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Hassocks v Steyning Town

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Southern Combination League Premier Division



Hassocks v Lingfield

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HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Beacon for our August Bank Holiday double header against Steyning Town and Lingfield...

Not only have we got two programmes rolled into one for you (one of our editors will be too drunk to get separate editions out), but we are also expecting to have a return to paper copies following our printer being fixed.

Again, we would like to apologise to everyone who missed out on this much-treasured staple of non-league football over the past three home games.

For those of you who were unable to access a digital download either, a reminder that all our programmes are uploaded to our website for you to browse at a later date.

There have been two contrasting results for the first team in the past week, starting with last Saturday's 5-1 defeat to Broadbridge Heath.

Not a good afternoon at the office but one which was made to look worse by the fact that we managed to score two own goals.

We will have to put that one down to another tough learning experience for our young players, although there was at least the positive of Lewis Beebee scoring his first senior goal after some hardworking

performances.

Tuesday night at Peacehaven & Telscombe was a much better experience, as those of you who made the journey to the Tye can no doubt attest to.

Peacehaven have lost only once in the Premier Division so far this season - to Monday's visitors Lingfield - and yet we gave them a real test, succumbing to a close-fought 3-2 defeat.

To veer from such a disappointing home result to an encouraging showing on the road is the sort of inconsistency that you have to expect with such a youthful side; never mind that Hassocks have always specialised in being a Jekyll & Hyde outfit for as long as any of us can remember!

Who knows what we will get this weekend? That is half the fun of supporting the Robins, although a first three points of the season from one of the games might be nice!

Neither will be easy, as we know from last season's meetings with our opponents. Steyning won 3-1 here at the Beacon in September and Lingfield picked up four points from us on their way to winning Group C of

the Supplementary Shield.

We hope that the officials, players and supporters of both clubs enjoy their brief stay in Mid Sussex with us over the weekend.

As for other matters, the Under 23s have kicked off their campaign with a win and a draw from their opening two matches.

Jay Hudson was the star of the show in a 4-1 victory over Crowborough Athletic. That was followed by an impressive 1-1 away at a Horsham YMCA side who have dominated the North Division since 2018.

They are next in action away at Oakwood on Thursday night, 7:45pm at Tinsley Lane and any support would be greatly appreciated.

If you are reading this on Saturday, then the Under 18s start their season away at Shoreham tomorrow at 11am. If you are reading this on Monday, then please ask Owen behind the bar how they got on down at Middle Road.

Enjoy the games & thank you for your continued support,

Owen and Scott



Steining Town

Founded 1892

Nickname Barrowmen

Ground The Shooting Field

Website steiningtownfc.co.uk

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Manager Gerry Murphy

Top Scorer Tom Howard-Bold, 3

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1985, 1986

SCFL Division One

Winners 1978

Runners up 2019

SCFL Division Two

Runners up 2002

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1986, 1989

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1981, 1985

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1979, 1984, 1986

Runners up 1978, 1980, 1985

SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1966, 2019

Runners up 1967, 2006

Our first visitors of the Bank Holiday Weekend double header are Steining Town, who will be hoping to complete a Premier Division season at the third time of asking in 2021-22...

So comfortable have the Barrowmen been since finishing as runners up in Division One in 2018-19 to earn promotion that it seems unbelievable that they are yet to partake in a Premier Division campaign which has played out to a finish.

In both 2019-20 and 2020-21, they were looking set to establish themselves as part of the furniture after over 30 years outside of the Southern Combination League's top flight before the pandemic brought both seasons to an early conclusion.

Last year in particular was on course to be a good one. The Barrowmen enjoyed a memorable run in the FA Cup, eliminating sides from both the Combined Counties League and the South Counties East League - something which not many Southern Combination League clubs manage.

In terms of the bread and butter of Premier Division football, they were going great guns too before curtailment in December, sitting 11th before the winter lockdown arrived having won six and lost seven of their 13 matches.

Gerry Murphy and his players

have continued that form into this season and aside from a 6-0 defeat at the hand of much-fancied Littlehampton Town, Steining have made a strong start to the current campaign.

They have won and drawn one of their other league matches, beating both Loxwood and Horsham YMCA and drawing with AFC Uckfield Town.

Steining also took Sutton Common Rovers - whom we lost 6-0 to in pre-season - to an FA Cup replay last weekend as they again enjoyed further success in the world's greatest cup competition.

Historically, there have been close ties between us and Barrowman. Throughout the past 10 years, numerous players have represented both clubs, thanks largely to Mark Dalgleish and John Suter sitting in the dugout as managers at both the Beacon and the Shooting Field.

That makes matches with Steining an enjoyable occasion, and we look forward to welcoming their current crop of players, management, officials and supporters to Mid Sussex.

10 Key Moments

1892... founded in 1892, Steyning join the West Sussex Football League four years later
1934... lift their first silverware, winning the Brighton District League Division 2 title
1964... finish runners up in the Brighton League, earning promotion to the Southern Combination
1978... lift the SCFL Division One title, earning promotion to the top flight for the first time
1985... win their first SCFL title and embark on a memorable run to the quarter finals of the FA Vase
1986... a year later and they retain the SCFL title, adding the League Cup & Sussex Senior Cup to the haul
1986... leave the SCFL to join the Wessex League. A spell in the Combined Counties follows
1993... return to the SCFL being placed in Division One, where they spend five of the next 23 seasons
2015... a new 3G pitch is installed at Town's Shooting Field home
2019... win promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in 33 years

Last 20 Seasons

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

Hassocks v Steyning Town :: Head-to-Head

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

SCFL Division One... Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 10 - Conceded 5

RUR Charity Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

Total... Played 11 - Won 6 - Drawn 3 - Lost 2 - Scored 23 - Conceded 11

Previous 9 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Steyning Town

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Steyning Town

2015-16 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 3-1 Hassocks

2013-14 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 0-3 Hassocks

2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-1 Steyning Town

2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks

1994-95 RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 3-1 Steyning Town

1994-95 SCFL One: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks

1994-95 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Steyning Town

1993-94 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Steyning Town

Played for both

There has been a constant flow of players between Hassocks and Steyning Town over the past decade or so, including Saturday's two captains who have had a foot in either camp.

Our skipper **Andy Whittingham** made the move to the Beacon from Steyning in the summer of 2010, one of several players to follow Barrowman manager **Mark Dalglish** to Mid Sussex after his appointment as Mickey Jewell's assistant with us.

Goalkeeper **Mike Abbott**, winger **Lee Waterhouse** and defender **Sam Goodridge** were the other names to come across with Dalglish, who also

raided his former club a few years later for striker **Craig Knowles**.

Steyning club captain **Alex Gathern** meanwhile played 21 times for the Robins over the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons after joining from Burgess Hill Town.

He left the Beacon to join Horsham YMCA and also turned out for Shoreham before signing for his hometown club and leading them to promotion to the top flight.

Other notable names to play for both include The Wizard **Jamie Weston**, who played over 100 times for Hassocks between 2010 and 2013 and spent the second half of the 2019-20 season at the Shooting Field.

Ben Bacon has turned out for both sides in a couple of spells as part of his quest to play for every single club in Sussex, **Liam Benson** had a brief month with the Barrowmen at the start of 2019-20 and **John Suter** joins Dalglish in having managed the two clubs, taking charge at Steyning in the 2013-14 season five years after his ill-fated spell here at the Beacon.

Josh Tuck was signed on for Steyning last season having played 19 times for the Robins during the 2017-18 campaign before moving onto Shoreham and Broadbridge Heath.

Penalty and injury woes as the wheels come off against Barrowmen

Rarely does the outcome of a football match hinge on two moments inside the opening eight minutes, but that was the case as Hassocks suffered a 3-1 home reversal against Steyning Town.

Seven minutes had elapsed when Charlie Pitcher chased a cause which the Steyning defence had given up on into the corner, collected it and made his way into the box where he was clumsily brought down by Scott Faber.

Referee Mark Gidman pointed to the spot, giving Hassocks the perfect opportunity to make the perfect start to proceedings.

Unfortunately for the Robins, Jack Troak saw his penalty repelled by Steyning goalkeeper Alex Theobald. Blow number one to Hassocks' hopes of victory.

Blow number two arrived seconds later with the sight of Pitcher going to ground, holding his leg and in an obvious amount of pain.

Nobody seemed to know whether Pitcher had injured himself when galloping to retrieve the ball or in the foul itself, but whatever the reason he was unable to continue.

On another night, Hassocks are 1-0 ahead after a blistering start and with their star striker already tormenting another opposition defence.

Instead, they found themselves still at 0-0 and with their main source of goals now looking at a spell on the sidelines.

It was little wonder that Hassocks' early momentum deserted them after Pitcher was replaced by Chris Neatherway. What's more, Steyning knew they had been let off the hook.

The lucky escape galvanised them and within a couple of minutes, Dave Carruthers made the first of several smart stops as the Barrowmen

turned what had been a one-way contest into an end-to-end contest.

The action ebbed and flowed, only slowing down briefly when a headed clearance from Faber bounced through the door of the ladies' toilet with a bit of delay in proceedings until a brave man stepped forward to go and collect.

10 minutes later and the ball had gone from the women's facilities to the back of the Steyning net as Troak made up for his penalty miss by rounding off an excellent counter attack.

Carruthers began the move, collecting a cross which he bowled out to Louis Pittock on the right.

Pittock carried the ball 30 yards down the pitch, making ground just into the Steyning half before hitting a brilliant switch to Troak who brought it down on the edge of the box, danced away from Rob Clark and rifled a shot across Theobald to finish with aplomb.

The lead did not last long. Straight from the restart and Steyning worked their way to just outside the Hassocks area, where Dan Turner was harshly adjudged to have fouled George Cousins.

Tom Bold made no mistake from the resulting free kick, curling a stunning effort over the wall and into the top corner.

Steyning took the lead right on the stroke of half time when Cian Griffin-Tilley found himself in one-on-one with Carruthers.

The Hassocks goalkeeper pulled off a superb save to keep out the initial effort, only to see the ball stop just short of going out for a corner with Griffin-Tilley gleefully collecting to score at the second attempt.

Having conceded so late at the end of the first half, Hassocks needed to keep it tight early in the second if they were to have any hope of getting back into the tie.

Frustratingly for the home faithful, they did the complete opposite.

Turner was guilty of overplaying when he should have cleared his lines and as the young centre back tried to retrieve the situation, he gave Mr Gidman the excuse to harshly penalise him for a second time.

Turner's foul this time was in the area and Bold duly stepped up to make it 3-1 with a penalty which gave Carruthers no chance.

Hassocks responded well to the setback and Joe Bull was not far away with an ambitious dipping volley from 30 yards which dropped just wide.

Steyning should have gone down to 10 on the hour mark when Charlie Roman put a two-footed horror lunge in on George Brown, who was booked for his reaction.

The red mist was clearly descending for Brown and it was sadly inevitable when four minutes later, Brown repaid the favour with an equally bad challenge on the innocent Bold.

Mr Gidman had little choice but to dismiss the Hassocks defender, although the Robins point that Romain should have gone for the initial tackle which sparked Brown's head loss had plenty of merit.

Any hope Hassocks had of getting back into the game evaporated once they went down to 10.

They did have an 89th minute appeal for another penalty turned down when Pittock crossed deep for Bull who was bundled over.

Steyning could have added to the score before that incident, Carruthers making excellent saves to deny Harry Heath, Romain and Cousins.

Hassocks: Carruthers; Pittock, Brown, Turner, Whittingham; Littlejohn, Enticknap, Bant, Troak; Pitcher, Bull.

Subs: Neatherway (Pitcher 08), Gardner (Neatherway 65), Loversidge (Enticknap 78), Galbraith-Gibbons, Dunkley (unused).

Jewell's half time rocket fires Robins into Senior Cup round two

Mickey Jewell read his Hassocks players the riot act at half time of their Sussex Senior Cup First Round replay with Steyning Town and the Robins duly responded to book an intriguing home tie with Ryman South high-flyers Whitehawk in the next round.

Despite struggling near the bottom of County League Division Two, Steyning had caused Hassocks real problems over the course of 120 minutes at the Shooting Field 18 days previously.

On that occasion, it took a 112th minute equaliser from Kieran O'Callaghan to earn this replay and spare Hassocks' blushes and for the first 45 minutes here at the Beacon, Steyning gave Hassocks plenty to think about again.

They hit the bar inside of the opening five minutes after some exquisite skills from Lewis Levoi, a player who also possessed a long throw which caused numerous problems for Hassocks before the break.

Levoi rattling the crossbar was a warning sign for the Robins and to be fair, it did spark them into life as they swept straight up the other end to earn an eighth minute penalty for handball which Phil Gault duly converted.

The lead didn't last long. Jack Simpson had been a doubt with flu in the 48 hours before the game and he

played despite clearly being unwell, which perhaps affected his judgement as he missed his first attempt at gathering a cross before weakly punching the ball only as far as the edge of the area.

Lurking there was Steyning's Sean Pickup, who seized the opportunity superbly by sending a crisp volley into the back of the net for 1-1.

Although Hassocks were never that fluid over the remaining 30 minutes of the first half, they did manage to create four or five good opportunities, the majority of which fell to Dan Smith.

Unfortunately for Hassocks and their young striker, Smith seemed to have left his shooting boots at home and a frustrating half of football subsequently came to a close with the scores level.

Jewell's rocket followed and the Hassocks boss would have been pleased with the reaction as his side retook the lead just seven minutes after the restart, Smith belatedly making a chance count for his third of the campaign.

After nearly three hours of football between these two, all of a sudden the gap in quality between a side with top five ambitions in Division One and one scrapping to survive in Division Two became apparent.

There was no way back for Steyning once substitute Dan Barnard had added a third just a couple of minutes after coming on in place of Nathan Miles.

That made it two goals in two

games for Barnard since his move from Uckfield Town, marking him out as a shrewd acquisition given the long term injuries which Sam Jeremiah and Neil Kane are suffering from.

It was another new striker who added the fourth in injury time, Dan Shergold scoring his first goal in Hassocks colours with a bullet header.

The Robins were not done there though and with Steyning completely spent, they found the time to add a fifth through a beautiful finish from the deserving Lee Waterhouse, also opening his account for Hassocks – and against one of his former clubs too.

Waterhouse wasn't the only player with Steyning connections, Jewell's assistant manager Mark Dalglish having been recruited from the Shooting Field in the summer and bringing with him a whole host of players, although Andy Whittingham was the only one to feature alongside Waterhouse on this occasion.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Whittingham; Waterhouse, Slaughter, Gault, Miles, Butler; Smith.

Subs: Barnard (Miles 62), Hibbert (Slaughter 67), Shergold (Smith 79).

Starman: Kieran O'Callaghan, steady influence at the back.



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Monday's visitors...



Lingfield

Founded 1893

Nickname Lingers

Ground The Sports Pavilion

Website lingfieldfc.com

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Manager David Deane

Top Scorer Sam Clements, 4

HONOURS

SCFL Division Two

Winners 1998

Mid Sussex Football League

Winners 1993

Surrey Intermediate League

Winners 1978, 1979

Surrey Intermediate Cup

Winners 1978, 1979

Surrey County Centenary Cup

Winners 1978

Surrey Junior League

Winners 1914

Edenbridge & Caterham League

Winners 1935, 1936, 1937, 1953

Edenbridge & Caterham Cup

Winners 1962

Hot on the heels of Saturday's game against Steyning Town, we welcome Lingfield to the Beacon - opponents whom we know plenty about having been paired together in April's Supplementary Shield...

Based on how the Premier Division table looked pre-curtailment, most outsiders would have expected Horley Town and Crawley Down Gatwick to be leading the way in Group C.

Instead though, it was Lingfield and ourselves doing battle for a place in the semi final of the competition, a battle which the Lingers won as they advanced to the final four of the competition.

That form augured well for the new campaign and Lingfield are living up to those expectations so far, winning two and losing one of their three games at the time of writing.

They opened their season with a 1-0 victory over Spencer Slaughter's Loxwood, who themselves were runners up in the Supplementary Shield back in May.

In their second game of the campaign, the Lingers became the only side so far this season to defeat Peacehaven & Telscombe, winning 2-1 at home to the Tye.

There was an impressive 2-1 FA Cup success against Egham Town whilst Lingfield's only Premier

Division defeat to date came at the hands of Crawley Down Gatwick, who had the familiar face of Charlie Pitcher on target alongside Michael Wood.

So, what are Lingfield's aims for the rest of the campaign? On paper, they appear to have a squad that can beat their previous best finish in the Southern Combination League of sixth, achieved in the 2012-13 season.

A year later and the FA controversially shifted the Lingers into the South East Counties League, a conference known to be stronger than the SCFL.

Understandably, Lingfield struggled in their new home and within a year were moved back to the Southern Combination, taking a place in Division One.

The past two seasons being curtailed have denied them the chance to better their impressive eighth place in their first year back in the Premier Division in 2018-19, but if we get a Covid-free campaign this time around then the Lingers look well placed to make their mark.

10 Key Moments

1938... after a trio of Edenbridge League titles, they move from the High Street to Talbot Road
1958... the Lingers move to their current home at Godstone Road
1978... lift the Surrey League and Intermediate Cup double, repeating the trick the following season
1980... join the Combined Counties League after being rejected by the Southern Combination
1982... floodlights are installed at Godstone Road and the club enter the FA Vase for the first time
1983... they finally join the Southern Combination, lasting six seasons before relegation to the Mid Sussex League
1993... win the Mid Sussex League and a year later, earn promotion to SCFL Division One
2008... promoted to the Premier Division for the first time in the clubs history
2014... the FA force a move to the Southern Counties East League. One season later, they return to the ACL
2018... promoted back to the SCFL Premier Division four years after being moved

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2017-18, Southern Combination One 3rd
2016-17, Southern Combination One 5th
2015-16, Southern Combination One 8th
2014-15, Southern Counties East Premier 17th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 15th
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2007-08, Southern Combination One 2nd
2006-07, Southern Combination One 10th
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2004-05, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2003-04, Southern Combination Two 8th
2002-03 Southern Combination Two 9th
2001-02 Southern Combination Two 16th
2000-01 Southern Combination One 18th
1999-00 Southern Combination One 18th

Hassocks v Lingfield :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 16 - Won 4 - Drawn 5 - Lost 7 - Scored 20 - Conceded 21

SCFL Division One... Played 2 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost - 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 2

SCFL Division Two... Played 4 - Won 4 - Drawn 0 - Lost - 0 - Scored 18 - Conceded 1

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

Peter Bentley League Cup... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 5 - Conceded 4

SCFL Supplementary Shield... Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 4 - Conceded 5

SCFL Division One Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

Total... Played 28 Won 13 Drawn 6 Lost 9 Scored 58 Conceded 38

Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Lingfield 2-2 Hassocks

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Lingfield 3-2 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Lingfield 3-2 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Lingfield

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Lingfield 1-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Lingfield

2018-19 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Lingfield

2015-16 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 5-1 Lingfield

2013-14 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-1 Lingfield

2013-14 RUR Cup: Hassocks 3-2 Lingfield

Played for both

Striker Daley Clark joined us from Lingfield for the start of the 2009-10 season, going onto spend just over a year at the Beacon.

The former Burgess Hill Town Under 18s forward was bought in by Dave John to form a new look strike partnership with Neil Kane who made the move from from Shoreham.

It was hoped that Clark would help address the problem of scoring goals that had haunted us as we only

just survived relegation in 2008-09.

Unfortunately for Clark, he did not prove to be the answer as the return to Hassocks of Phil Gault from St Francis Rangers saw Clark shifted back into a midfield role.

The move suited Clark and he played 34 times in his debut campaign, scoring once.

With Mickey Jewell taking the reigns for 2010-11 and an influx of new faces, Clark found his first team opportunities limited and he made

the move to St Francis Rangers a month into the new season.

Another mention here for Ben Bacon, who enjoyed a brief spell with Lingfield last season in-between periods with Saltdean United and Steyning Town in 2018-19.

As already noted in the Played for Both section for Saturday's visitors Steyning Town, Bacon has played for us across two separate spells in the 2016-17 campaign and 2019-20.

Harding hits double in 200th game to take Group C down to the wire

Who progresses from Group C of the Southern Combination League Premier Division Supplementary Shield will go down to the final game after nothing could separate Lingfield and Hassocks in their second meeting of the competition.

A 2-2 draw at the Sports Pavilion leaves the Lingers top, two points ahead of Hassocks. T

he Robins have a superior goal difference, so a victory at Horley Town on Tuesday night combined with Lingfield failing to beat Crawley Down Gatwick could see Hassocks move into the semi finals.

You would have got long odds on that at the start of this competition. The Robins were the lowest ranked team in Group C based on positions in the Premier Division table when the season was curtailed.

Something seems to have clicked though and they have enjoyed their best run of form of the campaign, losing just once from five games.

Dave John will no doubt be delighted that his young side have made it this far and remain in contention for a place in the knockout stages.

That previous defeat came at Lingfield a week earlier in a fiercely competitive encounter.

This was no different and

Hassocks ended it with 10 men, top scorer Charlie Pitcher seeing red for a second bookable offence as the game ticked into second half injury time.

The Robins made two changes from their thrilling 4-2 Tuesday night win away at Crawley Down.

Under 18s duo Jack Gardner and Alfie Loversidge both missed out, replaced by Bradley Bant and Harvey Enticknap.

That meant that, bar Charlie Pugh starting in goal ahead of Dave Carruthers, Hassocks named exactly the same starting XI as had gone down at Lingfield seven days ago.

One of the reasons why Hassocks have fared so well in the Supplementary Shield has been the presence of Pat Harding.

The Burgess Hill Town striker dual-signs for the Robins every season and the non-resumption of any Isthmian League competition has meant that Hassocks have been able to call upon his considerable services on a regular basis, 15 years after he departed for Eastbourne Borough.

At Lingfield, Harding made his 200th appearance for the club and he marked his double century in style, grabbing a brace to take himself onto five goals from five games in Hassocks colours this season.

It took until the 68th minute for Harding to open the scoring. Jack Troak did well down the left, cutting the ball back to Pitcher who slid in Harding. Home goalkeeper Johnny Thurbin kept out the initial effort, but the rebound fell straight to Harding,

making no mistake with a side footed finish.

Hassocks were undone by two goals in the space of a minute against Lingfield last time out.

History repeated itself in more ways than one as again, the hosts notched twice in quick succession following some inspired substitutions.

Sami Bakhit got the first from the bench on 77 minutes and his fellow replacement Josh Biddlecombe made it 2-1 to Lingfield on 79.

Biddlecombe in particular seems to enjoy playing against Hassocks; he netted the Lingers' second a week ago having only been on the pitch for nine minutes.

On that occasion, Hassocks could find no way back. This time, Lingfield were ahead for just three minutes before Harding secured a share of the spoils. Troak was involved once more, playing a lovely cross into the box.

Initially, it looked like it was going beyond Harding until the striker stretched to produce a magical first touch to bring the ball down before placing a cool side footed volley out of reach of Thurbin.

Hassocks: Pugh; Tuck, Tighe, Turner, Bant; Littlejohn, Enticknap, Short, Troak; Pitcher, Harding.

Subs: Loversidge, Bradley (used).

Ingham magic cups magnificent RUR Cup comeback

Games between Hassocks and Lingfield are usually full of controversy and entertainment and this RUR Cup meeting was no different as Hassocks rallied from 2-0 down to win 3-2 thanks to some stoppage time magic from Jamie Ingham.

The talented midfielder capped a man of the match performance with a ghosting run that began 30 yards out, took him past a multitude of bodies into the box and ended with a strike that went in via the post to set up a third round tie away at Horsham YMCA.

That outcome looked far from likely in the first half as the visitors stormed into a two-goal lead inside of half an hour thanks to a stunning free kick from captain David Dean after a soft foul was awarded against Nathan Cooper and a fine one-on-one effort from Joel Amos.

Before that both sides had chances to score in a frantic opening 20 minutes. On his 150th appearance for the Robins, Jack Simpson gifted Lingfield a golden opportunity when he was caught in possession after uncharacteristically dwindling on a back pass but luckily for the goalkeeper the resulting effort from Kieran Boon hit the bar.

Hassocks then had a strong penalty appeal waved away by referee David Barnard when a Phil Gault free-kick was well parried by Scott Millar and the rebound appeared to hit a defending hand in the resulting melee.

After the sucker punch of those two visitors' goals in quick succession, Hassocks wide men Craig Knowles and Dan Jacques switched flanks and it had an instant impact when Knowles sent in a deep cross from the right that was headed home by Gault.

It wasn't just those earlier penalty appeals falling on deaf ears that had the home side directing their anger

at the referee at half time.

Dan Smith – making his first appearance of the season after dual registering from Lewes – was struck in the head during an off the ball clash with Dean.

Somehow, Mr Barnard concluded that it warranted a yellow card for both the Hassocks striker and the offending defender which seemed like utter madness unless there is a new Football Association directive which involves booking those who are elbowed in the face.

That led to an intriguing personal battle between the two in the second half as Dean became increasingly frustrated with what he considered to be theatrics on the part of Smith as

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the forward tormented the visiting backline.

It was from one such instance that the equaliser arrived. Gault played a delicious ball over the top which led to Jay Kamala making a clumsy challenge on Smith inside the box as the striker was bearing down on goal.

Despite Dean's claims of a dive, a penalty was awarded which Gault dispatched confidently, although again Mr Barnard drew the ire of the crowd as he felt the need to only caution Kamala despite him being the last man.

That goal took Gault onto 132 for the Robins, moving him past Pat

Harding into second place in the all-time senior scoring list and with James Laing's club record of 143 now firmly in his sights.

With Hassocks having the fresher legs following the introduction of Anthony Hibbert and young Aaron Czech into midfield, most of those inside the Beacon sensed a victory could now be on the cards.

Having said that, the Robins would probably have been dead and buried without the intervention of Simpson.

The Hassocks number one produced an absolutely stunning save, diving full stretch at the feet of Dominic Luggard to maintain parity going into the final 10.

The win was sealed in the 93rd minute after the industrious Knowles found Ingham and the midfielder did the rest with his moment of individual brilliance.

There was still time for Simpson to make another decent stop as he advanced from his line to deny Dan Taylor with what turned out to be the last touch of a memorable encounter.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, Pitcher, Maynard; Jacques, Ingham, N Cooper, Knowles; Smith, Gault.

Subs: Hibbert (Cooper 72), Czech (Jacques 82), Price (unused).

Starman: Jamie Ingham hardly wasted a pass all evening and capped things off with the stoppage time winner.



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Two own goals send Hassocks to a battering by the Bears

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
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Hassocks 1-5 Broadbridge Heath**



It is one step forward, two steps back at the moment for Hassocks. Tuesday night's 2-2 draw against AFC Uckfield Town was followed by a 5-1 home defeat to Broadbridge Heath in which the Robins managed to score two own goals.

These young Hassocks players are finding out the hard way that there is a difference between Under 23 and Under 18 football and the top tier of the Southern Combination League, where mistakes and inconsistencies are ruthlessly punished.

The Robins had been getting steadily better so far over the opening weeks of the campaign. A 6-0 loss to Saltdean United who should be winning the Premier Division title was followed by Hassocks leading Combined Counties outfit Spelthorne Sports for 83 minutes before suffering late heartbreak to exit the FA Cup in a 2-1 defeat.

Hassocks then pushed a strong Eastbourne Town side close in another single-goal defeat with the midweek draw against Uckfield putting the first points of the season and Brad Sweetman's reign on the board.

Having endured a nightmare run of fixtures - and things do not get any easier with Peacehaven & Telscombe, Steyning Town and Newhaven to come in the next fortnight - the visit of Broadbridge Heath appeared on paper at least an opportunity to pick up further points.

From the first minute however, Hassocks were struggling. Straight from kick off and the Bears meandered their way into the Hassocks half, a move which ended with Jamie Taylor firing narrowly over Christian Kiddell's goal.

Kiddell was one of two changes that Sweetman made from the side who drew with Uckfield, replacing the absent Charlie Pugh whose outstanding performance in goal saw him win the supporter's man-of-the-

match accolade and went a long way towards earning Hassocks their midweek point.

Jack Gardner also returned in place of his colleague from last season's youth team, Kobe Dersley.

It is rare for the Robins to be able to name such a settled line up, especially at this time in the season when players are on holidays and have other commitments and consistency in selection was another reason that Hassocks should have had for being confident.

Heath won their first corner shortly after Taylor's near-miss and their relentless pressure on the Robins goal eventually led to them taking the lead with 18 minutes on the clock.

Hassocks were their own worst enemy, firstly failing to convincingly clear their lines to gift possession to Harry Williams. He worked the ball right to Matt Penfold, whose effort took a wicked deflection off a player in red to deceive Kiddell and get the own goal count up and running for the afternoon.

Heath should have doubled their advantage on the half hour mark, Penfold again causing issues after Taylor and Charlie Parmiter combined to release him down that right-hand channel.

Penfold had only Kiddell to beat but from a tight angle, he failed to hit the target as a relieved Hassocks watched the ball fly wide of the goal.

Being 1-0 behind at the break was not a disaster for Hassocks. The second half collapse however was troubling as things very quickly escalated.

The Robins had not learned the lessons of the first half, namely how quickly Broadbridge Heath can fly out of the traps and whilst Taylor had missed that opportunity inside of 60 seconds an hour earlier, this time the visitors made no mistake when scoring straight from kick off.

Taylor won a flick on in the

middle of the park to put Parmiter clear. Kiddell did well to save the initial effort, only to see the rebound fall kindly to Penfold who made no mistake to double the advantage.

It was game over on 55 minutes when Taylor added a third via an impressive strike hit with the outside of his boot into the top corner from the edge of the box.

Parmiter made it four on 70 minutes with a goal that his afternoon's work certainly deserved. Kiddell was unable to hold a powerful shot with Parmiter in the right place at the right time to send a looping header from the rebound into the back of the Hassocks goal.

The Robins then immediately surrendered the ball from kick off, enabling Heath to break. Substitute Charlie Gibson's cross into the box was not a good one, but Taylor retrieved the situation and his return ball back in ended up being sliced in by a Hassocks defender for the second own goal of the game.

There was at least one positive for Hassocks to end the game on as Lewis Beebee notched his first senior goal for the Robins in the final 10 minutes.

Beebee finished as top scorer for both the Under 23s and Under 18s last season. Chances to score have been few and far between in his four starts for the first team so far, meaning that the most impressive thing about Beebee has been his astonishing work rate.

He earned this maiden goal for that alone and Hassocks will be hoping that it now sparks a run of goal scoring form. Goodness knows they need it over the coming weeks.

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

Subs: Bull, Marshall, Geard (used).

First Team Matches 2021-22

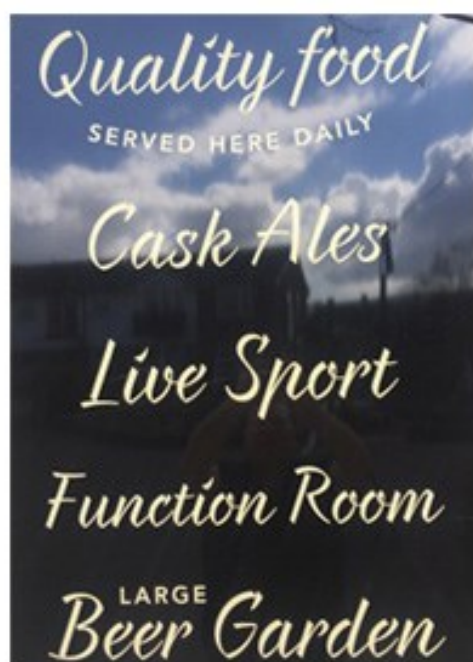
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
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	6	0	6	2	24	4
Josh Short	6	0	6	0	18	0
Bradley Tighe	5	0	5	0	108	0
Lewis Beebee	5	0	5	1	8	1
Jack Gardner	5	0	5	0	28	0
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Andy Whittingham	5	0	5	0	103	2
Luke Marshall	4	1	5	0	21	0
Arthur Rawlinsong	4	1	5	0	5	0
Connor Bradley	3	1	4	1	13	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	3	1	4	0	4	0
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
Joe Bull	1	2	3	0	64	4
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0
Dan Turner	2	0	2	0	37	3
Jack Baden	1	1	2	0	6	0
Max Blencowe	1	1	2	0	2	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jude Wallis	0	2	2	0	2	0
Kobe Dersley	1	0	1	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	0	1	0
Charlie Pugh	1	0	1	0	25	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0	7	0
Jordan Badger	0	1	1	1	111	8
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13

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Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
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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ON THIS DAY



Following a magnificent 3-0 win which ended Littlehampton Town's 100 percent start to the season, Hassocks went to Hailsham Town on **August 28th 2004** for 90 minutes of football in which not much went right...

John rues referee and his below-par Robins

Hassocks boss Dave John is not one to publicly complain normally but even he felt moved to comment on the performances of the officials as the Robins fell to a 3-1 defeat away at Hailsham Town.

John said afterwards that all three of the Stringers goals were contentious and that his side deserved a slightly better rub of the green.

He also accepted that his side were nowhere near the standards they had set in midweek when hammering Littlehampton Town 3-0 at the Beacon, never really firing on all cylinders.

The Robins were not helped by injuries to the evergreen Andy Fisk and top scorer James Laing, both of whom battled through the pain barrier but were clearly struggling to have their normal impact on the game.

Despite having an injury-hit squad, it was Hassocks who started the better and Hailsham were no doubt grateful to have Martin Richardson back in their defence.

Without the interventions of the classy Richardson, Hassocks might well have opened up a lead before the officials conspired to gift Hailsham three goals, the first of which arrived on 23 minutes.

The Stringers won a succession of corners and it was from the last of these that Nick Newman was bundled out of the way when attempting to clear, leaving Richardson free in the

box to stab home the loose ball.

Most felt that a foul should have been awarded for the rugby tackle on Newman. The man whose opinion mattered did not agree and so the goal stood.

Hassocks were level within five minutes, Laing converting a penalty after Graham Beveridge was flattened in the box just as he was about to pull the trigger.

Beveridge never really recovered from that and he had to be replaced five minutes before half time by Ian Dawson. The Robins' injury list shows no sign of abating.

Hassocks had fallen behind again before Beveridge left the action. In fact, they were level for only three minutes before the Stringers retook the lead.

A throw was controversially awarded to Hailsham when it looked like it should be a Hassocks ball.

This caught the Robins out, resulting in some quite questionable defending which home striker Ashley Jarvis duly punished with a smart finish past Joel Harding following a quick passing break.

Hassocks nearly responded in rapid time again, a goal bound shot appearing to strike a yellow shirted arm in the box.

The referee was not interested however and signalled instead for a corner which the Robins were wasteful with.

Hassocks came out for the second half clearly intent on obtaining an equaliser and they enjoyed an

excellent 20 minute spell immediately after the restart.

It surely would have produced a goal on any other occasion but Hailsham goalkeeper Mark Oldroyd was having one of those games where nothing was getting past him.

Oldroyd saved well in particular from Joe Fernley and Pat Harding, at which point away supporters were probably beginning to realise that this was not going to be their afternoon.

That feeling was confirmed on 74 minutes. Having weathered the storm, Hailsham were able to regain a foothold playing on the counter and it was from one such break that Jarvis added his second and the Stringers' third to make the game safe.

Jarvis found himself one-on-one with Harding and he made no mistake, clinically beating the Hassocks goalkeeper.

The problem with this goal from a Robins point of view? A handball in the build up but again played was waved on following Hassocks appeals.

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

Subs: Dawson (Beveridge 42), Shaban (Fisk 66), Hudson (unused).

Starman: Captain Chris Hewitt tried to lead from the front.



ON THIS DAY

Hassocks Reserves continued the defence of their Reserve Section Premier Division title on **August 30th 2013**, winning convincingly against visitors Shoreham as several of the club's Under 18 players continued to be given opportunities...

Title defence continues to gather steam for Reserves

Hassocks Reserves made it two wins from two to start their Reserve Section Premier title defence as they ran out 4-0 victors over Shoreham in Friday Night Football at the Beacon.

Although this game failed to provide the sort of high quality entertainment that the two dismissals and a referee injury managed the previous week, it was nonetheless a good three points for the Robins as they maintained their 100 percent record under the new management team of Tim Wilkins and Phil Wickwar.

There were a few changes in customary reserve team football fashion with several players being dropped to the first team for the following day's FA Cup Preliminary Round tie with Dorking Wanderers.

Goalkeeper Andy Edwards was replaced by youth team stopper Max Collins. With Ellis Common not quite fully fit and Ian Simpson unavailable, the rangy Rowan Wallis returned and another one of last season's Under 18s in Chris Brown was handed the opportunity to show what he can do.

Shoreham started brightly, looking a well organised side as the numerous changes to Hassocks line up seemed to take a little time to settle in.

It came as a surprise then when the Robins took the lead. A long Hassocks throw initially appeared to have gone badly awry as it headed harmlessly towards the Shoreham goal.

That was until the visiting centre half decided to head the ball directly over the top of his on coming keeper to score an own goal straight out of the Steve Spies/Brian Husbands school.

Unsurprisingly, such a comedy own goal following a dominant start rocked Shoreham and gave Hassocks the confidence they needed to get better as the half continued.

The second was not long in coming as a real old school goal mouth scramble followed a corner.

With the ball bouncing around the box, it fell to Matt O'Brien who unleashed a volley from eight yards to score.

It was the centre backs first goal since joining Hassocks from Haywards Heath Town and it came with him sporting a pair of boots that the boot fairy had supplied.

After the game, there seemed to be some renegotiations on the price. If anyone else would like a new pair of goal scoring clogs like O'Brien's, please speak to Wickers.

10 minutes before half time and it was 3-0 as Hassocks were awarded a penalty after a trip on enigmatic front man Richard Thomas.

Prolific and equally enigmatic skipper Dan Jacques once again finished with aplomb from the spot to make it two goals in two games.

The second half started with left back Luke Pawson having to be replaced after a bang on the foot although rumours spread after the game that he had actually requested

to come off so he could leave early to get back to Brighton pier to win some more watches from the grab machine games.

The match ebbed and flowed after Pawson's replacement with Jordan Millis entering proceedings and there was also action for fellow youth teamers Aaron Czech and Jake Booth.

Front man Neil Kane made way for Booth, Kane being hauled by a disgusted bench after he missed a sitter of a header for the second week running.

Hassocks wrapped up the victory after a fine move down the right resulted in a great cross coming in to the far post where Hugo Whitehouse arrived to make a difficult finish look easy with his weaker foot.

With Wilkins and Wickwar looking to give more chances to the talented youngsters at the club this season, it was good to see the game finish with three current youth teamers on the pitch alongside two of last seasons successful squad.

Hassocks: Collins; C Brown, Wallis, O'Brien, Pawson; S Brown, Jacques, Whitehouse, Peskett; Thomas, Kane.

Subs: Millis, Czech, Booth (all used).



Around the League...



On a night when Hassocks picked up their first point of the Premier Division season via a draw with AFC Uckfield, there was a full programme of top flight fixtures as matchday four took place...

Two of the title favourites met at Hill Park where Saltdean United underline their credentials by beating Newhaven 3-1 in front of a bumper crowd of 223.

The Tigers had the game sewn up before the hour mark, Kieron Pamment opening the scoring followed by a Trevor McCreadie brace moving Saltdean 3-0 ahead.

Charlie Bennett notched his first goal in Newhaven colours but that proved to be nothing more than an injury time consolation.

Eastbourne Town had their 100 percent start ended in a local derby against **Little Common** at the Saffrons.

James Hull gave the hosts the lead before goals from James Crone and Jack McLean appeared to have Common heading to victory.

That was until the 85th minute when Sam Cole levelled things up as it finished 2-2.

Both sides ended the game with 10 men, Arron Hopkinson seeing red for Town and Lewis Parsons doing likewise for Common.

The Shooting Field saw that **Littlehampton Town** will be a force to be reckoned with this season as they hammered our Saturday visitors

Steyping Town 6-0.

Littlehampton had a 3-0 lead inside of 15 minutes thanks to two goals from George Gaskin and one from Tom Biggs.

Lucas Pattenden made it 4-0 on 33 minutes, Liam Humphreys added a fifth on 35 and the scoring was done and dusted when Dion Jarvis made it six five minutes before half time.

Horsham YMCA picked up their first victory of the season and in some style too, winning 3-0 away at **Loxwood**.

Jonathan Kusaka gave YM a first half lead with second half goals from Charlie Gee and Tom Cousins completing the scoring at Plaistow Road.

Shane Brazil gave **East Preston** a 1-0 lead against **Pagham**, only for the Lions to roar their way back to a 3-1 victory.

Joe Clarke was the Pagham hero, scoring all three goals in a comfortable away win at the Lashmar.

Eastbourne United made the perfect start to their home game with **Bexhill United**, Alfie Peacock scoring inside of the opening 60 minutes to give the hosts the lead at the Oval.

Adam Davidson added a second

five minutes before half time as United secured all three points via a 2-1 success.

The Pirates' consolation arrived in second half injury time from Evan Archibald.

The only goal of the game at Alfold Recreation Ground came from Martin Smith as **Alfold** were 1-0 winners against **Broadbridge Heath**.

Our Monday visitors **Lingfield** were undone by a goal from former Robin Charlie Pitcher as they suffered a 2-1 defeat at **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Pitcher scored what proved to be the winner with 12 minutes remaining. The other Anvils goal came from Michael Wood with Aaron Jenkins on target for the Lingers.

The other midweek offering in the Premier Division took place 24 hours earlier as **AFC Varndeanians** were beaten 3-2 at Withdean Stadium by **Peacehaven & Telscombe**.

Will Robinson and Matt Waterman scored for V's inside the opening 15 minutes but the top flight newcomers wait for a first victory of the season goes on, an own goal and a Louis Veneti double ensuring the Tye continued their impressive start to the campaign.

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Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	4	4	0	0	15	3	12
Peacehaven & Tels	5	4	0	1	10	7	12
Pagham	6	4	0	2	8	8	12
Eastbourne Town	4	3	1	0	8	4	9
Littlehampton Town	4	3	0	1	17	6	9
Alfold	4	3	0	1	8	4	9
Little Common	5	2	2	1	12	7	8
Newhaven	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Steyping Town	4	2	1	1	7	8	7
Horsham YMCA	6	2	1	3	9	14	7
Broadbridge Heath	4	2	0	2	8	4	6
Bexhill United	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Lingfield	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Crawley Down Gatwick	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
AFC Uckfield Town	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
Eastbourne United	5	2	0	3	7	10	6
Loxwood	5	1	0	4	4	11	3
East Preston	5	0	2	3	7	13	2
Hassocks	5	0	1	4	6	18	1
AFC Varndeanians	6	0	0	6	10	21	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	203	220	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	182	188	176
Saltdean United	175	223	127
Littlehampton Town	148	148	148
Newhaven	137	137	137
Steyping Town	118	130	106
Eastbourne United	114	147	89
Hassocks	102	130	65
East Preston	95	108	83
Lingfield	81	81	81
Little Common	81	88	74
Pagham	81	91	79
AFC Varndeanians	75	122	48
AFC Uckfield Town	73	116	41
Crawley Down Gatwick	73	86	60
Loxwood	71	83	52
Horsham YMCA	70	90	50
Alfold	59	61	56
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0

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	Last 6
Saltdean United	WWWWW
Peacehaven & Tels	WLWWW
Pagham	LWWWLW
Eastbourne Town	WWWD
Littlehampton Town	WWLW
Alfold	LWWW
Little Common	WDLDW
Newhaven	DWWL
Steyping Town	WWDL
Horsham YMCA	LLLWWD
Broadbridge Heath	LWLW
Bexhill United	WLLW
Lingfield	WWL
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWLWL
AFC Uckfield Town	LDDDWL
Eastbourne United	LLLWW
Loxwood	LLWLL
East Preston	DLLLD
Hassocks	LLDLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	11
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	6
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	5
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	5
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	5
Tom Boyle	Varndeanians	4
Joe Clarke	Pagham	4
Sam Clements	Lingfield	4
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	4
Aaron Jenkins	Lingfield	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4
Charlie Ball	Eastbourne Utd	3
Shane Brazil	East Preston	3
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	3
Aaron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	3
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyping Town	3
Jonathan Kusaka	Horsham YMCA	3
Jack Langford	Pagham	3

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Francis Rangers	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Hassocks	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Steypning Town	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Broadbridge Heath	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Horsham YMCA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Oakwood	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Roffey	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Alfold	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Crowborough Athletic	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	4
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	2
Dave Crouch	Crowborough	1
Luis Morton	Steypning Town	1
Clive Piller	Alfold	1
Toby Reeder	St Francis	1
Archie Russell	Hassocks	1
Luke Usherwood	St Francis	1
Mark Wardell	B'bridge Heath	1

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
Steypning 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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**August £56
September
October
November
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January
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March
April**

TOTAL £56

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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 **Josh Short**
AFC Uckfield Town home **Charlie Pugh**
Broadbridge Heath home **Lewis Beebee**
Peacehaven & Telscombe away **Connor Bradley**
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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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

1st

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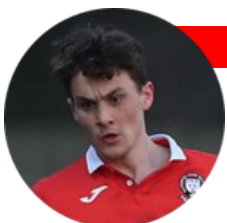
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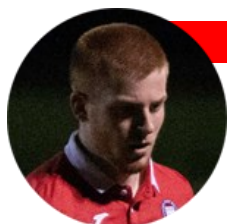
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Hassocks

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Jack Gardner	
Bradley Tighe	
Andy Whittingham	
Kobe Dersley	
Dan Turner	
Luke Marshall	
Arthur Rawlinson	
Jordan Badger	
Max Blencowe	
Ben Hicks	
Jack Baden	
Josh Short	
Lexx Lucas	
Alfie Loversidge	
Jack Troak	
George Mitchell-Phillips	
Lewis Beebee	
Tristan Hayes	

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Assistant Jordan Wilson
Physio Chloe Parker
Physio Phil Wickwar



Steypning Town

Jordan Hawkins
Alex Gathern
Scott Faber
Rob Clark
Maychol Sabino
Andrew Younger
Scott Murphy
Joe Fitzpatrick
Austin Okolo
Marshall Darby
Jayden Sparkes
Tom Bold
Bobby Bennett
Josh Bradley
George Cousins
Max Howell

Referee
Daniel Cooper

Assistants
Peter Coleman &
Kyle Mann

Manager Gerry Murphy
Coach Paul Hawkins
Coach Paul Ettridge

Next at the Beacon



Lingfield
 Monday 30th August. 11:00am
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

AFC Varndeanians v Broadbridge Heath
 AFC Uckfield Town v Eastbourne Town
 Bexhill United v Crawley Down Gatwick
 East Preston v Little Common
 Eastbourne United v Littlehampton Town
 Pagham v Lingfield
 Peacehaven & Telscombe v Alfold



Hassocks

Charlie Pugh	
Christian Kiddell	
Jack Gardner	
Bradley Tighe	
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Kobe Dersley	
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Lingfield

Johnny Thurbin
Aaron Jenkins
Connor Wilford
Rhys White
Scott Johnson
Jake Horn
Stephen Hodge
David Heaton
Haydn Dickinson
Tyler Cox
Sam Clements
James Allen
Alec Campbell
Yashua Smith
George Cousins
Jamie Bakhit
Joshua Fuller
Sami Bakhit
Lewis Longhurst
Charlie Naylor

Referee
Robert King

Assistants
Paul John & Peter Izard

Manager David Dean
Coach Bob Clements
Coach Simon Horn

Next at the Beacon



Newhaven
 Saturday 4th September. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

Alfold v Horsham YMCA
 Broadbridge Heath v Loxwood
 Crawley Down Gatwick v AFC Uckfield Town
 Eastbourne Town v Bexhill United
 Little Common v Eastbourne United

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