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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 after another month of lockdown. The rules have changed slightly from the first two months of the season, most notably with regards to the Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please speak to a club official and we will do our best to answer.



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If you have not already, please register your details using one of our QR codes or provide them to a club official. We will store this data for 21 days under current guidelines and it will then be destroyed.



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Seating

Part of the Main Stand is for use by players only. Please use only seats which are marked and available. There are plenty of benches around the ground.



Clubhouse

At the time of going to print, the Clubhouse was to be shut to supporters. We have however been given dispensation by the local authorities to sell hot food and drinks (no alcohol) out of the window of the T Bar

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Good evening and welcome back to the Beacon as the Southern Combination League season recommences after November's lockdown...

Needless to say, we are delighted to be able to reopen the turnstiles and we hope you are all looking forward to the return of live football too.

Lockdown arrived at a bit of a bad time for us. October's results were impressive with the 7-2 win over Langney Wanderers in our final game of October lifting us into the dizzy heights of seventh in the table, already just two points shy of our entire points tally for last season.

Of course, our first priority as always is to remain in the Premier Division, but doesn't it make a nice change to be looking at the top half of the table rather than worrying about the gap between ourselves and the relegation zone?

The victory over Langney was quite the show, with Charlie Pitcher and James Littlejohn both netting hat-tricks - a fair few people were asking after the game when (or if) two players had notched trebles in the same game before.

The answer to that one is we do not think so. Not only were the players putting on quite the show pre-lockdown, but they were setting records in doing so.

Nobody knows what impact the

month off will have - the players have not been able to train either. Fingers crossed it does not take too long to get back into the groove.

Their certainly appeared to be a bit of ring rust on Saturday when Burgess Hill Town came to the Beacon in the Ann John Memorial Trophy.

Jay Lovett brought a seriously strong squad for the game and that was reflected in the final score as the Hillians ended up taking the silverware with an 8-1 success.

The afternoon was about much more than just football, however. At the time of writing, we were still waiting for a confirmed total but it looks as though the game raised over £1500 for St Peter & St James Hospice.

That is a massive amount of money at any time, let alone in a year when fundraising for the hospice has taken a serious hit because of the pandemic.

We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported on the day, and of course to the Hillians for allowing us to put the game on at such short notice.

The Ann John Trophy kickstarted

what is going to be a very busy December here at the Beacon with the first team, ladies, under 23s and under 18s all having fixtures crammed in between now and Christmas.

There are full details contained within today's programme of where and when you can catch the action going forward, so please do your best to come along and watch - after all, there is every chance that another lockdown could put the brakes on the season again in the new year.

In terms of what has changed since the season was paused, the only major difference you will notice is that the Clubhouse is now shut as we are unable to serve a substantial meal.

The local council has allowed us to keep the T Bar open, as long as we serve from the kitchen window. Hot food and drinks will be available throughout the evening and we hope to be able to open the Robins Bar again in the not-too-distant future.

Enjoy the game

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Today's visitors...



Broadbridge Heath

Founded 1919

Nickname Bears

Ground High Wood Hill Sports Ground

Website pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc

Twitter @thebearsbbhfc

Manager Chris Simmons

Top Scorer Lewis Croal, 14

HONOURS

SCFL Division One

Runners up 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 2013

After enduring a slow start to the season for a number of reasons, Broadbridge Heath looked to have turned the corner before the November lockdown and will provide tricky opponents today for the Robins...

Heath were one of the first sides in the Southern Combination League to be impacted by Covid-19 back in September, having to forfeit an FA Cup tie with Haywards Heath Town and sit out matches for two weeks after a positive test among their squad.

That had an impact as they were winless in the first month of the campaign, scoring just twice and conceding 14 goals in their opening three matches.

In mid-October though, something clicked for Chris Simmons and his players and since then they have racked up a series of impressive results to move away from the bottom three.

We were one of the first sides to fall victim to the in-form Bears when losing 1-0 at High Wood Hill Sports Ground, Heath's second Premier Division win of the season.

Since then, they have also defeated Langney Wanderers and gone down to close defeats against league leaders Saltdean United (2-1), Lancing (3-4) and Alfold (4-5).

Scoring goals is clearly not a problem for Simmons' side and in

Lewis Croal, they have one of the Premier Division's top scorers.

What happens tonight could therefore hinge on which defence can deal with their opponent's attacking threat best - Charlie Pitcher is three goals behind Croal's total of 14.

Charlie needs no introduction to Heath having previously enjoyed a brief spell with the Bears earlier in his career, one of a number of links between the two sides coming into this evening.

We signed Conor Evento from Heath earlier in the season whilst their defender Dan Webster played a handful of games for us at the start of the 2018-19 campaign.

As clubs, we are quite familiar with each other too—Heath are one of the only clubs in the Southern Combination League that we have faced in all three divisions over the past 35 years.

There has been little to separate the team in that time with the head-to-head reading 10 Heath wins, nine Hassocks wins and five draws, although it is Heath who have dominated the fixture recently.

10 Key Moments

1920... lift a Horsham League and Cup double, their first major trophies
1970... move from the Horsham League to the West Sussex League
1978... promoted into the Southern Counties Combination League
1983... join the Southern Combination League, becoming founder members of Division Two
1988... the move yields instant dividends as Heath are promoted to Division One for the first time
1998... promoted to the Premier Division of the Southern Combination League
2010... finish second bottom of the league structure, with only Hurstpierpoint below them
2013... reach their first senior cup final, losing to East Preston in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup
2014... promoted back to the Premier Division four years after nearly being relegated out of the league
2019... secured their highest ever finish before moving into the new High Wood Hill Sports Ground

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 15th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 9th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 9th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 2nd
2012-13, Southern Combination One 6th
2011-12, Southern Combination Two 5th
2010-11, Southern Combination Two 6th
2009-10, Southern Combination Two 14th
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 9th
2007-08, Southern Combination One 17th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 17th
2005-06, Southern Combination One 11th
2004-05, Southern Combination One 12th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 10th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 13th
2001-02, Southern Combination One 7th
2000-01, Southern Combination One 5th
1999-00, Southern Combination One 12th

Hassocks v Broadbridge Heath :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 12 - Won 3 - Drawn 3 - Lost 6 - Scored 13 - Conceded 21

SCFL Division One... Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 2 - Scored 6 - Conceded 7

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

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 3 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 8 - Conceded 3

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

Total... Played 24 Won 9 Drawn 5 Lost 10 Scored 31 Conceded 34

Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 2-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 6-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 2-0 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 0-2 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath

Played for Both

Prior to 2014, you'd have been hard pressed to find many players who have represented both Hassocks and Broadbridge Heath.

In recent years however there has been a growing trend for the Bears to sign ex-Robins - something which all started with defender **Matt Carruthers**.

Carruthers had a brief eight months spell with us in 2011, playing 27 games and scoring twice after joining from St Francis Rangers in February of that year.

He returned to Colwell Road in October 2012 and later went onto

have spells with Ringmer and coaching Burgess Hill Town's under 18 side.

He spent part of the 2014-15 season with Broadbridge Heath before moving to Australia.

Another defender to have represented both clubs is **Glen Woodburn**, who spent the 2018-19 season with the Bears.

Josh Tuck joined us from Burgess Hill Town a few weeks into the 2017-18 campaign, playing 19 times and scoring once in a 3-1 win over struggling Littlehampton Town in October 2017.

He went onto join the Bears at

the start of last season, playing 15 times for before moving to Saltdean United.

Finally, there could be three players involved today turning out against their former club.

For the Robins, goalkeeper **Conor Evento** was signed from Broadbridge Heath in September and **Charlie Pitcher** also had a brief spell with the Bears earlier in his career.

Heath meanwhile have the services of **Dan Webster** who made a couple of appearances in Hassocks colours at the beginning of the 2018-19 season.

TAYLOR'S 92ND MINUTE STUNNER SINKS 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 second half the brighter side with Smith in particular being given a torrid time.

"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."

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 just inside the Hassocks half 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).

Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath

ROBINS RETURN HOME BY BEATING THE BEARS

Home hasn't been where the heart is for Hassocks after playing just one game at the Beacon in their previous six fixtures but they returned to Mid Sussex on Saturday to secure a 3-2 win against a spirited Broadbridge Heath side.

The Beacon became somewhat of a fortress in the second half of last season and that went a long way to securing the Robins' place in the Premier Division for this campaign.

And in a division that is shaping up to be every bit as competitive from top to bottom this time around, home form could be the key to the Robins avoiding another season of struggle and desperate shoulder overlooking.

That was why the result pleased Phil Wickwar so much. "An important three points that we definitely deserved," the Hassocks joint manager said afterwards.

"We did exceptionally well after the break, particularly given the number of players missing and it was great to see another one of our youth team come on and not look out of place."

That was 17-year-old Jake Lindsey and he had a lively cameo, one driving run and cross in particular was impressive for its boldness as he teed up Michael Death for a chance to make the game safe which Death sadly squandered.

Lindsey can probably expect to be involved more in the coming weeks, especially after Phil Gault limped off after only 25 minutes looking visibly distraught at the prospect of missing out on a trip to Hastings United on Tuesday night.

Gault had made a lively start to the game before that, being just inches away from turning Charlie

Pitcher's cross-cum-shot in and then testing former Hassocks youth goalkeeper Conor Evento in the Heath goal.

Evento's opposite number Nathan Stroomberg had to be sharp off his line to deny Devon Fender before Hassocks took the lead just before Gault's withdrawal.

It was a classic route one goal from the Robins, Stroomberg sending a pinpoint early ball to release Pitcher.

"It was an important three points that we definitely deserved. We did exceptionally well after the break, particularly given the number of players missing and it was great to see another one of our youth team come on and not look out of place"

Pitcher in turn squared to Gault who slid James Westlake in with the diminutive midfielder producing a great touch and finish.

Pitcher was enjoying his best game of the season and he was the architect of Hassocks' second just before the half hour mark.

Another run down the right ended with a cross to the far post where Bradley Bant had timed his run to perfection to arrive and defy his Hobbit-like stature with a bullet header.

Heath boss Steve Painter was understandably disappointed with that first half display and after expressing his displeasure, the visitors flew out of the traps in the second half, forcing Stroomberg into two early saves.

They then pulled one back when a cross wasn't cleared and Darren Helsdown reacted quickest to score.

The Bears were beginning to roar

now but Hassocks dug in with Josh Tuck, Jordan Badger, Tom Barnes and the returning Ashley Marsh in particular manning the defensive trenches gamefully.

Badger has benefited from a move to left back in recent weeks, allowing Hassocks to take advantage of his ability to play raking long passes across the pitch which is where their third of the afternoon came from.

Pitcher still had plenty to do when he latched onto the perfect aerial ball down the pitch but he was cool, calm and collected to beat the advancing Evento with a deft lob.

That was a real blow to Heath's advance in search of a point and Hassocks really should have put themselves out of sight.

There was the aforementioned Death chance fashioned by young Lindsey and then Death again squandered another opportunity after an Evento save fell to him and he went for goal rather than picking the better option of the pass.

Heath did manage to set up a nervy final five minutes when a cross deflected off James Westlake with the loose ball falling between Stroomberg and Barnes to Zac Massey who guided home.

The visitors could not find a way to fashion an equaliser however, leaving Hassocks to claim a big three points ahead of three tough matches at Hastings, Pagham and Horsham YMCA – all away from home again.

Hassocks: Stroomberg; Barnes, Tuck, Marsh, Badger; J Westlake, L Westlake, Broomfield, Bant; Pitcher, Gault.

Subs: Death, Benson, Lindsey (used).

Starman: James Westlake.



WHERE TO CATCH THE ROBINS POST-LOCKDOWN

After a month of lockdown, grassroots football is back. Clubhouses may be closed for now, but at least we can all look forward to seeing 22 players kicking a ball around on the pitch. Here is the full rundown of what we have going on over December...

Festive feast of football for Robins' first team

Following this evening's game with Broadbridge Heath, we face four more matches before the end of December including two in 48 hours over the Christmas period.

On Saturday, it is a trip to the sunshine coast to face Eastbourne United. The Oval has been a happy hunting ground for Hassocks in recent years.

Prior to last season's 4-1 defeat there, we had won our previous six visits stretching back to 2010 - an extraordinary run made more remarkable when you consider the fact that despite that hoodoo over United, we only went onto finish above them in the Premier Division table on two occasions.

United have endured a difficult start to the 2020-21 season with only three wins on the board to sit 16th in the table. They have also undergone an early managerial change following Matt Crabb's resignation with his assistant Ray Collier take over the reigns just prior to November's lockdown.

A week later and we host Alfold in a fixture rearranged from Halloween

weekend. Heavy rain on the morning of the game rendered the Beacon pitch unplayable, a postponement which came at a bad time given the form we were in before the season was suspended for a month.

It will be our second meeting of the campaign against Alfold. The opening day fixture at the Recreation Ground saw the hosts run out 3-1 winners on an afternoon when nothing went right for the Robins.

A goalkeeping crisis forced Phil Wickwar to start in goal but he lasted only an hour before injury struck with defender Dan Turner taking over.

So much upheaval proved too much to overcome although Hassocks did look lively at times and perhaps should have done more with the chances which came their way.

Charlie Pitcher was the only man to make an opportunity stick with an excellent headed goal.

The Southern Combination League fixture gods were obviously smiling on Hassocks when the Boxing Day matches were decided as we have been given the glamour of a festive trip to Saltdean United's Hill Park.

The Tigers are enjoying an outstanding 2020-21 and currently sit at the top of the Premier Division with eight wins, two draws and one defeat from their 11 fixtures so far.

Kick off is at 11am in what looks like being one of the toughest assignments of the season.

Two days later and we have our final outing of 2020 when East Preston visit the Beacon on Monday 28th December with another 11am start for some Bank Holiday football.

We last faced EP in October in a ridiculously entertaining clash at the Lashmar.

A George Brown brace and goals from Harvey Enticknap and Pitcher gave us a 4-0 lead going into half time.

Never has the phrase "a game of two halves" been so apt as EP launched a remarkable comeback as an own goal and a Conor Bull double made it 4-3 at the final whistle with the Robins just about clinging on for the three points.

If the return match is anywhere near as enthralling, then it is one that is not to be missed.

...and the rest of the December fixtures

The Under 23s face two tough fixtures in December as they take on the reigning North Division champions followed by the current league leaders.

Horsham YMCA are the visitors to the Beacon on Thursday night for a 7.30pm kick. YM won the title in the completed 2018-19 season and were leading the way when the 2019-20 campaign was declared null and void.

Unsurprisingly, we lost both our meetings at Under 23 level last season, going down 2-1 at both the Beacon and Gorings Mead.

There was however something of an upset in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup when we eliminated YM in extra time with a 4-3 away success delivered by braces from Dan Turner and Kieran Dimelow.

A week after hosting YM, the Under 23s go to current leaders Alfold on Thursday 17th December. Kick off is at 7.45pm against opponents who have three wins, two draws and one defeat at the top of the table in what is their debut campaign at Under 23 level.

The Under 18s were in action on Sunday morning against Broadbridge Heath - to find out how they got on, please seek out Owen who will be able to tell you what happened in a socially distanced manner.

They have their final game of 2020 this coming Sunday away at Crawley Down Gatwick. That gets underway at 11am for anybody who wants to make the trip to the Haven to support.

The Ladies have two fixtures left

to round off their year, starting on Sunday here at the Beacon against Herne Bay. Kick off is at 2pm and entrance is free for anybody looking for a football fix.

That is followed by a trip to Parkwood Rangers on Sunday 20th December with another 2pm start.

As always at this time of year, we are very much in the hands of mother nature when it comes to the weather and what it does to pitches.

We will endeavour to keep you updated through our Twitter and Facebook pages about postponements - and of course any changes brought about by Covid-19 restrictions.



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What has been going on at the Beacon during lockdown

Whilst grassroots football in England has been put on hold throughout November, we have been putting the time off to good use by carrying out further improvement works at the Beacon...

Keeping substitutes and coaching teams socially distanced in the first two months of the season was relatively straightforward - we simply stuck some seats further down the touchline for those involved to sit on.

With the onset of winter and wet weather, that became less of a practical solution as it would leave those positioned outside of the dugouts with no cover from the wind and rain.

To address this problem, we have

begun extending the dugouts so that they are now capable of catering for double the number of people as before.

At the opposite side of the Beacon, new advertising boards have been installed at the back of the Maurice Boxall Stand for a raft of new sponsors who we are extremely grateful to have supporting the club.

In a stop-start season which subsequently has so much uncertainty about income, the sponsorship of local businesses is more important than ever in helping us keep afloat.

The Beacon could play host to approaching 100 games of football this season depending on future restriction imposed by the government with matches involving our first team, Under 23s, Under 18s

and ladies sides through to various Southern Combination and Mid Sussex League cup finals and a number of Brighton and Hove Schools representative games.

Our attractive packages offer pitch side advertising which allows companies to take advantage of the number of people that pay a visit to our home ground, ensuring that businesses are seen by thousands of potential customers over the course of the year.

If you are involved with a company who would like to take advantage of the advertising opportunities available at the Beacon, then please speak to Owen behind the bar or send us an email to hassocksfc@outlook.com to find out more about how we could work together.

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	7-2	Pitcher (3), Littlejohn (3), Troak
December				
08/12 - 19:30	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
12/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
19/12 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
26/12 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP		
28/12 - 11:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
January				
02/01 - 15:00	Lancing (A)	SCFLP		
09/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/01 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/01 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
30/01 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
February				
06/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
13/02 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
20/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
24/02 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
27/02 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
March				
06/03 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
09/03 - 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
13/03 - 15:00	Horley Town (A)	SCFLP		
20/03 - 15:00	Little Common (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				
08/05 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
15/05 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Andy Whittingham	15	0	15	0	96	1
Bradley Bant	14	0	14	0	145	12
Dan Turner	14	0	14	0	27	2
James Littlejohn	13	1	14	6	70	18
Jack Gardner	10	4	14	0	16	0
Charlie Pitcher	13	0	13	11	35	14
Jack Troak	13	0	13	6	45	11
Harvey Enticknap	10	2	12	1	65	4
Alfie Loversidge	3	9	12	1	13	1
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	7	1	8	0	88	3
Charlie Pugh	6	0	6	0	18	0
Josh Short	5	1	6	0	6	0
Dave Carruthers	5	0	5	0	5	0
Louis Pittock	5	0	5	0	5	0
Phil Gault	2	3	5	0	338	185
Chris Neatherway	3	1	4	0	4	0
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
Luke Marshall	0	2	2	0	12	0
Jamie Wilkes	0	2	2	0	2	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

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LITTLEJOHN AND PITCHER HAT-TRICKS HAMMER LANGNEY

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 24th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks 7-2 Langney Wanderers



Whilst Premier League fans are charged £15 to watch their club on PPV, Hassocks home regulars are forking out 97p per goal so far this season.

There have been 35 scored in six matches so far at the Beacon in 2020-21 with the latest goal fest between the Robins and Langney Wanderers adding nine to that total.

Seven of them were scored by the hosts, the first time Hassocks had hit a baker's half dozen at home since August 2010 and a remarkable turnaround from the 8-0 hammering at the hands of Horley Town seven days previously.

That heavy defeat to the Clarets represents a minor blip in a 2020-21 campaign which so far is going swimmingly for the Robins.

They sit seventh in the table with 18 points from 11 games, just two points shy of their entire 2019-20 total prior to the season being curtailed.

Central to the very obvious improvement has been the form of Charlie Pitcher and James Littlejohn, who are providing enough firepower to help Hassocks overcome even the most farcical of starts to matches, as was the case against Langney.

Both forwards helped themselves to hat-tricks as the Robins recovered from going 1-0 down inside of 60 seconds.

Referee Adam Jones was an eager beaver and he kicked off proceedings at 2.57pm, just as a monsoon opened up over the ground.

Perhaps the early start is what caught Hassocks cold as Dan Turner conceded a penalty straight from kick off which was despatched by Tim Bennett past Charlie Pugh.

Pitcher scored his first of the afternoon with 10 minutes on the clock to level things up, rounding off a well worked team move.

Phil Gault started it, marking his first start since the opening day by releasing Littlejohn who sensibly squared to Pitcher to beat Alieu Secka in the Langney goal.

Littlejohn added the second himself on 20 with a brilliant individual effort, beating two Wanderers defenders after cutting in from the right and hitting a left footed curler into the top corner.

The monsoon which had doused the Beacon gave way after that to a driving wind which was very much in Langney's favour as it blew towards Pugh's goal at the Railway End.

Defending suddenly became very tough for Hassocks and they did well to restrict the visitors to just a couple of chances - especially as Will Broomfield was an early departure through injury with 17-year-old Luke Marshall taking his place alongside Turner at centre back.

Turner found himself involved again for Langney's equaliser when he unfortunately deflected Joe Sumerbell's effort past Pugh just past the half hour mark.

At that point, it felt like if Hassocks made it to the interval on level terms then they would be in an excellent position to go on and win the game with the wind in their favour.

The Robins weren't willing to wait until the second half however and in first half stoppage time, Jack Troak laid off to Littlejohn who scored via a deflection and a post to make it 3-2.

Gault came close to adding a fourth within five minutes of the restart when Pitcher teed him up on the edge of the box, only for Secka to do well to tip the Robins' record scorer's effort over the bar.

Hassocks were largely dominant in the second 45 but that didn't translate to the scoreboard until the final 12 minutes when the Robins notched four goals in a blistering finale which blew Langney away.

Central to it was substitute Jamie

Wilkes, a summer signing from St Francis Rangers who was making his home debut after earning rave reviews for the Under 23s.

Wilkes, Pitcher and Littlejohn combined for the fourth on 78 with Pitcher's deft flick setting up Littlejohn for a lovely finish to complete his hat-trick.

Two minutes later and Wilkes glided in to unselfishly square to Littlejohn and although Secka did well to get across goal and block Littlejohn's initial effort, Pitcher collected the rebound and slammed home.

Andy Whittingham drew gasps all round when he marauded forward from left back, beat six men and found himself in one-on-one only to be denied what would surely been Hassocks' Goal of the Season by a smart stop from Secka.

Hassocks would not be denied a sixth for long, Troak bringing up the half dozen in the 86th minute when he drilled a shot in at the near post before Pitcher completed his hat-trick in injury time

There did not seem to be much on the Robins' top scorer picked the ball up on the edge of the box with a gaggle of blue shirts blocking his way to goal.

Pitcher though has the ability to produce something of nothing and he duly did that, smashing the ball into the top corner with an astonishing amount of power and precision to round off the scoring on another enthralling afternoon at the Beacon.

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

Subs: Marshall (Broomfield), Wilkes (Enticknap), Loversidge (Gault), Galbraith-Gibbons, 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	3-2	Wilkes, Hudson (2)
29/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23	0-1	
December				
10/12 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23		
17/12 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23 Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
George Galbraith-Gibbons	7	0	7	3
Lewis Beebee	4	3	7	2
Jayden Dunkley	6	0	6	0
Ben Hicks	6	0	6	0
Harvey Ransome	6	0	6	0
Jamie Wilkes	6	0	6	1
Connor Bradley	4	2	6	0
Luke Marshall	5	0	5	0
Thomas Jupp	4	1	5	0
Brad Sweetman	3	2	5	0
Joe Bull	4	0	4	0
Ben O'Leary	4	0	4	0
Marshall Smith	2	2	4	0
Jay Hudson	1	3	4	2
Alex Crawford	0	4	4	0
George Mercer	0	4	4	0
Jake Chadwick	1	1	2	0
Charlie Jones	1	1	2	0
Shay Leahy	1	1	2	0
Dan Turner	1	1	2	0
Charlie Alderton	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	1
Max Donaldson	1	0	1	0
Harvey Enticknap	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
Louis Pittock	1	0	1	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	0
Will Broomfield	0	1	1	0
Solly Ross	0	1	1	0

HUDSON DOUBLE AT THE DEATH HELPS HASSOCKS SEE OFF BROOK

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 22nd October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 3-2 Jarvis Brook U23s**

Substitute Jay Hudson was the Hassocks Under 23s hero as his two goals in the final five minutes earned the Robins a 3-2 win against Jarvis Brook.

It was a manic conclusion to a match which ebbed and flowed and could have gone either way with Brook only taking their 2-1 lead as the game entered the last 10.

The result made it two wins in a row for Hassocks, a sign that they are turning the corner after a difficult start to the campaign in which they failed to win any of their opening four matches across all competitions.

What is helping the Robins' cause is that they are finally enjoying some consistency in selection.

Having rattled through 29 different players in the first three games of the season, the Robins are now only making enforced changes.

There were two of those here. Joe Bull was ruled out through the injury he picked up in the first team's 8-0 defeat at the hands of Horley Town at the weekend and Brad Sweetman joined him in missing out.

Ben O'Leary came back into the starting line up having missed the previous week's excellent 2-1 victory away at Oakwood with Marshall Smith promoted from the bench.

The last time Hassocks and Jarvis Brook had met in a competitive game had been in the 2011-12 season when the Robins third XI competed alongside Brook in the Mid Sussex

League Premier Division.

The Robins had won 5-0 on that occasion thanks to a Jamie Hillwood hat-trick and an Alex Strange brace.

Brook have come a long way since then to now be an established Southern Combination League club with this being the first season in which they have entered an Under 23 side.

They showed an early glimpse of what they are capable of by opening the scoring through Sam Sales with only 12 minutes on the clock.

"Hudson's two goals in the final five minutes provided a manic conclusion to a match which ebbed and flowed and could have gone either way with Brook only taking their 2-1 lead as the game entered the last 10."

The Robins had to be patient after that with their equaliser not arriving until two minutes into the second half as Jamie Wilkes scored his first goal in Hassocks colours following his summer move from St Francis Rangers.

That strike rounded off a good week for Wilkes, who had made an impressive senior debut 48 hours earlier in the 3-1 victory away at Horsham YMCA.

Wilkes was the standout player



again here, ably supported by the excellent Ben Hick and Ben O'Leary whilst Hudson obviously shone too for his aforementioned heroics.

Brook could have been forgiven for thinking they were going to make the long journey back to the east of the county with all three points when Alex Hook put them ahead for the second time with 80 minutes on the clock.

Hassocks and Hudson had other ideas however, Hudson levelling things on 85 minutes.

The Robins weren't done there and were rewarded for their determination to win the game when Hudson notched again three minutes later, completing quite the turnaround to earn Hassocks all three points.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Marshall, O'Leary, Jupp, Ransome, Bradley, Hicks, Wilkes, Smith, Galbraith-Gibbons, Beebee.

Subs: Crawford, Hudson, Leahy, 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
December				
06/12 - 11:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL18		
13/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFL18		

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



BEREFT OF CONFIDENCE, HASSOCKS ARE HAMMERED AGAIN

London & South East Women's League Division One
Sunday 25th October 2020, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 0-7 Ashford

Hassocks Ladies' disappointing start to the 2020-21 London & South East Regional League Division One East season continued as they suffered another heavy defeat when going down 7-0 against Ashford.

In previous weeks, the Robins could at least cling to the fact that they were suffering from injuries and unavailability which has having a very clear impact on results.

That excuse is beginning to wash away now though. Hassocks were nearing full strength for Ashford's visit to the Beacon and yet they still found themselves well beaten by an admittedly very good visiting team.

Most worrying for the Robins is that their recent run appears to have left them bereft of confidence, especially in the second half when they conceded five times in the final 30 minutes having still been in the game going into the break.

The challenge now is for the coaching staff to pick up the players. Hassocks have a talented squad, they are just in a rut right now which becomes increasingly difficult to get out of by the week.

Perhaps this game would have turned out different had Hassocks had a little more luck when they fashioned the first chance of the match within the opening two minutes.

Katherine Chappell's through ball could not quite be collected by Mia Pordage. Had Pordage been able to latch onto the pass, you would have bet your house on her scoring and suddenly, the game takes on a different complexion to the one which actually unfolded.

Instead, it was Ashford who took the lead with seven minutes played. Hassocks had already been given a warning when a goal kick from Sarah

Chappell was returned through the middle, only for the visiting striker to put her one-one-one effort off target.

There was no such mistake when the exact same scenario unfolded the second time around, this time two Ashford players bursting through to combine and beat Chappell with a well worked goal.

Four minutes later and it was 2-0 as nobody in red could react quickest to Chappell's excellent tip onto the crossbar with an Ashford forward sweeping home the rebound.

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Chappell made a fine sprawling save in between those two goals, at which point she probably thought she was going to be in for a thankless afternoon.

Hassocks therefore deserve some credit for the way they battled back from that disastrous start and they were actually the better side for large periods of the first half.

Another through ball, this time from Liz King, was just out of the reach of Pordage again, Kirsten Mair shot just wide and Jess Craig's superb first-time shot from 30 yards produced a stunning stop from the Ashford goalkeeper.

Emma Flin and Claire Stevens produced a couple of moments of good defending to keep Ashford at bay whilst the driving runs of Tallie Bright were causing problems down the flank.



Jo Brown's

pace and work rate then saw her rob possession from an Ashford defender, only to be denied as she was about to pull the trigger by a fine last ditch tackle from the other centre back.

Jodie Johanson replaced Katie Read at the break and Ashford emerged determined not to let Hassocks back into the game as they had spent most of that first half threatening to do.

Chappell had to deal with a dipping cross just after the restart before another wind-assisted ball into the box blew onto the far post and in

to make it 3-0 with 58 played.

With the game now seemingly over, Hassocks collapsed alarmingly. Stevens became a one woman blocking machine, throwing herself in the way of two shots in quick succession.

There was nothing she could do though as her fellow defenders went missing completely, allowing Ashford to make it 4-0 on 68 minutes with a two-on-one situation similar to their opening goal an hour earlier.

Ashford's next three goals arrived in six minutes as they accelerated from a 4-0 lead to being 7-0 ahead between the 69 and 75.

Hassocks sent on Sam Newman, Ellie Moquet and Holly Webb in a bid to stem the flow and the Robins did at least do that, managing to survive the final quarter of an hour without their goal difference suffering any more of a hit.

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

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

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	0-7	
November				
01/11 - 14:00	Lewes (A)	LSE1S	0-4	
December				
13/12 - 14:00	Herne Bay (H)	LSE1S		
20/12 - 14:00	Parkwood Rangers (A)	LSE1S		

Ladies Appearances 2020-21

Player	2020-21 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Tallie Bright	6	0	6	0
Joanne Brown	6	0	6	0
Emma Flin	6	0	6	0
Mia Pordage	6	0	6	1
Sarah Chappell	5	1	6	0
Katie Read	3	3	6	1
Jodie Johanson	2	4	6	0
Katherine Chappell	5	0	5	0
Jess Craig	5	0	5	2
Liz King	5	0	5	0
Kirsten Mair	5	0	5	1
Claire Stevens	5	0	5	0
Sam Newman	2	3	5	0
Holly Webb	0	4	4	0
Gemma Craig	3	0	3	0
Ellie Moquet	1	2	3	0
Anna Humphreys	0	1	1	0



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ON THIS DAY



Sidley United came to the Beacon on this day in **2012**. A frustrating first half left the game delicately poised at 0-0 going into the break, or so everyone thought... Phil Gault and Nathan Miles though had other ideas...

FIVE STAR SECOND HALF SENDS HASSOCKS TO VICTORY

For the fifth time this season, Hassocks hit five or more goals as they hammered Sidley United 5-0, a scoreline you would have got long odds on when the teams went in at half time goalless.

The Robins missed a succession of chances in the opening 45 minutes before Phil Gault and Nathan Miles belatedly discovered their shooting boots to fire Mickey Jewell's side to a convincing win.

Gault hit a hat-trick and Miles added the other two as Hassocks' strike force underscored their position as the County League's most in-form partnership.

Jewell had cut an increasingly frustrated figure throughout the first half as opportunity after opportunity went begging.

He was a much more contented man after the final whistle however, saying, "I am very happy. We had a poor first half but after a few words, it was much better in the second half."

Hassocks made one change from Tuesday night's 2-2 draw against Arundel. After playing out-of-position at centre half when the Mullets came to town, Spencer Slaughter was absent here with Kieran O'Callaghan dropping into defence and Anthony Hibbert returning in midfield.

The most gilt edged of those aforementioned first half chances fell to Dan Smith, Miles and Hibbert, at which point the home faithful could have been forgiven for thinking it

was going to turn into one of those evenings for the Robins.

Gault though had other ideas and he gave Hassocks the lead just three minutes after the restart with an important goal.

The Robins' talisman had passed 100 goals for the club in last week's excellent win over East Preston and it is unlikely that his century includes a scrappier one than that which broke the deadlock against Sidley.

"Gault hit a hat-trick and Miles added the other two as Hassocks' strike force underscored their position as the County League's most in-form partnership."

Gault's initial shot was blocked on the line, leading to a bit of a scramble in which he eventually managed to poke him the rebound.

Lee Bryant nearly became an unlikely scorer of a second for Hassocks. A poor corner from the Robins was retrieved by the full back who produced a fierce shot from 30 yards that was tipped around the post spectacularly by Greg Nessling in the Sidley goal.

A minute after that Bryant effort and Hassocks did double their advantage with a stunning goal from Gault in complete contrast to his opener.

He produced a series of keepy-ups with his back to goal before

turning and firing a shot into the top left hand corner which Nessling could only watch agog.

Hassocks' first half struggles in front of goal were by now fading to a distant memory and it was threatening to turn into a rout when Gault wrapped up a 20 minute hat-trick shortly after.

Nessling was at fault as he fumbled a Smith cross to leave Gault a tap in from close range.

The game was up at this point and Jewell took the opportunity to give game time to reserve team regulars Nathan Copper and Stuart Brown from the bench with 20 minutes remaining.

If Sidley were hoping that the changes would offer them a reprieve then they were quickly disappointed as Miles made it 4-0 on 76 when he was released, bore down on goal and managed to steer the ball around the advancing Nessling with impressive calmness.

Miles then rounded off the scoring and completed the nap hand with four minutes remaining.

It was a similar goal to Hassocks' fourth as the hosts won possession in midfield and worked it towards Miles who applied the finish.

Hassocks: Lehkyj; South, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Bryant; Westlake, Hibbert, Butler, Miles; Smith, Gault.

Subs: N Cooper (Smith 71), Brown (South 71), Pawson (Bryant 79), Pitcher, Edwards (unused).

Around the League



The last weekend pre-lockdown that a full Southern Combination fixture list took place was on October 24th. Whilst we were busy beating Langney Wanderers 7-2, here is what was going on around the league...

Saltdean racked up five goals as they were easy winners away at Little Common to move three points clear at the top of the Premier Division table.

A Harry Shooman hat-trick and a brace from Trevor McCreadie were enough for the Tigers, who look like they are going to take some stopping. Paul Feakins nabbed the consolation for Common.

Since beating us 8-0 here two weeks ago, **Horley Town** have picked up just one point from a possible six.

They lost against Loxwood 11 days ago before being held 1-1 by **Lingfield** last Saturday at the Sports Pavilion.

Adam Grant gave Town a 1-0 lead with 15 minutes played. Sam Bakhit cancelled that out on 36 to earn the Lingers a share of the spoils.

There was an easy 5-1 win for **Newhaven** at home to **East Preston**, who have since parted company with manager Terry Dodd.

Lee Robinson scored a treble with James Jeffrey and an own goal doing the rest of the damage for the Dockers. EP's consolation came from substitute Matthew Storm.

Early leaders **AFC Uckfield Town** continue to tumble down the table, their latest defeat coming at the hands of **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Michael Belli gave the Down lead with 19 minutes played and it remained 1-0 right up until the 89th minute, after which Oli Leslie and Belli struck again to make it 3-0 to the hosts.

Jared Rance gave **Pagham** the lead at home to **Peacehaven &**

Telscombe, only for Max Hollobone to earn the Tye a point with a 49th minute leveller in a 1-1 draw at Nyetimber Lane.

Spencer Slaughter's **Loxwood** followed up their Tuesday night win against Horley with a 6-0 hammering of **Eastbourne United** at Plaistow Road.

Former Hassocks favourite Dan Stokes got his first goal in Magpies colours to go with efforts from Sam Smith, Callum Dowdell, Josh Bradley and a brace from the bench from Mark Goldson.

First half goals from George Cousins and Harry Heath helped **Steyning Town** to a 2-1 home success against **Horsham YMCA**, for who Diego Carmo hit a 75th minute equaliser.

The final Premier Division match of the day came at the Saffrons where Zac Attwood's 89th minute strike proved decisive as **Eastbourne Town** beat today's visitors **Alfold** 1-0.

There remains a fierce battle at the top of Division One with the top three all picking up wins once again.

Leaders **Bexhill United** ran out 3-0 winners at home to Billingshurst thanks to an Evan Archibald brace and a goal from Jack Mcean.

Mile Oak managed to take the lead against second placed **Littlehampton** through Thomas Bigg's second minute strike but very little went right after that for Oak as they were hammered 5-1 and had Sean Culley and Aaron Stenning sent off.

The Golds' goals were scored by Dion Jarvis, Jordan Layton, Lucas Pattendon and a Joe Benn double.

AFC Varndeanians meanwhile had two goals from Joe Keehan to thank for their 2-0 victory over **Oakwood** which kept them in third spot.

Marcus Bedford and Robert Tambling both notched braces for **Midhurst & Easebourne** in their 4-0 win success over **Hailsham Town** whilst **Worthing United** continued their encouraging start by beating **Selsey** 2-0 at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground.

Wick ran out 2-0 winners at home to **Shoreham, Storrington** won 2-1 away at **Arundel** through first half goals from Liam Griffin and Samuel Pidgeon and **Seaford Town** defeated **Roffey** 2-0 at the Crouch.

In Division Two, **Copthorne** are the new leaders after defeating **Montpellier Villa** 1-0. Oscar Weddell scored the only goal with 13 minutes on the clock.

Former table toppers **TD Shipley** were held 1-1 at **Bosham** with **Rustington** moving into third after hitting seven past **Rottingdean Village** in a 7-0 victory at Jubilee Avenue with James Wotherspoon notching a hat-trick.

Worthing Town and **Upper Beeding** drew 0-0, **Littlehampton United** were 4-1 winners at home to **Brighton Electricity** and **Jarvis Brook** edged out **Ferring** 4-3 in a seven goal thriller at Lime Kiln.

Finally, there were five ex-Hassocks players on target for **St Francis Rangers** in their 5-3 win at Charlwood as Jake Lindsey, Max Donaldson, Jack Tobias, James Oliver and Steve Brighton all scored, which must be some sort record.



How they stand...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	11	8	2	1	28	10	26
Horley Town	10	7	2	1	29	8	23
Eastbourne Town	11	7	1	3	23	13	22
Newhaven	9	6	2	1	23	6	20
AFC Uckfield Town	11	6	2	3	15	12	20
Lingfield	11	5	4	2	20	15	19
Hassocks	11	6	0	5	25	31	18
Pagham	10	4	5	1	20	11	17
Lancing	10	5	2	3	26	19	17
Crawley Down Gatwick	9	5	1	3	19	15	16
Loxwood	11	5	1	5	22	19	16
Steyning Town	10	5	0	5	15	13	15
Alfold	10	4	2	4	20	16	14
Little Common	10	3	3	4	17	19	12
Peacehaven & Tels.	11	3	1	7	16	18	10
Eastbourne United	11	3	1	7	9	29	10
Broadbridge Heath	10	3	0	7	17	26	9
Langney Wanderers	9	1	1	7	6	22	4
Horsham YMCA	10	1	0	9	7	24	3
East Preston	11	0	2	9	10	41	2

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	293	300	280
Peacehaven & Telscombe	230	294	177
Hassocks	190	228	104
Newhaven	172	231	72
Langney Wanderers	170	300	40
Lancing	145	185	120
Eastbourne United	129	148	110
Broadbridge Heath	120	173	75
Pagham	115	149	98
Horsham YMCA	108	134	74
Horley Town	98	115	76
AFC Uckfield Town	94	133	63
Steyning Town	91	103	81
East Preston	88	109	66
Saltdean United	88	104	55
Little Common	77	107	55
Crawley Down Gatwick	76	90	53
Loxwood	73	86	62
Alfold	69	81	55
Lingfield	67	103	38

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Saltdean United	WWWWW
Newhaven	WWLWWW
Eastbourne Town	WLWWWW
Horley Town	WWWLWD
Steyning Town	LWLWWW
Loxwood	WLLWWW
Hassocks	WLWLWW
Lingfield	LWDWWD
Pagham	WLWWDD
Lancing	WLWLDW
Broadbridge Heath	WWLLLL
Alfold	WLWLWL
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWWLLW
AFC Uckfield Town	WWWLLL
Peacehaven & Tels.	WLWLLD
Little Common	LLWLWL
Langney Wanderers	WLLLLL
Eastbourne United	LLLDLL
Horsham YMCA	LLLLLL
East Preston	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	14
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	14
Adam Grant	Horley Town	12
Tyler Scrafton	Peacehaven	12
Charlie Pitcher	Hassocks	11
George Cousins	Steyning Town	10
Ben Connolly	Lancing	9
Devon Fender	Alfold	9
Sam Lemon	Alfold	9
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	8
Joe Clarke	Pagham	7
Nathan Crabb	Eastbourne Town	7
Kelvin Lucas	Alfold	7
Dan Perry	Eastbourne Town	7
Jared Rance	Pagham	7
James Allen	Lingfield	7
Matt Daniel	Lancing	6
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	6
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	6
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	6
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	6

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
Crowborough Athletic	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Jarvis Brook	6	2	2	2	11	14	8
Hassocks	6	2	1	3	9	11	7
Broadbridge Heath	7	2	1	4	15	18	7
St Francis Rangers	3	2	0	1	6	7	6
Loxwood	4	1	2	1	10	9	5
Horley Town	5	1	2	2	8	13	5
Oakwood	4	0	1	3	7	22	1

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Leon Eales	Horsham YMCA	8
Jake Lindsey	St Francis	6
Ronnie Burchell	Horsham YMCA	6
George G-Gibbons	Hassocks	3
Columbus Ibel	Loxwood	3
Jordan Mase	Alfold	3
Will Read	Horsham YMCA	3
Cameron Watts	B'bridge Heath	3
Bolaji Williams	Crowborough	3
Johden de Meyer	Alfold	3

Southern Combination Under 18 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	5	5	0	0	28	2	15
Alfold	4	4	0	0	19	1	12
Horsham YMCA	5	4	0	1	18	6	12
St Francis Rangers	5	4	0	1	16	12	12
Broadbridge Heath	5	3	1	1	15	6	10
Billingshurst	7	3	0	4	13	14	9
Steyning Town	5	2	1	2	18	15	7
Crawley Down Gatwick	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Upper Beeding	6	1	0	5	8	18	3
Roffey	7	1	0	6	8	36	3
Burgess Hill Town	6	0	0	6	9	37	0

Under 18 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lewis Beebee	Hassocks	10
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	9
Charlie Martin	Alfold	9
Archie Russell	Hassocks	7
Charlie Hodge	Upper Beeding	7
Aden Rajoevic	Horsham YMCA	6
Ezra Roeg	Steyning Town	6
Beau Howard	Hassocks	5
Josh Sprigg	Hassocks	5
Thomas Miller	B'bridge Heath	5
Alex Crawford	Hassocks	4

London & South East Women's Division 1 South Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Herne Bay	5	4	1	0	11	6	13
Crawley Wasps	6	3	1	2	15	11	10
Lewes	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
Ashford	2	2	0	0	11	0	6
Parkwood Rangers	6	2	0	4	7	10	6
Worthing	2	1	0	1	12	3	3
Newhaven	6	1	0	5	5	14	3
Hassocks	6	1	0	5	5	32	3

Division 1 South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Rebecca Wyatt	Ashford	13
Caroline Hodgson	Worthing	8
Jenny Newman	Ashford	8
Gemma Worsfold	Worthing	6
Lauren Callaghan	Crawley Wasps	5
Lauren Harris	Herne Bay	5
Lottie Sharp	Lewes	5
Sara Tubby	Worthing	5

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Coming up...

After a month of no football during lockdown, there is plenty of Hassocks action to get stuck into between now and Christmas with two away games and one final festive home match here at the Beacon...



Eastbourne United

When?

Saturday 12th December

Where?

The Oval

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Eastbourne United this season?

It has been a difficult start to the campaign for United who are currently floating six points above the relegation zone with three wins, one draw and seven defeats from their 11 matches so far. Matt Crabb resigned as manager just before lockdown after a little over a year in the job with his assistant Ray Collier taking over. Collier lost his first two games in charge 6-0 against Loxwood and Peacehaven & Telscombe, so the break came at just the right time in terms of giving the new boss a month to assess what needs to be done.

Our record against Eastbourne United?

The Robins dominate the head-to-head with 18 wins to United's 11 and 12 draws in our 40 meetings. That record is helped hugely by the fact that we seem to love visiting the Oval for some reason. We won six times in a row there between 2010 and 2019 an incredible run that was ended last time we met back in October last year...

Last time we met?

United were enjoying an excellent start to the 2019-20 season at the same time as we were in our most difficult period of a pretty difficult campaign. That saw an end brought to that excellent winning run on the sunshine coast as the hosts ran out 4-1 winners through goals from Nathan Crabb, Sam Crabb and two from Kane Penn. James Littlejohn scored the Robins' consolation.

How to get to The Oval?

Take the A27 to Eastbourne, joining the A22 when you reach the Sunshine Coast. Follow that until you reach the second roundabout, turning left onto Lottbridge Drive. Turn right onto the A259 when you hit the roundabout by Homebase, then turn right into Channel View Road with The Oval a little further down on the right.

Played for both?

Jack Troak previously played for United before moving to the Beacon in the summer of 2019.



Alfold

When?

Saturday 19th December

Where?

The Beacon

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 be in for a busy evening.



Saltdean United

When?

Saturday 26th December

Where?

Hill Park

Time?

11am

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Saltdean United this season?

We could not have asked for a tougher Boxing Day assignment than a trip to Hill Park to face Premier Division leaders Saltdean United. The Tigers have dropped only five points all season and have a squad which reads like a who's who of players vastly experienced at higher levels of football, including the likes of Dan Beck, George Hayward, Trevor McCreadie, Kieron Pamment and Ryan Warwick who are all familiar names in Mid Sussex thanks to their successes with Burgess Hill Town and Haywards Heath Town. It would take something of an upset for them not to win the title.

Our record against Saltdean United?

There have been 29 meetings between the two with Hassocks having won 12 games and Saltdean 14, leaving just three draws. The Robins head-to-head is largely helped by the sides clashes in Division One,

when the Robins won six games out of six, scoring 19 goals and conceding just four during the early 90's.

Last time we met?

Both sides were desperate for points in the battle to avoid relegation from the Premier Division back in February. Most therefore made the journey to Hill Park expecting a cagey affair but we actually got an entertaining and open contest which ended 1-1. Dan Perry put the Tigers 1-0 ahead on 18 minutes but they only led for 10 minutes before Alex Spinks crashed home his first Hassocks goal after a Dan Turner long throw caused chaos.

How to get to Hill Park?

Take the A259 coast road towards Eastbourne from Brighton. Immediately before Saltdean Lido, take a left into Arundel Drive, following it around the park and up into the Saltdean estate. Hill Park is at the end of the road.

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 away **Jack Gardner**
East Preston away **George Brown**
Horley Town home **Bedlam Brewery**
Horsham YMCA away **Charlie Pitcher**
Langney Wanderers home **Charlie Pitcher**
Broadbridge Heath home
Eastbourne United away
Alfold home
Saltdean United away
East Preston home
Lancing away
AFC Uckfield Town
Crawley Down Gatwick away
Lingfield home
Newhaven away
Loxwood home
Little Common home
Loxwood away
Horsham YMCA home
Newhaven home
Peacehaven & Telscombe away
Pagham away
Horley Town away
Little Common away
Eastbourne Town home
Steyning Town away
Saltdean United home
AFC Uckfield Town away
Eastbourne United home
Langney Wanderers away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Lingfield away

Hassocks Player of the Month 2020-21

September 2020
1st **Charlie Pitcher**
2nd **Alfie Loversidge**
3rd **Jack Troak**

October 2020
1st **Charlie Pitcher**
2nd **Jack Troak**
3rd **James Littlejohn**

December 2020
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

February 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

March 2021
1st
2nd
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May 2021
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2nd
3rd



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**September £168
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November
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TOTAL £392

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Joe Bull	

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Physio Phil Wickwar

Next at the Beacon



Alfold
 Saturday 19th December. 3pm
 SCFL Premier Division



Broadbridge Heath

	Liam Matthews
	Trent Fawcett
	Sam Jobbins
	Oliver Joels
	Jamie Robinson
	Conor Smith
	Cameron Watts
	Dan Webster
	Louis Blake
	Scott Buchanan
	Tom Colbran
	Jake Hull
	Alfie Jones
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Referee
 Daniel D'Urso

Assistants
 Paddy O'Reilly &
 Ian Homewood

Manager Chris Simmons
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Goalkeeper Coach Ross Butterfill

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

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