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Southern Combination Premier Division
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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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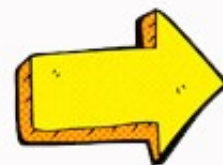
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Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for today's Southern Combination League Premier Division fixture against Langney Wanderers...

To say it has been an interesting week would be a slight understatement.

Seven days ago, we suffered a club-record home defeat when losing 8-0 against Horley Town here at the Beacon.

We then followed that up on Tuesday by going to Gorings Mead - a ground where we hadn't won a league game for 17 years - and winning 3-1 against Horsham YMCA.

Two pieces of history, one unwanted and one very welcome. There are not many clubs who could veer from such a low to such a high in the space of 72 hours. We seem to make a habit of it.

The Horley game was a disappointing afternoon all round. Whilst the Clarets were the best side we have faced this season, to lose by eight clear goals was not acceptable.

This season's squad is a resilient bunch however and the trip to YM was a world away from the weekend's performance.

3-1 could have been five or six. Aaron Jeal in the YM goal made some excellent saves and James Littlejohn hit the woodwork twice in the first half.

The victory lifted us into eighth in the table and although early days, we are already within five points of the 20 that we recorded in the whole of last season before curtailment.

Whilst there have been heavy defeats to Eastbourne Town and Horley Town, the football has generally been excellent and the fact that we are so far enjoying a campaign which is cheese compared to 2019-20's chalk is testament to the hard work that has gone on to (hopefully) avoid another relegation battle.

Away from first team level, the Under 18s continued their 100% start on Sunday against a Billingshurst side managed by the familiar face of Eddie French.

Eddie's side gave the Young Robins their toughest game of the season so far and it was only in the final 15 minutes that we pulled clear to win 3-0. The goals came from Alex Crawford, Beau Howard and Archie Messent.

The Under 23s were in action at home to Jarvis Brook on Thursday night but unfortunately, we went to press before the full time whistle.

If you would like to know how

they got on, then please ask Owen behind the bar and he should be able to give you a detailed run down.

The Ladies meanwhile had last Sunday off. If you are free tomorrow and are looking to catch a game, then they are in action against Ashford at 2pm and entrance is free.

The Under 23s travel to Crowborough Athletic on Thursday night and we are back here next Saturday for a hastily arranged fixture against Alfold.

We would love to see you all here for that one to keep our astonishingly high average crowd for the season going!

Your support has been really appreciated and the money coming through the turnstiles and over the bar has proven to be a lifesaver.

Watching football at a socially distanced Beacon in the winter months will be challenging, but we hope you stick with us and keep supporting non-league football. One thing we can guarantee is that it won't be dull!

Enjoy the game,

Owen and Scott



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Top Scorer Mohammad Mekawir

HONOURS

SCFL Division 1

Runners up 2018

SCFL Division 2

Winners 2014

SCFL Division 1 Cup

Winners 2017

It was an unexpectedly busy summer for Langney Wanderers. They lost manager Simon Colbran with pre-season set to begin, but moved quickly to appoint one of the best young managers in the county...

Colbran did a fine job at the helm last season, building on the work done by Kenny McCreadie who kept Wanderers in the Premier Division in the first ever campaign in the top flight in 2018-19.

Langney were in ninth position when the 2019-20 season was curtailed and looking well placed for a top 10 finish; an outstanding achievement for a club who were only formed 11 years earlier as a Sunday League side.

They have found this season harder going so far, but given the dramas and upheaval that came with Colbran's departure, that perhaps should not come as a surprise.

And as for that new manager? It's former Loxwood boss Alex Walsh, who has already made quite the impression on Sussex football.

Walsh famously kept Loxwood up in 2018-19 from a seemingly hopeless position, playing an exciting brand of football following his appointment.

Spells on the coaching staff at Haywards Heath Town and Worthing added to his burgeoning reputation

and there was no shortage of interest before Langney swooped to get their man.

Wanderers arrive here today with one win and one draw to their name so far in the league, beating Alfold and drawing with Lingfield.

Their cup form has been excellent however as they have gone toe-to-toe with opponents from leagues often considered stronger than the Southern Combination.

Wanderers eliminated Tower Hamlets from the FA Cup before drawing with Harrow Borough, who needed penalties to win through at Priory Lane.

They then beat local rivals Eastbourne United in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase to set up an away tie at Epsom & Ewell, where spot kicks again saw Wanderers eliminated.

If Walsh and his players can bring their cup form into the league, then they will surely not sit in such a lowly position in the table for too long.

A tough afternoon lies in store for the Robins.

10 Key Moments

2009...Langney Wanderers are founded, joining the Lewes & District Sunday League
2012... move from Sunday League football to join the East Sussex Premier Division
2013... win 17 of their 18 games in their first East Sussex League season to win the title
2014... win SCFL Division Two at the first attempt but are unable to be promoted due to ground grading
2015... a 3rd placed finish the next year and planning permission for floodlights see's them promoted
2016... leave their Shinewater Lane home to groundshare with Eastbourne United at the Oval
2017... lift the Division One Cup, their first silverware in senior football
2017... leave the Oval after one season, moving in with Eastbourne Borough at Priory Lane
2018... win promotion to the Premier Division for the first ever time
2019... secure top flight survival with 15th placed finish

Last 7 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 15th
2017-18, Southern Combination One 2nd
2016-17, Southern Combination One 8th
2015-16, Southern Combination One 9th
2014-15, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2013-14, Southern Combination Two 1st
2012-13, East Sussex Premier 1st

Hassocks v Langney Wanderers :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 3 - Won 0 - Drawn 2 – Lost 1 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 – Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

FA Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 – Lost 0 - Scored 2 - Conceded 0

Total... Played 5 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 2 - Scored 8 - Conceded 12

Previous 5 Meetings

2019-20 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 2-4 Langney Wand

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Langney Wanderers 4-0 Hassocks

2019-20 FA Cup: Hassocks 2-0 Langney Wanderers

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Langney

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Langney 2-2 Hassocks



VERY YOUNG HASSOCKS COME CLOSE TO A CUP SHOCK

For the second week running, Hassocks lost to Langney Wanderers and conceded four goals in the process. But that was where the similarities stopped.

Whereas last week's 4-0 Premier Division defeat was something of a walk in the park for Wanderers at Priory Lane, they were made to fight all the way at the Beacon to progress to round three of the Peter Bentley League Cup.

Twice Langney led over the course of the 90 but twice Hassocks came fighting back.

The Robins got to within three minutes of taking the tie to extra time before the visitors struck twice late on, eventually doing just enough to win 4-2 and book a meeting with Division One high flyers Mile Oak in the next round of the competition.

It was harsh on Mark Dalgleish's young battlers, particularly a back four which must surely have been the youngest that the club have ever fielded; the Robins' injury and unavailability crisis showing no sign of abating.

Three quarters of the Hassocks defence were born after the year 2000. As one startled observer watching from the Clubhouse side put it when they heard that statistic, "That means they were born after the Spice Girls split".

Very true. It was a defence that wasn't so much Baby, Posh, Sporty and Scary as Baby, Baby, Baby and Harvey.

You had 16-year-old Luke Marshall partnered at centre back by 19-year-old Dan Turner, rushing back to help out from a nasty arm injury picked up on Under 23 duty three weeks ago and which had left him in a sling.

At right back, there was another 16-year-old as Jack Gardner came into the side for his full debut.

The elder statesman of the defence was Harvey Blake, himself only 24-years-old and wearing the captain's armband for the first time in the absence of so many other senior players.

Hassocks had looked toothless in attack last week and they were at least boosted in that department this time around with Jamie Hillwood, Liam Benson and Joe Bull all back to add a welcome boost to the Robins' firepower.

The only goal of the first half arrived after just 10 minutes, Joe Summerbell hitting an opportunistic effort from 25 yards which beat Josh Green.

You could have been forgiven at that point for thinking a repeat of last week's heavy defeat was on the cards, but while Langney dominated possession, clear cut chances were harder to come by for either side.

That's testament to the efforts of the Robins' young defence, who made it to the break without conceding any further goals.

This provided Hassocks with a platform to be a little more positive in the second half and they duly began to take the game to the visitors.

Just past the hour mark and the Robins' desire to get on the front foot was rewarded when Hillwood hit a distance effort of his own, flummoxing Langney goalkeeper Dan Hutchings from well outside the box for 1-1.

Wanderers boss Simon Colbran responded by turning to his bench and on came Ali Mekawir in place of Matt Fear. It proved to be an inspired decision.

Within five minutes of his introduction, Mekawir had put Langney back into the lead with a well worked goal, the finish being applied from inside the six yard box.

Mekawir had the chance to wrap things up on 83 but he fired wide with only Green to beat and that miss was duly punished as Hassocks went

straight up the other end to equalise for the second time.

Langney defender Shaun Lee suffered an unfortunate slip in the build up to the goal and that allowed Ben Bacon to get in one-on-one.

Bacon still had plenty to do but he produced a cool, calm and collected finish to life the ball over the advancing Hutchings for his seventh goal in 15 games since re-joining from Steyning Town.

There were just six minutes of normal time remaining at that point and extra time was looming large, a deserved reward for the doggedness of Hassocks' young side.

But Langney have carved out a reputation so far this season as a side who never die.

They've already come back from 3-0 down with 25 minutes remaining to draw 3-3 away at Newhaven and, sadly from a Hassocks point of view, those qualities were on display as with three minutes left, the visitors took the lead for the third time.

The Robins couldn't quite clear their lines from a goalmouth scramble and the melee ended with Dan Blackmore heading home.

Hassocks poured forward after that and forced a couple of half chances but they were also vulnerable to being picked off on the break.

And that's where Langney's fourth game from deep into five minutes of time added on, a blistering counter attacking move led by Mekawir and finished off by Max Hollobone.

Hassocks: Green; Gardner, Turner, Marshall, Blake; Enticknap, Stokes; Benson, Bull, Hillwood; Bacon.

Subs: Ransome, Pople (used), Galbraith-Gibbons, Spinks, P Wickwar.



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Charlie pitches in to win Player of the Month

No prizes for guessing who was voted as our September Player of the Month.

Hassocks played eight times in the first month of the 2020-21 season and in four of those matches, Charlie Pitcher was chosen as supporters' Man of the Match.

That form unsurprisingly translated to him picking up the first Player of the Month award of the campaign, seeing off the challenges of Alfie Loversidge and Jack Troak who finished second and third respectively.

Pitcher topped his first matchday poll of the season when notching the consolation in the 3-1 defeat at Alfold which started our Premier Division campaign.

He was on target again against Lancing three days later, giving one of his former clubs a real test as Hassocks shocked the side who had been top of the table in 2019-20 before curtailment of the season struck by winning 3-2 at the Beacon.

The next Saturday Pitcher picked up his third successive Man of the Match away at Bedford Sports in the FA Cup. He scored in that one too, showing his quality against Isthmian League opponents as the Robins lost 3-1.

An early injury against Steyning Town prevented Pitcher making it four in a row and his absence was keenly felt against Peacehaven & Telscombe in the FA Vase when Hassocks drew a blank in exiting the competition in a toothless 3-0 defeat.

Pitcher returned for the trip to Eastbourne Town but didn't look entirely fit. 72 hours later however he single handedly put Pagham to the sword, scoring both the goals as the Robins tamed the Lions to win 2-1 and end Pagham's unbeaten start to the campaign.

Whilst Pitcher has been writing most of the headlines, 17-year-old Alfie Loversidge has been creating a quiet buzz himself with a series of exciting cameos.

Loversidge showed no fear when coming on against Lancing, helping

to turn the game in Hassocks' favour and drawing praise for his talents from the Lancers management.

He was one of the few Hassocks players to threaten in the Vase tie with Peacehaven and notched his first senior goal for the club in the 6-2 defeat at Eastbourne Town.

Loversidge is having his game time carefully managed, but the glimpses that Hassocks fans have seen so far were enough to push him into second place in the poll - and point to a very bright future.

Troak meanwhile has benefited hugely from being moved into a more advanced role for 2020-21 from the left back berth he filled in the second half of last season.

The result has been four goals in eight appearances from left midfield and a blossoming relationship with both Pitcher and James Littlejohn.

Troak's best match of the month came at Balham in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round where he was on target in the 90 minutes and then showed nerves of steel to convert the winning penalty in the shoot out.

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	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	0-8	
20/10 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	3-1	Troak, Pitcher (2)
24/10 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (H)	SCFLP		
31/10 - 15:00	Alfold (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		
26/12 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
28/12 - 11:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
January				
02/01 - 15:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
16/01 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/01 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
30/01 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
February				
13/02 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
20/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
27/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
March				
06/03 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
13/03 - 15:00	Horley Town (A)	SCFLP		
20/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
27/03 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
April				
03/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
05/04 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
10/04 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
17/04 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
24/04 - 15:00	Langney Wanderers (A)	SCFLP		
May				
01/05 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
08/05 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Andy Whittingham	14	0	14	0	95	1
Bradley Bant	13	0	13	0	144	12
Dan Turner	13	0	13	0	26	2
James Littlejohn	12	1	13	3	69	15
Jack Gardner	9	4	13	0	15	0
Charlie Pitcher	12	0	12	8	34	11
Jack Troak	12	0	12	5	44	10
Alfie Loversidge	3	8	11	1	12	1
Harvey Enticknap	9	2	11	1	64	4
George Brown	9	1	10	2	16	3
Joe Bull	3	7	10	1	61	4
Jake Chadwick	8	1	9	0	9	0
Will Broomfield	6	1	7	0	87	3
Josh Short	5	1	6	0	6	0
Dave Carruthers	5	0	5	0	5	0
Louis Pittock	5	0	5	0	5	0
Charlie Pugh	5	0	5	0	17	0
Chris Neatherway	3	1	4	0	4	0
Phil Gault	1	3	4	0	337	185
Ben O'Leary	2	1	3	0	12	0
Conor Evento	2	0	2	0	2	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	1	2	0	2	0
Lewis Beebee	0	2	2	0	2	0
George Galbraith-Gibbons	0	2	2	0	35	4
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
Jamie Wilkes	0	1	1	0	1	0

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**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 17th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-8 Horley Town**



If there can be any consolation from suffering a club record heaviest ever home defeat, then Hassocks could at least take solace from the fact that it was an excellent Horley Town outfit who won 8-0 at the Beacon.

The Clarets are the only side who remain unbeaten in the Premier Division and based on this showing, it will take some effort to stop them winning the title in only their second season in the Southern Combination League following a sideways move from the Combined Counties in 2019.

Anthony Jupp's side knocked the ball around well, were superbly organised and scored some excellent goals among their rather large haul.

The only gripe one could have is that they were perhaps a little too keen to get on the backs of the officials, although referee Daniel Cooper did not enjoy the best of afternoons with a series of mystifying decisions that left both teams baffled.

Chief among those was the red card flashed to Jake Chadwick with four minutes remaining.

The Hassocks midfielder accidentally tripped Horley's Lewis Pearch and despite the pleas of even the visiting players that it was never worthy of a yellow card, Mr Cooper showed Chadwick his second booking.

George Brown had been sent off five minutes earlier although there could be no defence of him, Brown picking up a straight red for a tirade directed at Mr Cooper.

Those two dismissals played their parts in the scoreline; before Brown was sent off, it was 'only' 5-0 to Horley. Two of the Clarets' final three goals came once Hassocks were down to nine and those remaining on the pitch appeared to have thrown in the towel slightly.

Hassocks were also dealt an injury blow when goalkeeper Conor Evento limped off with a leg problem eight minutes into the second half.

This was Evento's second appearance since signing from Broadbridge Heath with his Hassocks career so far enjoying the sort of bad luck that suggests he must have broken several mirrors before making the move to the Beacon.

Evento pulled his thigh early on in his debut against Eastbourne Town. With no goalkeeper on the bench, he completed the 90 at the Saffrons despite playing on only one leg.

Hassocks did at least have a replacement custodian among their substitutes this time in Under 18s goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley.

He entered proceedings in place of Evento at 3-0 but could do little about the following five goals, given the red cards and quality of Horley's finishing.

The visitors took the lead with 10 minutes on the clock when Sean O'Toole gobbled up the rebound after Evento saved a Kevin Moreno-Gomez drive from distance.

Hassocks had a chance to equalise on 16 when Will Broomfield collected a half-cleared Charlie Pitcher free kick, whipping a cross into the box which Horley goalkeeper George Hyde got just enough of a touch on to take off the head of Harvey Enticknap who looked certain to score.

Richard Pingling struck a penalty against Evento's post with 21 minutes played but that miss didn't matter as within 120 seconds, O'Toole drilled an effort from outside the box across Evento and into the bottom corner to double the advantage.

O'Toole injured himself in the process and his enforced substitution rocked Horley a little as Hassocks enjoyed their best spell.

James Littlejohn earned a free kick on the edge of the box which Bradley Bant curled just wide and when visiting defender Jack Poplett fell over to leave Littlejohn in one-on-one, it took an excellent double save from Hyde to prevent the Robins

pulling one back.

Visiting skipper Ryan Brackpool lost his mind with Mr Cooper on both occasions and was lucky to escape with only a yellow for getting in the official's face twice in the space of three minutes.

Horley's third arrived on 38 when Adam Grant bent a stunning effort into the top corner, at which point the home crowd began to sense their team might need to resort to an effort in damage limitation in the second half.

Unfortunately, things went from bad to worse. Grant rounded off a brilliant passing move which sliced through Hassocks by skipping around Dunkley and finishing via a post to add the fourth just three minutes after Dunkley had been forced into the action.

Pingling added the fifth on 80 with a towering header from Hyde's cross, Brown saw red two minutes later and 60 seconds after that Horley had their sixth with another distance effort bent into the top corner, this time from Lewis Pearch.

Chadwick's dismissal left Hassocks in the strange position of trying to time waste at 6-0 down to prevent the score getting any worse but it made little difference as two goals in stoppage time wrote an unwanted piece of Hassocks history.

Tony Halsey added the seventh in the 90th minute with Grant completing his hat-trick with a header in the fifth minute of injury time before the whistle finally blew to put Hassocks out of their misery.

Hassocks: Evento; Gardner, Broomfield, Brown, Whittingham; Enticknap, Bant, Chadwick, Short; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

Subs: Bull (Short 46), Dunkley (Evento 53), O'Leary (Bull 63), Marshall, Beebee (unused).

AFTER 17 YEARS... IT'S FUN TO STAY AT THE YMCA FOR HASSOCKS

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 20th October 2020, Gorings Mead
Horsham YMCA 1-3 Hassocks**



Nothing surprises when it comes to Hassocks. Three days after suffering the heaviest home defeat in their history when losing 8-0 to Horley Town, the Robins went and won a league game away at Horsham YMCA for the first time in 17 years.

Saturday 22nd November 2003 was the last time Hassocks left Gorings Mead with three points.

Tony Blair was Prime Minister, Busted were top of the charts with 'Crashed the Wedding' and Pat Harding scored twice in the space of 120 seconds to secure a 2-0 win for Dave John's Robins.

Little could Johnsy have known that day that Hassocks would have to wait until 2020 to win at YM again, nor did he probably expect to still be in the dugout, albeit in his fourth spell at the helm.

There was another brace scorer on this occasion, too. Charlie Pitcher repeated Harding's heroics with a double which, combined with Jack Troak's penalty, proved enough to give the Robins a 3-1 success.

Hassocks made three changes from the Horley hammering; injured goalkeeper Connor Evento and midfielder Josh Short were replaced by Charlie Pugh and Jack Troak and Dan Turner returned for George Brown, who hadn't covered himself in glory at the weekend when picking up a red card for dissent.

That meant that eight of the starting line up remained and it was clear from the first whistle that they were determined to redeem themselves.

Aaron Jeal in the YM goal made the first of a series of excellent saves with 10 minutes played.

The outstanding James Littlejohn had clearly taken inspiration from the Strictly Come Dancing launch show as he foxtrotted into the box past four challenges, eventually laying the ball off to Bradley Bant whose low drive was repelled.

More fast footwork from Littlejohn earned a free kick on the edge of the box five minutes later, from which the Hassocks striker clipped the bar after dusting himself down to bend an effort which Jeal could only watch onto the woodwork.

Littlejohn then rattled the right hand post after a well worked move in which he dummied Bant's sweeping cross for Pitcher before collecting the lay off and getting a shot away which again beat Jeal but not the frame of the goal.

Hassocks got the goal that their enterprising start deserved on the half hour mark.

Harvey Enticknap appeared to have the ball glued to his foot as he turned this way and that along the by-line, eventually drawing a foul which left referee Daniel D'Urso with little choice other than to point to the spot.

No Hassocks player seemed particularly eager to take the penalty, hardly a surprise given the Robins had missed their previous two.

Eventually, Troak stepped up and he sent Jeal the wrong way, confidently despatching into the bottom right hand corner of the YM goal to give the visitors the lead.

Unfortunately, they weren't ahead for long. Within two minutes, Dean Carden popped up on the right wing to deliver a cross which Cameron Gyeabour met with a looping header, giving Pugh no chance.

That took the sting out of the game a little. Hassocks next mustered a chance on the stroke of half time when Chadwick played in Troak, he skipped around Kyle Sim but saw his one-on-one brilliantly saved by a strong Jeal hand.

Just as in the first half, Hassocks came flying out of the traps at the start of the second and they retook the lead within three minutes of the restart.

There seemed little on when Bant chested a ball down 25 yards out

from goal until Pitcher burst onto the scene, where he put his ability to make something out of nothing to good use by smashing a half volley into the bottom corner.

Pugh had a rare piece of work to do when he saved bravely at the feet of Charlie Gee as YM looked for another instant response.

The next goal would be crucial. YM's attempts to find one were not helped when Adrian Todd talked himself into 10 minutes in the sin bin, during which time Hassocks added that vital third.

Bant swung over a corner, Turner produced a clever head down to Broomfield who headed away from goal. "You're going the wrong way, Will," somebody helpfully shouted but Broomfield clearly knew what he was doing as the ball found Pitcher who rifled home through a crowd for 3-1.

It was fairly comfortable for Hassocks from that point on. Troak might have added a fourth when he again went through, only for the ball to spoon off his shin pad and into the arms of Jeal and the YM keeper showed smart handling to hold a Chadwick piledriver from distance.

"Have a shot next time, Jake" was the shout from the sidelines for that one, this time given by Chadwick's father of all people.

That raised a few smiles on the Hassocks bench and there plenty more when the final whistle went. From a club-record defeat to ending a 17-year hoodoo in the space of three days. It's never dull with Hassocks.

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

Subs: Gault (Enticknap 65), Wilkes (Troak 80), O'Leary, Marshall, 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	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		
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	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

GALBRAITH-GIBBONS GRABS A BRACE AS ROBINS WIN AT LAST

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Wednesday 14th October 2020, High Tinsley Lane
Oakwood U23s 1-2 Hassocks U23s**

It has been a while coming, but Hassocks Under 23s finally have their first victory of the 2020-21 season on the board.

Oakwood were the opponents who the Robins got the monkey off their back against, winning 2-1 at Tinsley Lane to get their campaign up and running.

George Galbraith-Gibbons was the Hassocks hero, scoring a brace which ultimately decided this tie between two sides who came into the fixture winless.

Both had a solitary point to show for their efforts so far, Oakwood having drawn 4-4 against Loxwood a month earlier with Hassocks holding Horley Town 1-1 in their second match of the season.

Oakwood had however had an excellent result the previous week, eliminating Saltdean United from the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup with a 5-3 home win which made them slight favourites for this one.

The Robins meanwhile had exited the competition with a limp 2-0 defeat against East Preston on the same night.

Despite that defeat, Hassocks kept faith with virtually the same side. The Robins line up has altered dramatically week to week over the first five weeks of the campaign, so a little bit of consistency was much welcome even if it came off the back of a disappointing result.

There were three changes from

that EP match. Under 18s top scorer Lewis Beebee was promoted from the substitutes bench in place of Phil Gault, who had been given a run out the previous week as he steps up his return from injury.

Brad Sweetman replaced Ben O'Leary and Harvey Ransome came in for Marshall Smith, who dropped down to what was a very young bench containing two youth team players in Alex Crawford and Charlie Jones.

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Hassocks have good memories of Tinsley Lane. They were 5-1 winners on their only previous visit last November thanks to a Phil Johnson hat-trick and goals from Joe Bull and Galbraith-Gibbons.

It did not take Galbraith-Gibbons long to reacquaint himself with this particular part of Crawley.

Within 10 minutes, the Robins' top scorer had put his side into the lead and 25 minutes later, he doubled the advantage to move onto three for the season.

Oakwood's consolation came from an own goal but the hosts were unable to find another way onto the



score sheet as Hassocks held onto a vital three points.

The result sets the Robins up nicely for next Thursday when they are back at the Beacon against Southern Combination League Under 23 newcomers Jarvis Brook.

It will be the first ever meeting between the two sides at Under 23 level.

The last time Hassocks played Brook with any sort of frequency was around 10 years ago, when the Robins' third team were Mid Sussex Premier Division counterparts of Brook's first team. Kick off at the Beacon is at 7:30pm.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Marshall, Sweetman, Jupp, Ransome, Bradley, Hicks, Wilkes, Bull, Galbraith-Gibbons, Beebee.

Subs: Crawford, Jones, Smith, Mercer (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	18-0	Beebee (2), Crawford (3), Howard (2), Russell (4), Sprigg (3), Loversidge (3), Messent
11/10 - 10:30	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFL18	6-0	Russell (3), Howard (2), Beebee
18/10 - 11:00	Billingshurst (H)	SCFL18	3-0	Crawford, Howard, Messent

Under 18 Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Lewis Beebee	6	0	6	10
Kobe Dersley	6	0	6	0
Jayden Dunkley	6	0	6	0
Daniel Llewellyn	5	1	6	0
Archie Russell	5	1	6	10
Archie Messent	4	2	6	3
Josh Sprigg	4	2	6	5
Fraser Mears	1	5	6	0
Alex Crawford	5	0	5	4
Harry Bundy	4	1	5	1
Beau Howard	4	1	5	7
Oscar De Janon Griph	2	2	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	2	2	4	3
Louis Thwaites	2	2	4	1
Cody Craig	1	3	4	1
Charlie Jones	3	0	3	0
Luke Marshall	3	0	3	0
Owen Parker	1	2	3	0
Jack Gardner	1	1	2	0
Sam Geard	1	0	1	0
Yahya Azizi	0	1	1	1
Stan Hull	0	1	1	0



ROBINS PASS ANVILS TEST WITH FLYING COLOURS

Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division

Sunday 11th October 2020, The Beacon

Hassocks U18s 6-0 Crawley Down Gatwick U18s

There is no stopping Hassocks Under 18s. Five games into the 2020-21 season and the Robins have a 100 percent record, have plundered 37 goals and conceded just twice.

The latest side to fall under their spell was Crawley Down Gatwick, who arrived at the Beacon looking like an opposition who would offer a different threat to anything which Hassocks had faced so far.

Down were a physical outfit. And yet the Robins took this new challenge in their stride, scoring four quickfire goals in a blistering period which ultimately gave them a 6-0 success.

Ominously for the rest of the Southern Combination League North Division, the Robins are getting stronger too.

Brad Sweetman gave a debut to new signing Sam Gead and with a couple of other additions in the pipeline, the Robins have real strength in depth across the park.

Hassocks are yet to field their strongest side either. Jack Gardner has established himself as a first team regular and so has barely featured for the Under 18s whilst Alfie Loversidge may have started here, but he is very much a part of the senior squad too.

Gead and Loversidge were two of the three changes from the previous week's 18-0 Sussex Dennis

Probee Under 18 Youth Cup first round win over Rottingdean Village.

Also coming into the side was Luke Marshall, another player who has been on the first team bench so far and turned out regularly for the Under 23s.

Owen Parker, Daniel Llewellyn and Josh Sprigg were the players dropping out, the latter two sitting on the bench whilst Parker missed out completely.

Archie Russell in particular enjoyed a fruitful morning as he hit a hat-trick to move onto seven goals

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for the season.

Lewis Beebee remains the Robins' top scorer on 10 and he hit the back of the net against the Anvils, meaning that he continued his record of scoring in every game so far.

Beau Howard was the scorer of Hassocks' two other goals as his impressive start to life at the Beacon goes on with four goals from only three appearances.

The result leaves the Robins level on points with Horsham YMCA at the



top of the Southern Combination Under 18 League North Division.

Both sides have won four from four. Hassocks have a superior goal difference of +26 compared to YM's +14, not that it matters as the league controversially does not use goal difference to decide positions.

It does suggest though that the North Division could be in for a two-horse title race between Hassocks and YM, although St Francis Rangers also have a 100 percent record having played a game less.

Hassocks should face a stern test of the credentials next Sunday when Billingshurst come to the Beacon - managed by one of the best players to have ever come through the Robins youth system, Eddie French.

Hassocks: Dunkley, De Janon Griph, Crawford, Marshall, Gead, Dersley, Jones, Russell, Howard, Loversidge Beebee.

Subs: Mears, Llewellyn, Sprigg, Messent, Craig (used).

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FRENCH-LED BILLINGSHURST MAKE HASSOCKS WORK HARD

**Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division
Sunday 18th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 3-0 Billingshurst U18s**

Hassocks Under 18s faced their toughest test of the 2020-21 season so far against a well organised Billingshurst outfit at the Beacon.

That didn't really come as a surprise to anyone given the identity of the man in the away dugout.

Former Hassocks favourite Eddie French is the Billingshurst manager and he knows a thing or two about what it takes to forge a good youth team.

French came through the ranks as part of one of the best Under 18s sides that Hassocks have had at the same time as he captained Sussex.

He went onto play nearly 100 times for the Robins first team before going onto become a club legend in the Isthmian League with Horsham.

Despite leaving the Beacon nearly 20 years ago now, French remains a popular figure and he and his team received a warm welcome on his return.

It says much about French's players that they pushed Hassocks harder than anyone has managed so far thanks to a disciplined, organised performance which aimed to keep them in the game for as long as possible.

The Robins' quality eventually came through to secure a sixth consecutive success via a 3-0 win, but Hassocks had to wait until the final 15 minutes to score two of those goals.

It was a much sterner test than

the Robins are used to, especially having plundered 43 goals from their previous five outings.

Hassocks made four changes from the side who seen off a physical Crawley Down Gatwick outfit 6-0 a week earlier at the Beacon.

Dropping out of the starting line up were Oscar De Janon Griph, Sam Geard, Charlie Jones and Alfie Loversidge.

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Daniel Llewellyn, Josh Sprigg and Archie Messent were all promoted from the bench and Harry Bundy returned after missing the victory over the Anvils.

The fact that it took some time for Hassocks to wrap up victory enabled the Robins to display a different string to their bow other than simply steamrolling teams aside.

They had to remain patient and calm and keep plugging away until victory was eventually sealed with those late goals in the final quarter.

The identity of Hassocks' scorers will have pleased manager Brad Sweetman too as it was not the usual suspects who hit the back of the net to see off plucky Hurst.

Joint top scorer Lewis Beebee



failed to notch for the first time this season as neither he nor Archie Russell were able to add to the 10 goals they have already plundered.

Instead, it was captain Alex Crawford who continued his rich recent form with a fourth goal in five games having scored just twice from 12 appearances in the 2019-20 season before the pandemic and curtailment arrived.

Two of this summer's new signings provided the Robins' other goals with Beau Howard and Archie Messent on target, ending the spirited fight of a Billingshurst side who should take a lot of heart from their performance.

Hassocks have a week off next weekend. We are currently awaiting conformation of the Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division fixtures for November, so please keep an eye on our website for details of when and where you can catch the Young Robins over the next month.

They are well worth a watch at the moment.

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

Subs: De Janon Griph, Craig, Hull, Mears (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				
11/10 - 14:30	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

Player	2020-21 Season			
	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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TOO MANY PLAYERS MISSING TO AVOID A WASP'S STING

London & South East Women's League Division One
Sunday 11th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 2-8 Crawley Wasps



Not even a week off could help to clear Hassocks Ladies' injury list and it was a squad down to its bare bones that suffered an 8-2 reversal against Crawley Wasps.

Having sat out last Sunday, the Robins might have been hoping that the rest would result in some of their injured players returning to action.

Instead, the absentees list seemed to be worse than ever. It forced Hassocks into switching from their normal back three to a back four and also meant that the Robins were without their number one, Sarah Chappell, who remains ruled out with a shoulder injury.

It took the new-long Hassocks a while to get going as Wasps dominated the early exchanges.

Sam Newman and Tallie Bright both had to make smart clearances before the visitors had the ball in the back of the net with seven minutes played. Fortunately for Hassocks, it was ruled out for offside.

The Robins responded to that let off by forcing four corners in succession, all of which were delivered into dangerous areas by Jodie Johanson. From the final one, Jess Craig headed just wide.

Wasps took the lead from a corner of their own up the other end. Ellie Moquet in the Hassocks goal had made a superb sprawling save, only to see Wasps swing over a delivery from which they hit the bar with the

rebound being scrambled home.

That was on 16 minutes. 10 later and Wasps doubled their advantage with a brilliant goal from distance which Hassocks could do nothing about.

The Robins bounced back impressively from going 2-0 behind as Jo Brown began foraging forward and Johanson had a couple of winding runs deep into the Wasps half.

Mia Pordage fired narrowly over from a Liz King pass as Wasps struggled to cope with the pressure which Hassocks were now starting to exert.

The Robins got their reward on 36 minutes when they halved the deficit. Another excellent corner from Johanson was flicked on by Stevens at the near post for Katie Read to convert for her first goal in Hassocks colours.

Unfortunately, the joy was short-lived. Three minutes after the Robins thought they had hauled themselves back into, a heavily deflected effort beat Moquet to restore Wasps' two-goal advantage going into the break.

Hassocks started the second half the better side and King fired just over after Bright's tenacity had earned a corner.

It was against the run of play when Wasps added their fourth with a speculative shot which deceived Moquet.

The Robins could have thrown the towel in at that point but instead they continued to plug away, adding a

second with 55 minutes played.

King's skilful approach play found Jess Craig who fired home an unstoppable shot from outside the area.

Hassocks suddenly had a lifeline. They couldn't claw their way back into things though and Wasps added their fifth from a penalty spot on the hour mark.

Two minutes later and a sixth effectively wrapped things up for the visitors. Hassocks kept pushing and a powerful run from Jess Craig created a chance from Bright which was put just over.

Substitute Anna Humphries came on for her Hassocks debut alongside Holly Webb as Newman and Johanson were withdrawn.

Johanson's substitution was due to injury, making her another player who Hassocks may have to cope without going in the coming weeks.

Wasps added two more in the closing stages to make it eight, although the consensus among both sides afterwards was that this was harsh on Hassocks.

The Robins had battled well and competed for long periods, especially given that they were without so many key players. The sooner they are back, the better.

Hassocks: Moquet, Newman, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Bright, J Craig, King, Johanson, Pordage, Read.

Subs: Webb, Humphrey (used), S Chappell (unused).

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The late 00s were not a good time for Hassocks against sides from lower divisions in cup competitions. On this day in **2009**, it was Seaford Town's turn to come to the Beacon and cause an upset...

HASSOCKS BLOW IT AGAINST DIVISION TWO TOWN

For the second season running, Hassocks exited the John O'Hara League Cup at the second round stage against opponents from Division Two.

Last year it was a dismal showing away at Rustington that put paid to the Robins hopes of ending their 107 year wait for a senior trophy.

This time around, it was Seaford Town who left the Beacon with a top division scalp via a 2-1 win.

There was a blow for Hassocks before kick off when the in-form Neil Kane had to pull out before the start.

Kane had notched four goals in his past three appearances despite playing with a troublesome knee.

It was that knee that went in the pre-game warm up, leaving the Robins with just three substitutes as James Laing came in to take Kane's place in the starting line-up.

There was then further bad news at half time with Anthony Hibbert picking up a hamstring problem in the first 45.

That forced Dave John into a tactical reshuffle with Phil Gault dropping into midfield and Logan Newington getting an extended run up front alongside Laing.

Hassocks began the game in impressive fashion and should have been one up as early as the second minute.

A slick passing move involving Gault and Hibbert played in Daley Clark.

Clark's first effort was blocked but he picked up the rebound and faced

an open goal, only to somehow contrive to hit the far post.

It was an open tie from that moment on which was all the remarkable given the difficulty both sides faced in playing in a gale force wind blowing across the Beacon.

Joel Harding's fingertips kept out one Seaford effort before the visitor's rangy striker Drew Greenall provided a miss nearly as bad as Clark's when he put a free header wide.

Scott Dartnall wasn't far away with an enterprising 45-yard effort before an uncharacteristic error from Harding gifted Seaford the lead with 33 minutes played.

There looked to be very little danger as a low cross was delivered but Harding spilled it straight to the feet of Joe Cutress who gratefully fired the loose ball home.

Harding made amends five minutes later with an unbelievable reaction save, changing direction after a Rickie Mitchell shot picked up a huge deflection off Sol Bowra.

Both sides seemed eager to use the wind more in the second half and Harding looked less than comfortable dealing with a couple of high crosses.

It was from one such instance that Seaford added their second, a 65th minute cross coming in which Harding spilled, allowing Seaford skipper Ben Dartnall to poke home.

Hassocks felt that Harding had been fouled but after a long consultation with his assistant, referee Mark Parsons was happy to allow the goal to stand.

The boot was on the other foot six minutes later when Arni Kublickas' left wing cross sailed straight over the head of Sheldon Levett.

The visitors' felt Levett had been fouled as he ended up in the back of the net but even if there had been sufficient contact to award a foul, the ball had already flown past the goalkeeper before he was touched.

That was Kublickas' first senior goal and poetic justice for the way that Seaford had scored their second.

It set up a tense last 19 minutes in which Seaford backs were very much against the wall.

The Robins had plenty of opportunities to force extra time with Newington spurning two good one-on-one chances.

The first of those saw him finish somewhat meekly which allowed Levett to save comfortably and the second saw him lift the ball agonisingly over the bar.

Adam Kneller then produced a superb last-ditch tackle to nick the ball off Newington and Gault and Laing tried their luck from distance without much success.

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

Subs: Newington (Hibbert 45), Thompson (Clark 75), Bates (unused).

Starman: Stuart Faith.

Around the League



Whilst Horley Town were busy climbing to the top of the Premier Division with that 8-0 win here last Saturday, here is what was going on around the rest of the Southern Combination League...

Horley were able to assume position one in the table after AFC Uckfield Town suffered their second league defeat of the campaign.

The Oakmen were beaten 2-0 away at **Pagham** who had goals in either half from Sam Connolly and Jared Rance for their three points.

Former Hassocks striker Phil Johnson was on target for **Crawley Down Gatwick** but it was nothing more than a consolation as the Anvils were beaten 3-1 by **Saltdean United**.

Reece Hallard, Ryan Warwick and on own goal proved enough to give the Tigers another three points as their impressive start to the season continued.

Eastbourne Town came from behind to beat **Lancing** 3-1 at the Saffrons in the meeting between last season's top two.

James Waters gave the Lancers the perfect start by putting the visitors ahead after seven minutes, only for Sam Cole and a double from substitute Nathan Crabb to ensure that the points remained with Town.

Bottom club **East Preston** remain winless after they were hammered 5-0 by **Lingfield** at the Sports Pavilion.

Among the goals for the Lingers were James Allen, Sami Bakhit, Siao Blackwood, Tyler Cox and Jamie Bakhit, giving them five different scorers.

Lee Robinson scored both of the goals for **Newhaven** as they beat **Alfold** 2-0 at the Trafalgar Ground whilst Spencer Slaughter's Loxwood seem to be picking up a bit of form as they won 2-1 against

Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Max Hollobone put the Tye 1-0 ahead going into half time before second half goals from Tadley Bromage and Callum Dowdell secured a big three points.

It became something of an ill-tempered affair by the end with the Magpies Luke Brodie and Peacehaven's Lawrence Sanded both seeing red.

Goals in the final 15 minutes from Lewis Parsons and James Miriam-Batchelor gave **Little Common** a 2-0 success over **Horsham YMCA** with the final Premier Division match ending 5-0 to **Steinyng Town** against **Eastbourne United**.

George Cousins and Thomas Howard-Bold hit two apiece with Cian Griffin-Tilley joining them on the score sheet.

In Division One, leaders **Bexhill United** just about managed to squeeze past **Midhurst & Easebourne** by winning 3-2 at the Rotherfield.

Jake Slater and Lewis Hyde scored for the hosts with the victors goals coming from Jamie Bunn, Charlie Curran and Finnley Colin Page.

Littlehampton Town had an equally tough game on the road in seeing off 10 man **Shoreham** 2-1 at Middle Road.

Neil Munday was on target for the Mussels who had Johnathan Lansdale sent off. The Marigolds' goals came from Daniel Heggarty and Jordan Layton.

Joe Keehan's 83rd minute strike kept **AFC Varndeanians** in third as they saw off **Roffey** 2-1 at Bartholomew Way.

Dom Hemblade had given V's an eighth minute lead, only for Matthew Rendell's equaliser to make it look like Roffey might take a share of the spoils.

Daniel Simmonds scored a hat-trick as **Wick** beat **Mile Oak** 5-2 at Crabtree Park and an 89th minute equaliser from Rhys Taylor earned **Hailsham Town** a point at home to **Billingshurst** after an entertaining 3-3 draw.

The recent resurgence of **Worthing United** shows no sign of slowing as they won 2-1 at **Arundel** thanks to goals from Callum Thomas and Billy White. Jack Collins scored for the Mullets.

In the division's final game, Billy Pout helped himself to a brace to lead **Seaford Town** to a 2-1 success against **Oakwood**.

Simon Funnell's TD Shipley lead the way in Division Two after hammering **Charlwood** 4-0 at Dragons Green.

Copthorne squeaked past **Bosham** 3-2 thanks to Miguel Figueira-Dunne's 82nd minute winner and **Upper Beeding** were convincing 6-1 victors at **Rottingdean Village**.

St Francis Rangers had former Robin Max Willcox and Arthur Rawlingson on target as they defeated **Ferring** 2-0 at Colwell Road, **Brighton Electricity** and **Jarvis Brook** shared six goals in a 3-3 draw at Withdean Stadium and **Littlehampton United** saw off the challenge of **Rustington** 2-1.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	10	7	2	1	23	9	23
Horley Town	9	7	1	1	28	7	22
AFC Uckfield Town	10	6	2	2	15	9	20
Eastbourne Town	10	6	1	3	22	13	19
Lingfield	10	5	3	2	19	14	18
Newhaven	8	5	2	1	18	5	17
Pagham	9	4	4	1	19	10	16
Hassocks	10	5	0	5	18	29	15
Lancing	9	4	2	3	22	16	14
Alfold	9	4	2	3	20	15	14
Crawley Down Gatwick	8	4	1	3	16	15	13
Loxwood	10	4	1	5	16	19	13
Little Common	9	3	3	3	16	14	12
Steyning Town	9	4	0	5	13	12	12
Eastbourne United	10	3	1	6	9	23	10
Peacehaven & Tels.	10	3	0	7	15	17	9
Broadbridge Heath	8	2	0	6	12	22	6
Langney Wanderers	7	1	1	5	4	13	4
Horsham YMCA	9	1	0	8	6	22	3
East Preston	10	0	2	8	9	36	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	291	300	280
Peacehaven & Telscombe	240	294	0
Hassocks	187	228	104
Newhaven	166	231	72
Lancing	131	143	120
Eastbourne United	129	148	110
Pagham	117	149	98
Broadbridge Heath	110	173	75
Horsham YMCA	108	134	74
AFC Uckfield Town	94	133	63
Horley Town	92	105	0
Steyning Town	89	103	81
Saltdean United	85	104	0
East Preston	84	105	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	77	90	53
Little Common	76	107	55
Loxwood	74	86	62
Alfold	69	81	55
Lingfield	62	76	38
Langney Wanderers	40	40	0

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Saltdean United	DWWWWW
Horley Town	WWWWWL
Eastbourne Town	WWLWWW
Lingfield	WLWDWW
Newhaven	DWWLWW
AFC Uckfield Town	WWWLWL
Hassocks	WWLWLW
Pagham	DWLWWD
Alfold	LWLWLW
Steyning Town	LLWLWW
Little Common	WLLWLW
Loxwood	LWLLWW
Lancing	DWLWLD
Crawley Down Gatwick	DLWWLL
Peacehaven & Tels.	LWLWLL
Broadbridge Heath	LLWWLL
Langney Wanderers	DLWLLL
Eastbourne United	LLLLDL
Horsham YMCA	LLLLL
East Preston	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Louis Croal	B'bridge Heath	10
Adam Grant	Horley Town	10
Devon Fender	Alfold	8
Charlie Pitcher	Hassocks	8
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	8
Sam Lemon	Alfold	8
Joe Clarke	Pagham	7
Ben Connolly	Lancing	7
George Cousins	Steyning Town	7
Kelvin Lucas	Alfold	7
Dan Perry	AFC Uckfield	7
Matt Daniel	Lancing	6
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	6
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	6
Jared Rance	Pagham	6
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	6
Bright Temba	Eastbourne Town	6
James Allen	Lingfield	5
Luke Brodie	Loxwood	5
Conor Bull	East Preston	5

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	6	3	2	1	24	4	11
Horsham YMCA	5	2	3	0	16	10	9
Broadbridge Heath	5	2	1	2	13	11	7
Hassocks	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
St Francis Rangers	3	2	0	1	6	7	6
Crowborough Athletic	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Horley Town	5	1	2	2	8	13	5
Jarvis Brook	5	1	2	2	8	13	5
Loxwood	3	0	2	1	6	8	2
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	5
George G-Gibbons	Hassocks	3
Columbus Ibel	Loxwood	3
Jake Lindsey	St Francis	3
Jordan Mase	Alfold	3
Will Read	Horsham YMCA	3
Shane Saunders	Alfold	3
Johden de Meyer	Alfold	3
Joseph Bedford	Alfold	2

Southern Combination Under 18 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	5	5	0	0	28	2	15
Horsham YMCA	4	4	0	0	15	1	12
St Francis Rangers	4	4	0	0	16	6	12
Alfold	3	3	0	0	13	1	9
Broadbridge Heath	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
Steyning Town	4	2	0	2	16	13	6
Billingshurst	6	2	0	4	9	12	6
Crawley Down Gatwick	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Roffey	6	1	0	5	6	32	3
Burgess Hill Town	5	0	0	5	9	32	0
Upper Beeding	5	0	0	5	3	15	0

Under 18 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Lewis Beebee	Hassocks	10
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	7
Charlie Martin	Alfold	7
Archie Russell	Hassocks	7
Ezra Roeg	Steyning Town	6
Charlie Hodge	Upper Beeding	5
Beau Howard	Hassocks	5
Josh Sprigg	Hassocks	5
Kai Stephens	St Francis	5
Alex Crawford	Hassocks	4
Aden Radojevic	Horsham YMCA	4

London & South East Women's Division 1 South Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Herne Bay	4	3	1	0	9	5	10
Crawley Wasps	5	2	1	2	13	11	7
Parkwood Rangers	5	2	0	3	7	8	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 South 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
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Coming up...

The days of playing twice a week are over for now. Our first team matchdays return to purely Saturdays, with next week's match against Alfold being followed by two tough games against sides currently eyeing up top five finishes...



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 four wins, two draws and three 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. that are a five-minute walk away.



Lingfield

When?

Saturday 7th November

Where?

The Sports Pavilion

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Lingfield this season?

Lingfield were one of the form teams in the second half of last season before the campaign was brought to its premature end. Despite seeing some key players depart in the summer, they have carried on where they left off and are riding high in fifth spot at the time of writing, having lost only two Premier Division games all season. The Lingers have five wins to their name and if they can maintain this sort of form over the remainder of the season, could easily surpass their previous best finish of 7th.

Our record against Lingfield?

There have been 26 meetings between Hassocks and Lingfield in the past with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 12 wins to the Lingers' nine. Lingfield have enjoyed the better of recent meetings however, completing league doubles over Hassocks in the past two season.

Last time we met?

The Lingers were having all kinds of trouble with their pitch at the Sports Pavilion following the very wet winter. As a result, they surrendered home advantage to get March's meeting played on the 3G pitch at Steyning Town's Shooting Field. By the time the full time whistle, the Robins were left ruing them for being so proactive as we had suffered a 3-2 defeat. Goals from Dan Turner and a stunner from James Littlejohn weren't enough as Sammy Clemments, Jamie Bakhit and Kerran Boylan won it for Lingfield.

How to get to the Sports Pavilion?

Head to Ardingly, joining the B2028 through Turners Hill and Crawley Down. Cross the Dukes Head roundabout and continue following the road until you get into Lingfield. At the T Junction with Plaistow Street take a left onto the B2029 and the Sports Pavillion is on your right a little up the road.



Newhaven

When?

Saturday 14th November

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Newhaven this season?

Just like they normally do, Newhaven have enjoyed a solid start to the Premier Division campaign with five wins, two draws and one defeat from eight games so far. That leaves them six points off top spot but with two games in hand on current leaders Horley Town. What looks like being key to their success this season as their defence. Jake Buss and his back four have conceded only five Premier Division goals so far, the lowest total in the division by far.

Our record against Newhaven?

Look away now if you are of a nervous disposition. Hassocks have only ever managed four victories over Newhaven in 17 previous meetings. The good news though is that this game isn't taking place at the Trafalgar Ground. We've only ever won once down at Fort Road, losing six games out eight and conceding 24 goals at an average of three a game.

Last time we met?

Our last meeting took place last November as the Dockers won 3-2 at the Beacon. This was actually one of our best performances for several weeks as we came very close to causing an upset. Robbie Keith and Mo Diallo goals had Newhaven in a comfortable position entering the final 10 minutes, only for Ben Bacon to make it 2-1 with five minutes remaining. Ian Robinson restored the visitors' two-goal advantage with Phil Johnson rounding off an action packed finish with his first goal since breaking his leg three months earlier.

Players to watch out for?

In Buss, the Dockers have one of the best goalkeepers in the league which partly explains their defensive record. They also possess a player who has been the most deadly marksman as this level of football for many years now in Lee Robinson. Newhaven can score plenty and they concede few. It's little wonder they are one of the favourites for the title.

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 **James Littlejohn**
Midhurst & Easebourne away **Alfie Loversidge**
Broadbridge Heath home **Jack Gardner**
East Preston away **George Brown**
Horley Town home **Bedlam Brewery**
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 **Charlie Pitcher**
2nd **Alfie Loversidge**
3rd **Jack Troak**

October 2020
1st
2nd
3rd

November 2020
1st
2nd
3rd

December 2020
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

February 2021
1st
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3rd

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3rd



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April**

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Next at the Beacon



Alfold
 Saturday 31st October. 3pm
 SCFL Premier Division



Langney Wanderers

	Alieu Secka
	Dan Hutchins
	Trey Masikini
	Mohammad Mekawir
	Dean Stevens
	Ian Kalu
	Harry Ducatel
	Shaun Lee
	Joe Summerbell
	Tim Bennett
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	Alex Rainford
	Callum Sherriff
	David Smart
	Lewis Broughton
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	Ellis Cormack
	Bailo Camara

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 Adam Jones

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Today's other Premier Division fixtures

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