



**Hassocks v Lancing**  
**Southern Combination Premier Division**  
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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

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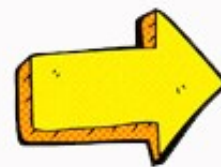
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Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for the first time in nearly seven months. We are delighted to have you back...

There has obviously been more important events going on in the world than the Southern Combination Football League since we last opened our turnstiles back in February.

You return today to a Beacon which is slightly different to the one you left - we have one way systems, social distancing and a LOT of hand sanitiser - but in some ways, nothing has really changed.

That has probably been the most comforting thing about the start of the football season. The sport gives you a chance to escape for 90 minutes and almost remember what life was like before that little thing called coronavirus came along.

Whilst the United Kingdom has been in lockdown, we have been putting in a lot of hard work over the extended summer, both on and off-the-pitch.

All of that is covered in more depth further in tonight's programme, but to summarise, we have carried out £1500 worth of works on the pitch thanks to a grant from the FA, the Football Foundation and the Premier League.

The same three bodies also provided financial assistance for

helping get the ground prepared for the new measures that we had to have in place.

With no income since we shut the turnstiles seven months ago, those two sources of money have been invaluable to the club.

On the pitch, Dave John is back in charge for a third spell and he has brought Mark Enticknap in to assist both him and Brad Sweetman with the running of the first team and the Under 23s.

There are plenty of new faces - and some familiar ones too - for you to get to know and early performances have been encouraging, both in pre-season and in our opening two fixtures.

Last Wednesday night was the opening match of the campaign and it was one packed with drama as we eliminated Balham from the FA Cup on penalties.

It was our first victory in the competition over opposition from outside of the Southern Combination League since 2010 and sets up a trip to Bedford Sports this Saturday - details about that one also included a little further on.

Then on Saturday, we gave a

good Alfold side a bit of a fright before succumbing to a 3-1 loss.

It was another enthralling game which might have ended differently had the post not come to the rescue of our hosts on two occasions.

If tonight's clash with Lancing comes close to matching the entertainment of those opening two matches, then we should all be in for a real treat.

The qualities of Lancing of course need no introduction to seasoned Premier Division observers.

They were top of the table when the 2019-20 season was curtailed, denying them the chance to win a first ever Southern Combination League title and promotion to the Isthmian League.

A 6-1 win over Lingfield on Saturday showed that they are determined to make up for that disappointment and points to a very tough game indeed.

Whatever the result, we hope that our visitors, our match officials and everyone else in attendance enjoys their evening at the Beacon - it is good to have you all back.

**Owen & Scott**



## Lancing

**Founded** 1941

**Nickname** Lancers

**Ground** Culver Road

**Website** [lancingfc.org.uk](http://lancingfc.org.uk)

**Twitter** @LancingFC

### Managers

James Rhodes & Kane Louis

### Top Scorer

Ben Connolly & Matt Daniel, 3

## HONOURS

### Southern Combination League

Runners up 1949, 2012

### SCFL Division 1

Winners 1958, 1970

Runners up 1983, 2011

### Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1965, 2016

### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1966

### SCFL Division 1 Cup

Winners 1982, 1993

**Plenty of clubs felt aggrieved with the 2019-20 season being declared null and void - but nobody had grounds to complain quite like Lancing. They come into 2020-21 determined to make up for it...**

Lancing had led the way for much of last season and were top of the Premier Division when the decision was taken to declare 2019-20 as null and void.

Obviously, nobody can say with certainty what would have happened over the remaining nine games of the season, but the smart money would have been on the Lancers lifting their first Southern Combination League title.

Being denied the chance to find out did not just cost Lancing a shot at promotion; their manager Naim Rouane also resigned as a result, saying: "It would be very difficult to continue if we remained in the Southern Combination League for a number of reasons including our ambition, commitment, energy and enjoyment."

If the rest of the Premier Division hoped that Rouane's departure would dent the finest team in the league last season, then it looks like they will be sorely disappointed.

Lancing appointed the internal duo of James Rhodes & Kane Louis and crucially the new managerial team have managed to hold on to

most of Rouane's table topping squad.

There is no motivation in football quite like winning something that was snatched away from you in controversial circumstances.

Haywards Heath Town showed that when lifting the title in 2017-18 a year after a points deduction had given the silverware to Shoreham.

Judging by the start they have made to the season, Lancing look determined to follow in our local rival's footsteps and win the promotion that they were cruelly denied last time out.

The new campaign may be only one game old, but already it is Lancing who occupy the number one spot after hammering Lingfield 6-1 at Culver Road on Saturday.

Matt Daniel scored a hat-trick and with Ben Connolly having netted a treble against Phoenix Sport in their Tuesday night FA cup exit on penalties, goals do not look like they will be in short supply.

Can anyone stop the Lancers lifting the title?

## 10 Key Moments

**1947...** win a Brighton League & Cup double just six years after being founded  
**1949...** finish runners up in their first season in the Southern Combination League  
**1952...** make the move to their current home of Culver Road  
**1965...** win their first Peter Bentley League Cup. A year later, they add the RUR Cup to their collection  
**1972...** suffer their first ever relegation after 23 years in the top flight  
**1983...** win promotion as Division One runners up and lift the Division One Cup  
**1984...** relegated again with three further one season stays in the top flight following over the next 16 years  
**2011...** end an 11 year absence from the top flight by finishing as runners up in Division One  
**2012...** make an immediate impression by finishing runners up in the Premier Division  
**2016...** lift their first major silverware for 50 years, winning the Peter Bentley League Cup.

## Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 13<sup>th</sup>  
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 10<sup>th</sup>  
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 12<sup>th</sup>  
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 4<sup>th</sup>  
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 8<sup>th</sup>  
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 18<sup>th</sup>  
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 13<sup>th</sup>  
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2010-11, Southern Combination One 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2009-10, Southern Combination One 11<sup>th</sup>  
2008-09, Southern Combination One 9<sup>th</sup>  
2007-08, Southern Combination One 12<sup>th</sup>  
2006-07, Southern Combination One 14<sup>th</sup>  
2005-06, Southern Combination One 12<sup>th</sup>  
2004-05, Southern Combination One 13<sup>th</sup>  
2003-04, Southern Combination One 17<sup>th</sup>  
2002-03, Southern Combination One 9<sup>th</sup>  
2001-02, Southern Combination One 6<sup>th</sup>  
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 18<sup>th</sup>  
1999-00, Southern Combination One 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Hassocks v Lancing :: Head-to-Head

**SCFL Premier Division...** Played 20 - Won 6 - Drawn 6 - Lost 8 - Scored 31 - Conceded 36

**SCFL Division Two...** Played 6 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 2 - Scored 12 - Conceded 10

**Sussex Senior Cup...** Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 2 - Conceded 10

**Peter Bentley Cup...** Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 6 - Conceded 6

**RUR Charity Cup...** Played 2 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 0

**Total... Played 32 - Won 12 - Drawn 7 - Lost 13 - Scored 54 - Conceded 62**

## Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Lancing 2-1 Hassocks

2019-20 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 1-4 Lancing

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Lancing

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Lancing 2-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-1 Lancing

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Lancing

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Lancing 3-1 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-3 Lancing

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Lancing 4-3 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-0 Lancing

## Played for both

**Lancing are probably the Sussex club with which Hassocks have the most player links thanks to an astonishing number of individuals who have played for both since 2010.**

Two of those could be on show in Hassocks colours tonight with **Bradley Bant** and **Charlie Pitcher** having enjoyed spells at Culver Road as well as the Beacon.

One of the first players to represent both clubs was goalkeeper **Joel Harding** who racked up 340 games for Hassocks before leaving for Burgess Hill Town in the summer of 2010.

After a couple of successful

seasons at Leylands Park, he moved to Culver Road midway through the 2012-13 campaign before joining East Preston, with whom he won the Premier Division in 2014.

Speaking of goalkeepers who won silverware, **Josh Green** was number one at Culver Road when Lancing lifted the Peter Bentley League Cup in 2016 in-between his two spells at the Beacon.

Green was joined at Culver Road a few months after that cup win by **Lewis Westlake** whilst **Liam Benson** left Hassocks to spend the second half of the 2017-18 season with the Lancers before returning to the Robins for 2018-19.

The 2018-19 campaign saw another glut of ex-Hassocks players rock up on the south coast with **Bradley Tighe** and **Jack Rowe-Hurst** signing up for brief spells at the same time as Pitcher was on the books.

Charlie is not the only forward to have scored goals for both clubs - **Jonno Melia** impressed in a couple of seasons with Lancing before hitting 10 goals in 27 appearances for Hassocks in his sole season at the club in 2015-16.

The most recent player to turn out for both clubs was **Matt Berridge**, who moved to Culver Road last October from the Robins.

# ROBINS PAY THE PENALTY AGAINST LEADERS LANCING

**Lancing may look to 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 back line – 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.

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

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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).



## Lancing 1-3 Hassocks

# NATHAN PROVES TO BE MILES TOO GOOD FOR LANCING TO HANDLE

**Lancing away has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks, but not even their Culver Road hoodoo could resist the sensational form of Nathan Miles.**

The Robins striker netted a brilliant hat-trick as Mickey Jewell's side won 3-1 against a Lancing outfit who have shown signs of improvement in recent weeks after a difficult start.

Hassocks have had no such issues. The victory consolidated second place, leaving the Robins five points behind County League leaders East Preston.

More importantly, it showed that Hassocks are well and truly over their debacle of a performance in losing 5-2 at home to Ringmer last Saturday.

The Robins ended Dorking Wanderers' unbeaten record in midweek when winning 2-1 at Westhumble Playing Fields before wrapping up this three points down on the south coast.

With Kieran O'Callaghan still sidelined by a toe injury, Nick Pitcher joined Ashley Marsh at the heart of the Hassocks defence and both had excellent games.

So too did the industrial Dan Jacques out on the right wing, making his 100th senior appearance for the club.

Jacques marked the occasion by setting up Miles' second goal and he would have been a shoe-in for a second successive man-of-the-match award were it not for Miles.

Both sides began the tie with intent, fashioning several opportunities.

For Lancing, Bradley Bant volleyed over from 12 yards and Charlie Romain dragged a shot wide from an acute angle.

At the other end, Phil Gault volleyed wide. It was the start of one of those rare days for Gault where he

was unable to make one of his chances stick on the scoreboard.

Hassocks took the lead with 28 minutes on the clock with a fine team goal which swept from one end to the other.

Jack Simpson collected a Lancing corner and bowled the ball out to Gault on halfway.

He laid it back to Nathan Cooper who found Jamie Hillwood marauding down the left flank.

Hillwood fed Miles on the edge of the box with Miles turning former Hassocks defender Matt Carruthers before unleashing a ferocious shot past James Shaw.

It was a wonderful piece of skill and an excellent finish from Miles which drew applause from around the ground.

The crowd were soon clapping once again when Gault hit an audacious volley from Anthony Hibbert's diagonal pass which crashed against the crossbar with Shaw helpless.

Miles tested Shaw just before the interval with the Lancing keeper doing well to gather at the second attempt.

Shaw denied Gault with his feet early in the second period whilst a rare Lancing attack saw Pitcher bravely block a stinging effort from Romain.

Lancing began to dominate possession after that but without ever really doing much with it.

They did deliver some dangerous crosses but Pitcher and Marsh were always in the right place at the right time to repel anything heading towards Simpson's goal.

Gault headed over from six yards when totally unmarked with the goal at his mercy and Cooper was unlucky to flash a left footed effort just wide as Hassocks looked to double their lead.

They eventually managed to do so on 63 minutes with a goal that owed much to Jacques' work rate

and determination.

The midfielder won the ball back in the centre of the pitch and found Miles with a forward pass.

Miles did the rest, leaving Dave Sharman looking bamboozled by a trick and a turn before slotting the ball past the advancing Shaw.

Five minutes later and it was game over as Miles completed his treble.

Hibbert's dipping shot caused problems for Shaw who could only parry and Miles was on hand to react quickest and turn the loose ball home to make it 3-0.

To their credit, Lancing kept plugging away. The lively Ryan Waterman pulled one back with a fine header on 72 minutes and the hosts almost reduced the deficit further but substitute Michael Sims could only shoot wide.

Even as the game entered injury time, Miles was chasing back to tackle Matt Hardman on the edge of the Hassocks box. He then almost added a fourth, firing a shot against the post.

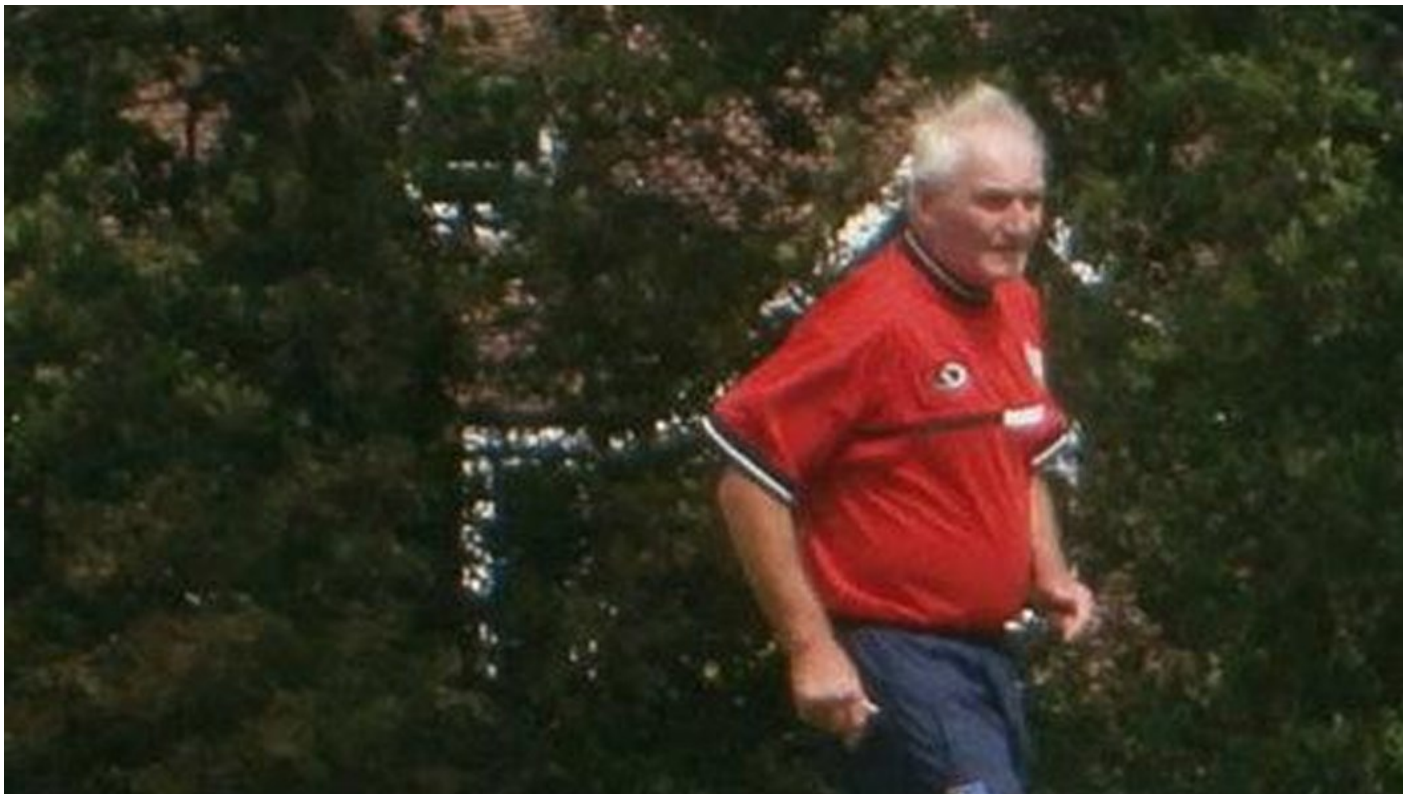
There was one further chance for Gault to net but he missed with the headed opportunity.

Not that it mattered as it was job done for Hassocks, making it three wins out of three Division One games on the road so far this season.

**Hassocks:** Simpson; Bryant, Marsh, Pitcher, Maynard; Jacques, Hibbert, Cooper, Hillwood; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Ingham (Hillwood 60), South (Bryant 69), Davess (Maynard 69).

**Starman:** Nick Pitcher and Dan Jacques would have been in contention any other day, but Nathan Miles's hat-trick and all round performance drew acclaim from around.



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# REMEMBERING FRED & HANS

Mid Sussex football has lost two of its greatest characters in the past six months with the sad passing of Fred Wetherill in April and Grahame 'Hans' Lehkyj in August. We remember two men who loved football and the fact that we were lucky enough to call them friends of Hassocks Football Club

## **Fred Wetherill**

Fred held just about every job imaginable during a long association with the Robins which stretched back over 50 years.

Not only was he a big part of our club's history, but he also lived in Hassocks and was a familiar face around the village.

Fred was with the club during our 1970s heyday, lifting both the Brighton and Hove League title in 1972 and the Sussex Intermediate Cup in 1975.

Fred described that Intermediate Cup triumph in an interview with the Robins' matchday programme some years later as the highlight of his career.

He went onto hold a variety of positions with Burgess Hill Town through the 1980s, managing the Hillians Reserves to the Sussex League and Cup double in the 1989/90 season. In the early 1990s, he became manager Jim Thompson's assistant for four seasons.

Fred returned to Hassocks from Leylands Park as assistant manager to Dave John, the most recent role he held with the Robins.

He became a popular figure with a whole new generation of Robins. Fred was often one of the first back from the pre-season tradition of the run to Jack and Jill Windmills, despite being the oldest participant.

He would often be seen in a cafe in the village having a full English on a Saturday before games. Any players who'd been out the night

before and fancied a fry up to try and sober up ran the risk of being spotted by Fred.

Watching him trying to communicate from the dugout via mobile phone with Johnsy in the Maurice Boxall Stand became one of the highlights of home games at the Beacon during the 2000s until Fred retired from coaching when Johnsy stood down as manager at the end of the the 2007-08 season.

He still remained a regular and familiar face on the Sussex football circuit, becoming a volunteer back at Burgess Hill and attending Hassocks fixtures whenever there wasn't a clash with the Hillians.

Fred was even still playing the game in 2012, turning out at nearly 70 years of age for Sussex Sunday League side Hassocks Fatboys.

Fred will be sorely missed by everyone at Hassocks. We are hoping to mark Fred's contribution to the football club at a home game in the near future.

## **Grahame 'Hans' Lehkyj**

Grahame 'Hans' Lehkyj was a long time friend of the football club and a familiar figure on the Mid Sussex football circuit for many years.

His association with the Robins stemmed from being our club linesman back in our Sussex County League Division Three days at Adastra Park.

Many future Hassocks first team players had their first experiences of adult football under the management

of Grahame, who was a bit of a character in the dugout.

Former Hassocks programme editor Paul Elphick recalls his Haywards Heath Town III team and how there "was never a dull moment" when watching a match with Hans.

Over the past decade, he could be found with his large camera photographing the action of whichever club his son Simon was playing for at the time.

We were lucky enough to benefit from Grahame's photography when Simon spent the second half of the 2012-13 season with the Robins.

Grahame became a popular figure for his passion from the stands and we were fortunate that he would often pop back to the Beacon even after Simon had moved on, most notably to Haywards Heath Town where the goalkeeper helped the Blues lift the Southern Combination League title in 2017-18.

It was at Hanbury Park where Grahame spent most of his time following Simon signing for his hometown club.

His 1000s of photos documented Heath's remarkable rise from the second tier of the Southern Combination League right the way through to becoming an established Isthmian League side.

Grahame will be missed by football supporters across Sussex and our thoughts go out to Barbs, Simon and the rest of the Lehkyj family.



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# SUMMER OF CHANGE

**It has been a busy summer at the Beacon with changes in management and players. Here is some of what has been going on to get you up to speed ahead of tonight's game...**

## **The biggest change has come at the top with Dave John taking over from Mark Dalglish for his third spell as first team manager.**

Dave will be assisted by Brad Sweetman, Phil Wickwar and a new face to the coaching team, Mark Enticknap.

All four men will also run the Under 23s. The club are hoping that by having the same management team in place for both sides, it should create a smoother pathway for young players to progress into senior football.

Brad will continue to run the Under 18s as he has done with such success over the past three seasons with help from Jordan Wilson and Owen John. The ladies remain under the management of Martin Lee.

## **Players out**

It has been a busy summer on the transfer front too with several regulars from last year moving on.

Phil Johnson and Harvey Blake have both moved to Crawley Down Gatwick whilst Peacehaven & Telscombe have signed Liam Benson, Harry Mills and Alex Spinks.

Josh Green has gone to St Francis Rangers and Dan Stokes has departed for Loxwood, where

Spencer Slaughter is now player-manager. Lewis Westlake has also moved to Plaistow Road.

Jamie Hillwood joins former Robins Luke Akehurst and Tom Barnes at AFC Vardeanians and Sam Cash has signed for AFC Uckfield Town.

## **Players in**

Johnsy has been on a significant recruitment drive with a mixture of new faces and returning players filling the voids left by the departed.

Phil Gault has been making all the headlines in pre-season, scoring 185 times.

The Robins' record scorer returns after two seasons playing for Cuckfield Rangers in the Mid Sussex League and, if he can take his blistering friendly form into the Premier Division season, reaching 200 goals in Hassocks colours could be achieved. Gault needs 15 to hit a double century.

We are also delighted to welcome back Bradley Bant from Peacehaven. Brad doesn't need any introduction having been a hugely popular figure when racking up 131 appearances between 2014 and 2018.

Striker Charlie Pitcher will wear Hassocks colours for the first time since 2017 after we fought off

significant competition for his signature.

Charlie has turned out for Lancing, Loxwood, South Park, Burgess Hill Town and Broadbridge Heath over the past three seasons.

George Brown is also back for a second spell with the club. The versatile defender or midfielder started out at Woking and played six times in the 2018-19 season for the Robins.

As for completely new signings, three have been involved with the first team already.

Goalkeeper Dave Carruthers made his name at Loxwood and had quite the debut for Hassocks in the FA Cup win at Balham, pulling off two quality stops and saving a penalty in the shoot out.

Louis Pittock is another former Loxwood player who joins from Newhaven. Louis is a swashbuckling right back who has already impressed.

Last but not by no means least is Chris Neatherway. Chris was part of the Steyning Town side who won promotion from Division One two seasons ago.

We would like to welcome all our new and returning faces to the Beacon and hope that they enjoy long and successful careers with the Robins.



A minutes silence before Hassocks v Haywards Heath Town for Grahame Lehkyj

# Pre-Season Round Up

It was a slightly different pre-season for Hassocks this summer as a mixture of first team and Under 23 players took on eight different opponents in three weeks. Here is how we got on...



## Upper Beeding 1 Hassocks 2

A young Robins side kicked off the campaign away at Southern League Division Two opponents Upper Beeding on Saturday 8th August 2020.

Beeding have become regular friendly opponents for Hassocks in recent years with a number of keenly fought matches taking place between the clubs.

This one at the Memorial Playing Fields was no different with the Robins doing just about enough to secure a 2-1 victory.

Both of the goals came from teenage striker Lewis Beebee, who scored 12 times from nine appearances for the Under 18s in the 2019-20 season.



## Burgess Hill Town 3 Hassocks 2

Hassocks took a much more

experienced squad to the More Than Tyres Stadium three days later to face Isthmian League South East side Burgess Hill Town.

It looked like a long evening would be in store for the Robins against Jay Lovett's Hillians as the hosts went into the break 3-0 ahead.

Hill named a mixture of first choice players and trialists who were clearly eager to impress as they flew out of the blocks.

Former Robin Nathan Cooper opened the scoring for Hill midway through the first half.

Alex Laing doubled the advantage eight minutes before the interval with Josh Short adding a third right on the stroke of half time.

The second half was a different

story, however. It was less than 120 seconds old when Hassocks' record scorer Phil Gault netted a mesmerising effort.

Gault collected a throw in just inside the Hill half with his back to goal, flicked the ball over home midfielder Jordi Ndozid and smashed a dipping volley from 35 yards which Josh James could only watch fly into the top corner.

Gault then added a second five minutes later as the Robins came away with a creditable 3-2 defeat against their higher division opponents.



### Hassocks 6 Balcombe 2

48 hours later and the Beacon hosted its first action of the season as Mid Sussex Premier Division outfit Balcombe visited. Hassocks named a side largely made up of Under 23 players.

George Galbraith-Gibbons helped himself to a hat-trick with Joe Bull, Charlie Alderton and Connor Bradley also on target in a convincing 6-2 win for the Robins.



### Hassocks 2 Arundel 2

On Tuesday 18th August, the Robins welcomed Division One side Arundel to the Beacon for the first home friendly of the campaign.

The last time the two sides had met saw a 10 goal thriller back in October, Hassocks triumphing 6-4 in extra time in the first round of the Sussex Senior Cup at Mill Road.

It was another close affair this time around and in the end, the teams could not be separated as it finished 2-2.

Gault notched for the Robins from

the penalty spot with Charlie Pitcher the other scorer.



### Hassocks 2 Lindfield 2

Two days later and Lindfield from the Mid Sussex Premier Division made the short journey to Hassocks for the annual Dan Jacques Testimonial match.

The Robins named another youthful team made up largely of Under 23s and Under 18s and found themselves trailing 2-0 early in the second half to goals from Andy Brown and Jon Cunningham.

Hassocks' young players did not give up however and they battled back to earn a deserved point.

Alfie Loversidge and Galbraith-Gibbons finished off two excellent moves as the Robins recorded their second 2-2 draw in the space of 48 hours.



### Hassocks 1 Haywards Heath Town

A home match with Haywards Heath Town rounded off the second week of pre-season and for the first time, the Beacon turnstiles were allowed to be opened as the government confirmed supporters could return to watch non-league football.

Before kick off, there was an impeccably observed minutes silence for Grahame 'Hans' Lehkyj - who sadly passed away in the week leading up to the game - in recognition of his links with both Hassocks and Heath.

The match itself saw Shaun Saunders' side run out 2-1 winners. Gault continued his excellent friendly form with another goal from the penalty spot, taking his tally to four in pre-season. There would be more to

come from the Lord.

Nico Cotton earned and converted a spot kick of his own for Heath early in the second half before Andrew Dalhouse popped up with a winner.

Dalhouse would go on to achieve an impressive double as following the game at the Beacon, he zipped along the A27 to score in Heath's second match of the afternoon as the Blues were beaten 3-1 by Worthing at Culver Road.



### Hassocks 3 AFC Varndeanians 3

Division One side AFC Varndeanians provided the opposition on Tuesday 25th August at the Beacon.

It turned out to be an extraordinary evening of football for those socially distanced supporters who attended.

Hassocks were in complete control early on before losing their grip a little, allowing Varndeanians to come back into the tie.

The final score at the end of an entertaining game was 3-3 with Gault netting a hat-trick.

That took Gault's pre-season goals total to seven following his return from Cuckfield Rangers.



### Hassocks 1 Cuckfield Rangers 1

It was Gault's former club who provided the opposition in the final friendly versus another Hassocks Under 23s side.

The game finished 1-1, Bull on target against the 2018-19 Mid Sussex League champions.

# NEW LOOK ROBINS SPOT ON TO PROGRESS IN FA CUP

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round**  
**Wednesday 2nd September 2020, Mayfield Stadium**  
**Balham 2-2 Hassocks (Hassocks win 3-5 on pens)**



**Competitive football returned to the Beacon for the first time in 209 days and it proved to be well worth the wait as Jack Troak's 95th minute penalty secured an eye catching 3-2 win for Hassocks over last season's table toppers Lancing.**

This is likely to be a really good result for Dave John's side. The Lancers were sitting pretty in first place in the Premier Division when the 2019-20 season was curtailed and although manager Naim Rouane subsequently resigned, his replacements James Rhodes and Kane Louis have kept most of that quality squad together.

It would be a surprise if Lancing were not there or thereabouts again this season. Hassocks matching them stride for stride in front a bumper crowd augurs well for the campaign ahead.

Having an individual with the quality of Charlie Pitcher helps too. Pitcher was the best player on the park in the first half, a central figure at the heart of everything good Hassocks did.

Pitcher fashioned the first real opportunity after a lively opening 17 minutes. A David Beckham-esque switch of play from left flank to right released James Littlejohn whose low cutback cross was touched by Harvey Enticknap to Bradley Bant to curl just wide.

Eight minutes later and only the quick reactions of Lancing defender Liam Hendy nipping in to win a loose ball prevented Pitcher heading home the rebound after Mitch Bromage did well to parry a powerful strike from Hassocks debutant Chris Neatherway.

Bromage's next stop required excellent reactions as he used a toe to deflect a Pitcher effort wide after quick footwork had sent Harrison

Parker on a merry dance.

There was nothing that Bromage could do to prevent Pitcher and Hassocks getting the goal that their opening half hour warranted.

Bant this time was the one spraying the ball around like Beckham, his 40 yard raking pass finding Pitcher on the edge of the box.

Pitcher still had plenty to do, bringing the ball down with his chest, this time turning Hendy inside out and burying an effort into the bottom corner.

That was Lancing's cue to start playing. Within 60 seconds, the visitors were level as Ebou Jallow was played in and he coolly rounded Dave Carruthers to restore parity.

Eight minutes later and the slick passing football that became the Lancers' trademark last season saw them slice through the Hassocks defence to make it 2-1, Jallow again the man to finish off a flowing move.

The second half was just six minutes old when Pitcher caused more carnage, skipping past a couple of Lancing challenges before flicking the ball expertly into a gaping gap between Bromage and Hendy.

All that was needed from the onrushing Troak was a touch but the winger could not quite get there and the ball trickled behind for a goal kick, much to the relief of Lancing.

The unwell Harvey Enticknap departed the action next, his place taken by teenager Alfie Loversidge, making a real impression whenever he was on the ball in his 40 minutes in the middle of the park.

Carruthers produced a flying save to turn away a liquid volley from James Water who looked thirsty for goals whilst at the other end, Dan Turner's towering header had to be tipped over at full stretch by Bromage.

When Pitcher limped off on 74 minutes, Lancing could have been forgiven for thinking that their

evening was about to get easier as Hassocks were forced into a double change, Louis Pittock also exiting through injury with Joe Bull and Jack Gardner the replacements.

Bull though was to make quite the impact. Within six minutes of his introduction, he latched onto a low Andy Whittingham cross, guiding a deft flick past Bromage without breaking stride.

It was a beautiful equaliser and it set up a grandstand finish. Ben Connolly drew a massive save from Carruthers as the game entered injury time with a rising shot that the Hassocks goalkeeper did superbly to turn away given he cannot have seen it until late.

Three minutes later and Connolly was lucky to stay on the pitch as his cynical lunge when nowhere near the ball brought Loversidge crashing to ground as the young forward looked to advance into the Lancing box.

A spot of handbags followed with the Hassocks bench in disbelief that Connolly had avoided being sent off.

Those complaints soon gave way to joy; from the free kick that Connolly's trip had conceded, Hassocks pumped the ball into the area to win a very soft penalty with the clock now showing 95.

If referee Robert King was awarding the spot kick to make up for the fact that he realised Connolly should have seen red, then the trade worked out well for Hassocks as Troak showed nerves of steel to confidently despatch past Bromage with the final kick of the game.

**Hassocks:** Carruthers; Pittock, Brown, Turner, Whittingham; Littlejohn, Enticknap, Bant, Troak; Pitcher, Neatherway.

**Subs:** Loversidge (Enticknap 54), Gardner (Pittock 74), Bull (Pitcher 74), O'Leary, Galbraith-Gibbons (unused).



# LUCKLESS HASSOCKS FALL AT ALFOLD IN SEASON

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 5th September 2020, Alfold Recreation Ground  
Alfold 3-1 Hassocks**



**Six times last season Hassocks and Alfold attempted to meet in a competitive game for the first time and five times circumstances conspired against them.**

Four of those matches fell to wet weather with the final two being lost once the Premier Division season was declared null and void.

It turned out to be a fixture worth waiting for. There were four goals, countless more chances, handbags and even a centre back playing in goal for 30 minutes on this opening day of the Premier Division season.

As for the final score, it finished 3-1 to the hosts with Hassocks left ruing missed chances and the woodwork.

Both sides came into the tie high in confidence after impressive FA Cup wins in midweek.

On Wednesday, the Robins beat a side from outside the Southern Combination League in the FA Cup for the first time in 10 years when eliminating Balham.

24 hours earlier and Alfold had made the most sensational of debuts in the world's greatest cup competition, winning their first ever FA Cup game 9-1 against Shoreham.

Such a scoreline is not what Dave John would have wanted to see, especially given a goalkeeper crisis which led to 45-year-old Phil Wickwar reluctantly donning the gloves.

The element of risk that comes with playing a goalkeeper who needs to oil his joints with WD40 before a game came to bite Hassocks when Wickwar had to leave proceedings just past the hour mark with a pulled calf.

He initially injured himself five minutes before the break when making a routine catch and despite trying to battle on, hobbled off after Alfold had made it 2-1.

Dan Turner took over in goal and you sensed that the disruption had killed any chance the Robins had of taking something from the game, which was a shame as they were well in it up until that point.

Charlie Pitcher in particular proved to be an absolute menace in the opening 45 minutes.

He gave the Alfold defence such a torrid time that during the break, home centre back Clyde Jacques was spotted storming out of the clubhouse towards his car having changed out of his kit.

A member of the Alfold management team chased him down. Whatever was said in the car park clearly did the trick as Jacques returned for the second half, in which all the goals arrived.

That is not to say that the first half was dull - far from it. Just seven minutes had expired when Pitcher rattled the post for the first time.

Two minutes later and Pitcher collected Harvey Enticknap's clipped through ball but could only hit the one-on-one chance at James Stallon before skewing the rebound wide from a tight angle.

Alford's first chance came when Kelvin Lucas put a shot into the neighbouring tennis club and the dangerous Tiago Andrade saw an effort cleared off the line by Enticknap.

Hassocks had by now realised that the hosts were not comfortable at all with balls over the top.

Twice the Robins hit lofted passes which put James Littlejohn in; he blazed the first over and then looked to be held by Jacques when attempting to break into the box but referee Chris Stobart turned down the penalty appeals.

Up the other end and Sam Lemon had a sweet chance to give Alfold the lead until a brilliant last ditch tackle from Ben O'Leary saw the ball drizzle out. Remarkably, Mr Stobart awarded a goal kick for that one.

More great work from Pitcher gave Hassocks their best chance five minutes prior to the break as he robbed Jordan Mase on halfway before embarking on a powerful run into the Alfold box.

Stallon did well to push Pitcher's initial effort wide. The Hassocks striker still managed to collect the loose ball but the angle was tight again and he rattled the post for the second time.

The second half was just nine minutes old when Alfold took the lead. Wickwar struggled to get off the ground to collect a cross, resulting in a Chuckle Brothers-style collision with Turner, leaving Andrade with an empty net to tap into.

Alfold were not ahead for long. Straight from the restart, Hassocks earned a free kick on the left and Troak's delivery was met by a looping header from Pitcher.

The same post which had denied Pitcher twice was then hit by a Jacques header and Wickwar did well to save at the feet of Devon Fender.

Alfold's second - and the end of Wickwar's afternoon - came on 66 minutes, although Hassocks felt it should not have stood with O'Leary appearing to be held in the build up.

Mr Stobart disagreed and allowed Sammy Clemments drilled effort into the bottom corner to stand.

The hosts wrapped things up on 75 when Andrade got in down the left and his low shot found its way in despite Turner doing well to get a hand to it.

**Hassocks:** P Wickwar; Pittock, Turner, O'Leary, Whittingham; Enticknap, Bant, Brown, Troak; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

**Subs:** Bull (Wickwar), Gardner (Pittock), Loversidge (Enticknap), Galbraith-Gibbons, Neatherway (unused).

# First Team Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
02/09 - 19:45	Balham (A)	FACEP	2-2	Littlejohn, Troak (Won 5-3 on penalties)
05/09 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	1-3	Pitcher
08/09 - 19:45	Lancing (H)	SCFLP		
12/09 - 15:00	Bedfont Sports (A)	FACFPQ		
15/09 - 19:45	Steyping Town (H)	SCFLP		
19/09 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	FAVQ1		
26/09—15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
29/09 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		

# First Team Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Bradley Bant	2	0	2	0	133	12
George Brown	2	0	2	0	8	1
Harvey Enticknap	2	0	2	0	55	3
James Littlejohn	2	0	2	1	58	13
Charlie Pitcher	2	0	2	1	24	4
Louis Pittock	2	0	2	0	2	0
Jack Troak	2	0	2	1	34	6
Dan Turner	2	0	2	0	15	2
Andy Whittingham	2	0	2	0	83	1
Joe Bull	0	2	2	0	53	3
Alfie Loversidge	0	2	2	0	3	0
Dave Carruthers	1	0	1	0	1	0
Phil Gault	1	0	1	0	334	185
Ben O'Leary	1	0	1	0	10	0
Phil Wickwar	1	0	1	0	42	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	1	1	0	34	4
Jack Gardner	0	1	1	0	3	0

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# Under 23 Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
16/09 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23		
24/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23		
<b>October</b>				
01/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		

# Under 18 Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
13/09 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	SCFL18		
20/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL18		
27/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
<b>October</b>				
11/10 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18		

# Ladies Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
13/09 - 14:00	Worthing (H)	LSE1S		
27/09 - 14:00	Parkwood Rangers (H)	LSE1S		
<b>October</b>				
04/10 - 14:00	Newhaven (A)	LSE1S		
11/10 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (H)	LSE1S		
25/10 - 14:00	Ashford (H)	LSE1S		



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# ON THIS DAY



Three Bridges were one of the title favourites in 2009-10 but they never found things easy whenever they came to the Beacon, which meant that this early season meeting had all the making of a classic...

## BRIDGES STRIKE AT THE DEATH TO DENY HASSOCKS

**An excellent advert for the Sussex County Football League took place at the Beacon as Hassocks and Three Bridges shared the spoils in an enthralling 1-1 draw.**

Hassocks looked like they might take the points against one of the pre-season title favourites when Neil Kane struck his fourth goal of the season with an excellent volley 13 minutes from the end.

Bridges though showed their class and battled back, equalising through Joel O'Hara's tap in with 120 seconds left of normal time.

It would have been harsh on Bridges to make the journey back north with nothing to show for their efforts.

But at the same time, it was hard not to feel sorry for the Robins, who gave their everything against talented opponents who have a side packed with quality this season.

Dave John will take heart that Hassocks more than matched Bridges in terms of the football played.

Both sides knocked the ball around beautifully and with confidence on a fine Beacon surface with the game played at pace as it ebbed and flowed from one end to the other.

Referee Ryan Ellis played a big part in that. It is all too easy to point out an official's faults these days, so Mr Ellis deserved praise for an excellent performance.

He let the game continue wherever possible and acted sensibly

when flashpoints involving Terry Gacias and James Grant and Ashley Marsh and Ashley Dugdale erupted.

All four were rightly booked, decisions which had a calming effect and prevented the game potentially getting out of hand, which was especially important given that these two clubs have at times had a spiky relationship on the pitch in the past.

John made one change from Saturday's FA Vase meeting with Sevenoaks Town.

Phil Gault missed that 3-1 extra time win over the Kent League outfit and he returned in attack at the expense of Daley Clark who dropped to the bench.

Long range efforts were in vogue in the opening 20. Grant and Dean Wright tested Joel Harding from distance with Gacias doing likewise to Mark Fox in the Bridges goal.

Gault came closest to opening the scoring when he produced a moment of magic to chest the ball down and hit a stunning volley from 30 yards but Fox proved equal to it.

Fox was beaten when Stuart Faith met a Gacias free kick with a powerful header but unfortunately for Hassocks, it was marginally over the bar.

Fox then had to scramble away a Gault cross-shot before Harding parried a drive from Royce Greenidge.

The end-to-end action continued in the second half. Gault hit another dipping volley from outside the box which this time went just over Fox's

bar and Dean Carden drew a good save from Harding.

John turned to his bench on 76 minutes, introducing Spencer Slaughter in place of the hard-working Michael Bates. Slaughter's first job was to watch his teammates go 1-0 ahead.

Gacias met a weak Bridges clearance with a powerful header which flew 20 yards down the pitch. That seemed to catch the visiting defence out as Kane reacted quickest to sprint onto the loose ball before cracking in an unstoppable volley from 20 yards out.

Bridges' response was quick and impressive. Straight from kick off, they fashioned an opportunity for highly rated teenage substitute Elliott Romain but he inexplicably missed a free header from six yards out with the goal gaping.

Hassocks looked like they might hold out after that until O'Hara's 88th minute equaliser arrived, a low cross to the back post leaving the Bridges man with the easy task of applying the finish.

The visitors very nearly claimed all three points for themselves right at the death as Harding was forced into a sensational save from point blank range in time added on.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Jacques, Bowra, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Gacias, Bates, Hibbert; Gault, Kane.

**Subs:** Slaughter (Bates), I Simpson, Laing, Clark, Gander (unused).

# Around the League



The Southern Combination League will have 11 representatives in the preliminary qualifying round of the FA Cup this Saturday following a busy midweek of football in the world's greatest cup competition...

## **The result of the round involving Southern Combination clubs came at Alfold Recreation Ground where the hosts hammered Shoreham 9-1.**

This was Alfold's first ever match in the competition and they certainly made it a memorable one in front of 194 intrigued spectators.

Devon Fender notched a hat-trick with the other goals for Fold coming from Sammy Clements, Jordan Mase, Conor Wilford, Sam Lemon and a brace for Danny Mobsby.

Another big scoring game took place at Bearsted where **Peacehaven & Telscombe** progressed thanks to a 5-3 success.

Former Hassocks favourite Liam Benson scored the Tye's fifth goal to wrap up the win.

Cam Wiltshire had netted twice earlier, there was an own goal and Callum Edwards also notched.

There was a ding-dong encounter at Crowborough Athletic as **Crawley Down Gatwick** did just about enough to edge a seven goal thriller 4-3.

Phil Johnson marked his Down debut with a goal off the bench, sparking a remarkable comeback for his new team who had trailed 3-1 at that point in time.

Ben Chowney's 87th minute completed his brace and Oliver Moore was also on target in madcap game.

The 10 men of **Broadbridge Heath** managed to see off Raynes Park Vale despite Timothy Cook's red card.

All the Bears' goals came in the first half through Jake Hull, Jamie Taylor and - you have guessed it, another ex-Hassocks player - Dan

Webster.

**Steyning Town** picked up a big result away against one of the South East Counties League's better sides as they won 2-0 at K Sports.

Harry Heath and Joe Fitzpatrick provided the goals for the Barrowmen.

Alex Walsh's first game in charge of **Langney Wanderers** could not have gone any better as his new charges beat Tower Hamlets 3-1 at Priory Lane.

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First half goals from Callum Chalmers and David Crouch saw **Pagham** through 2-1 against Fleet Town whilst **Little Common** eliminated **AFC Uckfield Town** 1-0 at the Oaks through Ryan Alexander.

George Taggart's 90th minute winner for **Eastbourne Town** helped his side eliminate **Saltdean United** 3-1 at Hill Park.

Daniel Rogers and Bradley Pritchard had Town in complete control until Paul Rogers 83rd minute

strike for the Tigers looked like it might set up a nervy final 10.

**Horley Town** were 1-0 winners over **Eastbourne United** with the game between **Newhaven** and **Lingfield** requiring penalties following a 1-1 draw at the Trafalgar Ground.

Ian Robinson netted for the Dockers with Scott Johnson on target for the visitors to send the tie to spot kicks where Newhaven triumphed 4-2.

Tonight's visitors Lancing also faced a penalty shoot out after drawing 3-3 with Phoenix Sports.

Unfortunately for the Lancers, they were on the end of a 10-11 reversal from the spot.

Ben Connolly had earlier scored twice along with one from Mahamadou Jawara.

Also crashed out of the competition were **East Preston** who were eliminated 2-0 at home by Chatham Town, **Loxwood** who lost 3-0 to Broadfields United and **Horsham YMCA** who went down 2-0 at Fisher.

None of the four Division One clubs who held entries in the competition were able to join the 11 Premier Division outfits who made successful passage to the preliminary qualifying round.

In fact, they did not even manage a goal between them - save for Shoreham in that aforementioned 9-1 dropping at Alfold.

**Oakwood** lost 2-0 at home to Cobham, **Billingshurst** were beaten 2-0 by Westfield and **Mile Oak** lost 4-0 at home to Beckenham.



# How they stand...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Lancing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Pagham	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
AFC Uckfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Eastbourne United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Alfold	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Saltdean United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
East Preston	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Little Common	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Horley Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Newhaven	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Loxwood	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Eastbourne Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Peacehaven & Tels.	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Steyning Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Langney Wanderers	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
Lingfield	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
AFC Uckfield Town	0	0	0
Alfold	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0
<b>Eastbourne United</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Horley Town	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0
Langney Wanderers	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0
Little Common	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0
Peacehaven & Telscombe	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0

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	Last 6
<b>Lancing</b>	<b>W</b>
Pagham	W
AFC Uckfield Town	W
Eastbourne United	W
Alfold	W
Crawley Down Gatwick	W
Saltdean United	W
Horsham YMCA	W
East Preston	D
Little Common	D
Horley Town	D
Newhaven	D
Loxwood	L
Eastbourne Town	L
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>L</b>
Peacehaven & Tels.	L
Broadbridge Heath	L
Steyning Town	L
Langney Wanderers	L
Lingfield	L

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gs
Paul Rogers	Saltdean Utd	5
Devon Fender	Alfold	4
Callum Chalmers	Pagham	3
<b>Ben Connolly</b>	<b>Lancing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Matt Daniel</b>	<b>Lancing</b>	<b>3</b>
Cam Wiltshire	Peacehaven	3
Ben Chowney	Crawley Down	2
David Crouchq	Pagham	2
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	2
Mohammad Mekawir	Langney Wand	2
Danny Mobsy	Alfold	2
Lewis Parsons	Little Common	2
Dan Perry	AFC Uckfield	2
Ryan Alexander	Little Common	1
Thiago Andrade	Alfold	1
Liam Benson	Peacehaven	1
Lewis Broughton	Langney Wand	1
Conor Bull	East Preston	1
Joe Clarke	Pagham	1
Sammy Clements	Alfold	1

**Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crowborough Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Horley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarvis Brook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Under 23 North Division Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
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**Southern Combination Under 18 North Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Billingshurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Beeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Under 18 North Division Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
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**London & South East Women's Division 1 South Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley Wasps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Godalming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herne Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Newhaven</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Parkwood Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Division 1 South Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
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## Coming up...

The games are coming thick and fast now as we face three matches in three different competitions over the next 11 days, starting on Saturday with an FA Cup preliminary qualifying round tie away at Bedfont Sports...



### **Bedfont Sports**

#### **When?**

Saturday 12th September

#### **Where?**

Bedfont Recreation Ground

#### **Time?**

3pm

#### **Competition?**

FA Cup  
Preliminary Qualifying Round

#### **Who are Bedfont Sports?**

Bedfont Sports are based in Feltham, just a stones throw from Heathrow Airport. The Eagles were only formed in 2002 to provide a Saturday side for the existing Bedfont Sunday League Club. Their growth since then has been spectacular as they have rattled through the Hounslow & District League, the Middlesex County League and the Combined Counties League, winning promotion to the Isthmian League in 2018 - just 16 years into their existence.

#### **Bedfont Sports last season?**

Bedfont were enjoying a middling campaign in 2019-20 before the season was brought to a premature end. They sat 12th in the table with 10 wins, nine draws and 10 defeats from their 29 fixtures. That record left them a long way from the relegation zone but some distance away from the playoffs too. Our visit on Saturday will be Sports' first competitive game of the campaign.

#### **Our record against Bedfont Sports?**

This will be our first ever meeting with Bedfont Sports. Hopefully, it will be a similar experience to last season's FA Cup preliminary round clash with a London-based Isthmian League side. Hassocks drew 0-0 at Chipstead on that occasion, a hugely impressive result on the road against higher division opposition.

#### **How to get to Bedfont Recreation Ground?**

Bedfont Recreation Ground is a smart little venue with a 4G pitch which holds 3,000 people. To get there, take the M23 followed by the M25 towards the M4, leaving at junction 13. From there, join the A30 before taking London Road at the Ashford Park roundabout. At the end of London Road, head across the roundabout onto Staines Road, take a left onto Hatton Road and the ground is some way up on your right.





## Steypning Town

### When?

Tuesday 15th September

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

7:45pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Admission?

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

### Steypning Town last season?

The 2019-20 season was Steypning Town's first in the top flight of the Southern Combination League since 1985-86 when they won the title before moving to the Wessex League. Consolidation was the name of the game and Gerry Murphy and his side were well on course to achieve that in 10th position when the campaign was declared null and void. The Barrowmen made a decent start to the current season, eliminating K Sports from the FA Cup last Tuesday before defeat at AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday.

### Our record against Steypning Town?

Meetings between ourselves and Steypning have been few and far between owing to the time they spent out of the Southern Combination League. 10 times before the sides have faced off; once in the Premier Division last season, four times in Division One, four times in the Sussex Senior Cup and once in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup. We

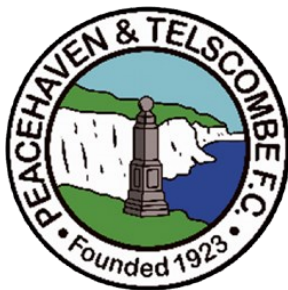
have won six, drawn three and lost one of those matches.

### Last time we met?

It was a crazy afternoon at the Beacon back in January in which Hassocks picked up three big points thanks to a 2-1 victory. Steypning went down to 10 men in the 37th minute after Mayckol Sabino kicked out at Will Broomfield and former Hassocks favourite Jamie Weston joined him in having an early bath midway through the second half after a very harsh red. The numerical advantage certainly helped the Robins as goals from Dan Stokes and Harvey Enitcknap secured victory.

### Any familiar faces?

We have two former Steypning players in our current squad. Andy Whittingham was on the books at the Shooting Field as a teenager prior to his first move to the Beacon in 2010 whilst summer signing Chris Neatherway was a part of the Barrowmen side who won promotion out of Division One two seasons ago.



## Peacehaven & Telscome

### When?

Saturday 19th September

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

3pm

### Competition?

FA Vase  
First Qualifying Round

### Admission?

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

### Peacehaven & Telscombe last season?

Peacehaven have carved out a reputation for themselves as cup specialists over the past couple of seasons and that trend looked set to continue in 2019-20. They had already booked their place in the RUR Charity Cup final - a competition they won the previous year with a shock win over Haywards Heath Town in the final - and were still in the Peter Bentley League Cup when the season was cancelled. Conference South side Eastbourne Borough needed penalties to eliminate the Tye from the Sussex Senior Cup, proving that on their day, Peacehaven could be a match for the best teams in the county.

### Our record against Peacehaven?

Peacehaven have dominated the fixture, securing 20 wins to our seven with seven draws thrown into the mix. In 25 league meetings, we have only won four times with only one of those coming at the Sports Park. There is one crumb of comfort to take in that we won the only previous

FA Vase clash between the two sides back in the 2004-05 season. Pat Harding and James Laing scored in a 2-0 win to book a trip to Oxfordshire in the first round proper, where we lost a seven goal thriller 4-3 against Witney United.

### Last time we met?

Tyler Capon scored the only goal of the game for the Tye as they triumphed 1-0 at the Beacon back in November. There were words of praise for the Hassocks performance from the Peacehaven management team, but alas no points on the board.

### Any familiar faces?

There has been quite the exchange of players over the course of the summer between ourselves and Peacehaven. Bradley Bant returned to the Beacon as our new club captain from the Tye. Liam Benson, Alex Spinks, Harry Mills and Alex Spinks have all moved the other way to the Sports Park.

# Robins Awards

Head on over to the Hassocks Twitter feed after every game to cast your vote for the Robins' man-of-the-match - where you can also select your Player of the Month

Here are our winners so far this season...

## Hassocks Man of the Match 2020-21

Balham away **Jack Troak**  
Alfold away **Charlie Pitcher**  
Lancing home  
Bedfont Sports away  
Steyning Town home  
Peacehaven & Telscombe home  
Eastbourne Town away  
Pagham home

## Hassocks Player of the Month 2020-21

September 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

December 2020

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

February 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

March 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2021

1st

2nd

3rd



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**Money raised in 2020-21**

**August £42  
September  
October  
November  
December  
January  
February  
March  
April**

**TOTAL £42**

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Phil Gault	
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James Littlejohn	
George Galbraith-Gibbons	
Alfie Loversidge	
Joe Bull	

**Manager** Dave John  
**Assistant** Brad Sweetman  
**Assistant** Mark Enticknap  
**Coach/Physio** Phil Wickwar



## Lancing

	Mitchell Bromage
	Darius Goldsmith
	Will Berry
	Liam Hendy
	Josh Coupar
	Finn Daniels-Yeoman
	Conrad Honroe
	Josh Gould
	Mo Juwara
	Matt Daniel
	Ben Connolly
	George Mitchell-Phillips
	Ben Whitmore
	James Waters
	Harrison Parker
	Mitch Hewens
	Ebou Jallow
	Adam Hunt
	Dave Sharman
	Kieran Small

**Referee**  
Robert King

**Assistants**  
Paul Saunders &  
Andrew Symons

**Managers** Kane Louis & James Rhodes  
**Coach** Matt Evans  
**Goalkeeper Coach** Mark Stuart  
**Physio** Georgie Hill

## Next at the Beacon



Steining Town  
 Tuesday 15th September. 7.45pm  
 Southern Combination Premier Division

## Today's other Premier Division fixtures

Broadbridge Heath v Horley Town  
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Horsham YMCA  
 East Preston v Loxwood  
 Eastbourne Town v Peacehaven & Tels.  
 Little Common v AFC Uckfield Town  
 Newhaven v Eastbourne United  
 Pagham v Alfold  
 Steining Town v Saltdean United