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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

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 third consecutive Premier Division home game, this time against Newhaven...

We would like to welcome the players, management, officials and supporters of the Dockers as well as our match officials and any other special guests we may have and hope you all enjoy your stay with us this afternoon.

To say that the August Bank Holiday Weekend went quite well for us would be a bit of an understatement as we picked up four points from two very tough looking home matches.

What made these results even more impressive was that they were both achieved having played for the best part of an hour on each occasion with only 10 men.

The scores were locked at 0-0 with Steyning Town when Luke Marshall saw red on Saturday, after which George Mitchell-Phillips scored twice to win the game.

Déjà vu occurred less than 48 hours later against Lingfield, this time Connor Bradley heading for an early bath almost to the exact same minute as Luke had been dismissed.

Alfie Loversidge had already put us 1-0 and although Lingfield put us under a lot of pressure, they could only find a 77th minute equaliser as

we completed an unbeaten weekend.

Having endured a difficult start to the season with a fixture list containing most of those clubs who would expect to be challenging for the title come April, it cannot be underestimated what a big boost those two results have provided.

Today's opponents will themselves fancy a crack at promotion having regularly been towards the top of the table over the past five seasons, offering another stern test for us.

There is at least a seven day break from the relentless schedule of Premier Division football that we have been subjected to so far as this Tuesday's midweek action sees the return of the Peter Bentley League Cup.

The competition was not run last season because of a desire to try and get as many league games completed as possible with the threat of a winter lockdown hanging over us, a decision which proved to be justified.

We welcome Roffey to the Beacon in the second round for what will be the first ever meeting between the clubs in senior football.

Roffey have assembled a very strong squad with players who have

proven themselves in the Premier Division as they look to push for promotion out of Division One this year.

An intriguing evening lies in store with kick off at 7:45pm. As always, your support will be greatly appreciated.

Aside from first team matters, the Under 23s remain unbeaten. Last Thursday saw them draw 1-1 at the North Division's dominant club of the past few seasons, Horsham YMCA through an Archie Russell goal.

On Wednesday, they ran out 2-0 winners at Oakwood with Jay Hudson and an own goal doing the damage.

The Under 18s meanwhile completed a fine weekend for the club, opening their season with a 1-0 win at Shoreham on Sunday via a Sam Geard penalty.

They have a local derby against Haywards Heath Town here at 11am tomorrow and entry is free if you are looking for a Sunday football fix.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your continued support.

Owen and Scott



Newhaven

Founded 1893

Nickname Dockers

Ground Trafalgar Ground

Website newhavenfc.co.uk

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Managers Andy Cook & Sean Breach

Top Scorer Lee Robinson, 3

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1954, 1974

SCFL Division 1

Winners 1972, 1991

Surrey Combination Division 2

Winners 2012

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1905, 1994, 2016, 2017

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2015

Whereas most of the Premier Division have played seven or eight league matches, a truncated start has seen Newhaven complete only four - meaning they come to the Beacon eager to kick start the campaign...

A covid outbreak at the Dockers saw both of their August Bank Holiday matches against Loxwood and AFC Vardeanians postponed; the good news with today's game going ahead is that they are now over the worst and we of course wish all those who were impacted a speedy recovery.

Their Premier Division record prior to that reads two wins, one draw and one defeat, leaving them 11 points off current leaders Pagham - but with four games in hand on the Lions.

That sole loss came at the hands of title favourites Saltdean United. Aside from their 3-1 reversal at Hill Park, Newhaven have been in free scoring form, most notably when putting four past Horsham YMCA and six past Camberley Town in the FA Cup.

That the Dockers are racking up big victories will come as no surprise to seasoned Southern Combination League observers familiar with the scoring feats of Lee Robinson.

The Premier Division's most dangerous marksman has scored a scarcely believable total of over 350 goals for Newhaven and it feels like

around 100 of those have come against us given the frequency with which Robinson has caused problems to numerous Hassocks sides throughout the years.

Any club who possess a striker of his talents is always likely to be challenging at the right end of the table and Newhaven are no different having been in championship contention in pretty much every season since they returned to the Premier Division for the 2013-14 campaign.

Needless to say, that means we do not have the greatest of records against the Dockers.

In 17 previous meetings, we have won on only four occasions compared to Newhaven's 10 with three draws thrown into the mix.

Robinson and co love racking up the goals against us too, scoring 41 in that time at an average of nearly three a game.

That does at least make for entertaining fare for the neutral with the last fixture in November 2019 ending in a particularly chaotic 3-2 victory for the visitors to the Beacon.

10 Key Moments

1905... lift their first silverware 18 years after being founded when winning the RUR Charity Cup
1920... become founder members of the Southern Combination League
1954... win their first of two Southern Combination League titles.
1965... the clubs first relegation. It's a short-lived stay in Division One as they finish runners up the next year
1974... lift their second and most recent Southern Combination League title
1976... relegated back to Division One, the start of a 15-year absence from the top flight
1994... lift a first cup in 89 years with a second RUR Cup entering the Fort Road trophy cabinet
1999... relegated into Division Two and intermediate football for the first time in the club's history
2013... secure back-to-back promotions to rise from Division Two back to the Premier Division
2017... defend the RUR Cup making it three trophies in three seasons after Peter Bentley success in 2015

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 9th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 13th
2012-13, Southern Combination One 2nd
2011-12, Southern Combination Two 1st
2010-11, Southern Combination Two 7th
2009-10, Southern Combination Two 9th
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 4th
2007-08, Southern Combination Two 5th
2006-07, Southern Combination Two 9th
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 4th
2004-05, Southern Combination Two 11th
2003-04, Southern Combination Two 13th
2002-03, Southern Combination Two 7th
2001-02, Southern Combination Two 7th
2000-01, Southern Combination Two 14th
1999-00, Southern Combination Two 15th

Hassocks v Steyning Town :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 13 - Won 2 - Drawn 3 - Lost 8 - Scored 17 - Conceded 34

SCFL Division One... Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 10 - Conceded 7

Total... Played 17 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 10 Scored 27 Conceded 41

Previous 10 Meetings

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Newhaven

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Newhaven 0-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Newhaven

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Newhaven 2-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Newhaven

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Newhaven

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Newhaven 5-0 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Newhaven

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Newhaven 4-0 Hassocks

2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Newhaven

Played for both

Two former Hassocks Youth Team products spent time with Newhaven with Terry Gacias and Naim Rouane both playing parts in the Dockers side that won promotion to the top flight in 2013.

Gacias racked up 35 appearances for us across two spells at the Beacon with the majority of those games coming during the 2009-10 season after he had returned to the Robins from St Francis Rangers.

He had earlier been both Under 18s and Reserve captain and was a popular player with the Beacon faithful during his time at the club.

Rouane meanwhile failed to make a first team appearance for us, featuring for the reserves and third team in the mid-00s.

He went onto have much greater

success after leaving the Beacon, most notably with Lancing and Haywards Heath whom he captained to the Southern Combination League / Peter Bentley League Cup double in 2017-18.

Rouane then managed Lancing to top spot in the Premier Division before the 2019-20 season was curtailed.

There are a couple of other players who have represented both.

Rob Boddy played eight times for the Rovins at the back end of the 2011-12 season after joining from Shoreham and he went onto play for Newhaven a few seasons later.

Jake Forward meanwhile had a brief five game spell with us at the start of the 2012-13 campaign, scoring once before moving onto St Francis Rangers and then Newhaven.



Terry Gacias

Hassocks downed by Dockers but there were positives to be had

There was good news and bad news at the Beacon as Newhaven ran out 3-2 winners to become the seventh team in succession to defeat Hassocks.

That is the start of the bad news as the Robins are now approaching unwanted club-record territory.

The most games they have ever lost in a row in senior football is nine, coming in the 2017-18 season.

That was the year in which they only survived relegation due to ground grading.

The bad news does not end with record losing streaks, either. The result also sunk Hassocks to second-bottom in the Premier Division table thanks to Pagham's 3-1 win over Broadbridge Heath.

Throw in a 5-2 success for East Preston away at Horsham YMCA and the Robins are six points adrift of safety.

Thankfully, there is plenty of time to turn the situation around. And Hassocks' cause in that regard will be helped immeasurably by a familiar name returning to the score sheet after four months on the side lines – which is where the good news begins.

Phil Johnson's 95th minute goal may not have meant much for this game, but in the long run it us a pointed reminder of the quality that Hassocks will now be able to call upon as they attempt to haul themselves out of the mire.

Johnson scored 27 times last season, firing the Robins to 12th place.

He assumed the captaincy and swept up the Players' Player, Manager's Player and Supporters' Player of the Year awards.

Hassocks are not quite a one-man team, but they are a very different proposition when Johnson is fit and firing – Mark Dalgleish will now be hoping that Johnson stays that way

until the end of the season.

Dalgleish was also able to give a debut to an intriguing new signing from the bench.

Blagomir Mastagarkov is a six-foot-plus forward who has previously played in the top three divisions in his native Bulgaria.

He came through the youth system at top flight club Lokomotiv Plovdiv and he looked a decent prospect on the run out he got here after finally receiving international clearance earlier in the week.

Quite how his talents are going to translate into the ninth tier of English football remains to be seen, but it will certainly be interesting to watch – presuming of course that Hassocks can hold onto a player of Mastagarkov's calibre should he be a success at this level.

One thing that the new addition does add though is height and a physical presence, a commodity sorely lacking in a side that is Hobbit-like in stature.

Only one player on show against the Dockers other than Mastagarkov measured in at over six feet and that was 16-year-old defender Luke Marshall, arguably Hassocks' Man-of-the-Match against a dangerous Newhaven front line which included the talents of Lee Robinson.

Marshall and his fellow defenders Harry Mills, Harvey Blake and Jack Troak managed to keep Robinson and the visitors quiet in an entertaining first half which Newhaven shaded but the hosts were not without chances of their own.

Given that that it took AFC Uckfield Town just 30 seconds to go ahead in their 4-0 midweek win at the Beacon, Hassocks could be proud of their efforts in the opening 45 minutes against such quality opponents.

That did not quite manage to extend to the second half, however. Only seven minutes had elapsed when the Dockers took the lead,

Robbie Keith beating Charlie Pugh in the Hassocks goal with a fine header for 1-0.

One soon became two. Just four minutes after Keith's opener and Hassocks found their goal breached once again, this time Lukas Jones splitting the defence with a fine pass to send Mo Diallo in one-on-one with Pugh. Diallo made no mistake with the finish.

At that point in time, the home support could have been forgiven for wondering if yet another hammering was on the cards.

It wasn't. In fact, it was Hassocks who looked like they might sent up a nervy final five minutes for the visitors when Ben Bacon pulled one back with his eighth of the season with 84 on the clock.

Bacon had begun the game on the bench and it was a Newhaven substitute who helped wrap up the game for the Dockers, Jack Langford going down in the box under a challenge from Blake with a couple of minutes of normal time remaining.

Blake had already been booked, leaving referee Daniel D'Urso with no option but to show the Hassocks full back the first red card of his senior career.

Ian Robinson duly beat Pugh from the spot. Johnson then popped up with a late second for Hassocks, a goal that will hopefully point to brighter times ahead at the Beacon over the coming weeks and months.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Marshall, Mills, Troak; Spinks, Enticknap; Hillwood, Stokes, Littlejohn; Benson.

Subs: Mastagarkov, Bacon, Johnson (used), Bull, O'Leary (unused).

Robins show fight to earn first ever point away at Newhaven

In their recent slide into the relegation zone, Hassocks have lost four times, conceded 15 and scored only one. The lack of fight has been marked.

They certainly got their fight back at Newhaven's Trafalgar Ground, a venue their record previously read played six, lost six.

There was the fight to come back from two goals down to take a point. The fight that saw goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg sent off for choke slamming an opponent.

The fight to hold on for a draw with joint boss Phil Wickwar in goal for the last 10 minutes. And the fight to get the most blatant handball goal since the quarter final of the 1986 World Cup overturned after the Dockers Lee Robinson tried to cheat his side to victory in injury time.

Hassocks made a raft of changes from last week's crushing 4-0 home defeat to Arundel with Wickwar saying he and Mark Dalgleish: "Wanted a side that want to play for this football club, are fully on board and desperate to keep us up."

The most eye-catching selections were bringing midfielder Spencer Slaughter back into the side at centre half and handing a full debut to Under 18s striker George Galbraith-Gibbons.

What appeared to be two big gambles before the game looked like masterstrokes come the final whistle.

Slaughter had his best game of the season in a position in which he played occasionally when first breaking into the Hassocks first team a decade ago whilst Galbraith-Gibbons took the man-of-the-match plaudits, scoring the Robins' first goal and assisting the second.

Hassocks began the game brightly, Bradley Bant drawing a good save from Jake Buss from a one-on-one and Galbraith-Gibbons making the wrong choice when he ignored the pressing run into the box of Harry Mills, instead hitting a tame effort at Buss after being teed up by

fellow teenager Jack Wilkins.

Newhaven took the lead from the penalty spot when Jordan Badger felled Robinson and the Dockers top scorer dusted himself down to convert from 12 yards.

Hassocks felt that decision was harsh with Badger having won the ball but he had gone through the back of Robinson to do so.

Kyle Woolven then rattled the bar from a full 25 yards as Newhaven laid siege to the Hassocks goal.

Eventually, the Dockers added a second. Stroomberg was caught in two minds about whether to control the ball or clear it first time; the result being he did neither and it bounced off his foot and straight to Robinson who needed no further invitation to double the advantage.

Given the Robins' woeful record against Newhaven and the fact the hosts had scored 12 unanswered goals against Lancing in an RUR Cup Quarter Final just four days earlier, Hassocks connections could have been fearing the worse but they pulled one back almost immediately.

It was a great counter attacking goal, a break going through Bant, Will Broomfield and Wilkins before eventually finding Galbraith-Gibbons who produced a finish on the angle two minutes before the break.

Newhaven's lightning quick front three began the second half by causing Hassocks problems but the defence of Joe Maskell, Ashley Marsh, Slaughter and Badger held strong.

At the other end, Galbraith-Gibbons was coming into the game more was coming into the game more, delivering a delicious cross which somehow missed Broomfield and Bant who were piling into the box.

It was from another great Galbraith-Gibbons ball in that the equaliser arrived. Newhaven thought they had done enough to clear their lines from a corner but they hadn't counted for James Westlake picking

out Galbraith-Gibbons brilliantly and his first time cross was met by a sublime side foot finish from Slaughter who had remained in the host's penalty area.

It was after that that things got really heated. Robinson's attempts to win a best actor Oscar with a less-than-convincing dive in the box didn't impress referee Alex Bradley who booked the Dockers striker for simulation.

It did not impress Broomfield either as he knocked the ball out of Robinson's hand, sending him into Marsh in the process who went flying as if hit by a bus.

That sparked a melee and as handbags began swinging from both sides, Stroomberg arrived to do a passable impression of Jack the Ripper, throwing Robinson to the ground via the throat to earn a thoroughly deserved red card.

That was not the end of the controversy either and again Robinson was at the heart of it when, into injury time, a free kick was pumped into the Hassocks box.

With replacement goalkeeper Wickwar coming to claim it, Robinson beat him to the ball but only by producing his own 'Hand of God' moment to punch it into the back of the net.

Robinson and Newhaven ran off celebrating what they thought was the winner only for joy to turn to despair as Hassocks' vehement appeals were backed up by the linesman who had seen the deliberate handball.

From believing they had won the game, the Dockers instead found themselves down to 10 men as Robinson picked up his second caution of the game.

"We're delighted with the point," Wickwar said afterwards. "We were on the end of a poor decision for the first penalty but then the officials got two big calls right with the second one not being awarded and the handball at the end."



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Meet today's mascot...

We have a very special guest joining us today at the Beacon as mascot as we welcome soon-to-be-married Steve Underwood, whose life-long ambition has been to walk out alongside the players of the Robins for a competitive game...

Okay, so those Robins might have been Swindon Town, once of the Premier League rather than Hassocks of the Southern Combination League Premier... but beggars can't be choosers.

Steve will be leading the teams out as part of a special stag-party treat organised by his friends.... because nothing says "You are getting married" like watching a game of step nine football.

We wanted to introduce him properly to the Beacon faithful this afternoon, and so who better to tell us a bit about Steve than his best man, Owen Burgess.

Take it away Owen...

Your mascot today is Steven John Underwood, who is honoured to lead Hassocks out at the Beacon.

Steve, an accountant who says he "got in the numbers game for the rock-and-roll lifestyle", is an avid Swindon Town fan and avid supporter of non-league football.

As a retired goalkeeper who cannot jump, he once dreamed of being lobbed at the County Ground like so many of his Swindon have been over the years.

We can all agree though that he has the next best thing today in being able to don the Robins' kit and walk out in front of the Hassocks faithful .

Steve is marrying his wonderful fiancée Claire Sheridan in Ireland on Friday, 24 September, so please join us in giving him a great send off before he ties the knot.

Have a great one, Steve. We love you, mate (ntg).

Up the Hassocks!



2020-21 Season Review: Supplementary Shield

The penultimate part of our 2020-21 Review takes a look at the first team's efforts in April's Premier Division Supplementary Shield competition, organised by the Southern Combination League once the regular season was curtailed...

After three months of inaction through lockdown, football returned with the easing of restrictions at the beginning of April and the Southern Combination League Supplementary Shield competition.

Hassocks opted to partake, although every game would take place away from the Beacon.

The club decided to take

advantage of the curtailment of the regular season by starting maintenance work to improve the pitch's drainage early, allowing a full pre-season schedule to take place once supporters were able to attend matches again.

The Robins were drawn in Group C of the new tournament, pitting them against three clubs who had all been higher in the Premier Division table when the campaign was halted.

Horley Town had sat second and with leaders Saltdean United opting

not to take part, that made them the favourites for the competition.

Crawley Down Gatwick were sixth and Lingfield ninth. Hassocks looked to have their work cut out with only one team progressing from each group, although they were given a boost by the availability of Pat Harding.

Every season, Harding dual-signs from Burgess Hill Town and with the Isthmian League not opting to run an end-of-season tournament of their own, the Robins were able to call

upon the services of their former striker.

Hassocks began the Supplementary Shield away at Crawley Down Gatwick.

As is so often the case whenever Robins meet Anvils, it was a 90 minutes packed with goals and entertainment, albeit sadly played out in front of an empty Haven.

James Littlejohn hit the post with a free kick inside of the first five minutes and Josh Short and Harvey Enticknap both went close before Down took the lead against the run of play.

There seemed to be little danger from a hopeful through pass which appeared to be going straight to Dan Turner.

Somehow though, the ball whizzed under Turner's foot and that left Ollie Moore in on goal. He made no mistake, beating Dave Carruthers in the Hassocks goal to give the Anvils the advantage with 12 minutes of the first half remaining.

Turner made amends for his part in the Down opener by levelling the tie four minutes into the second half.

A free kick out wide resulted in Alfie Loversidge whipping over an excellent cross for Turner to meet with a towering header past Tony Jenner.

Hassocks took the lead 19 minutes later with Short the architect, breaking through the home defence with a driving run to slip in Harding who finished with aplomb.

It was Harding's 132nd goal for the Robins and came 15 years after his 131st arrived in a 5-2 win over Eastbourne Town on the final day of the 2005-06 season.

Both teams began to tire in the closing stages which suited Hassocks as they attempted to see the game out.

Unfortunately, they could not quite do that as an own goal from Bradley Tighe ensured it ended 2-2.

Down substitute Tiago Andrade hit a hopeful shot towards goal which

Tighe – making his first appearance back in Hassocks colours after re-signing from Seaford Town – managed to slash in off his shin at the near post.

Three days later and the Robins faced the daunting prospect of a trip to Horley.

The last time these two sides met had been in October when the Clarets inflicted an 8-0 defeat on nine-man Hassocks, the heaviest home reversal in Hassocks history.

Perhaps the manner of their victory at the Beacon seven months and two lockdowns ago led Horley to expect another easy evening.

If that were the case then the hosts were in for a rude awakening.

Hassocks stormed into a two goal lead inside of the first five minutes, paving the way for a shock 3-1 victory.

Charlie Pitcher scored all three of the Robins' goals. The first came when Short seized on a loose pass, draw home goalkeeper George Hyde and then unselfishly squared to Pitcher who was left with the simple task of rolling into an empty yet.

90 seconds later and Jack Troak's clever quick throw caught the Horley defence unawares, leaving Harding to collect and race through.

Harding pulled back to Pitcher who applied the finish via a deflection to double Hassocks' advantage.

Horley recovered well from that shock start, forcing Carruthers into a string of fine stops.

The Hassocks goalkeeper denied Kerran Boylan and then had to produce an outstanding double save from a Lewis Pearch effort and Boylan's follow up.

There was little Carruthers could do when Russell Harvey pulled one back nine minutes before half time.

Hassocks managed to make it to the break without conceding again before repeating their trick from an hour earlier by catching Horley cold with a quick-fire goal only minutes into the second half.

Littlejohn made it, playing a clever ball over the top of the home defence after Hassocks had broken down a Horley attack.

A burst of speed from Pitcher took him clear and he finished past Hyde with aplomb to complete his hat-trick and secure an unexpected three points.

The halfway point of the competition was brought up with a 3-2 defeat at Lingfield, leaving the Lingers top of Group C and Hassocks second.

The Robins' management were left infuriated by a controversial second half penalty decision when the sides were locked at 1-1, paving the way for the Lingers to score twice in as many minutes.

Lingfield seized the initiative through Rhys White with 19 minutes played.

They looked like they were going to make it to the interval with the advantage until a brilliant strike from distance from Jack Troak levelled things up five minutes before the break.

It was just past the hour mark when the spot kick which so riled the Robins arrived.

A shot from point blank range crashed into a Hassocks shoulder. Superhuman reactions would have been needed to get out of the way and yet much to the surprise of the visitors, referee Mark Gidman pointed to the spot.

Substitute Josh Biddlecombe duly converted having only been on the pitch for nine minutes and Lingfield's third arrived through Stephen Hodge less than 120 seconds after Biddlecombe's successful spot kick.

Hassocks rallied to set up a tense final 10 minutes when a flurry of attacks lead to a loose ball spilling to Harding, lurking at the back post.

Harding made no mistake, tidily placing an effort into the bottom corner out of the reach of Thurbin. The Robins though could not quite force an equaliser.

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The second game against Crawley Down was even more fun-filled than the first as Hassocks scored twice after the clock hit 89 minutes to come away with a 4-2 victory, a score line which was harsh on a Down side who dominated for large parts.

Just like at Horley a week earlier, Hassocks made a fast start by taking the lead after only six minutes.

Some neat triangles down the right flank between Littlejohn and Harding opened up a gap to slide in Loversidge and the teenager made no mistake, beating Jenner to make it 1-0.

Loversidge turned provider next, playing a big part in the goal which doubled the Robins' advantage eight minutes before half time.

Short released Loversidge down the right and his cross was glanced home by Troak ghosting in from the left flank.

Midway through the second half and Hassocks' 2-0 lead was wiped out in less than 90 seconds.

Andrade was left with a simple finish on 68 minutes after a superb run and cross from Lewis Croal.

Down regained possession straight from kick off and Michael Belli levelled things up

Down were very much in the ascendency after that and they poured forward looking for a winner.

That left plenty of space for Hassocks to exploit on the break, something the Robins did in the final minute of normal time when Pitcher rounded off a lightning quick counter.

The Anvils now had little choice but to become even more attacking in the search for an equaliser, opening the game up even more.

Troak was the man to take advantage, beating former Hassocks right back Harvey Blake before chipping to the back post where Harding arrived to slam home.

Hassocks' penultimate game saw them travel to Lingfield, a fixture which looked pivotal in deciding who out of Lingers or Robins topped the group.

Nothing could separate the sides on this occasion as it finished 2-2, leaving Lingfield two points clear ahead of the final round of matches.

A tense affair did not spark into life until the final 20 minutes.

Harding opened the scoring on his 200th appearance in Hassocks colours

when Troak did well down the left to find Pitcher who slid in his strike partner.

Although home goalkeeper Thurbin kept out the initial effort, the rebound fell straight to Harding and he made no mistake with a side footed finish.

Hassocks had been undone by those two goals in the space of a minute against Lingfield last time out and history repeated itself as again the hosts notched twice in quick succession.

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

Unlike last time though, Hassocks found a way back just three minutes after the Lingers went ahead.

Troak was involved once more, playing a lovely cross into the box which initially looked like it was going beyond Harding.

"To reach the semi finals, Hassocks now needed to win against Horley in their final group game and hope Crawley Down could do them a favour by beating Lingfield."

That was 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.

To reach the semi finals, Hassocks now needed to win against Horley in their final group game and hope Crawley Down could do them a favour by beating Lingfield.

Neither of those things happened as just two weeks after their magnificent win at the New Defence, Hassocks returned to the scene of the triumph and were hammered 8-2.

Even if they had managed to upset the Clarets for the second time in a fortnight, it would not have mattered as Lingfield got the job done with a 2-1 victory over Down.

Hassocks probably suspected that this was not going to be their evening when Littlejohn picked up an injury in the warm up and had to subsequently drop down to the bench.

In some circumstances, such late disruption could be blamed for Horley

taking the lead with just 10 minutes played but on this occasion, it was a strike of pure and simple brilliance from Ryan Smith which gave the hosts the early advantage.

He spotted Charlie Pugh off his line and beat the Hassocks goalkeeper from a full 60 yards.

That proved to be the opening of the floodgates. Ryan Brackpool and Kevin Moreno-Gomez made it 3-1 before 24 minutes, after which Pitcher pulled one back with a sweet effort from the edge of the area for his 16th of the season from only 20 appearances.

Mario Quiassaca made it 4-1 on 33 minutes, the final goal before half time.

With perfect symmetry, the second half also finished 4-1. Quiassaca hit his second and the Clarets' fifth seven minutes after the restart with a side footed effort from an Adam Pullin pull back.

Horley introduced Adam Grant from their bench, not exactly a good sign for Hassocks given he had scored a hat-trick in that 8-0 earlier in the season.

It did not take Grant long to start tormenting the Robins again as he calmly beat Pugh with a one-on-one opportunity after being played in within nine minutes of his introduction.

There were still 20 minutes to play when goal number seven arrived, Grant laying off to Moreno-Gomez to notch his second of the evening. Grant then completed his own brace to make it 8-1 to the hosts with 15 minutes left to play.

Hassocks were suddenly facing the very real prospect of conceding double figures for the first time in senior football.

Given how clinical Horley had been, it almost felt like an achievement that the Robins managed to get through the final quarter of an hour without another shot beating Pugh.

Instead, it was Pugh's opposite number who was the last goalkeeper to pick the ball out of the net.

Harding rounded off a highly successful time back in Hassocks red with his sixth goal from six matches, producing a clean finish after pouncing on a loose ball.

Still no wins but Hassocks give leaders Tye a fright

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 24th August 2021, The Sports Park
Peacehaven & Telscombe 3-2 Hassocks**



That first win of the season continues to elude Hassocks but if they can deliver frights like the one they gave Peacehaven & Telscombe at the Sports Park then it surely cannot be too far away.

A 3-2 victory for the hosts represented a fifth successive success and moved them level on points with early leaders and local rivals Saltdean United, who they faced in a tantalising derby clash on Bank Holiday Monday.

Hassocks were clearly facing no slouches and although Peacehaven dominated much of the evening in terms of possession, the Tye were extremely grateful to hear the full time whistle as Hassocks had them on the ropes whilst chasing a most unlikely of draws.

The performance of the Robins could not have been further away from their weekend showing, when they scored two own goals on their way to a 5-1 home defeat to Broadbridge Heath.

Head coach Brad Sweetman made four changes from the side beaten by the Bears, two of them in his defence.

Dan Turner returned from an injury picked up on the opening day of the season and Luke Marshall was recalled from the bench to replace absent duo Arthur Rawlingson and Bradley Tighe.

17-year-old Sam Geard made his full debut in place of Ben Hicks and there was a first senior appearance for Jay Hudson, taking over from George Mitchell-Phillips in attack.

Former Burgess Hill Town man Hudson came into the clash in flying form having scored all four goals as the Under 23s beat Crowborough Athletic in their season opener the previous Thursday.

Peacehaven dominated the first 10 minutes without ever really testing Christian Kiddell, continuing in the Robins goal with Charlie Pugh still

unavailable.

In fact, it was Hassocks who had the first chance of the match. Hudson was the man to fashion it, nearly marking his debut in perfect style when working his way into the area to fire in a shot which was well repelled by Jake Hutson in the Tye goal.

Hassocks remained steadfast defensively right up until the half hour mark when Max Hollobone broke the deadlock in a spectacular manner.

There did not seem much on when the ball fell to the Peacehaven schemer on the edge of the box. That was until he fizzed in a powerful strike from 25 yards, giving Kiddell no chance.

Other than that Hudson opportunity, Hassocks had been a non-entity as an attacking force throughout the first half, instead content to focus on maintaining their shape and keeping Peacehaven at bay.

That changed though with the introduction of George Mitchell-Phillips for Hudson during the break as the teenage forward suddenly started asking questions of the Tye defence.

Initially at least, Peacehaven were unable to cope with the threat posed by Mitchell-Phillips.

That eventually led to a Hassocks equaliser, Connor Bradley volleying home his first senior goal with 54 minutes on the clock.

Parity appeared to shake Peacehaven back into life and within 60 seconds of Bradley's leveller, the hosts retook the lead.

Louis Veneti and Tyler Scrafton combined to feed Jordan Pryor, whose strike clipped Kiddell's post on its way to nestling in the back of the net.

Sweetman made a double change on 73 minutes in an attempt to try and wrestle something from the contest, Max Blencowe and Jude

Wallis taking over from Bradley and Lewis Beebee respectively.

The first task of the new faces was unfortunately to watch Peacehaven add their third.

It came from Scrafton, capping off a fine individual performance with a richly deserved goal which most home observers felt meant the game was done and dusted.

Some Hassocks observers were probably wondering not only the same thing, but also if another mauling might be on the cards for their young team with 15 minutes still to play.

Instead, the Robins showed commendable fight to force their second goal of the evening and set up a nervy finish for the Tye.

Captain Andy Whittingham was the scorer, choosing a timely moment to net only his second Hassocks goal in over 100 appearances when smashing home during a goalmouth scramble with 85 minutes showing on the clock.

Hassocks threw everything they could at the Peacehaven goal in the final five minutes plus stoppage time but were unable to find a way through, much to the relief of Mark Shutt and his players.

Peacehaven got the result they needed to move joint top. Hassocks too could be pleased with their evening's work ahead of two home games in the space of 48 hours over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Hassocks: Kiddell; Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; Gardner, Short, Bradley, Loversidge, Geard; Hudson, Beebee.

Subs: Mitchell-Phillips (Hudson 45), Blencowe (Bradley 73), Wallis (Beebee 73), Hicks, Dunkley (unused).

Mitchell-Phillips at the double as 10 man Robins get up and running

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 28th August 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-0 Steyning Town**



If you had to predict when Hassocks would get their long-awaited first win of the season on the board, you would probably not have gone for a match they played for over an hour with 10 men against opponents who had lost only once so far.

Talk about getting the monkey off the back in style. Two goals from George Mitchell-Phillips delivered a 2-0 win over Steyning Town as the Robins overcame the dismissal of Luke Marshall to give Brad Sweetman his first win in charge at the seventh attempt.

Hassocks showed multiple sides to their game over the course of 90 enthralling minutes.

They started well, dominating the opening stages with some purposeful attacks. Marshall's red card then meant having to defend resolutely before both goals arrived through ruthlessly efficient counter attacks led by the relentless Mitchell-Phillips.

At the other end, Charlie Pugh claimed a well-deserved clean sheet. The four points which Hassocks have garnered so far this season have all come with Pugh in the team, highlighting how important the young goalkeeper has become to Hassocks.

His availability has been sporadic so far this season, something which Sweetman has sought to address by bringing Alex Harris back to the club for a fifth spell at the Beacon to strengthen the goalkeeping department.

Pugh took over between the sticks from Christian Kiddell, one of four changes from the Hassocks side who had pushed joint-leaders Peacehaven & Telscombe close in a 3-2 defeat at the Sports Park four days earlier.

Arthur Rawlingson came in for Dan Turner, Joe Bull replaced Lewis Beebee and Jude Wallis was given a full debut in place of Sam Geard.

The fourth change saw Mitchell-

Phillips take over from Jay Hudson, a just reward for the 18-year-old striker who had so frightened Peacehaven following his half time introduction on Tuesday night.

It did not take long for Mitchell-Phillips to continue where he had left off, giving the Steyning defence a few early warnings that they were in for a torrid afternoon when doing well to work a couple of half chances, only for his finishing to let him down.

Those misses looked like they might prove costly when Marshall found himself heading for an early bath with just 35 minutes on the clock.

A long diagonal ball over the top left Tom Howard-Bold in a footrace to get there first against the onrushing Pugh, charging out of his area to try and cut out the danger.

Howard-Bold won that particular contest, rounding Pugh only to find himself being pulled back by Marshall, who in fairness had done well to get into a position to be able to make a goal-preventing foul.

There were half-hearted appeals from Hassocks that Andy Whittingham would have made it back to the goal line and therefore Marshall had not denied a clear goal scoring opportunity so a yellow card would be sufficient punishment.

Referee Daniel Cooper was not standing for any of this balderdash however and he produced the inevitable red, leaving Hassocks to negotiate the next hour of football shorthanded.

Task one was to make it to half time unscathed, something the Robins duly managed. That gave Hassocks the chance to regroup, Sweetman instigating a change in approach as the Robins looked to soak up pressure and use the pace of Mitchell-Phillips on the break.

Steyning started the second half the better side, trying to capitalise on their man advantage.

There were a couple of hairy

moments for Hassocks negotiate before the Robins took the lead on the hour mark with a blistering counter attacking goal.

The outstanding Josh Short sent Mitchell-Phillips clear with a brilliant ball over the top, leaving the former Lewes forward to produce a composed finish by lobbing over the head of the advancing Steyning goalkeeper.

Going behind forced the Barrowmen into becoming even more attacking in an attempt to wrest something from the tie. This in turn suited Hassocks as it left further space for them to exploit on the counter, which is where goal number two came from on 73 minutes.

Short was again the instigator, playing through young Alfie Loversidge who defied his miniature frame to hold off the attentions of a defender.

Unable to win the ball from Loversidge in a legal manner, said Steyning defender instead resorted to bringing Loversidge down in the box, putting Mr Cooper centre stage to award a penalty.

Another correct decision from the man in the middle who was enjoying a decent afternoon.

The pressure of the kick fell onto the shoulders of Mitchell-Phillips and he made no mistake, doubling Hassocks' advantage with a quarter of an hour left to play.

It was time which the Robins managed to see out surprisingly easily to scenes of long overdue celebration at the final whistle. It has taken a while, but Hassocks are up and running.

Hassocks: Pugh; Rawlingson, Marshall, Whittingham; Gardner, Short, Bradley, Loversidge, Wallis; Bull, Mitchell-Phillips.

Subs: Baden, W Tighe, Thwaites (used), Sweetman, Harris (unused).

An hour with 10 men again cannot stop Robins making their point

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Monday 30th August 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-1 Lingfield**



Perhaps Brad Sweetman should consider telling his Hassocks side to go down to 10 men after 35 minutes every week?

For the second time in the space of 48 August Bank Holiday hours, the Robins came away with something to show for their efforts despite having to play for over an hour with a numerical disadvantage.

This 1-1 Monday morning draw against Lingfield achieved despite Connor Bradley's first half red card followed hot on the heels of Saturday's 2-0 win over Steyning Town when Luke Marshall was sent off for an early bath, almost to the same minute.

That means that of the five points Hassocks have garnered in 2021-22 under Sweetman, four have come from matches they have played the majority of with less players.

Whereas Hassocks scored both their goals against Steyning whilst down to 10, they were already leading Lingfield when Bradley was dismissed.

Confidence was clearly high in the home camp following the Saturday win and that translated into a first start, Alfie Loversidge giving Hassocks the lead with only six minutes on the clock.

Everything good that the Robins do at the minute comes through Loversidge and his midfield partner Josh Short, a duo who are producing fearless performances which defy their tender years and inexperience.

They were both involved in the goals which defeated Steyning, Short playing a killer pass to send George Mitchell-Phillips away for the first and then doing likewise to release Loversidge, who earned the penalty which Mitchell-Phillips tucked away for the second.

Short's assist against Lingfield saw him showcase another side to his game other than his astute range of passing.

He weaved his way down the

right, reaching the by-line as Lingfield appealed for an offside before pulling a low cross back into the path of the onrushing Loversidge who arrived in the box to apply the finish.

It has been some time since Hassocks possessed a genuine goal scoring midfielder. With three goals in eight games so far, Loversidge is relieving a lot of pressure on a side who lost top scorer Charlie Pitcher to Crawley Down Gatwick in the summer.

Games between Hassocks and Lingfield are rarely for the faint of heart - Pitcher saw red in the last Supplementary Shield meeting between the two in April - and some pretty meaty challenges began flying in from both sides as the first half wore on.

The Lingers mood was not improved by a controversial incident on 21 minutes when James Allen went down in the box. The visitors wanted a penalty but referee Robert King had other ideas and instead awarded Hassocks a free kick.

Less than 60 seconds earlier and Dave Heaton had placed a towering header over the bar for Lingfield when he should have at least hit the target.

Bradley's red card did little to calm things down, even if it was more mistimed than malicious. The Hassocks midfielder knew he had erred and left the field to little complaint.

Lingfield's Tyler Cox picked up a yellow on the stroke of half time and that physicality continued into a heated second half.

Hassocks may have the youngest side in the Premier Division by some distance but they are no shrinking violets.

They gave as good as they got although you had to wonder how much the battle was taking out of them as the second half continued, especially having played for so long against Steyning with only 10 men as

well.

Unsurprisingly, Lingfield grew in dominance and it was not really a surprise when they levelled things up on 77 minutes.

It was a goal similar to the one scored by Hassocks, a midfield runner escaping down the right channel to deliver a ball into the box which Jamie Bakhit smashed past Alex Harris in the Hassocks goal.

The last 10 minutes became like the Alamo as Lingfield threw everything they had at the Robins in the search for a winner.

That the visitors had to settle for heading back to Surrey with only a point for their efforts was largely because of the work of Harris, making the first appearance of his fifth different spell at Hassocks.

Harris was last seen in this parish in the 2018-19 season.

With Charlie Pugh's availability sporadic, Sweetman has sought out Harris to provide another option in the goalkeeper ranks and based on his showing against Lingfield, that looks like being an inspired decision.

Harris was a commanding presence and the young defence in front of him certainly seemed to benefit from his organisation. He pulled off several smart saves too when called into action.

The Lingers themselves played out the final five minutes with only 10 minutes after an injury struck and they had used all three if their permitted substitutions. Hassocks though remain the masters at playing shorthanded.

Hassocks: Harris; Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; W Tighe, Short, Bradley, Loversidge, Gardner; Bull, Mitchell-Phillips.

Subs: Rawlingson, Dersley, Baden (used), Thwaites, McSwiney (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	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
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	8	0	8	3	26	5
Josh Short	8	0	8	0	20	0
Jack Gardner	7	0	7	0	30	0
Andy Whittingham	7	0	7	0	105	2
Luke Marshall	6	1	7	0	23	0
Arthur Rawlingson	5	2	7	0	7	0
Connor Bradley	5	1	6	1	15	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	5	1	6	2	6	2
Lewis Beebee	5	0	5	1	8	1
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Bradley Tighe	5	0	5	0	108	0
Joe Bull	3	2	5	0	66	4
Jack Baden	1	3	4	0	8	0
Dan Turner	3	0	3	0	38	3
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Jude Wallis	1	2	3	0	3	0
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0	26	0
Max Blencowe	1	1	2	0	2	0
Kobe Dersley	1	1	2	0	3	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Wes Tighe	1	1	2	0	2	0
Alex Harris	1	0	1	0	61	0
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	0	1	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
Louis Thwaites	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13



Hudson to the four as Robins crush Crows in season opener

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 19th August 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 4-1 Crowborough U23s**



Jay Hudson was the star on the opening day of the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division season, scoring all four goals as Hassocks hammered Crowborough Athletic at the Beacon.

The Robins' 4-1 win was the first victory by a Hassocks side so far in 2021-22, lifting the mood somewhat as the first team remain winless from four very difficult fixtures to start the campaign.

With Brad Sweetman and Jordan Wilson heading up both the senior and Under 23s management teams this season, there is expected to be a fair bit of crossover between the two sides as Hassocks operate with a very young squad.

Eight of the 15 players used by the Robins on the evening have already turned out for the first team this season and they proved to have too much quality for a Crows outfit who had been one of the stronger in the North Division last season prior to curtailment.

Charlie Pugh, Kobe Dersley, Ben Hicks and Jordan Badger were all involved in Tuesday night's 2-2 draw against AFC Uckfield Town, Badger

taking the headlines for his late equaliser in his first game after two seasons away from football.

Jack Baden, Archie Russell, Jude Wallis and Max Blencowe have all been involved in the senior set up and it surely will not be long until Hudson follows suit after his goal scoring heroics.

It took the former Burgess Hill Town man less than one minute to open the scoring, giving Hassocks the perfect start to the campaign.

David Crouch equalised for Crowborough on 36 minutes and when the sides went into half time locked at 1-1, there had been little sign of the dominance that the Robins were about to exert in the second 45 minutes.

Six minutes after the restart and Hudson had his second of the evening to put Hassocks back into the lead.

He completed his hat-trick on 65 and added a final lick of gloss to the scoreline when making it four with two minutes left of normal time to play.

Hudson became the first player to score an Under 23s hat-trick since Phil Johnson in a 5-1 win over Oakwood nearly two years ago.

More astounding is the fact that Hudson's four-goal haul means that

he is already only one short of outgunning last season's Under 23s top scorer Lewis Beebee, who ended the curtailed 2020-21 campaign with five goals from 13 appearances.

Scoring proved to be a major problem for Hassocks last season - until April's Supplementary Shield at least when they hit nine in five matches - so to start the new campaign in such free-flowing form augurs well for the year ahead.

If they can produce a similar result and performance next week away at a Horsham YMCA side who have dominated Under 23s football since 2018, then it really might be time to get excited.

Hassocks: Pugh; W Tighe, Mercer, Kladdis, Dersley, Baden, McSwiney, Wallis, Hicks, Hudson, Russell.

Subs: Badger, Blencowe, Kilkelly, Ransome (unused).



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	2-0	Hudson, OG
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 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2019-20 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Baden	3	0	3	0
Ben Hicks	3	0	3	0
Sean McSwiney	3	0	3	0
Archie Russell	3	0	3	1
Jude Wallis	3	0	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Wes Tighe	1	2	3	0
Kobe Dersley	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	2	0	2	5
Jordan Badger	1	1	2	0
George Mercer	1	1	2	0
Harvey Ransome	1	1	2	0
Brad Sweetman	1	1	2	0
Louis Thwaites	0	2	2	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Charlie Pugh	1	0	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Jacob Killkelly	0	1	1	0
Arthur Rawlingson	0	1	1	0

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Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Geard
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		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2019-20 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Alfie Beck	1	0	1	0
Harry Bundy	1	0	1	0
Harry Carter	1	0	1	0
Jamie Douglass	1	0	1	0
Sam Geard	1	0	1	1
Archie Hill	1	0	1	0
Beau Howard	1	0	1	0
Jack Morris	1	0	1	0
Jake Palmer	1	0	1	0
Archie Russell	1	0	1	0
Louis Thwaites	1	0	1	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Joe Woodhouse	0	1	1	0



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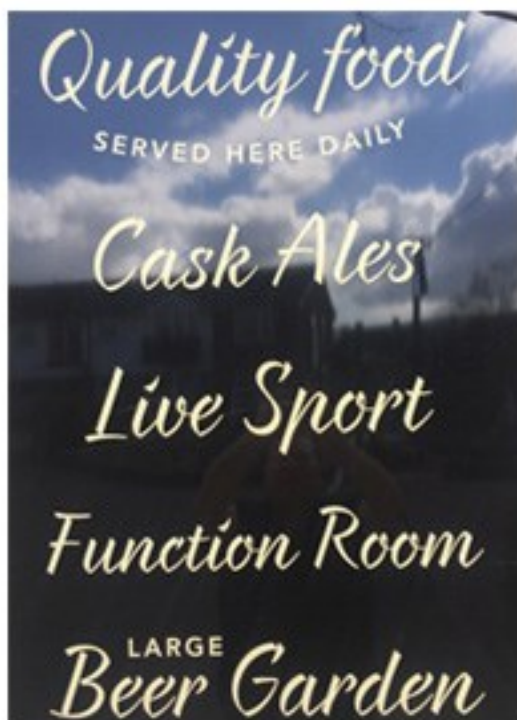


Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP		
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
17/10 - 14:00	Roffey (A)	SCWLP		
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
31/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
November				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP		
21/11 - 14:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP		
28/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
16/01 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP		
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
30/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
February				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP		
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP		
20/02 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		

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ON THIS DAY



After seven games at the helm, new Hassocks manager Mickey Jewell was still unbeaten. He and his new-look Robins faced their sternest test of the season so far when travelling to Blackfield & Langley on this day in **2010**...

Vase dream ends in Hampshire for 10 man Robins

Mickey Jewell tasted defeat for the first time as Hassocks manager, his side bowing out of the FA Vase at the first hurdle in disappointing fashion at Wessex League side Blackfield & Langley.

Despite some curious decisions from the officials, the Robins only had themselves to blame for not extending their unbeaten start to eight.

To complete a miserable afternoon, Andy Whittingham saw red and assistant manager Mark Dalgleish was so frustrated by the referee that he removed himself from the dugout to avoid a similar fate.

On a blustery day in Hampshire, Hassocks made the perfect start when they took the lead with only two minutes on the clock.

Sam Jeremiah gained possession on the right and his clever through ball played in Neil Kane, who beat advancing Blackfield goalkeeper Tom Hawkins with a deft finish.

Hassocks were ahead for all of two minutes. Jack Simpson failed to hold a delivery into his box which the wind picked up at the last minute, the ball eventually dropping to home captain Shaun Hughes who lashed home a powerful volley.

Jeremiah could have put the Robins back into the lead with eight minutes played. Chris Maynard held up play well on the left before feeding the overlapping Whittingham, whose dangerous cross was headed

inches over the bar by Jeremiah.

Blackfield moved 2-1 ahead on 22 minutes when a long ball over the top caught Hassocks flatfooted.

As the impressive Fuhad Hamadou ran clear, he was wrestled to the ground by Ashley Marsh.

Hughes stepped up to confidently despatch the resulting penalty for his second of the game.

Marsh atoned for his part in that goal by playing a key role in the Robins' second which arrived three minutes before the break.

The Hassocks skipper embarked on a mazy 60 yard from centre back with the ball at his feet, making it all the way into the Blackfield box before laying off to Spencer Slaughter who slammed home the equaliser.

Turning around level having defended the wind should have left Hassocks in a strong position to go on and win the game.

Unfortunately, they were not able to make as much of the conditions as Blackfield had, owing to some poor finishing and the upcoming early bath for Whittingham.

Phil Gault rattled the post after Kane had chased and pulled back a long ball forward from substitute Stuart Brown in Hassocks' best opportunity of the second half.

The game turned though when Whittingham mistimed a challenge, instead producing a kung fu kick that connected with Bell.

Accidental it may have been, but Hassocks could not really have any complaints at losing their left back

and having to face the final 15 minutes with only 10 men.

The mission now appeared to be digging in and holding onto the draw to secure a midweek Beacon replay.

Blackfield clearly did not fancy a Tuesday night trek to Mid Sussex and it took them just four minutes after Whittingham's dismissal to score what proved to be the winner.

Nobody in red was able to put a suitable challenge on Bell, leaving him to advance forward and slip in Neil Williams who beat Simpson one-on-one.

Hassocks had chances to find a third in the final five minutes. Gault played in Kane who dragged his effort wide with only Hawkins to beat.

Then with seconds of injury time remaining, Slaughter broke the offside trap when chasing another hopeful long ball over the top. His low cross into the box somehow evaded Kane, Gault, Brown and the rest of the arriving cavalry to condemn Hassocks to Vase heartache.

Hassocks: J Simpson; Kubickas, Marsh, Lear, Whittingham; Jeremiah, O'Callaghan, Gault, Slaughter, Maynard; Kane.

Subs: Brown (Jeremiah 55), Hibbert (Lear 70), Thomas, Clark, Whitehouse, Abbott (unused).

Starman: Phil Gault drove the team in difficult circumstances.

Around the League...



Whilst Hassocks were busy picking up their first win of the campaign against Steyning, seven other Premier Division fixtures took place with plenty of goals flying in across the Southern Combination League...

Pagham were the day's biggest winners as they racked up a 4-0 success over Lingfield at Nyetimber Lane.

Joe Clarke and Jack Langford both helped themselves to braces for the Lions, who ended the game with 10 men following the dismissal of Connor Kelly.

Littlehampton Town continued their fine start to life in the Premier Division by winning 3-1 away at **Eastbourne United**.

George Gaskin gave the Golds a half time lead and Dion Jarvis doubled it seven minutes into the second half.

Two minutes later and George Landais pulled one back for United against his former club but the two-goal advantage was restored via Dave Herbert on the hour mark.

Two goals from Lewis Hole and one from player-manager Russell Eldridge helped **Little Common** to a 3-1 win away at **East Preston**.

Shane Brazil scored the consolation for EP, who remain winless so far in 2021-22.

Another side yet to put a victory on the board are **AFC Varndeanians**, who suffered a 4-2 home defeat at Withdean Stadium against **Broadbridge Heath**.

Ben Cooksley, Charlie Parmiter, Jamie Taylor and an own goal did the damage for the Bears.

Our former captain Bradley Bant got his first goal since moving to the V's a couple of weeks ago and Adam Bukleb joined him on the scoresheet.

Nathan Hover scored the only goal of the game at the Oaks, where **AFC Uckfield Town** became the first side to inflict defeat on visitors

Eastbourne Town via a 1-0 victory. The Premier Division's final game saw **Bexhill United** and **Crawley Down Gatwick** play out a 2-2 at the Beaconsfield.

Jack Shonk scored twice for Bexhill with both of Down's goals coming from former Hassocks striker Phil Johnson.

Early Division One leaders **Midhurst & Easebourne** show no signs of slowing as **Storrington** became the latest club to take a hammering at the hands of the Stags.

It finished 6-0 to the visitors to Storrington Rec, the goals coming from Kieran Carter, William Essai, Lewis Hamilton and a double via Josh Sheehan.

Our Tuesday night Peter Bentley League Cup opponents **Roffey** also possess a 100 percent record still after winning 2-1 at home to **Forest Row**.

Harry Law and James Pearse scored for the hosts at Bartholomew Way. The visitors' consolation was netted by Tom Underwood.

Adam Grant set **Epsom & Ewell** on their way to victory over **Montpelier Villa** by opening the scoring inside of 60 seconds at Leatherhead.

Further goals from Luke Miller and a Josh Uzun brace completed a 4-0 rout for the hosts, with Villa simply not at the races against Epsom.

Shoreham produced an excellent comeback from 2-0 down to defeat **Dorking Wanderers Reserves** 4-2 at Meadowbank.

Kyron Perrineau and Max Leitch had the hosts ahead at half time. A resounding performance in the

second 45 from the Mussels saw an own goal, Alex Fair, Harvey Green and Jonathan Lansdale ensure all three points went back to Middle Road.

Charlie Morley and Tim Moyo helped **Seaford Town** to a 2-1 home win over **Arundel**.

Selsey left it late to defeat **Hailsham Town** as Ryan Chittock's 88th minute winner gave the Blues a 1-0 success at the High Street Ground and **Godalming Town** and **Worthing United** drew 1-1.

Division One's most entertaining game came at Tinsley Lane, where **Oakwood** won an eight-goal thriller 5-3 against **Billingshurst**.

The scores had been level at 3-3 as late as the 85th minute until Sam Cane struck for the Oaks. Paul Johnston then rounded off his hat-trick in the 92nd minute to add some gloss to the scoreline.

Jarvis Brook are the current leaders of Division Two after coming from behind to beat **Copthorne** 3-1.

Patrick O'Sullivan had given the visitors to Limeclin the lead, only for goals from Paul Gardner, Jake Broomfield and Liam Edwards to ensure the table toppers extended their perfect start.

Bosham came out on top as they shared seven goals with **Worthing Town**, winning 4-3 and it was nearly as entertaining at **Southwater**, although perhaps not if you supported the hosts who went down 4-1 to **Littlehampton United**.

Division Two's final game saw **Upper Beeding** beaten 2-0 at home by **Rustington**. Josh Irish scored twice for the Blues.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pagham	8	6	1	2	14	9	19
Littlehampton Town	6	5	0	1	23	7	15
Little Common	7	4	2	1	17	8	14
Saltdean United	4	4	0	0	15	3	12
Alfold	6	4	0	2	9	5	12
Peacehaven & Tels.	6	4	0	2	10	8	12
Broadbridge Heath	6	3	1	2	13	7	10
Bexhill United	6	3	1	2	13	10	10
Crawley Down Gatwick	7	3	1	3	12	11	10
Eastbourne Town	6	3	1	2	9	8	10
Horsham YMCA	7	3	1	3	10	14	10
AFC Uckfield Town	8	2	3	3	9	12	9
Newhaven	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Lingfield	5	2	1	2	5	8	7
Steyning Town	6	2	1	3	8	12	7
Eastbourne United	7	2	0	5	8	15	6
Hassocks	7	1	2	4	9	19	5
Loxwood	6	1	1	4	5	12	4
East Preston	7	0	2	5	8	19	2
AFC Varndeanians	7	0	0	7	12	25	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	227	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	181	226	133
Saltdean United	175	223	127
Littlehampton Town	148	148	148
Newhaven	137	137	137
Steyning Town	118	130	106
Eastbourne United	106	147	84
Little Common	92	114	74
Pagham	90	112	76
East Preston	89	108	72
Hassocks	89	130	50
Lingfield	81	81	81
Crawley Down Gatwick	75	86	60
AFC Uckfield Town	73	116	41
Loxwood	71	83	52
Alfold	70	103	56
Horsham YMCA	70	90	49
AFC Varndeanians	66	122	40
Bexhill United	64	64	64
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Littlehampton Town	WWDWWW
Pagham	WWDWWW
Saltdean United	WWWWW
Alfold	LWWWWL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLWWWL
Little Common	DLDWWW
Broadbridge Heath	LWLWWD
Bexhill United	WLLWDW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLWLDW
Eastbourne Town	WWWDLL
Horsham YMCA	LLWWDW
AFC Uckfield	DDWLWL
Newhaven	DWWL
Lingfield	WWLLD
Steyning Town	WWDLLL
Eastbourne United	LLWWLL
Hassocks	LDLLWD
Loxwood	LLWLLD
East Preston	LLLDLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	11
Joe Clarke	Pagham	7
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	7
Jack Langford	Pagham	6
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	6
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	5
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	5
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	5
Trevor McCreddie	Saltdean United	5
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	5
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	5
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	4
Tom Boyle	AFC V'deanians	4
Shane Brazil	East Preston	4
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4
Charlie Ball	Eastbourne Utd	3
Lewis Hole	Little Common	3

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassoeks	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Broadbridge Heath	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Roffey	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Steyning Town	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Alfold	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
St Francis Rangers	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Horsham YMCA	3	0	1	1	3	5	1
Oakwood	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Crowborough Athletic	2	0	1	1	4	7	1

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jay Hudson	Hassoeks	5
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	3
Toby Reeder	St Francis	2
Clive Piller	Alfold	1
Ryan Baldwin	B'bridge Heath	1
Archie Russell	Hassoeks	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
Hassoeks	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
St Francis Rangers	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Steyning Town	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Worthing United	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AFC Varndeanians	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Haywards Heath Town	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Shoreham & Adur	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Upper Beeding	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Destiny Ojo	Steyning Town	3
Toby Reeder	Steyning Town	2
Ryan Byrne	Worthing United	1
Luca Di Lorenzo	Worthing United	1
Sam Geard	Hassoeks	1
Eddie Gray	AFC V'deanians	1
Jack Murkin	Worthing United	1
Aryan Sirjani	Montpelier Villa	1
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	1
Kai Stephens	Montpelier Villa	1
Aimen Toumi	AFC V'deanians	1

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastbourne Town							
Hassoeks							
Montpelier Villa							
Pagham							
Roffey							
Saltdean United							
Seaford Town							
Woodingdean Wand							
Worthing Town							

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Coming up...

There is a break from Premier Division action coming up this Tuesday night as the Peter Bentley League Cup returns for the first time in two seasons - and that is followed by a rare away game in two week's time...



Roffey

When?

Tuesday 7th September

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

7.45pm

Competition?

Peter Bentley League Cup
Second Round

Admission?

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

Roffey this season?

Roffey have begun the 2021-22 in seriously impressive fashion in Division One, winning six games out of six to sit level on points with Midhurst & Easebourne but second on goal difference. They have plundered 21 goals at an average better than three a game and if they carry on in this vein, then a first ever promotion to the Premier Division looks more than achievable.

Players to look out for?

It is not hard to see why they are flying - there are plenty of names in their squad who will be familiar to Hassocks supporters for their exploits in the top flight. Kelvin Lucas and Joao Tiago Andrade have played (and scored) for a host of Premier Division clubs in the past. They do not even lead Roffey's scoring charts - that honour goes to Josh Neathey, previously a goal machine at Oakwood.

Our record against Roffey?

This will be our first ever meeting at senior level with Roffey. As recently

as 2008, they were playing in Division Three of the Mid Sussex League. A remarkable rise saw them climb four divisions in five seasons, joining the Southern Combination in 2011-12. 2018-19 saw them win promotion into Division One to play senior football for the first time in their 100-year history.

Our record in the Peter Bentley League Cup?

It is not great, if we are honest. We first played in the competition in 1985, since when there has been a solitary semi final appearance in the 1996-97 season. That run included victories over Sidley, Mile Oak and an almighty upset against Saltdean United who were one of the strongest sides in the county at the time. Unfortunately, we met another giant in Wick and they ended that memorable run by hammering us 5-0 in the final four. There have been a handful of quarter final appearances in the intervening 25 years, most recently in the 2015-16 campaign.



Little Common

When?

Saturday 11th September

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Little Common this season?

When the Premier Division fixture list handed us games against the likes of Saltdean, Eastbourne Town, Newhaven and AFC Uckfield in the first six weeks, Little Common look on paper at least one of the easier matches in a difficult start. How wrong can you be? Common have been the Premier Division's surprise package so far, sitting in third place with 14 points from a possible 21. Their most eye catching result has to be a 4-0 win over early leaders Pagham, whilst they have also taken a point from much-fancied Eastbourne Town.

Our record against Little Common?

The two sides have met on 15 previous occasions. Only two of those so far have come in the Premier Division, the majority of matches taking place in Division in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In terms of the head-to-head, both sides have won five games apiece with five

draws, so there nothing to separate us historically.

Last time we met?

We did not manage to face each other in either the 2019-20 or 2020-21 seasons before the pandemic curtailed both campaigns. You therefore have to go back to February 2019 to find the last meeting. It was a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show as a week after we had won 1-0 away at Newhaven, it took an 80th minute equaliser from Liam Benson to secure a 1-1 draw against Common at the Beacon. Lewis Hole had given the visitors the lead. Mark Dalglish gave second Hassocks debuts to Jack Rowe-Hurst who returned to the club from Shoreham and Lewis Westlake who re-signed from Loxwood.

Common's dangermen?

Sam Cruttwell and Lewis Hole are their man source of goals whilst player-manager Russell Eldridge is always worth keeping an eye on too.



Littlehampton Town

When?

Saturday 18th September

Where?

Flora Sportsfield

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Littlehampton Town this season?

Do not rub your eyes, we really do have an away game - only our third of the season. It is a very difficult one too against a Littlehampton side who are making quite the impression after being promoted for 2021-22. The Golds had been totally dominant of Division One in the two curtailed campaigns and their elevation was richly deserved. In their first Premier Division campaign since 2017-18, they have won five and drawn one so far.

Our record against Littlehampton Town?

There have been 33 meetings with Littlehampton in the past and it is the Golds who dominate the head-to-head with 17 wins to Hassocks' 13. Littlehampton have racked up their fair share of goals in the fixture, scoring 59 - a figure hugely helped by the 17 they notched in four matches across their 2014-15 Southern Combination title winning season and the following campaign.

Last time we met?

Littlehampton were rock bottom of the Premier Division and we were stuck in the relegation zone ourselves when we went to the Sportsfield in February 2018. It was a six pointer then and we duly got the job done, a 2-0 victory ending a club-record run of 14 matches without a win. Jack Wilkins and Jake Lindsey got the goals.

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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 **Alfie Loversidge**
Lingfield home **Joe Bull**
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
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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

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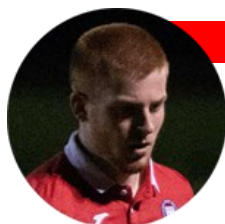
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Next at the Beacon



Roffey
 Tuesday 7th September. 7:45pm
 Peter Bentley League Cup

Today's other Premier Division fixtures

AFC Varndeanians v Lingfield
 East Preston v Crawley Down Gatwick
 Eastbourne United v Alfold
 Horsham YMCA v Little Common
 Loxwood v Eastbourne Town
 Pagham v Saltdean United