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#### **HONOURS**

#### **FIRST TEAM**

**Southern Combination Division One** 

Runners up 1995

**Southern Combination Division Two** 

Winners 1993

**Southern Combination Division Two Cup** 

Runners up 1988, 1991

**Sussex Intermediate Cup** 

Winners 1975

**Montgomery Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1960

**Mowatt Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1928

#### **UNDER 23 TEAM**

**Southern Combination Under 23 West Division** 

Runners up 2018, 2019

#### **UNDER 18 TEAM**

**Southern Combination Under 18 Championship** 

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central** 

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

**Southern Combination Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

**Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2002

#### **VETERANS TEAM**

**Fred Pretty Veterans Cup** 

Winners 1995, 1996, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016

Runners up

2017

# Staying safe at the Beacon today

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



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Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for today's Southern Combination League Premier Division fixture against Horley Town...

It is two weeks since we last played a first team home game, although given everything that has happened in that fortnight it feels like a lot longer.

That last Beacon match saw Peacehaven & Telscombe beaten 2-1, a result made all the more impressive by the fact that the Tye had eliminated us from the FA Vase a fortnight earlier.

We then rested a number of players at Midhurst & Easebourne in a watching Brighton versus West Brom disappointing Sussex Senior Cup exit, lost 1-0 in the final minute at Broadbridge Heath last Saturday and won an absolutely ridiculous game 4-3 at East Preston on Tuesday night.

Whilst all that has been going on, Sky Sports, BT Sport and the Premier League have decided to start charging football fans £15 to watch matches on PPV on top of their annual subscriptions.

It is hard to think of a time when elite football has been disconnected from the rest of the game; as people worry about furlough ending and job stability going forward, they are now being told to pay an extortionate amount for the right to watch their team on television.

What the Premier League's greed gives us in non league football though is an opportunity.

Many fans vowed not to pay another penny to Sky and BT, instead pledging to take their £15 and support grassroots where the money is desperately needed.

Those who have taken the plunge into non league are sure to find great value for money.

For the same £15 cost of next Monday, you can pay for your entrance to the Beacon, buy a burger and chips and a beer.

If our season so far is anything to go by, you will get more entertainment with us too.

We have a good run of home games coming up on Saturdays, with Langney Wanderers visiting next Saturday and a newly arranged fixture with Alfold a week later on Halloween.

With various local lockdowns taking place across the country, we do not know how long supporters will be allowed to attend games even at our level of football, so please make the most of it while you can!

Away from first team level, the

Under 23s exited the County Cup two weeks ago but followed that up with a first win of the campaign on Wednesday night.

George Galbraith-Gibbons scored both the goals in a 2-1 win at Oakwood. You can catch their next game here on Thursday night against Jarvis Brook.

The Under 18s' 100% record is still ongoing with the Young Robins plundering a remarkable 24 goals in their past two games.

They are well worth a watch at the minute and host Billingshurst tomorrow morning at 11am. Entrance is free for anyone looking for a football fix.

The Ladies saw their trip to Newhaven a fortnight ago rained off before losing 8-2 against Crawley Wasps last Sunday.

It seems like whoever plays at the Beacon, the goals flow - another reason to try and catch as much football with us as possible.

Enjoy the game,

**Owen and Scott** 









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#### **Horley Town**

Founded 1896
Nickname Clarets
Ground New Defence
Website horleytownfc.co.uk
Twitter @HorleyTownFC
Manager Anthony Jupp
Top Scorer Adam Grant, 7

#### **HONOURS**

Combined Counties Division 1
Runners up 2007
Surrey Senior League
Winners 1977
Surrey Senior League Cup
Winners 1977
Surrey I'mediate League East
Winners 1951
Surrey Junior Cup
Winners 1925
Runners up 1924

Horley Town are in their second season in the Southern Combination League and to say that they have taken to Sussex football like a duck to water would be a bit of an understatement...

The Clarets had previously plied their trade in the Combined Counties League before the FA decreed in the summer of 2019 that they would be moved into the Southern Combination.

It was generally accepted that the Combined Counties was stronger than its Sussex counterpart, based largely on results in the FA Cup and the FA Vase whenever teams from two leagues met.

Horley set about putting that theory to test. When the 2019-20 campaign was suspended in March, they were third in the table, some seven points behind leaders Lancing.

With nine games left to play, they may have found overhauling the Lancers a tough task but even so, it was an impressive debut campaign for Anthony Jupp and his players.

The question for 2020-21 was could they ride as high now they were no longer an unknown quantity?

They have answered that with a resounding yes. The Clarets arrive at the Beacon today as the Premier Division's only unbeaten side.

Horley are second in the table, a point behind AFC Uckfield Town but with two games in hand and having negotiated a tricky seven games.

Included in their opening fixtures were Lancing and Eastbourne Town - the two teams above them when 2019-20 was declared null and void - both of whom they beat while they also drew with Newhaven.

The Clarets have in effect played three of the teams who you would expect to be in title contention and have taken seven points from those games.

Needless to say, that leaves us facing an uphill battle today - even before you take into account our pretty poor record against Horley.

Meetings have admittedly been few and far between owing to the Clarets only being a recent addition to the Southern Combination League.

In four previous matches, Horley have triumphed in every single one, plundering 14 goals along the way.

Any sort of result for the Robins today would be massive - and record breaking.

#### **10 Key Moments**

**1896...** Horley FC are found, becoming affiliated to the Surrey County Football Association

**1925...** win the Surrey Junior Cup, earning promotion to intermediate football for the first time

**1947...** move to the Defence, their new home being named in honour of those who died in WWII

**1952...** enter senior football for the first time after being elected to the Surrey Senior League

**1977...** their most successful season ends in a Surrey League and Cup double

**1978...** moved to the Spartan League for a three year spell before joining the Athenian League

**1984...** joined the Combined Counties League, where they spent the next 11 years before relegation

**2003...** promoted back to the CCL after spells in the Crawley & District and Surrey Senior Leagues

**2003...** moved to their current home of the New Defence, one of the best facilities at this level

**2019...** moved by the FA from the Combined Counties League to the Southern Combination Premier

#### **Last 20 Seasons**

2018-19, Combined Counties Premier 10<sup>th</sup> 2017-18, Combined Counties Premier 14<sup>th</sup> 2016-17, Combined Counties Premier 7<sup>th</sup> 2015-16, Combined Counties Premier 6<sup>th</sup> 2014-15, Combined Counties Premier 16th 2013-14, Combined Counties Premier 19th 2012-13, Combined Counties Premier 12<sup>th</sup> 2011-12, Combined Counties Premier 7<sup>th</sup> 2010-11, Combined Counties Premier 16th 2009-10, Combined Counties Premier 14th 2008-09, Combined Counties Premier 12th 2007-08, Combined Counties Premier 5<sup>th</sup> 2006-07, Combined Counties One 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005-06, Combined Counties Premier 5th 2004-05, Combined Counties Premier 7<sup>th</sup> 2003-04, Surrey Senior League 3rd 2002-03, Combined Counties Premier 22<sup>nd</sup> 2001-02, Combined Counties Premier 5<sup>th</sup> 2000-01, Combined Counties Premier 19th 1999-00, Combined Counties Premier 14<sup>th</sup>

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

**SCFL Premier Division...** Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 0 - Conceded 4 **FA Vase...** Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 3 - Conceded 10

#### Total... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 4 - Scored 3 - Conceded 14

#### **Previous 2 Meetings**

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Horley Town
2019-20 FA Vase: Hassocks 1-6 Horley Town
2016-17 FA Vase:

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Horley Town 2-0 Hassocks 2016-17 FA Vase: Horley Town 4-2 Hassocks

#### Played for both

There are just a couple of players who have played for both Hassocks and Horley Town through the years.

The first of those was defender Lee Bryant who moved to the Robins from the New Defence in the summer of 2012.

A former Brighton youth player, Bryant played reserve team football for the Albion at the tender age of 16 before deciding to concentrate instead on a music career.

He became a regular at left back in his first season with the Robins, helping Mickey Jewell's side to their highest ever league finish of fourth in the Premier Division as well as reaching the semi finals of the Sussex RUR Charity Cup.

Bryant found first team opportunities a little harder to come by in the 2013-14 season and he departed a few months into the campaign to play for Ditchling in the

Mid Sussex League with a number of his former Hassocks teammates.

He ended his Robins career having played 44 times for the club without scoring.

The other is **Steve Spies,** who played for Horley long before he turned up at the Beacon.

Spiesy has become something of a Hassocks legend for his prowess in both boxes as a striker and then a defender.

He is also responsible for one of the greatest individual performances in the club's history when turning out for the third team away at Wisdom Sports in their Mid Sussex Premier Division clash in March 2007.

Things didn't get off to the best of starts for Spiesy as he scored an own goal and then gave away a penalty in the first half.

Worse was to come though as in the second, he saw red after producing a brilliant full length diving save to push the ball around the post with his hands.

Wisdom's scored the resulting penalty on their way to a 3-1 victory. Spiesy then joined them at their club Race Night and subsequent pub crawl to complete a quite amazing day.

He would later go onto manage Hassocks IIIs, once getting sent off for calling the linesman a "cheating \*\*\*\*" within 10 minutes of giving a team talk in which he had urged the older heads in the changing room to lead by example in a team packed full of Under 18s.

Spiesy also had great success as veterans manager, winning several Fred Pretty Cups for the Robins as well as taking the Mid Sussex League's Veterans' section top scorer award multiple times.

He celebrates his 50th birthday soon, but can still be found turning out for Lindfield IIIs on a Saturday and Hassocks Fatboys on a Sunday.

# **NO POINTS BUT MORE PRAISE FOR** HASSOCKS' FIGHTING SPIRIT

#### Last time Hassocks faced Horley Town, it was an afternoon to forget for the Robins.

Anthony Jupp's side came to the Beacon back in September in the first qualifying round of the Buildbase FA Vase.

Both sides had made decent starts to the season in all competitions and a close game seemed in prospect.

How wrong could you be? 90 chastening minutes later and Hassocks' hopes of a decent run in the national competition had been pulverised, the visitors cruising to an easy 6-1 success under the Mid Sussex sun. In the intervening three months, Hassocks have won just three times.

There is a feeling though that the Robins may have turned a corner in recent weeks, going down to single goal defeats against Newhaven and Peacehaven & Telscombe before recording a first win in nine away at East Preston.

Another clash with the inflictors of Hassocks' heaviest defeat of the season would test that theory and although the Robins didn't managed to add any points to their total, they did give Horley a real run for their money before succumbing to a 2-0 defeat.

"Hassocks did really well, a massive improvement on last time we met," Jupp said afterwards.

"The first half was very tight, for sure. But play like that for the rest of the season and I think they'll be fine."

Jupp isn't the first opposition figure to state his belief that Hassocks will get out of the mire by the end of the season.

Both Crawley Down Gatwick and Peacehaven had praise for the Robins after they'd narrowly managed to defeat Mark Dalgleish's men in the past month.

But kind words don't keep you

up. Only points do that and Hassocks visitors to the Beacon in a week's know that they'll need to probably quadruple their current total of 10 over the course of the second half of the season if they are to fulfil the positive predictions of recent opponents.

Having a settled starting XI would help in that regard, a luxury that Dalgleish is slowly starting to have again after a terrible run of luck with injuries and availability.

There were just the two changes from side who picked up that vital win at the Lashmar last weekend.

"Hassocks did really well, a massive improvement on last time we met," **Horley boss Anthony Jupp** said afterwards. "The first half was very tight, for sure. But play like that for the rest of the season and I think they'll be fine."

Alex Spinks and James Littlejohn were both unavailable with their places were taken by Harvey Enticknap and Jamie Hillwood.

As Jupp eluded too, the first half was a close-run affair. It was an opening 45 minutes that was largely dominated by defences with good opportunities few and far between.

That was reflected in the fact that of the four candidates for Hassocks' Supporters' Man-of-the-Match, three of them were defenders with Harry Mills, Jack Troak and Dan Turner all making the frame.

The other was Liam Benson who put in a typically hard-working shift in attack, the only thing missing from his performance being a goal.

Benson is vet to net in 15 appearances since returning for a third spell with Hassocks from Steyning Town a month into the campaign.

The Barrowmen are the next

time; there'd be no better occasion for Benson to get his account up and running than against his former club in what will be the first league meeting between the two since 1995.

Back to the action in hand and it was Russell Harvey who took advantage of one of the few first half chances to opening the scoring with 15 minutes on the clock.

Tony Halsey added the second six minutes after the restart with his 10th goal of the campaign.

There was lots of honest second half endeavour from the Robins but they weren't able to find a way back into the game, failing to score against Horley for the second time in the league this season after defeat on the opening day at the New Defence, also by two goals to nil.

Horley looked like they could be dark horses for the title on that day their debut fixture in the Southern Combination League following a sideways move from the Combined Counties.

And this result helps keep them on the cusp of the title race, leaving Town 10 points behind first placed Eastbourne Town with two games in hand and a trip to the Saffrons to come on Tuesday night.

Win those three and they'll be within a point of the long-term leaders. Suddenly, the dark horses aren't looking quite so dark.

Clearly, Hassocks were up against quality opposition who they pushed close, just as they have in recent weeks. The challenge now is to turn these sorts of performances into points.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Turner, Mills, Troak; Enticknap, Boomfield; Hillwood, Benson, Mastagarkov; Johnson.

Subs: Kublickas, Loversidge, Marshall, Stokes.



#### It has been a busy month on the transfer front at the Beacon with four signings joining the Robins and one heading out the exit door. Here's an introduction to the new faces...

The first new signing through the door was Jake Chadwick (pictured) who made his debut back in mid-September as a substitute in our FA Vase exit at the hands of Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Midfielder Jake came through the ranks at Horsham, making his senior debut for the Hornets as a 17-yearold on the final day of the 2014-15 season away at Tooting & Mitcham.

A broken collarbone ruled him out for much of Horsham's 2015-16 Southern Combination League title winning campaign and he was subsequently loaned to Steyning Town to regain fitness.

Jake was a part of the Sussex Under 18s side who reached the FA County Youth Cup Final for the first time in over sixty years in 2016, leaving Horsham for Billingshurst early in the 2016-17 season.

We have already seen glimpses of the talent which Jake possesses and he was only denied his first goal in Hassocks colours at East Preston on Tuesday night by a flying save from EP goalkeeper Keelan Belcher.

Joining Jake in the Robins midfield is Josh Short, who arrives from Burgess Hill Town where he was turned out for the Under 21s on a semi-regular last season.

Josh scored some important goals for the Hillians, including in two of their local derby wins over Haywards Heath Town and an impressive 3-0 success against Chichester City.

Also arriving from the More Than Tyres Stadium is Drew Matthews, a young defender with an impressive CV.

Drew joined the Hillians last summer following his release from Crystal Palace, where he had captained the Eagles at various age groups.

His signing by Hill was considered something of a coup and he soon established himself in their first team, famously scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Three Bridges in February.

Drew made his Hassocks debut in the Sussex Senior Cup defeat to Midhurst & Easebourne and we look forward to seeing what he brings the table going forward.

The fourth and final new face is actually a returning face as former Under 18s goalkeeper Conor Evento has re-joined the club.

Conor was our youth team number one in the 2015-16 and several occasions.

Although he never made a senior appearance in his previous spell at the club, Conor did sit on the first team bench on several occasions before departing for Horsham.

He has spent the past few seasons with Broadbridge Heath, making his belated Hassocks debut against Eastbourne Town three weeks ago.

Unfortunately for Conor, he picked up an injury early on and finished the game on one leg effectively - and yet he still managed to make the final four for the man-ofthe-match poll.

Striker Chris Neatherway is the man who has left the Beacon, dropping down to Division One with Oakwood.

Chris was a summer signing from Steyning Town but found first team opportunities limited due to the early season form of Charlie Pitcher, James Littlejohn and Jack Troak.

He made five appearances without scoring for the Robins and we wish him well at Tinsley Lane.

## First Team Matches 2020-21

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	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)	FACPQ	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	. ,	SCFLP	2-6	Loversidge, Troak
29/09 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFLP	2-1	Pitcher (2)
October				
03/10 - 15:00		SCFLP	2-0	Littlejohn (2)
06/10 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SSC1	0-3	
10/10 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	0-1	- · · · · · - · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
13/10 - 19:30	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	4-3	Enticknap, Brown (2),Pitcher
17/10 - 15:00	Horley Town (H)	SCFLP		
20/20 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
24/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
31/10 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
November	11 C. 11. /A>	CCELD		
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		
<b>December</b>	AEC Helefiold Town (H)	SCFLP		
	AFC Uckfield Town (H)			
12/12 - 15:00	. ,	SCFLP SCFLP		
19/12 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCELP		

# First Team Appearances 2020-21

		2020-21		Hassock	Caroor	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Dan Turner	12	0 0	12	0	25	2
Andy Whttingham	12	0	12	0	93	1
Bradley Bant	11	0	11	0	142	12
Jack Troak	11	0	11	4	43	9
James Littlejohn	10	1	11	3	67	15
Jack Gardner	7	4	11	0	13	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	8	11	1	12	1
Charlie Pitcher	10	0	10	6	32	9
George Brown	8	1	9	2	15	3
Harvey Enticknap	7	2	9	1	62	4
Joe Bull	3	6	9	1	60	4
Jake Chadwick	6	1	7	0	7	0
Dave Carruthers	5	0	5	0	5	0
Louis Pittock	5	0	5	0	5	0
Will Broomfield	4	1	5	0	85	3
Josh Short	4	1	5	0	5	0
Chris Neatherway	3	1	4	0	4	0
Charlie Pugh	4	0	4	0	17	0
Phil Gault	1	2	3	0	336	185
Ben O'Leary	2	0	2	0	11	0
Lewis Beebee	0	2	2	0	2	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	2	2	0	35	4
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0	1	0
Conor Evento	1	0	1	0	1	0
Drew Matthews	1	0	1	0	1	0
Phil Wickwar	1	0	1	0	42	0
Ben Hicks	0	1	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	0	1	1	0	11	0

# LITTLEJOHN GOES BIG WITH A DOUBLE TO BEAT THE TYE

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 3rd October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-1 Peaehaven & Telscombe

Two goals in two minutes gave Hassocks a 2-1 Premier Division victory against Peacehaven & Telscombe just two weeks after the Tye eliminated the Robins from the FA Vase.

The difference in performance from the Robins a fortnight on from that toothless afternoon on which they lost 3-0 at the Beacon could not have been more stark.

Last time out, Dave John's side failed to really test the Peacehaven goalkeeper, a fact made doubly disappointing as it was actually former Hassocks defender Harry Mills between the posts.

Peacehaven came to Mid Sussex this time with a recognised goalkeeper in James Broadbent another ex-Robin - and without his interventions, this would have been a much more comfortable win for the hosts.

Broadbent won a clean sweep of Hassocks' Players' Player of Year, Supporters' Player of the Year and Manager's Player of the Year awards after an outstanding 2016-17 season in which he played a huge role in keeping the Robins in the top flight.

He reminded everyone at the Beacon of his quality with three excellent saves to prevent the game running away from his new club, which also helped to set up a tense, dramatic and somewhat heated finale after Peacehaven pulled one back with 12 minutes remaining.

The Robins' goal led a charmed life after that with two Tye efforts cleared off the line and Callum Edwards effort rattling the post.

Hassocks though held on for a big three points, meaning they have now defeated two of last season's top five at the Beacon already in 2020-21.

Another big crowd of 228 - the fifth highest step five attendance of the day in the entire country - had to wait a while for the action to heat up

as neither side was able to make much of an impression in the opening 25 minutes.

It was only once referee Adam Parry began to make some increasingly bizarre decisions that things started to get going.

Jack Troak entered the book for the crime of winning a 50-50 slide tackle and Will Broomfield was judged guilty of a foul after winning the ball during a five minute period in which you could have been forgiven for forgetting football is a contact sport.

Sarcastic cheers from around the ground greeted Mr Parry awarding Hassocks a soft free kick of their own on 28 minutes, a decision the Robins made the most of as it helped them fashion their first chance.

James Littlejohn was the man to have it as he went scampering in on goal, only to be denied by a brilliant Broadbent stop. Littlejohn then saw his follow up blocked by Jake Brocklebank on the line.

Seven minutes later and Hassocks should have had a penalty when Josh Short was barged over by Brocklebank with little intention shown to win the ball.

Home frustrations began to boil over at this point and Charlie Pitcher soon joined Troak in the book when he made a poor sliding tackle on Matt Gunn.

Tyler Scrafton came close to opening the scoring for Peacehaven on the stroke of half time when he did well to connect to a Luyolo Mafu knockdown on the stretch, lifting the ball just over Charlie Pugh's bar.

Hassocks had their first goal of the afternoon on the hour mark. Troak skipped away down the left flank and his low ball was perfectly drilled across goal for Littlejohn to slam home side footed without breaking stride.

Less than 120 seconds later and the lead was doubled in almost identical fashion.





A ball up the line from the outstanding Andy Whittingham looked to be heading out of play until it turned like a Shane Warne wrong un to stay in.

Whilst the Peacehaven defence had all stopped expecting a throw, Troak had chased down the lost cause, collected it and crossed again. Littlejohn this time provided a flicked finish past Broadbent.

Peacehaven were rattled. 10 minutes later and substitute Harvey Enticknap drove forward, Pitcher and Troak exchanged passed and the former was denied by the legs of Broadbent.

Littlejohn then had a sight of goal for his hat-trick but selflessly squared to Josh Short whose effort was kept out by a strong hand and fast reactions from Broadbent.

Peacehaven pulled one back on 78 after Harry Reed converted following a goalmouth scramble and that led to a complete change in momentum as the Tye became camped in the Hassocks half.

Broomfield turned a Peacehaven effort over with his head; Edwards twisted and turned his way into the box to hit the post with Whittingham blocking the follow up on the line and Troak proved his worth defensively when hacking another effort away.

The relief was palpable when the final whistle went after an excruciating seven minutes of injury time. What a difference 14 days can make.

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

**Subs:** Enticknap (Chadwick 70), Gault (Pitcher 82), Loversidge (Littlejohn 89), O'Leary, Bull (unused).

# STAGS PUNISH HASSOCKS FOR LEAVING THEIR STARS AT HOME

Sussex Senior Cup First Round
Tuesday 6th October 2020, The Rotherfield
Midhurst & Easebourne 3-0 Hassocks

Judging by the players that Hassocks left out of their Sussex Senior Cup first round tie at Midhurst & Easebourne, this is a competition that the Robins cared little for this season.

Charlie Pitcher, Jack Troak, Bradley Bant and Phil Gault could all spend the evening in the comfort of their own homes as they were spared the long journey to the Rotherfield.

Will Broomfield made the trip to Midhurst but that was to watch from the stands rather than influencing proceedings on the pitch and James Littlejohn and Jack Gardner were both rested among a bench of only four.

The result was a 3-0 victory for Midhurst and another embarrassing cup exit at the hands of lower division opponents for the Robins' impressive collection.

Of course, should Hassocks go onto pick up points from their next two Premier Division fixtures away at early season strugglers Broadbridge Heath and East Preston, then the decision to rest so many key players will have been justified.

On the other hand, momentum is a big thing in football and Hassocks were starting to build some after impressive back-to-back victories against Pagham and Peacehaven & Telscombe.

If defeat against Midhurst brings a shuddering halt to the roll that the Robins looked to be on, then deliberately sacrificing this competition will look like a questionable decision - especially if the Stags are given a bumper payday in the next round via a home draw with one of the big boys of Sussex football.

Another way to look at such wholesale changes is that they presented opportunities for Hassocks' fringe players to stake a claim for more regular action.

None of them really did, which was arguably the most disappointing

aspect of the evening - and a point hammered home by assistant Mark Enticknap in a scathing half time team talk, delivered on the pitch due to current Covid-19 restrictions preventing away teams from using the changing rooms at the interval.

Hassocks were already 3-0 down by that point, having conceded three very soft goals inside the opening 34 minutes.

Midhurst took the lead with the game just four minutes old. It was a goal that set the tone for the rest of the evening really, gifted away by some atrocious Hassocks marking.

A corner was swung over from the left with Harry Giles unmarked front and centre of the goal to turn a free header past Hassocks' Under 18s goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley, who was making his senior debut. This would turn out to be quite a baptism of fire for young Dunkley.

The lively Alfie Loversidge almost notched an instant reply when he turned in the area and got a low shot away which was pushed around the post by Josh Bird in the home goal.

More slack marking from a corner nearly gave the Stags their second on eight minutes but this time, Dunkley did just enough to grab the loose ball after another Giles free header from a corner caused chaos in the box.

No prizes for guessing how Midhurst's second was scored when it did eventually arrive with 22 minutes on the clock.

Yes, it was from another free header as Lewis Hyde this time powered past Dunkley to double the hosts' advantage.

Giles added the third just past the half hour mark with a shot from distance which appeared to be caught by the wind to deceive Dunkley.

Hassocks did at least dig in their heels after that. Former Burgess Hill Town right back Drew Matthews bent a free kick just off target after Harvey Enticknap was brought down on the





edge of the area and Joe Bull drilled a low ball across goal which nobody could provide the finishing touch to.

Loversidge then timed a run to perfection to spring the offside trap and latch onto a Josh Short through ball before rounding Bird, only to see his effort from a tight angle rattle the far post.

Hassocks were clearly fired up by the stinging rebuke from their assistant manager at the break and that led to a fiery start to the second half

Jake Chadwick got stamped on by Hyde early doors to spark a melee which saw George Brown enter the book.

Chadwick then put in a nasty challenge, leading to Robbie Tambling covering 30 yards faster than Usain Bolt to send Chadwick flying through the air. He joined Brown in the yellow card club for his troubles.

Brown glanced a header from a Matthews free kick wide of the post on the hour mark and that was about it for Hassocks in terms of what they did attack wise in the second half, even after throwing Littlejohn on.

Loversidge exited proceedings gingerly following a nasty collision with Bird after both players challenged for a 50-50 whilst Hassocks were lucky the scoreline didn't get any worse, Giles skewing off target two good chances to nab a hat-trick before Dunkley saved well down to his left in injury time.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley; Matthews, Turner, O'Leary, Whittingham; Loversidge, Enticknap, Chadwick, Short, Bull; Brown.

**Subs:** Littlejohn (Chadwick 60'), Gardner (Enticknap 68'), Hicks (Loversidge 74'), P Wickwar (unused).

# TAYLOR'S 92ND MINUTE STUNNER SINKS HASSOCKS

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 10th October 2020, High Wood Hill Ground
Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

Entertainment may have been in short supply at High Wood Hill Sports Ground but it did at least look like Hassocks were going to pick up a valuable point against improving Broadbridge Heath.

A game of few chances was petering out towards a 0-0 draw. Given that Heath had won both their previous games 4-1 against East Preston and early Premier Division leaders AFC Uckfield Town, that would have made a stalemate a good result for the Robins.

It was not to be though. With the match 92 minutes old, an unfortunate scuff from Hassocks goalkeeper Charlie Pugh presented Jamie Taylor with a chance to win the game, providing he had the quality to finish into an open goal from 40 yards.

Unfortunately for the Robins, Taylor did just that and they were left to make the journey back to Mid Sussex with nothing to show for their efforts.

Taylor's strike was the one moment of quality in a game which featured plenty of hard work but few stand out moments.

Hassocks welcomed Pugh, Jack Gardner, Will Broomfield, James Littlejohn, Jack Troak, James Littlejohn and Charlie Pitcher back after all seven were rested for the midweek trip to Midhurst & Easebourne in the Sussex Senior Cup.

A 3-0 defeat at the Rotherfield to their Division One opponents was the Robins' punishment for treating the competition with disdain and it took their full strength line up a little while to get going against Heath.

Pugh had to pull off a series of early saves as home captain Lewis Croal tested the Hassocks goalkeeper after a driving run and Charlie Parminter drew a fine stop from a free kick.

Conor Smith put a header from a Croal cross off target in between those two saves with the same fate befalling efforts from Croal, Taylor and Jamie Robinson, none of whom could make Pugh work.

Hassocks' only chance of a non descript first half came when Pitcher put a free kick on target but it was easy for Liam Matthews to gather.

Whatever was said to Hassocks at half time appeared to have the desired effect as they began the

"Taylor's late strike from 40 yards was, unfortunately for Hassocks, the one moment of quality in a game which featured plenty of hard work but few stand out moments."

second half the brighter side with Smith in particular being given a torrid time.

Smith was yellow carded within four minutes of the restart and another five minutes later, he was booked again to leave Heath facing the final 35 minutes with 10 men.

Remarkably, Smith's red card was the fifth time in nine games this season that Heath had ended shorthanded due to a dismissal.

The Bears showed their considerable experience at playing with 10 men by reasserting themselves on the game following Smith's dismissal.

Pugh was forced into an excellent save, tipping a Taylor shot around the post at full stretch before the same player was wastefully off target.

Hassocks were handed a golden opportunity to take the lead when referee Jamie Wells pointed to the penalty spot midway through the





second half.

Pitcher saw his spot kick brilliantly kept out by Matthews, who threw himself low down to his left to deny Hassocks' talisman a goal against one of his former clubs.

The miss seemed to deflate Hassocks and despite the Robins throwing on three players with the quality of Phil Gault, George Brown and Alfie Loversidge from the bench, it was Heath who had more of the ball in the final 20 minutes.

They were not able to do much with it, however. The lively Croal looked the most likely to make something happen but he found his efforts frustrated by the Hassocks back four of Gardner, Broomfield, Dan Turner and Andy Whittingham.

Heath thought they had found a winner as the game ticked into injury time when Pugh spilled a cross under pressure from Taylor, only for Mr Wells to rule the goal out on the basis that Pugh had been impeded by Taylor when trying to regather the ball.

That looked to be a let off Hassocks but any relief was short lived as within 60 seconds, Taylor notched his spectacular winner.

Heath hit a long ball down the Hassocks left which tempted Pugh to stray into no mans land over on the touchline.

His attempted clearance back down the centre of the pitch went awry and the ball fell to Taylor who took a touch and coolly lobbed the ball back towards the unattended goal with it going in via the far post.

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

**Subs:** Gault, Brown, Loversidge (used), Enticknap, Bull (unused).

## **GAME OF TWO HALVES SEES HASSOCKS EDGE EP**

**Southern Combination League Premier Division Tuesday 13th October 2020, The Lashmar East Preston 3-4 Hassocks** 

As the crowd filed out of the Lashmar following East Preston's a shot across the advancing Belcher **Premier Division game with** Hassocks, one visiting supporter turned to a a home counterpart and said, "You get used to this supporting Hassocks."

Yet even by the Robins' high standards of ridiculousness, this was an extraordinary 90 minutes.

Hassocks went into the break 4-0 ahead and it is no exaggeration to say it could have been six or seven.

Only a combination of the woodwork and some superb shot stopping from Keelan Belcher in the EP goal prevented the Robins running geometry by rattling the bar from up a cricket score.

By the time the full time whistle blew 45 minutes later, Hassocks had just about clung onto a 4-3 victory.

The Robins made two changes from Saturday's defeat at Broadbridge Heath. Will Broomfield was on a cider tasting holiday in Cornwall while Josh Short missed out with a knee complaint.

George Brown and Harvey Enticknap came into the starting line up and both enjoyed fruitful evenings as they contributed three quarters of the visitors' four goal first half haul.

Hassocks were on the front foot from the first whistle. Within four minutes, Belcher had pulled off the first of a series of saves when repelling Charlie Pitcher's one-on-one after Craig Adams lost the flight of a long ball over the top.

Pitcher didn't get the best connection on that effort as it hit one of the numerous craters on a surface which resembled the moon in places.

Eight minutes later and Hassocks had cause to cheer rather than bemoan the lumpy pitch as it played a part in the opening goal.

Jack Troak's low pass from left to right should have been easy for James Frankling to clear but the ball spewed under the foot of the EP midfielder via a divot and straight into the path of Enticknap, who took

a touch, steadied himself and drilled

It looked to all the world like Jake Chadwick had doubled the advantage on 16 minutes when he hit a powerful curler towards the top corner from outside the area, only for Belcher to somehow tip onto the crossbar at full stretch.

EP had their first chance of the game next and nobody could understand how they had failed to turn the ball home in a melee following a corner.

Frankling defied the laws of three yards out, Brown blocked the follow up on the line and Hassocks eventually scrambled clear.

James Littlejohn was next to hit the woodwork when his looping header from an Enticknap cross dropped onto the frame of the goal.

Troak's low cross then seemed certain to be converted by Pitcher at the back post, only for Belcher to appear from nowhere to block the shot at the expense of a corner.

From the resulting delivery, Hassocks scored their second. Bradlev Bant floated the ball in and when Belcher couldn't gather, Brown was on hand to place a volley low and hard through a crowd of bodies.

The right hand post was the next part of the woodwork to rattle. Troak was crunched from behind as he looked to meet Pitcher's cross from the right, the ball rebounding from the tackle onto the upright and into the arms of the grateful Belcher.

Hassocks' third came on 39 minutes when Bant played a lovely pass with the outside of his right boot Turner as Hassocks held on. to slip in Pitcher who guided past Belcher. Bant again was the architect of the fourth right on the stroke of half time when his free kick was met by Brown's looping header as the centre back claimed his brace.

The first five minutes of the second half suggested it would follow Marshall, Hicks, Evento (unused).





the same pattern of the first, Belcher saving a James Littlejohn volley from point blank range after the striker had turned Cameron Lineham.

Straight from that save, EP broke to earn a free kick 10 yards inside the Hassocks half. The ball was tossed into the Robins' box, where Jack Gardner was unfortunate to see his attempted clearance slice past Charlie Pugh and in.

60 seconds later and EP had a second. The lively Thaikay Davis-Day was held back by Dan Turner as the two chased down a ball in the box, giving Conor Bull the chance to beat Pugh from the spot.

The boisterous home crowd could smell a comeback. Hassocks to their credit dug in and managed the game well from that point on, playing some decent possession football which helped run the clock down in spite of the pitch.

As a result, it became a game of few chances. Troak was denied by Belcher twice and a block on the line from Dave Matthews and Pugh turned a Bull effort around his near post with an outstretched leg.

EP's third arrived with two minutes remaining and again it came from the spot. This time, Pugh pulled off a stunning stop from Bull's penalty, only for the EP striker to react quickest and nudge home the rebound.

That set up a grandstand finish in which EP nearly snuck it with the final kick. Bull found himself charging through, only to be halted by a perfectly timed slide challenge from

Hassocks: Pugh; Gardner, Brown, Turner, Whittingham; Enticknap, Chadwick, Bant, Troak; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

Subs: Beebee (Littlejohn 78), Bull,



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## **Under 23 Matches 2020-21**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	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	2-4	Beebee
08/10 - 19:30	East Preston (H)	CU23C1	0-2	
14/10 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Galbraith-Gibbons (2)
22/10 - 19:30	Jarvis Brook (H)	SCFL23		` '
•	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23		

# **Under 23 Appearances 2020-21**

		2020-21	L Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
George Galbraith-Gibbons	5	0	5	3
Brad Sweetman	3	2	5	0
Lewis Beebee	2	3	5	2
Joe Bull	4	0	4	0
Jayden Dunkley	4	0	4	0
Ben Hicks	4	0	4	0
Harvey Ransome	4	0	4	0
Jamie Wilkes	4	0	4	0
Connor Bradley	3	1	4	0
Thomas Jupp	3	0	3	0
Luke Marshall	3	0	3	0
Alex Crawford	0	3	3	0
George Mercer	0	3	3	0
Ben O'Leary	2	0	2	0
Jake Chadwick	1	1	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	0
Charlie Jones	1	1	2	0
Marshall Smith	1	1	2	0
Charlie Alderton	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	1
Max Donaldson	1	0	1	0
Conor Evento	1	0	1	0
George Harwood	1	0	1	0
Phil Gault	1	0	1	0
Drew Matthews	1	0	1	0
Kenny Pearce	1	0	1	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0
Will Broomfield	0	1	1	0
Solly Ross	0	1	1	0

# BEEBEE BUZZES ON DEBUT BUT ROBINS ARE BEATEN BY BEARS

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 1st October 2020, High Wood Hill Sports Ground
Broadbridge Heath U23s 4-2 Hassocks U23s

Two sides yet to taste victory in the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division met at High Wood Hill Sports Ground as Broadbridge Heath hosted Hassocks.

And it was the Bears who got the monkey off their backs thanks to a 4-2 success in an entertaining game which could have gone either way.

Once again, the Robins found themselves making wholesale changes from their previous outing.

Against Horley Town last Thursday, there were eight new faces from the starting XI who had lost against St Francis Rangers a week earlier.

It was the same on this occasion as Hassocks switched another eight players around.

The only three survivors from the 1-1 draw with Horley were that night's goal scorer George Galbraith-Gibbons, Joe Bull and Harvey Ransome.

Dropping out were the injured Conor Evento, Charlie Alderton, Jake Chadwick, the suspended Ben Hicks, Jay Hudson, Charlie Jones, Luke Marshall and Dan Turner. Coming into the side were goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley, Tom Jupp, Ben O'Leary, Josh Short, Brad Sweetman, Jamie Wilkes, Drew Matthews and Lewis Beebee.

The last of those two names were the most intriguing. For 20-year-old Matthews, this was his first appearance in a Hassocks shirt since signing from Burgess Hill Town, where he was a first team regular in the Isthmian League last season.

Matthews had previously captained Crystal Palace's youth team before being a surprise release in the summer of 2019 at the expiration of his contract.

Beebee meanwhile has been scoring goals for fun in Hassocks' Under 18s over the past two seasons, including eight in the first three matches of 2020-21.

He brought that form into the Under 23s, marking his first start for the side with both of the Hassocks goals at Broadbridge Heath.

Craig Goodsir kick started a topsy -turvy encounter when he gave Heath the lead with 15 minutes on the clock.

Beebee levelled things up on 27 with his first of the evening just one minute after the Bears had suffered a blow when Sam Jobbins left the action injured.

Heath regained the lead going into half time through Regan Hillier nine minutes before the interval and their third arrived via substitute Louis Croal with 55 played.

Substitute Croal had only replaced Matthew Blog four minutes earlier, proving to be an inspired replacement from the Heath management.

Beebee added his second on the hour mark to make it 3-2 but any hopes of a tense finish were extinguished when Conor Smith rounded off the scoring with Heath's fourth five minutes from time.

Hassocks had a strong bench including Connor Bradley, Jay Hudson





and George Mercer. They weren't able to help the Robins make much headway late on however with Mercer finding his way in to referee Daniel Head's book.

The result means that the Robins remain winless in the league ahead of attention turning to Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup next Thursday.

West Division opponents East Preston are the visitors to the Beacon, a side who the Robins have enjoyed some great battles with at Under 23 level through the years.

Kick off is at the slightly earlier time of 7:30pm to allow for the Beacon clubhouse to be closed by 10pm as per current government guidance.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley, Matthews, O'Leary, Jupp, Ransome, Sweetman, Short, Wilkes, Bull, Galbraith-Gibbons, Beebee.

**Subs:** Bradley, Hudson, Mercer (used).



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# ANOTHER HASSOCKS SIDE CRASH OUT OF ANOTHER COUNTY CUP

Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup First Round
Thursday 8th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 0-2 East Preston U23s

For the second time in the space of 48 hours, a Hassocks side exited a County Cup competition in disappointing circumstances.

On Tuesday night, the Robins first team crashed out of the Sussex Senior Cup with a 3-0 defeat away at Division One opponents Midhurst & Easebourne.

Hassocks made seven changes for that trip to the Rotherfield. Resting so many players suggested that the Robins cared little for a competition they were hardly likely to win.

The Under 23s took a different approach to their Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup fixture with West Division opponents East Preston, naming as strong a side as possible with the aim of repeating the previous season's memorable run to the quarter finals.

Unfortunately, the final outcome was no different to the senior squad's experience two days earlier as Hassocks were beaten 2-0 in front of a crowd of 82, a huge attendance for development football.

The Robins selected four of the players who had turned out for the first team against Midhurst in their

starting XI

Goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley started in goal, Ben O'Leary and Joe Bull had both completed the full 90 minutes at the Rotherfield whilst Ben Hicks had been handed his senior debut as a second half substitute.

The most intriguing selection however saw the Robins' record scorer Phil Gault lead the line as he continues his return from an injury picked up over a month ago in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round win at Balham.

"Hassocks as strong a side as possible for this Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup first round tie with the aim of repeating the previous season's memorable run to the quarter finals."

EP's own selection suggested a side who were eagerly keen to make progress in the competition as the visitors arrived at the Beacon with several players who have been on the cusp of the first team at the Lashmar in their ranks.





Daegan Walsh and Morgan Walsh started whilst Cameron Lineham who has captained EP on occasion this season - was among the substitutes.

In the end, it was EP's quality that shone though as they scored one goal per half to set up a second round tie with AFC Uckfield Town.

Harry Margeson opened the scoring with 33 minutes on the clock and it was Lineham who added the second just past the hour mark following his entry to the game at half time.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley, Marshall, O'Leary, Jupp, Smith, Bradley, Hicks, Wilkes, Bull, Galbraith-Gibbons, Gault.

**Subs:** Beebee, Crawford, Mercer, Sweetman (used).



## **Under 18 Matches 2020-21**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	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	18-0	Beebee (2), Crawford (3), Howard (2), Russell (4),
				Sprigg (3), Loversidge (3), Messent
11/10 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFL18	6-0	Russell (3), Howard (2), Beebee
18/10 - 11:00	Billingshurst (H)	SCFL18		

## **Under 18 Appearances 2020-21**

		2020-21	. Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Lewis Beebee	4	0	4	10
Kobe Dersley	4	0	4	0
Jayden Dunkley	4	0	4	0
Daniel Llewellyn	4	0	4	0
Harry Bundy	3	1	4	1
Archie Messent	3	1	4	1
Archie Russell	3	1	4	7
Josh Sprigg	3	1	4	5
Louis Thwaites	2	2	4	1
Fraser Mears	1	3	4	0
Alex Crawford	3	0	3	3
Beau Howard	2	1	3	4
Alfie Loversidge	1	2	3	3
Owen Parker	1	2	3	0
Charlie Jones	2	0	2	0
Cody Craig	1	1	2	1
Oscar De Janon Griph	1	1	2	0
Jack Gardner	1	1	2	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Yahya Azizi	0	1	1	1

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## ROBINS REACH FOR THE RECORD **BOOKS IN CONVINCING CUP WIN**

**Sussex Bluefin Bennis Probee Youth Cup First Round** Sunday 4th October 2020, The Beacon Hassocks U18s 18-0 Rottingdean Village U18s

Whilst Hassocks have won plenty of silverware at Under 18 level through the vears, the Sussex Bluefin **Dennis Probee Youth Cup is** a competition in which they have often struggled to make much of an impression.

Might that be about to change in 2020-21? The Young Robins certainly got off to a flying start in the competition as they ran out 18-0 winners in the first round against a very young Rottingdean Village side.

Hassocks came into the tie in goal scoring form having scored six, six and seven so far past Roffey, Steyning Town and Burgess Hill Town afterwards and although to top the early Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division table.

The Robins have a seriously strong squad and Brad Sweetman could make four changes from the side who won local bragging rights against the Hillians last weekend and yet the starting XI looked no weaker for them.

Oscar De Janon Griph, Charlie Jones, Owen Parker and Josh Sprigg were the players who came into the side. Harry Bundy and Archie Messent dropped to the bench with Luke Marshall and Cody Craig missing out altogether.

Josh Sprigg opened the scoring with 12 minutes played, which sparked a bit of a mad rush with Lewis Beebee netting on 16, Alex Crawford on 18 and Beebee again on

Beebee's brace means that he has hit double figures with the Under 18s season just four games old. If you include the two the he notched on his full debut for the Under 23s in their 4-2 defeat at Broadbridge Heath 72 hours earlier, then the striker is already on 12 in what is shaping up to be a memorable campaign on a

personal level.

Beau Howard added Hassocks' fifth on 27 minutes and Sprigg claimed his second and the Robins' sixth 60 seconds later.

Things went a little mad again in the final 12 minutes before the interval. Crawford made it 7-0 with 33 on the clock, Howard rounded off his brace with Hassocks' eighth a minute later and Sprigg completed a first half hat-trick on 38.

The final goal of the first half came from Archie Messent, an early introduction from the bench as

"The victory had the statisticians reaching for the history books nobody could say for certain as the records only go back to 2004, the suspicion is that this might be Hassocks' biggest ever win at Under 18s level."

Sweetman looked to give all his players a decent amount of game time.

That made it 10-0 at half time and Hassocks did not let up in the second half, adding another eight over the course of the next 45

Rottingdean to their credit stemmed the flow for the first 15 minutes of the second half and they never gave up even when the goals started to flow again once the game went past the hour mark.

The visitors' task certainly wasn't made easier when first team regular Alfie Loversidge entered the action. Loversidge struck three of the first four goals of the second half to complete a 16 minute hat-trick, scoring in the 60th, 66th and 76th minutes.





Archie Russell netted in between Loversidge's second and third to make it 13-0 going into the last 10 minutes.

Crawford rounded off his hat-trick on 80 with Russell scoring in the 86th, 88th and 89th minutes to end his morning with a four-goal haul.

The victory had the statisticians reaching for the history books afterwards and although nobody could say for certain, the suspicion is that this might be Hassocks' biggest ever win at Under 18s level.

The club's records only go back as far as the 2004-05 season. A 15-0 victory over Newhaven in the 2007-08 season was the previous record holder since 2004.

Dave John's squad that season was packed with talent, containing the likes of Phil Johnson, Nathan Miles, Nathan Cooper, Jack Simpson, Adam Williams, Jamie Ingham, Jamie Hillwood, Nick Pitcher and Arni Kublickas, all of whom went onto establish themselves in the first team at the Beacon.

In the Class of 2021 can go onto have as much success as that team who lifted the Southern Combination Youth League Cup at the end of the campaign - then this could be a very good year for the Robins.

Hassocks: Dunkley, De Janon Griph, Crawford, Parker, Dersley, Llewellyn, Jones, Russell, Howard, Sprigg, Beebee.

Subs: Bundy, Thwaites, Messent, Mears, Loversidge (used).







## **Ladies Matches 2020-21**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	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				
11/10 - 14:00	Crawley Wasps (H)	LSE1S	2-8	J.Craig, Read
25/10 - 14:00	Ashford (H)	LSE1S		-
November				
01/11 - 14:00	Lewes (A)	LSE1S		
08/11 - 14:00	Herne Bay (H)	LSE1S		
15/11 - 14:00	Parkwood Rangers (A)	LSE1S		
22/11 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	LSE1S		
29/11 - 14:00	Herne Bay (A)	LSE1S		

## **Ladies Appearances 2020-21**

		2020-21	Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Tallie Bright	4	0	4	0
Joanne Brown	4	0	4	0
Emma Flin	4	0	4	0
Mia Pordage	4	0	4	1
Claire Stevens	4	0	4	0
Sarah Chappell	3	1	4	0
Katie Read	2	2	4	1
Jodie Johanson	1	3	4	0
Katherine Chappell	3	0	3	0
Gemma Craig	3	0	3	0
Jess Craig	3	0	3	2
Liz King	3	0	3	0
Kirsten Mair	3	0	3	1
Sam Newman	1	2	3	0
Holly Webb	0	2	2	0
Ellie Moquet	1	0	1	0
Anna Humphreys	0	1	1	0





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After encouraging showings against title contenders Whitehawk and Redhill, Hassocks needed a performance that delivered points when struggling Pagham came to the Beacon on this day in 2009...

#### THREE GOALS IN 12 MINUTES TAME THE LIONS

**The Sussex County League** fixture list has not been kind to Hassocks in recent weeks.

Division One's two best sides have visited the Beacon in the space of a week and although a return of one point from the encounters with Whitehawk and Redhil; was more than the Robins might have expected, they knew they had to get back to winning ways against struggling Pagham.

A comfortable 4-1 victory was exactly what the doctor ordered. Stuart Faith, Phil Gault, Anthony Hibbert and Neil Kane were all on target as Hassocks continued their rich vein of form in front of goal.

The Robins scored three times against the Hawks in a 5-3 defeat and twice against Redhill.

Those early weeks of the season when goals looked like they would be hard to come by for Hassocks this season seem a long time ago now.

Phil Gault's return from St Francis Rangers has certainly helped. Gault was involved in three of Hassocks' four goals in another man-of-thematch display.

He showed his versatility too, starting up front alongside Kane before dropping into midfield for the final half hour.

Daley Clark was another to show to exhibit flexibility as he started in midfield in place of the suspended Terry Gacias.

Clark was signed from Lingfield in the summer as a striker but has found goals hard to come by so far.

might be inclined to redeploy the hard-working Clark on a permanent basis.

With such entertainment in those previous two games with Whitehawk and Redhill, the first 20 minutes against Pagham was drab in comparison.

Pagham fashioned their first opportunity when the lively Michael Frangou had a shot deflected over and Ian Simpson denied Brett Forden with an excellent tackle before Hassocks took the lead on 23 minutes.

Simpson showed his worth at the other end in the build up, heading a corner across goal to Kane whose acrobatic hook back from the by-line was nodded in by Faith.

A minute later and one became two. Gault timed his run to perfection to spring the offside trap and coolly despatched the chance.

On 35 minutes it was 3-0. Hibbert marked his return after missing the midweek game against Redhill with a superb volley on the run.

Dan Jacques supplied the cross after scampering down the right to latch onto a visionary ball down the channel from Gault.

Three goals in 12 minutes should have meant it was game over. The Robins switched off though and straight from the restart, Pagham pulled one back as Forden was allowed to stroll through weak challenges and slot past Joel Harding.

Still the first half action wasn't

Based on this showing, Dave John done. Gault volleyed straight at Wes Hallett in the Pagham goal and Slaughter shot wastefully wide when he was well placed.

The Lions started the second half well and Frangou forced Harding into a fine save low down to his left just after the restart.

Hassocks weathered the ministorm however and added a fourth on the hour mark, Kane volleying home brilliantly for his eighth of the season despite having his back to goal after Faith had set up from Gault's knockdown.

John was dealt a double injury blow when Slaughter limped off two minutes after the goal and Kane joined him in the treatment room four minutes later with Logan Newington coming on for his first senior appearance since 2007.

The game petered out after that although there were two good chances in injury time, James Misselbrook forcing Harding into tipping over at full stretch with Gault then contriving to miss from eight yards with the goal at his mercy following Laing's perfect cross.

Hassocks: Harding; Jacques, Simpson, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Clark, Slaughter, Hibbert; Gault, Kane.

Subs: Laing (Slaughter 61), Newington (Kane 65), Bowra (Faith 72), Bates (unused).

# Around the League



There were four games in the Premier Division last Saturday and 18 Southern Combination League teams were involved in the FA Vase. Eight progressed to fly the flag in the first round proper...

Early Premier Division leaders AFC Uckfield Town suffered their first defeat of the season and it was a heavy one as Newhaven won 3-0 at the Oaks.

All the goals came in the first 30 minutes through Alfie Rogers, Lee Robinson and James Jeffrey as the Dockers moved into fourth place in the table.

There were six goals at Plaistow Road where **Eastbourne Town** had to dig deep to win 4-2 against hosts **Loxwood.** 

Bright Temba opened the scoring for Town in the 21st minute but their lead was short lived as Sam Smith levelled things up four minutes later.

Matthew Astle put the visitors back into the lead on 29 and Temba made it 3-1 less than 120 seconds later.

Smith made it 3-2 three minutes into the second half but any hopes of a Loxwood comeback were ended when Daniel Hull scored Town's fourth with 15 minutes to play.

Local bragging rights in the Eastbourne derby went the way of **Little Common** who won 4-2 'away' against their landlords **Eastbourne United.** 

Common were 3-0 up at half time thanks to goals from Lewis Hole, Russell Eldridge and Lewis Parsons.

United rallied in the second half with Charlie Ball and Kane Penn setting up a nervy finish until Hole made rounded off the scoring in injury time with his second of the afternoon.

Hole's brace meant that he passed the 350 goal mark for Common, an extraordinary achievement.

Into the Vase where **Pagham** picked up the result of the afternoon by winning 4-1 away at Cowes Sports.

Joe Bennett, Thomas Atkinson, Sam Conolly and an own goal secured a fantastic win for the Lions on the Isle of White.

This afternoon's visitors **Horley Town** had a superb 3-2 win at
Punjabi United with three different
goal scorers - Bradley Peters, Richard
Pingling and Mario Quiassaca the
names to look out for today.

**Littlehampton Town** were one of three Division One side to progress by beating Lordswood 3-1 at the Sports Field.

In the goals for the Golds were Dion Jarvis, Joseph Benn and Lucas Pattendon with all three strikes coming in the final 20 minutes.

A seven goal thriller at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground went the way of **Worthing United** as they saw off Canterbury City 4-3 with four different second half scorers - Billy White, Dan Hills, Alfie Sparks and Callum Thomas whose winner arrived in the seventh minute of injury time.

Our conquerors in the previous round **Peacehaven & Telscombe** defeated Balham on penalties following a 2-2 draw but **Crawley Down Gatwick** were not so happy from the spot as the exited in a shootout defeat to Cobham. Ben Chowney netted for the Anvils.

Penalties were also needed in the all-Division One tie between **Seaford Town** and **Storrington** which had ended 2-2.

Jack Langford and former Hassocks striker Jamie Buckett scored for Town. Storrington had a brace from Jordan Suter to thank for the game making it to spot kicks whilst Taylor Stevens saw red for the Swans.

There were two all Southern Combination League ties, the first of which saw Division One side **Wick** give a good account of themselves against **Saltdean United.** 

Reece Hallard and Bradley Williams scored for the Tigers who continued their excellent early season form.

**Steyning Town** ran out 3-1 winners over **Lingfield** at the Shooting Field where George Cousins, Cian Griffin-Tilley and Matthew Boiling were on target for the hosts. Rhys White scored the Lingers' consolation.

Exiting the competition were **Alfold** who lost 4-2 at home to Stansfield, **East Preston** went down 2-0 against Fisher and **Horsham YMCA** were eliminated 2-1 at Sheerwater.

**Shoreham** were hammed 7-0 at Kennington, **AFC Varndeanians** lost 2-0 at Holmesdale and **Billingshurst** had a sizable crowd as they went down 3-0 against Jersey Bulls.

Four games took place in Division One. Leaders **Bexhill United** were not able to take advantage of Littlehampton's cup exploits by extending their lead at the top too much as they were held 2-2 at home by **Roffey.** 

Third placed **Mile Oak** were beaten 2-1 at home by **Midhurst & Easebourne** with ex-Robin George Rudwick getting the goal for Oak and there were wins for **Arundel**, 3-2 away at **Oakwood**, and **Selsey** who beat **Hailsham Town** 3-1.



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## How they stand...

**Premier Division Form Guide** 

#### **Southern Combination Premier Division Table** W D L Α Pts AFC Uckfield Town **Horley Town** Saltdean United Newhaven Lancing Crawley Down Gatwick Eastbourne Town Pagham Lingfield **Hassocks** Alfold Eastbourne United Little Common Peacehaven & Tels Loxwood Steyning Town Broadbridge Heath **Langney Wanderers** Horsham YMCA **East Preston**

	Last 6
Horley Town	wwwwww
AFC Uckfield Town	WWWWL
Newhaven	WDWWLW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWDLWW
Saltdean United	DLDWWW
Lingfield	WDWLWD
Eastbourne Town	DLWWLW
Lancing	LWDWLW
Peacehaven & Tels	WLLWLW
Pagham	DDDWLW
Hassocks	LLWWLW
Alfold	DDLWLW
Little Common	DWLLWL
Steyning Town	LWLLWL
Broadbridge Heath	LLLWWL
Loxwood	LDLWLL
Eastbourne United	WLLLLD
Langney Wanderers	LDLWLL
East Preston	LDLLLL
Horsham YMCA	LLLLLL

Premier Division Attendances							
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Eastbourne Town	288	300	280				
Peacehaven & Telscombe	254	294	0				
Hassocks	183	228	104				
Newhaven	170	231	72				
Lancing	131	143	120				
Eastbourne United	129	148	110				
Broadbridge Heath	110	173	75				
Pagham	109	121	98				
Horsham YMCA	102	134	74				
AFC Uckfield Town	94	133	63				
Horley Town	91	105	0				
East Preston	87	105	0				
Saltdean United	85	104	55				
Steyning Town	84	89	81				
Little Common	78	107	55				
Crawley Down Gatwick	72	88	53				
Loxwood	70	76	62				
Alfold	63	71	55				
Lingfield	59	76	38				
Langney Wanderers	40	40	40				

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	ion Top Scorers	
Player	Club	Gls
Louis Croal	B'bridge Heath	10
Devon Fender	Alfold	9
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	9
Sam Lemon	Alfold	9
Adam Grant	<b>Horley Town</b>	8
Dan Perry	AFC Uckfield	7
Joe Clarke	Pagham	6
Ben Connolly	Lancing	6
Matt Daniel .	Lancing	6
Charlie Pitcher	Hassocks	6
Bright Temba	Eastbourne Town	6
Luke Brodie	Loxwood	6
Conor Bull	East Preston	5
Ben Chowney	Crawley Down	5
Russell Eldridge	Little Common	5
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	5
Jared Rance	Pagham	5
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	5
Paul Rogers	Saltdean United	5
Morgan Vale	AFC Uckfield	5

Southern Combinat	ion U	nder	23 No	orth C	Divisio	on Tal	ble
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Alfold	4	3	0	1	22	1	10
Horsham YMCA	4	1	3	0	14	9	6
St Francis Rangers	3	2	0	1	6	7	6
Crowborough Athletic	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Horley Town	4	1	2	1	7	10	5
Jarvis Brook	4	1	2	1	6	10	5
Broadbridge Heath	4	1	1	2	10	10	4
Hassocks	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Loxwood	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Oakwood	4	0	1	3	7	22	1

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers					
Player	Club	Gls			
Leon Eales	Horsham YMCA	7			
Ronnie Burchell	Horsham YMCA	4			
<b>George G-Gibbons</b>	Hassocks	3			
Jordan Mase	Alfold	3			
Will Read	Horsham YMCA	3			
Shane Saunders	Alfold	3			
Joseph Bedford	Alfold	2			
<b>Lewis Beebee</b>	Hassocks	2			
Connor Bishop	Alfold	2			
Matthew Blogg	B'bridge Heath	2			

Southern Combinati	on U	nder :	18 No	orth C	Divisio	n Ta	ble
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hassocks	4	4	0	0	25	2	12
Horsham YMCA	4	4	0	0	15	1	12
St Francis Rangers	3	3	0	0	10	5	9
Alfold	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
Billingshurst	5	2	0	3	9	9	6
Broadbridge Heath	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Crawley Down Gatwick	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Steyning Town	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
Roffey	5	1	0	4	4	26	3
Burgess Hill Town	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			
<b>Lewis Beebee</b>	Hassocks	10			
Archie Russell	Hassocks	7			
Charlie Hodge	Upper Beeding	5			
Charlie Martin	Alfold	5			
Josh Sprigg	Hassocks	5			
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	4			
Beau Howard	Hassocks	4			
Aden Radojevic	Horsham YMCA	4			
Kai Stephens	St Francis	4			
<b>Alex Crawford</b>	Hassocks	3			
Alfie Loversidge	Hassocks	3			

London & South Ea	ast Wo	men's	s Divi	sion :	1 Sou	th Ta	ble
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Herne Bay	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Crawley Wasps	5	2	1	2	13	11	7
Parkwood Rangers	4	2	0	2	6	6	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
Newhaven	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Hassocks	4	1	0	3	5	21	3

Division 1 Sou	ith Top Scorers	
Player	Club	Gls
Caroline Hodgson	Worthing	8
Rebecca Wyatt	Ashford	8
Jenny Newman	Ashford	6
Gemma Worsfold	Worthing	6
Lauren Callaghan	Crawley Wasps	5
Elizabeth Mills	Ashford	4
Rebecca T-Agbro	Worthing	4
Sara Tubby	Worthing	4





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...



#### **Horsham YMCA**

#### When?

Tuesday 20th October

#### Where?

Gorings Mead

#### Time?

7:30pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League Premier Division

#### Horsham YMCA this season?

Long-serving manager Peter Buckland It was the final first team game that stepped down in the summer and this looks like being something of a transitional season for Horsham YMCA as a result. Buckland's assistant Julian Miller has stepped into his sizable shoes with YM having won once in seven Premier Division matches so far to sit second bottom in the table. Their young squad have shown glimpses of what they are capable of, most notably when defeating one of the title favourites Eastbourne Town. They will no doubt go into our visit confident of getting a result, helped in part by our abysmal record at Gorings Mead...

#### Our record against Horsham

We have rarely enjoyed games with YM, especially those which take place at Gorings Mead where we have won just twice in the league since 2000. That feeds into a pretty dreadful overall record of 12 victories in 51 meetings. There have been 13 draws with YM winning 26.

#### Last time we met?

the Beacon host before March's lockdown and we certainly said goodbye in style with a dramatic 3-2 win. YM looked to be cruising to victory as they sauntered into a 2-0 lead inside of seven minutes through Sam Lemon. Hassocks overcame that sour start to the game with a stunning second half performance. James Westlake pulled one back on 55 minutes, Phil Johnson equalised on 85 and George Galbraith-Gibbons snatched a winner two minutes into injury time.

#### How to get to Gorings Mead?

The ground is situated on the outskirts of the town centre. Take the A272 to Cowfold before joining the A281 towards Horsham. Once in the town, Gorings Mead is located on the left before the railway bridge as directed by the "YMCA" sign. There is extremely limited parking at the ground and when that is full there is no parking in the street leading to the ground. Visitors are advised to park in one of the many car parks that are a five-minute walk away.



#### **Langney Wanderers**

#### When?

Saturday 24th October

#### Where?

The Beacon

#### Time?

3pm

#### **Competition?**

Southern Combination League Premier Division

#### **Admission?**

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

#### Langney Wanderers this season?

Langney were rocked when halfway pre-season, Simon Colbran handed in his resignation. Wanderers may have lost one of the best managers in the league, but they replaced him with one of the brightest young bosses as former Loxwood chief Alex Walsh took over. The summer upheaval has unsurprisingly taken its toll and Wanderers have struggled in the league, currently sitting third bottom. Their cup form has been excellent though and they remain in the FA Vase, a sign that Wanderers can be a match for anyone on their day.

### Our record against Langney Wanderers?

Before the 2018-19 season, we had never faced Langney in a competitive game in senior football. In the past two seasons, we since met five times - and that would have been six had the pandemic not got in the way last March. The frequency of the fixture is thanks to us being paired together in both the FA Cup and the Peter Bentley League Cup last season. The overall head-to-head reads one

Hassocks win, two Langney wins and two draws.

#### Last time we met?

That came last October in the League Cup at the Beacon. Langney had visited Mid Sussex only one week earlier, winning 4-0 in the league but we gave a much better account of ourselves seven days later in losing 4-2. The game had been locked at 2-2 entering the final five, Jamie Hillwood and Ben Bacon scoring for the Robins and Joe Summerbell and Ali Mekawir for our visitors. Extra time was looming until late goals from Dan Blackmore and Max Holloborne sent Wanderers into round three.

#### Langney's dangermen?

It was a busy summer at Priory Lane with a number of impressive acquisitions made by both Colbran and then Walsh. Chief among those was Liam Baitup, one of the most dangerous strikers on the Southern Combination League circuit. The fact he has only played three times so far this season probably explains Wanderers' position in the table.



#### **Alfold**

#### When?

Saturday 31st October

#### Where?

The Lashmar

#### Time?

7.30pm

#### **Competition?**

Southern Combination League Premier Division

#### **Admission?**

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

#### Alfold this season?

Alfold began their second season in the Premier Division like a train, sticking nine past Shoreham in their first ever FA Cup game and then defeating us 3-1 in the opening league match of the season. Things haven't gone quite so well since then and 'Fold have actually slipped below us in the table at the time of writing with three wins, two draws and two defeats from their seven matches so far.

#### **Our record against Alfold?**

We only met for the first time back in August. Fate clearly did not want us to face each other in the 2019-20 season; the fixture at Alfold Recreation Ground was postponed four times with Fold's trip to the Beacon undergoing the same fate once. Covid-19 then brought the campaign to a shuddering halt.

#### Last time we met?

It was a difficult afternoon on our first ever visit to tidy little Recreation

Ground. We were well in the game at the hour mark with the scores locked at 1-1 after Charlie Pitcher cancelled out Tiago Andrade's opener. Alfold's second from Sammy Clemments saw veteran goalkeeper Phil Wickwar limp off injured to be replaced by defender Dan Turner and it was an uphill battle from that. The hosts added a third as Andrade completed his brace for a 3-1 victory.

#### Played for both?

Goalkeeper Alex Harris spent the second half of last season with Alfold. Harris previously had four spells with Hassocks between 2003 and 2017 as well as turning out for Burgess Hill Town, Ringer and AFC Uckfield Town in Sussex.

#### Alfold's dangermen?

Fold have assembled a seriously talented pool of strikers including Devon Fender, Andrade and Sam Lemon. Our back four will have their work cut out in a fortnight.

# 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 Stevning Town home Louis Pittock Peacehaven & Telscombe home Alfie Loversidge Eastbourne Town away Alfie Loversidge Pagham home Charlie Pitcher Peacehaven & Telscombe home James Littlejohn Midhurst & Easebourne away Alfie Loversidge Broadbridge Heath home Jack Gardner East Preston away George Brown 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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George Galbraith-Gibbons	
Lewis Beebee	
Joe Bull	

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#### **Next at the Beacon**



Langney Wanderers Saturday 24th October. 3pm SCFL Premier Division



#### **Horley Town**

George Hyde
Ryan Brackpool
Chad Goulter
Adam Grant
Tony Halsey
Harvey Russell
Tom Hayden
Kevin Moreno-Gomez
Richard Pingling
Bradley Peters
Gav Quintyne
Ryan Smith
James McElligot
Sean O'Toole
Jack Poplett
Chevan Xavier
Jamile Johnson
Kofi Quartey
Russell Harvey
Mario Quiassaca

Manager Anthony Jupp Assistant Dan Pedley Coach Matt Chapman Physio Gail Selby

#### **Today's other Premier Division fixtures**

Crawley Down Gatwick v Saltdean United
Eastbourne Town v Lancing
Lingfield v East Preston
Little Common v Horsham YMCA
Loxwood v Peacehaven & Telscombe
Newhaven v Alfold
Pagham v AFC Uckfield Town
Steyning Town v Eastbourne United