



**Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe
Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 3rd October 2020. 3pm**





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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

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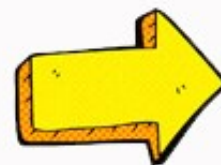
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Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for this afternoon's game against a very familiar opponent in Peacehaven & Telscombe...

We last faced the Tye here only two weeks in the FA Vase and things didn't go *quite* according to plan as we were on the end of a 3-0 defeat to bow out of the competition.

Peacehaven moved onto the next round where they will face Balham at the Sports Park - the same team that we eliminated from the FA Cup back in September.

Mark Shutt and his players must fancy their chances of progressing to the first round proper and everyone here at the Beacon wishes them well in flying the flag for the Southern Combination League.

Hopefully, we can give them a tougher game than last time we met as it was arguably the most toothless display of the season so far.

We will come into the game in good spirits following Tuesday night's excellent 2-1 win over a Pagham side who arrived in Mid Sussex unbeaten in the league.

Charlie Pitcher was the difference maker as his two goals ensured our second three points of the season.

The most pleasing aspect of the performance though came from our defensive showing.

Having conceded six times at

Eastbourne Town three days earlier, to restrict the division's second-highest scorers to a couple of meaningful efforts on goal was a big improvement.

Hopefully, that is the result which kick starts our season. The squad is getting stronger every week and on Tuesday night, there were full home debuts for Jake Chadwick and Josh Short who both did well in midfield.

We will have a full round up of the new faces for you in next week's programme when Broadbridge Heath are the visitors, but the management team are slowly putting together a settled group of players who are starting to deliver some exciting results.

Of course, none of this is possible without your support. We are starting to see some Player Sponsorship rolling in now and this represents a brilliant way to back the club financially.

It costs just £40 to sponsor your favourite Hassocks player for the season and you can pick any member of the first team, Under 23 or Under 18s squad.

Your name will be listed in every matchday programme as well as on

our social media channels and website.

To secure your player, please speak to Owen behind the bar today - he can also give you details on the Sponsor a Goal scheme, whereby you pledge to pay £1 for every goal the first team score this season.

In terms of what we have coming up, the Under 18s are home in the County Cup tomorrow at 11am against Rottingdean Village.

Brad's side are playing some excellent stuff at the minute so if you are looking for a football fix, then why not come along and see for yourself - entrance is free and the T Bar will be open.

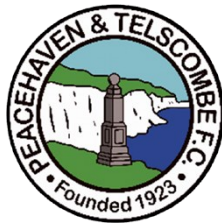
The Ladies play in the afternoon away at Newhaven with the Under 23s having a week off. They were in action at Broadbridge Heath on Thursday night but unfortunately, we had gone to print before the result was known - you can speak to Owen (whilst you sort out your player sponsorship) to find out how they got on.

Enjoy the game,

Owen and Scott



Today's visitors...



Peacehaven & Telscombe

Founded 1923
Nickname Tye
Ground The Sports Park
Website peacehavenfc.co.uk
Twitter @PT_FC
Manager Mark Shutt
Top Scorer Tyler Scrafton, 7

HONOURS

Isthmian League South
 Winners 2014
Southern Combination League
 Winners 1979, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2013
SCFL Division 1
 Winners 2009
SCFL Division 2
 Winners 2006
Sussex Senior Cup
 Winners 1982, 1994, 2014
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
 Winners 1978, 1982, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2010, 2019
Peter Bentley League Cup
 Winners 1992, 1993, 2010, 2013
SCFL Division One Cup
 Winners 1970, 1976, 2008, 2009

We meet again, as a well-known Dame from around these parts used to sing. Peacehaven are back at the Beacon for the second time in two weeks, looking to repeat the experience of their last visit...

It is in the cup competitions which Peacehaven are experiencing the most joy so far this season.

There was that 3-0 victory here a fortnight ago and prior to that, the Tye picked up a hugely impressive FA Cup victory away at Bearsted in the extra preliminary round.

Unfortunately, Peacehaven fielded an ineligible player in that 5-3 win and so the tie was awarded to their opponents, but those two results just serve as a reminder of just what dangerous opponents Mark Shutt's team can be on their day - not that we need much reminding!

The Tye's Premier Division form so far might give a little cause for optimism, however.

Two wins from six is perhaps not how Peacehaven imagined their 2020-21 Southern Combination League season beginning.

One of those victories came on Tuesday night when Langney Wanderers were vanquished 2-0 at the Sports Park.

The other was a 4-0 home win three weeks ago against Horsham YMCA.

Peacehaven have not been

helped admittedly by a tough opening set of fixtures; they have faced last season's top two pre-emptation in Lancing and Eastbourne Town; a Crawley Down Gatwick side who could be dark horses for the title this time around and Eastbourne United who have also been in good nick.

If Peacehaven are to join that gaggle of clubs towards the top of the table, then you suspect that Tyler Scrafton's goals will play a huge part.

He leads the Tye's scoring charts with seven - two of which came here in the FA Vase - and if the Robins can keep him quiet today, then our chances of winning will increase dramatically.

Should we emerge victorious this afternoon, it would be a rare occurrence. In 34 previous meetings, we have won only seven times with just four of those coming in the Premier Division.

You have to go back to 2016 to find the last Hassocks win, a success you can read all about in a page or two...

10 Key Moments

1923... the current club formed following a merger of Peacehaven Rangers and Telscombe Tye

1970... Brighton League winners, earning promotion into the Southern Combination for the first time

1979... win their first of six titles league titles in 19 seasons, before relegation from the top flight in 1998

1999... bounce back to the Premier at the third time of asking, but are relegated just two seasons later

2005... relegated to Division Two but their stay there was brief, winning promotion back after one season

2009... promoted back to the Premier Division, finishing runners up in their first season.

2013... win SCFL title & promotion to the Isthmian League for the first time.

2014... Isthmian South and Sussex Senior Cup winners in the clubs most successful season to date

2016... back-to-back relegations complete a dramatic fall back to the Southern Combination League

2019... lift the RUR Cup with a shock win over Isthmian League side Haywards Heath in the final

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 10th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 14th

2015-16, Isthmian South 24th

2014-15, Isthmian Premier 21st

2013-14, Isthmian South 1st

2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 1st

2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2008-09, Southern Combination One 1st

2007-08, Southern Combination One 4th

2006-07, Southern Combination One 5th

2005-06, Southern Combination Two 1st

2004-05, Southern Combination One 17th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 12th

2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 18th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 12th

2000-01, Southern Combination One 2nd

1999-00, Southern Combination One 14th

Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 25 - Won 4 - Drawn 6 - Lost 15 - Scored 30 - Conceded 51

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3

RUR Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 2

FA Vase... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3

Total... Played 34 - Won 7 - Drawn 7 - Lost 20 - Scored 38 - Conceded 63

Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 FA Vase: Hassocks 0-3 Peacehaven

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Peacehaven

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Peacehaven

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-1 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-6 Peacehaven

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-2 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 1-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Peacehaven

2013-14 Sussex Senior Cup: Peacehaven 2-0 Hassocks

2012-13 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 2-1 Hassocks

Played for Both

It has been quite the summer for players swapping Hassocks for Peacehaven and there could be a number of individuals facing off against their former club as a result.

Let us start on our side. **Bradley Bant** was lured to the Beacon from the Sports Park this summer, joining Hassocks for a second spell at the club from the Tye and assuming the club captaincy in the process.

Going the other way from the Robins to Peacehaven was a man who wore the armband on several occasions for us last season, midfielder **Alex Spinks**.

Spinks managed 29 appearances

between 2018 and 2020 in what was an injury hit second spell at the Beacon.

Defender **Harry Mills** called time on his Hassocks career after 122 appearances made in four seasons to make the move to the Sports Park, where he has since been turned into a goalkeeper, keeping a clean sheet in the FA Vase meeting between the two clubs a fortnight ago.

Liam Benson has also swapped Robins red for Peacehaven black and white in the summer.

Benson was a part of the Hassocks Under 18s side who won the Central Division title in 2013-14 and went score 31 times in 134

matches over three spells with us at the Beacon.

Before those four switched between the two clubs, you would be hard pressed to find many players who turned out for both.

The most notable was striker **Dan Smith**, a bit of a nomadic figure at who played for Hassocks and Peacehaven across several spells.

Smith finished his Hassocks career with a decent return of 26 goals from 63 games over three periods with the club.

Defender **Sol Bowra** also turned out for the Tye after leaving Hassocks 10 years ago.

TOOTHLESS HASSOCKS FALL TO HAVEN AT THE FIRST HURDLE

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 Legrance 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).

Hassocks 2-1 Peacehaven & Telscombe

GAULT AND MILES MAKE IT TWO FROM TWO FOR IN-FORM ROBINS

You had to go back 20 years to find the last and one of only two times that Hassocks have begun a Southern Combination Premier Division season with back-to-back league victories.

But that unenviable statistic was finally broken at the Beacon as Phil Gault and Nathan Miles struck in a 2-1 win over Peacehaven and Telscombe to make it six points out of a possible six to kick off their 2016-17 campaign.

Sterners tests no doubt lie in wait than that offered by both Peacehaven and the other side vanquished three days previously, Wick.

Nonetheless, this has been an impressive start for the Robins, even more so when you consider that in the previous two seasons it has taken until the seventh and ninth league games to get the number two into the win column.

Peacehaven have endured a difficult couple of seasons after consecutive relegations through the divisions.

Now without the war chest that helped to provide a remarkable rise from intermediate football to the heights of the Ryman Premier in just 10 seasons, they've had to rebuild their squad with talented young players, largely from the lower leagues.

It was one of those players who

drew them level.

Jack Langford is a summer acquisition from Division Two side Rottingdean Village and he slotted home from the penalty spot with just over an hour played to round off a bright start to the second half for the visitors.

They'd started the first half in equally positive fashion, Langford drawing a fine stop from Alex Harris and Marcus Allen giving the crossbar a good rattling as Hassocks began shakily.

"Miles has had a terrible run of injuries over the last three years but nothing as bizarre as what happened during the wild celebrations of the winner, Bradley Bant deciding a good way to commemorate the goal would be to headbutt Miles which resulted in a split head for the talented striker."

It took Gault's opener on the half hour mark to settle the Robins down and my goodness what a goal it was, the striker opening his account for the season by hitting an absolute rocket into the top corner which not even three goalkeepers would have kept out.

Both teams went hell for leather after Langford had levelled things up

but it was Hassocks who would land the decisive blow, Miles popping up in a pocket of space at the back post to sweep home a low cross with 10 minutes remaining.

Miles has had a terrible run of injuries over the last three years but nothing as bizarre as what happened during the wild celebrations of the winner, Bradley Bant deciding a good way to commemorate the goal would be to headbutt Miles which resulted in a split head for the talented striker.

Despite those surreal scenes, Hassocks stayed strong as Peacehaven became increasingly ragged in their attempts to force a late and in truth probably deserved equaliser.

The Tye couldn't find a way through though despite all their late pressure as the Robins begin a campaign with two wins from two for the first time since 1996.

Hassocks: Harris; Tighe, Marsh, Barnes, Akehurst; Price; J Westlake, Stokes; Bacon; Gault, Miles.

Subs: Bant, Death (used), Stevenson, Westlake (unused).

Starman: Phil Gault

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Meet our new sponsors

It hasn't just been a summer of change on the playing and management side of things at the Beacon. Behind at scenes, the club have been hard at work securing new sponsorship, with three Sussex businesses coming on board for 2020-21...

Securing new sponsorship in the current climate has not been easy with so much uncertainty in both business and life.

It is therefore a serious commitment from all our sponsors to put money into the Robins and we thank them all for their fantastic support.

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Phil Gault pulls the trigger last time we played Midhurst & Easebourne

Robins handed trip to the Rotherfield in Senior Cup

Hassocks face a long trip to the west of the county after the draw for the first round of the Sussex Senior Cup paired us with Midhurst & Easebourne...

The draw for the first round of the Sussex Senior Cup has been made with Hassocks facing a trip to Division One side Midhurst & Easebourne on Tuesday 6th October.

It will be the first meeting between the two clubs since the 2016-17, when we paired together in the third round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup in one of the first matches to ever take place under the newly installed lights at Rotherfield.

Extra time was needed to separate the sides on that occasion after the 90 minutes finished with the score 0-0 after a dour spectacle.

Thankfully, things sparked into life in the additional 30. Substitute Liam

Benson opened the scoring in the 95th minute with Phil Gault adding a second five minutes later.

Ben Kamplen pulled one back for Midhurst a couple of minutes after the interval to leave a nervy finish but much to the travelling contingent's relief, the Robins were able to hold on which avoided the drama of penalties and an even later arrival back in Mid Sussex.

We went onto be eliminated away at Crawley Down Gatwick in the quarter finals, the Anvils denying us what would have been just a third appearance in the last four of the competition.

This will be the third time that we have met in the Sussex Senior Cup. The first came in the second round of the 1986-87 competition when the

Stags ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

The second occasion was a much more pleasant experience as we won 3-1 at Rotherfield in September 2015.

All the goals arrived in the second half as Josh Hawkes, Spencer Slaughter and Jonno Melia were on target with the Midhurst consolation being mired in controversy.

There had been a very clear foul on goalkeeper George Willett in the build up and yet George Morris' scrambled effort was still allowed to stand, much to the anger of the away dugout and the laughter of the hosts' bench.

In total, we have met Midhurst on seven occasions, winning five and losing two. Kick off in game number eight will be at 7:45pm.

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)	FACPO	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	2-1	Pitcher (2)
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	8	0	8	0	139	12
Jack Troak	8	0	8	4	40	9
Dan Turner	8	0	8	0	21	2
Andy Whittingham	8	0	8	0	89	1
Joe Bull	2	6	8	1	59	4
Alfie Loversidge	2	6	8	1	9	1
James Littlejohn	7	0	7	1	63	13
Charlie Pitcher	7	0	7	5	29	8
Jack Gardner	4	3	7	0	9	0
George Brown	6	0	6	0	12	1
Harvey Enticknap	5	1	6	0	59	3
Dave Carruthers	5	0	5	0	5	0
Louis Pittock	5	0	5	0	5	0
Chris Neatherway	3	1	4	0	4	0
Will Broomfield	2	1	3	0	83	3
Jake Chadwick	2	1	3	0	3	0
Josh Short	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
Charlie Pugh	1	0	1	0	14	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

PITCHER AT THE DOUBLE TO END PAGHAM'S UNBEATEN START

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 29th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-1 Pagham**

What a difference 72 hours can make. Just three days after being hammered 6-2 away at Eastbourne Town, Hassocks ended Pagham's unbeaten start to the season with a gritty 2-1 win at the Beacon.

Most of the drama was saved for the final 10 minutes, when two of the goals arrived and both sides squandered chances as the tie threatened to go either way.

The previous 80 minutes won't be remembered as a classic. Opportunities were few and far between, not that anyone with home connections was complaining as dour fare meant that the Robins had given their best defensive performance of the campaign so far.

With a striker like Charlie Pitcher in their ranks, Hassocks know that if they can keep it tight at one end, then Pitcher has the quality to win them games at the other.

He scored both of the Robins goals, the first with a perfectly taken penalty and the second a poacher's finish after a goalmouth scramble which sparked that madcap finale.

Hassocks were rarely troubled at the back until then. Last season's number one Charlie Pugh answered the call to return between the sticks with Dave Carruthers and Conor Evento both struck down by injury.

Pugh could not have expected to have such a comfortable evening against a side who arrived in Mid Sussex as the division's second-highest scorers, the goalkeeper pulling off only one save of note in the second half.

Dave John made one change from the side who suffered that weekend trouncing at the Saffrons.

Young Alfie Loversidge was rested to the bench with his place taken by former Burgess Hill Town youngster Josh Short.

Whilst Pitcher's brace took the

headlines, Short was outstanding. He covered every blade of grass, constantly won possession back for Hassocks and hardly wasted a pass. It was some full debut.

A rare defensive lapse from the Robins gave Pagham the opening chance of the game with 13 minutes played.

Grant Radmore found himself completely free at the far post and no more than three yards out from goal when Joe Bennett's cross reached him but somehow, the burly Radmore contrived to put his glancing header the wrong side of the upright.

Nine minutes later and Jack Gardner hit a slicing through ball from right back which put Pitcher in.

The Hassocks striker took a touch to cleverly work some room away from the attentions of Joe Clarke, allowing him to pull an excellent save from Connor Kelly as the Pagham goalkeeper got down well to his left at full stretch.

It was another ball out of defence to Pitcher which earned Hassocks their spot kick two minutes later.

Dan Turner this time found Pitcher 30 yards out from goal. The striker still had plenty to do, meandering his way into the box where Dylan Jelley had a wobble to bring him to ground with a clumsy trip.

Pitcher dusted himself down and struck an excellent penalty low and hard into the bottom corner to give Hassocks the lead.

Jack Troak headed a Dave Crouch effort off the line as the first half entered its final five minutes.

Troak then proved his worth at the other end, playing a lovely through ball which left Jake Chadwick in a foot race with Kelly.

Both players arrived on the scene at the same time, Chadwick sliding in with a firm but fair tackle which resulted in the ball smashing against the post and away.



Into the second half and James Littlejohn headed an in-swinging corner over the bar at the near post before Pugh's one save arrived midway through, a big one-on-one stop on the charge to deny Radmore.

Hassocks' desperation to see out the win was highlighted when Pitcher started holding the ball in the corner on 82 minutes, a bold tactic if his intention was to try and keep it there for the next eight plus injury time.

Pagham certainly weren't impressed. Their mood sunk even lower when the Robins earned a corner from this so-called negativity, Pitcher won the header to spark a melee in the box which he eventually ended by reacting quickest to fire past for Kelly for 2-0.

The Lions halved the deficit within two minutes through a brilliant 25 yard volley from substitute Jamie Carroll to set up a tense finish.

What you then don't expect to see when defending a slender lead in stoppage time is your defender charging 60 yards up the pitch with the ball.

Will Broomfield was nearly rewarded for his bravery though as he exchanged passed with Jack Troak, resulting in Troak finding himself one-on-one with Kelly who made a superb double save.

That was in the 93rd minute. In the 95th, Crouch beat Pugh but not the upright as the ball cannoned to safety and in the 97th, Ash Hawkes found himself one-on-one but could only drag wide.

Hassocks: Pugh; Gardner, Turner, Broomfield, Whittingham; Littlejohn, Bant, Chadwick, Short, Troak; Pitcher.

Subs: Enitcknap (Chadwick 73), Bull (Littlejohn 77), Loversidge (Short 88), O'Leary, 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



TEN MAN HASSOCKS HOLD HORLEY TO A SCORE DRAW

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 24th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 1-1 Horley Town U23s**

Hassocks Under 23s got their first point of the season on the board with a hard-fought draw against North Division newcomers Horley Town.

This was a game which could have gone either way right up until the Robins' Ben Hicks picked up a second yellow card with 20 minutes left to play.

From that point on, the 10 men of Hassocks had to dig in and repel wave after wave of Horley attacks to hold on for a deserved 1-1 draw.

The Robins' starting line up was unrecognisable from the side who had opened the campaign with a 2-1 Mid Sussex Derby defeat away at St Francis Rangers eight days previously.

Hassocks made eight changes with just Hicks, George Galbraith-Gibbons and Harvey Ransome surviving from Colwell Road.

There were two new faces. Conor Evento came in for his first start in goal since re-signing for the Robins from Broadbridge Heath and former Burgess Hill Town youngster Jay Hudson was handed a debut.

Jake Chadwick made his full debut after coming on as a substitute against St Francis; Charlie Alderton, Charlie Jones and Luke Marshall all made their first appearances of the campaign whilst the Under 23s were also able to call upon first team regulars Dan Turner and Joe Bull.

The players missing out were Jayden Dunkley, Connor Bradley, Kieran Dimelow, Max Donaldson,

George Harwood, Kenny Pearce and Jamie Wilkes with Brad Sweetman dropping down to the bench.

Whilst Hassocks were kicking off their season with defeat, Horley were busy beating Loxwood 3-1 at the New Defence in their debut fixture at this level of football in the Southern Combination League.

That was an impressive result for the Clarets, given that Loxwood have had one of the strongest development set ups in Sussex over recent seasons.

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Hassocks found that out first hand last season when their memorable Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup run came to an end at the quarter final stages in a 1-0 defeat at Plaistow Road.

All of which pointed to a tough evening being in store for Hassocks. It certainly looked that way in the opening exchanges when Horley had plenty of the ball, eventually taking the lead on 29 minutes.

Jonathan Kusaka was the scorer, poking home at the near post after Hassocks failed to convincingly deal with a corner

The Robins though responded



well, only allowing their visitors to lead for seven minutes.

Last season's Under 23s top scorer George Galbraith-Gibbons notched the leveller to open his account for the 2020-21 campaign, nodding home a poacher's goal from close range after a free kick had struck the bar.

The game could have gone either way after that. Hassocks had a strong bench and gave game time to Sweetman, Lewis Beebee, Alex Crawford and Will Broomfield before Hicks' red card left them hanging on rather than trying to find a winner.

Broomfield's minutes were particularly welcome as he steps up his return to action after suffering an injury hit pre-season.

Hassocks: Evento, Marshall, Turner, Hicks, Ransome, Alderton, Chadwick, Marshall, Hudson, Bull, Galbraith-Gibbons.

Subs: Beebee, Sweetman, Broomfield, Crawford (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	3	0	3	8
Harry Bundy	3	0	3	1
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Jayden Dunkley	3	0	3	0
Daniel Llewellyn	3	0	3	0
Archie Messent	3	0	3	0
Archie Russell	2	1	3	3
Josh Sprigg	2	1	3	2
Louis Thwaites	2	1	3	1
Fraser Mears	1	2	3	0
Alex Crawford	2	0	2	0
Cody Craig	1	1	2	1
Jack Gardner	1	1	2	0
Beau Howard	1	1	2	2
Alfie Loversidge	1	1	2	0
Owen Parker	0	2	2	0
Charlie Jones	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Yahya Azizi	0	1	1	1
Oscar De Janon Griph	0	1	1	0

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DERBY DAY DELIGHT FOR HASSOCKS WHO HAMMER HILL

**Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division
Sunday 27th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 7-0 Burgess Hill Town U18s**

It was derby day delight for Hassocks Under 18s as they continued their sensational start to the season with a 7-0 win over Burgess Hill Town.

Games in recent years at Under 18s level between these two Mid Sussex rivals have tended to be close affairs which - whisper it quietly - the Hillians have tended to edge.

Which is why the result and the brutal manner in which it was delivered was so pleasing to everyone in the home camp.

Early days it may be, but this is shaping up to be quite the season for the Young Robins.

Three wins from three, 20 goals scored and just two conceded - and all achieved without two of their most influential players spending much time on the pitch.

Alfie Loversidge and Jack Gardner have both established themselves in the Robins' first team squad and so are having their game time carefully managed.

Having started in the previous day's 6-2 defeat at Eastbourne Town, they were given cameo appearances off the bench in the Under 18s derby day.

Not that they were missed. Lewis Beebee is another young player on the cusp of the senior set up and he led the way with four goals in a exemplary show of finishing.

There were three changes from the side who had hammered Steyning Town 6-1 at the Beacon a week previously.

Cody Craig, Beau Howard, Luke Marshall all came into the starting XI with Josh Sprigg, Louis Thwaites and Charlie Jones missing out.

Sprigg and Thwaites both made appearances from the bench; Jones meanwhile was not involved at all.

He too is a young player making an impression further up the club's chain with the Under 23s.

Marshall meanwhile had also tasted first team action 24 hours earlier alongside Loversidge and Gardner, coming off the bench at the Saffrons.

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Joining Beebee's four goal haul on the scoresheet were Bundy and Craig who were scoring for the first time in Hassocks colour.

The other goal came from Archie Russell, notching his third in as many games since arriving at the Beacon in the summer.

There were only two yellow cards in a surprisingly mild mannered fixture, both going to Hassocks players.



Beebee found himself in the book for the second week running and he was joined by fellow scorer Craig.

The result left the Robins top of the Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division table, ahead of Horsham YMCA and St Francis Rangers who also boast 100 percent records.

Hassocks now have a break from league action as attention turns to the Sussex Dennis Probee Under 18 Challenge Cup this Sunday.

It is a competition which the Robins haven't made much of a mark on in the past 20 years, although given the form they have kicked off the campaign in they will fancy changing that this time out.

Their first round opponents are Rottingdean Village with kick off at 11am at the Beacon. Entrance is free.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Bundy, Crawford, Marshall, Dersley, Llewellyn, Craig, Russell, Howard, Messent, Beebee.

Subs: Sprigg, Thwaites, Gardner, Mears, Loversidge (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	Mair
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	3	0	3	0
Joanne Brown	3	0	3	0
Katherine Chappell	3	0	3	0
Sarah Chappell	3	0	3	0
Gemma Craig	3	0	3	0
Emma Flin	3	0	3	0
Liz King	3	0	3	0
Kirsten Mair	3	0	3	1
Mia Pordage	3	0	3	1
Claire Stevens	3	0	3	0
Katie Read	1	2	3	0
Jodie Johanson	0	3	3	0
Jess Craig	2	0	2	1
Sam Newman	0	2	2	0
Holly Webb	0	1	1	0



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EVEN GAME BUT IT IS RANGERS WHO LEAVE WITH THE POINTS

London & South East Regional League Division One South
Sunday 27th September 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 1-3 Parkwood Rangers

On the balance of play, Hassocks Ladies' home game with Parkwood Rangers was about as even a game of football as you will see.

Which is why the Robins were so disappointed to be beaten 3-1 at the Beacon - especially after last week's excellent first victory of the campaign away at Crawley Wasps.

Hassocks were determined to carry on where they left off and made a fast start to proceedings.

Mia Pordage made a nuisance of herself up front almost from the first whistle and she had the first chance of the game when latching onto a long pass from Claire Stevens, only for the Parkwood defence to snuff out the danger.

Rangers began to take control after that with Jo Brown and Stevens both putting in big challenges to concede corners.

From the second of those, Hassocks were dealt a real blow when Gemma Craig got injured after Stevens headed clear.

Craig unfortunately had to be substituted, leaving the Robins without a crucial component of their midfield engine room. Sam Newman took her place.

Within two minutes of Craig's departure, Parkwood took the lead. There was nothing Hassocks could do about it as the midfielder hit an unstoppable effort from distance which flew into the top corner of Sarah Chappell's goal.

Chappell had to pull off a flying

save with 25 minutes on the clock as the Robins continued to feel the effects of the disruption caused by Craig's withdrawal.

The hosts eventually began to re-establish themselves as the half wore on and a great passing move involving Tallie Bright and Pordage presented Katherine Chappell with a chance but she was denied by an excellent save.

Kirsten Mair was the next to go close, rattling the crossbar with the Rangers goalkeeper well beaten before Emma Flin released Bright whose low cross was scrambled away by the visiting defence.

Parkwood broke from there and Liz King had to cover well to eliminate the danger.

Just when it looked like Rangers would make it into the interval with the lead, Hassocks found an equaliser.

Bright again went scampering away, this time after being released by Newman and her low cross was met first time by Mair who slotted home.

Hassocks began the second half equally strongly. They had a goal disallowed for offside after five minutes, a pivotal moment as Parkwood took the lead shortly after with another blockbuster effort.

Any hopes Hassocks had of coming back for a second time in the game were dashed five minutes later when Parkwood received a harsh penalty for handball against Stevens.

The decision was probably in line with the current nonsensical guidelines but it was frustrating for



the Robins as there was clearly no intent to handle, the arm was only just outside the body and it did not deny a goalscoring opportunity.

Chappell guessed the right way and pulled off a brilliant save from the spot kick but unfortunately, the Parkwood player reacted quickest to slam home the rebound.

That seemed to deflate the Robins and although they never gave up, you sensed that this wasn't going to be their day.

Katie Read beat three Parkwood players on a mazy run towards goal but couldn't quite get her shot away and Mair tried her luck from distance, only to see the ball lift a little too high over the bar.

Hassocks will know that this was a game they should have got more from, especially given the position of control they were in at the break.

In the end, it was a reminder of how football can go against you with bad luck and some bad decisions.

The Robins now have to dust themselves down ahead of next Sunday's Sussex derby at Newhaven.

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

Subs: Johanson, Newman (used), Webb, Moquet (unused).



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ON THIS DAY



We are going back 11 years to October 3rd 2009, when Dave John took his Hassocks side to the Sports Pavilion to take on a Lingfield side who were unbeaten in the league...

WOODWORK WOES RESTRICT ROBINS TO A POINT

The woodwork was all that stood between Hassocks and ending Lingfield's unbeaten start to the Division One season.

Twice the hosts saw the frame of their goal rattled by Michael Bates and Dan Jacques in the final 30 minutes at the Sports Pavilion as an entertaining game ended 1-1.

Once again Hassocks had led 1-0 but as in previous outings against Arundel, Three Bridges and Peacehaven & Telscombe, the Robins had to settle for a point after opening the scoring. It was their fifth draw of the campaign.

Conditions weren't great as a rock hard, bumpy surface made it difficult to get the ball under control.

Both sides tried to play in the first half before Lingfield opted for the more direct route once they had the swirling wind slightly in their favour.

Nobody could blame the hosts for that. In Andrew Dalhouse, the Lingers have a powerhouse centre forward who will give even the most physical of defences a battle.

With the lively Joel Greaves and Joel Hughes playing off him, Lingfield have the personnel to mix up good football with a route one approach to good effect.

Greaves and Hughes caused plenty of problems with their pace – as most forwards with a turn of foot seem to against Hassocks – but despite that, Joel Harding had just one meaningful shot to save in the first period.

It was an excellent reaction stop

from the Robins goalkeeper. He looked initially to have been wrongfooted after Steve Cant's effort took a deflection off Sol Bowra but somehow readjusted and flung himself in the opposite direction across goal to push the shot away.

Greaves was off target when he should have at least tested Harding in Lingfield's other obvious chance.

For Hassocks, Phil Gault was causing real problems to the home defence and he drew a fine save from Tim Roberts with a distance effort.

Gault gave Hassocks the lead seven minutes before half time, brilliantly lobbing the advancing Roberts for his fifth goal since returning from St Francis Rangers.

The finish was superb but James Laing deserves just as much credit for his excellent through ball which created the opportunity in the first place.

Hughes tested Harding early in the second half from long range before a flurry of fouls were committed against the tricky Lingfield forward.

Both Jacques and Ashley Marsh entered the book in the space of 15 minutes for bringing down Hughes as the Robins struggled to find a way to legally halt his advances.

Hassocks were dealt a blow on the hour mark when the influential Terry Gacias limped off with a hamstring injury.

Bates took his place in the middle of the park and nearly scored with his

first touch, a 20 yard shot which rattled the crossbar for the first of those opportunities denied by the woodwork.

Almost immediately, Bronek Dabrona did the same at the other end after a goalmouth scramble before Lingfield found a somewhat fortuitous equaliser with 12 minutes remaining.

Olly Young's teasing cross the right was parried away low down by Harding.

The ball ricocheted into Sam McCarthy's knee, ballooning upwards onto his shoulder from where it nestled agonisingly in the net.

There were some vague noises from the Robins about handball, but it had come off McCarthy's shoulder rather than his arm and he had no control over what had just happened.

In fact, he seemed as surprised as anyone to have scored.

Hassocks responded well to the setback and within 60 seconds they almost regained the lead.

Gault and Anthony Hibbert linked up well to set up Jacques who hit a sweet volley from the edge of the box but again the woodwork came to Lingfield's rescue as the shot smashed against the post.

Hassocks: Harding; Jacques, Bowra, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Gacias, Slaughter, Hibbert; Gault, Laing.

Subs: Bates (Gacias 62), Kane (Laing 82), Woods (Gault 90), Scrase, Gander (unused).



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Around the League



The Premier Division is starting to motor along nicely now with a very open division currently led by AFC Uckfield Town. Here is what happened across the league last Saturday...

AFC Uckfield Town continued their impressive start to the season as they held onto top spot with a 2-1 home win over Horsham YMCA.

Luca Page gave the Oakmen the lead after 16 minutes. Morgan Vale doubled the advantage on 55 with Jack Ryder's 91st minute consolation for YM proving too little, too late.

A hotly contested clash at Hill Park was decided by Kieron Pamment who scored the only goal of the game as **Saltdean United** defeated **Eastbourne United** 1-0.

Tony Halsey netted a brace for **Horley Town** as they easily despatched of winless **East Preston** 4-0 at the New Defence.

Bradley Peters opened the scoring for the Clarets on 35 minutes with the other Horley goal coming from Richard Pingling.

Steyning Town's difficult start to the Premier Division continued as they were beaten 3-0 at the Shooting Field by **Newhaven**.

Lee Robinson was back on the goal trail with a double and substitute James Jeffrey added a third in injury time for the Dockers.

Last season's table toppers **Lancing** are beginning to rediscover their form as today's visitors **Peacehaven & Telscombe** found out to their cost at the Sports Park.

Goals from Ebou Jallow, Ben Connolly and Matt Daniel double gave the Lancers a 4-1 win. Tyler Scrafton notched the Tye's consolation.

There was a first league defeat of the season for **Crawley Down Gatwick** who were beaten 2-1 away at **Pagham**.

Nick Sullivan gave the visitors the

lead with just six minutes played but the Lions came roaring back through goals from Joe Clarke and Grant Radmore in the 14th and 18th minutes respectively.

Ellis Cormack's goal on the stroke of half time for **Langney Wanderers** saw Alex Walsh's side pick up a shock win away at **Alfold** who had been unbeaten.

There were five different scorers for **Lingfield** who hammered bottom club **Broadbridge Heath** 5-1 at High Wood Hill Sports Ground.

Jamie Bakhit, Tyler Cox, Rhys White, Charlie Naylor and James Allen were on target for the Lingers whilst Louis Croal netted for the hosts.

The division's final fixture saw **Little Common** beat **Loxwood** 3-1 at the Oval thanks to goals from Harry Saville, Lewis Hole and Kasey Smith. Substitute Luke Brodie found the net for the Magpies.

Division One leaders **Littlehampton Town** made it four wins from four with a 5-1 home success against **Oakwood**.

Joseph Benn helped himself to a hat-trick, Alfie Davidson scored one and a miserable afternoon was rounded off for Oakwood with an own goal to complete the rout.

Bexhill United were made to work hard for a 1-0 win over **Worthing United** as Evan Archibald got the only goal whilst **Mile Oak** lost their unbeaten record in a 4-0 defeat at **AFC Vardeanians**.

Josh Jones scored twice at Withdean along with Matt Waterman and Joe Keehan.

Ben Gray was on target within 120 seconds of **Arundel's** visit to

Midhurst & Easebourne but the Mullets had to settle for a point at the Rotherfield thanks to Lewis Hyde's 43rd minute leveller.

1-1 was also the score in all ill tempered game at Bartholomew Way where **Roffey** were held by **Wick**.

The hosts had Matthew Rendell sent off after only two minutes and Wick's Ryan Barratt joined him in the early bath club.

Johan Van-Driel then put Wick ahead on four minutes to cap a ridiculous start before Archie Goddard hit an equaliser with 12 minutes remaining.

Hailsham Town won 3-1 at **Storrington** to get their first three points on the board, **Shoreham** beat **Seaford Town** by the same scoreline at Middle Road and **Selsey** and **Billingshurst** played out a 0-0 draw at the Bunn Leisure Stadium.

Division Two has new leaders as **TD Shipley** took over at the top of the table following a 7-0 hammering of **Rottingdean Village**.

Liam Roberts hit a hat-trick for Shipley, Mark Cave notched two and Toby Funnell and Bradley Curtis one apiece.

Rustington beat **St Francis Rangers** 2-0 and **Worthing Town** were 2-1 victors away at **Charlwood**.

Jarvis Brook continued their fine start by winning 2-1 at **Copthorne** and a James Rowland hat-trick helped **Upper Beeding** to hammer **Ferring** 7-0.

That still wasn't the biggest win of the day - **Montpellier Villa's** 9-1 victory over **Brighton Electricity** taking that honour.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Uckfield Town	7	5	2	0	12	4	17
Saltdean United	7	4	2	1	16	6	14
Horley Town	5	4	1	0	14	2	13
Newhaven	5	3	2	0	12	3	11
Lancing	6	3	1	2	16	9	10
Eastbourne Town	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Crawley Down Gatwick	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Pagham	6	2	3	1	13	8	9
Eastbourne United	6	3	0	3	6	9	9
Alfold	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
Lingfield	6	2	2	2	9	11	8
Loxwood	6	2	1	3	9	9	7
Little Common	5	1	3	1	8	7	6
Peacehaven & Tels	6	2	0	4	10	11	6
Hassocks	5	2	0	3	9	15	6
Langney Wanderers	5	1	1	3	3	10	4
Steyning Town	5	1	0	4	4	10	3
Horsham YMCA	6	1	0	5	5	15	3
East Preston	6	0	2	4	5	21	2
Broadbridge Heath	4	0	0	4	2	14	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	280	285	283
Peacehaven & Telscombe	278	294	0
Newhaven	188	227	0
Hassocks	168	225	104
Lancing	131	143	120
Eastbourne United	126	137	110
Horsham YMCA	116	134	0
Pagham	109	121	98
East Preston	94	105	0
Horley Town	91	106	75
Little Common	90	107	72
AFC Uckfield Town	88	133	63
Saltdean United	85	104	55
Steyning Town	85	89	81
Crawley Down Gatwick	78	88	69
Broadbridge Heath	75	75	75
Loxwood	72	72	72
Alfold	63	71	55
Lingfield	49	67	0
Langney Wanderers	40	40	40

Premier Division Form Guide

Last 6

AFC Uckfield Town	DDWWWW
Horley Town	DWWWWW
Saltdean United	WDLDDW
Newhaven	DWDWW
Lancing	WLWDWL
Eastbourne Town	LWDLWW
Crawley Down	WWDLW
Pagham	WDDDLW
Eastbourne United	WLWWLL
Alfold	WDDLW
Lingfield	LDWDWL
Loxwood	LWLDLW
Little Common	DDDLW
Peacehaven & Tels.	LLWLLW
Hassocks	LWLLW
Langney Wanderers	LDLWL
Steyning Town	LLWLL
Horsham YMCA	WLLLLL
East Preston	DLDDL
Broadbridge Heath	LLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Devon Fender	Alfold	9
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	7
Joe Clarke	Pagham	5
Ben Connolly	Lancing	5
Matt Daniel	Lancing	5
Adam Grant	Horley Town	5
Dan Perry	AFC Uckfield	5
Charlie Pitcher	Hassocks	5
Paul Rogers	Saltdean United	5
Ben Chowney	Crawley Down	4
Tony Halsey	Horley Town	4
Ebou Jallow	Lancing	4
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	4
Mohamma Mekawir	Langney Wand	4
Morgan Vale	AFC Uckfield	4
Daniel Baptiste	Lingfield	3
Connor Bull	East Preston	3
Callum Chalmers	Pagham	3
Charlie Gee	Horsham YMCA	3
Jack Hobden	Eastbourne Utd	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 Sauombe	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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Coming up...

Attention turns to the Sussex Senior Cup on Tuesday night with the Robins making the long trip west to face Midhurst & Easebourne. That is followed by two Premier Division games against opponents not enjoying the best of starts to the season...



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 three, 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 twice and conceding 14 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.



East Preston

When?

Tuesday 13th October

Where?

The Lashmar

Time?

7.30pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

East Preston this season?

Just like Broadbridge Heath, East Preston are winless in the Premier Division so far this season. They do however have two points on the board from draws with Alfold and Little Common. This would not be the first time that EP have made a slow start to a campaign only for everything to turn out okay; although the fact they have conceded 12 times in their past two games (a 4-0 defeat to Horley Town and an 8-0 reversal against Saltdean United) might be a cause for concern.

Hassocks' record against East Preston?

There have been 44 meetings between the two sides making EP one of our most frequent opponents. We have won 15, there have been 10 draws and EP have tasted success on the remaining 19 occasions. EP are normally good for a goal or two in the fixture as well, having scored 79 times against the Robins, the majority of those coming

during their domination of the league between 2013 and 2014.

Last time we met?

We desperately needed a victory when we went to the Lashmar back in December to avoid being cast miles adrift in the relegation zone. It looked like being another difficult afternoon when Charlie Williamson gave the hosts the lead just before the hour mark, but the Robins bounced back well to win 2-1 through first senior goals for Dan Turner and Blagomir Mastagarkov.

How to get to the Lashmar?

Take the A259 through Worthing heading through Littlehampton. After going through Worthing and passing Roundstone Farm on your right, take the first exit at the roundabout onto Old Worthing Road. Cross the railway line, taking a left after it followed by the next right onto Roundstone Drive and the ground is at the end of the road on the left.

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 **Charlie Pitcher**
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
2nd
3rd

February 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

March 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

April 2021
1st
2nd
3rd



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**September £126
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November
December
January
February
March
April**

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Next at the Beacon



Broadbridge Heath
 Saturday 10th October. 3pm
 SCFL Premier Division



Peacehaven & Telscombe

	Harry Mills
	Cam Wiltshire
	Jake Brocklebank
	Josh Spinks
	Aaron Capon
	Matt Gunn
	Max Hollobone
	Tyler Scrafton
	Matthew Cheeseman
	Michael Lloyd
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	Alex Spinks
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	Festos Kamara
	Jake Legrange

Referee
 Adam Parry

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 Dave Smith

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Today's other Premier Division fixtures

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