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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 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

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, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017



Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Macron Store Southern Combination League Premier Division meeting with East Preston...

It barely seems like we've had a summer and yet here we are, back again for another nine months of football as another Southern Combination League Premier Division home campaign gets underway.

Tonight's visitors

We'd like to start by welcoming our visitors from East Preston who have undergone some significant changes over the course of the summer with a new management team and several new players coming in.

They kicked off the campaign with a 3-0 home defeat to Lingfield and so we'll have to be wary of a reaction this evening against a side featuring plenty of familiar names.

We'd also like to welcome our match officials and any other visitors who are joining us at the Beacon for the first time tonight - we hope you all enjoy your stay.

Robins start with defeat

It wasn't the best of starts to the season up at Horley Town on Saturday, although in some ways we couldn't have been given a much tougher assignment.

Horley are newcomers to the

league having been moved across from the Combined Counties, a league which is traditionally tougher than the Southern Combination.

Having said that, you'd be hard pushed to find many Hassocks connections who'd say that we did ourselves justice and so tonight provides an opportunity to put that right, especially after such a promising run of pre-season results.

Goals flow in pre-season

Those friendly fixtures saw the goals flow as we scored 14 times in four games against a variety of opposition.

You can find reports in tonight's programme from the Ann John Memorial Trophy match with Burgess Hill Town and the meeting with our other Isthmian League neighbours, Haywards Heath Town.

In addition to those two, we won 5-0 away at Division Two outfit Upper Beeding on our annual visit to the Memorial Ground and there was a 4-3 success over Division One Storrington in a ridiculously entertainment affair at the Recreation Ground.

Hopefully, that sort of excitement can continue into the season proper and Saturday's turgid fare at the New

Defence can go down as a one-off.

Ins and outs

We've tried to provide a bit of a round up of some of the new signings that Dogsey has made over the summer with Jamie Hillwood, Arni Kublickas and Nick Pitcher all coming back to the Beacon.

They've been joined by young Lewes prospect Jack Troak while Alex Spinks and Jack Rowe-Hurst looking to be fully fit after injury plagued seasons last time out are almost like two further additions.

Going out, we've lost Liam Benson to Steyning Town, Jake Lindsey to Horsham YMCA and stalwart Spencer Slaughter has moved to Loxwood, all of whom deserve our good luck wishes after their efforts at the Beacon over the past few seasons.

Up for the cup

Our next home fixture is this Saturday, a tough looking FA Cup tie with Langney Wanderers.

Kick off is at 3pm in that one and it would be great to see as many of you here as possible.

Owen & Scott



Today's visitors...



East Preston

Founded 1947

Nickname EP

Ground The Lashmar

Website

pitchero.com/clubs/eastprestonfc

Twitter @EastPrestonFC

Managers

Kerry Hardwell & Jon Tucker

Top Scorer

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 2014

SCFL Division 1

Winners 1998, 2012

Runners up 1986

SCFL Division 2

Winners 1984

Runners up 1991, 1995

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2013

SCFL Division 1 Cup

Winners 2012

SCFL Division 2 Cup

Winners 1988, 1995

New management team, new look squad. It's been a summer of change at the Lashmar for East Preston ahead of their third season back at Premier Division level...

Bob Paine and his coaching staff left the club a few weeks after the end of the 2018-19 with former Rustington management duo Kerry Hardwell and Jon Tucker being appointed in their place.

Paine had done a sterling job in stabilising the club after relegation to Division One in 2016, winning promotion back to the top flight at the first attempt and subsequently keeping EP in the Premier Division for the past two seasons.

Now it falls to two former Rustington managers to build on that by repeating the success that they had with the Blues at the Lashmar.

Under Hardwell's leadership, Rustington won both the Division Two title and the Division Two Cup last season, an impressive haul for his first season in charge.

The previous year, Tucker had been at the helm and he also won a double for the club, marking EP's new look management team as a duo who know how to win.

Their recruitment so far has been impressive as well with plenty of well-known names on the Southern Combination circuit making the move

to the Lashmar this summer.

Among those are a host of former Pagham players including Josh Irish and Andy Chick while David Crouch has made the move from Arundel.

EP kicked off their season on Saturday against Lingfield at the Lashmar where they were well beaten 3-0 by the Lingers.

With such changes having taken place over the summer, that perhaps shouldn't have come as a surprise and it may take EP several weeks to find their feet.

EP can at least take solace from the fact that since their promotion back to the top flight in 2017, games with Hassocks have been close run affairs.

Last season saw the two sides share a point in a thrilling 2-2 draw at the Lashmar before Phil Johnson scored the only goal of the game in the return at the Beacon.

In fact, the last five meetings have either finished 1-0 or 2-2, so based on that we're either in for a goal fest or a tight affair this evening.

10 Key Moments

1947... the original East Preston were founded but within 10 years had folded before reforming in 1966
1978... EP lift their first West Sussex title. They would go on to lift another three over the next six years
1984... become founder members of Division Two of the Southern Combination League
1985... are the first ever champions of Division Two but are denied promotion due to ground grading
1991... promotion to senior football is finally achieved but it's a brief, one season stay in Division One
1995... EP claim an historic treble of the Division Two title, Division Two Cup & Sussex Intermediate Cup
1998... promotion to the Premier Division is won for the first time
2012... after a three season stay in Division One, EP win the title and Division One Cup
2014... win their first ever Southern Combination League title along with the Peter Bentley League Cup
2016... relegated just two seasons after being champions, but bounce back with immediate promotion

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 13th
2016-17, Southern Combination One 3rd
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2011-12, Southern Combination One 1st
2010-11, Southern Combination One 14th
2009-10, Southern Combination One 14th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 18th
2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2001-02, Southern Combination One 3rd
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 20th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 4th

Hassocks v East Preston :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 30 - Won 10 - Drawn 9 - Lost 11 - Scored 40 - Conceded 53

SCFL Division Two... Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 8 - Conceded 10

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 5

Division Two Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 1 - Conceded 2

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 2

Total... Played 42 - Won 14 - Drawn 10 - Lost 18 - Scored 60 - Conceded 80

Previous 10 Meetings

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 East Preston

2018-19 SCFL Premier: East Preston 2-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 East Preston

2017-18 SCFL Premier: East Preston 1-0 Hassocks

2016-17 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 1-0 East Preston

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 East Preston

2015-16 SCFL Premier: East Preston 1-2 Hassocks

2014-15 SCFL Premier: East Preston 2-2 Hassocks

2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 East Preston

2013-14 SCFL Premier: East Preston 5-0 Hassocks

Played for both

Two former Hassocks players were part of the East Preston side who won the Southern Combination League title for the club in the 2013-14 season.

The first of those was **Joel Harding**, who was Dom Di Paolo's first choice goalkeeper throughout a campaign in which EP swept all before them.

Harding wound up at the Lashmar via Lancing having left the Beacon in the summer of 2010 to become number one at Burgess Hill Town.

He came through the youth ranks at the Beacon as part of the Under

18s who won the SCFL Youth League and the Sussex County Cup in 2002.

Harding went on to play 340 times for the Robins and was made club captain for the 2007-08 season, becoming one of the most popular players in the club's history in the process.

Rob Boddy was the second former Robin to be a part of that all-conquering squad having left Hassocks for EP in the summer of 2012.

Boddy made 12 appearances for the Robins in his brief spell at the Beacon.



JONNO STRIKES AS ROBINS RACK UP BACK-TO-BACK WINS

Hassocks began the new year as they had ended the old by putting three points on the board with a gritty 1-0 win.

Their final opponents of 2018 were Shoreham and just what a good three points that was at Middle Road was highlighted by the fact that this week, the Musselmen went and won 1-0 away at second place Horsham YMCA.

The Robins' first opponents of 2019 were East Preston and Hassocks had to show all their battling qualities at the Beacon against Bob Paine's talented young side to grind out another victory with a clean sheet to boot.

You have to go back nearly seven years to February 2012 to find the last time Hassocks managed back-to-back 1-0 wins, Phil Gault securing success against Sidley United and Chris Maynard doing likewise a week later against Shoreham.

This time, it was Liam Benson who won the three points against Shoreham and his strike partner Phil Johnson provided the only goal of the game here against EP.

Johnson struck for the 16th time this season 10 minutes before half time, the least that the Robins deserved for a first half in which they were the dominant side.

Bradley Tighe's decision to take a quick throw out on the right appeared to be a questionable one when it looked to have been cut out by Lewis Jenkins.

The EP defender's clearance was a poor though and he only succeeded in giving the ball to James Littlejohn who burst forward at speed before fizzing in a low cross.

Johnson meanwhile had timed his run to perfection, arriving front and centre of the goal before using his knee in a brilliant piece of improvisation to send the ball past George Bentley in the visitor's goal.

Hassocks had fashioned other opportunities to take the lead before that, most notably when hitting a post in the 20th minute as they gave another encouraging display of attacking football.

That was despite several notable absentees. Spencer Slaughter and Harry Mills were both suspended, captain Jordan Badger was unavailable due to work commitments and Jake Lindsey fell ill in the lead up to the game.

Mark Dalglish recalled November's Player of the Month Harvey Enticknap and he rewarded the manager's faith with a man-of-the-match showing in the midfield engine room alongside debutant Scott Kirkwood.

The former Burgess Hill Town favourite arrived in midweek from Shoreham and his signing is something of a coup for the Robins given that there will be other Premier Division clubs with bigger budgets who would surely love to have a player of his considerable talents.

Kirkwood showed glimpses of those talents, driving his new side on and there will no doubt be more to

come once he gets fully match fit, this being his first competitive action since his last appearance for Shoreham five weeks previously.

Littlejohn and Dan Jacques were the other beneficiaries of the absentees and both did their claims for more regular involvement no harm in what is a hectic 10 days in which the Robins play three home games.

EP emerged for the second half clearly fired up and it took an excellent save from Josh Green to deny Dan Huet just four minutes after the restart.

Yet for all their pressure, they never really managed to find a way past the Robins backline of Tighe, Jacques, Will Broomfield and Harvey Blake, who did an admirable job out of position at left back in the absence of Badger.

The closest EP came was when Luke Brodie fired just over in a melee from a corner. Hassocks really should have put the game to bed, using Johnson and Littlejohn's pace on the counter to good effect, but they couldn't quite find the second goal with both Benson and Johnson missing good opportunities.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Jacques, Broomfield, Blake; Enticknap, Kirkwood, Bull; Littlejohn, Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Whittingham, Brown, O'Leary, Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Harvey Enticknap.

The Kirkwood Coup...

As the match report said, signing Scott Kirkwood had been quite the coup for the Robins—but it wouldn't last.

In fact, this would prove to be his only appearance in a Hassocks shirt as Horsham—with whom he was dual registered—promptly

decided to recall him to their squad the following week!

That decision was justified as Kirkwood helped the Hornets to win promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division through the playoffs.



JOHNSY'S YOUNG GUNS SPRING A REAL SURPRISE

Hassocks boss Dave John is not the most excitable of characters.

But even he abandoned his usual position in the stands and was over the fence and on to the pitch to congratulate his players after the final whistle of the Robins' superb 3-2 victory away at East Preston.

"What a result!" he yelled as the referee blew to end the last remaining 100% record in County League Division One with what was one of the most remarkable results Hassocks have produced in quite some time.

They arrived at the Lashmar missing the services of five first choice players in skipper Chris Hewitt, Mickey Turner, Chris Brown, Matt Robbins and Will Wright and were also without the suspended Mark Sheriff.

That meant John was forced to throw together a young and inexperienced team that relied heavily on players from the reserves and youth sides to take on a side that had won five games out of five and were yet to concede in the league under new boss Chris White.

White assumed control at EP in the summer and he has drawn on his days as number two at Burgess Hill Town to put together a team who on paper look like they could be serious contenders for the league title.

There were seven ex-Hillians in the starting line-up and it could have been more had White's player-assistant manager Sean Edwards not been involved in a car accident en route. Fortunately he was unhurt.

But it is Hassocks and their young upstarts who deserve the attention. John handed full debuts to Alex Ternouth at sweeper, Martin Woods at right back and Matt Amos in attack.

Sam Fisk was given a rare start in midfield and Graham Beveridge, unavailable on Saturdays for the time being, answered an SOS call to help

out.

The young side not only worked hard but played surprisingly well, with plenty of excellent running off the ball that stretched a home back line that included Jay Head and Dez Guile.

It was harsh on the Robins when they fell behind on the half hour.

Josh Biggs did well to get behind the defence and his pull back finally fell for Phil Churchill to apply the finish.

Despite hitting three at Worthing United on Friday night, goals are still likely to be in short supply for Hassocks following Pat Harding's departure to Eastbourne Borough and it was going to be a good test of character to see how they responded.

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The answer to that was not long in coming, for just on half time the highly promising Amos produced some good work on the left and when Fisk's shot was half blocked, Richard Thomas nipped in to round keeper Tom Rand and put his side level.

It was Thomas's first goal of the season and one he badly needed to boost confidence despite some good touches and a work rate that continues to impress massively.

EP made the brighter start to the second half but slowly the visitors began to find their feet again as Anthony Hibbert, one of the elder

statesman of the team at the grand age of 22, took full responsibility in midfield.

On 64 minutes his free kick found Thomas at the far post but the downward header went wide.

A minute later Amos did brilliantly to set up Hibbert who should really have done better than leave the crossbar rattling.

EP looked surprised at the pressure they were under at this point and didn't seem to have an answer to it.

On 67 minutes, Fisk did superbly on the left and when the home defence inexplicably failed to deal with his pull-back, Thomas was left with a simple tap-in.

Inevitably, EP were going to pile forward after that but they offered nothing that Joel Harding and his defence couldn't handle until the 79th minute when Roy Pook's long throw was not effectively cleared and when Churchill returned it into the box, sub Peter Christodoulou headed home an equaliser.

Hassocks' response to that was both instant and impressive as they went straight up the other end from kick off and won a penalty as home skipper Leo Day was adjudged to have brought down Fisk.

It needed a cool head to take on the role of penalty taker and Hibbert provided just that with an excellent conversion for what proved to be the winner.

Hassocks: Harding; Woods, Lear, Ternouth, Marsh, Thompson; Beveridge, Hibbert, Fisk; Thomas, Amos.

Subs: I Simpson, Darbyshire, Hudson, Thornton, J Simpson (unused).

Starman: Plenty of candidates but Anthony Hibbert fully deserves it for taking full responsibility and underlining his emerging talent.

Back at the Beacon

The majority of Hassocks' work on the transfer front this summer has involved the re-signing of former players. Here are three extremely familiar faces who are back at the Beacon for the 2019-20 season...



Jamie Hillwood

Jamie Hillwood returns to the Beacon to bolster Hassocks' striking options.

Hillwood made his debut as an 18-year-old under John Suter's management in the 2008-09 season, having been part of the Under 18s side who defeated Arundel to lift the Southern Combination League Youth Cup at the end of the previous campaign.

He left the club in 2010, returning in 2013 for another three years at the Beacon as part of his second spell with the club.

Hillwood had a short-lived stint with Haywards Heath Town at the start of the 2017-18 season before another brief run with the Robins, since when he's been playing for Burgess Hill Albion in the Mid Sussex League.

He'll be looking to add to his tally of 22 goals from 102 Hassocks appearances.



Nick Pitcher

Nick Pitcher last pulled on a Hassocks shirt in the 2016-17 season before an injury hit year convinced him to call time on his senior career.

Three seasons on though and he is back at the Beacon for a second spell, adding to the Robins' options in both defence and midfield.

It was that versatility that made him an invaluable player during his first spell at the Beacon as he went onto rack up

130 appearances after making his first team debut in 2008.

Pitcher weighed in with his fair share of goals too, scoring a respectable 13 times—helped by an excellent record from the penalty spot.

He was a stalwart of the Reserve side which won an historic treble in the 2012-13 season and has previously captained the first team on occasion as well.

Defender Arni Kublickas last played regularly for the Robins' first team in the 2009-10 season.

The former Lithuanian youth international has 49 appearances to his name after making his debut in towards the end of the 2008-09 season.

Capable of playing anywhere across the back line, he too was part of the treble winning Reserve side before injuries and work severely restricted his availability.

Kublickas last turned out for Hassocks in the 2015-16 season, making a brief three game comeback for the first time in the early part of the season.



Arni Kublickas



Up for the Cups

So far, we know the identity of the opponents for three of the cup competitions that the Robins are entered in for the 2019-20 season...

Hassocks will take on Southern Combination Premier Division rivals Langney Wanderers in the extra preliminary round of the 2019-20 Emirates FA Cup.

In the Buildbase FA Vase, the Robins will enter the competition at the first qualifying round stage with a trip to Southern Counties East Division One side Meridian Valley Park. It will be the first ever meeting between the two clubs.

Meridian were founded in 1995 and play at the Meridian Sports & Social Club in Charlton.

As a result, this will be Hassocks' first trip to a club outside of Sussex in one of the national cup competitions since visiting Chessington & Hook in the Vase in 2013.

Meridian came bottom of their league last season but they received a relegation reprieve and they've introduced a new management structure for the coming campaign.

Boss Dwinder Tamna has stated that his aims for this year are a top three finish and a good run in the Vase, suggesting the Robins can

expect to face a tough test in south east London.

The tie will take place over the weekend of August 31st.

The winners will go onto face what would be a more familiar foe for Hassocks in the second qualifying round with a home game against either Lingfield or Horley Town lying in wait.

The FA Cup draw meanwhile means that the Robins and Langney Wanderers will face each other at least four times in the 2019-20 season.

There will be two Premier Division meetings, this latest fixture plus a clash in the Peter Bentley League Cup after the sides were paired together in the second round draw

Like the FA Cup game, that one also takes place at the Beacon, with the winners facing Division One opponents in the third round in the form of either Shoreham or one of Seaford Town or Mile Oak.

Before Langney's debut campaign in the Premier Division last season, they were another side that the

Robins had never faced before in a competitive fixture.

Those first two meetings were full of entertainment. Jordan Badger's last minute equaliser saw Hassocks come from 2-0 behind to draw 2-2 at Priors Lane while Langney netted a later leveller of their own at the Beacon through Tyler Capon's stunning 83rd minute strike to rescue a point at the Beacon.

Langney's FA Cup visit to Mid Sussex will take place this coming Saturday with a 3pm kick off.

The winners face a trip to Isthmian League South Central Division club Chipstead in the Preliminary Qualifying Round.

The Under 23s meanwhile will have to wait to find out who they face in the second round of the Under 23 League Cup.

They have been given a bye into round two, where they will face the winners of Southwick v Lancing.

The Robins had a good run in the competition last season, making it all the way to the semi finals.

HILL LEAVE IT LATE TO RETAIN THE TROPHY

**Ann John Memorial Trophy
Tuesday 23rd July 2019, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-3 Burgess Hill Town**



They left it late, but Burgess Hill Town did eventually have enough to see off a plucky Hassocks performance and retain the Ann John Memorial Trophy.

Warren Mfula's 88th minute strike was the final goal of a crazy game in which the Robins led twice against their higher division opponents before succumbing to a 3-2 defeat.

It was entertaining fare for the 297 in attendance who helped to raise a fantastic £1123 for St Peter & St James' Hospice.

We really shouldn't have been surprised though. Every time these local rivals meet, goals seem to flow freely with none of the five previous fixtures featuring less than four.

It took Hassocks just three minutes to get the party started on this occasion through Phil Johnson, whose effort took a wicked deflection, completely flummoxing young Mitch Bromage in the Hill goal.

Johnson was partnered in attack by the lively Jamie Hillwood, who has returned to the Beacon after leaving the club in 2017.

This already looks to be a shrewd piece of business from Mark Dalgleish.

Not only did Johnson and Hillwood show signs of a promising partnership, but Hassocks desperately needed to boost their firepower in the wake of Liam Benson and Jake Lindsey departing for Steyning Town and Horsham YMCA respectively over the summer.

Despite falling behind so early, Simon Wormwull's side weren't perturbed by that start and Max Miller, so often a thorn in Hassocks' side during his Haywards Heath Town days, soon began terrorising the Robins defence.

He forced Josh Green into two early pieces of solid goalkeeper, the Hassocks number one having to push

away a fierce free kick and then doing well to hold a goal bound effort after fine work from Andrew Briggs.

Another venomous effort from Miller was deflected over by the head of Alex Spinks before Briggs curled one just wide after collecting a clever layoff from Mfula.

Hill's pressure eventually told when they were awarded a 21st minute penalty, giving Aaron Smith-Joseph the chance to level things up.

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He couldn't take it however, failing to get his spot kick on target to the delight of the home faithful.

With the mercury pushing 30 degrees still at gone 8pm, both sides headed for a water break on 26 minutes.

This was bad news for Hassocks as they seemed to lose a little bit of concentration during the stoppage, resulting in Hill equalising just four minutes after play resumed.

Smith-Joseph was the architect, making up for his penalty miss with a wicked ball into the box which the giant figure of Mfula guided home for his first goal in Hill colours.

Miller and Green's intriguing battle continued with Green pulling off two more good stops from the Hillians striker.

At the other end, A Trialist had to be alert to cut out a clever Phil Johnson pass that might have sent Hillwood clear.

The final chance of the first half fell to former Hassocks favourite Pat Harding but he could only put his effort high over Green's bar.

Both sides rang the changes at the interval and it was one of

Hassocks' substitutes who put them back into the lead within eight minutes of the restart.

Will Broomfield had already given Hill a warning of the danger he possessed, working some space with neat footwork before putting his subsequent effort off target.

Less than 120 seconds later he had the ball in the back of the net, capitalising on a defensive mistake to produce a cool and calm finish past Bromage for 2-1.

Green continued to earn his keep, denying Josh Short and Tom Cadman but there was nothing the Hassocks stopper could do to prevent Hill equalising again, Cadman smashing in an effort from distance that flew into the bottom corner.

Given the heat, both sides could have been forgiven had the game petered out for the final 30 minutes but to their credit, they continued to go hammer and tongs at each other.

Johnson went close to giving Hassocks the lead for the third time, only to be denied by an excellent save and it took some fine defending from the Trialist brothers to thwart the Robins captain again moments later.

At the other end, Mfula was proving to be equally effective and you sensed that if a winner was coming from somewhere, it would either be Hill's new acquisition from Corinthian Casuals or Johnson.

In the end, it was the former who swapped to win it for the Hillians with just two minutes remaining, meeting a perfectly flighted pass from Dan Beck without breaking stride to head past Green.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Mills, Jacques, Whittingham; Stokes, Spinks, Russell; Rowe-Hurst; Hillwood, Johnson.

Subs: Broomfield, Kublickas, Pitcher, Ransome, Badger, Bull, Littlejohn, Pople.





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SEVEN GOAL THRILLER AS ROBINS PUSH HEATH CLOSE

**Pre-season friendly
Thursday 25th July 2019, The Beacon
Hassocks 3-4 Haywards Heath Town**



Hassocks and Haywards Heath Town have met six times in the past three seasons, and on every occasion the Robins have been well beaten.

They've scored just three goals against their Mid Sussex rivals while conceding 21 along the way in fixtures in the Southern Combination Premier Division, Sussex RUR Charity Cup and one previous friendly.

Mark Dalgleish's side can take heart then from this meeting at the Beacon, in which Heath only secured a 4-3 success in the 89th minute through Lekan Osideko's late winner.

That made it two games in the space of 48 hours in which Isthmian League sides have required last minute goals to see off a plucky Hassocks performance, coming as it did after the Robins' 3-2 Ann John Trophy defeat to Burgess Hill Town.

The fact that Hassocks have given two of the better sides from a division above a real test augurs well for the season ahead.

Not that it looked like such a close result would be on the cards in the opening exchanges as Heath sauntered into a 2-0 lead inside of 10 minutes.

Of those aforementioned 21 goals

that Heath have scored against Hassocks, six of them have come from Trevor McCreadie and it took him just five minutes to open the scoring on this occasion.

The Robins were their own worst enemy in the build up to the goal as they gifted possession to McCreadie, but the striker still had plenty to do to fire home past Josh Green from the angle.

Former Hassocks man Nathan Cooper added the second four minutes later, rising to power home a trademark header after finding some space in the box.

At that point, it looked like Heath could end up with a cricket score but Hassocks regrouped and pulled one back on 21 minutes.

It was easily the goal of the game as well, James Littlejohn showcasing his prowess from dead ball situations by curling an effort over the wall and past Luke Glover in the Heath goal from 25 yards out.

Heath dominated possession after that but were lacking an end product until Nico Cotton took it upon himself to re-establish a two-goal lead for the visitors.

The former Lewes man struck seven minutes before half time, cutting in from the left flank and beating two Hassocks defenders before finish past Green from just

inside the box.

With this being the hottest UK day on record, both sides rang the changes at the break and it was Hassocks who started the second half the better side.

They scored their second of the evening just six minutes after the restart with a goal that was extremely similar to Heath's opener.

It involved some suspect defending from the visitors' back line, which Dan Stokes was on hand to take full advantage of by beating Glover.

Heath striker Andrew Dalhouse proved to be a real handful in the second half and without the interventions of Green and his back four, the big striker could probably have had a hat-trick.

Hassocks looked as though they had punished the fact that he didn't when they equalised with just three minutes remaining, Antwon McKenzie conceding a penalty which Phil Johnson duly dispatched for 3-3.

The Robins were level for all of two minutes though before Osideko struck what proved to be the winner.

He made time and space in the box and fired low and hard into the bottom corner to maintain Heath's perfect record against the Robins—although it was nowhere near as easy as it has been in the past.



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DEFENSIVE ERRORS COST HASSOCKS DEAR AT THE DEFENCE

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 3rd August 2019, The New Defence
Horley Town 2-0 Hassocks



As far as season openers go, there wasn't too much excitement to shout about as Hassocks met Southern Combination League new boys Horley Town at the New Defence.

It was the hosts who ran out 2-0 winners, but that owed much to two defensive lapses from the Robins.

This was a game devoid of any real quality as two pretty robust back lines ensured that chances were at a premium, save for the goals that Hassocks contrived to give away.

The manner in which they conceded left Mark Dalgleish more than a little perplexed with Hassocks boss knowing that with a little more concentration, his side could have been heading back from the north of the county come 5pm with a hard earned point.

How good a point that would have been remains to be seen.

Horley are something of an unknown quality having been moved across to the Southern Combination League in the summer by the FA.

They finished 10th in the Combined Counties Premier last season, a league that is often considered stronger than its Sussex counterpart based on results in the national cup competitions.

Where that puts them in a Premier Division that doesn't have a clear cut favourite this year nobody yet knows.

But based on this showing, they'll be resolute, well organised and stubborn opponents - traits that could make them a threat to those towards the top of the table.

Hassocks had been scoring goals for fun in pre-season, registering 14 in four games.

Yet they couldn't land a real blow on a Horley back line that was marshalled superbly by the outstanding Ryan Brackpool.

True, the Robins were well below their best and created very little of the attacking verve that saw them give their Isthmian League neighbours Burgess Hill Town and Haywards Heath Town a real fright over the last month.

But credit should still go to Horley who defended doggedly when they needed to.

The closest that the Robins came to troubling George Hyde in the home goal was when Phil Johnson had a strong penalty claim waved away by referee Ciaran Kane.

"This was a game devoid of any real quality as two pretty robust back lines ensured that chances were at a premium, save for the goals that Hassocks contrived to give away."

That brought back memories of Hassocks' only previous visit to the New Defence for a competitive fixture, a 4-2 FA Vase defeat three years ago in which they had three cast-iron penalties turned down.

They'd fallen three goals behind inside a horror opening half hour on that occasion.

It wasn't the best of starts this time around either as Horley took the lead with just five minutes on the clock.

A long throw into the Hassocks box caused chaos and in the ensuing confusion, it appeared to be the unfortunate Andy Whittingham who sliced into his own goal when attempting to clear.

Hassocks regrouped after that early setback and they did some decent things through midfield as the first half wore on.

Alex Spinks was a controlling presence after an injury-hit campaign last time out and Jack Troak, a new signing from Lewes, showed plenty of

promising touches.

The Robins back four looked relatively solid as well.

Will Broomfield was partnered at the heart of the defence by Arni Kublickas, back at the Beacon after several seasons in the Mid Sussex League with Burgess Hill Albion.

With Harvey Blake and Whittingham in the full back positions, Josh Green a safe pair of hands in goal and the likes of Harry Mills and enigmatic fan favourite Dan Jacques sitting on the bench, Dalgleish certainly appears to have plenty of options for his rear guard.

What will help Hassocks' cause is if this becomes the season when they can finally cut out goals from set pieces.

Conceding cheaply from corners and free kicks has been an ongoing problem dating back to 2015, and it was from yet another dead ball scenario that Horley added their second midway through the second half.

Brackpool was the scorer as he escaped the attentions of Rowe-Hurst to be left with a free header which he gleefully powered past Green.

Hassocks turned to James Littlejohn and Joe Bull to try and wrestle a way back into the game but in truth it never looked likely as proceedings petered out, giving Horley an historic first win on their Southern Combination debut.

For Hassocks, there were some promising moments on a tough assignment, although Dalgleish and his players will know that they can perform much better than this.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Broomfield, Kublickas, Whittingham; Stokes, Spinks, Berridge, Troak; Rowe-Hurst, Johnson.

Subs: Bull, Littlejohn (used), Jacques, Mills, Westlake (unused).

First Team Matches 2019-20

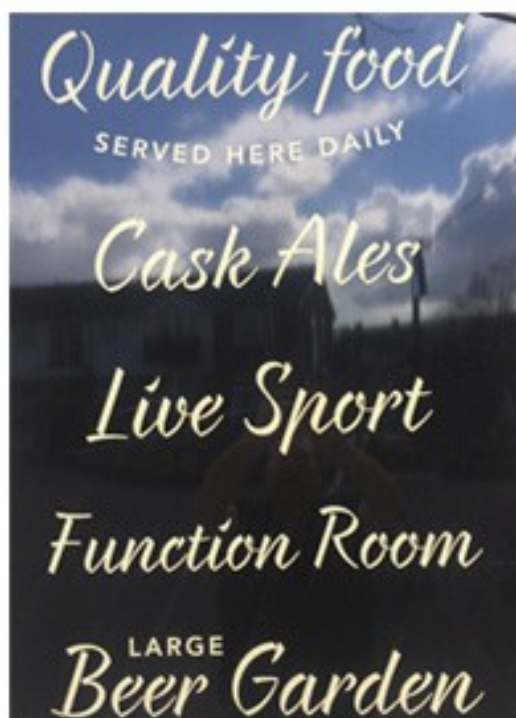
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 15:00	Horley Town (A)	SCFLP	0-2	
06/08 - 19:45	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
10/08 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	FACEP		
17/08 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
20/08 - 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/08 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFLP		
31/08 - 15:00	Meridian Valley Park (A)	FAVQ1		
September				
03/09 - 19:45	Langney Wanderers (H)	PBLC2		
07/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
10/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
21/09 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
28/09 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
October				
05/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (A)	SCFLP		
19/10 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
26/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
November				
02/11 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
09/11 - 15:00	Alford (A)	SCFLP		
16/11 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/11 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
30/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
December				
07/12 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
14/12 - 15:00	Horley (H)	SCFLP		
21/12 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP		
26/12 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
January				
04/01 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
11/01 - 15:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
18/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
February				
01/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
08/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
15/02 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
22/02 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
29/02 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
March				
07/03 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
14/03 - 15:00	Alford (H)	SCFLP		
21/03 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
28/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
04/04 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
11/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
13/04 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
25/04 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2019-20

Player	2019-20 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Matt Berridge	1	0	1	0	31	1
Harvey Blake	1	0	1	0	41	1
Will Broomfield	1	0	1	0	58	3
Josh Green	1	0	1	0	40	0
Phil Johnson	1	0	1	0	151	73
Arni Kublickas	1	0	1	0	50	1
Jack Rowe-Hurst	1	0	1	0	18	3
Alex Spinks	1	0	1	0	15	0
Dan Stokes	1	0	1	0	143	10
Jack Troak	1	0	1	0	1	0
Andy Whittingham	1	0	1	0	65	0
Joe Bull	0	1	1	0	38	0
James Littlejohn	0	1	1	0	30	4

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Under 23s start with first Oakwood meeting

It will be a history-making opening two games for the Under 23s with a first ever meeting with Oakwood followed by the Robins becoming the first visitors to Broadbridge Heath's new High Wood Hill Sports Ground...

The Southern Combination League have released the opening month's Under 23 fixtures for the 2019-20 season with Hassocks set to begin their campaign at home against Oakwood.

The Oaks will visit the Beacon on Thursday 22nd August for what will be their first ever competitive game at Under 23 level.

You have to go back to October 2010 to find the last time the two sides met outside of senior football.

Hassocks Reserves ran out 3-0 winners over the Oakwood counterparts in the first round of the Sussex Intermediate Cup with Logan Newington, Daley Clark and Stuart Brown on target.

The most recent league meetings took place in the old Reserve Premier Division in the 2007-08 season.

A Calum Murray brace and a Chris Brown effort gave Hassocks a 3-1 win in the meeting at the Beacon with the

Oakmen triumphing 1-0 up in Crawley.

There's more history to be made a week later when the Robins travel to Broadbridge Heath for what will be the Heath Under 23s first competitive fixture at the new High Wood Hill Sports Ground on Thursday 29th August.

"You have to go back to October 2010 to find the last time Hassocks and Oakwood met outside of senior football, the Robins running out 3-0 winners at Reserves level"

Hassocks took four points off Heath last season, winning 3-1 at the Beacon and drawing 2-2 on their final visit to the Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre.

The Robins' third game sees them host 2016-17 champions Pagham on September 5th while their fourth fixture comes against last year's West Division winners, Horsham YMCA.

Kick off at Gorings Mead on September 12th is at the slightly earlier time of 7.30pm.

Hassocks will be hoping for better than their 2-1 defeat from April which all but confirmed the title as being YM's with the Robins finishing in second.

Selsey make the long journey to Mid Sussex on September 19th with the Robins rounding off their early season fixtures with a Friday night trip to Culver Road to face Lancing on September 27th.

Under 23 Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
22/08 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23		
29/08 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
September				
05/09 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFL23		
12/09 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
19/09 - 19:45	Selsey (H)	SCFL23		
27/09 - 19:45	Lancing (A)	SCFL23		

Under 18 Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
01/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
08/09 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		
15/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18		
22/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18		
29/09 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL18		
October				
13/10 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	U18LC1		
20/10 - 11:00	Southwick (A)	SCFL18		
27/10 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
November				
03/11 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18		
December				
08/12 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		
January				
05/01 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		
12/01 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
19/01 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		
26/01 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18		
February				
02/02 - 11:00	Southwick (H)	SCFL18		
09/02 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18		
16/02 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18		

Ladies Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
11/08 - 14:00	Steyning Town (A)	Friendly		
18/08 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	Friendly		



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Coming up...

August is always a busy month and this year is no exception with the Robins embarking on their FA Cup adventure in four days time and then hitting the road for two tough looking Premier Division games...



Langney Wanderers

When?

Saturday 10th August

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Emirates FA Cup
Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round

Admission?

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

Langney Wanderers last season?

The 2018-19 season was Langney Wanderers' first as a Southern Combination League Premier Division side following a remarkable rise from Sunday League to senior football in just over a decade. Their aim at the start was to survive and they did that with ease in the end, finishing in 15th spot and some 10 points clear of the relegation zone. That was in part due to a blistering end of season run under the management of the wily Kenny McCreadie who remains at the helm at Priory Lane for this campaign.

Hassocks' record against Langney Wanderers?

Before last season, Hassocks had never faced Langney in a competitive game in senior football. But thanks to this FA Cup draw, two Premier Division fixtures and a further Peter Bentley League Cup clash to come, they'll meet four times in 2019-20 alone. Both meetings last year ended in draws, the Robins leaving Eastbourne with a point from a 2-2 in

September with the exact same scoreline being recorded in the reverse fixture in March.

Last time Hassocks played Langney?

Hassocks thought they had done enough to secure all three points in that Premier Division game five months ago at the Beacon as they led 2-1 with just seven minutes remaining. Tyreece Daley had given the visitors a third minute lead but goals from Dan Stokes and Phil Johnson put the Robins in command until Tyler Capon's 83rd minute equaliser.

Who are Wanderers dangermen?

The good news is that Trevor McCreadie - who always scores against the Robins - has returned to Haywards Heath Town this summer, so there is no him to worry about. Wanderers still have a squad packed with decent players though and the dangerous Capon will no doubt fancy his chances of netting against Hassocks again.



Horsham YMCA

When?

Saturday 17th August

Where?

Gorings Mead

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Horsham YMCA last season?

Horsham YMCA had an excellent campaign last time out as they finished as runners up to champions Chichester City, securing their highest league finish since the 2008-09 season when they were third in the table. Unfortunately, second wasn't enough to secure promotion to the Isthmian League for YM but Peter Buckland has kept the majority of his squad together and they'll be well fancied to go one better and win the title this time around.

Hassocks' record against Horsham YMCA?

If YM's current position as one of the favourites to win the league doesn't point to a tough game for the Robins, then their record against YMCA should. Hassocks have won just 11 times in 47 meetings with YM, losing 26. Their record at Gorings Mead makes for particularly grim reading with just two league victories there since 2000.

Last time Hassocks played Horsham YMCA?

For an hour, the Robins had hope of a rare victory in Shoreham after Jake Lindsey's early goal gave them a shock lead against YM back in April. Normality was restored however when Jack Hartley and Alex Barbary secured the three points for the hosts.

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.



Pagham

When?

Tuesday 20th August

Where?

Nyetimber Lane

Time?

7:30pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Pagham last season?

In a nutshell, it was a typical Pagham season. 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 eventual champions Chi. But their form dived off a cliff in November, not helped by a number of big-name departures and in the end they struggled to an 11th placed finish on 45 points. To put that into context, they accumulated 31 of those in the first 15 games of the campaign.

Hassocks' record against Pagham?

By and large, the recent history of Hassocks v Pagham hasn't been kind to the Robins. Before the two sides met in March, you had to go back to the 2013-14 season to find the last time Hassocks won, picking up a solitary point out of a possible 30. Overall, the head-to-head reads Pagham 25 victories, Hassocks' 17 and nine draws.

Last time Hassocks played Pagham?

That was the aforementioned rare win, and it was a big one too. Phil Johnson set the Robins on their way with a brace inside of the opening 15 minutes with further goals from Liam Benson and Will Broomfield rounding off a 4-0 success for the hosts at the Beacon.

How to get to Nyetimber Lane?

Journey west on the A27 to Chichester. Once on the bypass, take the second exit at the second roundabout onto Vinnetrow Road. At the next roundabout it's a left onto the B2166 Lagness Road which eventually turns into Pagham Road. After passing on a Tesco on your left, Nyetimber Lane is the next round on the left with the ground pretty much immediately on the right.

Played for both?

Jack Rowe-Hurst had a brief spell at Nyetimber Lane in the middle of last season, one of four clubs including Hassocks who he played for in 2018-19.

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Around the League



The 2019-20 Macron Store Hastings Southern Combination League season got underway with a full fixture list across both the Premier Division and Division One at the weekend...

Eastbourne Town were the Southern Combination League Premier Division's form team towards the end of last season as they stole a march into third place and they continued exactly where they'd left off on the opening day of the 2019-20 campaign by hammering Steyning Town 5-0 at the Shooting Field.

It was a chastening experience for the Barrowmen in their first top flight game since 1986 after winning promotion as Division One runners up back in April.

Dan Perry scored twice for John Lambert's side with George Cook and Thomas Vickers also on target in a result that left Town top of the opening day table.

Their rivals from across Eastbourne, **Langney Wanderers**, are sitting second after delivering a big home win when beating **Broadbridge Heath** 5-1 at Priory Lane.

Dan Blackmore scored twice for Wanderers with the other goals coming from Scott Taylor and substitutes Simon Piper and Shane Saunders.

On a good day from sides from the sunshine coast, **Little Common** also picked up a big victory as they hammered last season's runners up **Horsham YMCA** 4-1 at Gorings Mead.

The damage was done inside of the first 13 minutes as Common stormed into an unassailable 3-0 lead through a Jamie Crone brace and Lewis Hole.

Paul Wetherby added the fourth two minutes into the second half,

after which YM did at least manage to stem the flow.

Ben Connolly hit a hat-trick for **Lingfield** as they kicked off their campaign with an impressive 3-0 win away at **East Preston** and **AFC Uckfield Town** underlined their position as dark horses with a 2-0 home win over **Pagham**.

Liam Baitup marked his debut for the Oakmen with the opener on 23 minutes with Matt Black securing the three points with Uckfield's second deep into the seventh minute of time added on at the end of the game.

Crawley Down Gatwick ran out 2-0 winners at **Saltdean United** with the evergreen Nick Sullivan and Michael Wood netting while **Newhaven** had just about enough to see off **Loxwood** 3-2 at Plaistow Road.

Two former Hassocks favourites made their debuts for the Magpies as Josh Hawkes and Spencer Slaughter both featured for Alex Walsh's side.

Slaughter even marked the occasion with a goal but that and Luke Brodie's strike couldn't deliver anything for the hosts as a Seb Saunders hat-trick won it for the Dockers.

Reigning Division One champions **Alford** made their Premier Division bow with a 2-1 win away at **Peacehaven & Telscombe** thanks to goals from Johden De Meyer and Kelvin Lucas with Charlie Lambert on target for the Tye.

In the top division's final game, **Lancing** gave Naim Rouane the perfect start to his managerial career with a 2-1 victory at **Eastbourne United**.

Lewis Finney marked his return to

the Lancers with their opener and former Haywards Heath Town Under 18s striker Mahamadou Juwara netted what proved to be the winner with his first goal for the club two minutes later.

In Division One, **Roffey** had a tough introduction to life in senior football as they lost their first ever game 6-1 at home to **Selsey**.

Lindon Miller gave the visitors the lead inside of two minutes with a Max Davies hat-trick and a Callum Dowdell brace delivering a big opening day win for the Blues.

Mile Oak picked up an impressive 4-1 victory away at **Wick** thanks to goals from George Rudwick, Adam Dine, Thomas Biggs and Bakary Cham and two goals from Harry Russell underlined **Littlehampton Town's** position as one of the promotion favourites as they swept aside **Hailsham Town** 3-0 at the Beaconsfield.

Kieran Carter scored a brace for **Midhurst & Easebourne** in their 3-0 home win over **Worthing United** while **Seaford Town** were impressive 3-1 winners over recently relegated **Shoreham** for whom one-time Hassocks striker Michael Death made his debut.

There were two goals for Matt Waterman as **AFC Varndeanians** won 2-0 away at **Storrington** and Arundel marked their first game in Division One since 2000 by beating last season's third placed side **Bexhill United** 2-1.

Both **Oakwood** and **Southwick** also started with 2-1 wins which came away against **Sidlesham** and at home to **Billingshurst** respectively.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastbourne Town	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Langney Wanderers	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Little Common	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Lingfield	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
AFC Uckfield Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Horley Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Newhaven	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Alford	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Lancing	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Loxwood	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Eastbourne United	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Peacehaven & Tels.	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hassocks	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Pagham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Saltdean United	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Horsham YMCA	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
East Preston	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Steyping Town	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

Premier Division Attendances

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Eastbourne Town	W
Langney Wanderers	W
Little Common	W
Lingfield	W
AFC Uckfield Town	W
Crawley Down Gatwick	W
Horley Town	W
Newhaven	W
Alford	W
Lancing	W
Loxwood	L
Eastbourne United	L
Peacehaven & Tels.	L
Hassocks	L
Pagham	L
Saltdean United	L
Horsham YMCA	L
East Preston	L
Broadbridge Heath	L
Steyping Town	L

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gs
Seb Saunders	Newhaven	3
Dan Blackmore	Langney	2
Jamie Crone	Little Common	2
Liam Baitup	AFC Uckfield	1
Matt Black	AFC Uckfield	1
Ryan Brackpool	Horley Town	1
Luke Brodie	Loxwood	1
Lewis Finney	Lancing	1
Lewis Hole	Little Common	1
Mahamadou Juwara	Lancing	1
Charlie Lambert	Peacehaven	1
Simon Piper	Langney	1
Scott Robson	Horley Town	1
Shane Saunders	Langney	1
Spencer Slaughter	Loxwood	1
Nick Sullivan	Crawley Down	1
Scott Taylor	Langney	1
Paul Wetherby	Little Common	1
Michael Wood	Crawley Down	1

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arundel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littlehampton Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 23 West Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haywards Heath Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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South East Counties Women's Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley Wasps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herne Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkwood Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix Sports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Here are our winners so far this season...

Hassocks Man of the Match 2019-20

Horley Town away
East Preston home
Langney Wanderers home
Horsham YMCA away
Pagham away
Lancing home
Meridian Valley Park away
Langney Wanderers home
Eastbourne Town away
Broadbridge Heath away
Lingfield home
Loxwood home
Langney Wanderers away
AFC Uckfield Town home
Eastbourne United away
Little Common home
Alford away
Crawley Down Gatwick away
Newhaven home
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
East Preston away
Horley Town home
Steyning Town home
Saltdean United away
Pagham home
Lancing away
Eastbourne Town home
Horsham YMCA home
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Little Common away
Newhaven away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
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Saltdean United home
Peacehaven & Telscombe away
Eastbourne United home

Hassocks Player of the Month 2019-20

August 2019

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2019

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2019

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2019

1st

2nd

3rd

December 2019

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

February 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

March 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2020

1st

2nd

3rd



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Money raised in 2019/20

**August £0
September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April**

TOTAL

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HASSOCKS CENTURIIONS

The 50 players to have made 100 appearances for Hassocks in senior football

	Starts	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
Spencer Slaughter	248	42	290	47
Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
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	191	29	220	9
Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
Pat Harding	178	17	195	131
James Westlake	183	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
Phil Johnson	128	23	151	73
Luke Flomo	126	20	146	31
Rob South	130	14	144	3
Dan Stokes	104	39	143	10
Pete Lear	137	3	140	6
Ian Dawson	70	66	136	7
Andy Burt	77	56	133	35
Bradley Bant	117	14	131	12
Nick Pitcher	111	19	130	13
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Liam Benson	81	30	111	30
Jordan Badger	106	4	110	4
Jamie Weston	84	23	107	14
Mark Launder	77	29	106	1
Sam Fisk	84	20	104	6
Harry Mills	95	8	103	5
Tom Barnes	90	13	103	0
Jamie Hillwood	79	23	102	22



Mickey Turner

Mickey Turner is Hassocks' record appearance holder, having racked up 594 games for the Robins before his retirement at the end of the 2007-08 season.

Originally a striker with Crawley Town, he gradually moved back down the pitch and ended his career with the Robins as a right lung back in Dave John's famous 3-5-2 formation - despite being one of the oldest players in the squad.

Turner didn't just restrict his work for the Robins to his playing commitments either. He served for a number of years as the club's treasurer both during his time as a player and after hanging up his boots, right up until he emigrated to Australia a few years ago.

It seems unlikely that Turner's appearance record will ever be broken, leaving him to stand alone as one of the greatest Hassocks players of all time.

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East Preston

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Next at the Beacon



Langney Wanderers
Saturday 10th August. 3pm
Emirates FA Cup

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

Alford v Horsham YMCA
Broadbridge Heath v Loxwood
Eastbourne Town v AFC Uckfield Town
Lancing v Horley Town
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