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Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

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Winners 1993

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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 today's Southern Combination League Premier Division clash with Eastbourne Town...

We'd like to start by welcoming the players, management, committee and the supporter's of Eastbourne Town and hope they enjoy their stay with us today.

This another tough game to follow on from last Saturday's trip to league leaders Lancing.

We had hoped to pick up three points in-between these two fixtures with the two title favourites, but sadly we once again lost Tuesday's game with Little Common to Storm Brendan.

Robins tame the Lions for much needed win

Our last game here at the Beacon took place 11 days ago and it delivered a much needed three points.

Goals from Liam Benson and an absolute stunner from Harvey Blake secured a 2-0 success over Pagham, allowing us to leapfrog the Lions towards the bottom of the table in the process.

Most people didn't give us a hope going to Lancing a week ago but in the end, it took a controversial penalty from Lewis Finney to win the game for the table toppers.

Sam Cash scored the Robins' goal with his first for the club and if the players can replicate the performance and effort that they put in at Culver Road, then hopefully we can be in for a much improved second half of the season.

Tregear arrives as Bacon departs

Kit Tregear made his debut for the club in the Pagham game and we're delighted to have picked up such an excellent footballer who is sure to provide a boost to our chances of avoiding relegation - presuming we can hold onto him of course.

One player that we haven't been able to hold onto is Ben Bacon. Ben only returned to the Beacon in August but four months and eight goals later and he's decided to move back to Three Bridges.

Under 23s bow out of County Cup

The Under 23s saw their record-breaking run in the County Cup come to an end last Wednesday night as they went down 1-0 away at Loxwood in the quarter final.

Dave John's side were due to be in action 48 hours ago away at

Southwick with your next chance to see them coming at home to Arundel this Thursday night..

Last Sunday, the Under 18s suffered a 3-2 defeat to Broadbridge Heath which followed on from a 4-2 loss against local rivals Burgess Hill Town two weeks ago in what is proving to be a difficult start to 2020 for Brad Sweetman's side.

The Ladies have also begun the new year with two defeats, losing 4-1 at Parkwood Rangers in the quarter finals of the League Cup last week.

Prior to that, they went down 2-0, against a Worthing side who have won eight games out of eight so far this season. They go to Eastbourne United tomorrow.

Sponsor a Goal

Three postponements in December meant that those who are a part of our Sponsor a Goal scheme won't need to find themselves forking out too much - just £2 to be precise.

Those goals came from the win against East Preston. If you'd like to sign up and help the club raise vital funds by paying £1 every time the first team net, then please speak to either Dave John or Owen.



Today's visitors...



Little Common

Founded 1881
Nickname Town
Ground The Saffrons
Website eastbournetown.com
Twitter @eastbournetfc
Manager John Lambert
Top Scorer Dan Perry, 22

HONOURS

Southern Combination League
 Winners 1921, 1977, 2007
 Runners up 2015
SCFL Division 1
 Runners up 2003
Sussex Senior Cup
 Winners 1890, 1891, 1894, 1895,
 1899, 1900, 1901, 1903, 1922,
 1932, 1933, 1953
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
 Winners 1933, 1948, 1950, 1986,
 1987, 2015

Hot on the heels of last week's defeat against Premier Division leaders, Hassocks face another tough test against title chasing opponents as Eastbourne Town visit the Beacon...

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 ultimately over the past five campaigns which has derailed their promotion bids and stopped them finishing any higher than second.

That hasn't been the case this time around. John Lambert's side led the way almost since day one, making it all the way through to November unbeaten until they came up against their nearest pursuers, Lancing.

They lost at Culver Road that day and perhaps understandably, that's led to a little drop off form as a seven point advantage at the top was being overturned by the Lancers with Town now trailing the new leaders by 10 points although they do have a game in hand.

If there are opponents that Town will be confident about getting their season back on track against however, then it's surely Hassocks with their record against us over the

years being seriously impressive.

There have been 34 games between the two 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. You can read more about that rare Hassocks victory in a couple of pages time.

The last time we met was back in September when Town ran out 4-1 winners at the Saffrons thanks to two goals apiece from Aaron Capon and Dan Perry.

Perry was unplayable that day but the good news for Hassocks is that he has recently moved to Saltdean United - although Town aren't exactly light in the strikers department with Jack Langford - a man with a very good record against the Robins in recent years - having recently arrived at the Saffrons

10 Key Moments

1890...the start of a golden decade as Town with the Sussex Senior Cup six times in 10 years
1907... join the Sussex Amateur League before moving to the SCFL, winning a first title in 1921
1933... Town win their first of their six Sussex RUR Charity Cups
1953... their 12th and most recent Sussex Senior Cup success
1969... arson destroys the famous old grandstand at their Saffrons home
1977... return to the SCFL from the Athenian League, lifting the title in their first season back
2001... suffer a rare relegation into SCFL Division One, returning to the top flight two seasons later
2007... win their third SCFL title and first promotion to Isthmian League football
2014... their seven season spell at the higher level comes to an end with relegation back to the SCFL
2015... mark their first season back in the SCFL by lifting a sixth RUR Cup

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 2nd
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2013-14, Isthmian League South 24th
2012-13, Isthmian League South 11th
2011-12, Isthmian League South 14th
2010-11, Isthmian League South 18th
2009-10, Isthmian League South 22nd
2008-09, Isthmian League South 13th
2007-08, Isthmian League South 19th
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 2nd
2001-02, Southern Combination One 4th
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 20th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 9th

Hassocks v Eastbourne Town :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 31 - Won 8 - Drawn 5 - Lost 18 - Scored 39 - Conceded 58

RUR Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 1 - Conceded 5

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 4 - Conceded 1

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 1 - Conceded 3

Total... Played 35 Won 9 Drawn 6 Lost 20 Scored 45 Conceded 67

Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 4-1 Hassocks
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Eastbourne Town
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 2-1 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Eastbourne Town
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 3-1 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Eastbourne Town
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 3-1 Hassocks
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 0-0 Hassocks
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Eastbourne Town
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 2-2 Hassocks

Played For Both

Former Eastbourne Town goalkeeper James Broadbent spent the 2016-17 season with Hassocks.

And although his time at the Beacon was only brief, he still managed to establish himself as one of the best number ones that the Robins have ever had.

Broadbent ended up saving four penalties throughout the campaign and his performances went a long way towards ensuring that Hassocks avoided relegation into Division One come the end of the season.

That contribution was recognised come the end of the campaign when Broadbent won a clean sweep of Player's Player, Manager's Player and

Supporter's Player of the Season awards, earning a deserved move to try his luck at higher level football with Shoreham in the Isthmian League that summer.

Broadbent spent two years at Middle Road and can be now found as number one at Whitehawk.

Striker Dan Smith has also represented both clubs having rattled through three separate spells with the Robins.

Smith ended up making 63 appearances and scoring 26 goals for the Robins whilst Scott Kirkwood, who played for Hassocks last season as he stepped up his return to full fitness for Horsham, is also an ex-Town player.



TOWN TRIUMPH BUT THIS WAS FAR FROM A CAKEWALK

Sometimes in football, the scoreline doesn't tell the whole story. Hassocks' visit to Eastbourne Town was one of those occasions.

On the face of it, a 4-1 defeat at the Saffrons for Mark Dalgleish's side is a result that looks about right to the casual Premier Division observer.

Town are the favourites to lift the Southern Combination title this season and came into the fixture unbeaten.

They'd only conceded once in their five previous games.

Hassocks meanwhile had just one league win to their name and that came against the division's bottom club, East Preston.

The current table suggests that it could be a long season ahead for the Robins.

But Hassocks' league position is another falsity. While they may have been under-cooking in the Premier Division, in the cups Hassocks have been delivering some outstanding displays.

They've beaten Langney Wanderers and Meridian Valley Park and took Isthmian League side Chipstead to an FA Cup replay, where only a couple of controversial refereeing decisions denied them giant killing headlines.

Believe it or not, but they brought that cup form to the Sunshine Coast; while the final score suggests an easy day at the office for Town, in reality it was anything but.

What ensured that there was a three-goal difference between the two sides was Town's ruthlessness in front of goal as the hosts finished with clinical aplomb the chances that came their way.

Aaron Capon scored Town's first two with the outstanding Dan Perry adding the third and fourth.

Perry now has eight for the season already; two more than Hassocks have managed in the

Premier Division in total.

It wasn't like the visitors didn't have chances.

The Robins created four or five good opportunities across the course of the afternoon which unfortunately for them they failed to take.

Perhaps most costly of all, they hit the post early in the second half with the scores level at 1-1.

Had that gone in, then things may well have been very different.

Town would have been forced to chase the game, which would have

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left the sort of spaces that Hassocks can so brutally take advantage of with their counter attacking ability.

Clearly, Hassocks are missing the services of last season's 27-goal top scorer Phil Johnson, who hasn't been seen since breaking a leg in that win over EP back at the start of August.

No time frame appears to have been put on Johnson's return, but install a player with his knack of knowing where the goal is into a side who, on their day can threaten even the best teams in the league and the omens look good - providing Johnson can overcome that setback quickly.

Dalgleish did at least have Jack Rowe-Hurst available here to boost his attacking options after a couple of weeks on the side lines.

That's timely, as the games are coming thick and fast now.

By the time September reaches its conclusion, Hassocks will have played twice a week in six of the first eight weeks of the season.

Despite the glut of fixtures caused by the Robins' aforementioned success in knockout competitions, Dalgleish named a rare unchanged line up from the side that felt so hard done by against Chipstead in midweek.

That showing against the Chips was full of steel and determination but it looked like those attributes had deserted Hassocks as it took Town just seven minutes to take the lead through Capon.

Going behind so early proved to be something of a wake up call to the Robins and they battled their way back into the tie, eventually levelling things up right on the stroke of half time.

Ben Bacon was the man on target, his second goal since returning to the club from Steyning Town a fortnight into the new campaign and the least he deserved for another hardworking showing leading the line.

Town goalkeeper Jason Tibble could then only watch when the Robins rattled the woodwork within five minutes of the restart.

Two minutes later and that miss proved to be doubly costly as Capon added his second of the afternoon to put the hosts 2-1 ahead.

Like all good teams, Town turned the screw after that and Perry's quick-fire double arrived between minutes 64 and 70, ending any Hassocks hopes of returning to Mid Sussex with something to show for their efforts.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Jacques, Mills, Whittingham; Broomfield, Berridge; Troak, Littlejohn, Hillwood; Bacon.

Subs: Rowe-Hurst, Stokes, Bull (used), Earl (unused).

Hassocks 2-1 Eastbourne Town

GAULT DOUBLE GIVES HASSOCKS ANOTHER TOP SIX SCALP

The Beacon is fast becoming one of those places that no team in the Southern Combination League Premier Division will relish a trip to.

After knocking off leaders Shoreham with that magnificent 4-1 victory 11 days previously, Hassocks followed up by claiming another top six scalp as Eastbourne Town were defeated 2-1, giving the Robins their first victory over Town for a decade.

Three players remain from Dave John's side that shocked the then-champions elect 4-0 back in April 2007 – Ashley Marsh, Spencer Slaughter and Phil Gault.

And it was Gault who was summoned from the substitute's bench to score both Hassocks' goals in a victory that joint boss Phil Wickwar was left purring about.

"It was a decent game for a big crowd and another great three points against one of the divisions better sides" he said afterwards.

"We started with four players under the age of 21. How many clubs would do that in a relegation battle?"

"Being able to bring on three subs of the quality of Gault, Slaughter and Bradley Bant helped us."

And being able to call on a goalkeeper of the quality of James Broadbent was a pretty big help as well.

Broadbent saved his fourth penalty of the season, a quite brilliant stop with his legs from Daniel Bolwell.

He managed to outdo that by pulling off two even better saves – one in each half – to deservedly take the man-of-the-match award against one of his former clubs.

Hassocks looked as though they would be in for a tough opening 45 minutes.

They were defending a vicious gale whipping its way towards the railway end of the ground and credit

should go to the back four of Luke Akehurst, Tom Barnes, Jordan Badger and Marsh as they navigated it expertly.

In James Westlake and Jack Rowe-Hurst, the Robins had two relentless runners who caused some real problems as the game ebbed and flowed.

The latter's ability to marauder cuttingly through the visitors defence was nearly rewarded in the first half when he clipped the outside of the post with Grant Nessling in the Town

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goal rooted to the spot.

That was Hassocks' only chance of note before the break.

Town looked more of a threat in an attacking sense with the wind's assistance, particularly from set pieces of which they had a plethora.

When it comes to Hassocks, 'dangerous from set pieces' normally translates itself into goals yet here we had a Robins side doing things that have appeared alien to them at times over the course of the past couple of seasons, such as marking and clearing.

That solid work at the back laid the foundation for the talismanic Gault's entry into the game in place of February Player of the Month Michael Death on the hour mark.

Gault immediately began to cause havoc up front alongside Liam Benson and it took him just a matter of minutes to open his account for the afternoon.

A great passing move down the

Robins right eventually set Benson away and his low cross was composedly converted on the second attempt by the Robins top scorer at the far post.

Benson was proving to be equally busy at the other end of the pitch, the young Robins forward being the man who conceded the penalty after a clumsy yet ultimately soft looking challenge bowled Bolwell over.

Justice was done when the same player was denied by Broadbent.

That moment of magic from Broadbent galvanised Hassocks and they went close when Rowe-Hurst shot marginally over and Badger sent a powerful header from a set piece just the wrong side of the post.

The goal was coming and eventually it arrived from the penalty spot.

Benson atoned for his conceding of a spot kick by winning one for the Robins after he was upended in the box.

Gault sent Nessling the wrong way to net with aplomb into the right hand corner.

Town finally found a way past Broadbent and his back four as the game ticked into a staggering 12th minute of stoppage time when Evan Archibald popped up with a header.

Nerves among the Hassocks players and faithful began to become a little shredded at that point but it was a case of too little, too late for Town as moments after the restart the game was finally bought to a close and with it another excellent home three points were in the bank for the Robins.

Hassocks: Broadbent; Akehurst, Barnes, Badger, Marsh; J Westlake, Mills, L Westlake, Rowe-Hurst; Death, Benson.

Subs: Gault, Slaughter, Bant (used), Tighe, Wilkins (unused).

Starman: James Broadbent.



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HASSOCKS CAPTURE MIDFIELDER KIT

It's a case of in and one out at the Beacon - as Kit Tregear arrives, the Robins bid farewell to Ben Bacon who has returned to Isthmian League club Three Bridges

Hassocks have completed the signing of former Burgess Hill Town midfielder Kit Tregear.

And it already looks like quite the capture for the Robins if his debut against Pagham at the Beacon was anything to go by.

Tregear ended the day being voted as Supporters' Man of the Match for the 2-0 victory over the Lions.

He gave an all-action performance in the middle of the park alongside Dan Stokes, with only a brilliant bit of defending preventing Tregear from marking his first appearance in a Hassocks shirt with a goal.

The moment arrived right on the stroke of half time. Stokes had played in James Littlejohn, who in turn delivered a cross into the Pagham box.

Tregear meanwhile was embarking on a perfectly timed run into the area, where he looked set to meet Littlejohn's volley with a side foot volley until Lions defender Tom Lyne flew in from nowhere to nick the ball away from Tregear with one of the best timed slide tackles the Beacon has seen in some time.

There were other glimpses of quality too, Tregear winning back possession with a crunching tackle in midfield before playing a visionary pass over the top for Phil Johnson to latch onto.

Johnson's resulting effort trickled just wide of the post after he'd just beaten Pagham goalkeeper Tom Crook to the ball.

Those Hassocks regulars who follow Mid Sussex football would not have been surprised to see such a performance; Tregear has after all been a familiar name on the circuit

since breaking into the Burgess Hill Town first team as a 17-year-old during the 2011-12 season.

Tregear had been on the books at Brighton and Hove Albion as a youngster, joining the Hillians' youth set up in 2010.

He was a key part of one of Hill's most successful ever Under 18s sides, winning back-to-back Isthmian League titles as well



as completing a league and cup double in 2011-12.

As already noted, he was firmly enshrined in Hill's first team set up by that point in time with a loan spell in the Southern Combination League Premier Division at Shoreham following during the first half of the 2012-13 season.

Tregear spent the second half of that season with Lancing before moving to America in the summer of 2013, where he spent the next four seasons playing for Hartwick College's soccer team, the Hartwick Hawks.

He missed just one game in his first three seasons in the United States, being named the Most Valuable Player in the Sun Belt

Conference as the Hawks won the league title in the 2014-15 season.

In 2015-16, the Hawks lost out in the championship play off final to Georgia State but Tregear again had an impressive campaign, this time taking the Defensive Athlete of the Year and in his final season with Hartwick, he picked up the prestigious Jim Lennox Men's Soccer Award.

As Tregear arrives, so Hassocks say farewell to Ben Bacon who was returned to Isthmian League South East side Three Bridges for a second spell at Jubilee Field.

Bridges are the third club that Bacon has played for in the 2019-20 season, having called time on his second spell with Steyning Town in August to join Hassocks for a second spell at the Beacon.



Alfold away - January 21st



Steaying home - January 25th



Saltdean away - February 4th

The third attempt to get Hassocks' first ever visit to Alfold played will now take place on Tuesday 21st January with a 7.45pm kick off at Alfold Recreation Ground.

Twice so far the game has fallen to the weather. The original fixture had been scheduled to take place on Saturday 9th November but a late deluge of rain hit Alfold in the run up to kick off, leaving the matchday referee with no choice but to postpone the game at 2.50pm, just 10 minutes before kick off.

It was then rescheduled for Tuesday 4th December, but that game too was postponed – setting up a January Tuesday night trip to Surrey for the Robins.

Hassocks and Steyning Town will lock horns in the league for the first time since the 1994-95 season when Gerry Murphy brings the Barrowmen to Mid Sussex on Saturday 25th January.

The sides had been scheduled to meet four days before Christmas, but so heavy was the rainfall across Sussex that the Southern Combination League gave clubs special dispensation to call matches off 24 hours early.

With the Beacon under water, Hassocks took advantage as there was little chance of getting the game played.

The weekend of January 25th had been left blank to cater for postponed

fixtures from earlier in the campaign and it is now this date that will host an eagerly anticipated clash between two sides who are fairly familiar with each other.

Four times in the last 10 years Hassocks have met Steyning Town in various cup competitions while there has also been the odd friendly thrown in for good measure.

The strong links between the two stem from the number of individuals who have been involved with both clubs over the course of the past decade.

Mark Dalgleish started the trend, departing the Barrowmen after many years of service to take up a role as Mickey Jewell's assistant in the summer of 2010.

Alfold are making a good impression on the top flight in their debut campaign at this level. They have won seven, drawn three and lost four of their 14 games so far to sit in an extremely comfortable mid table position.

Survival is the name of the game for the Fold this year following their rapid ascent through the non league pyramid. As recently as the 2014-15 season, Alfold were plying their trade in the West Sussex League.

Three promotions in the subsequent four seasons have taken them from Division Two to the Premier Division in what has been a whirlwind last few years for the club.

Last season was their debut in senior football and they took to it like a duck to water, breezing through Division One at the first time of asking.

They ended the campaign as champions, showing remarkable consistency over the course of the year to beat Steyning Town to the title.

There were big strides forward taken off the pitch as well. Their Alfold Recreation Ground on Dunsfold Road in the village had a new stand and LED floodlights installed as well as perimeter pathways and fencing.

Work that should have taken around two years to complete was done in around six months, highlighting the extraordinary dedication of those behind the scenes at Alfold to achieving their dream of Premier Division football.

A Tuesday night trip to Hill Park beckons for Hassocks with the Robin's set to take on Saltdean United on Tuesday 4th February with a 7.45pm kick off.

It's fair to say that there weren't many tears shed when the Boxing Day meeting between the two was postponed, although it did leave Hassocks with an enforced three week break.

The rearranged date now means that Dalgleish and his players will face six games in the space of three manic weeks which could a long way towards deciding their Premier Division fate.

The visit to Saltdean rounds off that congested list with tonight's home game with Little Common,

Saturday's meeting with Eastbourne Town, the aforementioned trip to Alfold, next weekend's newly arranged game with Steyning and another home fixture against Horsham YMCA all to come over the course of the next 21 days.

Games with Saltdean haven't been particularly kind to Hassocks since the Tigers' promotion back to the top flight in 2016.

The Robins have lost all four with last season's encounters being particularly bruising.

A 4-1 defeat at Hill Park in February followed on from defeat by the same scoreline at the Beacon on August Bank Holiday Monday, a game in which Ben Bacon scored all four goals.

Bacon's departure from the Beacon to Three Bridges means that he won't get the chance to face his former side, but that doesn't mean there won't be any players coming up against their old employers.

Saltdean have recently added Jake Lindsey to their squad, the former Hassocks youngster having transferred to Hill Park from Horsham YMCA where he had found first team opportunities limited following his summer move to Gorings Mead.

Lindsey is one of a number of new faces brought in by new Saltdean boss Bryan O'Toole, Shoreham's former title winning manager having replaced Tom Betts earlier in the season.

NEW YEAR STARTS WITH A BANG AS HASSOCKS TAME THE LIONS

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 4th January 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-0 Pagham**



New year, new Hassocks. That will be the hope around the Beacon anyway as the Robins kicked off 2020 with a 2-0 home victory over fellow strugglers Pagham.

Goals in either half from Liam Benson and the outstanding Harvey Blake delivered three much-needed points which lifted Hassocks above their opponents in the Premier Division table. Now, just goal difference is keeping the Robins in the relegation zone.

The relentless rain that rounded off 2019 meant that both sides came into the game having not kicked a ball in anger for three weeks - and that certainly showed in a slow start with neither goalkeeper having a serious save to make in the opening 20 minutes.

Pagham looked the likeliest to make something happen in that time. The Lions sent over a couple of decent set piece deliveries but Conor Geoghegan and then Jimmy Wild were unable to punish some slack Hassocks marking as they put free headers wide and over.

It was with the game's first real effort on target that Benson opened the scoring midway through the first half, a goal which was wonderfully created by Jack Troak.

Troak has found himself being asked to do a job at left back in recent weeks due to the absence of Andy Whittingham, but thanks to the freedom that Mark Dalglish offers his full backs, that hasn't blunted any of Troak's attacking efficiency.

That was in evidence as Troak found himself pushing down the left wing to collect a James Littlejohn switch, from where he delivered a flighted cross into the box.

Pagham goalkeeper Tom Crook looked favourite to get to it, but he missed his punch under pressure

from Phil Johnson which left Benson with the simple task of finishing into an empty goal.

Pagham nearly had an instant response, Wild finding himself in one-on-one but his effort cannoned off Charlie Pugh's near post.

Suddenly, we had a game on our hands. Johnson went close when he beat Crook to the ball but his stabbed effort trickled just wide following a pass over the top from Kit Tregear, the former Burgess Hill Town midfielder who was making his first appearance for the Robins.

Tregear nearly had a debut goal on the stroke of half time. Dan Stokes played in Littlejohn, who delivered a cross which Tregear looked set to meet on the volley without breaking stride.

Just before Tregear could pull the trigger, Pagham defender Tom Lyne appeared from nowhere to nick the ball away with one of the best timed sliding tackles you'll see.

Moments before that, Pagham had come close to equalising with a flurry of corners including one which Blake had to hack off the line.

Blake proved his worth up the other end six minutes after the restart.

Again, it was the full backs' freedom that led to the goal, Blake collecting possession on the right and driving into the Pagham half.

The visiting defence backed off and backed off, allowing Blake to seize the opportunity as he picked his spot and curled one into the top corner from a full 30 yards leaving Crook grasping at thin air and Blake to celebrate a Goal of the Season contender.

Hassocks were perhaps lucky to escape conceding a penalty just past the hour mark when Wild went down under an accidental trip in the box.

Instead, they had to settle for a corner after Tom Carroll seized on the loose ball and forced Harry Mills into a superb last ditch tackle.

From the resulting delivery, Hassocks again weren't convincing defensively which led to Carroll having the opportunity to strike one from the edge of the box. Pugh did well to tip it over on the stretch.

There was more desperate defending six minutes later as Hassocks' attempts to play out from the back went awry, only a fine flying block from Blake preventing the Lions pulling one back.

The Robins were looking tired now and so Dalglish turned to his bench, throwing on Under 23 midfielder Sam Cash for his debut in place of the tireless Alex Spinks.

Cash had an instant impact, getting involved in a spot of handbags within 60 seconds of his arrival with Pagham substitute Cian Tilley, who was sent off as a result for raising his hands.

That moment of madness from Tilley proved costly for the visitors. Suddenly, the momentum that the Lions looked to be finishing with was gone, leaving Hassocks to end the tie the stronger.

They had three chances to add a killer third in the final 10 minutes.

Johnson swivelled in the box before laying back to Stokes who dragged wide.

Crook then pulled off two fine saves, somehow turning Littlejohn's header over the bar from point blank range and denying Stokes with his feet after good play from Will Broomfield.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Mills, Kublickas, Troak; Tregear, Stokes; Littlejohn, Spinks, Benson; Johnson.

Subs: Cash (Spinks), Broomfield (Johnson), Enticknap, Marshall, Jupp (unused).

ROBINS PAY THE PENALTY AGAINST LEADERS LANCING

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 11th January 2020, Culver Road
Lancing 2-1 Hassocks

Lancing may be marching towards their first ever Southern Combination League title but Hassocks still gave their illustrious hosts a bit of a scare at Culver Road in the third meeting of the season between the two.

The final score was 2-1 and while the Lancers probably deserved to pick up their 16th win of the campaign from 21 games, there was no shortage of controversy surrounding Lewis Finney's 37th minute penalty which ended up being the winner.

Even the most ardent of Lancing fans present at Sussex County FA Headquarters had to admit that the award against Hassocks was soft - but when you're a club struggling near the bottom as the Robins are, it was one of those decisions which always seem to go against you.

Mitch Hewens had reached the by-line and was attempting to cut back towards goal when he went down under minimal contact just inside the area, with referee Robert King pointing to the spot.

There was a lengthy delay whilst Mr King had to fend off vehement Hassocks protests, including sending one visiting player to the sin bin.

The furore though couldn't upset Finney and he coolly dispatched the penalty, moving onto an astonishing 40 goals for the season in the process.

Lancing had begun the game in impressive fashion, winning two corners inside the opening five minutes.

From the second of those, Liam Hendy managed to get something on the ball to turn it towards goal with Charlie Pugh reacted quickly to make the save.

There was little that the young Hassocks goalkeeper could do when

Lancing took the lead with 15 minutes played.

Ben Connolly's pace was causing serious problems to the Robins backline - he'd been responsible for earning Lancing their early flurry of corners - and he again escaped the attentions of his marker, this time producing a neat finish which beat Pugh at the near post for 1-0.

Lancing didn't have too long to celebrate as within two minutes, Hassocks shocked the home crowd by levelling things up.

"The final score was 2-1 and while the Lancers probably deserved to pick up their 16th win of the campaign from 21 games, there was no shortage of controversy surrounding Lewis Finney's 37th minute penalty which ended up being the winner.

A mishit clearance from goalkeeper Matt Evans fell straight to James Littlejohn who played a clever switch to Sam Cash.

With Lancing's defence all over the place, Cash had the time he needed to produce a crisp finish hit low and hard past Evans to mark his full senior debut with a goal.

That wasn't in the hosts' script and their defence was still at sea minutes later when a long ball over the top sent Phil Johnson racing clear.

Evans came haring out of his goal and that may have proved to be just enough to put Johnson off as his shot dropped agonisingly wide.

Lancing regrouped after that let off and Josh Coupar's expert pass found Finney who hit a rocket towards the top corner which Pugh somehow kept out with his fingertips.



Evans then produced a similarly impressive save from a Littlejohn free kick to prevent Hassocks taking the lead.

Coupar put a couple efforts over including one from a free kick before the penalty incident put Lancing back in front going into the break with Pugh making another good stop from Hewens on the stroke of half time.

Hassocks were content to let Lancing have the ball in the second half, hoping to capitalise on any mistakes by counter attacking swiftly.

Johnson looked to be in the clear on one such occasion, only to be thwarted by a perfectly timed last man tackle from Will Berry.

Chances were few and far between in the last half hour, substitute George Mitchell-Phillips having Lancing's best opportunity when his effort whistled just over.

Hassocks meanwhile should have made more out of another loose pass from the Lancers in the final five minutes but were unable to force Evans into a save.

Instead, the focus on the journey back to Mid Sussex remained on that penalty decision.

18 places may separate these two sides in the table, but without Finney's controversial spot kick and Ben Bacon's missed penalty in the dying seconds of the corresponding fixture back in August, Hassocks may have gone unbeaten against the champions-elect in the league this season.

Something to cling to for Mark Dalgleish and his players in the relegation battle ahead.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Broomfield, Kublickas, Troak; Spinks, Stokes; Littlejohn, Cash, Benson; Johnson.

Subs: Marshall, Enticknap, Gardner, P Wickwar (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	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	2-0	Benson, Blake
11/01 - 15:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP	1-2	Cash
18/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
21/01 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		
25/01 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP		
February				
01/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
04/02 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	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				Hassoeks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jack Troak	26	0	26	5	26	5
Dan Stokes	16	9	25	2	167	12
James Littlejohn	19	4	23	7	51	11
Ben Bacon	17	5	22	8	46	17
Harvey Blake	20	1	21	2	61	3
Jamie Hillwood	17	2	19	3	121	25
Harry Mills	16	2	18	0	121	5
Will Broomfield	16	2	18	0	75	3
Harvey Enticknap	15	3	18	1	47	2
Josh Green	17	0	17	0	58	0
Andy Whittingham	17	0	17	0	81	0
Arni Kublickas	16	1	17	0	66	1
Liam Benson	9	8	17	1	128	31
Matt Berridge	13	1	14	1	44	2
Joe Bull	5	9	14	3	51	3
Alex Spinks	11	2	13	0	27	0
Dan Jacques	8	1	9	0	229	9
Phil Johnson	6	3	9	2	159	75
Charlie Pugh	8	0	8	0	8	0
Luke Marshall	6	2	8	0	8	0
Dan Turner	7	0	7	1	7	1
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
Sam Cash	1	1	2	1	2	1
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
Kit Tregear	1	0	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	0	1	1	0	1	0



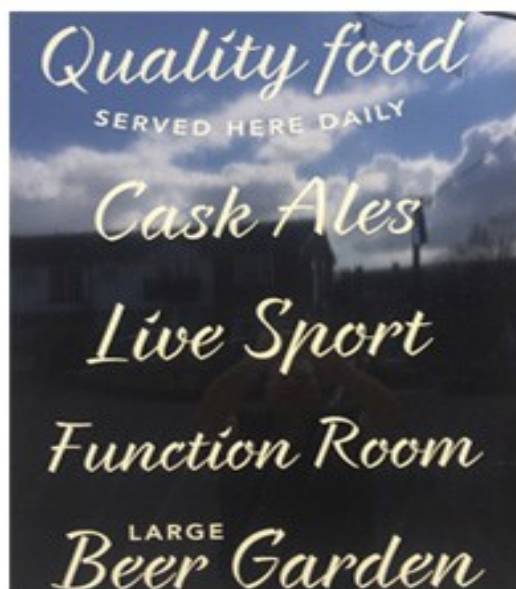
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Under 23 Matches 2019-20

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	0-1	
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	1	13	5
Thomas Jupp	10	2	12	1
Ben O'Leary	11	0	11	0
Dan Turner	11	0	11	3
Joe Bull	9	1	10	3
Harvey Ransome	9	1	10	1
Alfie Loversidge	3	7	10	2
Matt Denyer	2	7	9	0
Max Donaldson	8	0	8	1
Jack Gardner	6	2	8	0
Kieran Dimelow	6	0	6	2
Joe Russell	6	0	6	0
Luke Marshall	2	4	6	0
Joe Tatford	2	4	6	0
Solly Ross	5	0	5	0
Reece Wickwar	5	0	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
Lewis Westlake	4	0	4	0
Sam Cash	3	1	4	0
James Westlake	3	1	4	0
Charlie Alderton	0	4	4	0
Brad Sweetman	0	4	4	0
Harvey Enticknap	3	0	3	0
Jake Atherton	0	3	3	1
Phil Johnson	2	0	2	5
Nick Pitcher	2	0	2	0
Toby Fisher	1	0	1	0
Josh Green	1	0	1	0
Ben Jonas	1	0	1	0
Charlie Pugh	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
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Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 5th January 2020, The Beacon

Hassocks U18 2-4 Burgess Hill Town U18

On paper, a Mid Sussex Derby against Burgess Hill Town looked like an excellent way to kickstart 2020 for Hassocks Under 18s.

But after 90 gruelling minutes of an enthralling and often fiery fixture with their local rivals, the Robins weren't so chirpy as they slipped to their second Southern Combination League Central Division defeat of the season.

The first of those came on the opening day and to another Mid Sussex outfit, St Francis Rangers inflicting a 3-1 defeat on Hassocks back in September.

That result saw Rangers top the early table, a position that they have maintained over the intervening four months.

No disgrace in losing to them. The Hillians though looked a much easier opponent on paper but as a great man - or was it Phil Wickwar - once said, football isn't played on paper.

Hill came to the Beacon second bottom of the Central Division, although that is something of a false position.

Due to Southwick's withdrawal from the league, Hill had only had two results recorded, both of which were draws - which included being the only opponents to avoid defeat

against Rangers after the two sides drew 4-4 at Colwell Road in September.

Once Hill have played their games in hand and caught up with the other sides in the section, they could well find themselves in the thick of the title race.

Suddenly, any notions of an easy game could be dismissed - and so it proved as Brad Sweetman's side went down to 4-2.

Given that neither side had played for three weeks, they could have been forgiven for looking a little rusty.

But almost from the first whistle this was a clash that ebbed and flowed from one end to the other with both teams clearly desperate to claim local bragging rights.

Hassocks manager Brad Sweetman named his strongest possible line up, making two changes from the side who had exited the League Cup in a 3-2 defeat at Mile Oak in their last outing.

Toby Fisher returned in goal while Charlie Jones was back at the expense of Fraser Mears who missed out.

It was a profitable morning for Hassocks' front two as both Harrison Lees and Yahya Azizi were on the score sheet.

Lees now has 12 goals to his name and is pulling clear off Lewis Beebee in the race to finish top



scorer; Azizi meanwhile has looked in good form since his return to the side in the middle of November and this was the fourth game in succession in which he has notched.

For the Hillians, Harry Warland scored twice with George Fyffe and substitute Faris Khalloqui also on target.

Referee Stuart McKenzie had a busy time of it as he flashed six yellow cards and one red in a game that harked back to 15-20 years ago when these two clubs had a bitter rivalry at youth team level.

Hassocks' Luke Marshall was the player who saw red for two cautions. Alex Crawford joined him in the book.

Hill meanwhile saw Will Blair, Harvey Juton, Alfie Marchant and Jude Wallis all shown yellow cards.

Hassocks: Fisher, Marshall, Jones, Crawford, Charlesworth, Gardner, Reep, Lees, Loversidge, McDermott, Azizi.

Subs: Meredith, Dunkley (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	Broadridge 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	2-4	Azizi, Lees
12/01 - 11:00	Broadridge 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	9	0	9	0
Harrison Lees	9	0	9	12
Alfie Loversidge	9	0	9	3
Finlay McDermott	9	0	9	1
Toby Fisher	8	1	9	0
Luke Marshall	8	1	9	1
Oliver Charlesworth	7	1	8	1
Freddie Gamblin	5	3	8	4
Jack Gardner	7	0	7	0
Lewis Reep	5	2	7	0
Yahya Azizi	4	3	7	4
Lewis Beebee	6	0	6	9
Charlie Jones	6	0	6	1
Harry Meredith	4	1	5	0
Guy Underwood	0	5	5	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	2	3	0
Fraser Mears	2	0	2	0
Archie Tunnell	0	1	1	0

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South East Counties Women's League Premier Division

Sunday 5th January 2020, Woodside Road

Worthing Women 2-0 Hassocks Ladies

After five weeks without a game, Hassocks Ladies returned to action with the toughest assignment currently available in the South East Counties Women's League Premier Division.

Woodside Road was the destination to take on a Worthing side who are cakewalking their way to the title.

The Rebels came into the game having won eight games out of eight so far this season, racking up a positive goal difference of 36 along the way.

To come away with only a 2-0 defeat represented a decent afternoon's work for the Robins with the performance that they put in against the champions-elect hopefully setting a benchmark for the remainder of the season.

Worthing are used to having things go all their way so far, so they were no doubt a little surprised that it was the visitors who fashioned the first opportunity of the match when Tallie Bright's through ball was only just gathered by an alert Rebels goalkeeper before Bethany Purse could get there.

A flurry of chances followed for Worthing with Sarah Chappell doing well to tip a cross onto the bar and then producing a sprawling save.

Liz King had to be alert to block another attempted shot with two further efforts flying wide with Chappell untroubled.

Hassocks managed to relieve some of the Worthing pressure just past the 15 minute mark with a rare attack, lone striker Purse again leading the charge but she was tackled just before she could get a shot away.

The Rebels were having no such troubles at the other end and Chappell had to make another fine

save on the stretch.

Hassocks' midfield five of Katherine Chappell, Jess Craig, Gemma Craig, King and Kirsten Mair were slowly being forced ever deeper, but this in a way helped the Robins as the number of bodies now stationed between Worthing and Chappell's goal meant that the hosts were increasingly forced into taking harmless pot shots from distance.

Worthing did manage to find a way through the mass ranks of Robins 10 minutes before the break,

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but amazingly a clear open goal was missed from no more than a couple of yards out.

Emma Flin then had to make a vital interception. Just when it looked like Hassocks might make it to the break on level terms, Worthing opened the scoring with only six minutes of the first half remaining.

The Robins were embarking on a rare foray forward when they got caught in possession, Worthing broke with lightning speed and the resultant three-on-two left Chappell and her remaining defenders with no chance as Beth Kincaid converted.

It could have got even worse, Rose Jump blocking another effort just before the sides headed in for the interval.

Martin Lee made one change at the break with Ria Banitas replacing skipper Sam Newman who'd battled bravely against Worthing's rapid right-sided forward.

Just like in the first half, Hassocks



were the better side from kick off and Purse earned a corner which unfortunately came to nothing.

Worthing responded by forcing Chappell into yet another good save but the respite was short lived and the hosts duly doubled their advantage with 51 on the clock.

Disappointingly from a Hassocks point of view, it came from a set piece.

A deep corner was headed back across goal where Tammy Waine was waiting to volley home.

Worthing were now well on top and an injury to Flin saw her hobble off with Emily Brocklehurst entering proceedings.

Lee took the opportunity to switch to a back four with Gemma Craig also dropping back as Hassocks looked to try and hold onto a respectable result.

Jodie Johanson also entered the fray as Chappell made a good block to thwart another effort on goal.

The Robins' heroic defensive efforts began to take their toll late on, forcing Lee into continuing to rotate his rolling substitutes with Holly Webb being introduced.

Some smart covering from Brocklehurst thwarted another through ball with the final action of the game coming from a Worthing free kick which Chappell again proved equal to on her way to claiming one of the easiest star player decisions of this season.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Jump, Flin, Newman, Bright, J Craig, King, G Craig, K Chappell, Purse.

Subs: Banitas, Brocklehurst, Johanson, Webb (used).

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	0-2	
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	9	0	9	0
Sam Newman	9	0	9	0
Sarah Chappell	8	0	8	0
Kirstin Mair	8	0	8	0
Rose Jump	5	3	8	2
Ria Banitas	3	5	8	0
Jess Craig	7	0	7	0
Chloe John	7	0	7	0
Claire Stevens	7	0	7	1
Emma Flin	6	1	7	0
Liz King	5	2	7	1
Jodie Johanson	4	3	7	0
Tallie Bright	3	4	7	0
Bethany Purse	6	0	6	0
Katherine Chappell	5	1	6	2
Kelly Rushworth	4	0	4	3
Emily Brocklehurst	2	2	4	0
Holly Webb	0	2	2	0
Emma Young	1	0	1	0
Holly Larmar	0	1	1	0
Ellie Moquet	0	1	1	0



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Title chasing Three Bridges came to an icy Beacon on this day in **2011**, seeking revenge on a Hassocks side who had been the first to take a point off them that season in the corresponding fixture back in October...

ROBINS PUSH TITLE CONTENDING BRIDGES ALL THE WAY

If Three Bridges go onto lift the Sussex County League title this season - and surely only Crawley Down and maybe Rye United can stop them - then they will certainly look back on their clashes with Hassocks knowing that they had to work mighty hard for their four points.

It was against the Robins that the leaders surrendered their proud 100% record back in October when held to a 1-1 draw at Jubilee Field and since then, they've invested even more heavily in quality additions with the aim of being crowned champions for the first time.

Yet despite all that money, they could only manage one goal on an icy Tuesday night at the Beacon and while that proved to be enough to beat a Hassocks side missing several key players, Bridges were never able to reax until the final whistle blew.

Perhaps that tension and the fact that things didn't go completely their way was responsible for their constant and unacceptable griping at referee Frank Meilack in the opening half hour.

Almost from the first whistle, Bridges contested every single decision given by Mr Meilack, a strange outpouring of anger given that supporters of both sides agreed afterwards that Mr Meilack generally did a good job.

In fact, the one area that probably let him down was his

reluctance to book any Bridges player for dissent early on with former Lewes strike Simon Wormwull eventually becoming the first player to receive a yellow with 20 minutes on the clock.

Mr Meilack had offered plenty of warnings before that and once he'd found his way into his pocket for Wormwull, another five players entered the book.

Spencer Slaughter and Pete Lear were the home players to be shown yellow along with Bridges' Lee Carney, Elliott Romain and substitute Michael Death.

The visitors' ill discipline was best summed up when goal scorer Romain was hauled before he was sent off, only for his replacement Death to be booked a petulant kick out right in front of Mr Meilack less than two minutes after he'd come on.

For all the individual talent in this Bridges side, they rarely looked capable of performing as a team which is ultimately why the non-footballing antics were the main talking point come the final whistle.

Hassocks meanwhile had the opposite problem; they huffed and they puffed with plenty of honest endeavour but were lacking any real threat up front to inflict damage on the league leaders.

With Dan Smith side lined by a long term back injury, veteran striker James Laing was asked to plough a lonely furrow up front on a rare start.

Mickey Jewell did eventually throw on three forwards from the

bench in Neil Kane, Nathan Miles and Dan Shergold late on but they weren't able to find a way to upset the Bridges bandwagon.

Chances were few and far between in general and once Hassocks' admirable defence of Lear, Ashley Marsh, Andy Whittingham and young Stuart Brown were breached three minutes before half time by Romain, it always looked like an uphill battle for Hassocks to take anything from tie.

Chris Head out on the left offered Bridges their best outlet in the first half and when he was released by Wormwull's astute pass, the pull back was converted less than convincingly by Romain.

Jack Simpson was definitely the busier of the two goalkeepers but compared to his evening's work in the Sussex Senior Cup defeat to Horsham a week previously, this was practically a night off for the Robins' young number one who is now learning his craft rapidly and turning in some seriously consistent performances.

At the end of the evening, it was good to have it reinforced that while individual flair can light up matches, football remains essentially a team game.

Bridges may well wind up lifting their first title in four months time, but in terms of the collective then Hassocks may in some ways be further down the line than their visitors.



Coming up...

Hassocks face three games over the course of the next 11 days. Two of the opponents were promoted from Division One last season while the other have designs on exiting the Premier this season via promotion...



Alfold

When?

Tuesday 21st January

Where?

Alfold Recreation Ground

Time?

7.45pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Alfold this season?

Alfold are the Premier Division's newest side having won promotion to the top flight of the Southern Combination League for the first time in their 96 year history as Division One champions last season. They've taken to the higher standard impressively and currently sit in 10th position in the table, 14 points clear of Hassocks and the relegation zone, avoiding which is ultimately their aim for the season. Much of that good start has been down to their form - Alfold Rec is proving to be a difficult place to go and at the time of writing, the Fold have lost just once at home this season in all competitions.

Hassocks' record against Alfold?

This will be the first ever meeting between the two sides and what we believe is any level, be it first team, reserves, thirds or youth. That will hardly come as a surprise - they only won promotion from the West Sussex League to Southern Combination in 2015.

How to get to Alfold Rec?

Don't use Google! Google Maps doesn't seem to think that Alfold Rec exists for some reason, which could make navigation tricky given that we've never been there before. It's a similar journey to Loxwood away which means you'll need to take the A272 to through Billingshurst, joining the B2133 towards Newpound. Continue on the B2133 through Loxwood and Alfold will be the next village. Once you reach Alfold, you'll come to Alfold Crossways where you need to bear left onto Dunsfold Road with the ground being immediately on your left.

Players to watch out for?

Kelvin Lucas is Alfold's top scorer having plundered 13 goals in 20 game. They've made some shrewd additions over the past couple of months of names who will be familiar to Hassocks fans with ex-Broadbridge Heath striker Devon Fender joining along with former Steyning Town man Joao Andrade.



Steyping Town

When?

Saturday 25th January

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Steyping Town this season?

This is Steyping's first Southern Combination League Premier Division season since 1985-86 when they lifted the league title before moving to the Wessex League. They've also played in the Combined Counties, returning to the SCFL in 1994, since when they've spent all their time in Division One bar a five season spell in the bottom tier - until now at least. They certainly seem to be enjoying themselves back in the Premier and look well on course for a comfortable mid table finish.

Hassocks' record against Steyping Town?

Meetings between Hassocks and the Barrowmen have been few and far between. Since 2010, we've met four times and all in the Sussex Senior Cup. The Robins needed a replay to overcome Division One Steyping in the 2010-11 season, winning 5-1 at the Beacon after a 1-1 draw at the Shooting Field. The next clash came in 2013-14 and saw Hassocks run out 3-0 winners with the most recent

meeting, well, that didn't go entirely according to plan...

Last time we met?

Steyping pulled off a shock result, winning 3-1 at the Shooting Field in the second round of the Senior Cup back in November 2015. Goals from Danny Gainsford and Craig Knowles put the Barrowmen in control but Phil Gault thought he'd set up a nervy final five when pulling one back in the 85th minute. The hosts had other ideas though and went straight up the other end from kick off to make the game safe through Rob Clark.

Any familiar faces?

Plenty of players have switched between Hassocks and Steyping down the years with plenty of familiar faces likely to be on show on this occasion. Jamie Weston moved to the Shooting Field from Haywards Heath Town at the start of the season and Alex Gatherer is the Barrowmen's current captain having played for Hassocks briefly in 2014.



Horsham YMCA

When?

Saturday 1st February

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Horsham YMCA this season?

Having been regular title challengers for a number of seasons now including when finishing as runners up last time out, Horsham YMCA underwent something of a transitional summer with a number of key players leaving and manager Peter Buckland having to rebuild his squad as a result. It's taken a bit of time to gel but after spending the first few months floating around the bottom half of the table, YM have finally clicked over the past month or so and will come to the Beacon having climbed into the top 10 with their sights now firmly set up the table.

Hassocks' record against Horsham YMCA?

YM have been one of the Robins' most frequent opponents over our 35 years as a Southern Combination League club. In that time, there have been 48 meetings across all competitions. Hassocks' record isn't exactly one to shout home about

either with just 11 wins to YM's 26 and 11 draws. At least this game takes place at the Beacon - the Robins' record at Gorings Mead is particularly ghastly with only two league victories there since 2000.

Last time we met?

Ben Bacon marked his first goal back in Hassocks colours with an 86th minute equaliser to rescue a point at Gorings Mead in August. Harvey Blake had put us 1-0 ahead going into half time before second half goals from YM's Dean Lovegrove and Martin Smith looked set to give the hosts all three points until Bacon's late heroics in his first 90 minutes for three months.

Any familiar faces?

Phil Johnson had a hugely successful spell with YM between 2015 and 2018 and is nearly as popular a figure with the Gorings Mead faithful as he is here at the Beacon.

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Around the League



Lancing took advantage of Eastbourne Town's trip to Lingfield being postponed last Saturday by moving seven points clear at the top of the Premier Division with the race to avoid relegation also hotting up...

While leaders Lancing were busy beating Hassocks at Culver Road, Peacehaven & Telscombe tightened their grip on second place with a thrilling 3-2 victory against Eastbourne United.

They left it late to do so. United had led 2-0 with just 20 minutes to go thanks to goals from Kane Penn and Paul Wetherby before Peacehaven launched an extraordinary comeback.

Curtis Ford pulled one back in the 73rd minute, Connor Morley equalised on 77 and then Ford scored again on 79 to turn proceedings on their head, moving Peacehaven four points clear of today's visitors to the Beacon, **Eastbourne Town**.

John Lambert's side were involved in a thriller of their own against **Newhaven** which ended 4-3 to the visitors at the Saffrons.

A blistering start to proceedings saw both sides score inside the opening four minutes, Robbie Keith for the Dockers and Ethan Strevett for Town.

Zac Attwood then put Town 2-1 up; Ian Robinson equalise. Aaron Capon made it 3-2 to the host; Robinson equalised again. The winner arrived with 20 minutes to go from Newhaven's Lee Robinson with the result ensuring that the Dockers stay fifth.

An 80th minute strike from substitute Mario Quiassaca kept **Horley Town** in fourth as they defeated **Horsham** 2-1 at the New Defence.

Alex Barbary had opened the scoring for Horley against his former club right on the stroke of half time with Callum Donaghey equalising for

YM.

Long-serving **Broadbridge Heath** manager Steve Painter stood down after over a decade at the helm of the Bears following their 3-1 home defeat to **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Oscar Weddell scored twice for Down with Ben Chowney also on target in what turned out to be the end of an era for Heath.

Substitute Ellis Cormack got the only goal of the game as **AFC Uckfield Town** defeated **Langney Wanderers** 1-0 while it was the same scoreline at Hill Park where hosts **Saltdean United** went down 1-0 against **Steyning Town** with Charlie Romain on target.

Problematically for Hassocks, all three of the sides directly above the Robins in the table picked up victories as the relegation battle took another twist.

Jack Williamson, Chris Darwin, Ryan Barratt and a Danny Simmonds brace gave **East Preston** a hugely impressive 5-1 win at bottom side **Loxwood** with **Lingfield** winning 1-0 away at **Little Common** through a Stephen Hodge strike.

Pagham meanwhile had one of the results of the day, triumphing 3-1 against **Alfold** at Nyetimber Lane.

There was a brace for the Lions' Callum Chalmers alongside a goal for Jordan Clark.

Thomas Howard-Bold hit the consolation for the visitors, who also saw Kelvin Lucas sent off.

Only five games were played in Division One with **AFC Vardeanians** taking advantage of leaders Littlehampton Town's inactivity to move to within four points of the table toppers with a

hard-fought 2-1 success at **Selsey**.

The hosts finished with nine men after red cards for Joe Bennett and Max Davies with Joe Keehan scoring both of V's goals.

Third placed **Wick** suffered a shock 4-2 defeat at **Hailsham Town** for whom Rhys Taylor scored twice, which allowed **Mile Oak** in fourth to cut the gap to four points after their 1-0 win at **Roffey** where Adam Dine hit the only goal.

Arundel left it late to rescue a point against **Oakwood** with Matthew Noble netting an 89th minute equaliser at Tinsley Lane while the division's other game saw **Midhurst & Easebourne** lose 3-0 at home to **Seaford Town**.

Former Hassocks forward Jack Rowe-Hurst scored twice for the Hornets alongside Michael Waller.

Division Two leaders Montpelier Villa weren't in action which allowed **Upper Beeding** to move to within 10 points of the long-term table toppers with a 3-2 win at **Littlehampton United**.

Kristian Harding's 85th minute goal secured a big three points for Beeding, his second of the game to go with Tim Tapscott's fourth minute opener.

Ex-Hassocks players contributed five of **St Francis Rangers'** eight goals in their 8-1 success over **Ferring**.

Jake Lindsey notched a hat-trick on his Rangers debut with Max Willcox and Jordan Littlecott the other former Robins on target.

Angemering had a big win of their own, beating **Brighton Electricity** 6-2 while **Worthing Town** saw off **Bosham** 1-0.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancing	21	16	4	1	50	22	52
Peacehaven & Tels.	21	14	4	3	52	29	46
Eastbourne Town	20	13	3	4	56	20	42
Horley Town	19	13	2	4	44	25	41
Newhaven	20	11	6	3	49	34	39
Eastbourne United	22	11	1	10	40	46	34
Crawley Down Gatwick	21	9	4	8	36	38	31
AFC Uckfield Town	18	9	3	6	34	24	30
Steyning Town	22	7	8	7	30	29	29
Horsham YMCA	23	8	5	10	48	54	29
Alfold	19	8	3	8	35	33	27
Langney Wanderers	22	7	6	9	38	44	27
Little Common	21	7	5	9	36	34	26
Broadbridge Heath	22	7	4	11	30	52	25
Saltdean United	19	6	3	10	26	36	21
East Preston	21	5	4	12	34	47	19
Lingfield	15	5	1	9	25	28	16
Pagham	19	4	3	12	17	36	15
Hassocks	19	4	1	14	24	43	13
Loxwood	20	0	6	14	29	59	6

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	202	236	152
Peacehaven & Telscombe	199	407	137
Broadbridge Heath	149	337	70
Eastbourne United	138	385	86
Newhaven	127	223	32
Lancing	120	259	75
Langney Wanderers	117	240	40
Horsham YMCA	106	312	56
Hassocks	101	130	73
Pagham	95	137	71
Saltdean United	83	137	43
Steyning Town	82	138	30
Alfold	74	98	52
East Preston	72	103	45
Crawley Down Gatwick	70	119	41
Lingfield	61	112	51
Little Common	58	153	32
Horley Town	57	103	39
Loxwood	57	77	40
AFC Uckfield Town	51	81	37

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Horley Town	WWWWW
Lancing	WWWWW
Newhaven	WWDWWW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WWWLWW
Pagham	WLLDWW
AFC Uckfield Town	WLLWWD
Alfold	LWLWWL
Eastbourne United	LWWLLW
Horsham YMCA	LWDDLW
Broadbridge Heath	LWDWDL
Eastbourne Town	LWLDLW
Lingfield	WLDLLW
Saltdean United	LLWLDW
East Preston	WLLLLW
Little Common	LDDWLD
Hassocks	LWLWLL
Steyning Town	WLLDD
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLLDDL
Langney Wanderers	LLDLLL
Loxwood	LLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lewis Finney	Lancing	40
Dan Perry	Saltdean United	23
Matt Daniel	Horsham YMCA	19
Josh Marshall	Peacehaven	18
Liam Baitup	AFC Uckfield	17
Curtis Ford	Peacehaven	17
Ben Connolly	Lancing	16
Alex Fair	Lancing	16
Joao Andrade	Alfold	15
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	15
Nathan Crabb	Eastbourne Utd	13
Tony Halsey	Horley Town	13
Kelvin Lucas	Alfold	13
Grant Radmore	Steyning Town	13
Kerran Boylan	Horley Town	12
Bailo Camara	AFC Uckfield	12
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	12
Ebou Jallow	Newhaven	12
Alex Laing	AFC Uckfield	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	10	5	2	3	21	15	17
Lancing	11	5	1	5	24	29	16
Broadbridge Heath	7	5	0	2	15	8	15
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	21	5	12
Hassocks	6	3	0	3	14	14	9
Broadbridge Heath	8	3	0	5	16	25	9
Haywards Heath Town	6	2	1	3	21	16	7
Burgess Hill Town	3	1	2	0	11	9	5
Shoreham	7	0	0	6	7	46	3

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Harrison Lees	Hassocks	9
Harry Naylor	Haywards Heath	9
Isaac Andrews	Mile Oak	7
Demas Ramsis	St Francis	6
Luis Channon	Mile Oak	5
Sid O'Neill	St Francis	5
Callum Ward	St Francis	5

South East Counties Women's Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worthing	9	9	0	0	38	1	27
Lewes	10	7	1	2	29	13	22
Parkwood Rangers	9	5	2	2	20	13	17
Phoenix Sports	7	4	0	3	14	12	12
Herne Bay	8	4	0	4	17	20	12
Ashford	7	3	1	3	14	15	10
Newhaven	9	2	1	6	11	24	7
Hassocks	8	1	3	4	10	15	6
Eastbourne United	8	1	3	4	10	23	6
Crawley Wasps	9	0	1	8	13	41	1

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Gemma Worsfold	Worthing	14
Grace Laverick	Phoenix Sports	9
Megan Cranford	Lewes	8
Sophie Gifford	Herne Bay	8
Lia Skingley	Phoenix Sports	8
Lillian Tucker	Herne Bay	8
Katie Cooper	Lewes	7
Corrie Goodhew	Parkwood	7
Chloe Nye	Lewes	7
Sara Tubby	Worthing	7

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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**
Pagham home **Kit Tregear**
Lancing away
Little Common home
Eastbourne Town home
Alfold away
Steyning Town home
Horsham YMCA home
Saltdean United away
Loxwood away
Langney Wanderers home
AFC Uckfield Town away
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 **Will Broomfield**
2nd **Dan Turner**
3rd **Liam Benson**

January 2020

1st
2nd
3rd

February 2020

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3rd

March 2020

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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
Dan Stokes	119	47	166	12
Graham Beveridge	142	23	165	17
Jack Simpson	161	0	161	0
Phil Johnson	132	26	158	75
Matt Robbins	142	15	157	20
Steve Hards	146	9	155	65
Kieran O'Callaghan	141	14	155	17
Luke Flomo	126	20	146	31
Rob South	130	14	144	3
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
Liam Benson	89	38	127	31
Steve Wilkins	107	19	126	11
Harry Mills	111	10	121	5
Jamie Hillwood	96	25	121	25
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



Nick Newman

Dependable defender Nick Newman moved to the Beacon from Haywards Heath Town in 2002.

Although he only managed two goals in 114 games for Hassocks, he would often cause all kinds of danger when going up to attack corners and free kicks to the point where boss Dave John nicknamed him "the decoy".

Newman was still turning out for the veterans two seasons ago.

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Assistant Brad Sweetman
Goalkeeper Coach Haig Kingston
Physio Phil Wickwar



Eastbourne Town

	Chris Winterton
	Jason Tibble
	Michael Platt
	Daniel Bolwell
	Harry Colbran
	Zac Attwood
	Daniel Tear
	Tom Vickers
	Sam Cole
	Aaron Capon
	George Cook
	Daniel Rogers
	Tyler Scrafton
	Ethan Strevett
	Simon Johnson
	George Taggart
	Marcus Goldsmith
	Brad Prtichard
	Nathan Hover
	Jack Langford

Referee
Daniel Cooper

Assistants
Graeme Bolton &
Adie
Sanchez-Norman

Manager John Lamber
Assistant Jamie Podmore
Coaches John Kirby, Graeme Mintrim &
Dominic Crowhurst

Next at the Beacon



Steining Town
 Saturday 25th January. 3pm
 Southern Combination Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

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