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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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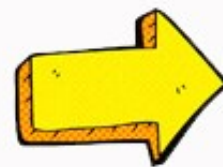
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Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Southern Combination League Premier Division clash against Pagham...

Pagham and ourselves are the two longest serving clubs in the Premier Division and that means that there have been plenty of meetings through the years.

They are usually enthralling encounters too, even if the fixture has not been particularly kind to us in recent seasons.

If tonight follows the trend, then everyone in attendance should be in for a treat - as they have been throughout the 2020-21 season so far.

We may have won only one game at home some far (and what a win that was when beating Lancing 3-2) but the goals have flown and there has been plenty of entertainment.

Lots of people have been able to witness it too; our average attendance so far in 2020-21 is up by over 100 percent on last year with the Beacon being a very busy place on matchdays so far.

In our last home game against Peacehaven & Telscombe 10 days ago, we took the sort of money across the bar that is normally only seen when the clubhouse hosts a big party.

We cannot thank everyone who is

coming and spending their time watching football with us enough, especially given the zero revenue that we had coming into the club whilst the turnstiles were shut for six months.

With uncertainty about how long grassroots football will be allowed to continue, your support is also helping us to prepare for a scenario whereby the worst happens and we are prevented from playing games again for a significant period of time.

The Peacehaven game did not go entirely according to plan on the pitch at least as we exited the FA Vase in a 3-0 defeat.

Saturday's trip to Eastbourne Town was an improvement of sorts as we managed to score twice at the Saffrons, although conceding six meant that our hosts ran out reasonably comfortable winners in the end.

The goals down on the Sunshine Coast came from Jack Troak and Alfie Loversidge with young Alfie's being his first in senior football for the club.

He has looked a real find so far, drawing praise not just from Beacon regulars and groundhoppers who have visited us but from opposition

coaching staff too.

The Under 18s seem to be thriving in general at the minute having won three games from three with 19 goals scored at the top of the North Division.

A 6-1 win over Steyning Town two weeks ago was followed by a 7-0 triumph over Burgess Hill Town on Sunday.

There are full details as to where and when you can catch Brad's young Robins over the course of October, as well as the confirmed fixtures for the Under 23s and the Ladies.

The Under 23s have drawn one and lost one so far, going down 2-1 at St Francis Rangers a fortnight ago before picking up a point at home to Horley Town last Thursday.

The Ladies defeated Crawley Wasps 2-0 for their first victory of the campaign, following that up with a 3-1 defeat to Parkwood Rangers.

If you are ever interested in taking in a game below first team level, then all of our club's sides would appreciate your support - after all, we should probably make the most of being able to watch live football whilst we can.



Today's visitors...



Pagham

Founded 1903

Nickname Lions

Ground Nyetimber Lane

Website paghamfootballclub.co.uk

Twitter @PaghamFCNews

Manager Kerry Hardwell

Top Scorer Joe Clarke, 5

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1981, 1988, 1989

Runners up 1993

SCFL Division One

Winners 1979, 1987, 2007

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1989

Runners up 1984, 2018

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1989, 2017

SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1972, 1986

West Sussex League

Champions 1966, 1969, 1970

WSFL Division Two South

Champions 1963

Pagham were one of the form teams in the second half of the 2019-20 Premier Division season - and based on results so far, they seem determined to continue that into the 2020-21 campaign...

It was a strange season at Nyetimber Lane last time out. Pagham's position as the second longest serving top flight club was seriously under threat with the Lions unable to escape the clutches of the relegation zone right up until Christmas time.

Post-Christmas though and it was a different story. Bob Paine resigned from the Nyetimber Lane hot seat at the start of November and his replacement Kerry Hardwell sparked an excellent turnaround in form.

When the season was suspended in March, Pagham had pushed themselves into contention for a top 10 spot with any worries about slipping into Division One long gone.

That represented a welcome return to form for a club who have become a regular feature at the right end of the table since winning promotion to the Premier Division in 2007.

Although the Lions have never quite managed to finish in the top two, they put the Peter Bentley League Cup into the trophy cabinet in 2017 when beating Haywards Heath Town here at the Beacon.

A year later and they contested one of the most eagerly anticipated Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup finals of recent times, going down to arch rivals Chichester City.

So, what of this season? Hardwell and his players have carried on where they left off and are unbeaten in the league so far having won two and drawn three of their fixtures so far.

Those victories have been impressive; a 6-1 hammering of Langney Wanderers on the opening day and a 2-1 win over Crawley Down Gatwick at the weekend, the Anvils' first defeat of the campaign.

Draws with Alfold, Loxwood and Saltdean United round off the Lions' results so far with their 12 goals the second highest total in the division, bettered only by Lancing.

Hassocks' recent record over Pagham isn't one to shout about. Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of seven points from a possible 36 although there was a 2-0 victory last time we met here in January, an excellent win given the Lions' revival under Hardwell was already well under way.

10 Key Moments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 17th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 9^h
2006-07, Southern Combination One 1st
2005-06, Southern Combination One 13th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 17th
2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 9th
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 6th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 16th

Hassocks v Pagham :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 46 - Won 19 - Drawn 8 - Lost 19 - Scored 77 - Conceded 78

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

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

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

Total... Played 55 Won 19 Drawn 9 Lost 27 Scored 82 Conceded 101

Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-0 Pagham

2019-20 RUR Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Pagham 1-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 Pagham

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Pagham 5-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Pagham 0-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Pagham 2-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Pagham

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Pagham 1-0 Hassocks



NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH A BANG AS ROBINS TAME THE LIONS

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

Goals in either half from Liam Benson and the outstanding Harvey Blake delivered three much-needed points which lifted Hassocks above their opponents in the Premier Division table.

Now, just goal difference is keeping the Robins in the relegation zone.

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

Pagham looked the likeliest to make something happen in that time.

The Lions sent over a couple of decent set piece deliveries but Conor Geoghegan and then Jimmy Wild were unable to punish some slack Hassocks marking as they put free headers wide and over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suddenly, we had a game on our hands.

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

Tregear nearly had a debut goal on the stroke of half time.

Dan Stokes played in Littlejohn, who delivered a cross which Tregear looked set to meet on the volley without breaking stride.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instead, they had to settle for a corner after Tom Carroll seized on the loose ball and forced Harry Mills

into a superb last ditch tackle.

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

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

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

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

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

They had three chances to add a killer third in the final 10 minutes. Johnson swivelled in the box before laying back to Stokes who dragged wide.

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

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

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

Hassocks 4-2 Pagham

HASSOCKS TOO HOT TO HANDLE AT FREEZING COLD BEACON

Just four County League Division One games beat the cold snap which hit Sussex and despite the freezing conditions, Hassocks gave a performance which proved too hot for Pagham to handle.

Mickey Jewell's side ran out 4-2 winners to lift them into fourth spot, level on points with their visitors in third but with a game in hand.

Coming off the back of last week's disappointing 3-1 defeat away at Sidley United, it was a much needed victory against of the sides who will no doubt be challenging at the top of the league come the end of the season.

It was Pagham who made the early running. Jack Simpson was called into action within the first five minutes, before plenty of spectators had braved leaving the warmth of the clubhouse to watch from pitch side.

Those who had ventured outside were treated to an excellent save from the young Hassocks goalkeeper as he turned a Scott Murfin effort around the post as it looked destined to nestle in the bottom corner.

Shortly after and right back Rob South made a vital block from a James Temple effort after a deep cross from Murfin.

Hassocks gradually began to come into the game and they took the lead with 26 minutes played through an excellent goal from Dan Smith.

The industrious Spencer Slaughter gained possession for the Robins in midfield and he fed Phil Gault who in turn found Smith.

There was still plenty for the striker to do 25 yards out from goal, but a clever stepover unbalanced one Pagham defender before Smith hit a sublime curling effort which Wes Hallett in the Lions goal could do nothing but watch bend into his top

left corner.

Pagham responded well to that setback and they could have levelled things up within three minutes.

Hassocks again had South to thank for coming to their rescue with another excellently timed block which diverted a Temple shot onto the crossbar rather than it hitting the back of Simpson's net.

Neither South nor anybody else in red could do much about Pagham's equaliser three minutes later as the Lions' scored with a goal every bit as good as Smith's.

"Not many teams will score four past Pagham this season so for the Robins to do so with four different scorers represented an excellent afternoon's work."

Ashley Marsh was a little unfortunate to see his attempted clearance rebound off Darren Pearce and straight into the path of Michael Frangou who hit an emphatic volley past Simpson from outside the box without breaking stride.

Smith again played a huge part in putting Hassocks back into the lead before half time as he showed great strength to hold the ball up, followed by great awareness to play in the onrushing Slaughter who made no mistake in beating Hallett.

The next goal was now crucial. If it went Hassocks' away, then it would be game over. If Pagham levelled things up for a second time, it would not have been a surprise to see them go on and win given the problems that Frangou and Murfin were causing.

It was a relief to the home support then when Gault made it 3-1 from the penalty spot, converting the kick that he himself had earned.

Slaughter's drive from distance had been partially blocked and as

Gault attempted to pick up the pieces, he found himself tripped in the box leaving referee Nick Brown with no doubts.

Once again though, a Hassocks goal was quickly followed by a Pagham reply.

This time, just three minutes separated Gault's conversion and the Lions finding a way past Simpson.

It was a disappointing one to conceded from a Hassocks point of view as they failed to deal with a ball to the far post.

Temple was lurking and his volley back across goal found Frangou who had far too much time and space to pick his spot and beat Simpson with a well placed effort.

A tense finale looked in store but Anthony Hibbert had other ideas as he added the Robins' fourth with 15 minutes left to play, a goal which effectively killed the tie off.

Hassocks were perhaps a little lucky to be awarded a free kick 25 yards out from goal which Hibbert drilled through the wall and into the bottom corner.

Jewell gave late run outs to Dan Barnard and James Laing from the bench with Slaughter and Smith receiving well-deserved rests after being Hassocks' best two players in an excellent all-round performance.

Not many teams will score four past Pagham this season so for the Robins to do so with four different scorers represented an excellent afternoon's work.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, Lear, Whittingham; Hibbert, O'Callaghan, Gault, Slaughter, Butler; Smith.

Subs: Barnard (Smith 76), Laing (Slaughter 79), Mills, R Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Dan Smith was rewarded for another hard working performance with a goal and assist.



OCTOBER'S FIXTURES CONFIRMED

Time to get out the diaries - the Southern Combination League have confirmed our Premier Division, Under 23s and Under 18s fixtures for October with the first team set to face three Saturday home games in the second month of the season...

Six games for busy first team...

Hassocks will kick off October with a Premier Division fixture against familiar opponents as Peacehaven & Telscombe visit the Beacon on Saturday 3rd with a 3pm kick off.

It will be the Tye's second visit to Hassocks inside of two weeks after the FA Vase First Qualifying Round meeting between the sides 10 days ago.

Peacehaven came out on top on that occasion, winning 3-0 through a Tyler Scrafton brace and a stunning Jake Brocklebank free kick.

The Robins will be hoping for better next time around, although it is a fixture which they do not have a good recent record in - you have to go back to August 2016 to find the last Hassocks win over the Tye.

A week later and Dave John and his players travel to Broadbridge Heath for their second ever visit to the new High Wood Hill Sports Ground.

Last season's trip to the Bears' impressive new stadium saw Hassocks suffer a 2-1 reversal with all the goals coming in a 15 minute period early in the second half.

Max Howell gave Heath the lead on 51 minutes, Ben Bacon cancelled that out on 60 before Jamie Taylor hit the winner on 65.

Tuesday 13th October sees a midweek trip to East Preston for a 7.30pm kick off at the Lashmar.

Hassocks did a Premier Division double over EP last season, winning 2-1 at the Beacon in August and then again by the same scoreline away from home in December.

Blagomir Mastagarkov and Dan Turner were on target for their first senior goals down at EP; Phil Johnson and a home debut goal for Jack Troak did the damage in Mid Sussex.

Horley Town are the visitors on Saturday 17th October at 3pm. The Clarets won 6-1 at the Beacon in the FA Vase in 2019-20 and 1-0 in the Premier Division.

Hassocks are yet to beat Horley in a competitive game, so there is a chance to make history for the Robins in that one.

Another Tuesday night road trip follows on October 20th with the Robins making the journey to Gorings Mead to take on Horsham YMCA, again kicking off at 7.30pm.

Hassocks took four points from YM last season, drawing 2-2 away from home in August.

YM then came to the Beacon in the final first team game the ground hosted before lockdown.

It was a memorable way to bow out as Hassocks rallied from 2-0 down inside the opening 15 minutes to come back and win 3-2.

James Westlake and Johnson levelled things up to set up a grandstand finish in which George Galbraith-Gibbons notched a 92nd minute winner from the bench.

The month is rounded off with a final home game against Langney Wanderers on Saturday 24th, kicking off at 3pm.

Wanderers provided the opposition on three occasions last season.

Hassocks won the FA Cup meeting 2-0 in August at the Beacon, lost 4-0 at Priory Lane two months later in the Premier Division and then slipped out of the Peter Bentley League Cup in a 4-2 home defeat seven days after that.

...and here's where you can catch the rest

The Under 23s have four matches lined up in October with two of those coming against brand new opponents.

They start the month with a trip to Broadbridge Heath in 48 hours time with kick off at 7.45pm at High Wood Hill Sports Ground.

Hassocks' previous visit to the Bears' new home proved to be a good one last September as they won 2-1 in Dave John's first game at the helm.

Jake Atherton and Joe Bull scored the goals in the 75th and 80th minutes respectively as the Robins left it late to come from behind and secure three points.

On Wednesday 14th October, they go to Tinsley Lane to face Oakwood.

It was a mixed bag against the Oaks last season with a 2-1 defeat on the opening day at the Beacon followed by a 5-1 victory in the return

match in November.

George Galbraith-Gibbons scored in both of those encounters with Bull and a Phil Johnson hat-trick completing the scoring in the away fixture.

On Thursday 22nd October, Hassocks host Jarvis Brook in the first ever meeting at Under 23 level between the sides and it is a similar story a week later when the month is rounded off with a trip to Crowborough Athletic.

The Under 18s have three fixtures confirmed starting with a Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup first round tie with Rottingdean Village at home on Sunday,

There is another visit to Broadbridge Heath for a Hassocks side with the Young Robins making the trip to High Wood Hill on Sunday 11th October.

A week later and Billingshurst will provide the opposition at the Beacon

on Sunday 18th October. Both of those games kick off at 11am.

Last but by no means least, the Ladies face three games in October starting with the trip to Newhaven this Sunday.

The Robins lost 2-0 and drew 1-1 with the Dockers last season with the draw at Fort Road being particularly impressive given three players were injured in the warm up - including goalkeeper Sarah Chappell - and Martin Lee's side resembled a team of walking wounded by the end.

A week later on Sunday 11th October and Crawley Wasps come to the Beacon, opponents who Hassocks beat 2-0 at Ewhurst Place 10 days ago.

The month is then rounded off on Sunday 25th October with a home game against Ashford.

All those Ladies fixtures are scheduled for 2pm but this maybe subject to change.

First Team Matches 2020-21

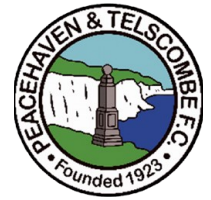
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
02/09 - 19:45	Balham (A)	FACEP	2-2	Littlejohn, Troak (Won 5-3 on penalties)
05/09 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	1-3	Pitcher
08/09 - 19:45	Lancing (H)	SCFLP	3-2	Pitcher, Bull, Troak
12/09 - 15:00	Bedfont Sports (A)	FACFPQ	1-3	Pitcher
15/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	1-3	Troak
19/09 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	FAVQ1	0-3	
26/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	2-6	Loversidge, Troak
29/09 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
October				
03/10 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
06/10 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SSC1		
10/10 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
13/10 - 19:30	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
17/10 - 15:00	Horley Town (H)	SCFLP		
20/10 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
24/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
November				
07/11 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
14/11 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
21/11 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
28/11 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
December				
05/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
12/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
19/12 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
26/12 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
28/12 - 11:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Bradley Bant	7	0	7	0	138	12
Jack Troak	7	0	7	4	39	9
Dan Turner	7	0	7	0	20	2
Andy Whittingham	7	0	7	0	88	1
Joe Bull	2	5	7	1	58	4
Alfie Loversidge	2	5	7	1	8	1
George Brown	6	0	6	0	12	1
James Littlejohn	6	0	6	1	62	13
Charlie Pitcher	6	0	6	3	28	6
Jack Gardner	3	3	6	0	8	0
Dave Carruthers	5	0	5	0	5	0
Harvey Enticknap	5	0	5	0	58	3
Louis Pittock	5	0	5	0	5	0
Chris Neatherway	3	1	4	0	4	0
Will Broomfield	1	1	2	0	82	3
Jake Chadwick	1	1	2	0	2	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	2	2	0	35	4
Conor Evento	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
Lewis Beebee	0	1	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	0	1	1	0	11	0
Josh Short	0	1	1	0	1	0

TOOTHLESS HASSOCKS FALL TO HAVEN AT THE FIRST HURDLE

FA Vase First Qualifying Round
Saturday 19th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-3 Peacehaven & Tels.



Goals win games and that is why Hassocks exited the FA Vase at the hands of Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Both sides had chances, the difference being that the Tye clinically despatched three of theirs; Hassocks in contrast drew a blank as Harry Mills in the Peacehaven goal left with a clean sheet on his return to the Beacon.

Yes, you have read that right. And yes, it was the same Mills who made 122 appearances for the Robins as a defender over the past four seasons before moving to Peacehaven in the summer.

Turns out he is also a relatively handy goalkeeper. What makes this revelation all the more incredible is that goalkeeper is a position which Hassocks have struggled with over the past four years, often having to turn to 45-year-old Phil Wickwar to fill the void. And all that time they could have handed Mills the gloves.

Mills' task minding the net for his new club was undoubtedly made easier by the absence through injury of Charlie Pitcher and Phil Gault.

Nobody could fault the work rate of Chris Neatherway and Joe Bull, but you could not help but wonder how different this might have turned out had Dave John had his first choice front line on the pitch rather than on the sidelines enjoying the Beacon's popular new range of locally brewed craft beer.

Hassocks' best route to goal - especially in the second half - appeared to be down the flanks. Jack Troak gave another positive display on the left whilst 17-year-old Alfie Loversidge was an intriguing choice to take over from James Littlejohn on the right.

Loversidge showed plenty of promise and was only a lick of paint away from marking his full debut with a goal when placing a second half header which defied his

miniature stature against the post from a looping Troak cross.

He was not the only Under 18s player in John's youthful starting line up. Jack Gardner came in at centre back, although his time at the heart of defence was short lived.

In an early blow to Hassocks, Louis Pittock was forced off injured after just two minutes.

Gardner switched to right back with Will Broomfield coming off the bench for his first competitive action of the campaign after an injury hit pre-season.

The Robins did well not to let that disruption impact them, helped in part by a slow start to proceedings.

There were just two chances of note in the first half hour, one falling to each side and neither on target.

Bull collected a neat Gardner pass and turned Matthew Gunn but his effort dragged wide of Mills' post on 12 minutes.

Three minutes later and Andy Whittingham had to make a vital block from Max Holloborne who went all Gazza at Euro 96, beautifully flicking the ball over the head of Dan Turner before hitting a volley which Whittingham threw his body in the way off.

Holloborne drew the first save of the game on 32, stinging the palms of Dave Carruthers with a distance drive after picking the pocket of George Brown in midfield.

Turner was not far away with a glancing header on a Brown cross from a well worked short corner routine but from the resulting goal kick, Hassocks fell alarmingly asleep and a simple move up the pitch found Tyler Scrafton who turned Turner and beat Carruthers via a deflection.

That was with five minutes of the first half remaining. Hassocks to their credit responded well, Loversidge's aforementioned header coming with the second half just three minutes old and two minutes later

Neatherway couldn't quite apply the finishing touch to a low Troak cross.

Troak was the next man to squander a chance, backheeling wide from a goalmouth scramble.

Another Under 18s player entered the fray with 64 minutes played, striker Lewis Beebee making his senior debut in place of Neatherway.

Beebee had little chance to make much headway before Peacehaven added a second and there were plenty of questions about Hassocks' marking.

Visiting right back Jake Legrange came forward to whip in a cross which Scrafton was able to bring down, turn on and pick out the corner of Carruthers' goal with no sign of a red shirt anywhere near him.

Peacehaven's third in contrast was a goal which you simply had to applaud, Jake Brocklebank bending a free kick into the stanchion from 30 yards for a strike of the very highest quality with four minutes remaining.

Bull's cross-shot had been turned behind by Mills minutes earlier and the former-Hassocks defender then showed his worth as a goalkeeper when denying Troak's one-on-one effort with an excellent double save.

The Robins had one final chance in stoppage time but in a moment which summed their afternoon up, Loversidge's low cross went through the legs of Troak and under the foot of Beebee.

Hassocks: Carruthers; Pittock, Gardner, Turner, Whittingham; Loversidge, Bant, Brown, Troak; Bull, Neatherway.

Subs: Broomfield (Pittock 2), Beebee (Neatherway 64), Chadwick (Broomfield 77), Galbraith-Gibbons, Dunkley (unused).



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GOALKEEPER WOES CONTINUES AS ROBINS TROUNCED BY TOWN

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 26th September 2020, The Saffrons
Eastbourne Town 6-2 Hassocks



Hassocks must be wondering what they have to do to get some luck in the goalkeeper department as the latest twist in a long-running saga took place at the Saffrons on Saturday.

The Robins were on the end of a 6-2 defeat against Eastbourne Town, a scoreline not helped by further troubles befalling the man donning the number one jersey.

So far in the 2020-21 season, Hassocks have seen Dave Carruthers injure himself saving the decisive penalty in their FA Cup extra preliminary round shoot out win at Balham on his debut.

45-year-old Phil Wickwar deputised in the following game at Alfold, only to limp off with a pulled calf after an hour. Centre back Dan Turner took over for the closing stages of that 2-0 defeat.

A half-fit Carruthers returned for the next five games - not that you would know it given the string of fine performances he put in - with Hassocks sealing a deal last week to bring their one-time Under 18s goalkeeper Conor Evento back from Broadbridge Heath to ease the burden on Carruthers.

That was the theory, anyway. Evento's Hassocks debut was just 20 minutes old at the Saffrons when he pulled his right thigh.

The Robins had no substitute goalkeeper on the bench and so Evento carried on, completing the game on one leg.

He still managed to pull off a series of fine stops, doing enough to suggest that Hassocks are now well stocked in the goalkeeping department, providing of course that they can avoid any more misfortune.

Evento was one of five changes that Dave John made from the previous week's 3-0 FA Vase defeat at the hands of Peacehaven &

Telscombe.

The injured Louis Pittock was replaced by Will Broomfield, former Horsham and Billingshurst midfielder Jake Chadwick came in for his first start in place of the suspended George Brown and Charlie Pitcher and James Littlejohn took over up front from Joe Bull and Chris Neatherway, who dropped to the bench.

Hassocks were competitive for the opening 20 minutes. They defended well against a Town team who packed a real goal threat, even without former Haywards Heath Town striker Trevor McCreadie who had departed for Saltdean United the day before.

"Loversidge's finish was of the highest quality and a second man-of-the-match award in a row suggests that the Robins have unearthed another gem in the 17-year-old."

The Robins looked like they could cause problems at the other end too. Having Pitcher back in the side certainly helped, but Jack Troak and young Alfie Loversidge showed no fear in trying to take the game to their more experienced opponents. Both would be rewarded in the second half for their boldness.

It took until the 34th minute for Town to open the scoring, Bright Temba getting the party started for the hosts.

Worryingly, that seemed to spark a Hassocks collapse and they conceded twice more before the break; three goals flying in during the final 11 minutes of the first half meaning that it was all but over by the time the players trudged off at the interval.

Nathan Crabb added the second with 41 on the clock and Temba

notched again in the first minute of time added on.

Those Hassocks fans of a glass-half-empty persuasion in the bumper crowd of 280 could have been forgiven for fearing the worst at that point - especially as nine months ago, Town had inflicted upon Hassocks their heaviest ever home defeat in senior football when winning 7-0 at the Beacon.

It never became that bad on this occasion. Sam Cole did add a fourth for Town on 57 before Loversidge had a moment to remember when notching his first senior goal with 15 minutes remaining.

Hassocks worked the chance well, breaking down the left with Loversidge producing a sublime effort with the outside of his right boot past Chris Winterton in the home goal.

The finish was of the highest quality and a second man-of-the-match award in a row suggests that the Robins have unearthed another gem in the 17-year-old.

Town weren't too happy about conceding and 10 minutes later, Hassocks repeated the trick to make it 4-2 when Troak scored his fourth of the campaign after embarking on a good run inside which was picked out by a neat pass from Bradley Bant.

Hassocks suddenly had belief that they might be on the cusp of the most incredible of comebacks.

Sadly, it wasn't to be and Town added two more goals and some underserved gloss to the score line in injury time through Dan Hull and Matt Rodrigues-Barbosa.

Hassocks: Evento; Gardner, Turner, Broomfield, Whittingham; Loversidge, Bant, Chadwick, Troak; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

Subs: Bull, Marshall, Short (used), Neatherway, Beebee (unused).

Under 23 Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
16/09 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23	1-2	Dimelow
24/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	1-1	Galbraith-Gibbons
October				
01/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
14/10 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		
22/10 - 19:30	Jarvis Brook (H)	SCFL23		
29/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23 Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
George Galbraith-Gibbons	2	0	2	1
Ben Hicks	2	0	2	0
Harvey Ransome	2	0	2	0
Jake Chadwick	1	1	2	0
Brad Sweetman	1	1	2	0
Lewis Beebee	0	2	2	0
Charlie Alderton	1	0	1	0
Connor Bradley	1	0	1	0
Joe Bull	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	1
Max Donaldson	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Conor Evento	1	0	1	0
George Harwood	1	0	1	0
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	0
Charlie Jones	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Kenny Pearce	1	0	1	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0
Will Broomfield	0	1	1	0
Alex Crawford	0	1	1	0
Solly Ross	0	1	1	0



FAMILIAR FACES HAUNT HASSOCKS IN SEASON OPENER

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Wednesday 16th September 2020, Colwell Road
St Francis Rangers U23s 2-1 Hassocks U23s

Hostilities resumed between Hassocks and St Francis Rangers for the first time in two seasons as the two Mid Sussex rivals locked horns in the opening game of the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division season.

And it was Rangers who took local bragging rights with a 2-1 success delivered thanks to a late goal from one of the many ex-Robins in their squad.

Jake Lindsey was a popular figure at the Beacon having scored 11 times in 52 first team appearances after breaking into the senior set up whilst still a member of Hassocks' 2017-18 treble winning Under 18 team.

He climbed off the bench at Colwell Road at half time, going on to strike what proved to be the winner in the 80th minute of an entertaining clash.

As well as Lindsey, Rangers had in their squad Steve Bright, Jordan Littlecott, Max Willcox, Josh Paton and Jack Tobias, all of whom had played Under 23s football at the Beacon in the past.

Hassocks meanwhile gave a debut to Jamie Wilkes who made the opposite journey in the summer, switching Rangers for Robins.

Wilkes was one of five new faces in the Hassocks squad. Under 18s goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley made his first appearance for the Under 23s with fellow youth teamer Lewis Beebee joining him from the

substitutes bench in the second half. Former Horsham and Billingshurst midfielder Jake Chadwick sat alongside Beebee on the bench with the final new face being Ben Hicks.

There were two returnees in the Hassocks team; midfielder George Harwood making his first appearance for the Robins since the 2015-16 season along with Kenny Pearce who has been absent for the same amount of time.

Connor Bradley, Harvey Ransome, Max Donaldson, Kieran Dimelow, Brad Sweetman and last season's top scorer George Galbraith-Gibbons rounded off the starting XI with Solly Ross the third and final Hassocks substitute.

It was a pleasant evening at the Hospital and both sides did their best to put on a show in what was the first ever game played in the new North Division of the Under 23 league.

Such has been the popularity of development football that this third section has been added for 2020-21 to complement the existing East and West Divisions.

It gives Hassocks plenty of fresh opponents, Rangers being one having not fielded an Under 23s side in 2019-20.

Alfold and Jarvis Brook are running teams at this level for the first time; Loxwood have joined from the Combined Counties League and Horley Town and Crowborough Athletic have both moved into the Southern Combination.

The North Division is rounded off by Broadbridge Heath, Horsham



YMCA and Oakwood, all of whom Hassocks played in the West Division last time out.

Back to matters at hand and aside from Lindsey's late decider, there was one goal apiece struck by either side.

For Rangers, it came via Josh Paine, one of the few players in the hosts' starting line up not to have played for Hassocks at some point.

The Robins' account for the season was opened by Kieran Dimelow, the midfielder having scored twice in seven appearances last season.

Hassocks will be hoping to have his services available on a more regular basis this time out if they are to make an impression on a league which should be fiercely competitive.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Donaldson, Sweetman, Hicks, Ransome, Wilkes, Bradley, Dimelow, Harwood, Pearce, Galbraith-Gibbons.

Subs: Beebee, Chadwick, Ross (used).



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Under 18 Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
13/09 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	SCFL18	6-1	Azizi, Beebee (3), Sprigg, Russell
20/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL18	6-1	Thwaites, Russell, Howard (2), Beebee, Sprigg
27/09 - 10:30	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	7-0	Beebee (4), Bundy, Craig, Russell
October				
04/10 - 11:00	Rottingdean Village (H)	C18C1		
11/10 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL18		
18/10 - 11:00	Billingshurst (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Lewis Beebee	2	0	2	4
Harry Bundy	2	0	2	0
Kobe Dersley	2	0	2	0
Jayden Dunkley	2	0	2	0
Daniel Llewellyn	2	0	2	0
Archie Messent	2	0	2	0
Josh Sprigg	2	0	2	2
Louis Thwaites	2	0	2	1
Fraser Mears	1	1	2	0
Archie Russell	1	1	2	2
Owen Parker	0	2	2	0
Alex Crawford	1	0	1	0
Jack Gardner	1	0	1	0
Charlie Jones	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0
Yahya Azizi	0	1	1	1
Cody Craig	0	1	1	0
Oscar De Janon Gripp	0	1	1	0
Beau Howard	0	1	1	2

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HASSOCKS SINK STEYNING WITH ANOTHER SIX GOAL SHOWING

**Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division
Sunday 20th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 6-1 Steyning Town U18s**

For the second game running, Hassocks Under 18s ran out 6-1 winners as their excellent start to the new Southern Combination League North Division season showed no signs of slowing.

Last week, the victory came on the road at Roffey. This week, it was Steyning Town who were turned over in the Young Robins' first home game of the campaign.

What made this result all the more impressive was that it was delivered without two of Hassocks' star players.

Both Jack Gardner and Alfie Loversidge were absent, having played 90 minutes for the first team in the previous day's 3-0 FA Vase first qualifying round exit at the hands of fellow Southern Combination League Premier Division outfit Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Gardner gave an impressive account of himself at right back after a tactical reshuffle just two minutes in saw him shift over from the centre of defence.

Loversidge meanwhile took the Hassocks headlines, voted an extremely popular winner of the Supporters' Man-of-the-Match on his full home debut for a performance which was packed with promise.

He even came within a hair's breadth of marking the occasion with a goal, the Peacehaven post denying his excellent header from nestling in the back of the net with Tye number

one Harry Mills well beaten.

Resting Loversidge and Gardner represented two of the three changes that Brad Sweetman made from the impressive victory at Roffey.

Freddie Mears was the other player to drop out of the starting line up although he did not miss out altogether, instead settling for a place among the substitutes.

Coming into the side were two regulars from last season who missed the opening day win as Alex Crawford and Charlie Jones both returned.

Archie Russell was handed his first start after a goal scoring debut from the bench at Bartholomew Way.

It took Hassocks until the 22nd minute to open the scoring when Louis Thwaites notched his first for the club.

Three minutes later and Russell doubled the advantage, making it two goals in two games to continue where he left off against Roffey.

Steyning made it 2-1 through Destiny Ojo on the hour mark which seemed to shake Hassocks into life.

Fresh legs helped in that regard and it was substitute Beau Howard who restored Hassocks' two goal advantage five minutes after the Barrowmen had halved the deficit.

Last week's hat-trick hero Lewis Beebee got in on the act by making it four on 79, the first of three goals in a mad final 11 minutes in which the Robins added a lot of gloss to the storyline.

Beebee's goal capped off a fine weekend as he had also been involved with the first team in the



Peacehaven game, making his senior debut as a second half substitute and showing some nice touches in the half hour or so he was on the pitch.

Hassocks' fifth came through Josh Sprigg on 83 - scoring for the second match running like Russell and Beebee - and there was still time for the Robins to find a sixth as Howard completed a brace from the bench with two minutes left on the clock.

That rounded off an excellent morning for Hassocks, especially in light of the fact that the Robins have struggled against Steyning in recent seasons.

The result sent Hassocks to the top of the early North Division table and should leave Sweetman and his players in confident mood going into next Sunday's first Mid Sussex Derby of the season at home to Burgess Hill Town.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Bundy, Crawford, Thwaites, Dersley, Llewellyn, Jones, Russell, Sprigg, Messent, Beebee.

Subs: Craig, De Jannon Griph, Howard, Mears, Parker (used).

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Ladies Matches 2020-21

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
13/09 - 14:00	Worthing (H)	LSE1S	0-10	
20/09 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (A)	LSE1S	2-0	Pordage, J.Craig
27/09 - 15:00	Parkwood Rangers (H)	LSE1S	1-3	
October				
04/10 - 14:00	Newhaven (A)	LSE1S		
11/10 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (H)	LSE1S		
25/10 - 14:00	Ashford (H)	LSE1S		

Ladies Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Tallie Bright	2	0	2	0
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0
Katherine Chappell	2	0	2	0
Sarah Chappell	2	0	2	0
Gemma Craig	2	0	2	0
Jess Craig	2	0	2	1
Emma Flin	2	0	2	0
Liz King	2	0	2	0
Kirsten Mair	2	0	2	0
Mia Pordage	2	0	2	1
Claire Stevens	2	0	2	0
Jodie Johanson	0	2	2	0
Katie Read	0	2	2	0
Sam Newman	0	1	1	0
Holly Webb	0	1	1	0



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ROBINS BOUNCE BACK BY STINGING CRAWLEY WASPS

London & South East Regional League Division One South
Sunday 20th September 2020, Ewhurst Place
Crawley Wasps 0-2 Hassocks Ladies

After last week's 10-0 defeat at home to London & South East Regional Division One South title favourites Worthing, Hassocks Ladies bounced back in the best way possible by picking up their first three points of the season at Crawley Wasps.

The Robins ran out deserved 2-0 winners thanks to first half goals from Mia Pordage - her first for the club - and Jess Craig.

There was not much to report from the opening exchanges of the game, partly because the report writer had to deal with a water leak at home and so missed the first 20 minutes.

In that time, Hassocks goalkeeper Sarah Chappell was on the end of a tough challenge and needed some lengthy treatment.

Chappell thankfully was able to carry on, unlike Emma Flin who had to be substituted following the reoccurrence of an injury picked up in training. Her place was taken by Sam Newman.

Despite these setbacks, Hassocks took the lead with 22 minutes on the clock - just as your report writer arrived, as luck would have it.

The goal came from a well taken header by Pordage, a fine way for the summer signing to open her account for the Robins.

Wasps responded by creating three chances in quick succession, forcing Tallie Bright into a timely

intervention and Chappell then had to be alert to save another effort before a header from a corner went just wide.

It was a well worked set piece routine which enabled Hassocks to double their advantage nine minutes before half time.

An expertly taken corner from Kirsten Mair made its way to the far post where Jess Craig was on hand to side foot home.

The final nine minutes of the half following Craig's goal were action packed.

Stevens had to produce a last ditch tackle to end a Wasps attack; Chappell did well to parry a shot which bounced wickedly in front of her and then Stevens headed clear to avert another dangerous situation.

Up the other end and an inch perfect pass from Katherine Chappell released Bright who struck a post.

The end-to-end action continued into the second half. Stevens, Jo Brown and Liz King thwarted several Wasps attacks with Pordage then going close to adding a third for Hassocks when she fired over from a Chappell cross.

Bright was replaced by Jodie Johanson after a tireless shift on the right as Hassocks looked to inject some fresh legs to prevent Wasps getting on top.

King was required to make another saving tackle and then headed the subsequent corner clear when it looked like it would be turned in at the back post and Chappell did superbly to turn away a powerful shot which took a deflection.



The Robins made another sub as Katie Read replaced Pordage up front and although that gave Wasps something else to think about, it was the hosts who continued to pour forward in search of a way back into the tie.

Newman defended well again and Johanson put her body on the line to make a brave challenge which resulted in her being flattened.

A rare Hassocks attack saw Jess Craig turn and release Mair but nobody could get on the end of her cross.

Wasps' attempts to get back into the game became ever more desperate in the final 10 minutes but Hassocks held firm with Brown and Johanson putting in some firm challenges and Newman doing brilliantly to thwart a two-on-one break.

The final whistle was greeted with jubilation among the Hassocks players as the victory was a vast improvement on the previous week and provides a good base to build on for the rest of the season.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Stevens, Flin, Brown, Bright, Mair, King, G Craig, K Chappell, J Craig, Pordage.

Subs: Johanson, Newman, Read, Webb (used), Rushworth (unused).



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One of the more remarkable Hassocks games of the past 11 years took place on this day in 2009 when the Robins missed a laughable amount of chances to exit the Sussex Senior Cup 3-2 at the hands of East Preston...

WASTEFUL ROBINS AVOID WEALDEN TRIP WITH EP EXIT

Just how Hassocks failed to take their Sussex Senior Cup first round tie with East Preston into at least extra time is a mystery although sceptics in the home camp might point to the dubious reward for victory being a trip to Wealden.

Few will shed a tear over missing out on a midweek visit to the Oaks in the next round as a result of this 3-2 defeat.

By the end, the chances being missed by the Robins against their Division Two visitors became almost laughable and it is no exaggeration to say that Hassocks could have hit double figures.

EP were very grateful that Hassocks didn't have their shooting boots on, given that they arrived at the Beacon off the back of an 8-0 FA Cup exit against Conference South leaders Dover Athletic three days earlier.

Dave John's team selection hinted at a man who wasn't particularly fussed by the competition either.

Ian Simpson played the first 45 minutes as his return from injury steps up a gear and John also experimented with Michael Bates at right wing back in place of Dan Jacques.

Bates had a 20 minute cameo in the position for the first time with Saturday's 3-0 win over Ringmer already sewn up.

He certainly possesses the energy levels and determination needed to fulfil the role on a more regular basis

and was involved in creating several of Hassocks' many opportunities.

The Robins took the lead with just eight minutes played. Phil Gault and Spencer Slaughter shared a nice exchange of passes which ended with Slaughter testing EP goalkeeper Maciek Kason.

Jason was equal to that but powerless to stop Gault sweeping home the rebound.

EP had a lively front pairing in Jay Huet and Terry Dodd with the sort of pace that sets alarm bells ringing in the Robins back line on a regular basis.

Huet's speed in particular caused real problems and he helped himself to two goals in 11 first half minutes to send the visitors into the break with the lead.

The equaliser on 26 was well taken as the ball fell to Huet on the edge of the box.

His second 11 minutes later came when Joel Harding made a rare error of judgement, advancing miles from his line, a mistake which Huet duly punished.

EP were just about worth that half time advantage and five minutes into the second half, they made it 3-1.

Dodd this time was the scorer when he got in behind the home defence, at which point it looked like the visitors were sailing through.

Hassocks duly woke up at that point, resulting in an immensely entertaining 40 minutes in which it was one way traffic towards Kason's

goal.

The speedy Neil Kane could have a hat-trick before he was hauled for James Laing on 78.

Laing was only on the pitch for 12 minutes but he still had the time to pass up a treble of his own, such was the sustained pressure on EP.

Gault hit the exact same spot on the exact same post twice in the space of 120 seconds and Jason denied Anthony Hibbert, Terry Gacias, Slaughter, Bates and Arni Kublickas.

Even Ashley Marsh – with one goal in over 200 appearances for the Robins – had a shot on target kept out.

The only time Hassocks managed to find a way through came on the hour mark when Kason copied Harding's moment of madness with an ill-advised stroll from his line.

Gacias lobbed into the empty goal with aplomb for his first ever senior goal in Hassocks colours.

That left half an hour for the revitalised Robins to repair the damage, but it became apparent very quickly that it was going to be one of those nights, leaving EP to face the joys of Wealden away and Hassocks to wonder just how they only scored twice.

Hassocks: Harding; Bates, Simpson, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Hibbert, Slaughter, Gacias; Gault, Kane.

Subs: Bowra (Simpson 45), Laing (Kane 78), Jacques (unused).



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Around the League



The FA Vase swung into action 11 days ago with 13 sides from the Premier Division and Division One of the Southern Combination League advancing into the second qualifying round...

The Premier Division's top scorer had a fruitful day in front of goal as Alfold advanced with a straightforward 4-0 win over Chessington & Hook United.

Devon Fender scored two of Folds goals with Sammy Clements and Sam Lemon netting as all four goals came before the 50 minute mark.

A hat-trick from Daniel Baptiste helped **Lingfield** progress as they won a topsy-turvy game 3-2 away at Forest Hill Park.

There was late drama at the New Defence where **Horley Town** scored twice in the final 10 minutes to see off Hollands & Blair 4-2.

Ryan Smith struck in the first half for the Clarets followed by James McElligott in the 50th minute, setting the stage for those late strikes from Adam Grant and substitute Tony Halsey.

Steyning Town have been in excellent cup form and they easily saw off the challenge of Bagshot 3-1 at the Shooting Field.

Matthew Boiling, Thomas Howard-Bold and Sam Marsden scored the goal for Gerry Murphy's side.

The Eastbourne Derby between **Langney Wanderers** and **Eastbourne United** at Priory Lane went the way of the hosts with Wanderers running out 4-2 winners.

United stormed into a 2-0 lead through Jack Hobden and Kane Penn before Alex Walsh's side launched a memorable comeback as Mohammad Mekawir, Harry Ducatel, Callum Sherriff and Trey Masinki sent Wanderers into the next round.

Premier Division **Horsham YMCA** met Division One **Arundel** at Gorings Mead where there was to be no

upset as the hosts ran out 4-0 winners.

Charlie Gee scored twice for YM, a brace sandwiched between Charlie Maguire's opener and Jack Ryder's strike with 15 minutes left which rounded off the scoring.

Lower league **Oakwood** suffered a similar fate at home to **East Preston** as goals from Harry Franks and Cameron Lineham gave EP a 2-0 success at Tinsley Lane.

Division One leaders **Littlehampton Town** underlined their quality by picking up an excellent 2-1 win away at Beckenham.

Both of the Golds' goals came in the second half through Lucas Pattendon and George Gaskin.

Wick had goals from Daniel Simmonds and Scott Murfin to thank for delivering a 2-1 victory away at **AFC Croydon Athletic** whilst there was an incredible game at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground where **Worthing United** progressed with a 5-4 win over **Greenways**.

Callum Thoms scored twice for the Mavericks with Callum Wells adding a third before half time.

There were further second half goals from Albert Ellis and Dan Hills to complete a memorable afternoon for United.

One of Division One's promotion favourites **Bexhill United** suffered a shock defeat against struggling **Storrington** at the Recreation Ground.

Callum Bester and Joseph Gibbey scored within five minutes of each other to send the Swans through as Evan Archibald's goal for Bexhill proved nothing more than a

consolation.

Joe Keehan's hat-trick settled the other all-Division One tie as **AFC Varndeanians** won 3-0 away at **Hailsham Town**.

Two Southern Combination League sides progressed via penalties as **Billingshurst** eliminated FC Elmstead 7-6 from 12 yards and **Shoreham** triumphed 5-4 away at Godalming Town.

Former Hassocks favourite Michael Death was on target for Shoreham as the 90 minutes ended 3-3, along with Jack Nicholls and Ramon Santos.

Billingshurst's tie meanwhile ended 2-2 with Jahobi Maher and Nick Tilley notching.

Penalties brought **Broadbridge Heath**'s interest in the competition to an end as they lost 4-2 from the spot away at Lydd Town.

The game had finished 1-1 after 90 minutes with the Bears goal coming from Louis Croal.

Harry Law saw red for Heath with 30 minutes still to play to complete a disappointing afternoon in Kent.

Loxwood were eliminated 1-0 at the hands of Erith & Belvedere, **Little Common** crashed out 4-0 away at Fisher.

Connor Martin' 17th minute goal was about as good as things got for **Mile Oak** as they were hammered 7-1 against Colliers Wood United and **Selsey** were beaten 4-0 at Romsey Town.

There were three Premier Division games played with **AFC Uckfield Town** beating **Eastbourne Town** 1-0, **Crawley Down Gatwick** drawing 1-1 with **Lancing** and **Saltdean** and **Pagham** drawing 2-2.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Uckfield Town	6	4	2	0	10	4	14
Saltdean United	6	3	2	1	8	6	11
Horley Town	4	3	1	0	12	1	10
Lancing	5	3	1	1	15	7	10
Pagham	5	2	3	0	12	6	9
Eastbourne United	5	3	0	2	6	7	9
Newhaven	4	2	2	0	9	1	8
Lingfield	5	2	2	1	8	8	8
Eastbourne Town	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
Crawley Down Gatwick	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Little Common	4	1	3	0	6	4	6
Alfold	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
Loxwood	5	1	1	3	7	8	4
Langney Wanderers	4	1	1	2	3	8	4
Peacehaven & Tels.	5	1	0	4	8	11	3
Steyning Town	4	1	0	3	7	14	3
Hassocks	4	1	0	3	7	14	3
Horsham YMCA	5	1	0	4	5	13	3
East Preston	5	0	2	3	5	13	2
Broadbridge Heath	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Peacehaven & Telscombe	257	257	257
Hassocks	176	176	176
AFC Uckfield Town	133	133	133
Lancing	120	120	120
Eastbourne United	118	118	118
Little Common	107	107	107
Pagham	107	107	107
Steyning Town	89	89	89
Crawley Down Gatwick	77	88	83
Lingfield	67	67	67
Langney Wanderers	40	40	40
Alfold	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0
East Preston	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0

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	Last 6
AFC Uckfield Town	WDDWWW
Saltdean United	WWDLDW
Horley Town	DWWW
Lancing	WLWDW
Pagham	WDDDW
Eastbourne United	WLWWL
Newhaven	DWDW
Lingfield	LDWDW
Eastbourne Town	LWDLW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWDL
Little Common	DDDW
Alfold	WDDL
Loxwood	LWLDL
Langney Wanderers	LDLW
Peacehaven & Tels.	LLWLL
Steyning Town	LLWL
Hassocks	LWLL
Horsham YMCA	WLLLL
East Preston	DLLDL
Broadbridge Heath	LLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	GlS
Devon Fender	Alfold	9
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	6
Joe Clarke	Pagham	5
Adam Grant	Horley Town	5
Paul Rogers	Saltdean United	5
Ben Chowney	Crawley Down	4
Tony Halsey	Horley Town	4
Mohammed Mekawir	Langney Wand	4
Dan Perry	AFC Uckfield	4
Morgan Vale	AFC Uckfield	4
Daniel Baptiste	Lingfield	3
Luke Brodie	Loxwood	3
Conor Bull	East Preston	3
Callum Chalmers	Pagham	3
Ben Connolly	Lancing	3
Matt Daniel	Lancing	3
Charlie Gee	Horsham YMCA	3
Jack Hobden	Eastbourne Utd	3
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning	3
Ebou Jallow	Lancing	3

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Francis Rangers	2	2	0	0	6	4	6
Alfold	2	1	1	0	8	1	4
Horsham YMCA	2	1	1	0	9	4	4
Horley Town	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Crowborough Athletic	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Hassocks	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Loxwood	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Oakwood	2	0	1	1	6	11	1
Jarvis Brook	2	0	1	1	2	9	1
Broadbridge Heath	2	0	0	2	4	6	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Will Read	Horsham YMCA	3
Shane Saunders	Alfold	3
Matthew Blogg	B'bridge Heath	2
Leon Eales	Horsham YMCA	2
Jake Lindsey	St Francis	2
Arnold Saurombe	Oakwood	2
Fraser Abbott	Crowborough	2
Stephen Adegboye	Loxwood	1
Tiago Andrade	Alfold	1
Joe Bedford	Alfold	1

Southern Combination Under 18 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	3	3	0	0	19	2	9
Horsham YMCA	3	3	0	0	12	1	9
St Francis Rangers	3	3	0	0	10	5	9
Alfold	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
Billingshurst	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Broadbridge Heath	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Steyning Town	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
Burgess Hill Town	3	0	0	3	3	21	0
Roffey	4	0	0	4	1	24	0
Upper Beeding	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

Under 18 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlie Martin	Alfold	5
Lewis Beebee	Hassocks	4
Aden Radojevic	Horsham YMCA	4
Kai Stephens	St Francis	3
Noel Alexander Fisher	Alfold	2
Harvey Burgess	Horsham YMCA	2
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	2
Leon Fisher	Alfold	2
Beau Heaver	B'bridge Heath	2
Beau Howard	Hassocks	2
Archie Russell	Hassocks	2

London & South East Women's Division 1 South Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Herne Bay	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Worthing	2	1	0	1	12	3	3
Ashford	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Lewes	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Parkwood Rangers	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Crawley Wasps	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Newhaven	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Hassocks	3	1	0	2	3	13	3

Division 1 South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Sophie Gifford	Herne Bay	3
Samantha-Jade Mee	Worthing	3
Elizabeth Millis	Ashford	3
Lauren Williams	Herne Bay	3
Gemma Worsfold	Worthing	3
Corrie Goodhew	Parkwood	2
Lauren Harris	Herne Bay	2
Hannah Hewlett	Worthing	2

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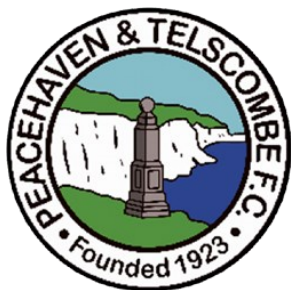
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Just two weeks after they last visited the Beacon, Peacehaven & Telscombe are back in the village as this time we welcome the Tye in Premier Division action, kicking off a busy October which features seven matches...



Peacehaven & Telscombe

When?

Saturday 3rd October

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Peacehaven & Telscombe this season?

One win from five is perhaps not how Peacehaven imagined their 2020-21 Southern Combination League season beginning. That sole victory was a big one when the Tye beat Horsham YMCA 4-0 a little over two weeks ago. It has been a different story in cup competitions with the Tye having eliminated us from the FA Vase and picked up a hugely impressive FA Cup victory away at Bearsted. Unfortunately, Peacehaven fielded an ineligible player in that 5-3 win and so the tie was awarded to Bearsted, but it serves as a reminder of just what dangerous opponents Mark Shutt's team can be on their day.

Our record against Peacehaven?

Peacehaven have dominated the fixture, securing 21 wins to our seven with seven draws thrown into the mix. In 25 league meetings, we have only won four times. There is one small crumb of comfort in that this game takes place at the Beacon; three of those four successes have come here in Mid Sussex compared

to just one on the road at the Sports Park. Hassocks' last victory over the Tye came right at the start of the 2016-17 season, a 2-1 success delivered thanks to goals from Phil Gault and Nathan Miles.

Last time we met?

You will have read about it elsewhere in this programme - the Tye won 3-0 at the Beacon 11 days ago in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase through a Tyler Scafton brace and a free kick from captain Jake Brocklebank.

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 and Harry Mills have all moved the other way to the Sports Park, with Mills having seemingly become a goalkeeper since departing Hassocks - he kept a clean sheet on his return in that FA Vase fixture two Saturdays ago.



Midhurst & Easebourne

When?

Tuesday 6th October

Where?

Rotherfield

Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Sussex Senior Cup
First Round

Admission?

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

Midhurst this season?

Midhurst have enjoyed a solid start to their Division One campaign, winning two, drawing one and losing two of their games so far. Those defeats came against promotion favourites Littlehampton Town & Mile Oak with their 2-0 win over a Seaford Town side including former Robins Bradley Tighe and Jack Rowe-Hurst being particularly impressive.

Our record against Midhurst?

Meetings have been few and far between. There have been seven previous games, five of which we have won and two of which Midhurst have been triumphant in. A couple of those have been big scoring victories for Hassocks too, with a 6-0 win at the Beacon and a 6-1 win at Rotherfield.

Last time we met?

We faced each other in the third round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup in 2016, when we advanced to the quarter finals via a 2-1 extra time win. It was 0-0 after

90 minutes before Liam Benson and Phil Gault goals gave us victory and a quarter final meeting with Lancing. Ben Kamplen scored the Stags' consolation.

Played for both sides?

Given the distance between the two clubs, it shouldn't come as a surprise that links between the two are few and far between. One man who has been involved with both us and the Stags is John Suter, who was manager of Midhurst when we last met in that aforementioned RUR Charity Cup tie in 2016

How to get to Rotherfield?

A surprisingly straightforward if very long journey awaits. Take the A272 through Cowfold, through Billingshurst and through Petworth until you reach Easebourne. There will be a sharp left turn next to the Cowdray Park Polo Club, after which you take the second right onto Egmont Road. Turn left at the end onto Dodsley Lane and then an immediate right into Dodsley Grove and the ground is just on your right.



Broadbridge Heath

When?

Saturday 10th October

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Broadbridge Heath this season?

Heath have endured a difficult start to the season as they were one of the first Southern Combination League sides to be struck down by a coronavirus. The Bears went about the issue in the right way, forfeiting their FA Cup tie with Haywards Heath Town and sitting out matches for two weeks. The disruption has clearly had an impact and they are winless so far in the Premier Division, scoring just once and conceding 12 in their three games.

Our record against Broadbridge Heath?

There have been 23 previous meetings between the two clubs with the head-to-head completely even with nine wins apiece. Those good at maths will have worked out that means there have been five draws. Heath are one of the only clubs in the Southern Combination League that the Robins have faced in all three divisions over the past 35 years.

Last time we met?

We last faced Broadbridge Heath in September 2019 for our first visit to their new High Wood Hill Sports Ground. The Bears were riding on the crest of a wave at the time and were even being touted as dark horses for a crack at last season's Premier Division title in those early stages of the campaign. Goals from Max Howell and Jamie Taylor secured a 2-1 win with Ben Bacon netting our consolation.

Played for both sides?

Hassocks' new goalkeeper signing Conor Evento made the move from Bears to Robins last week. Charlie Pitcher had a brief spell with Broadbridge Heath a couple of seasons ago whilst the Bears signed defender Dan Webster from Loxwood in the summer. Webster played a handful of games for us at the beginning of the 2018-19 season before moving to Oakwood.

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 **Louis Pittock**
Peacehaven & Telscombe home **Alfie Loversidge**
Eastbourne Town away **Alfie Loversidge**
Pagham home
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
Midhurst & Easebourne away
Broadbridge Heath home
East Preston away
Horley Town home
Horsham YMCA away
Langney Wanderers home
Lingfield away
Newhaven home
Little Common away
Loxwood home
AFC Uckfield Town home
Eastbourne United away
Alfold home
Saltdean United away
East Preston home
Lancing away
Crawley Down Gatwick away
Lingfield home
Newhaven away
Little Common home
Loxwood away
Horsham YMCA home
Peacehaven & Telscombe away
Horley Town away
Pagham away
Eastbourne Town home
Steyning Town away
Saltdean United home
AFC Uckfield Town away
Eastbourne United home
Langney Wanderers away
Broadbridge Heath 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
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3rd
February 2021
1st
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March 2021
1st
2nd
3rd
April 2021
1st
2nd
3rd



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Next at the Beacon



Peacehaven & Telscombe
 Saturday 3rd October. 3pm
 SCFL Premier Division



Pagham

	Tom Atkinson
	Jack Barnes
	Joe Bennett
	George Bingham
	Jamie Carroll
	Callum Chalmers
	Joe Clarke
	Liam Connolly
	Sam Connolly
	Dave Crouch
	Conor Geoghegan
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 Perry Hart

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Today's other Premier Division fixtures

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