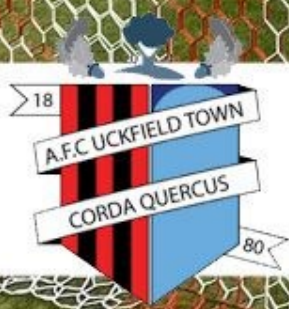




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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

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Winners 1993

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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

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Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Good evening and welcome back to the Beacon for another night under the lights against visitors AFC Uckfield Town

Now, if you have a physical copy of this programme in your hand then the good news is the printing issues which plagued us for Saturday's game against Eastbourne Town have been resolved.

If however you are reading this either on our website or in the Clubhouse via the cloud (the wonders of modern technology!) then the problem was not fixed in time.

Should this be the case, then please accept our apologies. We know how much a printed programme means to non-league followers and can only say sorry that we have not been able to provide it.

Whilst our printer may have been malfunctioning, there could be very few complaints about what happened on the pitch at the weekend other than it would have been nice to get some points on the board.

Visitors Eastbourne Town have been in title contention every season since they were relegated from the Isthmian League in 2014 and in the past seven years, we have beaten them only once.

Brad and our young players deserve credit for pushing such

illustrious opponents so close in a 2-1 defeat, especially when you consider that the last time Town were in these parts, they left with a 7-0 victory.

Josh Short scored the goal the consolation goal that his excellent start to the season has deserved and it was also a day of celebration for Andy Whittingham who made his 100th appearance for the club - more on that though in Saturday's programme, when Broadbridge Heath visit us.

Before that match against the Bears, we face AFC Uckfield Town who were fifth in the Premier Division before curtailment last season.

Needless to say, this will be another difficult test. The good news is that there has been a notable improvement in our performances from the 6-0 opening day defeat against Saltdean United through to the FA Cup exit at the hands of Spelthorne Sport and onto Eastbourne Town.

If that can continue tonight, then we can hopefully give the Oakmen a tougher examination than on their previous visit when they ran out 4-0 winners in November 2019.

Should this evening not satisfy

your thirst for football, then the Under 23s are in action at the Beacon on Thursday night in their North Division season opener against Crowborough Athletic.

Full details of the opening month of fixtures for both the Under 23s and Under 18s are contained within today's programme and as usual, your support would be very much appreciated.

Please note there has been one first team fixture change which you may want to mark in your diaries as we are now at home to Lingfield on August Bank Holiday Monday rather than away in Surrey.

That game kicks off at 11am, giving us two home matches in less than 48 hours with Steyning Town visiting the Beacon on Saturday 28th August at 3pm.

The change also means that we will now travel to Godstone Road on Monday 3rd January, which sounds like a quite wonderful way to begin 2022.

Enjoy the game,

Owen and Scott



Today's visitors...



AFC Uckfield Town

Founded 2014

Nickname Oakmen

Ground The Oaks

Website pitchero.com/clubs/afcuckfieldfc

Twitter @AFCUckfieldTown

Manager Steve Ives

Top Scorer Liam Baitup, 13

HONOURS

SCFL Division 1

Winners 2011

Runners up 2015

SCFL Division 2

Runners up 2000

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 2011

Peter Bentley League Cup

Runners up 2012, 2019

SCFL Division 2 Cup

Runners up 1998, 2004

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Runners up 2007

Want to know how to steadily build a club, year-by-year, from finishing in the bottom three to challenging for the top six? Then look no further than today's visitors, the upwardly mobile AFC Uckfield Town...

Ever since the Oakmen received a relegation reprieve at the end of the 2016-17 season with Little Common unable to come up that year due to the ground grading, they've been slowly climbing the Premier Division table.

The last time a campaign was played to a finish in 2018-19, they secured their highest ever finish of seventh, reached the final of the Peter Bentley League Cup and were the last Southern Combination League team standing in the FA Vase, going as far as the fourth round.

Uckfield look well placed to eclipse those efforts in 2020-21 under the management of Steve Ives and Graeme Mintrim, who replaced Anthony Storey in the summer of 2020.

The Oakmen sat fifth when the season was curtailed in December with seven wins, three draws and four defeats from their 14 completed matches.

Mintrim stood down in May because of work commitments, leaving Ives in sole charge for 2021-22 as Uckfield look to break further

records.

They arrive at the Beacon winless so far, having endured as tough a start to the season as we have, including a meeting with title favourites Saltdean United.

Whereas we were beaten 6-0 at the hands of the Tigers, Uckfield only lost 3-0 and the Oakmen have since drawn against Little Common and Steyning Town, marking them out as a side who will be difficult to beat by opponents who do not have the quality of Saltdean (most of the rest of the division, basically).

Uckfield will no doubt be confident that it will be this evening that they get their first three points on the board given their recent record here in Mid Sussex.

The Oakmen have won of their last five matches at the Beacon, including a 4-0 victory on their last visit in November 2019.

Remarkably, there has never been a draw in the 17 previous meetings between the two. It is a fixture which is normally good for entertainment too, the last 11 clashes having all featured three goals or more.

10 Key Moments

1881... the original Uckfield Town are formed, eventually joining the Southern Combination in 1955
1966... 11 years later they are relegated to the Mid Sussex League, returning to the SCFL in 1996
1988... Uckfield gains a second side as Wealden are formed. They are accepted into the SCFL in 1998
2000... just two years after joining the SCFL, Wealden are promoted into senior football
2007... Wealden make it to the first round of the FA Vase; Uckfield are runners up in the Intermediate Cup
2010... Wealden change their name to AFC Uckfield for the 2010-11 season
2011... the name change pays instant dividends as they win Division One and reach the RUR Cup Final
2014... AFC Uckfield and Uckfield Town merge to become one club, AFC Uckfield Town
2015... the new club tastes success in its first season, winning promotion back to the Premier Division
2019... secure their highest ever finish of seventh in the Premier and reach the Peter Bentley Cup final

Last 7 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 18th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 15th
2014-15, Southern Combination One 2nd
2013-14, Southern Combination One 10th
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 21st
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2010-11, Southern Combination One 1st
2009-10, Southern Combination One 8th
2008-09, Southern Combination One 15th
2007-08, Southern Combination One 9th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 4th
2005-06, Southern Combination One 6th
2004-05, Southern Combination One 5th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 14th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 7th
2001-02, Southern Combination One 13th
2000-01, Southern Combination One 11th
1999-00, Southern Combination Two 2nd

Hassocks v AFC Uckfield Town :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 13 - Won 6 - Drawn 0 - Lost 7 - Scored 27 - Conceded 25

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

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

RUR Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

Total... Played 17 - Won 8 - Drawn 0 - Lost 9 - Scored 36 - Conceded 33

Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 AFC Uckfield Town
2018-19 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 4-0 Hassocks
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 AFC Uckfield Town
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 AFC Uckfield Town
2017-18 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 1-4 Hassocks

2017-18 RUR Cup: AFC Uckfield Town 4-2 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 AFC Uckfield Town
2016-17 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 3-1 Hassocks
2016-17 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 1-2 AFC Uckfield
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-1 AFC Uckfield Town

Played for both

There are a fair few players who have represented both Hassocks and AFC Uckfield Town down the years with three possibly on show this evening.

For Hassocks, experienced defender Andy Whittingham played for the Oakmen in-between his two spells at the Beacon.

The left back originally joined us in 2010 from Steyning Town, playing over 50 games before going onto enjoy spells with Seaford Town and the Uckfield.

He returned to Hassocks midway through the 2019-20 season and has been a regular ever since, currently serving as captain in the continued absence of Bradley Bant.

Uckfield meanwhile have two former Hassocks Under 23 players in their ranks in Sam Cash and Jamie Wilkes.

Cash impressed in the development squad and in limited first team opportunities with us in 2019-20 before moving to the Oaks last summer.

Wilkes has followed the same path, signing for Uckfield for the current campaign after showing signs of promise at the Beacon last year, most notably when he was involved in four goals from the bench in October's 7-2 win over Langney Wanderers.

Others to have played for both clubs include Harry Mills, who racked

up 122 games for us between 2016 and 2020 before moving to Peacehaven & Telscombe. He played for the Oakmen earlier in his career.

Goalkeepers Alex Harris and James Broadbent have turned out for Hassocks and Uckfield, as has defender Matt Carruthers whilst one player has actually represented Hassocks, AFC Uckfield and Uckfield Town before the Uckfield sides merged in 2014.

Striker Dan Barnard joined us from the original Division Two Town in the 2010-11 campaign, scoring four times in 12 appearances.

He then went onto return to Uckfield, this time with the newly created AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks woes continue as they are cut down by Oakmen

For the final 15 minutes of this freezing evening at the Beacon, Hassocks were all over their visitors AFC Uckfield Town.

The Robins forced Phil Hawkins into three first class saves, sent a free kick whistling millimetres over the bar and had two cast iron penalty appeals turned down before eventually been awarded a spot kick at the third time of asking.

The only problem? They were already 4-0 down. It mattered not a jot – except for Hawkins' clean sheet bonus – that the Oakmen's goalkeeper kept out Liam Benson's effort from 12 yards with the final kick of the game as for the first 75 minutes, the Robins simply hadn't been at the races.

It took Uckfield less than 120 seconds to take the lead. For reasons nobody could explain, the Beacon clubhouse was showing EastEnders on its televisions.

As a result, anybody who dallied their departure outside in order to catch the fallout of the explosive revelations about the paternity of Sharon Mitchell's unborn child would have missed the opening goal.

Hassocks certainly looked like they had their minds on goings on in Albert Square, Coronation Street, Emmerdale Farm... anywhere but the Beacon really as they allowed Matt Barbosa to skip away and deliver a low cross to Liam Baitup, who was free in the box for a tap in.

The Robins managed just two opportunities in the first half. Four minutes after Baitup's opener and James Littlejohn's free kick drew a fingertip save.

Then on the stroke of half time, Littlejohn collected Alex Spinks' flick but his curler was held by Hawkins.

Other than that, it was pretty much one way traffic towards the Hassocks goal.

Charlie Pugh held a Baitup header at full stretch after another driving run from Barbosa and Pugh then did

superbly to tip a curling effort from Bailo Camara around the post.

There was nothing that he could do about Uckfield's second which arrived on 23 minutes.

Barbosa again was the architect as he latched onto a long ball over the top, getting the wrong side of Dan Turner who was unfortunate to clip the live wire winger.

There could be few complaints about Anthony Andrews' decision to award the penalty however which was perfectly dispatched by Camara.

Hassocks switched their Harveys at half time with Blake replacing Enticknap but there was little time for the change to make an impact before Uckfield sewed things up with their third eight minutes after the restart.

Visiting captain Richie Welch's free kick from out on the left was allowed to bounce in the Hassocks box and in the ensuing chaos, Turner swung a leg at the ball to slice it over the top of Pugh for an own goal.

Three minutes later and there was a moment of controversy as Bacon and Hawkins collided as both attempted to latch onto Jack Troak's ball over the top.

Bacon got there first and knocked the ball just wide of the post before he was wiped out, leaving the referee with a straightforward decision – penalty or goal kick?

Remarkably, he gave neither and instead settled on a corner.

Perhaps if Hassocks were still in the game there would have been more vehement appeals.

They were even further out of it on the hour mark when a long ball over the top left Pugh and Baitup in a footrace to get there first.

Just like Hawkins and Bacon, they too ran into each other but Baitup had the awareness to get up first, collect the loose ball and fire home despite the best efforts of Luke Marshall on the line.

At that stage, you began wonder how many Uckfield were going to

rack up.

Hassocks could at least take solace them from the fact that no further goals arrived for the visitors; in fact, it should have been the Robins adding to the score line.

That they didn't was because of Hawkins and some beguiling officiating.

Hawkins pulled off a fine double stop, parrying Joe Bull's low cross and then catching Jamie Hillwood's effort from the rebound after excellent work from Andy Whittingham.

He then pushed a bouncing distance effort from Bull away and somehow kept out Troak's powerful chest and volley which came through a crowd of players, not to mention that penalty stop from Benson.

Turner also drilled a trademark free kick from 30 yards inches over the bar.

As for the officials, they didn't seem to mind that Taylor Maddock had taken it upon himself to play as a second goalkeeper in the closing stages.

It was perhaps understandable that they missed Maddock handling Benson's volley given how quickly the incident unfolded.

Less forgivable was the fact that Maddock then produced an excellent, full length diving punch from a Hillwood corner in full view of the linesman which wasn't given.

It was a piece of officiating nearly as awful as Hassocks' opening 75 minutes.

Hassocks: Pugh; Stokes, Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; Spinks, Enticknap; Hillwood, Littlejohn, Troak; Bacon.

Subs: Blake, Benson, Bull (used), Pople, Johnson (unused).

Benson brace bags Hassocks back-to-back victories

After nine defeats in a row, Hassocks had their proverbial London Bus moment as they won for the second time in four days with a 4-1 success away at AFC Uckfield Town.

That they secured their first back to back wins of the campaign at the Oaks was particularly sweet for the Robins; it was here five weeks ago in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup that they surrendered a 2-0 lead with 15 minutes remaining to lose 4-2 for loss number two of the sequence.

Blowing that advantage proved to be a big psychological blow and Hassocks had looked bereft of confidence from that point right up until their excellent 1-0 success at Eastbourne United Association on Tuesday.

That victory was built on a magnificent defensive display and against AFC Uckfield they were again solid defensively while also taking their chances at the other end through Spencer Slaughter, Lewis Westlake and a Liam Benson brace.

The showing of the back five was particularly impressive given the Robins were without first choice goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg, Ashley Marsh, Luke Akehurst, Will Broomfield and Joe Maskell.

Alex Harris returned in goal against one of his former clubs for his first appearance since the second league game of the campaign while the Robins gave debuts to new signings Josh Tuck from Lewes and Adam Dawson, playing his first game of competitive football in eight months.

Dawson in particular looks quite the capture. He moved to Sussex recently and contacted the club asking if it would be possible to get involved as he "couldn't take another weekend on the sofa watching Soccer Saturday."

Having spent the last 10 years playing in the Evo-Stik League with Newcastle Town, Nantwich Town and Norton United – with whom he reached the first round of the FA Cup in 2014 – the Robins were only too happy to help him replace Saturday's with Jeff and the Boys with Saturday's with Death and the Boys.

Dawson probably didn't expect to be thrown straight into the starting line-up after just one training session but Mark Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar's decision to do so was vindicated within 12 minutes as he set up Benson for the Robins opener.

"Against AFC Uckfield Town, Hassocks were again solid defensively while also taking their chances at the other end through Spencer Slaughter, Lewis Westlake and a Liam Benson brace."

Benson had already had a good opportunity inside of five minutes but an unnecessary extra touch saw the ball run away from him as he confronted Matthew Dann in the Uckfield goal.

He made no mistake second time around however, finishing Dawson's cross neatly after the debutant had been sent away down the right by a fantastic ball from Slaughter.

Hassocks' second arrived on 28 minutes and although it was awarded to Lewis Westlake, a dubious goals panel would've had a strong case for putting it down as an own goal after Dann got in a right mess when attempting to deal with Westlake's corner, only managing to succeed in palming the ball in.

The second half was less than 90 seconds old when Hassocks made it three, centre back Jordan Badger finding himself in the unusual

position of delivering a cross which he did quite brilliantly to find Slaughter lurking with intent to produce an equally good side foot volley finish.

With the game all but won and Hassocks about to embark on a frankly ridiculous schedule of eight games out of 10 on the road, the visitors took the chance to change things up by making three substitutions as Jamie Hillwood, Michael Death and Jack Wilkins all got extended game time from the bench.

Tuck was one of those who made way, a decision that seemed surprising until Phil Wickwar revealed afterwards that he'd been playing through a chest infection which his solid debut even more impressive.

Dawson, James Westlake and Phil Gault combined with some lovely football down the right for the Robins fourth which ended when Benson finished Gault's exquisite cross with aplomb.

Harris and his defence were denied a clean sheet in the later stages, Dean Stewart-Hunter embarking on a fine run and finish for an Uckfield consolation.

If there were any doubts or worries among the Hassocks squad that that might have been the start of another Uckfield come back similar to that cup game then the players did well to hide it, comfortably seeing out the remaining eight minutes to climb above their hosts and out of the relegation zone.

Hassocks: Harris; Tuck, Barnes, Badger; Dawson, J Westlake, L Westlake, Slaughter, Bant; Gault, Benson.

Subs: Death, Hillwood, Wilkins (used), P Wickwar (unused).

Starman: Liam Benson



Under 23s raring to go after unbeaten pre-season

Hassocks Under 23s kick off their Southern Combination Under 23 North Division campaign looking to build on a strong showing in April's Supplementary Shield.

The Robins finished third in Group B, picking up some impressive results including a win away from home at Horsham YMCA, one of the best development squads in the league over the past three seasons.

Brad Sweetman will combine his duties as first team head coach by also leading the Under 23s, helped by his first team assistant Jordan Wilson and Matt Hicks.

Pre-season has seen go through three friendlies against Mid Sussex Premier Division sides unbeaten.

The Dan Jacques Derby with Lindfield ended in a 2-2 draw, Jack Baden and Sam Geard on target for the Robins.

We then produced an impressive comeback, recovering from 3-1 down to beat Balcombe 6-3. Jake Atherton, Tom Jupp, Tristan Hayes, Jay Hudson and two from Jude Wallis doing the

damage.

Cuckfield Rangers were the visitors in the final friendly with Hudson netting the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win.

The real action gets underway against Crowborough Athletic this Thursday with a 7.45pm kick off at the Beacon.

It is a tough start to the season, the Crows having enjoyed a decent first campaign in the division in 2020-21, including when beating us 1-0 at the Crowborough Community Stadium in October.

A week later and a trip to Horsham YMCA beckons. YM were top of the North Division when both 2019-20 and 2020-21 were curtailed and won the title the last time a season was completed in 2018-19.

It was something of a shock then when we triumphed in our last meeting, winning 5-2 at Gorings Mead in April's Supplementary Shield competition.

Lewis Beebee grabbed a brace with Sam Geard and Luke Marshall

also on target in arguably our most impressive win of last season.

September kicks off with away games against Oakwood and Steyning Town on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 9th respectively.

Oakwood have been regular opponents over the past couple of years, the last meeting between the sides ending in a 2-1 Hassocks victory in October thanks to two goals from George Galbraith-Gibbons.

The last time we face Steyning at Under 23s was in 2017-18, when we racked up two big victories winning 5-1 at the Beacon and 5-0 at the Shooting Field.

A first ever Under 23s match with Roffey follows at the Beacon on Thursday 16th September with the month rounded off by a trip to Loxwood on the 23rd and a Mid Sussex Derby with St Francis Rangers on the 30th.

Admission for all home games at the Beacon is £3 for adults and £1 concessions.

Another defeat but young Robins learning by the week

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 14th August 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne Town**



The last time Eastbourne Town came to the Beacon in January 2020, Hassocks suffered a club record heaviest home defeat in senior football when losing 7-0.

Things were not much better when the Robins last travelled to the Saffrons either, Town running out 6-2 victors a year ago.

To say Hassocks have not enjoyed recent meetings with the yellow half of Eastbourne would be a slight understatement.

So although Town left Mid Sussex with all three points on their latest visit, Hassocks could at least take heart from the fact it only finished 2-1 and that they gave visitors who will surely be involved in the battle for the Premier Division title this season a bit of a fright.

You would have got long odds on that when Town took the lead inside of one minute through Aaron Hopkinson.

The home faithful were no doubt fearing the worst at that point, especially as a similarly early goal at Saltdean United 11 days previously had paved the way for a 6-0 defeat at the hands of the Tigers.

This young Hassocks side are learning by the week, however. In some ways, such a daunting set of August and early September fixtures against the likes of Saltdean, Eastbourne Town, Steyning Town, Lingfield and Newhaven who all remain unbeaten so far might be a blessing in disguise.

What it is doing is forcing the Robins to grow up past. You can see that in the steady game-to-game improvement over the four matches that they have played under new head coach Brad Sweetman so far.

They should be all the better for the experience of facing the best teams that the Southern Combination

League has to offer by the time they face a gentler run of games once the first six weeks are out of the way.

Another positive to take was that this performance came off the back of a heart breaking FA Cup defeat against Spelthorne Sports.

Hassocks led for 83 of the 96 minutes played until two goals in second half injury time from the Combined Counties Premier outfit turned the tie on its head.

The Robins could have been forgiven for suffering from a hangover after losing in such a manner.

“Josh Short was the Hassocks scorer, his first for the club richly deserved not just for his man-of-the-match performance on the day but for an outstanding start to the season.”

They showed no signs of knocked confidence though, instead giving a showing that was indicative of a determination to bounce back.

Sweetman made four changes from the starting XI who came so close to booking a place in the next round of the world's greatest cup competition.

In defence, Andy Whittingham returned to captain the Robins on his 100th appearance for the club in place of the absent Max Blencowe, an impressive debutant against Spelthorne.

Charlie Tuck came in for his start of the season as Lexx Lucas missed out and there was a new-look front pairing, Tristan Hayes making his full debut alongside Joe Bull.

Hopkinson hit his opener before a number of the crowd had left the Clubhouse but that proved to be the only goal of an evenly matched first half.

Both Christian Kiddell and his opposite number Chris Winterton showed good handling to deal with a couple of aerial deliveries into their boxes from set pieces.

One of Hassocks' free kicks was earned by the outstanding Josh Short, Tom Vickers deciding that the only way he could halt a driving run from the Robins midfielder was illegally. Vickers was booked for his troubles.

Short survived that heavy challenge but unfortunately the same could not be said for Tuck, who suffered a nasty coming together with James Hull. Tuck was unable to continue, his place in midfield being taken by Jack Baden.

As the half wore on, Bull began causing problems for the Town defence whilst Alfie Loversidge defied his diminutive stature by nearly beating Winterton to a Jack Gardner cross.

Town's second goal arrived 12 minutes into the second half via Leon Greig but if the visitors thought that would open the floodgates for them to rack up their normal big victory against Hassocks, they were to be sorely mistaken.

There was only one more goal in the game and it went the way of Hassocks. Short was the scorer, his first for the club richly deserved not just for his man-of-the-match performance on the day but for an outstanding start to the season in which he has established himself as one of the Robins' most important players.

Hassocks: Kiddell; Rawlingson, Marshall, Whittingham; Tighe, Short, Tuck, Loversidge, Gardner; Bull, Hayes.

Subs: Baden, Hicks, Wallis (used), Troak, Kladdis (unused).

First Team Matches 2021-22

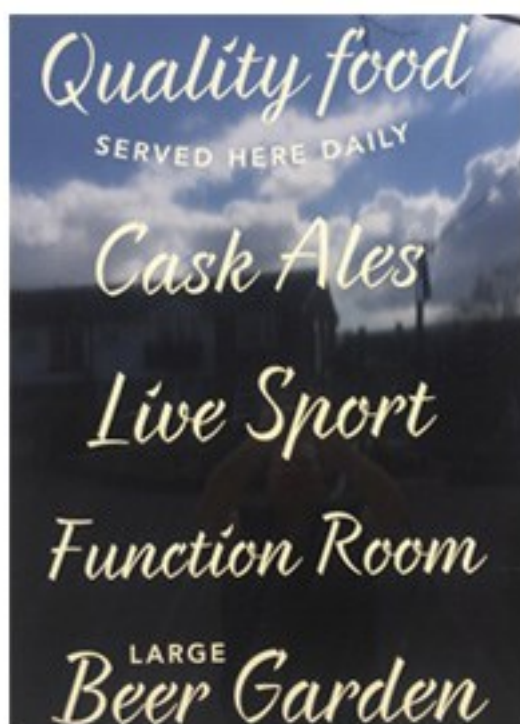
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP		
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
September				
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		
October				
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		
November				
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		
December				
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		
January				
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		
February				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
March				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
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
Jack Gardner	3	0	3	0	26	0
Christian Kiddell	3	0	3	0	3	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	0	3	1	21	3
Luke Marshall	3	0	3	0	19	0
Josh Short	3	0	3	0	15	0
Bradley Tighe	3	0	3	0	106	0
Arthur Rawlingson	2	1	3	0	3	0
Lewis Beebee	2	0	2	0	5	0
Andy Whittingham	2	0	2	0	100	1
Jack Baden	1	1	2	0	6	0
Connor Bradley	1	1	2	0	11	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Max Blencowe	1	0	1	0	1	0
Joe Bull	1	0	1	0	63	4
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0	1	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	1	0	1	0	1	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0	7	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0	36	3
Ben Hicks	0	1	1	0	2	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
Jude Wallis	0	1	1	0	1	0

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Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23		
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
September				
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
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		
September				
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: October

The second part of our 2020-21 Season Review picks up the action in October. Following a mixed opening month of the campaign something, clicked as we picked up some seriously impressive results - in-between suffering a club-record home defeat - to end the month in the dizzy heights of seventh spot in the Premier Division table...



Peacehaven & Telscombe were the first visitors to the Beacon just two weeks after they had cruised to an easy 3-0 FA Vase victory in Mid Sussex.

It turned out to be a very different story second time around as Hassocks gave a much improved performance to run out 2-1 winners over the Tye.

James Littlejohn scored two identical goals in the space 120 seconds on the hour mark, clinically finishing low Jack Troak crosses into the six yard past James Broadbent in the Peacehaven goal.

Former Hassocks number one Broadbent made several first-class saves to prevent the Robins running up a cricket score and when Harry Red pulled one back for the Tye with 12 minutes remaining, a grandstand finish was on the cards.

Hassocks though held on, thanks to Will Broomfield, Andy Whittingham and Troak all clearing efforts off the line in front of an enthralled crowd of 228, the fifth-biggest step five attendance of the day across the entire country.

Three days later and Dave John took the opportunity to rest players after such a hectic start to the season for the long journey west to Midhurst & Easebourne in the Sussex Senior Cup.

Troak, Charlie Pitcher, Phil Gault, Charlie Pugh and Bradley Bant were all spared the trip to the Rotherfield.

Broomfield watched on from the stands and Littlejohn and Jack Gardner were named amongst the substitutes.

The result was a disjointed performance and a 3-0 defeat against fired up Division One opponents with all the goals coming in the first half - two from Harry Giles and one from Lewis Hyde.

Hassocks looked like they would pick up a point when they returned to Premier Division action away at Broadbridge Heath, a tepid affair which made it into the 92nd minute locked at 0-0.

That was until a moment of magic from Heath's Jamie Taylor, who took advantage of a scuffed clearance from Pugh venturing outside of his area to return an effort from a full 40 yards back over the head over the

Hassocks goalkeeper and into the empty net.

Whilst the trip to High Wood Hill Sports Ground may have been devoid of entertainment bar Taylor's late intervention, the Robins' next fixture at East Preston turned out to be one of the most enthralling of the campaign.

In the ultimate example of a game of two halves, Hassocks led 4-0 going into the break against their bottom-of-the-table hosts.

Harvey Enitcknap, Charlie Pitcher and a brace from defender George Brown left the Robins looking pretty as the sides walked off for the interval.

Whatever was said to EP at the break had the desired impact as they returned looking like a different team for the second half.

“How do you bounce back from such a demoralising hammering as losing 8-0 at home?? Well, if you are a team with a Jekyll and Hyde reputation like Hassocks, you go and win a league game away at Horsham YMCA for the first time in 17 years three days later.”

A Gardner own goal and a Conor Bull penalty made it Hassocks 4-2 East Preston before the hour mark.

The hosts' third arrived with two minutes remaining, Bull converting the rebound after Pugh had saved his initial penalty.

It then took a superbly timed last man tackle from Dan Turner to prevent Bull having a clear run of goal in the final seconds as Hassocks held on... just.

Premier Division leaders Horley Town visited the Beacon next, a bad time for Hassocks to give their worst performance of the season, the result being an 8-0 loss which set a new record as the heaviest home defeat in senior football in Robins history.

Brown and Jake Chadwick were both sent off, Conor Evento had to be subbed off with injury early in the second half which meant a league debut in goal for 17-year-old Jayden Dunkley.

Four of the goals came in the final 10 minutes as Hassocks appeared to give up, although there was at least one moment of comedy when Pitcher attempted to hold the ball in the corner with the Robins 6-0 behind, surely the only time in football history that a side has begun timewasting when losing in an attempt to prevent the score line getting any worse?

Adam Grant was the pick of the visiting players, helping himself to a hat-trick.

Sean O'Toole grabbed a brace with the other Clarets scorers being Richard Pingling, Lewis Pearch and Tony Halsey.

How do you bounce back from such a demoralising hammering?

Well, if you are a team with a Jekyll and Hyde reputation like Hassocks, you go and win a league game away at Horsham YMCA for the first time in 17 years.

Troak opened the scoring at Gorings Mead but the lead was short lived, Cameron Gyeabour equalising with YM's first real foray forward.

Two moments of second half magic from Pitcher followed as he scored a brace of the highest quality to give Hassocks a 3-1 victory, their first in that part of the world since Pat Harding scored twice in 120 seconds in a 2-0 success back in November 2003.

October ended with an enthralling clash against Langney Wanderers at the Beacon, featuring no less than nine goals with six of those scored between Pitcher and Littlejohn.

Langney took the lead through Tim Bennett within a minute of kick off as a ferocious wind blowing towards the Railway End left Hassocks with their work cut out defensively in the first half.

Despite conditions being against them, the Robins equalised through Pitcher and then led via Littlejohn.

A Joe Summerbell goal looked like it would send the teams into the break level, only for Littlejohn to hit a crucial third for Hassocks in first half stoppage time.

With the wind now in their favour, the Robins were well placed to go on and win the game. Substitute Jamie Wilkes was involved in all four goals following his introduction on his home debut.

Littlejohn completed his hat-trick on 78 minutes, two minutes later and Pitcher had his second and six

minutes on from that, Troak joined the party to bring up Hassocks' half dozen. Pitcher finished off the rout and his treble in injury time.

The Under 23s got their season up and running in October after a difficult start to the campaign in which they failed to win any of their opening four matches.

Their month began with a 4-2 defeat against Broadbridge Heath, Lewis Beebee scoring his first goals at Under 23 level.

That was followed by a Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup exit at the hands of East Preston.

The Robins first win came thanks to a George Galbraith-Gibbons first half brace as Oakwood were beaten 2-1 at Tinsley Lane.

A first meeting at development squad level with Jarvis Brook followed, Hassocks winning a ding-dong game 3-2 thanks to two goals in the final five minutes from substitute Jay Hudson.

Sam Sales had given Brook a first half lead which Wilkes wiped out two minutes into the second half.

Alex Hook put the visitors back ahead on 80 minutes before Hudson's late heroics turned things around to

give Hassocks their second three points of the season.

In their final game of the month, the Robins were beaten 1-0 at undefeated Crowborough Athletic.

Edmund Lewis won it for the Crows with a superb strike from distance giving Dunkley in the Hassocks goal no chance.

"There was a record-breaking win for the Under 18s to kick off October as they beat a young Rottingdean Village side 18-0 in the first round of the Sussex Dennis Probee Youth Cup."

There was a huge win for the Under 18s to kick off October as they beat a young Rottingdean Village side 18-0 in the first round of the Sussex Dennis Probee Youth Cup.

In the goals at the Beacon were Beebee (2), Josh Sprigg (3), Alex Crawford (3), Beau Howard (2), Alfie Loversidge (3), Archie Russell (4) and Archie Messent.

Russell hit a hat-trick in the

Robins' next outing, a 6-0 win against Crawley Down Gatwick on their return to North Division action.

Beebee was again amongst the goals and a brace from Howard rounded off the scoring.

Former Hassocks favourite Eddie French then brought his Billingshurst side to the Beacon in October's final game.

French knows a thing or two about what it takes to forge a good youth team having been part of one of the best Under 18s sides Hassocks have ever had, captaining Sussex at youth level and going onto play nearly 100 times for the Robins before leaving to play Isthmian League football with Horsham.

His Billingshurst side gave Hassocks their toughest test of the season up to that point, keeping the Robins out for most of the game until a late surge saw Howard, Messent and Crawford secure a 3-0 win.

The Ladies suffered three heavy defeats through October, losing 8-2 at home to Crawley Wasps, 7-0 against Ashford and 4-0 away at Lewes. Those two goals against Wasps came from Jess Craig and Katie Read.



ON THIS DAY



Following an opening day defeat at Pagham, Hassocks faced one of the County League title favourites Eastbourne Town in the first game of the campaign at the Beacon on this day in **2004...**

Laing double helps Hassocks ruffle Town feathers

If anyone needed confirmation about just how good Hassocks had been in the first half of their Tuesday night encounter against Eastbourne Town, then the dressing down visiting boss Dave Winterton gave his players during the break should have been enough.

Winterton's verbal lashing permeated the walls of the Beacon Clubhouse, could be heard on the far side of the ground and probably a quarter of a mile away in the centre of the village.

Time and time again, Hassocks had carved open one of the County League title favourites and Winterton knew that his side were very lucky that the Robins were only 1-0 ahead rather than having put the game to bed.

Hassocks began the game at a ferocious tempo, hitting the post inside the first five minutes via Joe Fernley with the loose ball scrambled behind at the expense of a corner by the Town defence.

From the subsequent delivery, the evergreen Andy Fisk rattled the same upright as Fernley and Graham Beveridge saw his follow up effort hacked off the line.

Having seen some the Robins' older warhorses leading the charge, next it was the lively Pat Harding's

turn to torment the Town defence.

Harding took centre stage, looking sharp in everything he did other than his finishing as the visitors struggled to find any answer to the Robins' talisman.

He could have easily had a first half hat-trick, a combination of some uncharacteristically poor finishing and one outstanding save from Russell Tanner preventing Harding getting on the scoresheet.

Questions were asked of Tanner for his role in the Robins' opener which arrived with 22 minutes on the clock.

The Town goalkeeper looked set to deal comfortably with a cross into the box, only to be beaten in a straight jump by James Laing, opening his account for the season.

As well as a lot of shouting, Winterton also made a slight tactical tweak at half time to hand his captain Scott Price more freedom to roam in the space between the Hassocks defence and midfield.

By the time the Robins had got to grips with Price's new commission, he had beaten Joel Harding with two fine right footed strikes to turn the game on its head and put Town into the lead.

An already entertaining encounter became even more so, Town going on the attack to try and secure a third which would kill the game off whilst Hassocks returned to the same gear they were in during the first half in attempt to find an equaliser.

Tanner made several good saves

to thwart the Robins, including a superb stop from Laing every bit as good as his first half save from Harding.

Hassocks did eventually find a way through, an awkward bounce taking the ball away from the Town defence and leaving Laing in the clear.

The Hassocks striker took advantage of this slice of luck in glorious style, beating Tanner with a perfectly controlled lob to level the game at 2-2.

Tanner blotted his copybook a little with a late booking for dissent as Town let their frustrations get the better of them, although nobody with visiting connections could deny that Hassocks were worthy of a point.

Particularly pleasing to Dave John would have been that this performance and result followed the disappointment of a 1-0 reversal at Pagham on the opening day of the campaign.

If Hassocks can regularly repeat this showing against Town rather than their effort at Nyetimber Lane on Saturday over the course of the next eight months, then the Robins could be in for a very good season indeed. Just ask Winterton.

Hassocks: J Harding; Turner, Newman, Hewitt, Low, Thompson; Fernley, A Fisk, Beveridge; Laing, P Harding.

Subs: Dawson, Thomas, Stripp, S Fisk, Wickwar (unused).



Around the League...



11 days ago and Southern Combination League clubs took their first steps in the Emirates FA Cup. We take a look at how the extra preliminary round qualifying round of the competition went for Sussex's representatives...

Where better to kick off our round up than at East Court were Alfold pulled off a shock against Isthmian League South East side East Grinstead Town.

A 2-1 victory wrote a piece of history for Alfold as they beat step four opponents in a competitive game for the first time ever.

Sam Lemon continued his sweet start to the season by notching Fold's opener with the other goal coming from substitute Kofi Quartley.

Former Hassocks striker Charlie Pitcher scored his first goals for **Crawley Down Gatwick** as the Anvils defeated **Welling Town** 3-2 at the Haven.

Oliver Moore was the other home scorer whilst Pitcher was joined in the starting XI by Will Broomfield, Harvey Blake and Phil Johnson in a Down side that had a distinct ex-Robins look about it.

Speaking of ex-Robins, Spencer Slaughter's **Loxwood** picked up an excellent 3-1 win away at **Hanworth Villa**.

Leon Turner, Jack Frankland and Sam Packham all scored as the Magpies were one of only two Premier Division clubs to win away from home in the FA Cup.

The other was **Little Common**, who had goals in either half from Jack McLean and then Sam Cruttwell to thank for their 2-1 win at **Staines Town**.

Newhaven racked up the biggest win of the day, hammering **Camberley Town** 6-1 at Fort Road.

Two goals from Lee Robinson, Ian Robinson and Robert Malia had the Dockers four ahead and cruising inside of an hour.

Substitutes Lucas Franzen-Jones and Alfie Rogers added some late gloss to the scoreline, bringing up a half dozen in the final 10 minutes.

Premier Division leaders **Saltdean United** saw off **Frimley Green** in comfortable fashion, winning 4-0 at Hill Park.

It was only 1-0 going into the break thanks to Reece Hallard's early opener.

The floodgates opened in the second half however, Hallard adding another with goals from Trevor McCreadie and Callum Saunders completing the rout.

Lingfield ran out 2-1 winners at home to **Egham Town**, Sam Clements and Aaron Jenkins on target at Whyteleafe.

There were three all-Premier Division clashes, the most entertaining of which came at High Wood Hill where **Broadbridge Heath** lost an eight goal thriller against **Littlehampton Town** 6-2.

Five of the visitors goals came in the first half, Joe Benn and Tom Biggs helping themselves to doubles along with Jordan Layton.

Dan Hegarty completed the Golds' scoring from the bench and Heath's consolations came via Charlie Parmiter and Jamie Taylor.

Another former Hassocks player was in the goals at the Pilot Field, where **Bexhill United** suffered a 1-0 defeat to a Liam Benson strike for **Peacehaven & Telscombe**.

Nothing could separate **Steyning Town** and **Pagham** who shared a 2-2 draw in a ding-dong clash at the Shooting Field.

Callum Chalmers gave Pagham a first half lead. That was cancelled out

by Tom Howard-Bold. Joe Clarke put the Lions back ahead before Bobby Bennet ensured a replay was needed.

Steyning eventually triumphed 3-2 at the second attempt at Nyetimber Lane three days later.

A replay was also required between **East Preston** and **Badshot Lea** after the first game finished 3-3, Matt Storm scoring twice for EP to bring Badshot back to the Lashmar.

Unfortunately, that was as far as things went for EP as they were beaten 2-0.

FA Cup football came to Withdean Stadium for the first time in 10 years where **AFC Varndeanians** went down 2-1 against Farnham Town. Oliver Blackman scored the V's consolation.

Eastbourne United were well beaten 6-2 at **Chatham Town** whilst **Horsham YMCA** had quite the experience, flying to the Channel Islands to become **Jersey Bulls** first ever opponents in the world's greatest cup competition.

It turned out to be a memorable day for the islanders, as they hammered YM 10-1. Luke Donaldson netted for the visitors, who also saw George Hyde dismissed.

Mile Oak were the only Division One club to gain entry to the competition, suffering a 2-0 defeat to **Punjab United** at Mike Oak Rec.





The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

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

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	186	186	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	182	188	176
Littlehampton Town	148	148	148
Newhaven	137	137	137
Hassocks	130	130	130
Steyning Town	130	130	130
Saltdean United	127	127	127
Eastbourne United	97	105	89
East Preston	89	94	83
Lingfield	81	81	81
Pagham	81	91	76
Little Common	74	74	74
Horsham YMCA	70	90	49
AFC Uckfield Town	68	74	61
Loxwood	65	77	52
Crawley Down Gatwick	60	60	60
Alfold	59	61	56
AFC Varndeanians	52	55	48
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Saltdean United	WWW
Eastbourne Town	WWW
Peacehaven & Tels	WLWW
Newhaven	DWW
Steyning Town	WWD
Littlehampton Town	WWL
Alfold	LWW
Lingfield	WW
Pagham	LWW
Little Common	WDL
Broadbridge Heath	LW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWL
Bexhill United	WL
Loxwood	LLW
AFC Uckfield Town	LDD
East Preston	DLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLL
Eastbourne United	LLL
Hassocks	LL
Horsham YMCA	LLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	9
Tom Boyle	Varndeanians	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	4
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	3
Sam Clements	Lingfield	3
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	3
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	3
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	3
Jack Langford	Pagham	3
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	3
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	3
Matthew Storm	East Preston	3
Leon Turner	Loxwood	3
Aaron Jenkins	Lingfield	3
Charlie Ball	Eastbourne Utd	2
Bobby Bennett	Steyning Town	2
Liam Benson	Peacehaven	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
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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Coming up...

Our game scheduled for the opening game of the season but lost to weather takes place next, Broadbridge Heath visiting the Beacon on Saturday before a rare away game to Peacehaven & Telscombe ahead of a busy Bank Holiday weekend...



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.



Steyning Town

When?

Saturday 28th August

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Steyning Town last season?

Steyning are yet to complete a season in the Premier Division, thanks to the curtailment of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns following their promotion to the top flight as Division One runners up at the end of 2018-19. Gerry Murphy's side sat 11th before lockdown arrived in December, having won six and lost seven of their 13 matches. They have started the current campaign well and are unbeaten at the time of writing.

Our record against Steyning Town?

Meetings between ourselves and Steyning have been few and far between because of Town's spell in the Wessex League. 11 times before the sides have faced off; twice in the Premier Division, four times in Division One, four times in the Sussex Senior Cup and once in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup. We have won six, drawn three and lost two of those matches.

Last time we met?

Two pivotal moments inside the opening eight minutes occurred when Steyning visited the Beacon last September. Jack Troak missed a penalty and then immediately after, Charlie Pitcher left proceedings injured. Goals proved hard to come by without Pitcher and although Troak did get on the scoresheet when giving us the lead, Steyning ran out 3-1 winners as Tom Bold scored twice along with Cian Griffin-Tilley. To complete a miserable evening, George Brown saw red.

Any familiar faces?

Not just familiar faces, but familiar captains. Andy Whittingham joined us for his first spell at the Beacon from Steyning in the summer of 2010, one of a number of players Mark Dalgleish brought over from the Shooting Field following his appointment as Mickey Jewell's assistant. Town captain Alex Gathern meanwhile played for Hassocks in 2014 before leaving for Horsham YMCA.



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**August £28
September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April**

TOTAL £28

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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
Lingfield home
Little Common away
Eastbourne United away
Bexhill United home
AFC Varndeanians away
Horsham YMCA away
Loxwood home
East Preston home
Pagham away
Newhaven away
Littlehampton Town home
Steyning Town away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Alfold away

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

2nd

3rd

December 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2021

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1st

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March 2021

1st

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April 2021

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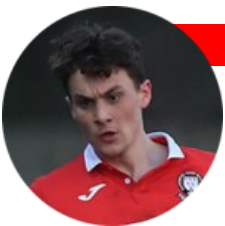
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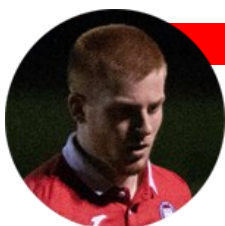
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James Littlejohn	
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Next at the Beacon



Broadbridge Heath
 Saturday 21st August. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division



AFC Uckfield Town

Jason Tibble
Sam Cash
Alex Kendall
Callum Ridley
Jack Walder
Nathan Hover
George Cook
Luke Blewden
Morgan Vale
Sam Carrington
Ellis Wright
Aaron Baker
Marcus Alexander
Dean Tear
Oliver Duncan
Tyler Pearson
Jamie Wilkes
Farrall Ryder
Alex Plummer
Oliver Lee

Referee
 Daniel D'Urso

Assistants
 Owen Lawrence &
 Peter Izard

Manager Steve Ives
Coach Haig Kingston
Coach Craig Scott
Goalkeeper Coach Ben Andrews
Physio Richard Withers

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

Alfold v Broadbridge Heath
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Lingfield
 East Preston v Pagham
 Eastbourne United v Bexhill United
 Eastbourne Town v Little Common
 Loxwood v Horsham YMCA
 Saltdean United v Newhaven
 Steyning Town v Littlehampton Town