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Hassocks look to start 2020 with a bang



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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 afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for our first home game in three weeks - and the first of the new decade...

We'd like to start by wishing all our supporters a very happy New Year and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Welcome to the Lions

Today's visitors are Pagham with the Lions making their second visit to the Beacon of the season.

The Lions will no doubt have good memories of their last trip to Mid Sussex, a 3-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup win back in September.

A much improved showing will be required today from the Robins if we're to take anything from this game - and one glance at the Premier Division table tells you how important doing so will be.

Pagham sit 18th in the standings with Hassocks 19th and just two points separating the clubs; Lingfield who currently occupy 17th spot just above the relegation zone are a further point ahead.

All of which gives this the feel of a must-win game, certainly for Hassocks with two of our next three games against the top two Lancing and Easbourne Town - talk about starting the year and the decade with a bang!

Wet weather takes its toll

The recent weather has been wetter than an otter's pocket and as a result, we haven't had any football played since December 14th.

The Under 23s league game at home to Pagham and their Sussex County Challenge Cup Quarter Final away at Loxwood in the first couple of weeks of December both fell to waterlogged pitches.

The Under 18s saw their trip to Burgess Hill Town postponed and the Ladies were also called off as the Beacon was flooded with Crawley Wasps set to be the visitors on December 15th.

Both of the first team's final games of 2019 were washed out with the visit of Steyning Town to the Beacon on December 21st and the Boxing Day trip to Saltdean United being postponed.

No new dates have been set for any of those fixtures at the time of going to press.

We do however have a busy few days coming up with the Under 18s hosting Burgess Hill Town tomorrow at 11am and the ladies travelling to unbeaten South East Counties Women's League Premier Division

leaders Worthing at 2pm.

The Under 23s meanwhile play their next game away on Wednesday night away at Loxwood in the quarter finals of the County Cup.

Any support that you can offer will as always be greatly appreciated.

Words of praise but no points from Horley

Our last fixture here at the Beacon came against Horley Town and despite a battling performance, it was another defeat as the Clarets triumphed 2-0.

Horley manager Anthony Jupp had some kind words about the Hassocks performance afterwards and the quality of the opposition was highlighted by the fact that three days later, they defeated then-leaders Eastbourne Town 2-1 at the Saffrons.

More performances like that can help the Robins climb out of the relegation zone, hopefully starting today against Pagham before that daunting looking trip to Lancing in a week's time.

Enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Today's visitors...



Pagham

Founded 1903

Nickname Lions

Ground Nyetimber Lane

Website paghamfootballclub.co.uk

Twitter @PaghamFCNews

Manager Bob Paine

Top Scorer Jakob Heryet, 8

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1981, 1988, 1989

Runners up 1993

SCFL Division One

Winners 1979, 1987, 2007

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1989

Runners up 1984, 2018

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1989, 2017

SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1972, 1986

West Sussex League

Champions 1966, 1969, 1970

WSFL Division Two South

Champions 1963

Today's visitors Pagham are one of the Premier Division's longest serving clubs having been playing top flight football since 2007 - and they look set to fight all the ensure that proud record remains...

Just like Hassocks, Pagham have found the first half the season something of a struggle.

They're one place better off than the Robins towards the bottom of the table by virtue of having drawn two more games.

Worryingly from a Hassocks point of view, they've picked up markedly in recent weeks and will arrive at the Beacon in good spirits.

Perhaps that shouldn't be a surprise.

It was a summer of sweeping changes at Nyetimber Lane as former East Preston manager Bob Paine was appointed to the hotseat, having to completely rebuild his squad in the process.

Such upheavals can often take a few months to deliver results as players and staff bed into a new environment and Paine and co will no doubt be hoping that is the case as they look to pull away from the relegation zone between now and April.

Another reason for the Lions to be positive here today is their recent record over Hassocks.

The sides have already met twice

this season, Pagham winning 1-0 in the league at Nyetimber Lane in August before following that up with a 3-0 demolition job in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup in September.

Those results were just the latest in a long line of disappointments for Hassocks against the Lions over the course of the last decade.

Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of four points from a possible 33, the only victory in that sequence coming when Hassocks ran out 4-0 winners here just under a year ago.

The overall head-to-head doesn't make for much better reading if truth be told.

The Lions lead the head-to-head by some way, having won 28 games to the Robins' 17 with nine draws.

There is a third and final reason for Pagham to feel confident - they'll have happy memories of playing at the Beacon.

It was here that they lifted their last piece of silverware, beating Haywards Heath Town to win the Peter Bentley League Cup at the end of the 2016-17 season.

10 Key Moments

1903... Pagham FC are formed, initially playing in the local Bognor Regis Football League

1950... move to their current home ground of Nyetimber Lane

1966... win the Sussex Intermediate Cup and a year later, the West Sussex League

1970... move to the Southern Combination after winning a West Sussex and Intermediate Cup double

1979... win their first promotion to the top flight of the Southern Combination as Division One champions

1981... win their first ever SCFL title but relegation follows three years later

1989... win a remarkable treble of league, League Cup and RUR Charity Cup

2005... their 18-year stay in the top flight comes to an end with relegation to Division One

2007... lift the Division One title to make a swift return back to the top division, where they've been ever since

2017... beat Haywards Heath Town to win the Peter Bentley League Cup

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 11th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 4th

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 6th

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 6th

2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 4th

2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 17th

2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 16th

2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 9th

2006-07, Southern Combination One 1st

2005-06, Southern Combination One 13th

2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 19th

2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 17th

2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 9th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 11th

2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 6th

1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 16th

Hassocks v Pagham :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 45 - Won 18 - Drawn 8 - Lost 19 - Scored 75 - Conceded 78

SCFL Division One... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 1 - Conceded 10

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

RUR Charity Cup... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 4 - Scored 3 - Conceded 11

Total... Played 54 Won 18 Drawn 9 Lost 27 Scored 80 Conceded 101

Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 RUR Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Pagham 1-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 Pagham

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Pagham 5-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Pagham 0-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Pagham 2-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Pagham 1-0 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-5 Pagham



LUCKLESS HASSOCKS CRASH TO A FAMILIAR FOE

For Hassocks fans of a certain vintage, facing Pagham in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup is synonymous with one occasion over 25 years ago now.

The Robins have never made it to the final of a senior cup in their 115 year history.

The closest they have come was in this competition in the 1993-94 season, when they advanced as far as extra time in the semi finals.

The opponents that day were Pagham and it was the Lions who ran out 2-0 winners.

It's a result that still rankles among the longer serving of the Beacon faithful.

Not that recent memories against Pagham are much better.

Before Bob Paine brought his side to Mid Sussex for this second round tie, Hassocks had lost nine of the previous 11 meetings.

This 3-0 defeat takes that appalling record to 10 in 12.

With these two sides struggling towards the bottom of the Premier Division, it was a clash which provided the chance for a morale boosting victory for one of them ahead of the return to league action this weekend.

Both have won just once in the league all season, Hassocks against East Preston as long ago as the first week of August.

There's no prizes for guessing who Pagham's only success to date came against, it of course being the Robins when they went to Nyetimber

Lane four weeks previously.

Lewis Jenkins notched the only goal of the game nine minutes from time on that occasion and it was he who got the party started for the Lions at the Beacon with 19 minutes on the clock.

There was an element of fortune about the opener from a Pagham point of view.

Yes, Hassocks should have done a better job of clearing their lines effectively but there still seemed little danger on as Harrison Mott delivered a low cross from the Lions' left.

That was until Andy Whittingham suffered an unfortunate slip which allowed the ball to reach Jenkins who finished from the edge of the box.

Whittingham's bad luck there summed up Hassocks' evening really.

While the Robins had no-one to blame but themselves for Saturday's heavy 6-1 FA Vase exit to Horley Town, this was a defeat in which nothing seemed to go the hosts' way.

Mark Dalglish made three changes from the weekend.

Dan Turner replaced Dan Jacques at the heart of the defence, Harvey Enticknap came in for the rested Matt Berridge and Joe Bull was rewarded for his first senior goal against the Clarets with a start in place of Liam Benson.

Continuing on the bad luck theme, Turner in particular was unfortunate not to open his account on only his second first team appearance.

The 19-year-old looks to be a real threat from set pieces and he had a header scrambled off the line from a

corner and was then denied from a free kick by an excellent save from Lewis Broughton in the Pagham goal.

Jack Troak was looking lively and he too was denied by Broughton before cracking an effort against the bar.

Hassocks would go onto complete the full set of woodwork in the second half, Enticknap hitting one post and then Bull rattling the other as the frame of Broughton's goal became every bit as important to Pagham as the man between the posts.

By that time though, Hassocks were 2-0 down, Mott having doubled the advantage just two minutes before the break.

You sensed at that point it was just going to be one of those days for the Robins and despite all their pressure and the amount of times they hit post, bar and Broughton, they weren't able to get back into the game.

Instead, it was Pagham who added a third with five minutes remaining through substitute Jake Heryet to set up a third round meeting with either Newhaven or Mile Oak.

Hassocks: Earl; Stokes, Turner, Kublickas, Whittingham; Broomfield, Enticknap; Bull, Troak, Hillwood; Bacon.

Subs: Berridge, Benson, Littlejohn (used), Galbraith-Gibbons, Jacques (unused).

Pagham 1-2 Hassocks

HARDING HEROICS AND BRISTOW DOUBLE TAME THE LIONS

It may have been Simon Bristow's excellent double strike that earned Hassocks their second win over Pagham in the space of three weeks, but it was only achieved after a superb performance from goalkeeper Joel Harding.

The Robins' captain made a string of quality saves to deny the lively Pagham front line of Rob Wimble and Michael Frangou and earn his side three points in a hard fought encounter at Nyetimber Lane.

With Dave John's options limited again by injury and unavailability, the Hassocks boss continued with Spencer Slaughter in the sweepers role while the bench consisted of three youth team players in Jamie Ingham, Phil Johnson and Arni Kublickas.

Hassocks could have taken an early lead but Phil Gault's shot on the turn four minutes in went just wide.

Harding then made two wonderful saves in quick succession, firstly diving full length to his right to deny a Frangou shot that took a deflection on route and then getting down low to his left to fingertip an effort from Wimble away for a corner.

The Robins had to defend four successive corners, with Pagham's Jamie Angell eventually shooting high and wide from 12 yards to relieve the pressure on the Hassocks goal.

At the other end, Laurence Robinson's pace caused problems and it was only his poor control when through on goal from an exquisite Gault pass that denied him a clear shooting chance.

There was an unfortunate and nasty clash between visiting defender Sean Dobbs and his goalkeeper Wes Hallett in that incident.

As a result, Dobbs had to leave the field in a considerable amount of pain after colliding with his robust

keeper.

Robinson was denied a penalty when he appeared to be bundled over in the box just before the interval as Hassocks finished the half strongly.

Any hopes that their domination could continue after the break were dashed when Pagham took the lead on 53 minutes.

Dan Martin was allowed too much time to shoot from the edge of the box after Pete Lear missed his header and when Harding parried the effort, the alert Frangou was on hand to tap home.

Lear, Wimble and Martin were then all booked by referee Massey as a brawl erupted after Martin's terrible challenge on Matt Robbins.

Normally a placid character, Lear reacted angrily to the challenge stating that the Pagham midfielder had left both his feet in on Robbins' midriff.

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Handbags ensured and the trio were the only ones to find their way into the referee's notebook when in theory, about five or six players could have been carded.

Martin for his part was very lucky to remain on the pitch.

That incident seemed to spur Hassocks on and they were soon level as Bristow seized on a miss kick by Kieron Urquhart to fire past Hallett with a fine left foot strike on the hour mark.

Harding then brilliantly denied Frangou with his feet and sensationally tipped away an effort from the same man at point blank range with the goal at his mercy.

It was not Frangou's day and Harding once again saved from him, this time with a brave stop at the Pagham forward's feet when the two adversaries found themselves in another one-on-one situation.

Harding's heroics were rewarded when Hassocks netted their winner with just 10 minutes remaining.

It came from a superb move down the right flank involving Mickey Turner, Robinson and Bristow which saw the little front man played in to beat Hallett with a well taken curling effort from 18 yards.

Bristow seems to enjoy playing against Pagham. His only previous goal in Hassocks colours since moving from Haywards Heath Town came in the Robins' 2-1 win against the Lions at the Beacon 21 days ago.

Pagham looked almost resigned to their fate at that point, probably sensing that even if they could conjure up another opportunity, it would probably just be saved by Harding.

Hassocks tried to take advantage of that as they went in search of a third goal to kill the game off.

Gault nearly provided it with a stunning volley from 22 yards which cannoned off the underside of the bar.

Had that of gone in, Gault would have had a Goal of the Season contender on his hands.

As it was, the Robins had to settle for a 2-1 win, completing an excellent league double against a talented Pagham side.

Hassocks: Harding; Turner, Lear, Slaughter, Faith, Thompson; Bates, Gault, Robbins; Robinson, Bristow.

Subs: Ingham, Johnson, Kublickas (unused).

Starman: Joel Harding for a wonderful display of goalkeeping, both for his superb shot stopping and handling in difficult conditions.



Robins of the Decade

The 2010s have finished, a decade in which Hassocks secured both their highest and their lowest ever Premier Division finishes through four managerial reigns.

But which players turned out the most for Hassocks between the start of 2010 and the end of 2019? Here are the top 10 Robins appearance makers of the decade...

10) Rob South - 144

Right back Rob South rocked up at the Beacon in the summer of 2010 as a university student in Brighton.

He played 144 times over the course of the first five seasons of the decade, becoming a popular figure with supporters for his swashbuckling runs forward as well as with the ladies for being so handsome.

Work commitments eventually bought the curtain down on South's Hassocks career in the 2014-15 season, although he has been spotted watching the Robins on several occasions after moving back to the area.

9) Spencer Slaughter - 147

Spencer Slaughter was already an established first team player by the time 2010 arrived.

He'd been part of the Under 18s side that won the Central Division title in 2005-06 and swept the board at the End of Season Awards in 2008-09, winning Players' Player, Manager's Player and Supporters' Player of the Year.

As a result, bigger clubs were starting to take notice. Slaughter spent time with both Worthing and Burgess Hill Town in the Isthmian League throughout, most notably as part of the Hillians side that won the South Division in 2015.

He still managed to play 147 times for Hassocks though over the course of four different spells.

8) Anthony Hibbert - 151

Anthony Hibbert sits fifth in the Robins' all-time appearance makers list having played 462 times for the club.

151 of those games came between 2010 and his departure for East Preston in the opening month of the

2014-15 campaign.

Racking up so many appearances in just four years tells you just how important Hibbert was to Hassocks during his time at the club, along with the fact that he was hardly ever injured or suspended - not really surprising for a man who seemed to always come off the pitch cleaner than when he'd gone on!

Hibbert's subsequent move to EP was short-lived as Dom Di Paolo resigned as manager shortly afterwards, at which point most of the squad at the Lashmar also departed.

For Hibbert, that meant a move to Horsham YMCA where he played until retiring in 2016.

7) Dan Jacques - 156

It says much about enigmatic fan favourite Dan Jacques that he has racked up 156 appearances for Hassocks over the course of the past decade.

In that time, Jacques has played in every single position for the first team. He's captained the Reserves to their historic treble in 2013 and he's

scored one of the best goals that the Beacon has ever seen in the Ann John Memorial Trophy match with Burgess Hill Town in 2014.

He's a player that would run through a brick wall for Hassocks and that is what makes him so popular with supporters as the "He's done it again!" cry that regularly goes up from the Maurice Boxall Stand is testament to.

6) Phil Johnson - 157

Hassocks' current star striker first burst onto the scene with a stunning hat-trick to beat Arundel 3-2 win the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup for the Robins' youth team in 2008.

Johnson had to wait a further three years for his first team debut as a result of his university studies. It eventually came under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 campaign, since when he averages nearly a goal every other game.

156 appearances have followed in two spells either side of a short period at Burgess Hill and a couple of years at Horsham YMCA between 2015 and 2018.

Johnson has missed much of the 2019-20 season so far after breaking a leg in the Robins' 2-1 win over East Preston back in August.

Having him back and firing - he's notched five goals in two Under 23 appearances and came off the bench to score a consolation in the 3-2 defeat against Newhaven last month - should give Hassocks a real boost as they look to fight their way out of the relegation battle in the second half of the campaign.

5) Dan Stokes - 164

Had Dan Stokes not had three seasons interrupted by his university studies, then he could quite feasibly have topped this list of the top 10 Hassocks appearance makers of the decade.

Stokes made his senior debut as a 17-year-old against this afternoon's opponents Steyning Town in a 3-0 Sussex Senior Cup win at the Shooting Field in 2013.

By the end of the 2013-14 season, he'd established himself as a regular in Mickey Jewell's first team squad and had captained the Under 18s to the Central Division title.

Stokes has gone onto play 164 times for the club in the middle of the park, at full back and even as a number 10.

Those numbers are impressive enough for someone who was only 14 when 2010 arrived, but they become even more so when you consider the fact that he missed most of the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons while studying.

4) Nathan Miles - 189

When the 2010s arrived, Nathan Miles was a young striker on the verge of a first team breakthrough.

That eventually arrived in the 2010-11 season, at which point the goals began to flow.

Miles made 189 appearances between the start of the decade and his retirement in 2018, scoring 72 times in that period.

His goals proved particularly invaluable to Hassocks in the 2011-12 season when the Robins secured their highest-ever finish of fourth in the Premier Division and he too might have been even higher up the list had he not suffered with a succession of injuries from 2013 until 2018.

3) James Westlake - 194

James Westlake arrived at the Beacon from St Francis Rangers with a broken leg in 2011 but once he got fit and firing, he has gone onto be one of the best Hassocks players of the past 10 years.

194 appearances have followed, despite the fact that he had two seasons back with Rangers in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and has scaled down his football commitments significantly over the past few years to focus on marathon running.

That's not been a bad decision. Westlake In 2018, he was the seventh British finisher home in the London Marathon with a time of 2:24:19 and followed that up by

representing England in the Toronto Marathon six months later where he completed in 2:23:05, a personal best.

All of which has helped Westlake become one of the most popular Hassocks players we've seen, as shown by him being a multiple winner of the Supporters' Player of the Year Award.

2) Phil Gault - 225

Hassocks' greatest ever scorer netted 139 of his record 185 goals over the course of 225 appearances in the 2010s.

That tells you all you need to know about the contribution of Phil Gault to the Hassocks cause, really.

He finished as the Southern Combination League's top scorer in both the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons, the only player to achieve the feat after Pat Harding.

It was Gault's goals which fired Hassocks to their fourth placed finish in 2012 with that period of success being forever linked with his scoring feats.

It's no surprise that Hassocks went from being a club challenging for a top five spot to one battling relegation following Gault's departure to Haywards Heath Town in 2014, but a year later he returned and helped keep the Robins afloat in the Premier Division before his retirement from senior football midway through the 2017-18 campaign.

1) Ashley Marsh - 282

Captain. Leader. Legend. Ashley Marsh made 525 appearances for Hassocks with 282 of those coming between 2010 and his retirement in 2018.

Marsh was an excellent defender who represented Sussex and another who ended up winning multiple Player of the Season awards during his 14 years of service.

There isn't much more to say really about a player who will rightly be known as the Mr Hassocks of the 2010s.

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Cup clashes fill the January fixture list

January's fixtures for Hassocks Under 23s, Under 18s and Ladies have been released with a glut of cup games to kick off the new year.

Dave John's Under 23 side begin with a Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup Quarter Final away at Combined Counties side Loxwood this Wednesday night with a 7.45pm kick off.

The original November tie was understandably postponed following the tragic of death of Loxwood player Suel Delgado a few days beforehand.

Plaistow Road was then waterlogged for the rearranged fixture which had been due to take place a week before Christmas.

It will be the first meeting at Under 23 level between the sides since the 2015-16 season, the Magpies completing a Southern Combination West Division double by winning 3-1 at the Beacon and 3-2 at Plaistow Road on their way to winning the league title.

Hassocks have never reached this

stage of the competition before with the winners progressing to face Horsham in the semi finals.

On Thursday 16th January, the Robins face more knockout action as they travel to Old Barn Way to take on Southwick in the League Cup at 7.45pm.

The Robins reached the last four of the competition last season before crashing out to East Preston.

Two league games then round off the month at home to Arundel on Thursday 23rd and away at Selsey on Wednesday 29th.

Both of those are scheduled to start at 7.45pm.

The Under 18s have a mouth watering tie to start the new decade with as Burgess Hill Town visit the Beacon in a Mid Sussex Derby tomorrow afternoon at 11am.

Brad Sweetman then takes his side to Broadbridge Heath's new High Wood Hill Sports Ground on Sunday 12th with a blank weekend on the 19th following Southwick's withdrawal from the Under 18 Central Division.

The Young Robins then round off

the month with a trip to Shoreham on Sunday 26th.

2020 couldn't begin with a more sterner test for the Ladies as they travel to unbeaten South East Counties Women's League leaders Worthing tomorrow afternoon.

Kick off is at 2pm and we can at least say with near certainty that it is a game that will go ahead thanks to the 4G pitch at Woodside Road.

A week later and the Ladies are in League Cup Quarter Final action away at Phoenix Sports.

The Robins have a good record in the competition having lifted the trophy in 2018 and reached the semi finals last year, so Martin Lee's side will be hoping to write some more history at Mayplace Road with a slightly earlier kick off time of 1.30pm.

On Sunday 19th, Hassocks make the short journey to the Oval to take on Eastbourne United and they round their January off with a home game against Worthing on Sunday 26th, meaning that there will be two tough games against the only side in the league to still have a 100% record.

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NO POINTS BUT MORE PRAISE FOR HASSOCKS' BATTLING SPIRIT

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 14th December 2019, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-2 Horley Town

Last time Hassocks faced Horley Town, it was an afternoon to forget for the Robins.

Anthony Jupp's side came to the Beacon back in September in the first qualifying round of the Buildbase FA Vase.

Both sides had made decent starts to the season in all competitions and a close game seemed in prospect.

How wrong could you be? 90 chastening minutes later and Hassocks' hopes of a decent run in the national competition had been pulverised, the visitors cruising to an easy 6-1 success under the Mid Sussex sun.

In the intervening three months, Hassocks have won just three times.

There is a feeling though that the Robins may have turned a corner in recent weeks, going down to single goal defeats against Newhaven and Peacehaven & Telscombe before recording a first win in nine away at East Preston.

Another clash with the inflictors of Hassocks' heaviest defeat of the season would test that theory and although the Robins didn't managed to add any points to their total, they did give Horley a real run for their money before succumbing to a 2-0 defeat.

"Hassocks did really well, a massive improvement on last time we met," Jupp said afterwards.

"The first half was very tight, for sure. But play like that for the rest of the season and I think they'll be fine."

Jupp isn't the first opposition figure to state his belief that Hassocks will get out of the mire by the end of the season.

Both Crawley Down Gatwick and Peacehaven had praise for the Robins after they'd narrowly managed to defeat Mark Dalgleish's men in the past month.

But kind words don't keep you up. Only points do that and Hassocks know that they'll need to probably quadruple their current total of 10 over the course of the second half of the season if they are to fulfil the positive predictions of recent opponents.

Having a settled starting XI would help in that regard, a luxury that Dalgleish is slowly starting to have again after a terrible run of luck with injuries and availability.

There were just the two changes from side who picked up that vital win at the Lashmar last weekend.

Alex Spinks and James Littlejohn were both unavailable with their places were taken by Harvey Enticknap and Jamie Hillwood.

As Jupp eluded too, the first half was a close-run affair.

It was an opening 45 minutes that was largely dominated by defences with good opportunities few and far between.

That was reflected in the fact that of the four candidates for Hassocks' Supporters' Man-of-the-Match, three of them were defenders with Harry Mills, Jack Troak and Dan Turner all making the frame.

The other was Liam Benson who put in a typically hard-working shift in attack, the only thing missing from his performance being a goal.

Benson is yet to net in 15 appearances since returning for a third spell with Hassocks from Steyning Town a month into the campaign.

The Barrowmen are the next visitors to the Beacon in a week's time; there'd be no better occasion for Benson to get his account up and running than against his former club in what will be the first meeting between the two since 1995.

Back to the action in hand and it was Russell Harvey who took advantage of one of the few first half chances to opening the scoring with 15 minutes on the clock.



Tony Halsey added the second six minutes after the restart with his 10th goal of the campaign.

There was lots of honest second half endeavour from the Robins but they weren't able to find a way back into the game, failing to score against Horley for the second time in the league this season after defeat on the opening day at the New Defence, also by two goals to nil.

Horley looked like they could be dark horses for the title on that day - their debut fixture in the Southern Combination League following a sideways move from the Combined Counties.

And this result helps keep them on the cusp of the title race, leaving Town 10 points behind first placed Eastbourne Town with two games in hand and a trip to the Saffrons to come on Tuesday night.

Win those three and they'll be within a point of the long-term leaders. Suddenly, the dark horses aren't looking quite so dark.

Clearly, Hassocks were up against quality opposition who they pushed close, just as they have in recent weeks.

The challenge now is to turn these sorts of performances into points.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Turner, Mills, Troak; Enticknap, Boomfield; Hillwood, Benson, Mastagarkov; Johnson.

Subs: Kublickas, Loversidge, Marshall, Stokes.

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	2-1	Troak, Johnson
10/08 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	FACEP	2-0	Rowe-Hurst, Berridge
17/08 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	2-2	Blake, Bacon
20/08 - 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
24/08 - 15:00	Chipstead (A)	FACEP	0-0	
26/08 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Littlejohn
01/09 - 15:00	Meridian Valley Park (A)	FAVQ1	2-0	Hillwood, Troak
September				
03/09 - 19:45	Chipstead (H)	FACEPR	2-3	Littlejohn, Troak
07/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Bacon
10/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP	1-2	Bacon
14/09 - 15:00	Horley Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-6	Bull
17/09 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	RURC2	0-3	
21/09 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-3	Enticknap
28/09 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	6-2	Bull, Littlejohn (3), Bacon (2)
October				
01/10 - 19:45	Arundel (A)	SSC1	6-4 AET	Troak (2), Bull, Littlejohn, Bacon, Stokes
05/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (A)	SCFLP	0-4	
12/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	PBLC2	2-4	Hillwood, Bacon
26/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Littlejohn
November				
05/11 - 19:45	Lancing (H)	SSC2	1-4	Stokes
16/11 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Whittingham, Hillwood
19/11 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	0-4	
23/11 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	2-3	Bacon, Johnson
30/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP	0-1	
December				
07/12 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	2-1	Mastagarkov, Turner
14/12 - 15:00	Horley (H)	SCFLP	0-2	
January				
04/01 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
11/01 - 15:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
14/01 - 19:45	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
18/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
21/01 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	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	Alfold (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			Goals	Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games		Games	Goals
Jack Troak	24	0	24	5	24	5
Dan Stokes	14	9	23	2	165	12
Ben Bacon	17	5	22	8	46	17
James Littlejohn	17	4	21	7	49	11
Harvey Blake	18	1	19	1	59	2
Jamie Hillwood	17	2	19	3	121	25
Harvey Enticknap	15	3	18	1	47	2
Josh Green	17	0	17	0	58	0
Andy Whittingham	17	0	17	0	81	0
Harry Mills	15	2	17	0	120	5
Will Broomfield	15	1	16	0	73	3
Arni Kublickas	14	1	15	0	64	1
Liam Benson	7	8	15	0	126	30
Matt Berridge	13	1	14	1	44	2
Joe Bull	5	9	14	3	51	3
Alex Spinks	9	2	11	0	25	0
Dan Jacques	8	1	9	0	229	9
Luke Marshall	6	2	8	0	8	0
Dan Turner	7	0	7	1	7	1
Phil Johnson	4	3	7	2	157	75
Charlie Pugh	6	0	6	0	6	0
Jack Rowe-Hurst	5	1	6	1	23	4
Blagomir Mastagarkov	3	1	4	1	4	1
Lewis Westlake	3	1	4	0	75	4
James Earl	3	0	3	0	3	30
Louis Pople	1	2	3	0	24	3
Harvey Ransome	0	3	3	0	3	0
Thomas Jupp	2	0	2	0	2	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	1	1	2	0	29	3
Jack Gardner	1	1	2	0	2	0
Nick Pitcher	1	0	1	0	131	13
Alfie Loversidge	0	1	1	0	1	0



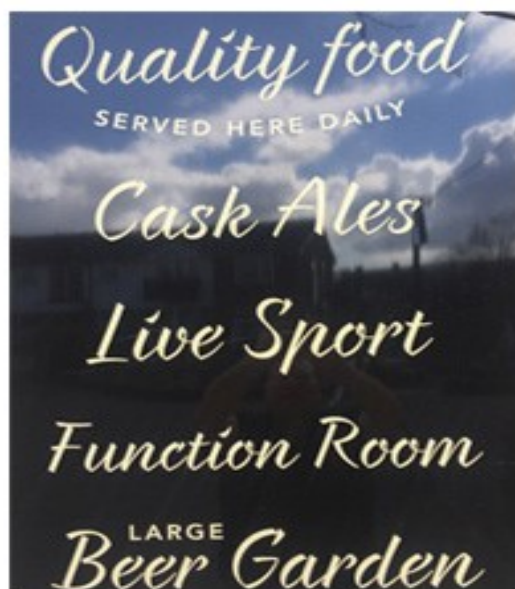
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Under 23 Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
22/08 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23	1-2	Galbraith-Gibbons
29/08 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Bull, Atherton
September				
12/09 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-2	Benson
19/09 - 19:45	Selsey (H)	SCFL23	3-2	Turner, Benson (2)
26/09 - 13:30	East Preston (A)	SCFL23	0-1	
October				
03/10 - 19:45	Worthing United (H)	SCFL23	0-2	
10/10 - 19:45	Three Bridges (A)	CU23C1	3-3 AET	Loversidge (2), Galbraith-Gibbons (Won 8-7 on pens)
18/10 - 19:45	Lancing (A)	SCFL23	2-4	Pople, Jupp
31/10 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	1-2	Galbraith-Gibbons
November				
07/11 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	CU23C2	4-3 AET	Turner (2), Dimelow
21/11 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	5-1	Johnson (3), Galbraith-Gibbons, Bull
28/11 - 19:45	Lancing (H)	SCFL23	6-1	Johnson (2), Bull, Galbraith-Gibbons, Ransome, Donaldson
January				
08/01 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	CU23CQF		
16/01 - 19:45	Southwick (A)	U23LC2		
23/01 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	SCFL23		
29/01 - 19:45	Selsey (A)	SCFL23		

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Under 23 Appearances 2019-20

Player	2019-20 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
George Galbraith-Gibbons	12	0	12	5
Thomas Jupp	9	2	11	1
Ben O'Leary	10	0	10	0
Dan Turner	10	0	10	3
Joe Bull	9	1	10	3
Harvey Ransome	8	1	9	1
Alfie Loversidge	3	6	9	2
Jack Gardner	6	2	8	0
Matt Denyer	2	6	8	0
Max Donaldson	7	0	7	1
Joe Russell	6	0	6	0
Joe Tatford	2	4	6	0
Kieran Dimelow	5	0	5	2
Solly Ross	5	0	5	0
Reece Wickwar	5	0	5	0
Luke Marshall	2	3	5	0
Steve Bright	1	4	5	0
Liam Benson	4	0	4	3
James Earl	4	0	4	0
Louis Pople	4	0	4	1
Charlie Alderton	0	4	4	0
Brad Sweetman	0	4	4	0
Lewis Westlake	3	0	3	0
Sam Cash	2	1	3	0
James Westlake	2	1	3	0
Harvey Enticknap	2	0	2	0
Phil Johnson	2	0	2	5
Nick Pitcher	2	0	2	0
Jake Atherton	0	2	2	1
Toby Fisher	1	0	1	0
Josh Green	1	0	1	0
Ben Jonas	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	1	0	1	0
Andy Whittingham	1	0	1	0
Connor Bradley	0	1	1	0
Will Broomfield	0	1	1	0
Tristan Hayes	0	1	1	0
Connor Weir	0	1	1	0



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LEAGUE CUP DREAMS OVER AS HASSOCKS ARE OUSTED BY OAK

**Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup First Round
Sunday 8th December 2019, Mile Oak Recreation Ground
Mile Oak U18 3-2 Hassocks U18**

If Hassocks are to regain the Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division title this season, then their League Cup trip to Mile Oak was an indication of just how tough the competition is going to be.

Oak are yet to drop a point in the league so far, the proud holders of the only remaining 100% record in the Central Division.

They're now into the second round of the League Cup too having come out on top in an enthralling clash which eventually ended 3-2 to the hosts at Mile Oak Rec.

This was a tough draw for Hassocks, the 2018 winners of the competition with Chalky Road never an easy place to go at the best of times.

The Robins might have fancied their chances had this game taken place at the Beacon where they are unbeaten this season.

They had originally been given a home draw too, but if a club postpones a cup tie twice then competition rules state that the venue is switched to the opposition's home pitch.

With what feels like non-stop rain having battered the Beacon for the past six weeks, Hassocks fell foul of that particular rule and so found

themselves making the short journey over the Downs.

The Robins manager Brad Sweetman made three changes from the side that had beaten Broadbridge Heath 4-2 in the league a week previously.

Goalkeeper Toby Fisher missed out for the first time this season as he was rested to the bench along with Freddie Gamblin while Harry Meredith was absent from proceedings.

In their places came Jayden Dunkley for his full debut, Jack Gardner and Yahya Azizi who is continuing to work his way back to full fitness.

Azizi marked his return to the starting line up with one of the Robins' goals, taking his tally for the season to three in six games, with only three of those appearances having been from the start.

Azizi remains somewhat behind Harrison Lees in the scoring chart however.

Lees was the other player on target for Hassocks with his 12th of the season, pulling him further ahead of Lewis Beebee in what has been an intriguing battle for the top scorer accolade so far this season.

Beebee's cause in that regard has not been helped by the suspension he is currently serving for a red card picked up in the Robins' Dennis



Probee Youth Cup defeat to Burgess Hill Town.

Oak's goals came from Franklin Bendu, Ben Tennant and Matthew Thompson, setting up a second round meeting with Saltdean United.

These two sides will meet twice in the Central Division in the new year, two games which could go a long way towards deciding where the championship ends up in what is looking like a three-horse race between Hassocks, Oak and current leaders St Francis Rangers.

There will be one less opponent for all three to face with the news that rock-bottom Southwick have pulled out of the division.

The Wickers had lost all six of the games so far, including when being beaten 13-0 by Hassocks back in September - a result which will now be expunged.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Marshall, Mears, Crawford, Charlesworth, Gardner, Reep, Lees, Loversidge, McDermott, Azizi.

Subs: Fisher, Gamblin (used).



Under 18 Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
08/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	1-3	Lees
15/09 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	2-1	Loversidge, Lees
October				
06/10 - 11:00	Lewes Juniors (A)	CU18C1	8-1	Beebee (3), Gamblin (2), Lees (2), McDermott
20/10 - 11:00	Southwick (A)	SCFL18	13-0	Beebee (5), Lees (3), Gamblin (2), Jones, Loversidge, Marshall
27/10 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	4-1	Lees (2), Beebee, Azizi
November				
17/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	CU18C2	0-3	
December				
01/12 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL18	4-2	Lees, Loversidge, Crawford, Azizi
08/12 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	U18LC1	2-3	Azizi, Lees
January				
05/01 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18		
12/01 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18		
26/01 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		
February				
02/02 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18		
09/02 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18		
16/02 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
23/02 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
March				
01/03 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2019-20

Player	2019-20 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Alex Crawford	8	0	8	0
Harrison Lees	8	0	8	11
Alfie Loversidge	8	0	8	3
Finlay McDermott	8	0	8	1
Toby Fisher	7	1	8	0
Luke Marshall	7	1	8	1
Freddie Gamblin	5	3	8	4
Oliver Charlesworth	6	1	7	1
Lewis Beebee	6	0	6	9
Jack Gardner	6	0	6	0
Lewis Reep	4	2	6	0
Yahya Azizi	3	3	6	3
Charlie Jones	5	0	5	1
Guy Underwood	0	5	5	0
Harry Meredith	4	0	4	0
Fraser Mears	2	0	2	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	1	2	0
Archie Tunnell	0	1	1	0

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Ladies Matches 2019-20

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
08/09 - 14:00	Lewes (H)	SECWP	1-2	Rushworth
15/09 - 14:00	Newhaven (A)	SECWP	1-1	Jump
22/09 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (H)	SECWP	3-2	King, Rushworth, Stevens
October				
06/10 - 14:00	Parkwood Rangers (A)	SECWP	0-1	
13/10 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	SECWP	0-2	
20/10 - 14:00	Lewes (A)	SECWP	2-2	K.Chappell, Rushworth
27/10 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SECWP	3-3	Purse (2), King
December				
01/12 - 13:30	Sittingbourne (H)	SECLC2	2-1	K.Chappell, Jump
January				
05/01 - 14:00	Worthing (A)	SECWP		
12/01 - 13:30	Phoenix Sports (A)	SECLCQF		
19/01 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SECWP		
26/01 - 14:00	Worthing (H)	SECWP		
February				
02/02 - 14:00	Phoenix Sports (A)	SECWP		
16/02 - 14:00	Ashford (A)	SECWP		

Ladies Appearances 2019-20

Player	2019-20 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Gemma Craig	8	0	8	0
Sam Newman	8	0	8	0
Sarah Chappell	7	0	7	0
Chloe John	7	0	7	0
Kirstin Mair	7	0	7	0
Claire Stevens	7	0	7	1
Rose Jump	4	3	7	2
Ria Banitas	3	4	7	0
Jess Craig	6	0	6	0
Emma Flin	5	1	6	0
Jodie Johanson	4	2	6	0
Liz King	4	2	6	1
Tallie Bright	2	4	6	0
Bethany Purse	5	0	5	0
Katherine Chappell	4	1	5	2
Kelly Rushworth	4	0	4	3
Emily Brocklehurst	2	1	3	0
Emma Young	1	0	1	0
Holly Larmar	0	1	1	0
Ellie Moquet	0	1	1	0
Holly Webb	0	1	1	0



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Coming up...

Talk about a tough way to start the year. The Premier Division's top two lie in wait for Hassocks in their next two fixtures with a trip to Lancing and then a home game with Eastbourne Town sandwiching the rearranged tie with Little Common...



Lancing

When?

Saturday 11th January

Where?

Culver Road

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Lancing this season?

Lancing have never before won the Southern Combination League title and they may not have a better chance than this season. Two months ago and it looked as if Eastbourne Town were on a procession towards being crowned champions, but the Lancers inflicted a first defeat of the season on John Lambert's team when winning 3-1 at Culver Road and it's blown the title race wide open. Since then, Lancing have overhauled Town to sit top of the table, one point clear but crucially with a game in hand. All of a sudden, Naim Rouane's side are in pole position.

Hassocks' record against Lancing?

We've met the Lancers 29 times, winning 11, drawing seven and losing 11. As last season's finishing positions show, both sides tend to suffer similar fortunes – when Hassocks have been towards the top of the table, so have Lancing – and that explains why there have been more draws in our Premier Division meetings than any other result - until

this season at least with the Lancers now a long way ahead.

Last time we met?

Lancing came to the Beacon in the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup in November, winning 4-1 to set up a plum trip to Crawley Town. The Premier Division's top scorer Lewis Finney netted twice that night along with James Beresford and Thomas Caplin with James Littlejohn scoring the Hassocks consolation.

How to get to the Culver Road?

After crossing the Shoreham flyover on the A27, take the first exit at the next roundabout into Lancing. Take the first right into Grinstead Avenue, then a left at the mini roundabout onto North Road and the ground is situated on the right of the next roundabout.

Any familiar faces?

Matt Berridge moved from Hassocks to Lancing in September while Lancers fans will remember Liam Benson for the six months he spent at Culver Road two seasons ago.

**Little Common****When?**

Tuesday 14th January

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

7.45pm

Competition?Southern Combination League
Premier Division**Admission?**£6 adults, £3 concessions,
Under 16s go free**Little Common this season?**

This is Common's second season as a Premier Division club having been crowned Division One champions in 2017-18. Consolidation was the name of the game last time around and they had a solid campaign, never really being dragged into the dogfight at the bottom of the table and eventually finishing in 16th spot, eight points clear of the relegation zone. They look well placed to improve on that this time around, sitting 12th in the table with seven wins to their name so far. They also claimed the notable FA Cup scalp of Isthmian League side Three Bridges on a run to the first qualifying round of the competition.

Hassocks' record against Little Common?

The two sides have met on 15 previous occasions although last season represented our first ever clashes in the top flight of the Southern Combination League. Both

have won five games apiece with five draws, so there is a very little to separate the two historically although Common were unbeaten last season, which means that Hassocks are yet to win a Premier Division game against them.

Last time we met?

It was a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show as a week after we'd won 1-0 away at Newhaven, it took an 80th minute equaliser from Liam Benson to secure a 1-1 draw against Common at the Beacon. Lewis Hole had given the visitors the lead while there were second debuts for the Robins for Jack Rowe-Hurst who had just returned to the club from Shoreham and Lewis Westlake who was re-signed from Loxwood.

Players to watch out for?

Common have plenty of goals in them with Sam Cruttwell having hit 12, Jamie Crone 11 and Hole nine so far this season.

**Eastbourne Town****When?**

Saturday 18th January

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?Southern Combination League
Premier Division**Admission?**£6 adults, £3 concessions,
Under 16s go free**Eastbourne Town this season?**

Since their relegation from the Isthmian League in 2014, Eastbourne Town's Southern Combination League campaigns have followed a familiar pattern of a poor start followed by a strong finish. It's been their early season form which has let them down in the past but not this season with John Lambert's side leading the way almost since day one. They reached November unbeaten but since going down to Lancing, they've suffered something of a slump, seeing a seven point advantage at the top overturned by the rampant Lancers who now lead the way. Suddenly, it's all to play for at the top of the table.

Hassocks' record against Eastbourne Town?

There have been 34 games between Eastbourne Town and the Robins with Town winning over half of them – 19 – to the Robins nine with six draws along the way. In 24 meetings in the Southern Combination Premier, Town again lead 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?

It was a predictable loss for Hassocks away at the then-league leaders who triumphed 4-1 at the Saffrons. The final score that day was perhaps a little harsh on the Robins who had actually gone into half time level after Ben Bacon had equalised Aaron Capon's seventh minute opener. Town showed their class in the second half though, scoring three times through Capon again and a Dan Perry brace. Crucially, Hassocks missed a gilt edged opportunity when the scores were level to move 2-1 ahead which, had they taken, could have led to a very different finish.

Played for both?

Broadbent enjoyed an excellent one-season stay at the Beacon, ending the campaign as Players' Player, Supporters' Player and Managers' Player of the Year.

Around the League



Since Hassocks last took to the field on December 14th, long term leaders Eastbourne Town have tumbled from top spot as the Premier Division title race has become a whole lot more exciting over the past three weeks...

Saturday December 14th

Steyning Town became the latest side to take a point from leaders **Eastbourne Town** as the two played out a 1-1 draw at the Saffrons.

Zac Attwood's 14th minute opener had given the hosts an early lead, only for Lewis Levoi to equalise just before the hour mark.

That result allowed **Lancing** to close to within two points at the top of the table as they defeated Town's local rivals **Eastbourne United** 4-2 at Culver Road.

Naim Rouane's side left it late to claim the three points, two goals in the final seven minutes from Alex Fair completing his hat-trick and turning a game which looked like it was going to finish as a draw into a win for the hosts.

The Premier Division's top scorer Lewis Finney was the other Lancing player on target with United's goals coming from Sam Crabb and an own goal.

Lee Robinson scored twice for **Newhaven** as their recent climb up the table continued thanks to a 5-1 hammering of bottom club **Loxwood**.

The Magpies remain winless so far as further goals from Mohamed Diallo, Callum Connor and Robert Malia completed a miserable afternoon for Alex Walsh's side at the Trafalgar Ground. Daniel Allen notched the consolation.

An 89th minute goal from substitute Cameron Watts brought **Broadbridge Heath**'s dire run of form to an end as they defeated **Langney Wanderers** 1-0 at High Wood Hill Sports Ground.

There was a good result from a Hassocks point of view at Nyetimber Lane where Matthew Rodrigues-Barbosa scored the only goal of the game to give **AFC Uckfield Town** a 1-0 win over **Pagham**, who remain just two points ahead of the Robins at the bottom of the table.

The division's final game saw **Little Common** come from behind to beat **Horsham YMCA** 2-1 at the Oval.

Goals from Lewis Hole and Kian Moynes in the space of six minutes midway through the second half turned the encounter on its head after Guy Harding had put YM into the lead just past the hour mark.

Tuesday 17th December

Hot on the heels of their 2-0 victory here at the Beacon, **Horley Town** went and won 2-1 at the Saffrons three days later to inflict more misery upon **Eastbourne Town**.

Tony Halsey scored both the goals for the Clarets with Zac Attwood netting the consolation for the hosts.

At the Shooting Field, two goals from Bailo Camara helped **AFC Uckfield Town** to a 3-2 victory against **Steyning Town**.

Liam Baitup was the other scorer for the Oakmen while former Hassocks favourite Jamie Weston and an own goal got on the score sheet for the Barrowmen.

Saturday 21st December

Just three games survived the wet weather with the most impressive result of the afternoon coming at Culver Road where **Lancing** ran out 3-0 winners over **Saltdean United**.

Lewis Finney took to his total for the season to 38 already with another brace alongside Alex Fair's 59th minute opener to move the Lancers to the top of the pile for the first time this season

Substitute Oli Leslie hit a second half equaliser for **Crawley Down Gatwick** as they drew 1-1 at home with **Horsham YMCA** for whom Jack Frankland had given a 19th minute lead.

The division's final game saw **Alfold** end their poor run of form with a 2-0 home success over **East Preston** delivered by two Jack Poplett goals.

EP ended the game with nine men following the dismissals of Lewis Broughton and David Crouch.

Boxing Day , 27th & 28th

Lancing maintained their place at the head of the table with a 2-1 Friday night win over **Steyning Town** as Lewis Finney and James Rhodes found the back of the net.

The Eastbourne Derby between **Eastbourne United** and **Eastbourne Town** at the Oval went the way of the visitors as Town ran out 4-0 winners.

There was a hotly contested 'Haven Derby between **Peacehaven & Telscombe** and **Newhaven** which the Dockers just shaded 3-2.

Horley Town dished out a 5-1 hammering to **Crawley Down Gatwick, Horsham YMCA** and **Broadbridge Heath** played out a six goal thriller with a 3-3 draw at Gorings Mead, **Alfold** won 3-1 at **Loxwood** and **Langney Wanderers** and **Little Common** drew 2-2 at Priory Lane.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancing	18	13	4	1	43	20	43
Eastbourne Town	19	13	3	3	53	16	42
Peacehaven & Tels.	18	11	4	3	43	26	27
Horley Town	17	11	2	4	39	23	35
Newhaven	17	9	5	3	40	30	32
Crawley Down Gatwick	19	8	4	7	32	35	28
Eastbourne United	19	9	1	9	32	41	28
AFC Uckfield Town	15	8	3	4	32	20	27
Langney Wanderers	19	7	6	6	38	36	27
Steyning Town	20	6	8	6	28	26	26
Horsham YMCA	21	7	5	9	44	51	26
Little Common	19	7	4	8	36	33	25
Alfold	16	7	3	6	32	28	24
Broadbridge Heath	20	6	4	10	27	48	22
Saltdean United	16	5	3	8	22	30	18
East Preston	18	4	4	10	28	41	16
Lingfield	14	4	1	9	24	28	13
Pagham	17	3	3	11	14	33	12
Hassocks	17	3	1	13	21	41	10
Loxwood	17	0	6	11	26	48	6

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	205	236	152
Peacehaven & Telscombe	179	267	137
Broadbridge Heath	149	337	70
Newhaven	132	223	32
Lancing	125	259	75
Langney Wanderers	118	240	40
Eastbourne United	111	152	86
Horsham YMCA	106	312	56
Hassocks	100	130	73
Pagham	95	137	71
Saltdean United	83	137	43
Steyning Town	83	138	30
East Preston	73	103	45
Alfold	72	98	52
Crawley Down Gatwick	68	119	41
Lingfield	61	112	51
Little Common	58	153	32
Loxwood	57	77	40
AFC Uckfield Town	51	81	37
Horley Town	51	78	39

Premier Division Form Guide

Last 6

Lancing	WWWWW
Horley Town	WWWLW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LWWWWW
AFC Uckfield Town	WWDWDW
Newhaven	WWWLW
Little Common	DWLDLW
East Preston	LLWWDD
Eastbourne Town	WLDLWL
Alfold	WWLLLD
Langney Wanderers	DLLLWW
Pagham	LDWLL
Saltdean United	LDWLLW
Eastbourne United	LLWWLD
Crawley Down Gatwick	LDDLWD
Horsham YMCA	DDLWLL
Broadbridge Heath	DWDLWL
Lingfield	LDLLWL
Steyning Town	LLDDDL
Hassocks	LWLLLL
Loxwood	LLDDLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lewis Finney	Lancing	39
Dan Perry	Eastbourne Town	22
Matt Daniel	Horsham YMCA	18
Liam Baitup	AFC Uckfield	17
Josh Marshall	Peacehaven	17
Alex Fair	Lancing	16
Ben Connolly	Lingfield	14
Curtis Ford	Peacehaven	14
Joao Andrade	Alfold	14
Tony Halsey	Horley Town	13
Kelvin Lucas	Alfold	13
Grant Radmore	Steyning Town	13
Kerran Boylan	Horley Town	12
Bailo Camara	AFC Uckfield	12
Nathan Crabb	Eastbourne Utd	12
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	12
Ebou Jallow	Newhaven	12
Alex Laing	Saltdean United	12
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	12
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	12

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horsham YMCA	10	8	1	1	26	12	25
Pagham	8	6	1	1	22	5	19
East Preston	9	5	2	2	20	13	17
Broadbridge Heath	7	5	0	2	15	8	15
Lancing	10	4	1	5	22	28	13
Hassocks	10	4	0	6	21	18	12
Oakwood	10	4	0	6	23	28	12
Arundel	8	3	0	5	20	29	9
Selsey	10	2	1	7	21	30	7
Worthing United	10	2	0	8	20	39	6

Under 23 West Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Josh Neathey	Oakwood	12
Leon Eales	Horsham YMCA	11
Will Read	Horsham YMCA	6
Jack Ryder	Horsham YMCA	6
George G'Gibbons	Hassocks	5
Cian Griffin-Tilley	Pagham	5
Zack Harris	Lancing	5
Ollie Humphries	Selsey	5
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	5
Tom Shergold	B'bridge Heath	5

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Francis Rangers	6	5	1	0	44	9	16
Mile Oak	4	4	0	0	24	5	12
Hassocks	5	4	0	1	24	7	12
Haywards Heath Town	5	2	1	2	20	13	7
Broadbridge Heath	7	2	0	5	16	24	6
Burgess Hill Town	3	1	2	0	17	7	5
Shoreham	6	1	0	5	11	34	3
Southwick	6	0	0	6	3	60	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Harrison Lees	Hassocks	11
Lewis Beebee	Hassocks	9
Harry Naylor	Haywards Heath	8
Josh Paine	St Francis	8
Sid O'Neill	St Francis	7
Isaac Andrews	Mile Oak	6
Herbie Rogers	Burgess Hill	6
Alfie Towsey	Burgess Hill	6

South East Counties Women's Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worthing	8	8	0	0	37	1	24
Lewes	9	6	1	2	27	12	19
Parkwood Rangers	8	4	2	2	17	12	14
Phoenix Sports	6	4	0	2	13	19	12
Herne Bay	8	4	0	4	17	20	12
Ashford	6	2	1	3	11	14	7
Newhaven	8	2	1	5	10	22	7
Hassocks	7	1	3	3	10	13	6
Eastbourne United	7	1	3	3	9	20	6
Crawley Wasps	9	0	1	8	13	41	1

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Gemma Worsfold	Worthing	12
Grace Laverick	Phoenix Sports	8
Lia Skingley	Phoenix Sports	8
Katie Cooper	Lewes	7
Megan Cranford	Lewes	7
Corrie Goodhew	Parkwood	7
Chloe Nye	Lewes	7
Sara Tubby	Worthing	7
Lillian Tucker	Herne Bay	7
Kate Foster	Herne Bay	5

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Here are our winners so far this season...

Hassocks Man of the Match 2019-20

Horley Town away **Phil Johnson**
East Preston home **Lewis Westlake**
Langney Wanderers home **Will Broomfield**
Horsham YMCA away **Ben Bacon**
Pagham away **Dan Jacques**
Chipstead away **Dan Jacques**
Lancing home **Matt Berridge**
Meridian Valley Park away **Will Broomfield**
Chipstead home **Jack Troak**
Eastbourne Town away **Dan Jacques**
Broadbridge Heath away **Jack Rowe-Hurst**
Horley Town home **Alan John**
Pagham home **Dan Turner**
Lingfield home **Dan Jacques**
Loxwood home **James Littlejohn**
Arundel away **Jack Troak**
Langney Wanderers away **Harvey Enticknap**
Langney Wanderers home **Dan Turner**
Eastbourne United away **Arni Kublickas**
Lancing home **Dan Stokes**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **Dan Turner**
AFC Uckfield Town home **Andy Whittingham**
Newhaven home **Luke Marshall**
Peacehaven & Telscombe home **Charlie Pugh**
East Preston away **Will Broomfield**
Horley Town home **Dan Turner**
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Langney Wanderers home
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Broadbridge Heath home
Lingfield away
Alfold home
Little Common away
Newhaven away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Steyning Town away
Saltdean United home
Peacehaven & Telscombe away
Eastbourne United home

Hassocks Player of the Month 2019-20

August 2019

1st **Will Broomfield**
2nd **Matt Berridge**
3rd **Jack Troak**

September 2019

1st **James Littlejohn**
2nd **Dan Jacques**
3rd **Will Broomfield**

October 2019

1st **Harvey Enticknap**
2nd **Harvey Blake**
3rd **Luke Marshall**

November 2019

1st **Luke Marshall**
2nd **Harvey Enticknap**
3rd **Dan Stokes & Charlie Pugh**

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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**August £105
September £210
October £120
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December £14
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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	199	30	229	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
Dan Stokes	118	47	165	12
Jack Simpson	161	0	161	0
Matt Robbins	142	15	157	20
Phil Johnson	131	26	157	75
Steve Hards	146	9	155	65
Kieran O'Callaghan	141	14	155	17
Luke Flomo	126	20	146	31
Rob South	130	14	144	3
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	112	19	131	13
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Liam Benson	88	38	126	30
Jamie Hillwood	96	25	121	25
Harry Mills	110	10	120	5
Nick Newman	110	4	114	2
Michael Death	87	25	112	38
Jordan Badger	106	4	110	4
Jamie Weston	84	23	107	14
Mark Launder	77	29	106	1
Sam Fisk	84	20	104	6
Tom Barnes	90	13	103	0



Stuart Faith

Stuart Faith's player profile once read, "Faithy wasn't born, he was sculpted from a lump of mud taken from the Railway End of the Beacon."

That tells you everything you need to know about this Hassocks stalwart.

A one-club man, he was first team regular in either defence or midfield for a decade, he captained the Robins in their best league season when Mickey Jewell's side finished fourth in 2011-12.

Faith retired at the end of 2012-13 but has still turned out for the reserves, thirds and under 21s when required over the past five years.

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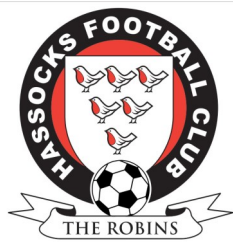


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Next at the Beacon



Little Common
 Tuesday 14th January. 7.45pm
 Southern Combination Premier Division



Pagham

	Lewis Broughton
	Conor Geoghegan
	David Beanley
	Dylan Jelley
	Jordan Clark
	Matt Searle
	Nathan Da Costa
	Ryan Hallett
	Tom Lyne
	George Britton
	Harrison Mott
	Hayden Hunter
	Jack Barnes
	Joe Clarke
	Lewis Jenkins
	Scott Rafferty
	Scott Slaughter
	Dan O'Brien
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 Harry Wood

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Today's other Premier Division fixtures

Alfold v Broadbridge Heath
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Lancing
 East Preston v Saltdean United
 Eastbourne United v AFC Uckfield Town
 Horsham YMCA v Loxwood
 Langney Wanderers v Peacehaven & Tels.
 Lingfield v Eastbourne Town
 Newhaven v Little Common
 Steyning Town v Horley Town