

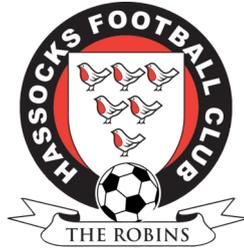
# the Robins

2021-22 Matchday Programme #2



## Hassocks v Eastbourne Town

Saturday 14th August 2021. 3:00pm kick off  
Southern Combination League 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

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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

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

Runners up

2017

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Good afternoon and welcome back to the Beacon for our first home Premier Division fixture of the season as Eastbourne Town are the visitors

**The Southern Combination League fixture Gods could not have given us two harder games with which to start the campaign.**

Saltdean United were top of the table prior to curtailment last season. Today's visitors meanwhile have been in title contention every year since 2014 and more often than not they enjoy their visits to Mid Sussex, taking three points back to the Sunshine Coast with them.

We always look forward to hosting Town and their colourful ultras, but fingers crossed they will not have as happy an afternoon with us as has been the case in recent seasons.

If we can produce the same sort of performance as that on Tuesday night against Spelthorne Sports in the FA Cup, then we should at least make life difficult for the visitors.

The Spelly were a good footballing side but a battling display meant that they had to wait until the 91st minute to find a way past Christian Kiddell and the back three.

Unfortunately, that equaliser was not the end of the story. Two minutes later and we conceded a penalty to bow out of the competition having led

for 83 minutes and been behind for only two of the 90.

It was an incredibly harsh way to lose a game of football but the players should be proud of themselves for putting up such a fight versus an outfit who were of the strongest sides in the often-superior Combined Counties League last season.

That we were able to give them a real fright augurs well for the campaign ahead, especially if such a young side the majority of whom are playing regular senior football for the first time in their careers learn from the experience.

We have a busy week ahead of us after today's game as the Under 23s get their campaign up and running on Thursday night at home to Crowborough Athletic.

Kick off is at 7:45pm and any support you can give would be most welcome. Admission prices are the same as last season, £3 for adults and £1 concessions.

Before that, we have another first team game here on Tuesday against AFC Uckfield Town. 10 of our opening 14 matches take place at the Beacon, so there is a lot of football for you to

enjoy before the end of September.

There are also some sponsorship opportunities to get involved in if you would be willing and able to help the club out this season.

Player sponsorship is available for £40 for the season. Now you have seen most of our new faces in action, then sponsoring your favourite is a great way to show your support.

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**Enjoy the game,**

**Owen and Scott**



## Eastbourne Town

**Founded** 1881

**Nickname** Town

**Ground** The Saffrons

**Website** eastbournetown.com

**Twitter** @eastbournetfc

**Manager** John Lambert

**Top Scorer** Arron Hopkinson, 2

### HONOURS

#### Southern Combination League

Winners 1921, 1977, 2007

Runners up 2015

#### SCFL Division 1

Runners up 2003

#### Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1890, 1891, 1894, 1895, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1903, 1922, 1932, 1933, 1953

#### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1933, 1948, 1950, 1986, 1987, 2015

**Ever since they were relegated from the Isthmian League in 2014, Eastbourne Town have been knocking on the door of a return to the higher level. Will 2021-22 be the season they finally win promotion?**

What has tended to cost Town in the past has been a slow start to the campaign. By the time they start motoring along in late autumn, there is a little too much ground to make up to the leaders and they end up falling just short.

It looked like last season might have been different were it not for a the pandemic getting in the way.

Town were handily placed in fourth spot, some five points behind Saltdean United. Their record read eight wins, two draws and four defeats and if history were to be repeated, then the normal improvement they show post-Christmas might well have been enough to overhaul Saltdean and Horley Town at the top of the table.

Looking now at the new season and the good news for Town - and the bad news for the rest of the clubs who fancy a crack at the Southern Combination League title this season - is that they have kicked off with two wins from two Premier Division matches.

John Lambert's side negotiated a tricky opening day at Horsham YMCA before overcoming AFC

Varndeanians at home. There will be no FA Cup to cause a distraction either after Guildford City won 2-1 in the extra preliminary round of the competition at the Saffrons last weekend.

If Town can continue putting early points on the board which they normally tend to miss out on, then they will take some stopping.

Which is obviously not good for Hassocks today, although Robins supporters rarely look forward to meetings with the yellow half of Eastbourne.

You have to go back to the 2016-17 season to find the last time we defeated Eastbourne Town. Phil Gault scored twice that day and James Broadbent saved a penalty against his former club to give us a shock 2-1 victory.

For an idea of how unusual that win was, the head-to-head reads 22 Town wins from 37 meetings. There have been six draws and only nine Hassocks victories.

It is little wonder Town and their ultras tend to enjoy their day out in Mid Sussex from the Sunshine Coast.

## 10 Key Moments

**1890...**the start of a golden decade as Town with the Sussex Senior Cup six times in 10 years  
**1907...** join the Sussex Amateur League before moving to the SCFL, winning a first title in 1921  
**1933...** Town win their first of their six Sussex RUR Charity Cups  
**1953...** their 12<sup>th</sup> and most recent Sussex Senior Cup success  
**1969...** arson destroys the famous old grandstand at their Saffrons home  
**1977...** return to the SCFL from the Athenian League, lifting the title in their first season back  
**2001...** suffer a rare relegation into SCFL Division One, returning to the top flight two seasons later  
**2007...** win their third SCFL title and first promotion to Isthmian League football  
**2014...** their seven season spell at the higher level comes to an end with relegation back to the SCFL  
**2015...** mark their first season back in the SCFL by lifting a sixth RUR Cup

## Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>  
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>  
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 4<sup>th</sup>  
2013-14, Isthmian League South 24<sup>th</sup>  
2012-13, Isthmian League South 11<sup>th</sup>  
2011-12, Isthmian League South 14<sup>th</sup>  
2010-11, Isthmian League South 18<sup>th</sup>  
2009-10, Isthmian League South 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2008-09, Isthmian League South 13<sup>th</sup>  
2007-08, Isthmian League South 19<sup>th</sup>  
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 1<sup>st</sup>  
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>  
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 11<sup>th</sup>  
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>  
2002-03, Southern Combination One 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2001-02, Southern Combination One 4<sup>th</sup>  
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 20<sup>th</sup>  
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 9<sup>th</sup>

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

**SCFL Premier Division...** Played 33 - Won 8 - Drawn 5 - Lost 20 - Scored 41 - Conceded 71

**RUR Cup...** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 1 - Conceded 5

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

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

**Total... Played 37 Won 9 Drawn 6 Lost 22 Scored 47 Conceded 80**

## Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 6-2 Hassocks  
2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-7 Eastbourne Town  
2019-20 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 4-1 Hassocks  
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Eastbourne Town  
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 2-1 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Eastbourne Town  
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 3-1 Hassocks  
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Eastbourne Town  
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 3-1 Hassocks  
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne Town 0-0 Hassocks

## Played For Both

**Former Eastbourne Town goalkeeper James Broadbent spent the 2016-17 season with Hassocks.**

And although his time at the Beacon was brief, he still managed to establish himself as one of the best number ones we have ever had.

Broadbent ended up saving four penalties throughout the campaign and his performances went a long way towards ensuring we avoided relegation into Division One come the end of the season.

That contribution was recognised come the end of the campaign when Broadbent won a clean sweep of Player's Player, Manager's Player and Supporter's Player of the Season

awards, earning a deserved move to try his luck at higher level football with Shoreham in the Isthmian League that summer.

Broadbent spent two years at Middle Road and has since played for Whitehawk, Peacehaven and Saltdean.

Striker Dan Smith has also represented both clubs, rattling through three separate spells wath the Beacon.

Smith ended up making 63 appearances and scoring 26 goals for the Robins whilst Scott Kirkwood, who briefly played for us in 2018-18 as he stepped up his return to full fitness for Horsham, is also an ex-Town player.



# Goalkeeper woes continue as Robins are trounced by Town

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

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

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

45-year-old Phil Wickwar deputised in the following game at Alfold, only to limp off with a pulled calf after an hour.

Centre back Dan Turner took over for the closing stages of that 2-0 defeat.

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

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

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

He still managed to pull off a series of fine stops, doing enough to suggest that Hassocks are now well stocked in the goalkeeping department. They just need to find a way to avoid any more misfortune.

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

Telscombe.

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

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

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

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

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

Nathan Crabb added the second with 41 on the clock and Temba notched again in the first minute of time added on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sadly, it wasn't to be and Town stepped it up a gear in injury time to add two more goals and some undeserved gloss to the score line through Dan Hull and Matt Rodrigues-Barbosa.

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

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

# Young Robins come of age with marvellous comeback

**A depleted Hassocks squad with an average age of 23 defied the odds with a sensational second half comeback to earn a superb 2-2 draw at high flying Eastbourne Town.**

And in the process, they took a huge step towards securing their place in the Southern Combination League Premier Division for another season.

Hassocks looked dead and buried at the interval as they came in trailing 2-0 to goals from George Robinson and Dom Clarke.

But whatever Mark Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar said to their young charges at half time worked as strikes from Phil Johnson and Bradley Bant earned the visitors a share of the spoils.

You could even make an argument that they should have left the Saffrons with all three points after a dreadful piece of officiating denied Johnson a clear penalty.

That key talking point came with eight minutes remaining. J

ohnson had latched onto a huge punt that both Town defender Sean Kelly and goalkeeper James Broadbent misjudged, leaving the Robins' top scorer to round Broadbent whose only answer was to upend him.

Johnson was at least a yard inside the box and with the goal at his mercy, meaning that a penalty and a red card for denying a clear goal scoring opportunity could be the only possible outcome.

Yet after referee Elliott Hollobone consulted his assistant, they

contrived to make a complete and utter mess out of the situation, first by awarding just a free kick on the edge of the box and then by only booking Broadbent.

Even the Town bench and supporters looked bewildered by the decision and needless to say the Robins contingent were enraged about the episode.

A point was the least that Hassocks deserved having endured a tough first half.

Robinson scored from close range after poor defending from a corner on 22 minutes and then Clarke nodded in after an excellent Robinson cross just past the half hour mark.

Ryan Collins' dipping volley almost pulled one back for the visitors and Jake Booth squandered a great chance, slicing his effort wide when well placed, although to be fair to him the ball took a wicked bobble off the very poor surface.

Tom Barnes and the enigmatic Dan Jacques – at 27 the oldest player on the park for Hassocks – handled the giant partnership of Clarke and Kenny Pogue pretty well and when Pogue limped off early in the second half, Hassocks grew in confidence.

George Willett made two excellent saves to deny Clarke and Robinson whilst at the other end Collins will probably still be wondering how he failed to convert Dan Stokes's free kick from four yards with the goal at his mercy.

Stokes was the most influential player in the second period, finding lots of space and it was his pinpoint cross from Bradley Tighe's ball down the line that was turned in by Johnson to half the deficit on 68

minutes.

On 77 minutes the Hassocks youngsters were level, Bant's free kick from 20 yards nestling into the bottom corner via a slight deflection off the end of the wall.

The Robins were now in the ascendancy and if it had not been for that poor refereeing decision, they could have left with three famous points.

Phil Wickwar was full of unmitigated praise for his side afterwards, saying, "To come her with a skeleton squad and get a result was outstanding."

"I cannot praise this group of players enough. They are all in it together, no big egos and the team ethos is fantastic. We outplayed Town in the second half today and we were disappointed in the end with a point."

**Hassocks:** Willett; Tighe, Barnes, Jacques, Pawson; Stokes, Pitcher, Bant, Collins; Booth, Johnson.

**Subs:** Price, P Wickwar (unused).

**Starman:** A day when a number of Hassocks' young players came of age with a battling team performance, but Dan Stokes was superb in the second half in particular and the most influential player.



# New dates for Broadbridge Heath and Lingfield games

Two new home games fitted into the space of nine August days as a relentless run of Beacon fixtures shows no sign of slowing

**Just when you think no more home games could be crammed into the opening two months of the season, Hassocks have been given a further two fixtures at the Beacon before the end of August.**

Broadbridge Heath will now visit on Saturday 21st following both ours and their eliminations from the FA Cup, the preliminary round of which takes place that day.

Whilst we went down to that cruel 2-1 defeat against Spelthorne Sports on Tuesday night, the Bears were eliminated from the competition at the weekend, losing 6-2 at home to Littlehampton Town.

Heath's visit to Mid Sussex had been originally scheduled to take place on the opening day of the Premier Division season on July 31st.

Biblical rain fell 90 minutes before

kick off however left standing water all over the Beacon pitch, forcing the match official to call off the game.

In doing so, we must have set some sort of footballing record for having a competitive game postponed due to a waterlogged pitch in July.

Heath are yet to win this season. Their only Premier Division fixture ended in a 2-1 defeat at Pagham. They do though have an excellent recent record against us with the last Hassocks win coming in October 2017.

The other match to be rearranged is the August Bank Holiday Monday clash with Lingfield, originally scheduled to take place at Godstone Road.

Lingfield though have requested that the venues be switched, something which we have agreed to and so they make the journey from Surrey on August 30th for an 11am

kick off.

We did not face each other in the regular 2020-21 campaign prior to the season being curtailed because of the pandemic.

We were however paired together in Group C of the Supplementary Shield, ending the additional competition as the top two clubs in the group despite the presence of Horley Town and Crawley Down Gatwick.

With the Beacon out of operation because of the drainage works being carried out - yes, we know its ironic - both games were held at Lingfield.

The Lingers won the first of those 3-2 with Pat Harding and Jack Troak netting for us.

A week later and the second clash ended in a 2-2 draw, Harding continuing to enjoy his time moonlighting back in a Hassocks shirt with a brace.

# Spelthorne strike twice at the death to dump Hassocks out

**Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round  
Tuesday 10th August 2021, The Beacon  
Hassocks 1-2 Spelthorne Sports**



**More problems with the Beacon's new drainage meant that Hassocks remained in the FA Cup for 76 hours after Saturday's scheduled extra preliminary qualifying tie against Spelthorne Sports should have finished.**

That was as far as the Robins' extended stay went though. This hastily rearranged second attempt to get the tie played after the first was called off due to a waterlogged pitch saw the Combined Counties visitors run out 2-1 winners to book a trip to Farnham Town in the next round.

For 93 of the 96 minutes played, it looked like Hassocks would remain in the competition beyond the extra time given to them by the weekend postponement.

Alfie Loversidge's early opener remained the only goal of the night right up until the 91st minute when Spelthorne equalised.

Two minutes later and the Spelly completed a dramatic turnaround to win the game from the penalty spot amid wild celebrations from the travelling contingent. The magic of the FA Cup in all its glory, unless you happen to be a Hassocks fan.

There could be little denying that the final outcome was the right one. Spelthorne dominated the game and on the balance of play, deserved to go through.

That did not make the heartbreak any easier for Brad Sweetman and his young players to take however, having given a committed and defiant display that kept Spelly frustrated for the most part.

Hassocks took the lead with their first foray into the Spelthorne half after only eight minutes, the goal involving three 18-year-olds.

George Mitchell-Phillips fired a low pass forward which Lewis Beebee dummied, fooling Conor Gales and causing the ball to run under the foot of the big Spelthorne centre back.

That left Loversidge in and he was cool, calm and collected to bury

the one-on-one opportunity past Henry Poole.

Hassocks should have had a penalty three minutes later when a long Josh Short free kick bounced awkwardly in the box to strike the hand of Semari McCalmon.

Remarkably, referee Joel Lamping waved play on despite McCalmon producing what would have been a double dribble in a game of basketball.

Spelthorne took control after that. Liam O'Callaghan should have done better when putting a volley from a McCalmon cross off target at the back post and Luke Marshall stretched out a leg to deflect a Jamie Fuller effort wide.

Next it was Arthur Rawlingson doing the blocking, the former Lancing and St Francis Rangers defender getting behind an O'Callaghan effort. Fuller dragged the follow up the wrong side of the post.

Beebee was then involved in two big moments in the final five minutes of the first half. Short played the teenage striker in but he took one touch too many and Gales managed to block.

Gales then got in a bit of a mess facing his own goal, allowing Beebee to nick the ball. When a clumsy looking attempt at retrieval sent Beebee to the ground, Hassocks had their second penalty appeal of the evening waved away by Mr Lamping.

Spelthorne countered straight up the other end, forcing Christian Kiddell into an excellent stop from McCalmon.

O'Callaghan returned the loose ball into the box with Kiddell still on the ground but nobody in Spelthorne colours was available at the back post to turn it home.

Hassocks came close to catching Spelthorne cold at the start of the second half, just as they had in the first. The outstanding Short sped out to the left in possession before whipping in a cross.

Mitchell-Phillips did well to meet it with a diving header but Poole was equal to the effort from the summer signing from Lewes and kept it out.

Conor Lee was next to draw an excellent stop from Kiddell, turning a 30 yard piledriver around the post at full stretch.

Poole produced an equally good stop at the other end after more good work from Short fed Mitchell-Phillips, who worked a shot after receiving the ball with his back to goal which was scrambled around the post.

That was the last chance Hassocks could muster to double their advantage as Spelthorne took total control. Kiddell pushed a Matthew Newbrook shot over the bar but then dropped the resulting corner to cause a melee in the box with Marshall somehow hacking clear.

A nasty incident saw Bradley Tighe sent flying into the home dugout, sparking handbags at dawn amongst 20 of the 22 players on the pitch and both benches.

Mr Lamping did well to restore order, but the kerfuffle meant eight additional minutes to be added. In the first of those, Ollie Davison rose tallest to head home a Lee free-kick.

120 seconds later and Kiddell came haring off his line to wipe out McCalmon in the box when the danger seemed minimal.

The only outcome could be a penalty which Lee duly despatched into the bottom corner to end Hassocks interest in the world's greatest cup competition for another year.

**Hassocks:** Kiddell; Rawlingson, Marshall, Blencowe; Tighe, Short, Lucas, Loversidge, Gardner; Mitchell-Phillips, Beebee.

**Subs:** Bradley (Short 71), Hayes (Mitchell-Phillips 77), Jupp (Gardner 89) Dersley, Dunkley (unused).

# First Team Matches 2021-22

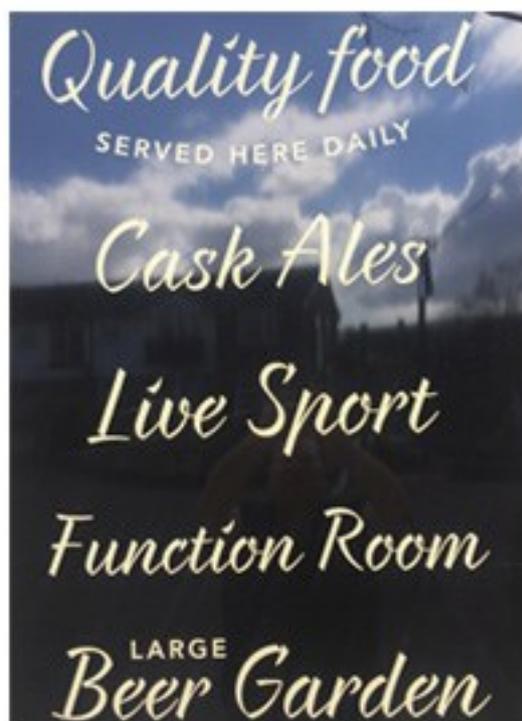
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP		
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2		
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP		
25/09 - 15:00	K Sports / Beckenham (H)	FAVQ2		
28/09 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP		
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP		
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
30/10 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
<b>January</b>				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>February</b>				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
<b>March</b>				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
<b>April</b>				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

# First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Lewis Beebee	2	0	2	0	5	0
Jack Gardner	2	0	2	0	25	0
Christian Kiddell	2	0	2	0	2	0
Alfie Loversidge	2	0	2	1	20	3
Luke Marshall	2	0	2	0	18	0
Josh Short	2	0	2	0	14	0
Bradley Tighe	2	0	2	0	105	0
Connor Bradley	1	1	2	0	11	0
Arthur Rawlingson	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jack Baden	1	0	1	0	5	0
Max Blencowe	1	0	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0	1	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	1	0	1	0	1	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0	36	3
Andy Whittingham	1	0	1	0	99	1
Tristan Hayes	0	1	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13

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# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23		
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
<b>September</b>				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23		
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23		
23/09 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23		
30/09 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		

# Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		
<b>September</b>				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL18		
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18		
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18		



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# 2020-21 Season Review: August

After lockdown had ended the 2019-20 campaign in March, competitive football resumed in September with the start of the 2020-21 season. The first part of our Hassocks Season Review covers an action-packed month in which 16 matches were fitted in across the First Team, Under 23s, Under 18s and the Ladies.



**September 1st 2020. 179 days had passed since Hassocks last kicked a ball in a competitive game of football and much had changed, both in the wider world and at the Beacon in that time as the Robins prepared to open their 2020-21 campaign with a trip to Balham in the FA Cup.**

The Hassocks side who took to the field at Mayfield Stadium were almost unrecognisable from the one which had lost 3-2 against Lingfield in the final match before the 2019-20 campaign was curtailed six months earlier.

There were just four survivors from that defeat on the 3G of the Shooting Field back on March 7th in Hassock's starting XI: Dan Turner, James Littlejohn, Harvey Enticknap and Jack Troak.

Andy Whittingham returned after long-term injury but the other six players on show were all new signings following a busy summer for Dave John, back in the dugout for a fourth spell as Robins boss.

John replaced Mark Dagleish and was joined in a new-look managerial team by Brad Sweetman and Mark Enticknap.

Of the recruits to feature against Balham, the majority were actually old faces returning to the Beacon, most notably record scorer Phil Gault after a spell in the Mid Sussex League and Bradley Bant, appointed club captain after making the move from Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Striker Charlie Pitcher and George Brown were also back with the side rounded off by two debutants; goalkeeper Dave Carruthers who made his name at Loxwood and former Newhaven right back Louis Pittock.

Nobody quite knew what to expect from such a new-look team. Those Hassocks fans who had braved the Tuesday night trip to Surrey soon had an early answer as Littlejohn gave the Robins the lead inside of four minutes.

That set the tone for a ridiculously entertaining encounter. Ashley Snadden equalised for Balham midway through the first half with Troak ensuring Hassocks went into the break with the lead, making it 2-1

two minutes before the interval.

The Robins thought they had done enough to advance, only for Tom Read to score six minutes from time to take the game to penalties.

Brown, substitute George Galbraith-Gibbons, Littlejohn, Bant and Troak gave Hassocks a perfect five from the spot.

Carruthers meanwhile made himself an instant hero to the Robins faithful, pulling off a brilliant stop with his legs from Balham's second penalty - a save which resulted in an injury which would plague him up until Christmas - to send Hassocks through to the Preliminary Round.

It was the Robins' first FA Cup win over a side from outside the Southern Combination League since 2010 and it earned a cool £1,200 in prize money - a particularly welcome cash injection given the lack of income over the previous six months.

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Four days later and Hassocks were brought back down to Earth with a bump as they opened their Premier Division campaign away at Alfold.

With Carruthers now sidelined, 46-year-old Wickwar was the only man available to take over in goal.

The veteran himself lasted less than an hour before pulling a muscle as a result of not applying enough WD40 to his leg before the game, leaving defender Turner to play out the final 30 minutes in goal.

Unsurprisingly given the less-than-ideal goalkeeper situation, Hassocks were on the end of a 3-1 defeat. Pitcher got his campaign up and running but a brace from Tiago Andrade and one from Sammy Clemments gave the hosts a comfortable win.

A sizable crowd of 176 turned out

for the first home game of the season as Hassocks hosted the previous season's table toppers Lancing.

Not many would have given the Robins a hope beforehand. What followed was an extraordinary 90 minutes which suggested that this Hassocks side had enough about them to avoid another battle against relegation.

Pitcher gave the hosts the lead with Ebou Jallow scoring twice to put the Lancers in control. Lancing retained their advantage right up until the 80th minute when Joe Bull equalised.

Hassocks were then awarded a 95th minute penalty with Troak displaying nerves of steel to despatch the kick past Mitch Bromage to secure a famous 3-2 victory.

A stern test lay in wait next as the Robins travelled to Bedfont Sports in the FA Cup, whose smart little 3G stadium is a stone's throw from the end of Heathrow's southern runway.

Unfortunately, Hassocks found their adventure in the world's greatest cup competition grounded in a 3-1 defeat, although they did give the higher division Eagles plenty to think about.

Two goals from Jordan Espirit - the second of which was a hotly disputed penalty - looked to have Bedfont on easy street.

The home fans certainly thought so if the over-exuberance of one supporter in particular who had turned up with a vuvuzela was anything to go by.

Pitcher though had other ideas and he pulled one back with a brilliant individual goal, picking the ball up on halfway and beating two opponents before finishing into the bottom corner.

The Robins threw the kitchen sink at their hosts after that but could not manage to add to the score. Bedfont unfortunately did, Darryl Sanders taking advantage of Hassocks' overly attacking approach to score a blistering third on the counter for the hosts who flew through to the next round of the competition.

Pitcher hobbled off after just eight minutes of the visit of Steyning Town through injury three days later and that resulted in a toothless Hassocks display as the Barrowmen left Mid Sussex with a 3-1 victory.

There was drama even before Pitcher's early departure, Troak seeing a penalty kept out by Steyning goalkeeper Alex Theobald.

Although Troak made up for that miss by giving Hassocks the lead, this was a night when the Robins were second-best as a Tom Bold double and Cian Griffin-Tilley had the visitors 3-1 ahead before the 50 minute mark.

That was how it finished and to complete miserable evening, George Brown was shown a deserved red card.

The less said about the FA Vase, the better. Pitcher was absent as former Hassocks defender Harry Mills kept a clean sheet whilst playing in goal for Peacehaven & Telscombe, the Tye running out easy 3-0 winners through a Tyler Scrafton double and a stunning free kick from Jake Brocklebank.

A trip to Eastbourne Town did little to lift the mood. Injuries again caused problems, this time to goalkeeper Conor Evento who spent most of his debut after signing from Broadbridge Heath playing on one leg after pulling his thigh with only 20 minutes on the clock at the Saffrons.

Town took full advantage, raining in four goals between the 34th and 57th minutes. Bright Temba hit a brace and Nathan Crabb and Sam Cole put their names on the scoresheet.

Hassocks did at least rally after that as 17-year-old Alfie Loversidge scored his first senior goal with 15 minutes remaining. Troak then added a second, although any semblance of respectability to the result was gone when Daniel Hull and Matt Rodrigues-Barbosa added two more for Town in injury time as it finished 6-2.

Another tough test lay in wait in

September's final first team match as unbeaten Pagham visited the Beacon.

For 80 minutes, very little happened other than Pitcher earning and then converting a penalty to give Hassocks a 1-0 lead.

The final 10 minutes more than made up for the earlier lack of drama. A Hassocks corner resulted in a goalmouth scramble which Pitcher ended with a clinical finish to double the Robins' advantage with only eight minutes left to play.

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

What nobody expected to see with Hassocks defending a slender lead in stoppage time was their centre back charging 60 yards up the pitch with the ball.

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

That was in the 93rd minute. In the 95th, Dave Crouch hit the post for the visitors and in the 97th, Ash Hawkes found himself one-on-one but could only drag wide as Hassocks held on for their second league win of the season. A welcome to surprise to end the first team's month.

The Under 23s played two fixtures in the newly-created North Division in September, beginning their campaign with a local derby against Mid Sussex rivals St Francis Rangers.

Despite Kieran Dimelow scoring for the Robins, bragging rights remained at Colwell Road as goals from Josh Paine and former Hassocks favourite Jake Lindsey gave Rangers a 2-1 success.

A week later and a first ever meeting with Horley Town at Under 23 level ended in a 1-1 draw.

Jonathan Kusaka put the Clarets ahead at the Beacon with George Galbraith-Gibbons levelling seven first half minutes later.

The Under 18s enjoyed an excellent start to their campaign, winning all three of their fixtures, plundering 19 goals along the way and conceding just twice.

Brad Sweetman's side kicked off with a 6-1 win at Roffey, followed that up by beating Steyning Town by the same score and then hammered Burgess Hill Town 7-0.

Chief amongst the goal scorers was Lewis Beebee, who netted eight times to start a ding-dong battle for the top scorer accolade with Archie Russell who himself notched three.

The Ladies knew they were in for a challenging campaign having been elevated to the London & South East Regional Women's League for 2020-21.

Just how challenging became clear when they were beaten 10-0 in their first fixture by a Worthing side who had swept all before them prior to the previous season being curtailed.

Hassocks bounced back in the best possible way from that hammering, winning 2-0 away at Crawley Wasps in their next fixture. Mia Pordage scored her first goal for the club and Jess Craig was also on target in a shock win.

September was completed with a 3-1 defeat at home to Parkwood Rangers. Kirsten Mair scored for Hassocks with Corrie Goodhew netting twice for the visitors to the Beacon, alongside Faye Tompsett.



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# ON THIS DAY



The new clubhouse at the Beacon opened its doors for the first time for a league game on this day in **2007**, but visitors Crowborough Athletic were in no mood to be obliging guests as the rain fell and the winds swirled...

## Crows spoil first game at Robins' new-look nest

**Hassocks have clear designs on a top three finish in the County League this season and those ambitions could not have faced a much more testing start.**

At the weekend, Dave John's side passed their opening day challenge with flying colours, winning 2-0 at Arundel to pick up a first three points at Mill Road in 10 visits.

Tuesday night brought Crowborough Athletic to the Beacon. The Robins opened their magnificent new clubhouse for a league game for the first time but the Crows were in no mood to be obliging guests, running out 1-0 winners to underline their own title credentials and dampen the celebrations somewhat.

A wild evening of swirling wind and driving rain meant that most of the crowd were only too happy to spend their time basking in the modern facilities.

The clubhouse is the result of many years hard work by members and would not look out of place higher up the non league pyramid, should Hassocks ever have designs on promotion to the Ryman League.

That is clearly the aim for Crowborough. They arrived fresh from a hugely impressive 4-1 Norman Wingate Trophy win over last season's County League title winners Eastbourne Town and few would argue with the programme note stating that whoever finishes above them this season could well succeed

Town as champions.

Crowborough were quicker in thought and deed compared to their hosts but as home boss John said afterwards: "It was always tight and I was pleased the way we put them under a bit more pressure in the second half."

Hassocks though never looked like scoring and so when they fell behind after only 11 minutes, they were always struggling.

The Robins only half cleared a set piece, leading to Wayne Clarke hitting a sweet drive from upwards of 35 yards that zipped past Joel Harding.

There were few attacking moments to get home fans excited in the first half, save for two free kicks squandered by Anthony Hibbert and one from Phil Gault in promising positions.

For Crowborough, a fierce drive by Ross Treleven was turned over acrobatically by Harding.

Hassocks tried to lift the tempo in the second half but too often their final pass let them down.

Neither side was helped in their quests to play football by the amount of water pooling on the surface pitch as the rain showed no sign of relenting, leaving conditions farcical in places by the end.

Referee Ryan Ellis was right to keep things going, although he might have regretted that decision after landing himself with plenty of paperwork after flashing six bookings.

The Crows won that contest as well, earning four yellows to Hassocks' two.

Stuart Faith marked his first start of the season with a caution and he was joined in the book by Sam Fisk.

Hassocks did manage to force a couple of second half opportunities. Matt Amos made a mess of a half chance created by good work from Fisk and Matt Robbins.

Robbins then forced Crowborough goalkeeper Mark Oldroyd into saving low down at his right hand post.

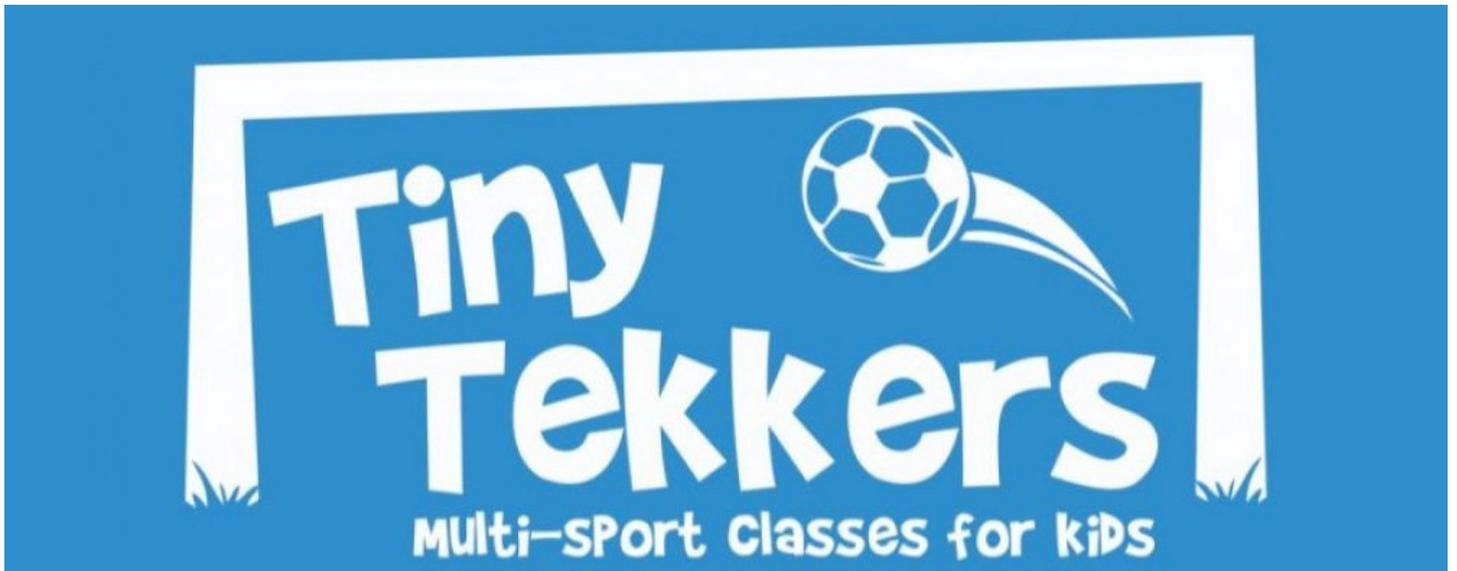
Amos' tenacity earned the Robins a corner and the 18-year-old striker met the delivery with a near post header which was stopped close to the line.

Faith nearly shocked everyone when his piledriver from distance whistled inches over Oldroyd's crossbar and Clarke went close again fairly late on after cutting inside and hitting a low shot into Harding's side netting.

There was final chance for Hassocks when Mickey Turner delivered a dangerous cross but nobody in red getting remotely near it summed up the Robins' evening really and left home supporters knowing it was not to be their night.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Turner, Leahy, Marsh, Lear, Fisk; Hibbert, Robbins, Faith; Amos, Gault.

**Subs:** Sheriff, Thompson, Hewitt, Newington, Wickwar (unused).



# Around the League...



Three days after the opening weekend of the season and the majority of Premier Division clubs were in action again with four sides maintaining 100 percent records after the first two league games...

**Hassocks fans need no reminding about who the early table toppers are, Saltdean United's 6-0 win over the Robins at Hill Park taking them to the Premier Division summit.**

Elsewhere, three first half goals for **Steinyng Town** at home to **Loxwood** ensured that Gerry Murphy's Barrowmen have six points from six at the start of their third season in the top flight.

Josh Bradley, Thomas Howard-Bold and Max Howell did the damage in a routine victory over Spencer Slaughter's Magpies, who had former Hassocks favourites James and Lewis Westlake in their starting XI.

Tonight's visitors **Eastbourne Town** won 2-1 at home against newly promoted **AFC Varndeanians**, leaving Old V's without a point so far in their debut Premier Division campaign following an opening day defeat at the hands

of Littlehampton Town.

Arron Hopkinson and Jack Samways scored within the space of 120 seconds in the first half.

Although Tom Boyle pulled one back for the Varndeanians on the hour mark, Town hung on to make it back-to-back victories.

The fourth and final team to have two wins from two are **Lingfield**, who saw off 10 man **Peacehaven & Telscombe** at the Lingers temporary home of Whyteleafe FC.

Emmanuel Osei-Asomah saw red for the Tye as goals from Tyle Cox and Aaron Jenkins secured victory for the hosts, who we host here in yet another tough looking fixture in nine days time.

Cam Wiltshire notched the consolation for Peacehaven.

There was a big victory for **Alfold** at home to **East Preston**.

Sam Lemon had a sweet evening as he scored twice alongside Ashley Mutongerwa in a 3-0 win for the hosts at the Alfold Recreation

Ground.

Goals in either half from Lee Robinson and Tom Cooklin secured a 2-0 victory for much fancied **Newhaven** over another top flight newcomer **Bexhill United** at Fort Road.

It was a bittersweet couple of days at Nyetimber Lane where **Pagham** beat **Broadbridge Heath** 2-1 on Tuesday night but saw manager Kerry Hardwell resign on Thursday, creating the first Premier Division managerial vacancy of the season in the process.

Jack Langford notched a brace to give Hardwell victory in his final match at the helm. Charlie Parmiter scored for Heath, who were playing in their first league game of the season following our drainage problems three days earlier.

Lastly, nothing could separate **Little Common** and **AFC Uckfield Town** who played out a 0-0 draw at the Oval.

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# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
Littlehampton Town	2	2	0	0	10	4	6
Steyning Town	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
<b>Eastbourne Town</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
Lingfield	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Little Common	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Newhaven	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Alfold	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Crawley Down Gatwick	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Peacehaven & Tels	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Bexhill United	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Pagham	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
East Preston	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
AFC Uckfield Town	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
AFC Varndeanians	2	0	0	2	5	8	0
Eastbourne United	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Loxwood	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Horsham YMCA	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
<b>Eastbourne Town</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>186</b>
Peacehaven & Telscombe	176	176	176
Newhaven	137	137	137
Steyning Town	130	130	130
Saltdean United	127	127	127
Eastbourne United	105	105	105
Horsham YMCA	90	90	90
Pagham	84	91	76
East Preston	83	83	83
Lingfield	81	81	81
Loxwood	77	77	77
AFC Uckfield Town	74	74	74
Little Common	74	74	74
Alfold	59	61	56
AFC Varndeanians	55	55	55
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Littlehampton Town	0	0	0

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	Last 6
Saltdean United	WW
Littlehampton Town	WW
Steyning Town	WW
<b>Eastbourne Town</b>	<b>WW</b>
Lingfield	WW
Newhaven	DW
Little Common	WD
Alfold	LW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LW
Pagham	LW
Bexhill United	WL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WL
AFC Uckfield Town	LD
East Preston	DL
Broadbridge Heath	L
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>L</b>
Eastbourne United	LL
AFC Varndeanians	LL
Loxwood	LL
Horsham YMCA	LL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	9
Tom Boyle	Varndeanians	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	3
Trevor McCreddie	Saltdean United	3
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	3
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	3
Matthew Storm	East Preston	3
Charlie Ball	Eastbourne Utd	2
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	2
Josh Bradley	Steyning Town	2
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	2
<b>Arron Hopkinson</b>	<b>E'bourne Town</b>	<b>2</b>
Max Howell	Steyning Town	2
Jack Langford	Pagham	2
Jordan Layton	Littlehampton	2
Chinonso Nwajagu	Eastbourne Utd	2
Charlie Parmiter	Broadbridge H	2

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crowborough Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>						
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>						
Haywards Heath Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham & Adur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Beeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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### Ladies Table TBC

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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### Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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The Beacon is getting quite a workout at the minute. Back-to-back home games follow this afternoon's match, giving you plenty of football to feast upon before we hit the road for the second time this season in 10 days time...



### AFC Uckfield Town

#### When?

Tuesday 17th August

#### Where?

The Beacon

#### Time?

3.00pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### Admission?

£6 adults, £3 concessions,  
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#### AFC Uckfield Town last season?

Ever since receiving a Premier Division relegation reprieve at the end of the 2016-17 season, AFC Uckfield Town have been a club on the up. Year-by-year they have improved their finishing position and in 2020-21 they looked on course to record their highest ever spot, sitting fifth before the season was curtailed. Seven wins, three draws and four defeats represented an excellent first third of the campaign and with most of that squad kept at the Oaks for the new campaign, they will be expecting to do well again.

#### Our record against AFC Uckfield Town?

We have met AFC Uckfield on 17 occasions, losing nine and winning eight. The mathematicians amongst you will have deduced that means there is yet to be a draw between the sides, so this is probably one not to have on your coupon. Goals are normally in plentiful supply too with 69 having been plundered at an average of over four per game.

#### Last time we met?

Funnily enough, the last time we crossed swords with the Oakmen there were exactly four goals. It was in November 2019 and all four came from our visitors to the Beacon. On a strange evening, Uckfield sauntered into a 4-0 lead inside of an hour thanks to a Liam Baitup brace, Bailo Camara and a Dan Turner own goal. Then in the final 30 minutes, we threw the kitchen sink at Uckfield and missed five or six golden opportunities to turn the game around. It was just one of those nights.

#### Any familiar faces?

Uckfield have two former Hassocks players in their ranks this season. Sam Cash impressed in the Under 23s and in limited first team opportunities with us in 2019-20 before moving to the Oaks last summer. Jamie Wilkes has followed the same path, signing for Uckfield for the current campaign after showing signs of promise at the Beacon last year.



## Broadbridge Heath

### When?

Saturday 21st August

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

3.00pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Admission?

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

### Broadbridge Heath last season?

Heath were one of the first sides to be impacted by Covid-19 back in September 2020, 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 disruption resulted in a slow start to season. The Bears went winless in the first month, scoring just twice and conceding 14 goals in their opening three matches. In mid-October though, something clicked for Chris Simmons and his players they racked up a series of impressive results to move away from the bottom three by the time the December lockdown arrived.

### Our record against Broadbridge Heath?

Heath are one of the few teams who we have faced across all three divisions of the Southern Combination League over the past 35 years.

There is not much to separate the sides when it comes to the head-to-head with the Robins having won

nine of the 25 meetings and Heath 11, leaving five draws.

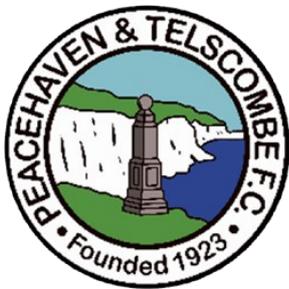
Recent clashes with the Bears have not been too kind to us, however, with only two wins from the previous 11 matches.

### Last time we met?

A fiery clash in December warmed up a freezing cold Tuesday evening at the Beacon. Andy Whittingham and the Bears' Alfie Jones both saw red whilst we achieved the impressive feat of having all three substitutes booked in amongst a flurry of yellows for both sides. The points were decided by Mark Zydonik's first half goal, tapped into an unguarded net from a rebound after Charlie Pugh had done well to keep out Ollie Joels' free header from a Jamie Robinson corner.

### Any familiar faces?

For the first time in a while, neither Hassocks or Heath have any players who have played for the other club on show.



## Peacehaven & Telscombe

### When?

Tuesday 24th August

### Where?

The Sports Park

### Time?

7:45pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Peacehaven last season?

The Tye are the only club outside of last season's top 10 who we face in our first eight game of the new campaign. They sat 16th in the table when lockdown arrived in December, which was actually in stark contrast to their form in the cup competitions. We discovered that first hand when they hammered us 3-0 in the FA Vase and they also picked up a hugely impressive FA Cup away at Bearsted, only to be thrown out of the competition for having played an ineligible player.

### Our record against Peacehaven?

It is not a fixture which has brought us much joy. Peacehaven have won 20 of the 35 meetings with eight wins for us and seven draws. Trips to the Sports Park have been even more harrowing with only one previous league win down on the south coast in 12 attempts, that coming under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 season when we went onto claim our highest ever Premier Division finish of fourth.

### Last time we met?

Just a fortnight after that aforementioned Vase defeat, we turned the tables by winning 2-1 in the Premier Division at the Beacon for a first league win over the Tye since August 2016. James Littlejohn scored both the goals in identical fashion in the space of two second half minutes, arriving in the box to slam home low crosses from Jack Troak. Harry Reed pulled one back for the visitors but we held on despite a nervous finale.

### How to get to the Sports Park?

Head to Brighton and hit the A259 and head through Peacehaven. Just after the Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church on your left comes Piddinghoe Avenue, with the ground being situated at the end of the road.

### Any familiar faces?

Alex Spinks and Liam Benson both remain at Peacehaven having moved to the Tye from Hassocks last summer.



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**Money raised in 2020-21**

**August £14  
September  
October  
November  
December  
January  
February  
March  
April**

**TOTAL £14**

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# 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 2021-22

Saltdean United away **Alfie Loversidge**  
Spelthorne Sports home **Alfie Loversidge**  
Eastbourne Town home  
AFC Uckfield Town home  
Broadbridge Heath home  
Peacehaven & Telscombe away  
Steyning Town home  
Lingfield home  
Newhaven home  
Roffey home  
Little Common home  
Littlehampton Town away  
Eastbourne United home  
Bexhill United away  
AFC Varndeanians home  
Horsham YMCA home  
Loxwood away  
Pagham home  
East Preston away  
Alfold home  
Broadbridge Heath away  
Peacehaven & Telscombe home  
AFC Uckfield Town away  
Eastbourne Town away  
Saltdean United home  
Crawley Down Gatwick away  
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## Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2021

1st

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3rd

December 2021

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January 2021

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February 2021

1st

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March 2021

1st

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April 2021

1st

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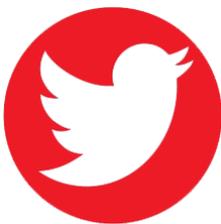
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Lexx Lucas	
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Jack Troak	
James Littlejohn	
Lewis Beebee	
Tristan Hayes	

**Head Coach** Brad Sweetman  
**Assistant** Jordan Wilson  
**Physio** Chloe Parker  
**Physio** Phil Wickwar

### Next at the Beacon



AFC Uckfield Town  
 Tuesday 17th August. 7:45pm  
 SCFL Premier Division



## Eastbourne Town

	Chris Winterton
	Matthew Rodrigues-Barbosa
	Sam Cole
	Sam Scott
	Dan Rogers
	Leon Greig
	Aaron Capon
	Simon Johnson
	Kian Moynes
	Jack Samways
	James Hull
	Harley Ransom
	Tom McDonald
	Leke Ademola
	Bradley Kipps
	Dan Bolwell
	Fletcher Holman
	Tom Vickers
	Finney Page
	Ronnie Galt

**Referee**  
 Barrie Small

**Assistants**  
 Gary Hamilton &  
 Paul John

**Manager** John Lambert  
**Assistant** Jamie Podmore  
**Coach** Clive Connell  
**Coach** Lawrence Brand  
**Physio** Vicki McFarlane

### Today's other Premier Division fixtures

AFC Uckfield Town v Steyning Town  
 AFC Varndeanians v Alfold  
 East Preston v Saltdean United  
 Eastbourne United v Broadbridge Heath  
 Horsham YMCA v Newhaven  
 Loxwood v Little Common  
 Pagham v Crawley Down Gatwick  
 Peacehaven & Tels v Littlehampton Town