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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



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for today's Southern Combination League Premier Division meeting with Little Common...

Welcome to the Commoners

This is the first time that Little Common have visited the Beacon for a league game in 25 years and the first time that they've ever come to Mid Sussex for a Premier Division clash.

There was one hugely entertaining RUR Cup meeting six seasons ago which finished 5-5 with Common going onto win the tie on penalties, but other than that meetings between the two sides have been few and far between.

It's a real thrill therefore to be able to welcome them to the Beacon today and we hope that their players, supporters and officials enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

Robins down the Dockers

Hassocks put in one of their best performances of the season last weekend to shock title chasing Newhaven 1-0 at the Trafalgar Ground.

It was a result every bit as good as last season's 2-1 win at Chichester City and the 4-1 home victory over Shoreham, both of which put major dents in those two club's title bids.

Spencer Slaughter got the only goal of the game but in reality, it was the fantastic rearguard performance that got the job done.

The week before was a stark contrast, a first half horror show gifting struggling Loxwood a 3-0 lead which, in fairness to Hassocks, the Robins did well to come back from to take a point.

Today's visitors find themselves in a similar position to the Magpies when they visited a fortnight ago and give Hassocks' recent record against relegation threatened sides, the Robins will need to be at their best to take something from this afternoon.

Under 23s go marching on with two more wins

Since that last home game, the Under 23s have moved three points clear at the top of West Division table.

On Thursday 7th February, they beat Selsey 4-1 here at the Beacon which went some away to wiping the memory of a disappointing 1-0 defeat at the Bunn Leisure Stadium earlier in the campaign.

Then on Valentines Day they picked up a superb win at reigning champions Paghan, goals from Matt Berridge and James Littlejohn delivering a 2-1 success at Nyetimber Lane.

They had no game this Thursday just gone but will return to action this coming week with Midhurst & Easebourne visiting the Beacon in the quarter finals of the League Cup.

Kick off is at 7.45pm for anybody wishing to come along and support Nigel Pearce and his side.

Under 18s hit for six by superior Steyning

The Under 18s slim hopes of retaining their Central Division title are all but over as they were hammered 6-0 last Sunday by Steyning Town.

Their previous game against Haywards Heath Town was rained off, as was the Ladies' meeting with local rivals Burgess Hill Town.

Before our next home game here against Pagham in two weeks time, the Ladies will play in their Sussex County Women's Trophy Final against the Hillians at Culver Road on Thursday 7th March.

The Robins have never listed the trophy before so any support that you can give them would be hugely appreciated – kick off is at 7.15pm down in Lancing for that one.

Before that, Martin Lee's side host Milford & Witley in the league tomorrow at 2pm before Saltdean United visit the Beacon a week later in the Legue Cup semi finals with a 1.30pm kick off.

Sponsor a goal money due

Finally, today marks the last fixture in February which means your sponsor a goal money is due.

The current total is £5 per person although hopefully that will be swelled today – if you're part of the scheme expect to have Dave John coming around to do some debt collecting!

Today's visitors...

It's been 25 years since Little Common last visited the Beacon for a league game and both clubs have come on leaps and bounds since that Division One clash back in 1994...

On that occasion, the two sides were heading in separate directions with Hassocks missing out on promotion to the top flight by one point and Common on their way to finishing bottom of the pile with relegation to Division Two following.

That was the beginning of a steep decline as the Albion as they were then known sunk as low as junior level football in the East Sussex League.

They were still playing parks football as recently as 2004 but their rise over the next 15 years or so has been hugely impressive, returning to the Southern Combination League in 2005 and then winning promotion to Division One in 2009.

Common had come close to promotion to the top flight on a number of subsequent occasions but even when they finished in the top three, their home of the Recreation Ground failed to meet Premier Division ground gradings and so they appeared to be stuck in the second tier.

That was until a relaxation in ground sharing rules saw them become tenants at Eastbourne United's Oval ground and that coupled with a barnstorming season in which they were crowned Division One champions last time out saw them elevated to the top division for the first ever time.

They've found the step up to the Premier Division tough however and are embroiled in a relegation battle, currently sitting third from bottom with just five wins and six draws from their league fixtures of late.

Common have picked up some impressive results of late though, including draws with leaders Newhaven and high-flying Pagham and after beating the Robins at the Oval earlier in the season, they'll be viewing their trip to the Beacon as a game in which they can pick up points.

That feeling will be reinforced by the Robins' recent struggles against sides below them in the table, Arundel having claimed all three points here a month ago via a 2-0 success and Loxwood sauntering into a 3-0 lead two weeks ago in a game that eventually finished 3-3.

One thing that Common do have is a lot of firepower, with Lewis Hole on 10 goals for the season and West Tate not far behind.

Hassocks will need to be at their best defensively to get anything from the game.



FACTFILE Little Common Founded 1966

Nickname Green Lane Boys Ground The Oval Website pitchero.com/clubs/littlecommonfootballclub Twitter @llittlecommonfc Manager Russell Eldridge Top Scorer Lewis Hole, 10

HONOURS

Southern Combination Division 1 Winners 2018 Southern Combination Division 2 Runners up 2009 SCFL Division 1 Cup Runners up 1979 East Sussex League Winners 1978, 2005 East Sussex League Division 1 Winners 1973 East Sussex League Division 2 Winners 1972

10 Key Moments

1966... former as Albion United, they enter two youth teams in local Hastings League

1972... now playng in the East Sussex League, Albion win the Division Two title

1973... a year later and the Division One title follows with promotion to the Premier Division

1978... Albion are crowned East Sussex League champions to win promotion to the SCFL

1979... they finish fifth in their first SCFL season and reach the Division One Cup final

1986... Albion United are renamed as Little Common Albion

1995... consecutive relegations take Common from Division One back to the East Sussex League **2005...** win their second East Sussex League title to return to the Southern Combination League **2009...** a runners up finish in Division Two sees them

earn promotion to Division One

2018... crowned Division One champions to be promoted to the top flight for the first ever time

Last 14 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination One 1 st
2016-17, Southern Combination One 2 nd
2015-16, Southern Combination One 7 th
2014-15, Southern Combination One 7 th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 4 th
2012-13, Southern Combination One 3rd
2011-12, Southern Combination One 16 th
2010-11, Southern Combination One 13 th
2009-10, Southern Combination One 4 th
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 2 nd
2007-08, Southern Combination Two 6 th
2006-07, Southern Combination Two 3 rd
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 9 th
2004-05, East Sussex Premier 1 st

Hassocks v Little Common :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4 SCFL Division One... Played 8 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 4 - Scored 13 - Conceded 15 RUR Charity Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 5 SCFL Division Two Cup... Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 1 - Conceded 1

Total... Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 7 Scored 21 Conceded 25

Last 10 meetings

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Little Common 4-2 Hassocks 2012-13 RUR Cup: Hassocks 5-5 Little Common 1993-94 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Little Common 1993-94 SCFL One: Little Common 3-1 Hassocks 1992-93 SCFL One: Hassocks 2-3 Little Common 1992-93 SCFL One: Little Common 1-4 Hassocks 1986-87 SCFL One: Hassocks 1-3 Little Common 1986-87 SCFL One Cup: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common 1986-87 SCFL One Cup: Little Common 0-0 Hassocks 1986-87 SCFL One: Little Common 1-2 Hassocks



LAST TIME WE MET October 20th 2018

Little Common 4-2 Hassocks

HORROR HOUR LEAVES HASSOCKS WITH TOO MUCH TO DO

Having rescued games from two goal deficits on three occasions already this season, Hassocks tried to go two better at the Oval against Premier Division newcomers Little Common.

In the first league meeting between the two for 24 years, the Robins gifted their hosts a four-goal lead inside the opening 55 minutes as a Lewis Hole brace and goals from Wes Tate and Ryan Paul looked to have put Common on easy street.

Hassocks fought back though through Jake Lindsey and Harvey Blake. Mark Dalgleish's side also missed a succession of chances in a final 30 minutes that could've seen the score tip back in their favour, such was the momentum shift after that horror opening hour.

As it was, they had to settle for a 4-2 defeat which represented Common's first three points since the second game of the season.

Hassocks meanwhile have lost all four games in October after a September which promised much.

The Robins made the trip to Eastbourne back to near-full strength as they welcomed Josh Green and Spencer Slaughter back from onematch bans.

Captain Jordan Badger also returned having missed the previous weeks 3-0 Peter Bentley League Cup defeat to Lingfield.

The game was just six minutes old when Hole gave Common the lead with a drilled effort into the bottom corner from the edge of the box and they doubled their advantage 11 minutes later with a well-worked team goal.

Paul started the move in midfield and it went through Tate to Jordan Astell.

Astell delivered a low cross to Hole who was on hand to take a touch and finish past Green.

Hassocks changed their shape

after that, abandoning 4-3-3 in favour of 4-4-2.

Lindsey had looked uncomfortable in an unfamiliar central role as part of the midfield three and the adjustment got him out onto his favoured left flank with James Littlejohn patrolling out on the right.

It was a smart move from Dalgleish, Lindsey proving to be a real live wire and with Will Broomfield stepping out of defence with the ball, there was a mini-improvement of sorts from the Robins as Phil Johnson was played in but his effort was blocked by a superb covering challenge from the outstanding Paul.

Slaughter saw a header from a Lindsey corner kept out by Common keeper Matt Cruttwell while at the other end Green produced an excellent sprawling stop to deny Hole a first half hat-trick after he'd got the deftest of touches onto a Russell Eldridge free-kick.

Common's third arrived 10 minutes before the break and it really knocked the wind from Hassocks' sails.

It was wholly preventable as well, a huge free kick being flicked onto Tate who looped the ball over the top of Green.

Slaughter got booked shortly after that for a foul that seemed to be born out of frustration and only some sensible refereeing from Mr Marc Meeten saw Slaughter avoid what would have been a second booking for a trip and with it, a second dismissal in as many matches.

The hosts fourth came on 55 minutes, Paul coming up from the back to power home a header from a Tate corner with plenty of questions being asked about Hassocks' marking.

Four goals behind seemed to be the Robins' cue to start playing.

Just past the hour mark and Lindsey's much-improved performance since reverting to the wing was rewarded with his first goal of the season, a crisp finish past Cruttwell who got a hand to the ball but couldn't keep it out.

It was all Hassocks after that. Paul Feakins cleared one off the line from Johnson after good work from Dan Stokes on the right, Stokes' looping header was then brilliantly clawed out by the back pedalling Cruttwell and Lindsey was wasteful when well placed.

Handbags were drawn with 10 minutes remaining after Dan Jacques, making his 200th appearance for the Robins, reacted angrily to being clattered by Adam Smith.

Quite what sparked Hole to get involved nobody seemed to know but he was soon on the scene to butt heads with Jacques, leaving Mr Meeten with no choice but to send the Common striker for an early bath.

Jacques and Smith were both booked for their part in the melee.

Playing with momentum and a man advantage, the Robins swarmed forward now and set up a tense last five minutes when Blake netted his first goal for the club, smashing home a loose ball after another excellent Lindsey corner wasn't effectively dealt with.

Hassocks had chances to snatch the most unlikely of draws as Blake squandered a half chance and Lindsey found himself with just Cruttwell to beat after latching onto a long ball over the top from Badger but his volley was straight at the grateful Common keeper.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Jacques, Broomfield, Badger; Stokes, Slaughter, Lindsey; Littlejohn, Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Spinks, Mills, Bull (used), Enticknap, Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Jake Lindsey.

Hassocks 5-5 Little Common

ROBINS CRASH OUT TO COMMON IN 10 GOAL THRILLER

Ten goals, one red card and a penalty shoot out were packed into an extraordinary couple of hours at the Beacon as Hassocks exited the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup to Little Common.

This was the first meeting between those two sides since the 1994-95 season and it managed to pack 18 seasons worth of entertainment into 120 breathtaking minutes.

By that point, still nothing could separate the sides with the scores locked at 5-5.

Common then proved to be superior from 12 yards, scoring all four of their required penalties to become the latest in a growing list of Division Two sides to have eliminated Hassocks from knockout competitions over the last five or so seasons.

Mickey Jewell made one change to the side that had lost 2-0 away at Deal Town in the FA Vase three days previously.

Top scorer Phil Gault was available after missing the trip to Kent and he returned at the expense of Louis Pople who dropped down to the bench.

It was Gault's strike partner Dan Smith who opened the scoring as early as the seventh minute after a totally dominant start to proceedings.

At that stage, Hassocks could've been forgiven for thinking a place in the third round of a competition they reached the semi-finals of last season was a formality.

Common aren't considered dark horses for a first ever promotion to the County League's top flight for no reason however and they equalised on 22 minutes through Jared Lusted.

That seemed to shock Hassocks and their game went alarmingly to pieces as Common began to assert themselves.

Common missed a whole host of chances before eventually taking the lead on 38 minutes in controversial circumstances.

Their captain Jerome Smith became the latest victim of the Jack and Jill Sniper as he went down under minimal contact in the box but the referee bought it, pointing to the spot and allowing Chris Cummings-Bart to convert the resulting penalty.

Going behind had a galvanising effect on Hassocks and within 30 seconds of the restart, they'd levelled things up as the Common goalkeeper spilled a James Westlake corner with Kieran O'Callaghan gleefully pouncing on the lose ball to fire home his third goal of the season.

The Robins retook the lead with the second half seven minutes old. Another Westlake delivery, this time a free kick, caused more panic in the Common box and although Hassocks captain Stuart Faith was on the scene and making a nuisance of himself, it will probably have to go down as an own goal.

In keeping with the breakneck nature of the tie, Common equalised again within five minutes when Lusted rounded Jack Simpson for his second of the evening.

O'Callaghan was dismissed for two bookable offences after that but Common couldn't make their man advantage count in what remained of normal time, the tie finishing 3-3 to necessitate an additional 30 minutes.

Within eight minutes of those extras, Common had gone 5-3 ahead as the talented Cummings-Bart completed his hat-trick and Hassocks looked dead and buried.

Jewell's answer was to breathe live back into his team with a double change as Elliott Butler and Louis Pople replaced wingers Westlake and Jamie Weston and it was Pople who scored a quick fire brace with two virtually identical goals to bring the scores level at 5-5.

That sent the game to penalties, where Smith missed Hassocks' first penalty and Pople their last as Common triumphed 4-3 in the shootout.

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

Subs: Slaughter (Hibbert 60), Pople (Weston 98), Butler (Westlake 98).

Starman: Dan Smith missed a penalty but stayed busy up front and made chances.

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Benson joins the Hassocks Century Club

Liam Benson has become the 50th player to make a century of appearances for Hassocks in senior football.

The striker played his 100th game for the Robins in the 4-1 defeat away against Saltdean United, becoming the 40th youth team product to reach the milestone in the process.

Benson joined the Robins youth set up in the summer of 2013 and went onto score 22 goals in 27 appearances as Hassocks ended the 2013-14 season as Under 18 Central Division champions for the first time in eight years.

Mickey Jewell gave him his first team debut that same season as a substitute in a 1-0 win over Dorking Wanderers on April 24th 2014 with Benson's Under 18 teammate Dan Stokes deciding the game with his first senior goal.

Benson made his full debut two days later away at already-crowned champions East Preston but had to wait nearly three more years to truly establish himself as a first team regular.

In that time, he became a regular scorer for the Reserves and then the Under 21s squad, netting 13 times from 30 appearances in his first season of men's football with the second string in 2014-15, scoring five in nine when Under 21 football was

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introduced for the 2015-16 season and notching 15 times from 16 appearances in 2016-17.

That was the campaign in which Benson made the breakthrough to become a first team regular.

He scored his first senior goal as a substitute in an 8-0 rout of Hailsham Town on August Bank Holiday Monday but his breakthrough performance came when league leaders Shoreham visited the Beacon and were blown away by a Hassocks side who looked in deep relegation trouble at that point.

Benson scored two brilliant goals as Hassocks shocked the Musselmen with a 4-1 victory, the first coming when he raced clear of the visiting defence to beat Shoreham goalkeeper Josh Heyburn with a stonking finish and the second rounding off a blistering counter.

He ended that campaign with 10 goals from 29 appearances and began the 2017-18 season in equally impressive form, racking up seven goals from 22 games before moving to Lancing in November 2017.

Benson spent eight months at Culver Road, scoring twice against Hassocks last March before returning to the Beacon in the summer with his record so far this season reading 10 goals from 34 games for a career total of 27 goals from 101 appearances in as Hassocks shirt so far.

Benson appearances – 101

Benson goals – 27



Robins sign former Woking man Brown

Hassocks have strengthened their squad for the final few months of the Southern Combination League season by completing the signing of former Woking player George Brown.

Capable of playing as either a defender of midfielder, Brown moves to the Beacon having taken a break from football.

A combative individual, Brown has already made quite the mark in a Robins shirt by being involved in all three goals in Hassocks' comeback from 3-0 down to earn a point against Loxwood on Saturday.

He'd only been on the pitch for four minutes when he linked up well with Spencer Slaughter and Phil Johnson to help create Harvey Enticknap's first senior goal for the

club.

Brown himself added the second, scoring just seven minutes into his debut after being teed up by Slaughter.

He then played a part in the third, releasing Johnson down the left with Johnson's low cross being slid in at the far post by Slaughter.

Brown was a member of Brighton and Hove Albion's academy from Under 8 level right through to Under 18s, after which he moved to be a part of Woking's youth set up.

He went onto captain the Under 18s, Under 19s and Under 23s at Kingfield Stadium, making the Cards' Conference National League squad on several occasions in the 2016-17 season and playing twice for the first team in cup competitions.

Brown also enjoyed a loan spell with the Robins' Isthmian League Premier Division neighbours Burgess Hill Town in the same season.

Brown's arrival hasn't been the only piece of transfer business carried out by Hassocks in recent weeks with midfielder Matt Ford moving to join Worthing United.

Ford arrived at the Beacon in November from Newhaven and looked a decent prospect in three starts in midfield in a Hassocks shirt.

But given the form of Enticknap, Spencer Slaughter and Harry Mills as well as the increased availability of Dan Stokes, Ford struggled to break into Mark Dalgleish's side much after that.

As a result, the Robins accepted a seven-day approach from the Mavericks for his services and he will join United's battle to avoid relegation from Division Two.

Everyone at Hassocks would like to thank Matt for his efforts and wish him and United well – and of course, to welcome George to the Beacon.

DALGLEISH'S GAMBLE BRINGS HASSOCKS BACK FROM THE DEAD

Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 9th February 2019, The Beacon Hassocks 3-3 Loxwood

"Mad isn't the word" was Spencer Slaughter's take on a crazy afternoon of football at the Beacon as Hassocks hosted lowly Loxwood.

The Robins knew they would be facing a very different test to when they went to Plaistow Road in September and picked up a 4-0 victory, their first ever win in senior football against the Magpies.

Loxwood looked deep in relegation trouble that day, but the appointment of former Haywards Heath Town assistant manager Alex Walsh has led to a marked improvement in results, giving the Magpies hope that they can avoid the drop into Division One.

Those hopes were certainly looking up at half time here after 45 minutes of scintillating football from the visitors.

By that point, they'd sauntered into a 3-0 lead through goals from Mark Goldson, Sam Karl and former Hassocks favourite Eddie French.

The Robins looked dead and buried until Mark Dalgleish breathed new life into his side with a bold treble substitution at the break.

The changes had astonishing results, Hassocks scoring three times in the first 12 minutes of the second half to completely flip the game on its head.

They probably should have gone onto win it as well, squandering a couple of opportunities late on to pick up what would have been three very welcome points.

Dalgleish's starting line up showed three changes from the side that had lost 4-1 at Saltdean United a week previously.

Josh Green returned after missing the defeat at Hill Park in place of Under 18s goalkeeper Toby Fisher, Harvey Enticknap replaced Slaughter and Jake Lindsey came in for Jordan Badger, Lindsey taking up a position on the flank with Harvey Blake dropping to left back.

"We couldn't defend for toffee in the first half," said player-coach Slaughter afterwards, but he could quite easily had added that the midfield was all over the place and the front two ineffective as part of the inquest into what went wrong in that opening 45 minutes.

Only two players in red emerged with any credit. Liam Benson, who recently became the 50th player to play a century of games for Hassocks in senior football, was fairly strong up front and did a few good things on the rare occasions he saw the ball.

Enticknap meanwhile was busy having one of his best games of the season against his former club as those around him faltered, doing his best to break up play and get the Robins on the front foot.

The Loxwood goals came at regular intervals, Goldson getting the party started with 10 minutes on the clock, Karl doubling the lead on 24 and then French making it three eight minutes before the break against the club he made his name at as Sussex Under 18s captain nearly two decades ago.

Hassocks came off at half time shell shocked. Dalgleish's answer was to stick everything he had on red and gamble on using all of his subs in one hit.

Off came Dan Jacques, Bradley Tighe and Lindsey and on came Slaughter, Dan Stokes and new signing George Brown.

The three new faces were electric from the first whistle, while Dalgleish's decision to switch from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3 caught Loxwood by surprise as they were completely overwhelmed.

Just four minutes of the second half had elapsed when Slaughter, Brown and Phil Johnson linked up to fashion a chance for Enticknap who



made no mistake, smashing the ball past Liam Matthews and into the top corner for a deserved first senior goal for the Robins.

Three minutes later and Slaughter started a break down the right that was finished off by Brown, netting just seven minutes into his debut to highlight just what a massive addition the midfielder can be at the club.

It was a brilliant passing move that gave Hassocks their equaliser four minutes after Brown's strike.

This time the Robins broke down the left; Slaughter sweeping the ball to Joe Bull, Bull moving it onto Brown, Brown releasing Johnson and Johnson crossing to Slaughter who had continued his run to slide in on the stretch at the far post.

Loxwood pulled themselves together after that and did well to weather the rest of the Hassocks storm, taking the sting out of the game.

Not that the three-goals-in-12minutes blitz was the end of the action.

With Stokes controlling the tempo with a textbook midfield display, Hassocks came close to snatching a winner on three occasions.

The normally reliable Johnson kicked his standing leg rather than the ball when just six yards out from Matthews' goal, Benson had a strong penalty appeal turned down when referee Connall Bartlett missed what appeared to be a blatant push in the box and again Johnson was wasteful when played in by Slaughter right at the death.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Broomfield, Jacques, Blake; Bull, Enticknap, Mills, Lindsey; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Slaughter (Jacques 45), Brown (Tighe 45), Stokes (Lindsey 45).

Starman: Harvey Enticknap.

SLAUGHTER SENDS ROBINS TO FIRST EVER WIN AT NEWHAVEN

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Saturday 16th February, Hill Park **Newhaven 0-1 Hassocks**

After a couple of weeks of Dr Jekyll performances, Hassocks gave a Mr Hyde showing as they picked up a 1-0 win away at title chasing Newhaven.

The Robins have long been compared to the titular character from Robert Louis Stevenson's novel for their ability to go from being absolutely shocking one game to outrageously good the next.

This victory against the Dockers was the latest case in point.

Hassocks arrived at the Trafalgar Ground having drawn 3-3 with second-bottom Loxwood and lost 2-0 to third-bottom Arundel in the past three weeks.

They were facing a Newhaven side who had won 13 of their previous 16 Premier Division games and history was also firmly against the Robins, with no Hassocks side having ever won a game of senior football at Fort Road.

Spencer Slaughter's goal right on the stroke of half time changed all that though, delivering a 1-0 victory that the defensive efforts of the Robins more than deserved.

In fairness to Hassocks, they had been excellent in the second half of that thrilling draw with Loxwood, wrestling back from 3-0 down at the break to claim a point.

That comeback had been sparked by a treble half time substitution from Mark Dalgleish and he rewarded two of those replacements with promotion to the starting 11, goal scorer Slaughter replacing Dan Jacques with Harry Mills dropping in at centre half and Dan Stokes taking the place of Jake Lindsey.

Hassocks set their stall out early, lining up in two banks of four which was clearly designed to frustrate this talented Newhaven side, whilst looking to use the pace of Phil Johnson on the counter. That game plan looked like it might have been left in tatters when Johnson was forced off with injury early on, former Woking man George Brown replacing Johnson in attack.

But Brown proved to be a more than adequate substitute for the Hassocks skipper, even if his own afternoon was also curtailed prematurely after an unnecessary red card after he'd kicked the ball away when already on a yellow.

"They were facing a Newhaven side who had won 13 of their previous 16 Premier Division games and history was also firmly against the Robins with no Hassocks side having ever won a game of senior football at Fort Road."

Brown was involved in the only goal of the game which arrived just 60 seconds before the break.

He linked up well with Harvey Enticknap down the right before digging out a cross to the back post.

That was met by Slaughter who beat Freddie Beale in the air to send a header past Jake Buss in the Dockers goal for his fifth of the season.

Hassocks had done plenty of honest defending before that, Broomfield and Mills in particular excelling to restrict Newhaven's deadly 55-goal top scorer Lee Robinson to mainly pot shots from outside the box.

On the rare occasions that the Dockers did break through, they found Josh Green in inspired form.

The Robins goalkeeper picked a good day to give arguably his best performance of the season.



There were three vital saves late on with a flying stop that defied gravity from Kyle Woolven being the pick of the bunch.

Newhaven had a second half penalty appeal turned down after Beale was felled in the box by Slaughter but despite the vehement protests of the home faithful, referee Chris Britton waved play on. It was the right decision.

Before Brown's silly dismissal, Newhaven looked particularly uncomfortable dealing with the probing runs of Bradley Tighe and Harvey Blake from the full back positions, who were bombing on at most opportunities in spite of Hassocks' cautious approach.

Once the Robins went down to 10, the work rate of Liam Benson became pivotal to them holding onto their lead as he ploughed a lonely furrow up front.

Slaughter and Enticknap meanwhile continued to dominate in midfield despite the numerical disadvantage with Slaughter's vocal encouragement in particular driving his side on to this most unlikely of three points.

Slaughter said afterwards, "It was a superb display from everyone involved today."

"Our shape was fantastic, it was a proper old-school Hassocks workmanlike performance and we were brilliant breaking forward on the counter to cause one of the best teams in the league real problems."

Hassocks will hope to see Mr Hyde on a few more occasions over their remaining 10 games.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Mills, Broomfield, Blake; Stokes, Slaughter, Enticknap, Bull; Benson, Johnson.

Subs: Brown (Johnson), Lindsey, Littlejohn, Jacques (unused).

Starman: Harvey Enticknap.



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	Denson
11/08 - 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP	1-3	Slaughter
18/08 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	1-3	Benson
•		SCFLP		Johnson (2), Stokes
21/08 - 19:45	Arundel (A)		3-1	
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 (Å)	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	0-4	
22/12 - 15:00	Chichester City (A)	SCFLP	3-3	Johnson, Mills, Littlejohn
26/12 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFLP	3-1	Benson, Johnson, Lindsey
29/12 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP	1-0	Benson
05/01 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP	1-0	Johnson
12/01 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP	5-3	Johnson (2), Broomfield, Littlejohn, Benson
15/01 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Johnson
19/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	2-0	Johnson, Littlejohn
26/01 - 15:00	Arundel (H)	SCFLP	0-2	
02/02 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Mills
02/02 - 15:00 09/02 - 15:00	.,			
	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	3-3	Enticknap, Brown, Slaughter
16/02 - 15:00		SCFLP	1-0	Slaughter
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 (A)	SCFLP		



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Appearances 2018-19



		2018-19 Season:				Gareer:
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	31	4	35	10	102	27
Harvey Blake	32	2	34	1	34	1
Phil Johnson	31	2	33	20	143	66
Harry Mills	28	2	30	3	96	5
Jake Lindsey	18	11	29	6	48	10
Joe Bull	16	13	29	0	29	0
Dan Stokes	18	10	28	3	132	8
Jordan Badger	26	1	27	3	102	7
Spencer Slaughter	22	4	26	5	290	47
Will Broomfield	23	1	24	1	51	1
Josh Green	23	0	23	0	29	0
Dan Jacques	22	1	23	1	213	9
James Littlejohn	13	7	20	4	21	4
Harvey Enticknap	12	7	19	1	19	1
Matt Berridge	12	3	15	1	30	1
Bradley Tighe	14	0	14	0	88	0
Alex Spinks	9	3	12	0	13	0
Jack Wilkins	8	2	10	0	68	1
Alex Harris	9	0	9	0	60	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	7	7	0	27	3
Andy Whittingham	5	1	6	0	57	0
Bradley Bant	4	1	5	0	131	12
James Westlake	4	0	4	1	194	29
Ellis Common	3	0	3	0	29	2
Toby Fisher	3	0	3	0	3	0
Matt Ford	3	0	3	0	3	0
Ryan Collins	2	1	3	0	35	2
Jack Baden	0	3	3	0	3	0
Dan Webster	2	0	2	0	2	0
Phil Wickwar	1	1	2	0	40	0
George Brown	0	2	2	1	2	1
Ben O'Leary	0	2	2	0	8	0
Scott Kirkwood	1	0	1	0	1	0
loe Russell	1	0	1	Ο	14	0





FAST STARTING ROBINS GAIN REVENGE ON THE BLUES

Macron Store Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division Thursday 7th February, The Beacon

Hassocks Under 23s 4-1 Selsey Under 23s

Revenge was served up at the Beacon on Thursday 7th February as Hassocks Under 23s defeated the only side to have beaten them in the league so far this season.

Selsey's 1-0 win over the Robins at the Bunn Leisure Stadium back at the start of October remains the only mark in the loss column so far for Nigel Pearce's Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division table toppers.

They weren't at the races on that frustrating evening down in the west of the county but any hopes that the Blues had of repeating their shock win were over before a quarter of the tie had even been played.

It took Hassocks less than 20 minutes to blitz their way into a fourgoal lead, after which they took their foot off the pedal with the game already sewn up and a devilishly tricky test to come next week away at reigning champions Pagham.

The Robins made two changes from their last outing, a 3-1 win away at Broadbridge Heath four weeks previously.

Dan Stokes had played in that game against the Bears for some much-needed match fitness but his return to the first team picture meant Matt Berridge coming into midfield while George Galbraith-Gibbons replaced Louie Derham with James Oliver switching to a more familiar defensive role.

Given the month-long lay off enforced on Hassocks by two weeks without a scheduled fixture and then last Thursday's League Cup Quarter Final with Midhurst & Easbourne falling to a frozen pitch, the Robins could have been forgiven for being a little ring rusty.

But any fears that Hassocks would suffer for a lack of match practice were extinguished inside of seven minutes when Berridge notched his third goal from just five Under 23 appearances so far.

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They didn't have long to wait for the lead to be doubled, Berridge's midfield partner Connor Bradley making it 2-0 just two minutes after the opener.

Four minutes later and top scorer James Littlejohn got in on the act and Littlejohn then netted his second and Hassocks' fourth four minutes after that.

At that point, a cricket score looked like it might have been on the cards but credit to Selsey who managed to regroup and battled bravely for the remaining 80 minutes,



ensuring that the Robins weren't able to add to their total.

They even managed to get on the score sheet themselves, Remi Coates pulling one back early in the second half to ruin Josh Green and his defences hopes of a sixth clean sheet of the season.

Despite the setback of conceding, Hassocks remained in control for the majority of the second half with Pearce making full use of his bench by giving game time to Derham, Jake Lane, Steve Bright and Martin Ratcliffe.

The result and manner of the victory would have been particularly pleasing given that it was achieved without the services of Max Willcox, the Robins second top goal scorer who would surely have thrived alongside Littlejohn in that devastating opening spell.

Pearce will hope to have Willcox back for the Robins eagerly anticipated trip to Nyetimber Lane next Thursday as they look to take another step towards taking Pagham's crown.

This result moved Hassocks three points clear of Horsham YMCA with both sides having played 12 times and facing eight remaining fixtures in what is shaping up to be a tense run in.

Hassocks: Green, Common, Wells, Russell, Oliver, Berridge, Bradley, Enticknap, Glenn, Galbraith-Gibbons, Littlejohn.

Subs: Ratcliffe, Derham, Lane, Bright (used).



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TWO GOALS IN SIX MINUTES HELP ROBINS BEAT CHAMPIONS

Macron Store Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division Thursday 14th February 2019, Nyetimber Lane

Pagham Under 23s 1-2 Hassocks Under 23s



The Southern Combination League Under 23 West Division's reigning champions met the current leaders at Nyetimber Lane and it was the pretenders to the throne who came out victorious.

Two goals in the space of six second half minutes from first Matt Berridge and then James Littlejohn were enough to give Hassocks a 2-1 win away at Pagham and maintain their three-point advantage at the top over Horsham YMCA.

The result completed a league double over the Lions for Nigel Pearce's side, following in the footsteps of a 2-0 victory at the Beacon in September.

It also goes someway towards inflicting revenge on a Pagham side who not only did their own double over Hassocks last season, but also ended the Robins title hopes when winning in Mid Sussex in the final game of the campaign.

Revenge has been something of a theme for the Under 23s in recent weeks, their victory the previous Thursday coming against Selsey who remain the only side to have beaten Hassocks so far in the league.

Pearce made two changes from the side who defeated the Blues 4-1 with Louie Derham replacing unavailable captain Ellis Common, first team midfielder Dan Stokes coming in for James Oliver and Martin Ratcliffe taking the place of George Galbraith-Gibbons.

All the goals arrived in a busy 15minute period just after the break in a first half in which neither side was really able to land an effective glove on the other.

Joe Ashmore opened the scoring for the hosts with 54 minutes played but they weren't ahead for long, Matt Berridge levelling things up on 61.

That took Berridge onto four goals in six Under 23 appearances so far this season, a fantastic return from the midfield whose form in front of goal could prove vital to Pearce's hopes of lifting the club's first ever silverware at this level of football come the end of the season.

Hassocks followed up Berridge's equaliser with what proved to be the winner six minutes later, top scorer James Littlejohn netting his 16th of the campaign to deliver another huge three points for the Robins in front of a bumper crowd of 59.

Pagham's chances of getting back into the tie were dealt a blow when Joe Ashmore was red carded while the positives for Hassocks didn't begin and end with victory as they were also able to welcome back second top scorer Max Willcox who was given a run out from the bench.

The Robins take a break from league action now with their next fixture coming in a fortnights time in the quarter finals of the League Cup.

Midhurst & Easebourne are the visitors to the Beacon with a 7.45pm kick off.

Hassocks: Green, Bradley, Wells, Russell, Derham, Berridge, Stokes, Enticknap, Ratcliffe, Glenn, Littlejohn.

Subs: Bright, Willcox, Donaldson (used).

Matt Berridge -

4 goals in 6 Under 23 appearances

Under 23s Fixtures & Results 2018-19

Date & Time 24/08 – 19:45 30/08 – 19:45	Opponents Lancing (A) Midhurst & E'bourne (H)	Comp SCFL23 SCFL23	F-A 1-1 <mark>9-0</mark>	Scorers Willcox 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	3-1	Willcox, Berridge (2)
10/01 – 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	3-1	Littlejohn, Enticknap, Galbraith-Gibbons
07/01 – 19:45	Selsey (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Berridge, Bradley, Littlejohn (2)
14/01 – 19:45	Pagham (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Berridge, Littlejohn
28/01 – 19:45	Midhurst & E'bourne (H)	U23LCQF		

Under 23s Appearances 2018-19

2018-19 Season:					
Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals		
16	0	16	0		
14	2	16	3		
11	5		1		
11	5	16	0		
15	0	15	6		
15	0		16		
12	3		0		
	3	15	0		
	4	14	1		
13	0		1		
6	7	13	0		
6	5	11	0		
9	1	10	11		
8	1	9	0		
	6	9	5		
	0	6	4		
3	2	5	0		
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Under 18s 2018-19

Under 18s Appearances 2018-19

	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Gardner	13	0	13	0
George Mercer	12	0	12	1
Josh Sandilands	12	0	12	4
Yahya Azizi	11	1	12	12
Toby Fisher	8	4	12	0
Henry Le-May	8	4	12	1
Brandon Sheppard	6	6	12	0
Jordan Fowler	11	0	11	1
Alex Moulvogny	10	1	11	2
Jack Baden	9	2	11	6
Harvey Ransome	10	0	10	1
Ross Pedley	7	3	10	0
Sam Herd	3	7	10	4
Tristan Hayes	9	0	9	16
Alfie Loveridge	5	2	7	1
Harry Meredith	3	3	6	0
Finley McDermott	2	2	4	1
Danny Bulgin	3	0	3	0
Luke Brayne	0	3	3	0
Connor Curran	0	1	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	1	1	0
Wilfres Tunley-Ho	0	1	1	0



Ladies 2018-19

Date & Time 02/09 - 14:00 09/09 - 14:00 16/09 - 14:00 23/09 - 14:00 30/09 - 14:00 07/10 - 14:00 21/10 - 14:00 04/11 - 13:30 11/11 - 14:00 18/11 - 14:00	Opponents Islington (H) Steyning Town (H) Oakwood (A) Steyning Town (A) Mole Valley (A) Milford & Witley (A) Bexhill United (H) Cray Valley (H) Wandgas (H) Victorie Development (A) Bexhill United (A)	Comp FACQ1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1 SECW1
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F-A Scorers

- 2-4 Rushworth, OG
- 8-1 K.Chappell (3), Philpott (3), Mair
- 1-0 Philpott
- 3-1 G.Craig (2), Philpott
- 4-2 K.Chappell (2), Philpott, Stevens
- 4-0 Philpott (2), K.Chappell (2)
- 2-1 Philpott, Rushworth
- 5-0 Philpott, Rushworth, Johansson, K.Chappell, Mair
- 7-0 K.Chappell, G.Craig, Philpott (2), Rushworth, Callow (2)
- 11-0 K.Chappell (3), Mair (3), Philpott (3), Callow, Rushworth
- 17-0 Philpott (6), Johansson, K.Chappell (3), Rushworth (3), Mair (2), Bright (2)
- 5-1 K.Chappell (2), Johansson (2), Mair
- 3-1 K.Chappell, Philpott, Rushworth
- 4-0 Mair, Philpott, Rushworth, Jump
- 7-0 Philpott (3), K.Chappell (2), Rushworth, Bright
- 5-0 K.Chappell, Mair, Philpott (3)
- 7-2 Philpott (3), Rushworth (3), K.Chappell

Ladies Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:				
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	
Sam Newman	16	0	16	0	
Kelly Rushworth	15	1	16	13	
Emma Young	15	1	16	0	
Katherine Chappell	15	0	15	22	
Kirsten Mair	15	0	15	11	
Billie Philpott	15	0	15	32	
Chloe John	14	0	14	0	
Sarah Chappell	13	1	14	0	
Claire Stevens	12	2	14	1	
Jodie Johanson	7	7	14	4	
Tallie Bright	13	0	13	3	
Liz King	7	5	12	0	
Gemma Craig	10	1	11	3	
Ellie Moquet	4	2	6	0	
Lisa Callow	1	5	6	3	
Ria Banitas	3	2	5	0	
Hollie Larmar	0	4	4	0	
Banna Hannes	0	4	4	0	
Laura Espana	1	2	3	0	
Rose Jump	0	3	3	1	
Jess Craig	0	1	1	0	

22 QUESTIONS WITH... Harvey Blake

What's your nickname?

Harv or Blakey. G Nev or P Nev.

What team do your support?

The Arsenal. The history, tradition and culture of the club is second to none.

Who was your footballing idol growing up?

Thierry Henry but in more recent times since becoming a full back, Gary Neville or Phil Neville.

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

Any Player's Player awards that I've picked up over the years always tend to mean a lot to me.

Best moment in your career?

Reaching the County Cup final at Under 16s. We were all best mates from school and managed by Steve Duncan who passed away recently. I didn't realise it at the time, but looking back those were some of my best childhood memories and I owe a lot to him.

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

My first red card without a doubt. I would say my first own goal, but my nonchalant lob over my own goalkeeper had to be applauded.

Best player you've ever played with?

Solly March sticks out as someone who has gone onto play at the highest level with Brighton

Best ground you've ever played at?

The Beacon. The work that goes on behind the scenes is unbelievable and really appreciated by everyone.

Favourite opposition team to play against?

Anyone who gives us three points.

What's the best thing about playing for Hassocks?

The nights out and the pink t-shirt nominations for whoever has done something stupid.

Who is the best trainer at Hassocks?

Spencer.

Worst dressed player?

Badger has a terrible pair of jeans that really let him down.



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

I think that only captains should be allowed to speak to the referee, like in rugby

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

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

Samir Nasri. An absolute mercenary.

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

I'm mostly likely to be found on a building site or enjoying live music in Savanah in Haywards Heath.

Which three famous people would you invite for dinner?

Liam Benson, Phil Johnson and Will Broomfield. We would all eat out in Danehill. I'm not going into details as to why though.

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

Muhammad Ali v Joe Frazier in 1971. The fight of the century at Madison Square Garden.

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

The old woman who from Home Alone 2 who works in the hotel as a desk clerk. Dana Ivey is her name – dead ringer.

Give us one interesting fact about you?

My left ankle is made of glass.



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Bristow the Lion tamer gives Hassocks first win in four

Simon Bristow opened his Hassocks account as the Robins tamed the Lions of Pagham to deliver a first win in four.

Dave John rarely signs players midway through the season, a notable exception being Phil Gault's arrival from St Francis Rangers in January of last year.

But having seen his side fail to score in six of their last seven outings, the Hassocks boss made his move to bring Bristow to the Beacon from Haywards Heath Town and already it looks like a shrewd acquisition.

The 21-year-old striker was a real menace all afternoon against Pagham with his non-stop running and pace never giving the visiting defence a moments peace.

He scored Hassocks' equaliser just before the half hour mark to cancel out Ashley Hunter's stunning opener for the Lions and then won the second half penalty which Spencer Slaughter converted for what proved to be the winner.

And John said afterwards that he believes there will be more to come from Bristow once he gets up to speed with senior football, this being only his third game at this level since arriving from Hanbury Park.

If that's the case, then Hassocks could have quite a player on their hands.

John sprung something of a surprise, not with his team selection but in the way they lined up with Slaughter, Richard Thompson and Matt Robbins all being played out of their natural positions.

Slaughter dropped into sweeper

from his favoured midfield berth, Thompson moved across from wing back to play as one of the three centre halves and Robbins took over from Thompson at left wing back for the first time in his career.

There was also a rare run out for Graham Beveridge, the veteran midfielder answering John's call to make his first start of the season and add some much-needed experience to a starting line up in which Mickey Turner was the only other player over the age of 25.

Hassocks started brightly but thoughts of that barren run in front of goal were never far from the home faithful's minds as both Bristow and his strike partner Laurence Robinson missed easy chances inside of the opening 15 minutes.

That wastefulness was punished by Hunter who hit a sublime effort from way out on the left that gave Joel Harding no chance after good work by Michael Frangou.

Turner went close to levelling the scores twice in quick succession before Bristow levelled things up.

Robinson was the architect, playing a perfect through pass but Bristow still had plenty to do as he showed commendable strength and pace to evade the challenge of Sean Dobbs and coolly slot past the advancing figure of Wes Hallett in the Pagham goal.

Beveridge then proved his worth when hooking Rob Wimble's goal bound effort off the line with half time approaching.

Both sides set their stalls out to attack early in the second half, Pagham hitting a post and Hassocks' teenage midfielder Jamie Ingham embarking on a mazy run which came incredibly close – which was more than could be said about a Beveridge free kick which wouldn't have looked out of place in the evening's Six Nations game between France and England at Stade de France.

Hobbs had been given a torrid time of it by Bristow which reached its nadir when the Pagham defender hauled down Bristow down in the box, giving Slaughter the opportunity to blast home his fourth of the season from the spot.

Lions' boss Gary Block responded with a desperate treble substitution to try and get back in the game, but it was actually Hassocks who ended the strongest.

They could have added a third through both Robinson and Ingham who were only denied by some excellent goalkeeping from Hallett, although the Robins did survive a scare right at the death when Wimble went down in the area but play was waved on.

In the end, this was a good victory for Hassocks on an afternoon that was preceded with an impeccably observed minutes silence for Ringmer's Herve King, who tragically collapsed and died while playing against Three Bridges last week.

Hassocks: Harding; Turner, Lear, Slaughter, Thompson, Robbins; Brown, Beveridge, Ingham; Robinson, Bristow.

Subs: Dawson, Newington, Williams (unused).



COMING UP



Lingfield

When? Saturday 2nd March

Where? The Sports Pavilion

Time? 3pm

Competition? Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Lingfield this season?

Just like today's visitors Little Common, Lingfield won promotion from Division One last season but unlike the next visitors to the Beacon, the Lingers have taken to Premier Division football like a duck to water. They sit sixth in the table, already well past the 40 point mark that guarantees safety in what has proven to be an excellent first campaign at this level since they were controversially shunted across to the Southern Counties East League by the FA in the summer of 2014. The Lingers highest ever finish was the sixth place they achieved in the 2012-13 season and with a decent run between now and the end of the season, there is no reason why David Dean's side can't eclipse that.

Hassocks' record against Lingfield?

There have been 16 previous meetings between Hassocks and Lingfield with the Robins triumphing season with Hassocks having triumphed in the league back in November which came after a commanding 3-0 win in the third round of the Peter Bentley League Cup for the Lingers.

Last time Hassocks and Lingfield met?

Five goals came in the final 30 minutes as Hassocks eventually overcame Lingfield 3-2 at the Beacon. Phil Johnson scored twice for the Robins with Jake Lindsey grabbing what proved to be the winner in the 90th minute. Callum Ridley and Jake Horn netted for the visitors.

How to get to the Sports Pavilion?

Head to Ardingly, joining the B2028 through Turners Hill and Crawley Down. Cross the Dukes Head roundabout and continue following the road until you get into Lingfield. At the T Junction with Plaistow Street take a left onto the B2029 and the Sports Pavillion is on your right a little up the road.

COMING UP...



Pagham

When? Saturday 9th March

Where?

The Beacon

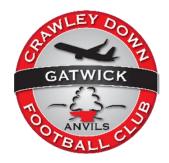
Time? 3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

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



Crawley Down Gatwick

When? Saturday 16th March

> Where? The Haven

> > Time? 3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

> Admission? £5 adults, Under 16s free

Pagham this season?

In a nutshell, it's been a typical Pagham season whereby they start strongly but fade away. The Lions began in a blaze of glory and right up until the end of November it looked like the title would be a two-horse race between them and neighbours Chichester City. But since beating Hassocks 5-2 some three months ago, they've won just two of their last 12 league games to slip as far down the table as 10th. Now, they look like they have a battle on their hands for a top half finish and their interest in knockout competitions was ended at the start of February after a 2-1 RUR Charity Cup quarter final defeat to AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks' record against Pagham?

Pagham may be in dire form, but they'll be relishing their trip to the Beacon as Hassocks are opponents that they have a strikingly good record against. You have to back to the 2013-14 season to find the last time that Hassocks won in the fixture, taking just a solitary point since then

Crawley Down Gatwick this season?

It's been another solid campaign for Crawley Down Gatwick in their third season back in the Premier League. Paul Cooper's side currently sit in ninth spot in the table but having climbed as high as the dizzy heights of fifth. Inconsistency has been their main barrier to sustaining that sort of lofty position; while they've beaten the likes of Eastbourne Town and AFC Uckfield Town and drawn with Saltdean Unuted, they've also dropped points against lowly Little Common and Arundel.

Hassocks' record against Crawley Down Gatwick?

There have been 16 meetings between Hassocks and Crawley Down since the Anvils joined the Southern Combination League in 1995. The Robins lead the head-to-head with eight wins to Down's six while there have been three draws. Hassocks have racked up 31 goals in games against Crawley Down while conceding 29 along the way. when the sides drew 0-0 at Nyetimber Lane last season. Overall, the headto-head reads Pagham 25 victories, Hassocks' 17 and nine draws.

Last time Hassocks played Pagham?

As already mentioned, Pagham's third most recent league victory came against Hassocks when the Robins went to Nyetimber Lane in November. Callum Overton netted a hat-trick with George Gaskin scoring twice as the Lions ran out 5-2 winners. The Robins consolation goals came late in the day, Jake Lindsey and Jordan Badger doing their best to make the score line a little bit more respectable by scoring in the final seven minutes.

Any familiar names?

Not any more. Former Hassocks midfield Jack Rowe-Hurst had moved to Pagham from Lancing a few months into the season but his attempt to play for every single club in Sussex has gathered further pace and he has since moved onto his third club of the season, Shoreham.

Last time Hassocks played Crawley Down Gatwick?

The Anvils came to the Beacon in October and left with all three points courtesy of goals from Nick Sullivan and Harry Petty in a 2-1 win with Phil Johnson scoring for Hassocks. That was actually our second meeting of the season, the first taking place in the second round of the RUR Charity Cup in August when Johnson was again on target along with Liam Benson to send Hassocks into the third round of the competition via a 2-1 success of their own. Sam Cane netted for Down.

How to get to the Haven?

One of the more local games that Hassocks will face, head through Haywards Heath to Ardingly and onto Turners Hill on the B2028. After Turners Hill, you'll enter Crawley Down and come to a fork in the road where you need to take a right onto Vicarage Road, following this through the village until the Haven appears on your right.



How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Chichester City	28	21	4	3	78	25	67
Newhaven	27	19	4	4	65	31	61
Eastbourne Town	28	18	4	6	68	38	58
Horsham YMCA	27	17	3	7	64	33	54
Saltdean United	28	14	7	7	56	38	49
AFC Uckfield Town	26	14	4	8	66	41	46
Lingfield	28	14	3	10	49	45	46
Broadbridge Heath	27	12	6	9	52	38	42
Crawley Down	26	12	6	8	51	43	42
Pagham	27	10	11	6	53	31	41
Peacehaven & Tels.	26	11	4	11	43	49	37
Hassocks	28	10	5	13	48	64	35
Lancing	27	9	4	14	40	58	31
East Preston	27	8	6	13	36	43	30
Langney Wanderers	28	5	9	14	34	60	24
Loxwood	27	6	3	18	39	67	21
Shoreham	28	5	6	17	25	28	21
Arundel	27	4	8	15	35	73	20
Little Common	27	4	7	16	35	60	19
Eastbourne United	27	5	3	19	26	68	18

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	261	3389	856	117
Peacehaven & Tels.	172	2577	444	108
Newhaven	125	1618	351	74
Hassocks	112	1565	206	79
Pagham	106	1376	307	42
Horsham YMCA	100	1393	164	65
Langney Wanderers	105	1464	245	55
East Preston	99	1378	128	61
Chichester City	94	1304	160	47
Eastbourne United	89	1146	125	71
Lancing	82	1056	132	54
Shoreham	72	1003	137	55
Little Common	69	893	147	32
Crawley Down	64	892	92	38
Broadbridge Heath	55	712	89	38
Loxwood	55	658	100	44
Lingfield	49	635	73	36
Saltdean United	45	577	73	27
Arundel	44	525	72	29
AFC Uckfield Town	43	463	57	24

Premier Division Form Guide

Premier Division Scorers

Lee Robinson Phil Johnson Dan Perry Callum Overton Dean Brown Matt MacLean Ben Gray Oliver Leslie Sam Clements Scott Jones Callum Smith Jamie Brotherton Matt Daniel Zac Attwood Devon Fender Aaron Capon	Newhaven Hassocks Eastbourne T Pagham Horsham YMCA AFC Uckfield Arundel Crawley Down Lingfield Chichester City AFC Uckfield Saltdean Lancing Eastbourne T B'bridge Heath Eastbourne T	37 17 15 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 13 12 11 11 11 11 11 10
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Under 23 West Scorers

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Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Table

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Macron Store Southern Combination Under 18 Central Table

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Haywards Heath	13	13	0	0	91	19	39
Steyning Town	14	8	1	5	52	25	25
Hassocks	12	8	1	3	48	24	25
Upper Beeding	11	7	2	2	40	24	23
Southwick	8	5	0	3	33	19	15
St Francis Rangers	11	3	1	7	26	37	10
Lancing	10	3	0	7	25	28	9
Broadbridge Heath	13	2	1	10	19	58	7
Rottingdean	12	0	0	12	18	118	0

Under 18 Central Scorers

Ollie Broad	Haywards Heath	28
Tristan Hayes	Hassocks	14
Mahamadou Juwala	Haywards Heath	14
Harvey Gallis	Steyning Town	13
Alex Bridger	Steyning Town	12
Jacob Ross	Southwick	11
Yahya Azizi	Hassocks	10
Ethan Carrick	Haywards Heath	10
Alfie Tugwell	Upper Beeding	9
Joey Biner	Haywards Heath	9

South East Counties Womens League Division One West Table

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hassocks	11	11	0	0	64	3	33
Mole Valley	12	8	1	3	47	25	25
Wandgas	13	6	1	6	25	32	19
Burgess Hill Town	8	5	2	1	31	8	17
Steyning Town	10	5	2	3	39	20	17
Oakwood	11	5	0	6	33	22	15
Milford & Witley	10	4	1	5	49	25	13
Bexhill United	13	1	1	11	13	83	4
Victoire	12	1	0	11	8	82	3

Division One West Scorers

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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 Jake Lindsey Peacehaven & Telscombe home Dan Jacques Chichester City away Jake Lindsey Lancing home Liam Benson Shoreham away Josh Green East Preston home Harvey Enticknap Horsham YMCA home Phil Johnson AFC Uckfield Town home **Dan Jacques** Eastbourne United away **Dan Jacques** Arundel home Dan Jacques Saltdean United away Phil Johnson Loxwood home Harvey Enticknap Newhaven away Harvey Enticknap 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 away

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: Harvey Enticknap 2nd: Phil Johnson 3rd: Jake Lindsey

December 2018 1st: Liam Benson 2nd: Phil Johnson 3rd: Will Broomfield

January 2019 1st: Dan Jacques 2nd: Phil Johnson 3rd: Liam Benson

> February 2019 1st: 2nd: 3rd:

March 2019 1st: 2nd: 3rd:

April 2019 1st: 2nd: 3rd:



Pay £1 every time the first team score a goal in 2018-19 and help the Robins raise vital funds for kit washing, match day equipment and ongoing improvements to the Beacon

Dave John Alan John Owen John Bob Preston Ken Finn Keith Low Ray Mills Les White Steve Mills Ken Deaville Jim Marsh Mark Dalgleish Frank Marshall Eddie Benson Paul Elphick Matt Hicks Ian Plummer

Money raised in 2018/19

August £153 September £238 October £187 November £85 December £136 January £153 February £85 March April

> TOTAL £1037

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Who's who of

Hassocks

	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	248	40	288	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
Dan Jacques Nathan Miles	183	29	212	9
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Pat Harding James Westlake	178	17	195	29
Marc Rendall	150	33	183	29 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
Phil Johnson	119	22	141	66
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
Dan Stokes	92	38	130	8
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Jamie Weston	84 77	23	107	14
Mark Launder	77 04	29	106	1
Sam Fisk Tom Barnes	84 90	20 13	104 103	6 0
Jamie Hillwood	90 79	23	105	22
Jordan Badger	100	23	102	7
Liam Benson	71	29	102	, 27
Eddie French	97	2	99	10
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The top 50 appearance makers for the Robins in senior football



When Matt Robbins was fit and on form, there weren't many better central midfielders on the Southern Combination League circuit in the mid-2000's.

Robbins arrived at the Beacon in 2004 having moved to Brighton for University. Originally from Suffolk, he'd helped Beccles United win the Anglian Combination League in 2002 at the age of 18 and after a few reserve team outings for the Robins, it became apparent very quickly that Hassocks had a serious talent on their hands.

As a result, Dave John fast tracked him into the first team squad and he made his debut early in the 2004-05 season, going onto become a mainstay of the side over the next four seasons.

Robbins was mainly used as a central midfielder but he could also do a job up front and even played the odd game at left wing back, his versatility nearly matching his technical ability.

He went travelling in 2008 and was then blighted by injuries. He made a brief comeback in a Hassocks shirt for the reserves in the 2013-14 season and played a handful more first team games the following season before retiring. Keep abreast of the Robins in 2018-19



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Next at the Beacon



Pagham Saturday 9th March. 3pm SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

Arundel v Saltdean United Broadbridge Heath v Peacehaven & Tels. Chichester City v AFC Uckfield Town East Preston v Shoreham Eastbourne Town v Horsham YMCA Eastbourne United v Crawley Down Gatwick Lancing v Langney Wanderers Loxwood v Newhaven Pagham v Lingfield