and Lewes respectively.

Eddie French meanwhile captained Sussex Under 18s while representing the Robins and was part of the Horsham side who famously took League One Swansea City to an FA Cup replay in the 2007-08 season.

Of the 100 players to have come through the youth system, several have gone onto captain the Robins for significant periods of time.

Marsh was appointed club captain for the 2008-09 season and held the role at various points over the next decade while Faith led Hassocks to their best ever finish of fourth in the 2011-12 season.

Slaughter, both Harding brothers and Nathan Cooper have also worn the armband at various points over the previous 21 years.

In terms of Hassocks' most successful ever youth side, last season's treble winners have supplied seven first team players with Jake Lindsey leading the way with 37 career appearances and nine goals so far.

Finally, one youth team product has gone on to do virtually every job going at the Beacon – we're of course referring to Phil Wickwar who has come through the ranks, managed the thirds, the reserves, the first team, stood behind the bar, mowed the pitch and even dressed as Justin Hawkins' to perform "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" in front of a packed Clubhouse.

Not many have done that.

Hassocks Youth Team Products Appearances

- 525 – Ashley Marsh
- 462 – Anthony Hibbert
- 340 – Joel Harding
- 324 – Richard Thompson
- 289 – Stuart Faith
- 280 – Spencer Slaughter
- 211 – Nathan Miles
- 203 – Dan Jacques
- 195 – Pat Harding
- 183 – Marc Rendall
- 165 – Graham Beveridge
- 161 – Jack Simpson
- 146 – Luke Flomo
- 136 – Ian Dawson
- 133 – Andy Burt
- 130 – Phil Johnson
- 130 – Nick Pitcher
- 126 – Steve Wilkins
- 122 – Dan Stokes
- 104 – Sam Fisk



Hassocks Youth Team Products Goals

- 131 – Pat Harding
- 124 – Anthony Hibbert
- 74 – Nathan Miles
- 59 – Phil Johnson
- 45 – Spencer Slaughter
- 38 – Matt Amos
- 37 – Marc Rendall
- 35 – Andy Burt
- 31 – Luke Flomo
- 24 – Liam Benson
- 22 – Stuart Faith
- 22 – Jamie Hillwood
- 19 – Phil Eldret
- 19 – Richard Thomas
- 17 – Graham Beveridge
- 16 – Laurence Robinson





Welcome back to Whittingham

It's been a busy couple of weeks on the transfer front for the Robins as hot on the heels of James Westlake and Bradley Tighe's returns to the Beacon, Mark Dalgleish completed the signing of Andy Whittingham...

Whittingham will be a familiar face to seasoned Hassocks watchers having previously played for the club some seven years ago as a young left back.

He first arrived at the club in the summer of 2010 as a 19-year-old, one of a number of signings who made the move from Steyning Town along with Mark Dalgleish following Dalgleish's appointment as assistant to Mickey Jewell.

Despite his young age, it didn't take long for Whittingham to establish himself as first choice left back, taking to his first season of top-flight football like a duck to water as he made 40 appearances in his debut campaign at the Beacon, starting 39 times and appearing once from the bench.

The attacking threat offered by both Whittingham on the left and fellow new signing Rob South from the right back position were a key

component of the success of Jewell's first season at the helm in which the Robins equalled their best ever finish of sixth in the Premier Division.

Whittingham was equally solid in defence and not afraid to put the boot

"Whittingham made the first appearance of his second spell at the Beacon in last weekend's 2-1 defeat at Eastbourne Town and was straight back into the swing of things, picking up a yellow card inside of an hour!"

in, picking up a superb red card within 10 games of his debut after producing a kung-fu kick to the chest of a Blackfield & Langney player in the Robins' 3-2 FA Vase exit down in Hampshire.

By the end of the 2010-11 season he was a firm crowd favourite but Chris Maynard's return from a broken leg and conversion from a left winger to a full back meant that Whittingham found his first team opportunities limited at the start of the 2011-12 season.

He made just four starts with seven further appearances following from the bench before departing for Seaford Town in search of first team football.

Whittingham went onto return to the top flight of the Southern Combination League, enjoying spells with both Hailsham Town and AFC Uckfield Town.

The left back made the first appearance of his second spell at the Beacon in last weekend's 2-1 defeat at Eastbourne Town and was straight back into the swing of things, picking up a yellow card inside of an hour!

HASSOCKS BOW OUT OF CUP BUT IT'S NOT ALL EASY FOR HEATH

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Quarter Final
Tuesday 11th December 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town



The Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup delivered an early Christmas present of an unexpected Mid Sussex derby for the season as Hassocks played host to Haywards Heath Town in the quarter finals of the competition.

When Heath won promotion to the Bostik League at the end of last season, it looked like it would be sometime before we saw them taking on the Robins again.

But the Sussex FA's decision to invite them to compete in this season's RUR Cup despite the competition being normally reserved for step seven and eight sides made it a tantalising prospect.

The draw had the two sides meeting in the quarter finals and both sides played their parts by advancing to the last eight, Hassocks by defeating Crawley Down Gatwick and Seaford Town and Heath by eliminating Bexhill United and Lancing.

Shaun Saunders side's 10-0 victory over the Lancers in the previous round made particularly ominous reading for the Robins and many were predicting a similar cakewalk at the Beacon, especially given the 33 places that separate the two in the non-league pyramid.

Yet the casual observer wouldn't have known such a gulf existed, with Heath being largely frustrated until opening the scoring in the 67th minute and they didn't look entirely sure of their spot in the last four until adding a third five minutes from time.

Mark Dalgleish set the Robins up in a 4-5-1 formation which was clearly designed to frustrate the visitors, but Heath did a good enough job of that themselves as they struggled in possession in the opening 30 minutes.

It was from one such moment that the first chance arrived, some loose play resulting in Heath captain Nathan Cooper having to upend his former team mate Phil Johnson 30 yards out

from goal.

Spencer Slaughter took the resulting free-kick quickly, releasing Jake Lindsey whose effort was fumbled away by Mark Fox in the Heath goal.

Fox was more impressive when next called into action, collecting a high James Westlake cross under pressure from Johnson after more good work from Lindsey.

It took Heath until the final 10 minutes of the first half to create a meaningful chance, Callum Saunders delivering a dangerous cross to the back post where Max Miller appeared to be pushed in the back by Harvey Blake but referee Martyn Milligan said no foul.

Mr Milligan had no doubt that Saunders had been bought down in a crunching challenge by Jordan Badger minutes later and neither did the Heath bench, replacing their top scorer instantly with Alex Laing as a precaution.

From that free kick, Karl Akehurst headed over and then Josh Green showed a strong hand to turn a Miller corner over the bar as Heath upped the pressure before the break.

The temperature dropped noticeably in the stands at the start of the second half but the action on the pitch was heating up, Andy Whittingham clattering into Josh Spinks to earn a booking and then substitute Melford Simpson and Spencer Slaughter got involved with each other off the ball.

Saunders had turned to Simpson at the break to replace Dalhouse in a sign of how well Hassocks had done up until that point and he was soon causing his usual chaos, teeing up Laing on two occasions.

The first drew a good save from Green and the second needed a brilliant last ditch tackle from Blake as Laing was about to pull the trigger.

Heath took the lead on 67 minutes and it wasn't without controversy.

Miller appeared to knock the ball to the ground with his hand as he drove into the Hassocks box before squaring to Laing whose effort was deflected onto the bar by Harry Mills.

Chaos ensued until the ball found its way to the edge of the area where Byron Napper came charging in to hit a stonking volley low and hard through the crowd and into the bottom corner.

That was the cue for Hassocks to have their best period of the game.

Within a minute of going behind, Whittingham should have levelled things up but he couldn't connect with a Lindsey cross.

Johnson then saw a low effort turned away by Fox and from the resulting corner, Badger headed over when front and centre of the goal.

Despite being ahead, Heath were getting frustrated by this point and a fantastic screeching argument between Laing and one of his defenders from a full 70 yards drew sarcastic cheers from the home faithful gathered in front of the club house.

Unfortunately for Hassocks, Heath gathered their composure after that and Simpson made it 2-0 on 77 after collecting a Miller cross and firing low and hard past Green.

Hassocks kept pressing and only a superb block from Spinks denied Liam Benson after he'd rounded Fox before Heath finally made the game safe with five minutes to play.

Simpson may have the build of a boxer but he displayed the feet of a ballerina to dance past Dan Jacques and square to Miller who was left with a tap in.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Mills, Broomfield, Badger; Lindsey, Slaughter, Westlake, Stokes, Whittingham, Johnson.

Subs: Benson, Bull, Jacques (used), Wilkins, Enticknap (unused).



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	0-3	
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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Appearances 2018-19



	2018-19 Season:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	20	3	23	7	89	24
Harvey Blake	20	2	22	1	22	1
Jordan Badger	20	1	21	3	96	7
Phil Johnson	19	2	21	13	131	59
Jake Lindsey	13	7	20	5	39	9
Harry Mills	17	2	19	1	85	3
Dan Stokes	15	4	19	3	123	8
Spencer Slaughter	16	1	17	3	281	45
Joe Bull	7	10	17	0	17	0
Will Broomfield	15	0	15	0	42	0
Matt Berridge	12	3	15	1	30	1
Dan Jacques	13	1	14	1	204	9
Josh Green	12	0	12	0	18	0
Alex Spinks	9	3	12	0	13	0
James Littlejohn	8	4	12	1	13	1
Jack Wilkins	8	2	10	0	68	1
Alex Harris	9	0	9	0	60	0
Harvey Enticknap	6	3	9	0	9	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
James Westlake	3	0	3	1	193	29
Ryan Collins	2	1	3	0	35	2
Toby Fisher	2	0	2	0	2	0
Bradley Tighe	2	0	2	0	76	0
Dan Webster	2	0	2	0	2	0
Andy Whittingham	2	0	2	0	53	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
Joe Russell	1	0	1	0	14	0

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	12	0	12	0
Harvey Enticknap	11	1	12	2
James Oliver	9	3	12	0
Kieran Wells	8	4	12	0
Will Glenn	7	5	12	1
Connor Bradley	11	0	11	5
James Littlejohn	11	0	11	12
Louie Derham	9	2	11	0
Ellis Common	10	0	10	1
Joe Russell	7	3	10	1
Jake Lane	5	5	10	0
Ben Jonas	8	1	9	0
Max Willcox	8	0	8	10
Martin Ratcliffe	4	4	8	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	2	5	7	4
Solly Ross	3	1	4	0
Tristan Hayes	2	2	4	2
Kieran Dimelow	1	3	4	0
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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**Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Division
Thursday 6th December 2018, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 1-1 Horsham YMCA U23s**



It was the top of the table clash everyone had been looking forward to but in the end, nothing could separate Hassocks Under 23s and Horsham YMCA as their meeting at the Beacon ended in a 1-1 draw.

YM arrived in Mid Sussex three points clear of their hosts at the top of the Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division but having played two games more.

And that is how it remains after a goal apiece ensured that an entertaining clash finished level at the end of 90 pulsating minutes.

Hassocks will probably just about be the happier of the two given the circumstances.

They had to shake off an element of ring rust having not played since hammering East Division outfit Peacehaven & Telscombe 6-0 in the League Cup a fortnight ago, one of only two matches in the past five weeks thanks to a lack of fixtures being scheduled and we weather.

This was also their first league game since a 3-2 win over Lancing back in October and they had to cope with the unavailability of strikers Max Willcox and George Galbraith-Gibbons, who have plundered 14 goals between them so far this season.

In Willcox's absence, 17-year-old Under 18's striker Tristan Hayes was promoted to the starting line up, a richly deserved reward for scoring twice against the Tye from the substitutes bench in that last outing 14 days ago.

Nigel Pearce made one further change as Matt Berridge came in for Martin Ratcliffe, giving the first team midfielder some much needed minutes after his availability for Mark Dalglish's front side had been severely restricted throughout November.

It looked as though the sides would head into the break locked at 0-0 until YM scored with virtually the

final kick of the first half through Chris Maxted.

Conceding just before the break can often prove to be a severe psychological blow to some teams so Pearce would no doubt have been pleased with his sides response to that setback once they'd digested their half time oranges.

Hassocks came flying out the blocks in the second half and within 11 minutes of the restart they had their equaliser, Connor Bradley notching his fifth goal of the campaign from midfield to level things up.

Both sides created chances after that but neither Mark Pavlovic in the YM goal nor his opposite number Josh Green conceded again as the spoils were shared.

Hassocks: Green, Common, Wells, Jonas, Oliver, Berridge, Bradley, Enticknap, Glenn, Hayes, Littlejohn.

Subs: Russell (used).

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	Steyning 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	Steyning 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	1-4	Ransome
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 (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18s Appearances 2018-19

2018-19 Season:

	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Gardner	11	0	11	0
Josh Sandilands	11	0	11	3
Yahya Azizi	10	1	11	10
Brandon Sheppard	6	5	11	0
George Mercer	10	0	10	0
Toby Fisher	7	3	10	0
Henry Le-May	7	3	10	1
Jack Baden	9	0	9	3
Jordan Fowler	9	0	9	1
Harvey Ransome	9	0	9	1
Alex Moulvogny	8	1	9	2
Tristan Hayes	8	0	8	13
Ross Pedley	5	3	8	0
Sam Herd	2	6	8	1
Alfie Loveridge	4	2	6	1
Harry Meredith	2	2	4	0
Danny Bulgin	2	0	2	0
Luke Brayne	0	3	3	0
Finley McDermott	0	2	2	1
Connor Curran	0	1	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	1	1	0
Wilfres Tunley-Ho	0	1	1	0

Mid Sussex Times

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	K.Chappell (2), Johansson (2), Mair
16/12 – 13:30	Littlehampton (H)	CWTWF		

Ladies Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Newman	11	0	11	0
Kelly Rushworth	10	1	11	7
Emma Young	10	1	11	0
Katherine Chappell	10	0	10	17
Chloe John	10	0	10	0
Kirsten Mair	10	0	10	9
Billie Philpott	10	0	10	20
Sarah Chappell	8	1	9	0
Claire Stevens	7	2	9	1
Jodie Johanson	5	4	9	4
Liz King	5	4	9	0
Tallie Bright	8	0	8	2
Gemma Craig	8	0	8	3
Ellie Moquet	4	2	6	0
Lisa Callow	1	5	6	3
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 through in League Cup but Under 18s bail out of County

Hassocks Under 18s exited the County Cup last Sunday with a 4-1 defeat at home to AFC Varndeanians but the Ladies defence of their League Cup title continued as they defeated Anchorians 5-1 to book a quarter final spot...

It was a mixed Sunday in knockout competitions for Hassocks as the Under 18s were eliminated from the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup but the Ladies progressed to the quarter finals of the South East Counties Women's League Cup.

Brad Sweetman's young Robins always looked to have an uphill task against a V's side who are proving to be quite the enigma over in the Southern Combination League Under 18 East Division.

They sit second bottom of the table with only two wins to their name so far, but they reached the third round of the County Cup by being the only side to have beaten Central Division leaders Haywards Heath Town so far this season.

That 1-0 win courtesy of a George Haire goal one month ago against a side with 10 wins from 10 and 70 goals scored in Hassocks' section suggested that Varndeanian's would provide stiff opposition for a full-strength Robins line up.

The task was made doubly hard for Hassocks then as Sweetman was without three of his most important players as captain Jack Baden and top goalscorer Tristan Hayes were both unavailable while goalkeeper Toby Fisher missed out having impressed when starting for the first team less than 24 hours earlier in their 2-1 defeat away at Eastbourne Town.

Varndeanians scored once in the first half through Harry Couchman and three times in the second, Couchman again netting alongside Harry Garnham and Conor Fitzpatrick.

The Robins consolation came from Harvey Ransome with what was his first goal for the club but it counted for nothing as V's set up a last eight meeting with AFC Uckfield Town.

That concluded the young Robins fixtures for 2018 with their next game scheduled to take place at home to Broadbridge Heath on Sunday 6th January.

As for the Ladies, they continued their defence of the League Cup by winning 5-1 away at Division One East side Anchorians to book a quarter final spot against either Thamesview or Worthing in what would be a repeat of last season's final should they face the Rebels.

The Robins made the long journey to Gillingham without top scorer Billie Philpott and there was a further blow before kick off when goalkeeper Sarah Chappell injured her wrist in the warm up.

That meant Ellie Moquet taking over in goal less than 30 minutes before kick off but the disruption proved to be little bother to Hassocks as they took the lead inside of six minutes.

In Philpott's absence, second-top scorer Katherine Chappell stepped up to the plate as she opened the scoring after bursting through the Anchorians defence and coolly slotting past the advancing goalkeeper.

Jodie Johanson was looking dangerous down the right and she soon teed up an opportunity for Tallie Bright which was saved while Liz King saw a volley booked.

Hassocks didn't have to wait long to double their advantage, Chappell producing a clever header which gave Johanson a sight of goal and she calmly lobbed the goalkeeper for 2-0.

It was against the run of play when Anchorians pulled one back, taking advantage of some hesitation in the Robins' defence but the deficit wasn't down to one for very long as Hassocks soon restored their two-goal

advantage, a spectacular second goal from Johanson who struck the ball with the outside of her foot from way out on the right to give the home goalkeeper absolutely no chance.

Two minutes later and Hassocks had a free kick which cannoned into the wall allowing Anchorians to break quickly necessitating some good defending by skipper Sam Newman to avert the danger while at the other end, Kelly Rushworth and Bright again both went close.

Hassocks had the task of trying to play into a ridiculously strong wind in the second half and they took some time to adjust to it as Anchorians enjoyed their best spell of the game.

They couldn't make it count on the scoreboard however, wasting one glorious opportunity in a crazy goalmouth scramble which was punished five minutes later when Rushworth released Chappell who went around two defenders to score her second and Hassocks' fourth of the afternoon.

Anchorians came close to pulling another back with 15 minutes remaining but were desperately unfortunate to see a sharp effort cannon off the crossbar and their luck got even worse shortly afterwards when Chloe John stepped out of defence with the ball to find Kirsten Mair who made it 5-1.

Hassocks boss Martin Lee gave Sarah Chappell a 15 minute cameo in midfield to ensure she didn't have a wasted journey as Hassocks wrapped up their 11th consecutive wins in all competitions stretching back to September.

They sign off for the year tomorrow at home to AFC Littlehampton in the last eight of the Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy. Kick off is at 1.30pm at the Beacon.

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22 QUESTIONS WITH...

Will Broomfield

What's your nickname?

Sasquatch – pretty obvious why.

What team do you support?

Brighton and Hove Albion – they're the greatest team on the planet.

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

Bobby Zamora. An absolute goal machine during his time at Brighton.

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

Probably the cabinet itself as it's empty.

Best moment in your career?

Playing alongside Harry Mills.

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

It was only a couple of weeks – losing 6-0 away at Broadbridge Heath.

Funniest thing you've seen in football?

Dan Jacques, full stop.

Best player you've ever played with?

Dan Jacques, full stop.

Best ground you've ever played at?

St Andrews, Birmingham.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Eastbourne United. We always seem to safe our best performances and results for them.

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

I'm not sure as nobody actually seems to show up for training so if I had to take a completely random guess, I'd go for Joe Bull.

Worst dressed player?

Me or Jimmy John Littlejohn.

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

Having to pay for training.

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

"We go again." Phil Johnson every week during our little losing run we've been on. And even when we're on a winning run, actually.

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

I'd bring in a mercy rule so that as soon as team goes five goals behind the game ends.

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

Neither of those two – the proper Ronaldo, the Fat Ronaldo.

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

Michael Death ruins dressing rooms!

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

Lugg pianos around for a living.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Benson, Johnson and Danehill

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

England v Germany 1966.

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

Tom Hanks looking and acting exactly like he did in Castaway.

Give us one interesting fact about you?

I have a real love for hot tubs.



ON THIS DAY

2012 – ON SONG LEADERS END HASSOCKS' FINE RUN

This isn't the first time that Hassocks and Peacehaven & Telscombe have met on December 15th. It was on the same day six years ago that the Tye picked up another three points on their way to the Sussex County League Division One title, ending Hassocks' unbeaten run in the process with a 2-1 victory at the Sports Park...

Peacehaven & Telscombe demonstrated their credentials as Sussex County League title favourites whilst at the same time showing that Hassocks have some way to go to be considered contenders with a 2-1 victory at the Sports Park.

The Robins came into the game high in confidence after a five-match unbeaten run, including a stunning 3-0 victory a fortnight ago over previous leaders East Preston.

They were unable to repeat those heroics against the side who have replaced EP at the top of the table and although the Robins were never really out of this tie, you'd be hard pressed to find anyone at Piddinghoe Avenue who could make a case that they deserved something from the game.

Mickey Jewell admitted as much afterwards, although he had some harsh words for referee Leigh Crowhurst, who frustrated both sides in equal measure.

"He missed a blatant penalty for a foul on Dan Smith and then Lee Bryant has been elbowed in the face and not one of the three officials has paid enough attention to see it."

"Peacehaven will probably feel angry with some of the decisions we got as well, and they'd have every right to – the officiating was terrible for both sides, but what can you do do?"

Jewell did at least have some

words of praise for Dan Smith, asked to lead the line as a lone striker against his former club with Phil Gault dropped in to pack midfield in an attempt to stifle the hosts creativity.

"It wasn't an easy task for Dan up there by himself, but I thought he did well."

Hassocks actually began the game the better side, enjoying the majority of possession inside the hosts half with Peacehaven forced into some desperate defending in the opening 15 minutes.

That was about as good as it got though for the Robins and once the Tye had weathered that storm, they dominated proceedings as Hassocks were forced deeper and deeper into their own half.

Simon Lehkyj had to make a smart save to push a Wes Tate effort onto the bar and the Robins goalkeeper got lucky a few minutes later when he fumbled a Tate free-kick but nobody in black and white was on hand to take punish the mistake.

Peacehaven missed three golden opportunities in the space of a minute much to the chagrin of the home crowd, as it looked like Hassocks might survive until the interval without conceding.

They were just three minutes away from doing so when Ryan McBride finally made the pressure count, the former Burgess Hill Town man lurking in the right place at the right time to convert the rebound

after another Tate free-kick had caused problems, this time hitting the crossbar.

That wasn't the end of the first half action as completely against the run of play, Hassocks levelled things up in the fourth minute of injury time.

Where Mr Crowhurst found those additional minutes from nobody was sure but the Robins weren't complaining as Rob South hit a hopeful effort towards goal from out on the right which was caught by the wind and taken straight over the head of the home goalkeeper for South's first goal for the club after 81 appearances.

Hassocks were limited as an attacking force in the second half and on one of the few occasions they did make it into the Peacehaven box, Smith was felled by the keeper but remarkably Mr Crowhurst deemed it not a foul.

That was on the hour mark and three minutes later Peacehaven scored what proved to be the winner as this time the wind came to the Tye's assistance, carrying a long ball over the Hassocks defence which Ashley Reed chased down and converted.

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

Subs: Miles, Slaughter, N Cooper (used).



COMING UP



AFC Uckfield Town

When?

Tuesday 18th December

Where?

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Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination
Premier Division

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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 mid-table position while also being the only Southern Combination League sides to have made it to the fourth round of the FA Vase, having defeat Sutton Common Rovers 5-2 last weekend. That result leaves them just four wins from a potential Wembley final. Among their impressive league 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 three 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 have 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.



Lancing

When?

Wednesday 26th December

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

11am

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Lancing this season?

It's been a mixed season so far for Lancing. They began it by reappointing Ash Bailey as manager following Ringmer folding and his summer recruitment was impressive with a number of high-class signings including former Hassocks players Jack Rowe-Hurst and Charlie Pitcher and free scoring Jack Langford arriving at Culver Road. The Lancers began the campaign well and embarked on an impressive run in the FA Cup, knocking out Haywards Heath Town on their way to the second qualifying round. By that time though, Bailey had stepped down and although Marc Pulling took over, he couldn't stop several of the new signings leaving. Pulling has done well to steady the ship since September and Lancing sit in a comfortable mid table spot at the time of writing with seven wins, three draws and nine defeats to their name.

Hassocks' record against Lancing?

We've met the Lancers 25 times in the past, winning 10, drawing six and losing nine. Both sides tend to suffer s

similar fortunes – when Hassocks have been towards the top of the table, so have Lancing – and that explains why there have been more draws in our Premier Division meetings than any other result. the mix.

Last time we met?

It was an afternoon to forget for the Robins as they were well beaten when Lancing came to the Beacon at the end of March. Lewis Finney scored twice to pass 100 goals for the Lancers and a certain Liam Benson also netted a brace as the visitors ran out 4-0 winners.

Any familiar faces?

Benson will of course be a familiar face to the visitors while Mark Dalgleish has raided Lancing again in the last few weeks to re-sign Bradley Tighe. Former Robins reserve team player Alex Bygraves is a current Lancing stalwart having been at the club for several years now.



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	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
Langney Wanderers	20	3	7	10	26	46	16
Little Common	17	4	3	10	28	40	15
Hassocks	16	4	3	9	27	42	15
Arundel	18	2	7	9	24	45	13
Loxwood	17	3	2	12	27	44	11
Eastbourne United	16	0	2	14	11	47	2

Premier Division Form Guide

Horsham YMCA	WWWWW
Newhaven	WWWWW
Chichester City	WWLWWW
Broadbridge Heath	LDWWWW
Eastbourne Town	LWDWWW
Peacehaven	WDWLWW
East Preston	LWWDWL
Saltdean United	LWDWLW
Crawley Down	DWWWLL
Lancing	WLLLWW
AFC Uckfield Town	LWLLWW
Lingfield	WWLLLW
Pagham	DWDDWL
Loxwood	LLLDWW
Little Common	WDDLLL
Langney Wanderers	LWLLLD
Shoreham	WDLLLL
Hassocks	LLLLWL
Arundel	DLLLLD
Eastbourne Utd	LLLDLL

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	229	1831	321	117
Peacehaven & Tels.	173	1721	444	108
Horsham YMCA	110	876	138	65
East Preston	109	865	128	61
Pagham	104	724	156	66
Langney Wanderers	103	902	140	55
Eastbourne United	98	778	125	71
Newhaven	97	774	132	74
Chichester City	90	897	160	47
Hassocks	89	622	105	79
Lancing	79	703	132	60
Shoreham	78	697	137	55
Little Common	73	579	147	32
Crawley Down	64	702	92	38
Broadbridge Heath	56	553	89	38
Loxwood	55	436	85	44
Lingfield	52	411	73	41
AFC Uckfield Town	43	295	57	28
Arundel	42	414	51	29
Saltdean United	37	333	52	27

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	17
Charlotte Blunt	Mole Valley	13
Leigh Anne Jordan	Steyning Town	9
Kirstin Mair	Hassocks	9
Maria Bardea	Burgess Hill	8
Lauren Tyler	Oakwood	7
Keeley Wheatley	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 **James Westlake**
Haywards Heath Town home
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
AFC Uckfield Town home
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Lancing home
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Crawley Down Gatwick away
Langney Wanderers home
Eastbourne Town home
Horsham YMCA away
Shoreham home
Lancing away
AFC Uckfield Town home

Player of the Month 2018-19

August 2018

1st: **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:
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March 2019

1st:
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3rd:

April 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:



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Who's who of Hassocks

The top 50 appearance makers for the Robins in senior football

	Start	Sub	Total	Goals
Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
James Laing	298	53	351	143
Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
Phil Gault	323	10	333	185
Paul John	329	0	329	0
Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
Spencer Slaughter	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	179	13	192	29
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	108	22	130	59
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Dan Stokes	89	33	122	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
Jordan Badger	93	2	95	0



Luke Akehurst

Defender Luke Akehurst had three spells with Hassocks which yielded 96 first team appearances and one goal.

He made his debut for the club as a young wing back in the 2008-09 season, managing three appearances before making the move to Steyning Town in search of first team football.

He came to the Beacon in the summer of 2010, following Mark Dalglish across from the Shooting Field after the Barrowmen's boss was appointed as Mickey Jewell's number two, making a further five appearances under Jewell in the 2010-11 season before moving to St Francis Rangers.

It was in his third spell with Hassocks that he was most successful. Akehurst re-joined the Robins from Rangers in the summer of 2015 and went onto play 88 times over the course of the next three-and-a-half seasons, largely as a buccaneering full back before being converted to a central division towards the end of his time at the club.

Akehurst was one of the casualties of the R'bins' attempts to inject new blood in last season's desperate battle to avoid relegation, being allowed to leave to join Jarvis Brook. He now plays for Division One high flyers AFC Varndeanians.

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Physio Phil Wickwar



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Next at the Beacon



AFC Uckfield Town
 Tuesday 18th December 2018
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

Eastbourne Town v Shoreham
 Horsham YMCA v Chichester City
 Lingfield v Broadbridge Heath
 Little Common v East Preston
 Loxwood v AFC Uckfield Town
 Newhaven v Lancing
 Pagham v Crawley Down Gatwick
 Saltdean United v Eastbourne United