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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 the first ever visit of Langney Wanderers to Hassocks...

Ladies are crowned County Champions

There isn't really anywhere else to start other than with the news that Hassocks Ladies were crowned Sussex Women's Trophy winners just over a fortnight ago.

The Robins defeated local rivals Burgess Hill Town 2-1 thanks to goals from Kelly Rushworth and Liz King to lift the trophy at Culver Road.

There is full coverage of the historic occasion elsewhere in the programme but we'd also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Martin Lee and his side on their achievements.

Six points from six as Hassocks hit form

It isn't just the Ladies who are enjoying a good time of it with the first team having picked up six points out of six from their past two games.

Last time at the Beacon, the Robins hammered Pagham 4-0 to record their first win over the Lions since 2014.

That was followed up by an even more impressive win away at Crawley Down Gatwick with Phil Johnson scoring four times as Hassocks triumphed 5-2 at a ground that is a notoriously hard place to visit.

The victory at the Haven means that Hassocks have now passed the magic 40 point mark and even in a season in which it looks like a much

lower total should suffice, it's always a relief to guarantee safety regardless.

Adding to those points today looks like a tough ask given that our visitors today Langney Wanderers are one of the form teams in the division.

They arrive at the Beacon with four wins from their past six games which has seen them pull away from the relegation zone.

It's also Wanderers' first ever visit to the Beacon following their meteoric rise from playing Sunday League just seven years ago to Premier Division football.

We hope they enjoy their stay with us today and look forward to hopefully seeing them again next season.

Under 23s and Under 18s drop points

It hasn't been such a couple of good weeks for the Under 23s and Under 18s who both dropped points in their most recent fixtures.

The Under 23s were held 2-2 at home to Broadbridge Heath and although winning the West Division title is still in their own hands, their visit to current leaders Horsham YMCA now looks even more pivotal than it already did.

The Young Robins meanwhile went down 3-1 at home to Southwick a fortnight ago as their disappointing run of form continued.

Alex Moulvigny got the Hassocks consolation in that one.

Supporter's Player of the Season voting is now open

With just three home games left to play this season, voting is now open for Supporter's Player of the Season.

The award is traditionally presented after the last Beacon fixture which will be three weeks today when Shoreham are the visitors.

In order to vote for the player who you think has been the Robins' best over the course of 2018-19, then simply find the form contained elsewhere in the programme, write your pick on it and hand it Owen over the bar.

You don't need to worry about ruining your programme either – we've rather cleverly put the form on a page with an advert on the back.

The Beacon to host the Peter Bentley Cup Final

The Beacon has once again been chosen by the Southern Combination League to host the Peter Bentley League Cup Final.

This will be the fourth season in a row that the showpiece game has been held at the Beacon and this year it takes place on Monday 6th April between Saltdean United and AFC Uckfield.



Today's visitors...

Langney Wanderers make their first ever visit to the Beacon this afternoon, the latest stop in a whirlwind journey that has seen them climb from Sunday League to senior football in just seven years...

As recently as 2012, Wanderers were plying their trade in Lewes & District Sunday League, taking the bold step to transition to Saturday football for the start of the 2012-13 season.

Since then, there has been no looking back. They won the East Sussex Premier Division at the first attempt and followed that up by being crowned Southern Combination League Division Two champions a year later.

Wanderers were denied promotion due to the lack of floodlights at their former Shinewater Lane home but once planning permission was won, they were able to take their place among the ranks of Sussex's senior clubs in the summer of 2015.

After several years of consolidation in Division One, they finished runners up to Little Common last year and a move to groundshare with neighbours Eastbourne Borough at Priory Lane brought Premier Division football to Wanderers for the first time this season.

At the time of writing, it looks like it's going to end up being a success as well.

Wanderers would have been looking for survival and they are currently on course to do that, sitting six points clear of the relegation zone.

They've made something of a name for themselves by being a difficult team to beat, recording nine draws which is the second highest total in the division with Saltdean United and Eastbourne Town just a couple of the high flying sides who have failed to beat them so far.

Langney's meteoric rise means that Hassocks only encountered them for the first time in a competitive first game when the sides met back in September.

The omens from that meeting a good for today, an entertaining 2-2 draw which proved to be very exciting for the neutral, if not those in either dugout!

Prior to that, Hassocks had ran out 2-1 winners in a pre-season friendly in the summer of 2016 through goals from Josh Hawkes and Ben Bacon while Roy Staughton's reserve side saw off Wanderers 3-2 in the semi final of the Sussex Intermediate Cup in February 2013 through a Neil Kane brace and Laurence Robinson.



FACTFILE

Langney Wanderers

Founded 2009

Nickname Wanderers

Ground Priory Lane

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Manager Kenny McCreadie

Top Scorer Paul Rogers, 8

HONOURS

Southern Combination Division 1

Runners up 2018

Southern Combination Division 2

Winners 2014

SCFL Division 1 Cup

Winners 2017

10 Key Moments

2009...Langney Wanderers are founded, joining the Lewes & District Sunday League
2012... move from Sunday League football to join the East Sussex Premier Division
2013... win 17 of their 18 games in their first East Sussex League season to win the title
2014... win SCFL Division Two at the first attempt but are unable to be promoted due to ground grading
2015... a 3rd placed finish the next year and planning permission for floodlights see's them promoted
2016... leave their Shinewater Lane home to groundshare with Eastbourne United at the Oval
2017... lift the Division One Cup, their first silverware in senior football
2017... leave the Oval after one season, moving in with Eastbourne Borough at Priory Lane
2018... win promotion to the Premier Division for the first ever time
2019... look on course to stay up this season as their remarkable journey continues

Last 6 Seasons

2017-18, Southern Combination One 2nd
2016-17, Southern Combination One 8th
2015-16, Southern Combination One 9th
2014-15, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2013-14, Southern Combination Two 1st
2012-13, East Sussex Premier 1st

Hassocks v Langney Wanderers :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 – Lost 0 – Scored 2 - Conceded 2

Total... Played 1 Won 0 Drawn 1 Lost 0 Scored 2 Conceded 2

Recent meetings

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Langney Wanderers 2-2 Hassocks



BADGER BAGS LATE EQUALISER IN ANOTHER HASSOCKS COMEBACK

The comeback kings met the draw specialists as Hassocks took on Langney Wanderers and, unsurprisingly, there was a come-from-behind draw at Priory Lane.

In this first ever competitive meeting between the two sides, Wanderers sauntered into a two-goal lead inside of 20 minutes, only for Hassocks to end up leaving Eastbourne with a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw.

For the Robins, that made it three games out of the last five in which they've rallied from being two behind to claim something.

For Langney, it was a fifth draw in the opening nine games of their first ever season of Premier Division football.

While the Hassocks coaching staff weren't too impressed with the performance afterwards, they were certainly happy with the resilience shown again.

"Getting an away point on the board from such a poor performance shows how far we have come from last season," Spencer Slaughter said afterwards.

"It shows the togetherness of this group of players; that when things aren't working, our hard work and perseverance gets us through."

Slaughter felt that Hassocks looked slow and lethargic in the warm up and that translated into the opening 20 minutes of the game in which they found themselves 2-0 behind.

Lucas Mann opened the scoring for Wanderers with nine minutes on the clock, getting the deftest of touches onto Max Holloborne's delivery to turn the ball in at the far post.

Josh Green pulled off a stunning save to somehow keep out Adam Davidson's bullet but Wanderers weren't to be denied their second for

long, Gary Ingram doubling the advantage with 19 played as he picked up a Billy Pout pass and cut inside his man to fire home.

That belatedly stirred Hassocks into life and Phil Johnson soon headed them back into the game.

It was a brilliant ball in from out on the right that led to the goal, Stokes whipping in a cross that the Robins' talismanic forward rose to meet with a precision header.

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They still weren't quite at the races for the remainder of the first half and Langney nearly added a third, Gary Ingram seeing an effort beaten away by Green and then another Davidson header was scrambled off the line.

Whatever was said at the interval clearly had a galvanising effect and Hassocks began the second half the better side, forcing Dan Hutchins in the Langney goal into a couple of routine saves.

Mark Dalglish shuffled his pack, throwing on striker James Littlejohn in place of left back Joe Bull.

That move saw Harvey Blake shift across to take up Bull's position with Stokes dropping in at right back in place of Blake.

It was end-to-end from that point on and either side could've scored.

Green blocked an effort from Paul Weatherby but nobody in white could get to the rebound in time and then Davidson received a yellow card when he tripped Johnson as the Hassocks

striker looked to make a break for goal.

That was in the 81st minute and seven minutes later, Davidson was heading for an early bath.

Benson was the man who was tripped this time, leaving Langney to try and see out the remaining two minutes plus injury time with only 10 men.

More pertinently, Davidson's indiscretion left Hassocks with a free kick right on the edge of the box.

There was some kerfuffle over who should take it with Littlejohn and the excellent Jake Lindsey consulted before it was decided that Slaughter was the man to step up.

This proved to be a wise decision as Slaughter bent an exquisite effort over the wall which drew a stunning save from Hutchins.

Hassocks captain Jordan Badger had anticipated that however and was in exactly the right place at the right time to head home the rebound for the equaliser.

"Spencer told me he was going to hit top bins so I positioned myself just outside the post in anticipation of a tap in," Badger revealed.

"He hit the ball sweet, the keepers made a great save and I managed to get a good connection on the loose ball to lift it over him."

"That's my first goal of the season and it was great to get off the mark with such an important one. It's an area of my game I'm looking to improve to contribute more as captain."

It was certainly a telling contribution on this occasion, extending Hassocks' unbeaten streak to five games – their best such run of form for over a year.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Badger, Jacques, Bull; Stokes, Slaughter, Berridge; Benson, Johnson, Lindsey.

Subs: Littlejohn (Bull), Enticknap (Berridge).



Who is YOUR Player of the Season?

**With just three home games left to play,
voting is now open for the Supporter's Player
of the Season Award**

**To cast your vote, simply write your pick on
the dotted line, tear it off & hand it to Owen
behind the bar...**



**Congratulations to our recent Robins
Man-of-the-Match winners**



**MAN OF THE MATCH
HARVEY
ENTICKNAP**



**MAN OF THE MATCH
PHIL
JOHNSON**

**To cast your vote after today's game,
Follow us on Twitter**



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Benson voted February Player of the Month



Liam Benson has won his second Player of the Month award of the 2018-19 season after being voted as the Robins outstanding performer for February.

The striker previously won the trophy back in December, meaning that he's now won two of the previous four votes in a blistering run of form.

This was one of the tightest votes of the season as well with Benson just about holding off the challenge of Harvey Enticknap to win by only 3%.

Benson scored just once in February but it was an important goal, his 80th minute equaliser rescuing a share of the spoils for the Robins in their 1-1 home draw against Little Common.

That was enough to win him the man of the match award but it was probably in the shock 1-0 win over Newhaven the week before that he had his best game.

A trip to the Trafalgar Ground is difficult at the best of times but Hassocks were dealt a severe blow early on when top scorer Phil Johnson was forced off through injury.

That left Benson to plough a lonely furrow up front but his commitment to the task was impressive as he performed the role of target man to a tee, looking after the ball and bringing others in – something which became particularly important as the Robins finished the game with 10 men following a red card for Johnson's replacement, George Brown.

Speaking of Johnson, that injury he picked up at Fort Road meant that he failed to make the top four for a Player of the Month poll for the first time this season.

Enticknap meanwhile has become a regular feature since he nailed down a regular starting spot in the first team around November time and he picked up 34% of the vote to finish second.

The midfielder started all three games in February and was a real driving force, scoring his first senior goal for the Robins against his former club Loxwood.

That came as Hassocks produced a remarkable comeback from 3-0 down to pick up a 3-3 draw at the Beacon, Enticknap also playing his part in goals for substitutes Brown and Spencer Slaughter.

Slaughter's leveller against the Magpies was one of two goals for him in an excellent February that was unfortunately curtailed early due to another suspension.

A week after the Loxwood draw, he netted the only goal of the game with a powerful header which ensured Hassocks picked up that historic first ever win at Newhaven.

Slaughter's absence was keenly felt in the draw against Little Common, which he was forced to sit out due to an accumulation of far too many bookings.

The top four was rounded off by teenage midfielder Joe Bull who made the final vote for the first time since his summer arrival from Whitehawk.

Bull has had to be patient this season while waiting for first team opportunities but has been rewarded in recent weeks, starting all four of February's games.

He's showed his versatility too, looking equally adept out wide as he has done as part of a midfield three.



ROBINS LIFT THE CUP AFTER PULSATING LOCAL DERBY WIN

**Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy Final
Thursday 7th March 2019, Culver Road
Burgess Hill Town Ladies 1-2 Hassocks Ladies**



The Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy final became the Mid Sussex Trophy final as Burgess Hill Town and Hassocks clashed at Culver Road.

And in a game that more than lived up to the high expectations foisted upon it due to the prestigious silverware on offer and the fact that these two sides are local rivals, it was the Robins who came out on top thanks to a 2-1 victory.

Few in the big crowd gathered at Lancing could argue with the result. After an uncharacteristically shaky start, Hassocks grew into the occasion to come from behind and claim the crown of County Champions for the first time.

But by the time the full time whistle blew after 90 minutes plus an extraordinary extra 10 for stoppages, the Robins knew they'd been in a game against a hardworking and plucky Hillians outfit who never gave up, leaving the field to a standing ovation of their own.

This won't be the last time that these two sides will see each other this season and they could quite feasibly end up facing off for two more trophies yet.

Hassocks lead the way at the top of South East Counties League Division One West with an unblemished record of 12 wins from 12 games, but Hill could yet catch them.

The Hillians sit 16 points behind but with three games in hand.

The two sides still have to face each other twice, so if Hill can pick up maximum points in those April meetings, the title could yet end up heading for the Green Elephants Stadium rather than the Beacon.

They are also both into the semi finals of the League Cup, where Hassocks will face Saltdean United and Hill Ashford.

Two wins for the two Mid Sussex clubs from those two games and there could be another cup final between these two in the offing.

If there is, then it will have to go some way to beat the entertainment served up at County HQ.

Hill took the lead in the 10th minute with a fantastically worked goal involving Ioana Vilciu, Jess Saunders and Jade Chapman.

It was Vilciu who got the move started, playing a clever ball out to Saunders who then dinked an even better pass into the box for Chapman to head past Sarah Chappell and break the deadlock.

This was the first time that Hassocks had fallen behind in a game since their only loss of the season which came in the FA Cup against Islington Borough back in September.

If there were any question marks surrounding how the Robins would react to finding themselves in the unusual situation of trailing, then they were answered pretty quickly as Hassocks began to find their trademark fluency across the park.

On 22 minutes they worked their first real opener, some tidy build up play between Kirsten Mair and Billie Philpott getting Philpott into a good position but the Sussex Rep striker's cleanly hit effort powered just the wrong side of the post.

That was a warning sign and just past the half hour mark Hassocks were level.

Kelly Rushworth found herself with time and space in the box and she made no mistake, burying the ball into the bottom corner past Casey Dunford in the Hill goal.

Hassocks boss Martin Lee made a change at the break, introducing the experienced Liz King for Emma Young but just as in the first half, it was the Hillians who started the second the brightest.

They had a great chance to retake the lead when Saunders dispossessed Hassocks captain Sam Newman to burst in on goal but her effort dragged just wide of the post.

Hill lost the services of Hayley Nash after a nasty accidental collision with Philpott; Gabriela Bucur entering the fray in place of Nash.

Luckily for Hassocks, Philpott came out of the clash unscathed and ominously for Hill, the Robins 36-goal top scorer then began to impose herself on proceedings.

It was Philpott's driving run and shot that drew the save of the night from Dunford, who did fantastically to keep out a one-on-one with the Hassocks striker.

There was nothing Dunford could do when the Robins took the lead four

minutes later however, Katherine Chappell swinging over a corner which was met by substitute King at the near post with a textbook header.

Hill made two more changes after that with Millie Morley and Charlotte Pollendine coming on but it was Hassocks who finished the stronger and they could and probably should have made the game safe.

Philpott twisted and turned her way beautifully past two defenders before knocking a glorious ball into Mair who could only fire straight into the hands of the grateful Dunford.

Tallie Bright then made way for Jodie Johnason for Hassocks as the game entered that extended period of injury time brought about by Nash's earlier injury.

And that extra 10 minutes fostered two further chances for Philpott to get her name on the score sheet.

The first came when she decided to go it alone, breaking forward before unleashing a rocket of a shot which Dunford could only watch cannon against the cross bar and away to safety.

The same thing happened again five minutes later, only this time Philpott's effort was on target and it took a super save from Dunford to keep it out.

That denied Philpott the goal her livewire showing probably deserved but Hassocks couldn't be denied their first silverware of the season as captain Newman hoisted the first trophy for the Beacon cabinet of the campaign.

Lee and his Robins side will be hoping there will be a couple more pieces joining it yet, although Hill will no doubt have something to say about it in the weeks to come – and based on this, it should be quite the show.

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

Subs: King (Young 46), Johanson (Bright 90), Larmar, Banitas, Hannes (unused).

What social media said about the Robins historic victory...

"Massive congratulations to Hassocks Ladies FC on this achievement!"

-Mark Dalgleish

"Congratulations to Hassocks Ladies on tonight's victory! A real good game where both sides have absolutely everything!"

-Saltdean United Ladies

"Well done Billie Philpott – best striker I've played against this season"

-Pamela McDonnell

"Well done to Hassocks on their win this evening and a bit shout out to Burgess Hill Town for putting up a great fight until the last minutes. Top quality football once again & a pleasure to watch"

-Montpelier Villa Ladies

"UNBEATABLE! Congratulations to all-conquering Hassocks but great to see a revitalised Burgess Hill Town run them so close in the final"

-Sent Her Forward

"Congratulations to Hassocks FC on their victory"

-Oakwood Ladies

"Congratulations to Hassocks Ladies who beat Burgess Hill Town to claim the silverware"

-Mark Dunford

"Well done to Hassocks from everyone at Roffey Ladies"

-Roffey Ladies

"We did it! Well done girls!"

-Hollie Larmar

"Congratulations to Hassocks Ladies, winners of the Sussex Women's Trophy after a 2-1 victory over Burgess Hill Town"

-Sussex County FA

HASSOCKS TAME THE LIONS AT THE TENTH ATTEMPT

Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 9th March 2019, The Beacon
Hassocks 4-0 Pagham



Good things come to those who wait and that was certainly the case for Hassocks, who have to wait 10 games and five years to record a victory over Pagham.

At the Beacon, they finally got their first win over the Lions since the 2013-14 season and in some style too, dishing out a 4-0 hammering thanks to Phil Johnson's first half double and second half strikes from Liam Benson and Will Broomfield.

If the Robins hadn't have been able to break their awful recent record against Pagham on this occasion, then they probably never would.

When Hassocks lost 5-2 at Nyetimber Lane back in November, it looked like the the Premier Division title race would be a two-horse contest between the Lions and their neighbours Chichester City.

But since then Pagham's form has tailed off alarmingly and they arrived in Mid Sussex with just three wins from their past 15 league games, having failed to score in eight of them.

That's meant aspirations of silverware have been replaced with the mere hope of clinging onto a top 10 finish and Hassocks could yet overhaul them in the race to do so, which would have been unthinkable after that previous meeting.

Mark Dalglish's side are now just six points behind the Lions with seven games remaining and they need just one more point to reach the magic number of 40 although in truth,

they've been safe from the spectre of relegation for some time now.

Dalglish made three changes from the side which had lost 1-0 at Lingfield a week previously with scorers Johnson and Broomfield both returning to the starting line up after recent bouts of injury alongside Lewis Westlake who was handed the first start of his second spell with the club.

It didn't take long for Johnson to get up and running as two goals from the Robins' top scorer in the first 15 minutes set his side on the path to victory.

The first came with only five minutes on the clock, a superb passing move flowing through Dan Stokes, Harvey Enticknap and Benson before Johnson applied an emphatic finish past Jordan Matthews.

His second was a classic Johnson goal featuring pace and clinicalness as he burst his way through a static Pagham defence and coolly rounded Matthews before rounding into the now-unguarded net to double the lead.

Pagham's shyness in front of goal meant that they failed to create a meaningful opportunity in the first half and Hassocks could and probably should have been out of sight but they succeeded in getting just one of their numerous chances on target.

That came thanks to Benson, who was only denied by a fantastic stop from Matthews, diving at the feet of the Robins striker to divert the ball at the final second when Benson was all set to pull the trigger.

Pagham did at least offer something for their supporters in the

second half, eventually testing Josh Green eight minutes after the restart.

It was some neat build up play that eventually led to George Bingham finding himself with the ball and he advanced to 25 yards out before unleashing a shot that Green did well to keep out.

That proved to be the Lions' only shot on target and also acted as a wake up call for Hassocks, who duly upped their game and added a third seven minutes later through Benson.

It was a goal born out of hard work, Benson showing great tenacity to keep harrying James Horncastle before pouncing on the Pagham man's last ditch clearance and smashing in from five yards out.

Broomfield netted the fourth with 15 minutes left to play when Pagham failed to deal with a free kick in and he reacted quickest to prod home the loose ball from close range.

The Robins had a header harshly disallowed late on for a push on Matthews whilst the Pagham goalkeeper also did well to keep out another Johnson effort as Hassocks' captain went looking for a hat-trick, which would have been his first treble for the club since 2015.

Johnson's wait goes on but Hassocks' for a win against Pagham is over.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Jacques, Broomfield, Whittingham; Stokes, L Westlake, Enticknap; Johnson, Benson, Lindsey.

Subs: Badger, Bull (used), Slaughter, Wickwar (unused).

JOHNSON TO THE FOUR AS HASSOCKS HIT THE 40 POINT MARK

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 16th March, The Haven
Crawley Down Gatwick 2-5 Hassocks



Four goals from Phil Johnson took Hassocks past the magical 40 point mark as they won a typically entertaining encounter with Crawley Down Gatwick.

Whenever the Robins take on Down, goals tend to flow and that was the case at the Haven once again as Hassocks ran out 5-2 winners.

This may not have been a patch on when the two sides shared 10 in a 6-4 win for the Robins back in November 2016, but it held much more significance for Mark Dalgleish's side owing to their new-found points tally.

40 has long been considered the mark needed to guarantee Premier Division safety and the Robins have now made it there with six games to spare.

That it was a stunning performance from Johnson that took them onto 42 for the season seems extremely apt.

Johnson was the marquee signing in Dalgleish's overhaul of the side in the summer, the Robins pulling off quite the coup to re-sign their former youth team product from Horsham YMCA.

Hassocks activeness in the transfer market was born out of a desire to avoid a repeat of last season's troubles, when they were only spared the drop into Division One thanks to ground grading after finishing third bottom with just 28 points.

And it's the talismanic Johnson's goals that have gone a long way to ensuring they've done that with 26 to his name.

Dalgleish has built a slick, counter attacking side based around utilising Johnson's phenomenal pace and finishing and it's worked a treat.

They've troubled some of the top teams in the division and with a little more consistency, would be well on the cusp of a first top 10 finish since 2014.

Team spirit is also strong and the players had enjoyed a day at Cheltenham Races on Thursday.

They took inspiration from goings on at Prestbury Park clearly and flew out of the stalls at the Haven, taking full advantage of having a strong wind



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behind their back in the opening 45 minutes to race into a 3-0 half time lead.

Johnson opened his account for the afternoon with 15 minutes played although there was more than a hint of offside which left home connections feeling hard done by.

There were no such complaints about the second however, strike partner Liam Benson doubling the advantage just past the 30 minute mark.

That was Benson's 13th of the season, an impressive return from a player who also returned to the Beacon in the summer and one that has maybe been overlooked given the exploits of Johnson.

Right on cue, it was Johnson

who then added the third from the penalty spot less than 120 seconds after Benson had struck.

Despite Hassocks' sizable lead at the break, you couldn't discount Down from the tie given that they'd have the sizable advantage of the gale-force wind for the next 45 minutes.

But their task of wresting a way back into tie was made that much harder when Johnson completed his hat-trick with the second half just two minutes old.

Ollie Broad made it 4-1 when he pulled one back for Down just before the hour mark but for all the hosts huffing and puffing, they came up against a resolute Hassocks back four.

Andy Whittingham in particular was outstanding with Dan Stokes and Lewis Westlake also impressing in midfield.

None could hold a torch to Johnson in the individual stakes however and he duly added his fourth and Hassocks' fifth with 20 minutes still to go.

Some supporters at that point began mentioning in dispatches the possibility of the 6-4 game being eclipsed given how long was left to play.

Those hoping that would be the case were to be left disappointed with only one more goal forthcoming and that was a late one, Down's long-serving Nick Sullivan making it 5-2 in injury time.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Broomfield, Badger, Whittingham; Stokes, L Westlake, Enticknap; Johnson, Benson, Lindsey.

Subs: Bull, Brown, Littlejohn (used), Rowe-Hurst, Jacques (unused).

Starman: Phil Johnson.



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	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
09/02 – 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	3-3	Enticknap, Brown, Slaughter
16/02 – 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP	1-0	Slaughter
23/02 – 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Benson
02/03 – 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
09/03 – 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP	4-0	Johnson (2), Benson, Broomfield
16/03 – 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	5-2	Johnson (4), Benson
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:				Hassocks Career:	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	35	4	39	13	106	30
Phil Johnson	33	3	36	26	146	72
Harvey Blake	33	2	35	1	35	1
Joe Bull	18	15	33	0	33	0
Dan Stokes	22	10	32	3	136	8
Harry Mills	29	2	31	3	97	5
Jake Lindsey	19	12	31	6	50	10
Jordan Badger	27	3	30	3	105	7
Josh Green	27	0	27	0	33	0
Will Broomfield	26	1	27	2	53	2
Dan Jacques	25	1	26	1	216	9
Spencer Slaughter	22	4	26	5	290	47
Harvey Enticknap	16	7	23	1	23	1
James Littlejohn	15	8	23	4	24	4
Bradley Tighe	18	0	18	0	92	0
Matt Berridge	12	3	15	1	30	1
Alex Spinks	9	3	12	0	13	0
Jack Wilkins	8	2	10	0	68	1
Alex Harris	9	0	9	0	60	0
Andy Whittingham	8	1	9	0	60	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	7	7	0	27	3
Bradley Bant	4	1	5	0	131	12
James Westlake	4	0	4	1	194	29
Lewis Westlake	2	2	4	0	66	4
George Brown	0	4	4	1	4	1
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
Jack Rowe-Hurst	2	0	2	0	17	3
Dan Webster	2	0	2	0	2	0
Phil Wickwar	1	1	2	0	40	0
Ben O'Leary	0	2	2	0	8	0
Scott Kirkwood	1	0	1	0	1	0
Joe Russell	1	0	1	0	14	0

Coming up...



ROBINS DROP POINTS TO BATTLING BEARS

**Macron Store Southern Combination League Under 23 League Cup Quarter Final
Thursday 7th March 2019, The Beacon
Hassocks Under 23s 2-2 Broadbridge Heath Under 23s**

Hassocks Under 23s hopes of lifting a first Southern Combination League West Division title were dealt a blow as they were held at home by Broadbridge Heath.

The Bears became only the fourth team to take points off of Nigel Pearce's side so far this season, claiming a 2-2 draw which allowed their neighbours Horsham YMCA to open up a two-point lead at the top of the table.

Hassocks do still have a game in hand and they also face a pivotal trip to Gorings Mead to take on the leaders in April so the title is still in their hands, but there was no disguising that this was a disappointing result for the Robins.

With both top scorer James Littlejohn and third highest scorer George Galbraith-Gibbons unavailable, Pearce turned to Under 18s striker Tristan Hayes to lead the line alongside Jake Lindsey, made available due to a lack of first team game time of late.

And while the teenage duo may have both got on the score sheet, Hassocks no doubt missed the prowess of their other striking options who have plundered 25 goals between them so far this season.

Hassocks made a slow start and they fell behind as early as the sixth minute, Thomas Shergold giving Heath a surprise lead after finishing neatly past Josh Green.



They were ahead for 16 minutes before Hayes equalised, the 17-year-old striker taking his record to three goals in five games now after burying past former Hassocks youth goalkeeper Conor Evento.

Lindsey has an even more impressive strike rate for the Under 23s than Hayes and he notched his second goal in as many games for Pearce's side this season when putting the Robins ahead eight minutes before the break.

Remarkably, Hassocks managed to start the second half in even slower fashion than the first and that allowed Heath to equalise just five minutes after the restart.

Ben Whiteley was the scorer and despite having 40 minutes to try and find a winner, the Robins were unable to do so despite plenty of honest endeavour.

Hassocks: Green, Common, Wells, Derham, Oliver, Bright, Bradley, Enticknap, Glenn, Hayes, Lindsey.

Subs: Ratcliffe, Willcox, Russell (used).

The Under 23's fixture that was due to take place against Southwick last Thursday night as postponed due to the effects of Storm Gareth at Old Barn Way

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	3-1	Willcox, Berridge (2)
10/01 – 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	3-1	Littlejohn, Enticknap, Galbraith-Gibbons
07/02 – 19:45	Selsey (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Berridge, Bradley, Littlejohn (2)
14/02 – 19:45	Pagham (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Berridge, Littlejohn
28/02 – 19:45	Midhurst & E'bourne (H)	U23LCQF	5-2	Littlejohn (3), Willcox, Galbraith-Gibbons
07/03 – 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-2	Hayes, Lindsey
21/03 - 19:45	Southwick (H)	SCFL23		
28/03 – 19:30	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFL23		
04/04 – 19:30	East Preston (N)	U23LCSF		

Under 23s Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Josh Green	18	0	18	0
Harvey Enticknap	16	2	18	3
Kieran Wells	13	5	18	0
Will Glenn	12	6	18	1
Connor Bradley	17	0	17	6
James Oliver	14	3	17	0
Louie Derham	13	4	17	0
James Littlejohn	16	0	16	19
Joe Russell	11	5	16	1
Ellis Common	15	0	15	1
Martin Ratcliffe	7	6	13	0
Jake Lane	6	7	13	0
Max Willcox	10	2	12	12
George Galbraith-Gibbons	3	7	10	6
Ben Jonas	8	1	9	0
Matt Berridge	7	0	7	4
Tristan Hayes	3	2	5	3
Steve Bright	2	5	7	0
Solly Ross	3	2	5	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	3	4	0
Dan Stokes	2	0	2	0
Jake Lindsey	1	1	2	2
Ben Miller	0	2	2	0
Ryan Collins	1	0	1	0
Max Donaldson	0	1	1	0
Matt Denyer	0	1	1	0

TIGERS ROAR TO END ROBINS WINNING RUN

South East Counties Women's League Cup Semi Final
Sunday 10th March 2019, The Beacon

Hassocks Ladies 1-2 Saltdean United Ladies



They had to lose at some point and after a stunning 19 consecutive victories, that day finally arrived for Hassocks Ladies.

Premier Division side Saltdean United showed their class at the Beacon as they ended the Robins' six month long winning streak and with it, their defence of the South East Counties Women's League Cup.

But coming just three days after Hassocks had been pushed all the way in the Sussex Women's Trophy Final by Burgess Hill, Martin Lee's side could be proud of the effort they put up in pushing the side who will probably finish as runners up in the top flight all the way.

Hassocks had to defend an extremely strong wind in the first half with both Chole John and Lucy Reeder making crucial interventions early on.

Gemma Craig showed good industry to earn the Robins a throw in a dangerous position but that was about as good as it got, the Tigers pinning Hassocks back in their own half for the majority of the first 45 minutes.

Saltdean took the lead with 21 on the clock after the Robins couldn't deal with a wind-assisted corner which eventually led to a goalmouth scramble which was clinically finished off.

Sarah Chappell was then forced into a couple of good saves while John and Reeder again put their

bodies on the line, as did Claire Stevens.

Given the conditions, Hassocks could be pleased with making it to half time just one goal behind with their task for the second half being to use the wind to their advantage to shock their higher division visitors.



"Premier Division side Saltdean United showed their class as they ended the Robins' six month long winning streak and with it, their defence of the League Cup."

They set about that mission positively from the first whistle. Within minutes of the restart, a probing cross from Kirsten Mair was deflected just over for a corner and Liz King embarked on a mazy run which fashioned a shot at goal.

Saltdean were struggling by this point but the wind wasn't proving as helpful as Hassocks had perhaps first thought either, particularly when a good through-ball from Kelly Rushworth to Billie Philpott was carried all the way to Tigers goalkeeper by the gale.

Katherine Chappell then had a great chance but she could only shoot wide and that miss was punished when United doubled their lead against the run of play.

It was an excellent strike from the Saltdean midfielder, who placed the ball out of the reach of Chappell and into the bottom corner.

Despite that disappointment, Hassocks never let their heads dropped and chances continued to come.

Tallie Bright shot just wide after good work from Rushworth and Katherine Chappell distance strike flew agonisingly over.

Saltdean nearly made it 3-0 on a rare foray forward but Stevens was alert to clear off the line in what proved to be the visitors last meaningful effort.

Hassocks though couldn't match the Tigers clinicalness and further opportunities went begging, Rushworth being particularly unlucky when she drew an excellent save from the Saltdean goalkeeper.

The game was well into injury time when Hassocks did eventually manage to get onto the score sheet, Philpott reducing the deficit with a well-taken goal to set up a nervy final 60 seconds.

The Robins managed to cause a goalmouth scramble in that time but it ended with the ball being fired over the bar as Saltdean held on.

Hassocks: S Chappell, John, Stevens, Reeder, King, Bright, K Chappell, G Craig, Mair, Philpott, Rushworth.

Subs: Newman, Young, Johnason, Hannes (used).



Ladies 2018-19

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
02/09 – 14:00	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)	CWTQF	3-1	K.Chappell, Philpott, Rushworth
06/01 – 14:00	Wandgas (A)	SECW1	4-0	Mair, Philpott, Rushworth, Jump
20/01 – 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	CWTSE	7-0	Philpott (3), K.Chappell (2), Rushworth, Bright
27/01 – 14:00	Oakwood (H)	SECW1	5-0	K.Chappell, Mair, Philpott (3)
03/02 – 13:30	Worthing (A)	WLCQF	7-2	Philpott (3), Rushworth (3), K.Chappell
24/02 – 14:00	Milford & Witley (H)	SECW1	8-0	Philpott (3), Mair (2), Rushworth (2), Bright
07/03 – 19:15	Burgess Hill Town (N)	CWTF	2-1	Rushworth, King
10/03 – 13:30	Saltdean United (H)	WLCSE	1-2	Philpott
24/03 – 14:00	Mole Valley (H)	SECW1		
07/04 – 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	SECW1		
14/04 – 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SECW1		
28/04 – 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SECW1		

Ladies Appearances 2018-19

	2018-19 Season:			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Newman	18	1	19	0
Kelly Rushworth	18	1	19	16
Kirsten Mair	18	0	18	13
Billie Philpott	18	0	18	36
Emma Young	16	2	18	0
Katherine Chappell	17	0	17	22
Chloe John	17	0	17	0
Sarah Chappell	16	1	17	0
Claire Stevens	15	2	17	1
Jodie Johanson	8	9	17	4
Tallie Bright	16	0	16	4
Liz King	9	6	15	1
Gemma Craig	13	1	14	3
Ellie Moquet	4	2	6	0
Lisa Callow	1	5	6	3
Banna Hannes	0	6	6	0
Ria Banitas	3	2	5	0
Hollie Larmar	0	5	5	0
Laura Espana	1	2	3	0
Rose Jump	0	3	3	1
Jess Craig	0	1	1	0
Lucy Reeder	1	1	2	0

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	5-1	Hayes (3), Mercer, Baden
13/01 – 11:00	Upper Beeding (A)	SCFL18	1-1	Hayes
20/01 – 11:00	Rottingdean Village (H)	SCFL18	9-0	Azizi (2), Herd (3), Sandilands, Baden (2), OG
17/02 – 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL18	0-6	
10/03 – 11:00	Southwick (H)	SCFL18	1-3	Moulvogny
31/03 – 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
14/04 – 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18		
21/04 – 11:00	Southwick (A)	SCFL18		

Under 18s Appearances 2018-19

2018-19 Season:

	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Gardner	15	0	15	0
Josh Sandilands	14	0	14	4
Yahya Azizi	12	2	14	12
Toby Fisher	10	4	14	0
George Mercer	13	0	13	1
Henry Le-May	8	5	13	1
Brandon Sheppard	7	6	13	0
Harvey Ransome	12	0	12	1
Jordan Fowler	11	1	12	1
Jack Baden	10	2	12	6
Alex Moulvogny	10	2	12	3
Sam Herd	4	8	12	4
Tristan Hayes	10	1	11	16
Ross Pedley	7	3	10	0
Alfie Loveridge	7	2	9	1
Harry Meredith	4	4	8	0
Finley McDermott	4	2	6	1
Danny Bulgin	3	0	3	0
Luke Brayne	0	3	3	0
Archie Funnell	2	0	2	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	2	2	1
Alex Crawford	1	0	1	0
Connor Curran	0	1	1	0
Wilfres Tunley-Ho	0	1	1	0

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Eastbourne Town

When?

Saturday 30th March

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

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

Eastbourne Town this season?

It's been a typical Eastbourne Town season really. Since their return to the Southern Combination League in 2014, Town have been slow to start campaigns which is ultimately what has cost them in the title race. This time around, they picked up just one win from their first six games across all competitions before beginning to build up some momentum which has put them back into the battle for the runners up spot. They are three four behind current second placed side Horsham YMCA having played the same number of games as YM.

Hassocks' record against Eastbourne Town?

There have been 33 games between Eastbourne Town and the Robins with Town winning over half of them – 18 – to the Robins nine with six draws along the way. In 23 meetings in the Southern Combination Premier, Town again edge the head-to-head with Hassocks having won just once in the past 14 years – a shock 2-1 success

towards the end of the 2016-17 season with Phil Gault scoring twice and James Broadbent saving a penalty against his former club.

Last time we met?

The Saffrons has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks and so it proved once again in December as the Robins were on the end of a 2-1 defeat. Sonny Dullaway and Marcus Goldsmith scored within five minutes of each other to put Town in a strong position and although James Westlake pulled one back to set up a nervy last 20 minutes or so, Town saw things out comfortably if truth be told.

Played for both?

We've already mentioned Broadbent who won a clean sweep of Player's Player, Manager's Player and Supporter's Player of the Season awards for Hassocks in 2017 having previously played for Town. Striker Dan Smith has also represented both clubs having rattled through three separate spells with the Robins.



Horsham YMCA

When?

Saturday 6th April

Where?

Gorings Mead

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Horsham YMCA this season?

This could yet turn out to be an excellent season for Peter Buckland's side. With two teams expected to win promotion into the Bostik League, Horsham YMCA are currently well in the battle to join champions elect Chichester City in the top two. YM currently sit second in the league although Newhaven, a point behind in third, do have a game in hand. That they are still in the race at all is impressive given that they endured a terrible run of form around the turn of the year, having led the way for most of the first half of the campaign.

Hassocks record against Horsham YMCA?

Hassocks and YM have been regular opponents in the 35 years that the Robins have been a part of the Southern Combination League. There have been 47 meetings which have generally been dominated by YM who have won 25 of those. The Robins have 12 victories to their name whilst

their record at Gorings Mead won't full anyone making the journey with confidence with just league victories there this century.

Last time Hassocks played Horsham YMCA?

YM were in the midst of that awful run when they came to the Beacon just over a month ago and Hassocks took full advantage to win 5-3.

How to get to Gorings Mead?

The ground is situated on the outskirts of the town centre. Take the A272 to Cowfold before joining the A281 towards Horsham. Once in the town, Gorings Mead is located on the left before the railway bridge as directed by the "YMCA" sign. There is extremely limited parking at the ground and when that is full there is no parking in the street leading to the ground. Visitors are advised to park in one of the many car parks that are a five minute walk away.



Shoreham

When?

Saturday 13th April

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division

Admission?

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

Shoreham this season?

Put simply, this has been a disastrous season for Shoreham. Having been relegated from the Bostik League at the end of 2017-18, that downward spiral has continued and they will come to the Beacon deep in relegation trouble with only goal difference keeping them off the bottom of the pile. Experienced manager Sammy Donnelly left the club just before Christmas and although his replacement Curtis Foster bought an initial uplift in results, he has also departed. Dale Hurley, who had an extremely brief spell in charge of Hassocks' reserves before the start of the 2014-15 season, has now been charged with trying to save the Musselmen from back-to-back relegations.

Hassocks' record against Shoreham?

The Musselmen have been one of Hassocks' most frequent opponents in with 50 meetings to date. Hassocks have won 22, Shoreham 17 while there have been 11 draws with the

only senior football competition they've never met in being the FA Vase.

Last time we met?

Hassocks were the opponents in Foster's first game in charge when they went to Middle Road in December. There wasn't much in it, Liam Benson scoring the only goal early in the first half with Robins goalkeeper Josh Green winning man of the match for a string of excellent saves late on which helped secure the victory.

Played for both?

One of Green's predecessors in the number one shirt is currently first choice at Middle Road. James Broadbent won a clean sweep of Player's Player, Supporter's Player and Manager's Player of the Season awards at the Beacon at the end of the 2016-17 campaign. The Musselmen could also call upon Josh Tuck who spent last season at Hassocks while the Robins' Jack Rowe-Hurst was with Shoreham until last month.



How they stand...

Macron Store Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chichester City	32	25	4	3	86	26	79
Horsham YMCA	32	22	3	7	82	41	69
Newhaven	31	21	5	5	72	33	68
Eastbourne Town	32	20	5	7	81	45	65
Saltdean United	31	16	7	8	62	43	55
Broadbridge Heath	32	15	8	9	64	43	53
Lingfield	32	16	5	11	52	47	53
Crawley Down	32	14	8	10	61	53	50
AFC Uckfield Town	30	15	4	11	72	41	49
Peacehaven & Tels.	31	14	5	12	52	55	47
Pagham	30	11	12	7	55	37	45
Hassocks	32	12	6	14	58	68	42
Lancing	32	10	5	17	49	69	35
East Preston	32	9	7	16	41	52	34
Langney Wands	32	8	9	15	40	66	33
Loxwood	32	8	3	21	49	77	27
Little Common	30	5	8	19	41	74	23
Shoreham	32	5	6	21	25	68	21
Eastbourne United	31	6	3	22	30	74	21
Arundel	32	4	9	19	40	85	21

Premier Division Form Guide

Horsham YMCA	WWWWWW
Chichester City	DWWWWW
Eastbourne Town	WWLWWD
Langney Wands	LWLWWW
Saltdean United	WWLWLW
Peacehaven & Tels.	DDLWWW
Broadbridge Heath	LWDWWD
Hassocks	DWDLWW
Eastbourne Utd	WWLLLW
Loxwood	WWWLLL
Lancing	LDWDWL
Crawley Down	WDLDLW
Newhaven	WLLWDL
Pagham	WLLWDL
Lingfield	LWDWLL
AFC Uckfield	LWLWLL
Little Common	LLDDWL
East Preston	LWLLDL
Arundel	DLDLLL
Shoreham	LLLLLL

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Tot	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	247	3697	856	117
Peacehaven & Tels.	164	2777	444	108
Newhaven	117	1742	351	42
Hassocks	112	1781	206	79
Horsham YMCA	108	1615	164	65
Pagham	103	1545	307	42
Langney Wanderers	97	1644	245	55
East Preston	96	1617	128	61
Eastbourne United	90	1438	125	71
Chichester City	87	1467	160	47
Lancing	84	1428	132	54
Shoreham	73	1230	137	50
Little Common	70	1050	147	32
Crawley Down	69	1237	93	38
Broadbridge Heath	56	885	89	38
Loxwood	53	785	100	35
Saltdean United	51	758	97	27
Lingfield	49	732	73	36
Arundel	47	699	76	29
AFC Uckfield Town	42	584	57	24

Premier Division Scorers

Lee Robinson	Newhaven	41
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	23
Dean Brown	Horsham YMCA	21
Dan Perry	Eastbourne T	19
Matt MacLean	AFC Uckfield	17
Scott Jones	Chichester City	17
Oliver Leslie	Crawley Down	17
Sam Clements	Lingfield	17
Ben Gray	Arundel	16
Callum Overton	Pagham	14
Matt Daniel	Lancing	14
Jamie Brotherton	Saltdean	14
Callum Smith	AFC Uckfield	13
Zac Attwood	Eastbourne T	13
Callum Hart	Peacehaven	13
Alex Barbary	Horsham YM	12
Lewis Hole	Little Common	12
Devon Fender	B'bridge Heath	12
Aaron Capon	Eastbourne T	12
George Cousins	B'bridge Heath	12

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 23 West Table

Under 23 West Scorers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Horsham YMCA	15	11	2	2	42	23	35	Dion Jarvis	Arundel	17
Hassocks	14	10	3	1	41	14	33	Luke Richards	Lancing	12
East Preston	15	8	2	5	44	32	26	Jakob Heryet	East Preston	9
Lancing	18	7	3	8	42	29	24	James Littlejohn	Hassocks	8
Arundel	16	6	5	5	47	36	23	James Hubbard	Pagham	8
Selsey	15	6	3	6	27	25	21	Leon Earles	Horsham YMCA	8
Pagham	14	6	1	7	42	25	19	Ben Gray	Arundel	7
Southwick	17	5	4	8	24	40	19	Jack Collins	East Preston	7
Broadbridge Heath	12	5	3	4	21	19	18	Romeo Mulenga	Selsey	7
Mile Oak	17	4	1	12	18	64	13	Jack Kates	Arundel	7
Midhurst & E'bourne	15	2	1	12	21	62	7	Tom Shergold	B'bridge Heath	6
								Bradley Ross	Horsham YMCA	6

Macron Store Southern Combination Under 18 Central Table

Under 18 Central Scorers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Haywards Heath	15	14	0	1	98	27	42	Ollie Broad	Haywards Heath	31
Steyning Town	16	10	1	5	64	29	31	Mahamadou Juwala	Haywards Heath	18
Upper Beeding	13	8	2	3	54	29	26	Harvey Gallis	Steyning Town	18
Hassocks	13	8	1	4	49	27	25	Jacob Ross	Southwick	15
Southwick	10	7	0	3	41	21	21	Tristan Hayes	Hassocks	14
Lancing	12	5	0	7	29	28	15	Alfie Tugwell	Upper Beeding	13
St Francis Rangers	13	3	1	9	29	50	10	Alex Bridger	Steyning Town	13
Broadbridge Heath	14	2	1	11	19	59	7	Morgan Kennett	Southwick	11
Rottingdean	14	0	0	14	18	131	0	Yahya Azizi	Hassocks	10
								Ethan Carrick	Haywards Heath	10

South East Counties Womens League Division One West Table

Division One West Scorers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Hassocks	12	12	0	0	72	3	36	Billie Philpott	Hassocks	36
Mole Valley	13	9	1	3	53	26	28	Charlotte Blunt	Mole Valley	24
Burgess Hill Town	10	7	2	1	38	11	23	Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	22
Wandgas	14	6	1	7	26	38	19	Kelly Rushworth	Hassocks	15
Steyning Town	11	5	3	3	40	21	18	Kirstin Mair	Hassocks	13
Oakwood	12	5	0	7	34	25	15	Leigh Anne Jordan	Steyning Town	12
Milford & Witley	12	4	1	7	42	37	13	Sydnee Offord	Milford & Witley	11
Bexhill United	14	1	2	11	14	84	5	Maria Bardea	Burgess Hill	11
Victoire	12	1	0	11	8	82	3	Shauna Mann	Wandgas	8
								Leonie Diatta	Burgess Hill	8
								Becky Singleton	Milford & Witley	8



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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 **Liam Benson**
Lingfield away **Dan Jacques**
Pagham home **Harvey Enticknap**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **Phil Johnson**
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: **Liam Benson**
2nd: **Harvey Enticknap**
3rd: **Spencer Slaughter**

March 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:

April 2019

1st:
2nd:
3rd:



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Money raised in 2018/19

**August £153
September £238
October £187
November £85
December £136
January £153
February £102
March £153
April**

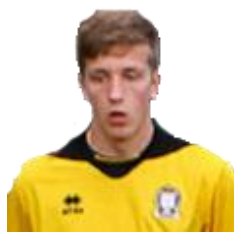
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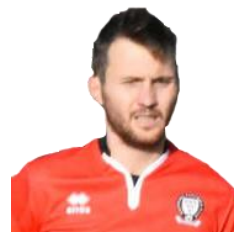
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Who's who of Hassocks

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	250	40	290	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	186	30	216	9
Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
Pat Harding	178	17	195	131
James Westlake	181	13	194	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
Phil Johnson	123	23	146	72
Rob South	130	14	144	3
Peter Lear	137	3	140	6
Dan Stokes	96	40	136	8
Ian Dawson	70	66	136	7
Andy Burt	77	56	133	35
Bradley Bant	117	14	131	12
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Jamie Weston	84	23	107	14
Liam Benson	77	29	106	30
Mark Launder	77	29	106	1
Jordan Badger	101	4	105	7
Sam Fisk	84	20	104	6
Tom Barnes	90	13	103	0
Jamie Hillwood	79	23	102	22
Eddie French	97	2	99	10



Pat Harding

In terms of goals per games ratio, there has never been a better Hassocks striker than Pat Harding.

Harding came through the youth system at the Beacon, playing as part of the side which lifted the Sussex County Cup in 2002 – the only Hassocks side ever to do so.

His goal scoring exploits at Under 18 level meant that it wasn't long before he was leading the line for the first team and over the course of the next five seasons, he would go onto net 131 times in 193 games, breaking Robbie Kitchen's long-standing all-time tally in the process.

Harding's best season came in 2005-06 when notched 43 times in 57 appearances, from that saw him secure a well-deserved move to Eastbourne Borough.

In four years at Priory Lane, he helped Borough to the Conference National League, becoming the first Hassocks player to reach that level of football and brief spells with Horsham and Whitehawk followed once he left the Sports.

Further success has followed at Burgess Hill Town, where Harding is now in his eighth season and considered one of the best ever players in Hillians history as well as Hassocks history.

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Next at the Beacon



Eastbourne Town
 Saturday 30th March. 3pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

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