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Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

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Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Good afternoon and welcome back to the Beacon for a fourth consecutive home game, this time with Broadbridge Heath the visitors...

Today's fixture brings to an end a run of four consecutive home games as we are hitting the road to Peacehaven & Telscombe on Tuesday night, giving the Beacon some much-needed respite.

Do not fear though if you are a 'Hassocks at home' supporter - after the trip to the Tye, we have another five home matches in a row.

By the middle of September, we will have played seven of our 19 league matches at the Beacon.

Having so many away games in the second half of the campaign might well make things difficult on the pitch, but at least our programme editors can have our lives back rather than having to put together two editions a week!

For the past two home games we have been struggling to get physical copies of our programme printed and for that we again apologise.

At the time of writing, it was unclear whether normal service would be resumed for this afternoon's match.

You will of course know what the outcome is depending on how you are reading this, so fingers crossed it is with paper in your hands (and a

can of Bedlam Pilsner).

Tuesday night saw us pick up our first point of the season against AFC Uckfield Town thanks to another battling performance, some outstanding goalkeeping and late drama.

Two of the main protagonists in it all were making their first appearances of the season. Charlie Pugh had an excellent evening in goal and it was great to see him back between the posts after being absent for the opening few weeks.

The equaliser meanwhile came from a rarely spotted Badger - in this case, former club captain Jordan who has returned after a couple of seasons out of the game.

Jordan will add both quality and experience to our young squad and who knows, if he keeps getting thrown on as an emergency striker, goals as well.

Those two were not the only new faces on show; there were also full debuts for Kobe Dersley and Ben Hicks who both did well, offering a reminder of the talent we have coming through the Under 23s and Under 18s.

Speaking of the Under 23s, they

kicked off their season on Thursday night at home to Crowborough Athletic looking to build on an unbeaten friendly campaign.

If you would like to find out how they got on, then please ask Owen behind the bar who will be able to fill you in.

The Under 18s have now had their fixtures confirmed and they can be found a little further into this programme, but as a spoiler we will tell you here that they start next Sunday away at Shoreham.

We have enjoyed a good uptake in player sponsors over the past week so thank you to everyone who has decided to get involved with helping raise some money to support the club this season.

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Enjoy the game,

Owen and Scott



Today's visitors...



Broadbridge Heath

Founded 1919

Nickname Bears

Ground High Wood Hill Sports Ground

Website pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc

Twitter @thebearsbbhfc

Manager Chris Simmons

Top scorer Jamie Taylor, 2

HONOURS

SCFL Division One

Runners up 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 2013

Broadbridge Heath endured a slow start to 2020-21 for a number of reasons. Despite that, they still managed to complete a Premier Division double over Hassocks last season and will prove tough opponents today...

Heath were one of the first sides in the Southern Combination League 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.

As a result, they went winless in the first month of the 2020-21 campaign, scoring just twice and conceding 14 goals in their opening three matches.

In mid-October though, something clicked for Chris Simmons and his players they racked up a series of impressive results to move away from the bottom three - including that aforementioned six points from us.

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

That game was decided by a spectacular 91st minute Jamie Taylor goal from a full 50 yards.

Two months later and it was the same scoreline at the Beacon. Mark Zydonik scored the only goal of a

heated encounter in which Andy Whittingham and Alfie Jones saw red on a freezing cold night.

Simmons has managed to keep most of 2020-21's squad at High Wood Hill Sports Ground with the honourable exception of top scorer of Lewis Croal, who has moved to Crawley Down Gatwick.

The Anvils have enjoyed quite the summer of striker signings. Charlie Pitcher has left us to sign on at the Haven, meaning that Down now possess Croal, Pitcher and another ex-Robin in Phil Johnson - three 25-goal-a-season strikers.

How Heath replace Croal will go a long way towards determining how they get on this season, in much the same way as we will have to find a way to cope without the goals of Pitcher over the next nine months.

The Bears do not seem to have been too adversely impacted by the loss of Croal so far and arrive here today with one win and two defeats from their three games.

That victory was a 2-0 success at Eastbourne United a week ago today, a result that Heath will be looking to build upon this afternoon.

10 Key Moments

1920... lift a Horsham League and Cup double, their first major trophies

1970... move from the Horsham League to the West Sussex League

1978... promoted into the Southern Counties Combination League

1983... join the Southern Combination League, becoming founder members of Division Two

1988... the move yields instant dividends as Heath are promoted to Division One for the first time

1998... promoted to the Premier Division of the Southern Combination League

2010... finish second bottom of the league structure, with only Hurstpierpoint below them

2013... reach their first senior cup final, losing to East Preston in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup

2014... promoted back to the Premier Division four years after nearly being relegated out of the league

2019... secured their highest ever finish before moving into the new High Wood Hill Sports Ground

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 6th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 15th

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 8th

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 9th

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 9th

2013-14, Southern Combination One 2nd

2012-13, Southern Combination One 6th

2011-12, Southern Combination Two 5th

2010-11, Southern Combination Two 6th

2009-10, Southern Combination Two 14th

2008-09, Southern Combination Two 9th

2007-08, Southern Combination One 17th

2006-07, Southern Combination One 17th

2005-06, Southern Combination One 11th

2004-05, Southern Combination One 12th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 10th

2002-03, Southern Combination One 13th

2001-02, Southern Combination One 7th

2000-01, Southern Combination One 5th

1999-00, Southern Combination One 12th

Hassocks v Broadbridge Heath :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 13 - Won 3 - Drawn 3 - Lost 7 - Scored 13 - Conceded 22

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

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

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

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

Total... Played 25 - Won 9 - Drawn 5 - Lost 11 - Scored 31 - Conceded 35

Previous 10 Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Played for Both

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

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

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

He returned to Colwell Road in October 2012 and later went onto have spells with Ringmer and

coaching Burgess Hill Town's under 18 side.

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

Another defender to have represented both clubs is **Glen Woodburn**, who spent the 2018-19 season with the Bears. Woodburn had played for Hassocks a decade earlier during John Suter's brief reign in the 2008-09 campaign.

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

He went onto join the Bears at the start of the 2019-20 campaign, playing 15 times before moving to Saltdean United.

Our top scorer last season **Charlie Pitcher** had a brief spell with Broadbridge Heath earlier in his career whilst goalkeeper **Conor Evento** arrived at the Beacon direct from the Bears last September.

The links in the 2020-21 season did not stop there. Heath could call upon the services of **Dan Webster**, who made a couple of appearances in Hassocks colours at the beginning of the 2018-19 season before moving onto Oakwood.

Heated clash between Robins and Bears warms up freezing Beacon

Football returned after the latest lockdown as Hassocks and Broadbridge Heath did their best to warm up a freezing Beacon with a fiery encounter.

Both sides ended with 10 men and referee Daniel D'Urso issued so many further yellow cards that even the Royal Mail would have been struggling to keep up.

In terms of goals, there was only one of those. Mark Zydonik scored it on 23 minutes to decide the game 1-0 in favour of the visitors who, despite arriving 17th in the Premier Division table, have now completed a league double over the Robins after winning by the same score line at High Wood Hill Sports Ground back in October.

To be fair to Heath, their precarious position just above the relegation is a bit of a red herring.

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

That understandably led to a disjointed start as they lost their first three games of the season, scoring just twice and conceding 14 times.

Something clicked for Chris Simmons' side around the time Hassocks visited them and they had racked up a series of impressive results before the November pause in the season brought things to a grinding halt.

The enforced four week break came at a bad time for Hassocks too. The Robins were in good form beforehand, climbing to the dizzy heights of seventh spot in the Premier Division.

Entertainment was in high supply with 35 goals flying in at the Beacon in just six matches.

A month off meant that the

excitement was never likely to match those pre-November levels as both sides were suffering from the ring rust that came with being unable to train during lockdown, let alone play matches.

Hassocks had last taken to the field on October 24th against Langney Wanderers, when hat-tricks from Charlie Pitcher and James Littlejohn blew away the visitors 7-2.

The Robins made two changes from their starting XI for that one.

Teenager Luke Marshall replaced Will Broomfield at centre back and Phil Gault missed out as Josh Short came into midfield with Littlejohn partnering Pitcher in attack.

Hassocks had the first chance of the evening in the seventh minute but Liam Matthews in the Heath goal repelled the one-on-one expertly in the only piece of work either goalkeeper had to do until Heath took the lead.

It was an all too familiar goal for Hassocks to concede as it came from a set piece.

Jamie Robinson's swinging delivery from the right flank was met by Ollie Joels.

Charlie Pugh did well to keep out Joels' header, only to see Zydonik be in the right place at the right time to tap home the rebound, although Hassocks felt there was a hint of offside.

Heath forced the first chance of the second half when Pugh made a fine save from Charlie Parmiter just 30 seconds after the restart.

Hassocks struggled to make much headway in a game of few chances and their task of getting back into the match looked like it would be made a little harder when Andy Whittingham was sent off just past the hour mark.

The left back overran the ball slightly and his attempts to retrieve the situation went badly wrong when he went straight through Alfie Jones to pick up a red card for which there could be little complaint.

Jones did not take that too well and he instantly set out to gain revenge on anyone he could find.

Five minutes later and he joined Whittingham in the red card club after an equally reckless and late challenge deep in the Hassocks half.

Those two incidents sparked an almighty meltdown in discipline with six yellow cards in the final 25 minutes.

Who knows what was said to the players on the Robins bench, but Hassocks managed the impressive feat of having all three substitutes booked once they had been introduced.

Jake Chadwick lasted nine minutes before Mr D'Urso flashed him a yellow, Jamie Wilkes picked up his caution for persistent fouling in 15 minutes which included giving away what felt like five free kicks in the space of a minute and Louis Pittock marked his first appearance since a September injury with a booking.

For Heath, Scott Buchanan was shown yellow for his part in the melee that followed Whittingham's dismissal and was later joined by Craig Goodsir and Robinson.

With so many flashpoints breaking out all over the field, chances became even more at a premium once it was 10 v 10, Pugh making the only save of the last 20 minutes when turning away a Robinson header.

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

Subs: Chadwick, Wilkes, Pittock (used), Evento (unused).

Five star Hassocks prove too much for creaking Bears defence

For the first 18 minutes of this John O'Hara League Cup second round tie, it looked as if Hassocks would be in for a difficult afternoon away against Division Two opponents Broadbridge Heath.

The hosts were much the better side and should have gone ahead on a couple of occasions.

They paid for that profligacy when Matt Robbins opened the scoring with the Robins first real attempt of the game and from there, it was a cakewalk really for Hassocks.

They ended up winning 5-0 with five different scorers as Richard Thompson, Anthony Hibbert, Phil Gault and Pete Lear joined Robbins on the score sheet to make it a fourth consecutive defeat in all competitions for Heath.

A week earlier Heath had their closest game in that sequence of losses, going down to a narrow defeat to Hassocks' Division One rivals Three Bridges with whom Dave John's side had drawn 1-1 in midweek.

The Bears though could surely not have could not have fielded the same defence against Three Bridges that offered such scant resistance at the Leisure Centre in this one.

As bright as Heath were going forward, particularly early on, then as dull they were at the back.

Their ageing and laboured defence was little better than an intermediate outfit and in the end the scoreline could have been even more embarrassing.

Not that John was dwelling on the shortcomings of the opposition afterwards.

"After the early exchanges we did the job and you can't really ask for any more than that," the Robins boss said afterwards.

With Matt Amos having gone off to Cambridge University, James Laing

unavailable and Mark Sheriff continuing his comeback by playing and scoring in the reserves 4-0 win over Ringmer, John reverted to his usual preferred option of pushing the highly influential Matt Robbins forward from midfield.

And it was Robbins who provided a splendidly clinical finish after great work by left back Thompson on 18 minutes.

Thompson had a superb first 45 minutes and it was fitting he should score the second goal 10 minutes later when Robbins somewhat inadvertently returned the compliment.

Mickey Turner found Robbins whose mishit shot ended up being the perfect pass for Thompson's silky left foot to provide the finish.

Before the opening goal Heath had looked much the better side and missed a great chance on eight minutes when the visitors defended woefully from a Chris Hughes free kick but defender Jamie Fiveash directed his header straight at the grateful Joel Harding.

The opening goal changed the balance of play however, although at 2-0 at half time the hosts could still have retained some hope given the attacking threat they'd shown early on.

In truth they should have been further behind as a minute after Thompson's goal Robbins set up Hibbert for a clear shooting chance he put well wide.

It was obvious the next goal would be key and when it fell to Hassocks 10 minutes after the break, that was game, set and match.

Gault found Robbins and he played Hibbert through to more than make amends with a fine finish.

It was then a case of who else might get on the score sheet and much of the smart money would have been on Gault, who had been only inches wide from an excellent Thompson cross on 51 minutes.

He made no mistake after 66 minutes when prospering from a fortunate break of the ball.

With two young strikers on the bench in Logan Newington and James McKenzie, Robbins was destined to end the game in his slightly more familiar midfield role but before that it was a couple of his power headers from Hibbert corners that caught the eye.

The first was saved by Joe Comper but the second was cleared off the line and finally fell for Lear to score his third goal of the season with a well controlled half volley.

You always know Hassocks are on easy street when they give a run out to all their subs and so it here, both Newington and McKenzie getting 15 minutes in a double change.

Brendan Leahy was also introduced from the bench, continuing his return from a lengthy spell on the sidelines with a run out in place of Stuart Faith at the back.

Robbins was unlucky not to add his second with a header from Turner's cross and in the closing minutes only the legs of Harding denied Nick Humble a consolation goal for Heath.

Hassocks: Harding; Turner, Lear, Marsh, Faith, Thompson; Fisk, Hibbert, Slaughter; Robbins, Gault.

Subs: Leahy (Faith 73), Newington (Slaughter 78), McKenzie (Fisk 78).

Starman: Richard Thompson, quality first half performance and only a pity he did not see as much of the ball after the break.



Hassocks Century is up for new captain Whittingham

The latest member of the Hassocks 100 Club is new captain Andy Whittingham, who passed a century of appearances for the Robins in the 2-1 defeat to Eastbourne Town.

Whittingham has achieved the landmark over two spells at the Beacon, the first of which began in 2010 when he became one of Mickey Jewell's first signings as Hassocks manager.

The then-19-year-old defender followed Mark Dalglish from the Shooting Field, after Dalglish stood down as Barrowman manager to become Jewell's number two.

Despite being one of the youngest players at Hassocks, Whittingham soon established himself as first choice left back.

He took to top flight football like a duck to water, making 39 starts and being used once from the bench as the Robins equalled their highest-ever finish of seventh in the Southern

Combination League Premier Division.

The attacking threat offered by Whittingham on the left and fellow new arrival Rob South on the right was a big part of that success, with both full backs equally adept at defending.

Whittingham was not afraid to put the boot in either, one memorable moment within 10 games of his debut seeing him *slightly* mistime a tackle to kung-fu kick a Blackfield & Langney player in the chest during a 3-2 FA Vase defeat.

Chris Maynard's conversion to a left back upon his return from a broken leg meant that Whittingham found first team opportunities limited in 2011-12 and he departed for Seaford Town after adding 11 more appearances to his Hassocks total.

As well as the Hornets, Whittingham went onto represent Hailsham Town and AFC Uckfield Town before Dalglish brought him back to the Beacon in December 2018, seven years after his departure.

Whittingham was soon back into the swing of things, picking up a yellow card within 25 minutes of his second debut as Hassocks lost at Eastbourne Town.

He followed that up with a another booking in his first game in front of a Hassocks home crowd as Haywards Heath Town eliminated the Robins from the Sussex RUR Charity Cup at the quarter final stage.

Both of those cards were met with great delight from Maynard, Ashley Marsh and other players who turned out alongside Whittingham in his first spell as they reminisced about his aforementioned judo exploits down in Hampshire.

Whittingham has since gone onto play 50 times so far since returning to Hassocks and following Bradley Bant's departure, Brad Sweetman has named him club captain for the 2021-22 season.

Congratulations Andy on passing the milestone and here is to another 100 games (and a couple more Karate Kid moments).

Badger back with a bang to earn Sweetman his first point in charge

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 17th August 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-2 AFC Uckfield Town**



It was a case of the old helping the new when AFC Uckfield Town came to the Beacon, where former Hassocks captain Jordan Badger made a fairy tale return to football after a two-year absence by scoring a late equaliser to give new head coach Brad Sweetman his first point in charge of the Robins.

Badger last kicked a competitive ball in the 2018-19 season, stepping back at the end of the campaign to focus on work commitments.

On Saturday night though, Sweetman managed to convince Badger to dust off his boots. 72 hours later and the decision paid off handsomely as he helped Hassocks secure a 2-2 draw against opponents whom they always seem to put on a show with.

The last 12 editions of Robins v Oakmen have now featured at least three goals, earning it a reputation as one of the most entertaining games on the Premier Division circuit.

This clash was no exception, a ding-dong tie which ebbed and flowed from end-to-end at breakneck speed in a fabulous advert for non-league football.

Sweetman made six changes from the side who lost 2-1 to Eastbourne Town at the weekend.

Lewis Beebee and George Mitchell-Phillips returned in attack, Lexx Lucas took over from the injured Charlie Tuck in midfield, there were full debuts for Ben Hicks and Kobe Dersley at left and right wing back and perhaps most importantly, Charlie Pugh made his first start of the season in goal.

Pugh made five saves of the highest quality of the course of the 90 minutes, going a long way towards ensuring that Uckfield did not leave with what would have been their fifth successive win over Hassocks.

Uckfield began the game as the better side although they had to wait

until the 13th minute to call Pugh into action when he was forced into punching away a dangerous looking George Cook corner.

Cook and former Hassocks midfielder Jamie Wilkes were at the heart of most of Uckfield's good stuff, including when linking up to release a surging Morgan Vale who just failed to connect with a ball into the box.

Uckfield eventually turned their dominance into a goal on the half hour mark, Aaron Baker delivering a pinpoint cross onto the head of Luke Blewden who made it 1-0.

The Hassocks response to that setback was instant and impressive. Four minutes later and an incisive move up the pitch was finished off coolly by Alfie Loversidge, the teenage midfielder scoring his second goal in four appearances this season.

Uckfield seemed shocked by conceding and suddenly it was the Robins' turn to be in the ascendency as they laid siege to the visitors goal in the final 10 minutes of the half.

It took some determined defending from Callum Ridley in particular to keep Hassocks out and Uckfield were no doubt grateful to make it to half time without conceding again.

Steve Ives and his players made the most of the opportunity to regroup at the interval and they flew out of the traps to take the lead within 60 seconds of the restart.

The Robins defence appeared to have their minds still on their half time refreshments as hesitant defending was ruthlessly punished by Sam Carrington to put Uckfield back into the lead.

Cook had strong penalty appeals waved away by referee Daniel D'Urso on the hour mark before the Pugh Show began in earnest.

Carrington was the first to be denied via a routine stop. There was nothing routine however about Pugh's next save, a stunning tip over at full stretch of a Cook effort from

30 yards.

An outrageous triple save to deny Carrington followed, those three opportunities coming from a sweeping move up the pitch after Uckfield goalkeeper Jason Tibble had been alert to keep out a Mitchell-Phillips effort.

Wilkes failed to test Pugh with Uckfield's next opportunity after substitute Farrell Ryder made it to the by-line.

That proved to be Uckfield's last chance as Hassocks began to exert a lot of pressure in the final 10 minutes, helped by Sweetman's decision to throw defender Badger on as an emergency striker.

Badger has filled such a role before, famously as a youngster at Lewes when he scored twice when introduced as a centre forward to rescue the Rooks a 3-3 draw from 3-1 down away at Kingstonian.

You will have to ask Badger if his latest heroics eclipse those feats but you could see how much this 87th minute goal meant to his teammates, who celebrated wildly once Badger reacted quickest to toe poke home in a scramble caused by a downward header from a corner.

Hassocks might have even won it in injury time. Another ex-Robin in Sam Cash was lucky to escape with a yellow after a crunching last man foul on the edge of the box appeared to deny the hosts a goal scoring opportunity.

The Robins wanted a penalty and a red card but they got neither, with the resulting free kick posing more danger to passing traffic on the A273 than Tibble's goal.

Hassocks: Pugh; Rawlingson, Tighe, Whittingham; Dersley, Short, Lucas, Loversidge, Hicks; Mitchell-Phillips, Beebee.

Subs: Bull, Badger, Geard (used), Wallace, Kiddell (unused).

First Team Matches 2021-22

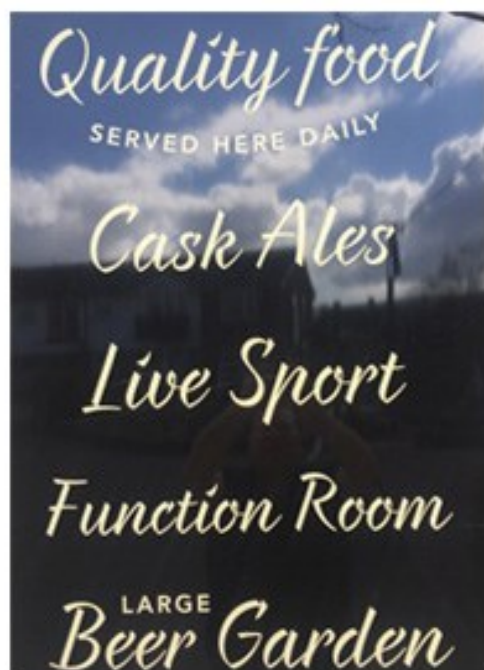
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	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
Alfie Loversidge	4	0	4	2	22	4
Josh Short	4	0	4	0	16	0
Bradley Tighe	4	0	4	0	107	0
Arthur Rawlingson	3	1	4	0	4	0
Lewis Beebee	3	0	3	0	6	0
Jack Gardner	3	0	3	0	26	0
Christian Kiddell	3	0	3	0	3	0
Luke Marshall	3	0	3	0	19	0
Andy Whittingham	3	0	3	0	101	1
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	2	0	2	0	2	0
Jack Baden	1	1	2	0	6	0
Connor Bradley	1	1	2	0	11	0
Joe Bull	1	1	2	0	63	4
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Ben Hicks	1	1	2	0	3	0
Max Blencowe	1	0	1	0	1	0
Kobe Dersley	1	0	1	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	1	0	1	0	25	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0	7	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0	36	3
Jordan Badger	0	1	1	1	111	8
Sam Geard	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
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: December

Before the November lockdown, Hassocks sat in the dizzy heights of seventh spot in the Southern Combination League Premier Division. Things went less well following a month off as the third part of our 2020-21 Season Review covering December has to remind you, unfortunately....



December did not get off to a decent start for the Robins, off the pitch at least. The 2020-21 instalment of the Ann John Trophy against Burgess Hill Town was hastily arranged to be the first fixture post-lockdown having been unable to take place in its usual pre-season berth because of the summer restrictions on crowds.

Despite the fixture now happening in the depths of winter, a sizable crowd still turned out so that a record £1,500 was raised for St Peter & St James Hospice. That was the good news.

The bad news was that Hassocks were comprehensively beaten by the Hillians as Jay Lovett's Isthmian League outfit ran out 8-1 winners to ensure the trophy stayed at the More Than Tyres Stadium.

Former Robin Pat Harding opened the scoring for Hill with only nine minutes played and seven minutes later, Aaron Smith-Joseph added a second.

Connor Tighe marked his first appearance since re-signing for the Hillians with the visitors' third seconds later, Samson Doherty earned and converted a penalty for number four and Tighe made it five before half time.

Hassocks did pull one back prior to the break, Jack Troak firing home from the spot.

That goal led to a much improved Robins showing in the second half as they kept Hill at bay right up until the final 15 minutes.

Another ex-Hassocks player in Nathan Copper made it six, Max Miller got the seventh with the third penalty of the afternoon and Tom Chalaye hit the goal of the game with a brilliant curling effort from distance to round off the scoring.

Three days later and the Premier Division campaign resumed with

Broadbridge Heath visiting the Beacon on a freezing cold Tuesday night.

Both Robins and Bears did their best to warm things up in a fiery encounter featuring two red cards and so many further yellows that even the Royal Mail would have struggled to keep up.

Andy Whittingham saw red for Hassocks after a wild lunge on Alfie Jones to try and retrieve a loose ball which the Robins left back had overrun.

That sparked an almighty melee and left Jones incensed. He instantly set out to gain revenge, resulting in an even more vicious tackle than Whittingham's and the Heath man becoming the second player dismissed within five minutes.

The only goal of the game had come some 40 minutes earlier in the first half, Mark Zydonik heading into an empty goal after Charlie Pugh had done well to keep out Ollie Joels' initial header from a corner.

It was the same score line four days later when Hassocks suffered another 1-0 defeat, this time against Eastbourne United at the Oval.

George Landais scored with 60 seconds of the first half remaining to give Ray Collier his first win as United boss following Matt Crabb's resignation in October.

United were indebted to goalkeeper Sam Owens for their three points as he claimed the hosts' man-of-the-match award after stepping in to replace Jordan Hawkins, who had moved to Steyning Town 24 hours earlier.

That defeat at United ended up being Hassocks' last Premier Division match of 2020-21.

Wet weather meant the visit of Alfold to the Beacon scheduled for December 20th was postponed with the winter lockdown following, preventing any football taking place until April and the Supplementary Shield.

The Robins ended the regular season in 12th place with six wins and seven defeats from their 13 matches, a much improved performance on the 2019-20 campaign when they were sat in the relegation zone at the point of curtailment.

One Under 23s match took place in December when North Division leaders Horsham YMCA visited the Beacon.

There was to be no upsetting the league table as Hassocks suffered a 2-0 defeat to goals from Ronnie Burchell and Johnny Mills in a game packed with drama which the Robins ended with only nine men on the pitch.

Shay Leahy picked up two quick-fire yellows after his introduction as a substitute, following goalkeeper Conor Evento in heading for an early bath.

Evento's dismissal meant that 45-year-old Phil Wickwar found himself coming off the bench to take over being the sticks, making a piece of history as the only man to have played first team, reserves, Under 23, Under 18 and veterans football for the Robins.

The Under 18s played two fixtures in December, surrendering their 100% record when being held to a 2-2 draw by Broadbridge Heath at the Beacon in their first game back.

Lewis Beebee and Cody Craig scored against the Bears with Hassocks following that up by hammering Crawley Down Gatwick 8-0 at the Haven.

The Robins were top of the North Division when the season was brought to a close having won six and drawn one of their seven games, plundering 38 goals and conceding only four.



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The football may not have been great as Hassocks beat Sidley 4-2 on this day in **2004**, but there was plenty of reason for celebration as James Laing became only the second player to score 100 goals for the Robins in senior football...

Hassocks front two cause double trouble for Sidley

Hassocks were hardly firing on all cylinders following their midweek exertions against title favourites Eastbourne Town, but that did not matter as the Robins' strike force put in double time see off Sidley United and secure a first three points of the season.

Pat Harding and James Laing helped themselves to braces in a 4-2 win and if this game will not live long in the memory for its quality, it will at least be remembered for Laing taking his Hassocks goal tally onto 100.

Whereas Laing's double on Tuesday night to secure an excellent 2-2 draw against Town was made up of two goals of the highest quality, he had a helping hand from the Sidley defence as he joined Robbie Kitchen in the Robins century scoring club.

No striker complains at being gifted opportunities and Laing still had to make the most of them, something he did splendidly with the first which, although as a result of some pretty ropey defending, still required a fine finish.

Hassocks themselves were not immune to ropey defending with a mix up between Chris Hewitt and Joel Harding resulted in Sidley taking an early lead.

A bouncing ball over the top should either have been despatched upfield by skipper Hewitt or collected by Harding.

In the end, neither happened as Harding hesitated a couple of times,

Hewitt decided to trust his goalkeeper to get there and Steve Morris took full advantage, nipping in to collect and round Harding with ease before rolling into an empty net.

Laing equalised four minutes later thanks to Sidley defenders Ben White and Lee Wood getting in a right state as they went for the same ball.

In the confusion, Laing was able to easily outbattle both before producing a clinical strike past Blues goalkeeper Rob Wiley.

This early pattern of neither defence looking particularly secure continued throughout the first half and Sidley missed two good chances when Richard Harrison and then Morris were left free in the box.

Those spurned opportunities were punished when Hassocks scored twice in the space of a minute. On 32, Hewitt's fierce free kick struck the wall and looped up in the air and when Mickey Turner challenged Wiley, the ball dropped at the feet of Pat Harding who gleefully fired home.

Wiley received lengthy treatment after that before carrying on. It became instantly clear he was struggling however, a good ball from Andy Fisk releasing Harding whose strike had too much power for Wiley to keep out as Hassocks went ahead.

Sidley replaced their number one with experienced substitute goalkeeper/physio Andy Lusted, although there was a further delay as it took Lusted a good five minutes to ready himself for entering the action.

At half time, it felt like a

convincing victory could be on the cards if Hassocks could rediscover the verve and energy they had shown when holding Eastbourne Town on Tuesday.

They never really managed that and so the second half meandered along, Sidley remaining in the contest without ever really threatening a comeback.

Turner had done some excellent work up and down the right but his crossing let him down. Even when he did finally manage to deliver one into the box, it looked routine for Lusted to gather until the replacement goalkeeper dropped it at the feet of Laing to hit the 100 landmark.

That should have been that but in keeping with a game of errors, Hassocks handed Sidley a second two minutes later.

Harding asked too much of himself by trying to retrieve a bouncing ball a long way out and although both he and Nick Newman managed to block efforts in the ensuing chaos, Sidley sub Dave Wood found the back of the net at the third time of asking.

There was one exquisite piece of skill up the other end by the other Harding who brought down a free kick beautifully, only to place his effort straight at Lusted when a hat-trick was beckoning.

Dave John admitted afterwards that his side had not been at their best, but he knows in football it is sometimes to just dwell on the result rather than the performance.



Around the League...



For the first time this season, there was a full programme across the Southern Combination League with the Premier Division, Division One and Division Two all in action last weekend...

Saltdean United continue to lead the way at the top of the Premier Division although they were made to work hard to extend their 100 percent start to three victories by East Preston.

It finished 3-2 at the Lashmar, the Tigers squeaking a win by the finest of margins through goals from Ryan Warwick, Kieron Pamment and Harry Shooman. For EP, Daniel Howick and Shane Brazil were on target.

The day's biggest winners were **Newhaven** who hammered **Horsham YMCA** 4-1 at Gorings Mead.

An own goal, Robert Malila, Lucas Franzen-Jones and Alfie Rogers had the Dockers in a commanding position before Jonathan Kusaka grabbed a 96th minute consolation for YM.

Much-fancied **Littlehampton Town** suffered their first defeat since winning promotion from Division One when losing 2-1 at **Peacehaven & Telscombe**.

Alex Duncan saw red for the visitors who had led through Tom Bigg's first half opener. Liam Benson equalised for the Tye, paving the way for Tyler Scrafton to win it in the 85th minute.

Ross Edwards scored the only goal of the game as **Pagham** defeated **Crawley Down Gatwick** 1-0 and this afternoon's visitors **Broadbridge Heath** won 2-0 at **Eastbourne United Association** thanks to goals in the final 20 minutes from Sean Terry and Jamie Taylor.

Plaistow Road was the place to be for entertainment, where **Loxwood** shaded a seven-goal thriller 4-3

against **Little Common**.

Leon Turner helped himself to a brace for the Magpies, who also had Tadley Bromage and James Westlake net.

For Common, goals from Sam Cruttwell, Lewis Parsons and substitute William Brown were not enough to deny Spencer Slaughter's side their first win of the campaign.

Last but by no means least, there was a 2-1 win for **Alfold** over **AFC Vardeanians** at Withdean Stadium. Renato Carvalho and Kofi Quartey got the goals for Fold.

There are four 100 percent records in Division One, where **Midhurst & Easebourne** lead the way following their 4-1 victory against **Hailsham Town**.

Our Peter Bentley League Cup second round opponents **Roffey** come next after extending their perfect start by beating **Godalming Town** 4-3.

Jack Nourse scored twice for Roffey with Kelvin Lucas and Joshua Neathey also on target for the hosts.

Dorking Wanderers Reserves left it late to make it three wins from three, trailing 1-0 at home to **Billingshurst** as late as the 88th minute of their clash at Meadowbank Stadium.

Two goals in the final three minutes from substitute Conan Torpey turned things on their head, leaving the hosts happy but Hurst heartbroken.

The final club not to have dropped a point are **Worthing United**. They ran out 2-1 winners over **Wick** at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground with goals in either half from Connor Mills and James

Thurgar.

At Mill Road, **Arundel** were beaten 4-2 by **Shoreham** whilst **Seaford Town** also hit four when beating **Oakwood** 4-1 at the Crouch.

Joshua Rondel scored an 85th minute for **Montpelier Villa** as they won 1-0 at Culver Road against **Selsey, Epsom & Ewell** drew 1-1 with **Storrington** and the division's final game saw **Forest Row** beat **Mile Oak** 3-1.

It was an historic occasion in Division Two for **Southwater** who played their first ever match as a Southern Combination League club, drawing 1-1 with **Rottingdean Village**.

Marc Taylor had the honour of scoring Southwater's first ever goal at this level of football before Rottingdean spoiled the party by equalising via substitute David Mitchell.

Jarvis Brook got their season up and running with a 3-0 win against **Brighton Electricity** and a brace from Kristian Harding set **Upper Beeding** on their way to a 3-1 victory over **Bosham**.

A strong squad looks to have been assembled by **Littlehampton United** who had Ebou Jallow and Thaikay Davis-Day score in a 2-0 win at Worthing Town.

Division Two's final game took place at Colwell Road, where **St Francis Rangers** were beaten 2-1 by **TD Shipley**.

Finley Bigg scored twice for Shipley inside the opening 16 minutes with the Rangers goal coming from substitute Svetozar Popov.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	4	4	0	0	15	3	12
Eastbourne Town	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Littlehampton Town	4	3	0	1	17	6	9
Alfold	4	3	0	1	8	4	9
Peacehaven & Tels	4	3	0	1	7	5	9
Pagham	4	3	0	1	6	6	9
Newhaven	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Steyning Town	4	2	1	1	7	8	7
Crawley Down Gatwick	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Lingfield	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Little Common	4	1	2	1	9	6	5
Broadbridge Heath	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Bexhill United	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
AFC Uckfield Town	4	0	3	1	3	6	3
Eastbourne United	4	1	0	3	5	10	3
Horsham YMCA	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
Loxwood	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
East Preston	4	1	0	3	4	10	1
Hassocks	3	0	1	2	3	10	1
AFC Varndeanians	4	0	0	4	8	13	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	WWWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWD
Littlehampton Town	WWLW
Alfold	LWWW
Peacehaven & Tels	WLWW
Pagham	LWWW
Newhaven	DWWL
Steyning Town	WWDL
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWLW
Lingfield	WWL
Little Common	WDLD
Broadbridge Heath	LWL
Bexhill United	WLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LDDD
Eastbourne United	LLLW
Horsham YMCA	LLLW
Loxwood	LLWL
East Preston	DLLL
Hassocks	LLD
AFC Varndeanians	LLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	9
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	5
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	5
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	5
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	4
Tom Boyle	Varndeanians	4
Joe Clarke	Pagham	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4
Sam Clements	Lingfield	3
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	3
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	3
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	3
Jack Langford	Pagham	3
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	3
Matt Storm	East Preston	3
Leon Turner	Loxwood	3
Aaron Jenkins	Lingfield	3
Charlie Ball	Eastbourne Utd	2
Bobby Bennett	Steyning Town	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...

Do not worry if you have forgotten what an away match feels like. After four consecutive home games, we hit the road on Tuesday night with a trip to Peacehaven followed by two games in 48 hours over the Bank Holiday weekend...



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.



Steypning 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

Steypning Town last season?

Steypning 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 Steypning Town?

Meetings between ourselves and Steypning 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 Steypning 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, Steypning 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 Steypning 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.



Lingfield

When?

Monday 30th August

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

11:00am

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Lingfield last season?

Lingfield were going reasonably well in the Premier Division last season, occupying ninth spot when the season was brought to a close in December. They took that form into the Supplementary Shield, pipping us to top spot in Group C to progress to a semi final, where were eliminated by eventual winners Lancing.

Our record against Lingfield?

There have been 28 meetings between ourselves and Lingfield in the past with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 12 wins to the Lingers' 10. Lingfield have been the dominant side in recent years, our only success in the past seven meetings being a 3-2 Peter Bentley League Cup win at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season.

Last time we met?

We went to the Sports Pavilion in April knowing that victory would take

us top of the group in the Supplementary Shield and with a decent shot of making it through. An entertaining game which deserved to be witnessed by a crowd finished 2-2. Pat Harding gave the Robins the lead on his 200th appearance for the club before two quick-fire goals from Sami Bakhit and Josh Biddlecombe put the Lingers ahead. Harding equalised with his second of the afternoon but despite throwing the kitchen sink at the hosts, we could not find a winner.

Played for both?

Ben Bacon's quest to play for every team in the Southern Combination League has seen him have two spells with us and one with Lingfield. Other representatives are few and far between with Daley Clark the only other man to have represented both clubs, the striker moving to the Beacon from the Lingers in the summer of 2009. He would go onto play 40 times for the Robins.



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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 **Josh Short**
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
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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

1st

2nd

3rd

February 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

March 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

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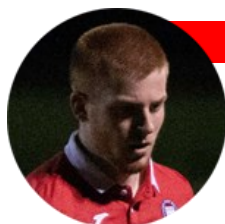
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Ben Hicks	
Jack Baden	
Josh Short	
Lexx Lucas	
Alfie Loversidge	
Jack Troak	
George Mitchell-Phillips	
Lewis Beebee	
Tristan Hayes	

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

Next at the Beacon



Steyning Town
 Saturday 28th August. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division



Broadbridge Heath

	Louis Blake
	Ben Cooksley
	Craig Goodsir
	Alfie Hadfield
	Sam Jobbins
	Ollie Joels
	Alfie Jones
	Callum Jones
	Liam Matthews
	Charlie Parmiter
	Kyle Sim
	Jamie Taylor
	Sam Taylor
	Cameron Watts
	Zac Young
	Mark Zydonik

Referee
 Thomas Price

Assistants
 Chris Bridges &
 Theo Prodger

Manager Chris Simmons
Assistant Kristian Sorensen
Goalkeeper Coach Ross Butterfill
Sports Therapist Rebecca Lobley

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

AFC Uckfield Town v AFC Varndeanians
 Horsham YMCA v Pagham