



**Hassocks v Steypning Town**  
**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

# Staying safe at the Beacon today

**We are delighted to be able to welcome supporters back to the Beacon. Here is what we will be doing to ensure everyone remains safe - and what we need you to do to help us achieve that. If you have any questions, please speak to a club official and we will do our best to answer.**



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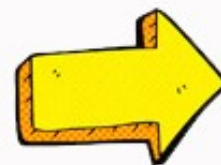
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## Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Southern Combination League Premier Division meeting with Steyning Town...

It was great to see such a big crowd in attendance for our first game competitive game since lockdown against Lancing last Tuesday night.

The evening went superbly from organisational point of view and we would like to thank everyone who attended for following the guidelines and ensuring that we remained safe.

From a football point of view, it was even better. Jack Troak's 95th minute penalty delivered an excellent 3-2 success against a side who topped the table when the season was declared null and void back in March.

It was not a fluke win either. We more than matched the Lancers throughout the evening, an encouraging sign that hopefully we can avoid the struggles of recent seasons.

We know the players appreciated your support and we are looking forward to seeing another large crowd for tonight's match against Steyning.

Last season's meeting with the Barrowmen was full of high drama too; two red cards for our visitors and a 2-1 Hassocks win delivering three very important points back in

January.

If this evening can be half as entertaining, then we are in for a treat. We hope our visitors and match officials enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex, whatever the result.

Saturday saw our FA Cup adventure come to an end away at Isthmian League side Bedfont Sports.

We have a good account of ourselves against higher division opponents and without a controversial penalty and the post once again denying Charlie Pitcher, might have come away with a famous shock.

Charlie was again on the scoresheet and his excellent start to the season has seen him pick up the past three Man-of-the-Match awards, voted for by supporters over on our Twitter feed.

Young Mr Pitcher is clearly a very popular player already. If he can make it four-in-a-row this evening, then it will take him into new territory as no individual has ever won the vote for that many successive games - not even Dan Jacques.

Away from first team matters and the Under 18s and Ladies had contrasting starts to their campaigns

on Sunday.

Brad Sweetman's Young Robins picked up an excellent result on the road, beating Roffey 6-1 at Bartholomew Way.

Lewis Beebee showed why he was knocking on the door of first team contention in pre-season with a hat-trick with the other goals coming from Yahya Azizi and debutants Archie Russell and Josh Sprigg.

The Ladies took on London & South East Regional Division One South title favourites Worthing and were well beaten 10-0 here at the Beacon.

Not many - if any - sides will get close to the Rebels this season, so it was about as hard a first game as you can imagine. Martin Lee and his side will look to go again away at Crawley Wasps this Sunday.

Finally, if anyone is looking for a football fix tomorrow, then the Under 23s are away at St Francis Rangers in their season opener.

Kick off is at 7.30pm at Colwell Road and any support will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the game,  
**Owen & Scott**



## Steining Town

**Founded** 1892

**Nickname** Barrowmen

**Ground** The Shooting Field

**Website** [steiningtownfnc.co.uk](http://steiningtownfnc.co.uk)

**Twitter** @SteiningTown

**Manager** Gerry Murphy

**Top Scorer** Grant Radmore, 13

## HONOURS

### Southern Combination League

Winners 1985, 1986

### SCFL Division One

Winners 1978

Runners up 2019

### SCFL Division Two

Runners up 2002

### Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1986, 1989

### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1981, 1985

### Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1979, 1984, 1986

Runners up 1978, 1980, 1985

### SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1966, 2019

Runners up 1967, 2006

### SCFL Division Two Cup

Runners up 2001

**Steining Town arrive at the Beacon this evening riding high. They may not have won a league game yet, but the Barrowmen are making waves in the FA Cup with two noteworthy victories in the past fortnight...**

On Saturday, a bumper crowd at the Shooting Field was treated to an excellent 2-1 victory over Hanworth Villa of the Combined Counties League Premier Division.

In the previous round, Gerry Murphy and his men eliminated K Sports of the Southern Counties East League via a 2-0 away win.

It is fair to say that Southern Combination League clubs have not had a great recent record against opponents from outside of our league, so for the Barrowmen to eliminate two such teams is a real achievement.

At the time of writing, we do not yet know who Steining will face in the first qualifying round proper, but needless to say everyone at the Beacon wishes them well in flying the flag for Sussex football.

An FA Cup run would be the latest staging post for a club who have been on a real rise over the past five years since their 3G pitch was installed at the Shooting Field.

The highlight was undoubtedly the 2018-19 season, when Murphy led the Barrowmen to promotion from Division One as runners up to

Alfold as well as lifting the Division One Cup.

That success brought Premier Division football to Steining for the first time in 33 years and they were going well on their return to the top flight before the season was declared null and void, sitting in 10th spot.

Murphy was appointed as a full time general manager in the summer, a move that reflects Steining's importance in the community, the benefits of having a 3G pitch and the confidence that the club have in continuing to move forwards.

Back in the 1980s, the Barrowmen were one of the biggest clubs in Sussex, winning Sussex Senior Cups, Southern Combination League titles, Peter Bentley and Sussex RUR Charity Cups.

Could they return to those all-conquering days? The ambition is certainly there and with their FA Cup exploits, they have shown that they can beat any time in the Premier Division on their day.

Hassocks have another tough task on their hands tonight.

## 10 Key Moments

**1892...** founded in 1882, Steyning join the West Sussex Football League four years later  
**1934...** lift their first silverware, winning the Brighton District League Division 2 title  
**1964...** finish runners up in the Brighton League, earning promotion to the Southern Combination  
**1978...** lift the SCFL Division One title, earning promotion to the top flight for the first time  
**1985...** win their first SCFL title and embark on a memorable run to the quarter finals of the FA Vase  
**1986...** a year later and they retain the SCFL title, adding the League Cup & Sussex Senior Cup to the haul  
**1986...** leave the SCFL to join the Wessex League. A spell in the Combined Counties follows  
**1993...** return to the SCFL being placed in Division One, where they spend five of the next 23 seasons  
**2015...** a new 3G pitch is installed at Town's Shooting Field home  
**2019...** win promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in 33 years

## Last 20 Seasons

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

## Hassocks v Steyning Town :: Head-to-Head

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

**SCFL Division One...** Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1

**Sussex Senior Cup...** Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 10 - Conceded 5

**RUR Charity Cup...** Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

**Total... Played 10 - Won 6 - Drawn 3 - Lost 1 - Scored 22 - Conceded 8**

## Previous 9 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Steyning Town	1994-95 RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 3-1 Steyning Town
2015-16 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 3-1 Hassocks	1994-95 SCFL One: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks
2013-14 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 0-3 Hassocks	1994-95 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Steyning Town
2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-1 Steyning Town	1993-94 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Steyning Town
2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks	1993-94 SCFL One: Steyning 0-0 Hassocks

## Played for both

**There has been a constant flow of players between Hassocks and Steyning Town over the past decade or so and two from each side could be lining up against their former club this evening.**

For Hassocks, **Andy Whittingham** joined the Robins for his first spell at the Beacon from Steyning in the summer of 2010, one of a number of players to make the move from the Shooting Field when **Mark Dalglish** became assistant manager to Mickey Jewell.

Goalkeeper **Mike Abbott**, **Lee Waterhouse** and **Sam Goodridge** were the other names to follow Dalglish across while the manager

also raided his former club a few years later for striker **Craig Knowles**.

The other current Hassocks player to have turned out for Steyning is forward **Chris Neatherway**, a summer signing for Dave John who has looked lively in his two appearances so far.

For the Barrowmen, current club captain **Alex Gathern** played 21 times for the Robins over the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons after joining from Burgess Hill Town.

Gerry Murphy can call upon another former Hassocks defender with Josh Tuck having recently joined Steyning from Saltdean United.

Tuck played 19 times for the Robins during the 2017-18 campaign before moving onto Shoreham and Broadbridge Heath.

Other notable names to play for both include The Wizard **Jamie Weston**, who played over 100 times for Hassocks between 2010 and 2013 and spent the second half of last season at the Shooting Field.

**Ben Bacon** has turned out for both sides in a couple of spells as part of his quest to play for every single club in Sussex, **Liam Benson** had a brief month with the Barrowmen at the start of last season and **John Suter** joins Dalglish in managing the two clubs.

# ENTI AND STOKES SCORE TO SEE OFF NINE MAN STEYNING

**Two red cards, three goals and plenty of controversy made for an entertaining afternoon at the Beacon where Hassocks and Steyning Town met in a league fixture for the first time in 25 years.**

The Robins ended up winning 2-1, 19th in the table beating eighth in something of an upset – although whether Hassocks would have won had Steyning managed to keep their discipline is up for debate.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men with eight minutes of the first half remaining when Mayckol Sabino decided to rake his studs down the back of Will Broomfield after a firm but fair challenge.

Broomfield certainly made the most of the situation, but you can't kick out at an opponent like Sabino did.

The away support were incensed by the red but most tellingly, Steyning captain and former Hassocks defender Alex Gatherer could be heard berating Sabino for his stupidity as the striker trudged off.

It was another ex-Hassocks player who picked up the Barrowmen's other red card, although what Jamie Weston did to deserve the first sending off of his career remained a mystery.

His first yellow was for an innocuous trip out on the right in the first half. The second came in front of the home dugout late in the second half.

Weston said afterwards that he wasn't even sure what it was for and given that he's one of the nicest men in football, it's hard to believe that he could have said anything untoward, nor were either of his tackles worthy of bookings.

To compound Steyning's misery, Jamie Brotherton then lost his head and talked himself into a spell in the

sin bin, leaving the visitors to try and find an equaliser with only eight players on the pitch in the final 10 minutes.

That Steyning had more of the ball and were still creating chances despite a three man disadvantage suggests that, had they not had players kicking out and mouthing off, this could have been a very different afternoon.

The biggest question at half time was where were the goals going to come from for Hassocks to take advantage of their numerical superiority?

Phil Johnson's nightmare season has lurched back into the treatment room again as he's out for an indefinite period with an ankle ligament problem.

Ben Bacon has departed for Three Bridges and Blagomir Mastagarkov's brief Hassocks career already looks to be over.

Liam Benson ploughed a lonely furrow up top but chances were few and far between.

In the end, it was two midfielders who struck to give the Robins the perfect response to the previous week's 7-0 hammering at the hands of Eastbourne Town.

Harvey Enticknap scored the first on the hour mark after James Littlejohn danced away down the left and delivered a low cross.

Steyning had chances to clear, but two defenders both passed up the opportunity which left Enticknap to rifle home at the back post.

The Barrowmen almost levelled straight from kick off when Rob Clark smashed the crossbar with Charlie Pugh well beaten.

Dan Stokes added the hosts' second nine minutes later when Steyning tried to play their way out of their own box, only to gift possession to Hassocks.

A few swift passes later and the ball was switched to the other side of the area where Stokes was lurking to

make it 2-0 via a heavy deflection.

Steyning pulled one back on 75 with the goal of the game, a sweeping passing move which Conor Bull finished with aplomb.

That looked like it would set up a nervy last 15 minutes. Weston's dismissal and Brotherton's 10 minutes off the pitch reduced the threat slightly, but the relief at the final whistle among the home contingent was still palpable.

Before Sabino's early bath, Pugh had been forced into two good saves low down from Bull while Littlejohn and Stokes had both flashed in crosses which Benson couldn't quite get on the end of.

The outstanding Dan Turner broke up a couple more dangerous looking Steyning attacks and he also tested Conor Kelly with a towering header from a Littlejohn set piece.

Broomfield had a similar second half chance superbly repelled by Kelly and Pugh had to be alert to turn away Josh Maher's effort three minutes prior to Enticknap's opener.

The strangest moment of a strange afternoon though was reserved for Harry Mills, who picked up a ridiculous booking for jumping on Kelly for a piggyback as the Steyning goalkeeper was about to launch a kick down pitch.

Mills quite rightly picked up a deserved booking, much to the amusement of a home bench which featured Phil Wickwar as substitute goalkeeper; Wickwar also having provided the keeping backup in the previous league meeting between the sides back in 1995.

**Hassocks:** Pugh; Blake, Turner, Broomfield, Troak; Cash, Enticknap; Stokes, Spinks, Littlejohn; Benson.

**Subs:** Mills, Galbraith-Gibbons (used), O'Leary, Jacques, P Wickwar.



Hassocks 5-1 Steyning Town

# JEWELL'S HALF TIME ROCKET FIRES HASSOCKS INTO ROUND TWO

**Mickey Jewell read his Hassocks players the riot act at half time of their Sussex Senior Cup First Round replay with Steyning Town and the Robins duly responded to book an intriguing home tie with Ryman South high-flyers Whitehawk in the next round.**

Despite struggling near the bottom of County League Division Two, Steyning had caused Hassocks real problems over the course of 120 minutes at the Shooting Field 18 days previously.

On that occasion, it took a 112th minute equaliser from Kieran O'Callaghan to earn this replay and spare Hassocks' blushes and for the first 45 minutes here at the Beacon, Steyning gave Hassocks plenty to think about again.

They hit the bar inside of the opening five minutes after some exquisite skills from Lewis Levoi, a player who also possessed a long throw which caused numerous problems for Hassocks before the break.

Levoi rattling the crossbar was a warning sign for the Robins and to be fair, it did spark them into life as they swept straight up the other end to earn an eighth minute penalty for handball which Phil Gault duly converted.

The lead didn't last long. Jack Simpson had been a doubt with flu in

the 48 hours before the game and he played despite clearly being unwell, which perhaps affected his judgement as he missed his first attempt at gathering a cross before weakly punching the ball only as far as the edge of the area.

Lurking there was Steyning's Sean Pickup, who seized the opportunity superbly by sending a crisp volley into the back of the net for 1-1.

Although Hassocks were never that fluid over the remaining 30 minutes of the first half, they did manage to create four or five good opportunities, the majority of which fell to Dan Smith.

Unfortunately for Hassocks and their young striker, Smith seemed to have left his shooting boots at home and a frustrating half of football subsequently came to a close with the scores level.

Jewell's rocket followed and the Hassocks boss would have been pleased with the reaction as his side retook the lead just seven minutes after the restart, Smith belatedly making a chance count for his third of the campaign.

After nearly three hours of football between these two, all of a sudden the gap in quality between a side with top five ambitions in Division One and one scrapping to survive in Division Two became apparent.

There was no way back for Steyning once substitute Dan Barnard had added a third just a couple of minutes after coming on in place of

Nathan Miles.

That made it two goals in two games for Barnard since his move from Uckfield Town, marking him out as a shrewd acquisition given the long term injuries which Sam Jeremiah and Neil Kane are suffering from.

It was another new striker who added the fourth in injury time, Dan Shergold scoring his first goal in Hassocks colours with a bullet header.

The Robins weren't done there though and with Steyning completely spent, they found the time to add a fifth through a beautiful finish from the deserving Lee Waterhouse, also opening his account for Hassocks - and against one of his former clubs too.

Waterhouse wasn't the only player with Steyning connections, Jewell's assistant manager Mark Dalglish having been recruited from the Shooting Field in the summer and bringing with him a whole host of players, although Andy Whittingham was the only one to feature alongside Waterhouse on this occasion.

**Hassocks:** Simpson; South, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Whittingham; Waterhouse, Slaughter, Gault, Miles, Butler; Smith.

**Subs:** Barnard (Miles 62), Hibbert (Slaughter 67), Shergold (Smith 79).

**Starman:** Kieran O'Callaghan, a steadying influence at the back.



## **THE GRANTS THAT HAVE KEPT THE BEACON OPEN**

**Preparing a non-league football club for reopening after months of lockdown in which there has been no income is a difficult task. Here at Hassocks, we were grateful for grants from the Premier League, the FA, the Football Foundation and the government for allowing us to be able to welcome you all back...**

# Robins score £1500 grant from the Pitch Preparation Fund

**Hassocks were given a helping hand this summer thanks to a £1500 grant from the Pitch Preparation Fund which has been used to improve the Beacon playing surface.**

The Pitch Preparation Fund was set up as a joint venture between the Premier League, the Football Association and the Government's Football Foundation to assist clubs who have faced unprecedented challenges because of the Covid-19 outbreak.

The Robins received zero income after the Southern Combination League season was declared null and void at the start of March, leaving the club with no means to repair and improve the Beacon pitch over the summer.

The Pitch Preparation Fund money helped to fill a hole in the

club's finances, allowing us to ensure that the Beacon was in a match-fit state for when the Government and FA announced that it is safe to play football .

We had originally planned extensive work on the pitch to further improve drainage this summer.

An unusually high number of home games were postponed over the course of a very wet 2019-20 season, leaving the Robins with nearly a third of their season still to play when the campaign was ended.

Those plans had to be put on hold however because of the lack of income coming into the Beacon.

We now hope to carry out major improvements next summer should the situation allow it, with the £1500 from the Pitch Preparation Fund being used to help tide us over for the 2020-21 campaign.

The Beacon has long been considered one of the best venues on the Southern Combination League circuit, thanks to its pitch.

Hassocks regularly host the league's Peter Bentley League Cup final, various cup finals at Under 18 level as well as Brighton Schools' finals and representative games.

With the Robins' first team, Under 23s, Under 18s and Ladies all using the pitch alongside some Junior teams for show piece matches, it is normally played on over 100 times in a season.

The Pitch Preparation Fund Grant will help to ensure that it can continue to be used with such frequency over the coming season - and early signs are that groundsman Alan John has used the money well as the surface has been excellent in the opening weeks of the campaign.

# How the Beacon was made safe for reopening to supporters

**The Beacon has been made ready to welcome football supporters again in the 2019-20 season thanks to a grant from the Football Foundation, the Premier League and the FA.**

Hassocks were awarded £500 to ensure that social distancing and high hygiene standards can be maintained with fans allowed back to watch non-league football.

The improvements that have been made around the ground include the installation of card payment machines at the Robins Bar, the T Bar and the turnstiles to reduce the amount of cash being handled.

For the past decade, players and fans have been asking with increasing frequency when the Beacon would move towards the 21st century and a cashless society.

The cost had always proven prohibitive before but thanks to the

Football Foundation Grant, we are now there.

WiFi has been installed, a necessity for card payments to be processed. The password will be publicly available for all guests, which has already pleased both our own media team and sports reporters who were in attendance for last week's win over Lancing.

Hand sanitiser stations have been placed throughout the clubhouse and around the ground and a clearly marked one-way system has been put in place.

Supporters have been asked to enter the clubhouse through the front door on the halfway line and exit via the side door opposite the turnstile block.

There are also markers to help keep the required one metre apart.

The Robins produced a Covid-19 risk assessment, a legal requirement

ahead of the reopening of the Beacon. You can view the document on the information page of our website.

Whilst the Premier League and FA receive a lot of criticism for not looking after clubs down the pyramid these two have proved vital in terms of allowing us to welcome you back to the Beacon in as normal a way as possible.

Everyone is aware of the financial implications that lockdown had - you only need to look at the behaviour of other clubs with large wage bills who wanted to divert grants towards paying players - and without the money we were awarded, we would have been struggling to reopen the gates to a safe environment for both fans and players.

The two grants are proof that there still remains some good in football.



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# TROAK'S NERVES OF STEEL GIVE ROBINS EYE CATCHING SUCCESS

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 8th September 2020, The Beacon  
Hassocks 3-2 Lancing**

**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 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 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).



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# HOPE FOR HASSOCKS DESPITE BEING GROUNDED AT BEDFONT

**FA Cup Preliminary Qualifying Round**  
**Saturday 12th September 2020, Bedfont Rec**  
**Bedfont Sports 3-1 Hassocks**

**In the shadow of Heathrow Airport, Hassocks had their FA Cup run grounded for another year following a 3-1 defeat against Bedfont Sports.**

There was much in the visitors' performance though that suggested that this could be a season which takes flight for the Robins as they gave their higher division hosts plenty to think about.

They hit a post, worked goalkeeper Dimitrios Kyriatzis on several occasions and left west London wondering what might have been had the hotly disputed penalty which provided the Eagles' crucial second goal not been awarded.

Bedfont's smart little 3G stadium is popular with both ground hoppers and plane spotters thanks to its location at the end of Heathrow's southern runway.

When the football on show is lacking, visitors can instead turn their attention to the jumbo jets taking off and landing every couple of minutes.

On this occasion, there was no need for a sizable crowd to divert their gaze away from the action as both sides seemed determined to put on a show with a spot in the first qualifying round up for grabs.

Dave John tried to keep faith with the same starting line up which had shocked Lancing with a dramatic 3-2 victory in midweek, making just one enforced change.

Louis Pittock missed out through injury which meant a first start of the campaign for highly rated teenager Jack Gardner at right back.

Charlie Pitcher had been an injury doubt after limping out of the Tuesday night win over the Lancers at the same time as Pittock, but he declared himself fit.

It was a good thing too as Pitcher was again the man who was involved in everything good that Hassocks did

over the 90 minutes.

Actually, that should be 87 minutes. For Hassocks endured a nightmare start in which they fell behind with less than 180 seconds on the clock from a bundle in the box.

Daniel Opoku-Boateng escaped down the right and his cross in sparked a game of pinball. Jordan Spirit saw his initial effort blocked but the lively Bedfont striker managed to turn the ball home at the second attempt amongst the melee.

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For the first 20 minutes, it was a case of all hands on deck in a defensive sense as Dan Turner and George Brown repelled a number of attacks and Dave Carruthers pulled off several smart stops to ensure the game did not run away from the Robins.

It took until the 23rd minute for Hassocks to muster their first shot on goal but once they did, they seemed to grow in confidence and caused plenty of problems.

That opening opportunity came through some neatwork from James Littlejohn, who did well to create just about enough space to get a shot off which was straight at Kyriatzis.

Six minutes later and Hassocks really should have been level. Pitcher has hit the woodwork in all four of the Robins' games so far with the latest denial coming after he had robbed Ethan Kaiser and bored into the area only to smash the upright.

Bedfont knew that was a let off and they subsequently upped their game.



Carruthers made two excellent low saves in quick succession and Max Webb shot wastefully wide.

1-0 at the break did not tell the whole story as both sides could have had two or three; the one thing that neither team needed was a helping hand in creating opportunities.

And yet that is exactly what Bedfont got 10 minutes after the restart when they were awarded that controversial spot kick.

Spirit stepped up and although Carruthers went the right way, it was a penalty well placed just out of the reach of the Hassocks goalkeeper.

The reaction of the home crowd - rolling back the years to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa with a vuvuzela - suggested they thought that was game over.

Hassocks - or to be precise, Pitcher - had other ideas. Eight minutes later and the Robins striker silenced the Bedfont squad with a brilliant goal, picking the ball up on halfway, beating two men and finishing into the bottom corner.

The hosts looked rattled and Hassocks began to throw everything they had at them; Pitcher leading the way ably supported by Jack Troak who was continuing his excellent start to the campaign.

Hassocks pouring everything forward began to leave gaps at the other end and it was a blistering counter attack from the hosts which brought about their third, finished off by substitute Darryl Sanders.

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

**Subs:** Bull (Neatherway 59), Loversidge (Enticknap 67), Galbraith-Gibbons (Littlejohn 82), Pearce, Broomfield (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	3-2	Pitcher, Bull, Troak
12/09 - 15:00	Bedfont Sports (A)	FACPQ	1-3	Pitcher
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	4	0	4	0	135	12
George Brown	4	0	4	0	10	1
Harvey Enticknap	4	0	4	0	57	3
James Littlejohn	4	0	4	1	60	13
Charlie Pitcher	4	0	4	3	26	6
Jack Troak	4	0	4	2	36	7
Dan Turner	4	0	4	0	17	2
Andy Whittingham	4	0	4	0	85	1
Joe Bull	0	4	4	1	55	4
Alfie Loversidge	0	4	4	0	5	0
Dave Carruthers	3	0	3	0	3	0
Louis Pittock	3	0	3	0	3	0
Jack Gardner	1	2	3	0	5	0
Chris Neatherway	2	0	2	0	2	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	2	2	0	35	4
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

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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	6-1	Azizi, Beebee (3), Sprigg, Russell
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	0-10	
20/09 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (A)	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



Eastbourne Town were one of early favourites for the 2015-16 Premier Division title. Not many people gave Hassocks a hope against John Lambert's side with an extraordinary 90 minutes of football following...

## HASSOCKS HEARTBROKEN AT LATE TOWN SUCKER PUNCH

### Two goals in the last two minutes denied Hassocks what would have been a very good three points against one of the Premier Division title favourites.

The Robins had stormed into a 2-0 lead at the break against Eastbourne Town through Dan Stokes and Josh Hawkes and looked like they would secure a hugely impressive victory before things took a turn for the worse right at the death.

Wes Tate's second of the game on 91 to level the scores was gutting enough.

Yet there was an even more sickening twist when Kenny Pogue netted a 93rd minute winner to ensure Town left with the win.

A draw was the least that Hassocks deserved from an encounter in which they looked every bit as good as their illustrious opponents for the majority of the 90 minutes.

There was no sign of the drama to come in the opening exchanges with very little action at either end in the opening quarter of an hour.

Town had the first really opportunity after that bleak start to proceedings when they hit the bar and then minutes later George Willett produced a strong save low down to his left from a powerful effort from distance.

Nathan Miles was withdrawn

injured with Jonno Melia taking his place before the Robins took a shock lead with 20 minutes gone, Luke Akehurst delivering a superb curling ball in which was nodded home neatly by Stokes.

If the cross from Akehurst was good for the first then the finish produced by Hawkes for the second was even better, a stunning distance strike that fizzled past Greg Nesslering from all of 35 yards.

That was Hawkes' third goal of the season from midfield and he is already establishing himself as a firm fan favourite back at the Beacon following his summer move from St Francis Rangers.

In his previous spell with the Robins, he was largely restricted to reserve team football.

Hassocks did have the ball in the back of the net for a third time on the stroke of half time from a corner but that was correctly disallowed for a foul on Nesslering.

Just as in the first 45, the second half got off to a slow start.

It only really sparked into life when Town were awarded a lifeline back into the contest as Tate converted a penalty for 2-1.

Three more good goal scoring opportunities came and went; two for Hassocks as Akehurst's curling effort was kept out by Nesslering and substitute Dan Jacques saw a similar attempt fly over.

At the other end, Willett had to put his long legs to good use to deny a forward in-between those chances.

Then came that late, late drama. Tate completed his brace when a ball to the far post was cut back and tucked away before Pogue produced a fantastic first touch and volley which looped over Willett with virtually the last touch of the game.

Joint boss Phil Wickwar confirmed afterwards that the Robins have had a seven day approach accepted by Haywards Heath Town for Phil Gault.

The Robins' 153 goal all-time top scorer could be back in a Hassocks shirt for Saturday's trip to Chichester City.

The return of Gault will provide a real boost to Wickwar and Mark Dalgleish's striking options. T

hey've also added vastly experienced former Horsham, Three Bridges and East Grinstead Town forward Michael Death who was an unused substitute here.

Those two new signings were at least small consolation on a night that highlighted just why football can be such a cruel game.

**Hassocks:** Willett; Tighe, Barnes, Wallis, Akehurst; Stokes, Collins, Hawkes, Bant, Hillwood; Miles.

**Subs:** Melia, Jacques (used), Death, Booth, Millis (unused).

# Around the League



The Southern Combination League kicked off last Saturday with action across all three divisions. Here is what occurred on the weekend of September 5th and in the first round of midweek matches, played a week ago today...

**Two sides started the Premier Division campaigns with 6-1 victories; one expected and one less so.**

**Lancing** were sitting top of the table when the 2019-20 season was declared null and void and they made a statement of their intentions to replicate that form with a 6-1 hammering of **Lingfield** on the opening day.

Three goals in the space of six minutes midway through their first half from Ebou Jallow, Ben Connolly and Matthew Daniel put the Lancers firmly in control.

Daniel would go onto wrap up a hat-trick in the second half with two further strikes and substitute James Waters completed the scoring. The Lingfield consolation came from Charlie Naylor.

The other big winners were **Pagham** who endured something of a struggle last time out.

Their 6-1 hammering of **Langney Wanderers** was made all the more impressive by the fact that Wanderers had knocked Tower Hamlets out of the FA Cup just four days earlier in new manager Alex Walsh's first game in charge.

Pagham led 3-0 at half time thanks to a Callum Chalmers brace and one from Joseph Clarke.

They added a further three after the break with David Crouch, Jared Rance and Jakob Heryet completing the scoring.

Langney's cross-town rivals **Eastbourne United** enjoyed a much better start to their season by winning 3-0 at home to **Broadbridge Heath**.

Panashe Makwiramith, Alfie

Peacock and Jaiden Fitzpartrick were on target in what turned out to be a routine win for United.

Our visitors this evening **Steyning Town** suffered defeat by the same scoreline away at **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Dan Perry scored twice on his debut for the Oakmen to go with Morgan Vale's seventh minute opener and to complete a bad afternoon at the office for the Barrowmen, Louis Coulson saw red.

Nick Sullivan gave **Crawley Down Gatwick** the perfect start to their league campaign by netting after only one minute away at **Peacehaven & Telscombe**.

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Michael Wood made it 2-0 before half time and although the Tye pulled one back through Cam Wiltshire three minutes after the break, Down secured their victory when former Robin Phil Johnson added a third from the bench for a 3-1 success.

New-look **Saltdean United** began their campaign with a 2-1 win against **Loxwood** at Hill Park.

The Tigers left it late, Paul Rogers popping up with their winner in the 90th minute.

Rogers had opened the scoring

just before half time, only for Callum Dowdell to level things up shortly after the restart for the Magpies.

There was a big result for **Horsham YMCA** who shocked **Eastbourne Town** by winning 1-0 at Gorings Mead.

Young striker Jack Ryder got the only goal of the game for YM as they stunned one of the title favourites.

The Lashmar saw four goals but nothing could separate hosts **East Preston** and **Little Common** as they played out a 2-2 draw.

EP went into the interval two goals to the good thanks to Chad Milner and Conor Bull but Common launched an excellent comeback to take a point via a Lewis Parsons double.

The visitors also had Lewis Hole shown a straight red card, making their second half efforts all the more impressive.

There was slightly less drama in the Premier Division's final game, which ended 0-0 between **Horley Town** and **Newhaven**.

Into Division One where **Littlehampton Town** hammered **Hailsham Town** 6-1 in their season opener.

Littlehampton had dropped only two points all season when 2019-20 was cancelled, denying them the title and promotion which they had looked destined for since day one.

If this result was anything to go by, then they look more determined than ever to make up for having glory snatched away from them in such cruel fashion.

Braces from Joe Benn and Dave Herbert went with Dan Heggarty and Lucas Pattendon goals with the

Stringers consolation coming from Liam McCann.

**Mile Oak** were another side who ended last season in good form and they started the current campaign with a 4-1 victory at **Midhurst & Easebourne**.

Kieran Carter had given the hosts the lead before goals from Matthew Thompson, Jack Stenning and a Connor Martin double turned the game on its head.

A red card for Midhurst's Jake Slater did little to help the home team's cause.

It has been an impressive summer on the recruitment front for **Bexhill United** and one of their big name arrivals scored twice in an impressive 3-0 victory at **Wick**.

Evan Archibald's brace went with a Jack McLean effort to give the Pirates the perfect start to the campaign.

Dan Hills scored the only goal of the game for **Worthing United** in their 1-0 win at **Roffey** whilst there was late drama at the Crouch where **Seaford Town** hit a 91st minute equaliser to draw 1-1 with **Selsey**.

Billy Pout was the late hero for the Hornets, cancelling out Max Davies' early opener for the visitors.

1-1 was also the final score at **Storrington** although there was not quite so much drama as Josh Warner's opener for the hosts came after 54 minutes with **Oakwood** levelling via Tom Agate with 20 left to play.

**Arundel and AFC Vardeanians** shared a 2-2 draw at Mill Road, where Jack Newhouse gave the hosts the lead after 13 minutes.

Josh Jones equalised on 30, Newhouse restored Arundel's advantage on 45 with Jones again levelling 10 minutes later.

Division One's most entertaining game of the day came at Middle Road where **Shoreham** and **Billingshurst** shared an incredible 4-4 draw.

Ex-Hassocks striker Michael Death was one of the players on target for Shoreham alongside Luke Gedling, Dean Gilmour and Neil Munday.

Ricardo Fernandes netted twice for Hurst, who also had James Bessant and Nick Tilley on the scoresheet.

In Division Two, **Jarvis Brook** were the big victors as they ran out 4-0 winners at home to **Bosham**.

An own goal got the party started with Dale Ashman adding a second on 70 minutes and Brook's final two goals coming from substitutes Ollie Hyland and Tommy Overton.

**Worthing Town** wrapped up a 3-0 win over **Rottingdean Village** although the scoreline did not reflect the nature of the game.

It had been 1-0 right up until the 89th minute when two late strikes from Chris Welbelove and Jacon Bassett added some gloss to a game that had looked like it would be settled by Ashley Lewis's opener.

Local bragging rights went the way of **Rustington** in their day against **Ferring** at Glebelands.

James Butt, Chris Darwin and Josh Irish goals gave the visitors a 3-1 success. Dominic Taylor scored the consolation for Ferring.

Southern Combination debutants **Charlwood** went down to a 3-1 defeat against **Montpelier Villa** in their first ever fixture in the league.

Steve Payne was the man to score the Woods' first goal but it was nothing more than a consolation following earlier efforts from Luke French, Josh Street and Ollie Cass for Villa.

Our Mid Sussex rivals **St Francis Rangers** went down to a 2-0 defeat against **Copthorne** for whom Oscar Weddell scored a brace and **Upper Beeding** were 1-0 winners over **Brighton Electricity** thanks to Patrick O'Sullivan's 90th minute winner.

The division's final game saw **TD Shipley** and **Littlehampton United** play out an eight goal thriller at Dragons Green in which the hosts triumphed 5-3.

Daniel Evans scored a hat-trick for the hosts with Bradley Curtis and John Rhodie also netting.

For United, Tom Hamilton, Daniel Hand and Jonathan Hendrick were the scorers.

## Midweek action

**Hassocks favourite Spencer Slaughter got his first win as Loxwood manager as the Magpies hammered East Preston 4-1 at the Lashmar.**

Ex-Robin Lewis Westlake played a starring role, scoring twice alongside Luke Brodie and Bradley Campbell-Francis in a hugely impressive result.

Two sides who would expect to be towards the top of the table met at the Saffrons with **Eastbourne Town** beating **Peacehaven & Telscombe** 2-1 through goals from Trevor McCreadie and Jack Shonk.

Braces from Callum Connor and Alfie Rogers set **Newhaven** on their way to hammering **Eastbourne United** 5-0 and there were five goals as **Crawley Down Gatwick** beat **Horsham YMCA** 3-2 at the Haven.

Phil Johnson again scored for the Anvils with two coming from Michael Wood.

**Pagham** and **Alfold** shared a 2-2 draw at Nyetimber Lane with both teams scoring in injury time; the Lions through Jared Rance and Fold via Devon Fender.

Joe Shelley scored the only goal as **Saltdean United** defeated **Steyning Town** 1-0 and **Little Common** and **AFC Uckfield Town** drew 1-1 at the Oval.

The midweek Premier Division action was rounded off on Wednesday night with a 0-0 draw between **Lingfield** and **Langney Wanderers**.

There were big victories for the two early Division One pace setters with **Littlehampton Town** picking up their second 6-1 victory in the space of three days, this time over **Midhurst & Easebourne**.

**Mile Oak** hammered **Hailsham Town** 7-2 with **Worthing United** joining them in making it two wins from two thanks to a 1-0 home win over **Seaford Town**.

It was not a good night at the Bunn Leisure Stadium for Selsey who lost 2-0 at home to **Roffey** and **Billingshurst** put three points on the board by defeating **Wick** 3-1.



# How they stand...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Crawley Down Gatwick	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Eastbourne United	3	2	0	1	4	5	6
AFC Uckfield Town	3	1	2	0	5	2	4
Pagham	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
Newhaven	2	1	1	0	5	0	4
Alfold	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Lingfield	3	1	1	1	3	7	4
Lancing	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
Loxwood	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Peacehaven & Tels.	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Eastbourne Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Horsham YMCA	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Little Common	2	0	2	0	3	3	1
Horley Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
East Preston	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Langney Wanderers	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
<b>Steining Town</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>
Lancing	120	120	120
Little Common	107	107	107
Pagham	107	107	107
<b>Steining Town</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>
Crawley Down Gatwick	88	88	88
Langney Wanderers	40	40	40
AFC Uckfield Town	0	0	0
Alfold	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0
Eastbourne United	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0
Peacehaven & Telscombe	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0
Steining Town	0	0	0

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	Last 6
Saltdean United	WWD
Crawley Down Gatwick	WW
Eastbourne United	WLW
AFC Uckfield Town	WDD
Pagham	WD
Newhaven	DW
Alfold	WD
Lingfield	LDW
Lancing	WL
Loxwood	LWL
Peacehaven & Tels.	LLW
Eastbourne Town	LW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>LW</b>
Horsham YMCA	WLL
Little Common	DD
Horley Town	D
East Preston	DLL
Langney Wanderers	LD
Broadbridge Heath	L
<b>Steining Town</b>	<b>LL</b>

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gs
Devon Fender	Alfold	5
Paul Rogers	Saltdean United	5
Callum Chalmers	Pagham	3
Ben Connolly	Lancing	3
Ben Chowney	Crawley Down	3
Matt Daniel	Lancing	3
Ebou Jallow	Lancing	3
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	3
<b>Charlie Pitcher</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	3
Cam Wiltshire	Peacehaven	3
Michael Wood	Crawley Down	3
Luke Brodie	Loxwood	2
Joe Clarke	Pagham	2
Callum Connor	Newhaven	2
David Crouch	Pagham	2
Russell Eldridge	Little Common	2
Panashe Makwiramith	Eastbourne Utd	2
Mohammad Mekawir	Langney Wand	2
Chad Milner	East Preston	2

### 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
Billingshurst	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
St Francis Rangers	1	1	0	0	6	3	3
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	1	0	0	1	3	6	0
Roffey	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
<b>Steyning Town</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Upper Beeding	1	0	0	1	0	4	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
Worthing	1	1	0	0	10	0	3
Herne Bay	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Crawley Wasps	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ashford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newhaven	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Parkwood Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

### Division 1 South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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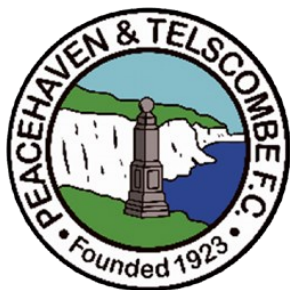
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We do not have long to wait to be back at the Beacon following tonight - Peacehaven & Telscombe are the visitors in the FA Vase this coming Saturday, followed by two tough league games to round off September...



## Peacehaven & Telscombe

### 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.





### Eastbourne Town

#### When?

Saturday 26th September

#### Where?

The Saffrons

#### Time?

3pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### Eastbourne Town last season?

Last season might have finally been the year when Eastbourne Town won promotion back to the Isthmian League. Town have been promotion contenders every season since 2014-15 but have always fallen short. When 2019-20 was declared null and void, they were Lancing's closest pursuers, six points behind the Lancers with a game in hand. We will of course never know what would have happened, but judging by John Lambert's summer recruitment, Town are determined to get over the line this time with their headline capture being striker Trevor McCreddie from Haywards Heath Town.

#### Our record against Eastbourne Town?

We have met on 35 occasions with Town winning over half of them – 20 – to the Robins' nine with six draws along the way. In 25 meetings in the Southern Combination Premier, Town again lead the head-to-head with Hassocks having won just once in the

past 14 years – a shock 2-1 success towards the end of the 2016-17 season with Phil Gault scoring twice and James Broadbent saving a penalty against his former club.

#### Last time we met?

It was an afternoon to forget back in January when Town inflicted the heaviest home defeat we have ever suffered in senior football when winning 7-0 at the Beacon. There were six different scorers for Town - Sam Cole, Zac Attwood, George Taggart, Jack Langford, Tyler Scrafton and Aaron Capon who netted twice.

#### How to get to the Saffrons?

The normal route to Eastbourne via the A27 and the A2770, following the road towards Eastbourne town centre. Turn right into The Goffs just before reaching the main station followed by an immediate left into Southfields Road. That is followed by another right into Dittons Road with the Saffrons on the left at the end of the road.



### Pagham

#### When?

Tuesday 29th September

#### Where?

The Beacon

#### Time?

7:45pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### Admission?

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

#### Pagham last season?

It was season of two halves for Pagham in 2019-20. Before New Year, the Lions were one of the sides firmly in the Premier Division relegation battle. Post-December saw a complete turnaround as they became one of the form teams in the league, pushing themselves into contention for a top 10 spot before football was suspended. 2020-21 has seen them continue where they left off and they are unbeaten at the time of writing with an impressive 6-1 win away at Langney Wanderers their most impressive result to date.

#### Our record against Pagham?

Games with Pagham aren't clashes that we have tended to enjoy through the years. The Lions lead the head-to-head by some way, having won 27 games to the our 18 with nine draws. Hassocks' league form against Pagham in recent years is particularly dire. Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of seven points from a possible 36. Another opponent who can count as a bogey club.

#### Last time we met?

Considering the fact that Pagham were in sensational form after Christmas and our woeful recent record against them, January's 2-0 win here at the Beacon was an excellent result. Goals from Liam Benson and Harvey Blake secured it while the star turn came from midfielder Kit Tregear on his Robins debut.

#### Played for both sides?

Given the distance that separates Hassocks and Pagham, not many players have turned out for both clubs down the years. In fact, there is only one - Jack Rowe-Hurst, who had a brief spell at Nyetimber Lane during the 2018-19 season. He rattled through four clubs that season, also turning out for Lancing, Shoreham and ourselves.

#### Pagham's dangerman?

Callum Chalmers leads the Lions' scoring charts but they can score from anywhere with David Crouch and Jared Rance also real threats.

# 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 **Charlie Pitcher**  
Bedfont Sports away **Charlie Pitcher**  
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 £56  
September  
October  
November  
December  
January  
February  
March  
April**

**TOTAL £56**

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Joe Bull	

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## Steyping Town

	Sam Marsden
	Ben Spano
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	Matthew Boiling
	Alex Gathern
	Joe Fitzpatrick
	George Cousins
	Thomas Howard-Bold
	Louis Coulson
	Charlie Romain
	Harry Heath
	Matt Hards
	Josh Magrath
	Oliver Young
	Cian Griffin-Tilley
	Toby Bloomfield
	Alex Theobald
	Tony Timms
	Josh Maher
	Scott Faber

**Referee**  
Mark Gidman

**Assistants**  
Alan Green &  
Ken Brook

**Manager** Gerry Murphy  
**Coach** Paul Hawkins  
**Coach** Paul Ettridge

## Next at the Beacon



Peacehaven & Telscombe  
 Saturday 19th September. 3pm  
 FA Vase First Qualifying Round

## Today's other Premier Division fixtures

AFC Uckfield Town v Langney Wanderers  
 Eastbourne United v Peacehaven & Tels.  
 East Preston v Alfold  
 Horsham YMCA v Horley Town  
 Lancing v Saltdean United  
 Lingfield v Little Common  
 Newhaven v Eastbourne Town  
 Pagham v Loxwood