



# the Robins

2021-22 Matchday Programme #7



## Hassocks v Roffey

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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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Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for consecutive home game number four which sees us take a break from league action against Roffey...

**This is our first ever meeting with Roffey in senior football following their remarkable rise from Mid Sussex League Division Three to Division One of the Southern Combination in a little over 10 years.**

We hope that their players, management, officials and supporters enjoy their stay with us at the Beacon this evening.

They are going great guns so far in 2021-22 and it would therefore not be a surprise to see them promoted to the Premier Division in the not-too-distant future.

That means we will be in for a tough test if we want to progress to the third round of a competition we do not have a particularly good record in.

Perhaps this will be the year that changes however. A cup run would provide a nice distraction from the regular league season with tonight's winners going onto face either Wick or Storrington next.

Saturday saw us suffer a bruising defeat at the hands of Newhaven, who left Mid Sussex with all three points courtesy of a 5-0 win.

The first half was decent enough

and we went into the break trailing only 1-0. The Dockers though stepped things up a gear and their quality showed through four second half goals in what ended up being a bit of a hammering.

Off the pitch, you probably noticed that we played host to a stag do who decided that the place to be was the Beacon in honour of the groom supporting another set of Robins, Swindon Town.

Steve Underwood was dressed in a full Hassocks kit and wore a Robin mask for the day in his role as mascot.

He also got to dance on the pitch to Rockin' Robin - and was voted as our man-of-the-match on Twitter in the process - which did at least provide some entertainment on what was otherwise a pretty miserable day.

The stag party thoroughly enjoyed themselves and got through a sizable amount of beer too which was good news for our takings!

They asked if we would pass on our thanks to everyone for the warm welcome they received and for getting into the spirit of the occasion - hopefully, we have gained ourselves a Wiltshire-based supporters club.

Aside from first team matters, the Under 18s raised some smiles on Sunday morning by taking local bragging rights via a 5-0 win over Haywards Heath Town.

Oliver Parker-Williams and Alfie Beck both scored twice alongside Sam Geard as we made it two wins from two to start the Central Division season.

Coming up over the remainder of this week, the Under 23s are in action away at Steyning Town on Thursday night as they look to maintain their unbeaten run.

Kick off at the Shooting Field for anyone wishing to go and support is at 7:45pm.

On Saturday, we end this ridiculous run of five successive home matches against Little Common with kick off at 3pm.

It would be great to see you all back here for that one against the Premier Division's current surprise package.

**Enjoy the game.**

**Owen and Scott**



# Today's visitors...



## Roffey

**Founded** 1901  
**Ground** Bartholomew Way  
**Website** roffeyfc.uk  
**Twitter** @RoffeyFC  
**Manager** Andy Lampard  
**Top Scorer** Josh Neathey, 9

## HONOURS

**SCFL Division 2**  
 Runners up 2016  
**SCFL Division 2 Cup**  
 Winners 2014  
**Mid Sussex League**  
 Runners up 2011  
**Mid Sussex League Division 1**  
 Winners 2010  
**Mid Sussex League Division 2**  
 Winners 2009  
**Mid Sussex League Division 3**  
 Winners 2008

**Today represents something of an historic occasion as Hassocks v Roffey takes place at senior level for the first time ever. It surely will not be the last either given how upwardly mobile Roffey have been since 2008...**

Back then, they were playing in Division Three of the Mid Sussex League.

A remarkable rise saw them climb four divisions in four seasons, culminating in promotion to the Southern Combination League at the end of the 2011-12 campaign.

After establishing themselves in Division Two, 2018-19 saw Roffey win promotion into Division One to play senior football for the first time in their 100-year history.

Covid has meant that they are yet to complete a season at that level. Should 2021-22 not suffer any interruptions, then it appears as though their stay in Division One maybe brief based on the start they have made to the current campaign.

Andy Lampard's side have delivered seven wins out of seven so far to sit level on points with Midhurst & Easebourne but second on goal difference.

They have plundered 22 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.

The summer appointment of

former Broadbridge Heath manager Steve Painter as general manager at Bartholomew Way has no doubt helped.

Painter knows exactly what it takes to lead sides to promotion through the Southern Combination having turned Heath from a struggling Division Two outfit into one capable of finishing in the top six of the Premier Division during a long association with the Bears.

Working alongside Lampard, the two have put together a squad full of names which will be familiar to Hassocks supporters for their exploits against us in the top division in recent seasons.

Kelvin Lucas and Joao Tiago Andrade have played (and scored) for a host of Premier Division clubs in the past.

In a sign of how deep Roffey's squad is, those two do not even lead Roffey's scoring charts - that honour goes to Josh Neathey, previously a goal machine at Oakwood.

We may be the Premier Division club coming into this tie, but this will be a stern examination for Brad and the players tonight.



## Hassocks in the Peter Bentley League Cup

### **The Peter Bentley League Cup has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks, right back to when we first entered the tournament in 1985.**

It actually took 10 years from that debut in the competition against Peacehaven & Telscombe for us to taste victory for the first time.

Sure, there was a spell in Division Two in that decade in which we were notable to enter, but even so that was a remarkable long time to wait for a first win.

It belatedly arrived in the 1995-96 season, a 3-1 win away at Bosham which set the Robins up for elimination in the next round against Langney Sports.

We were quick learners however and just one year after their first win in the competition, we went all the way to the semi-finals.

Sidley were seen off in the second round, Mile Oak in round three and an almighty upset followed against the great Saltdean United side of the late 90s in the quarter finals.

That set up a semi-final showdown with Wick, another of the period's big names, but unfortunately we were not able to repeat our heroics of the previous round and fell to a heavy 5-0 defeat in the last four.

We have made the quarter finals on a number of occasions since then, the most recent of which came in the 2015-16 season.

There was no shortage of controversy about Lancing hosting a 7.15pm kick off which meant a mad dash down to Culver Road for the Robins squad, even without taking into account the traffic nightmare that unfolded due to Brighton playing at the Amex on the same evening.

That lack of preparation certainly didn't help, but we were outclassed 4-0 by a Lancing side who would go on to lift the trophy.

Lingfield and Crawley Down Gatwick were seen off on route to that quarter final, with both sides playing in Division One at the time.

We wasted a glorious chance to make the semi-finals in the 2012-13 season when one of the finest sides in the club's history fell in the last eight.

That defeat came 1-0 away at Division One side Littlehampton Town and it owed a lot to a spectacular show of goalkeeping from Jonathan Hendrick.

Before that 2012-13 season, we had been on another barren run of form in the competition, failing to win in five seasons since the 2007-08 campaign.

We suffered some chastening defeats in that time, going down 2-1 away at Division One strugglers Southwick in 2011.

The only notable fact about that game was that just 15 paying customers bothered to turn up at Old Barn Way, making it comfortably the lowest attendance Hassocks have ever played in front of in senior football.

Another defeat to lower league

opposition came in 2008, when John Suter's side faced Rustington for the first and so far only time, losing 2-1 away from home.

We ended up making the quarter finals in the 2007-08 season before falling to Ringmer. The previous season may have been the Robins' second-best ever on record after Dave John's side achieved a sixth-place finish in the league, but we still couldn't get beyond round two of the League Cup after losing 1-0 at home to Sidley United.

It was on our way to another quarter final defeat in 2005-06 that we racked up our biggest win in the competition, hammering Crawley Down 6-0 at the Beacon.

That came in the second round and in the third round, we chalked up the notable scalp of Eastbourne Town.

This was the last season that replays were used in the competition and after a 1-1 draw at the Beacon, John's boys went down to the Saffrons and triumphed 3-1 through two goals from Pat Harding and one from Matt Robbins.

That set up a quarter final meeting with Crowborough Athletic who proved to be a real bogey team to us around this time and so it was again, the Crows running out 2-1 winners at the Beacon.

The last time the competition was held in 2019-20, we bowed out in the second round via a 4-2 home defeat to Langney Wanderers. Ben Bacon and Jamie Hillwood were in the goals that day.



# 2020-21 Season Review: Supplementary Shield

The final part of our 2020-21 Season Review focusses on the post-curtailment competitions entered by the Under 23s, the Under 18s and the Ladies in which the youth team impressed most by going all the way to a big semi...

**Whilst Hassocks' senior squad were busy pulling off upsets in their post-lockdown Supplementary Shield, they were not the only Robins in action throughout April and May as the Under 23s, the Under 18s and the Ladies all had end-of-season competitions of their own to take part in.**

The final part of our 2020-21

Season Review kicks off with the Under 23s, who enjoyed their best run of the campaign once football was allowed to resume.

They were drawn in Group B of the Southern Combination League Under 23 Supplementary Shield, facing a tough set of fixtures against Broadbridhe Heath, Horley Town, Horsham YMCA, Mile Oak and St Francis Rangers.

First up was the short hop over the South Downs to face an Oak side who had sat second in the West

Division prior to curtailment, behind only Chichester City.

A tense affair was decided late on, Marshall Smith choosing a timely moment to score his first goal for the Robins by coming off the bench to hit an 80th minute winner to give Hassocks all three points.

Six days later and it was derby day against St Francis Rangers at Colwell Road.

Nothing could separate the sides as an entertaining encounter finished 1-1, Joe Bull scoring one of the goals



of the season when hitting an unstoppable long range effort from 30 yards which gave Rangers goalkeeper Jacob Campbell no chance.

The hosts had taken the lead three minutes before Bull's stunning intervention with two ex-Robins players involved.

Former Robins Under 23 captain Ellis Common started the move, hitting a perfect diagonal ball to Sam Wright. Wright crossed and Will Glenn, also once of Hassocks' parish, powered a header past Charlie Pugh.

A young Hassocks side then went to Horsham YMCA, the North Division's outstanding team for much of the past three seasons.

The last time the Under 23 League was played to a finish in 2018-19, they pipped Hassocks to the title thanks to an excellent end-of-year run of form which saw them overhaul Nigel Pearce's side at the head of the table.

In 2019-20 they had been top of the table before the campaign was curtailed.

It was the same story again in 2020-21 with their ascent to the summit including a 2-0 December victory at the Beacon in what turned out to be Hassocks' last game of the regular season.

You would have got long odds then on Hassocks leaving Gorings Mead with a 5-2 success.

All the goals came from members of the Under 18s squad too, Lewis Beebee and Sam Geard notching braces alongside one for Luke Marshall. YM's goals came from Aden Radojevic and substitute Leon Eales.

The shock win over YM put Hassocks in a strong position with two games of the competition left to play.

Their penultimate match came away at Broadbridge Heath and although Beebee had the Robins in a half time lead, Heath's stronger bench allowed them to come from behind to win 2-1.

Ben Whiteley equalised on 61 minutes, just four minutes after the Bears had made a double substitution to introduce fresh legs.

Nine minutes later and Cameron Watts hit the winner, three minutes after the Bears had made another change as the new faces provided fresh impetus for the hosts to wrap

up the victory.

That left a final game decided between Horley and Hassocks; whoever won at the New Defence would progress to the semi finals.

The Robins though were never really in the tie as they were defeated 5-1 by an excellent Clarets side.

All six goals were in fact scored by Horley, the hosts having the good grace to put through their own net five minutes before half time.

Sam Cranfield had put Horley 1-0 ahead 15 minutes earlier and they retook the lead before the break via Josh Rapson.

Rapson made it 3-1 four minutes after the interval with George Branton and Mario Quiassaca rounding off the scoring.

The result meant that Horley progressed to the final four whilst Hassocks finished third in Group B, dropping below St Francis right at the death.

Having gone through the first half of the season undefeated and dropping only two points, the Under 18s were confident of making an impression on their Supplementary Shield.

They certainly did that, going all the way to the semi finals where they were outdone by a Steyning Town outfit who were one of the best youth sides in Sussex in 2020-21.

A tough start lay in wait in Group C with the trip to face Alfold who possessed an even better pre-lockdown record than Hassocks having not dropped a single point.

To win 3-1 at the Elliott Scott Group Stadium was therefore an excellent result for the young Robins.

Two of the goals came from debutant George Mitchell-Phillips who signed on at the Beacon for the Supplementary Shield from Lewes.

The other was a stunner from defender Marshall from a free kick taken from inside his own half. Alfold's consolation came from Ayo-Oluwa Oke.

Two weeks later and Hassocks played their second game of the Shield away at Horsham YMCA.

Beebee was enjoying his April trips to Gorings Mead and he grabbed another brace to go with his double there for the Under 23s.

On this occasion though it was not enough to help the Robins to victory as they were held 2-2, Callum

Chesworth scoring two of his own to ensure the spoils were shared.

With only the group winner progressing to the semi finals, Brad Sweetman and his players knew they could ill afford any more dropped points.

A brutal 6-1 win at St Francis Rangers ensured they got back on track and did their goal difference a world of good.

That was important as YM were busy turning over Alfold 5-0 at the same time.

Mitchell-Phillips helped himself to another brace at Colwell Road with Beebee, Geard and Archie Messent also on target.

Hassocks' final group game took them to Hill Park to face Saltdean United.

Victory would secure top spot and a place in the final four and it was relatively comfortable in the end, Archie Russell and Mitchell-Phillips grabbing two apiece and Beebee one in a 5-0 success.

Steyning were the Robins' opponents at the Shooting Field in the semi final and it was here that Hassocks' journey came to an end in a 7-1 defeat.

Mitchell-Phillips got the consolation but the Robins had no answer to

Steyning. A hat-trick from Thomas Charlwood, two from Toby Bloomfield and singles from Ben Neale and Ben Spano took the Barrowmen into the final, where they beat Bexhill United to lift the trophy.

The Ladies ended their 2020-21 campaign in the London & South East Regional League Spring Round Robin competition, suffering three defeats and picking up a draw from their four matches.

Newhaven provided the first opponents and the trip to Fort Road ended in a 5-0 defeat. Mia Pordage was on target in a game number two, a 3-1 defeat at Crawley Wasps before an excellent point was earned at Parkwood Rangers.

Katherine Chappell, Jess Craig and Claire Stevens all scored in a 3-3 draw, a result made all the more impressive by the fact that Hassocks went with only one sub whilst Rangers had six sets of fresh legs to use from the bench. The Robins rounded off their season with a 7-0 defeat away at Lewes.



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# 14 minute capitulation enables the Dockers to sink Hassocks

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 4th September 2021, The Beacon  
Hassocks 0-5 Newhaven**



**When Sven-Goran Eriksson was England manager, he used to have a favourite saying that seemed to get trotted out in every other post-match interview.**

"First half good, second half not so good." Nothing could sum up Hassocks' performance in their 5-0 defeat to Newhaven better than the Swede's most frequent phrase.

At half time, the Robins turned around trailing only 1-0 to their visitors. What followed in the second half was a complete capitulation as the Dockers ran riot, scoring four times in 14 minutes on their way to a 5-0 victory.

Newhaven appeared to take their foot off the pedal once the fifth of the afternoon had reigned in with a little over an hour played.

Had they kept going in the relentless manner in which they blitzed Hassocks, then they could have had even more. They probably should have done.

It was another harsh lesson for these young Robins, the majority of whom had barely started primary school when Eriksson stood down as England boss 15 years ago. Talk about a way to make you feel old.

Hassocks came into the game buoyed by taking four points out of six over the Bank Holiday Weekend, their efforts made all the more remarkable by the circumstances they were achieved in.

The Robins had to play against both Steyning Town and Lingfield for over an hour with 10 men following the dismissals of Luke Marshall against the Barrowmen and Connor Bradley against the Lingers.

Marshall and Bradley were both suspended for this one as a result. Marshall missing out proved to be particularly problematic for Hassocks as Dan Turner was also absent.

That left Brad Sweetman without

two of his three first choice central defenders; not ideal against a Newhaven side who contain the talents of the man who has been the Premier Division's most deadly scorer for the best part of seven seasons, Lee Robinson.

Into the Hassocks starting line up came Arthur Rawlingson, Jude Wallis and Jack Baden to replace Turner, Marshall and Bradley in three changes from Monday morning's 1-1 draw with Lingfield.

There was little sign of what was to come in the opening 30 minutes. Hassocks held their ground well in what was a scrappy first half of football.

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That should not of come as a surprise really. Not only did a surprisingly hot September sun mean that a frenetic pace was never likely, but Newhaven had rust to shake off which had built up from an enforced two week rest from action because of a Covid-19 outbreak amongst the personnel at Fort Road.

It took the Dockers 34 minutes to break the deadlock. No prizes for guessing who did so; that man Robinson ensuring that Newhaven went into the break with the advantage.

At half time, the Beacon faithful were treated to what must be one of the more surreal sights that the ground has seen in its near-30 year existence.

A stag party from the west country had decided that Hassocks v Newhaven was where they wanted to spend their afternoon before going for a night out in Brighton, on account of the groom being a Swindon Town supporter and Hassocks sharing their Robins nickname with the League Two outfit.

Swindon fan Steve Underwood therefore found himself spending the day in full Hassocks kit, wearing a Robin mask and dancing to Rockin' Robin on the pitch having earlier led the teams out as the day's official mascot.

That Underwood ended up being voted as supporter's man of the match for his performance tells you much about just how poor the second half was from a Hassocks point of view.

Eight minutes had elapsed when Henry Watson doubled the advantage, causing the floodgates to well and truly open.

Five minutes later and Robinson wrapped things up with his second and Newhaven's third. Robinson did not have to wait long to complete his hat-trick as less than 120 seconds later he made it 4-0.

Hassocks' misery was completed five minutes after that, Watson adding his second to round off a blistering quarter of an hour of football.

The Robins did at least manage to prevent any further damage being done to their goal difference and there was the pleasing sight of Lithuanian defender Arni Kubickas making his first appearance from the bench for a couple of seasons.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Gardner, Rawlingson, Whittingham; W Tighe, Short, Baden, Loversidge, Wallis; Bull, Mitchell-Phillips.

**Subs:** Hudson, Kubickas, Dersley (used).

# First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	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
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2		
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP		
25/09 - 15:00	K Sports / Beckenham (H)	FAVQ2		
28/09 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP		
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP		
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
30/10 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
<b>January</b>				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>February</b>				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
<b>March</b>				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
<b>April</b>				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

# First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	9	0	9	3	27	5
Josh Short	9	0	9	0	21	0
Jack Gardner	8	0	8	0	31	0
Andy Whittingham	8	0	8	0	106	2
Arthur Rawlingson	6	2	8	0	8	0
Luke Marshall	6	1	7	0	23	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	6	1	7	2	7	2
Connor Bradley	5	1	6	1	15	1
Joe Bull	4	2	6	0	67	4
Lewis Beebee	5	0	5	1	8	1
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Bradley Tighe	5	0	5	0	108	0
Jack Baden	2	3	5	0	9	0
Jude Wallis	2	2	4	0	4	0
Dan Turner	3	0	3	0	38	3
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	2	1	3	0	3	0
Kobe Dersley	1	2	3	0	4	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Alex Harris	2	0	2	0	62	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
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	0	2	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
Arni Kublickas	0	1	1	0	67	1
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Louis Thwaites	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13



# Hassocks make their point from their stay at the YMCA

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Thursday 26th August 2021, Gorings Mead

## Horsham YMCA U23s 1-1 Hassocks U23s



**Although very early days, this 1-1 draw for Hassocks Under 23s away at Horsham YMCA in the second game of the Southern Combination League North Division season is likely to be a really good point for the Robins.**

YMCA have been the outstanding side in the section over the past three years. They were top when both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons were curtailed.

The last time the North Division was played to a finish in 2018-19, they pipped Nigel Pearce's Hassocks side to the title thanks to a blistering end-of-year run of form after the Robins had led the way for much of the campaign.

It came as something of a shock then when Hassocks won 5-2 at Gorings Mead in the Supplementary Shield back in April.

Four months later and the Robins proved that result was no fluke, picking up an excellent point to maintain their unbeaten start.

Having hammered Crowborough Athletic 4-1 a week previously, Hassocks have now played two of the

stronger teams in last season's North Division and have four points out of a possible six to show for their efforts.

Brad Sweetman shuffled his pack as there were five changes from the side who had crushed the Crows.

Coming in were Jayden Dunkley, Tom Jupp, Lexx Lucas and Luke Marshall, all of whom have been involved with the senior set up already in 2021-22. The other new face was Louis Duckering.

Missing were Charlie Pugh, George Mercer, Kobe Dersley and Jay Hudson - absent after being rewarded for his four-goal haul against Crowborough with a first team start in Tuesday night's 3-2 defeat at Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Wes Tighe was the final outgoing change, dropping down to the substitute bench.

The deadlock was broken in a close-fought game by YM, Ryan Baldwin putting the hosts 1-0 ahead four minutes after the half hour mark.

Hassocks chose the perfect time to equalise, Archie Russell levelling things up two minutes before the interval with his first goal at Under 23 level.

Russell netted 12 times from 11 matches for the Under 18s last season to finish second in the scoring

charts to Lewis Beebee.

Beebee's elevation to the senior setup for the current campaign should pave the way for Russell to have greater opportunities in the Under 23s and based on his goal against YM, he looks well placed to take them.

Neither side was able to find a winner in an entertaining second half. The spoils being shared was arguably the correct result come the end of the day.

Hassocks face another trip north in their next fixture, taking on Oakwood at Tinsley Lane next Wednesday night.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley; Kladdis, Marshall, Jupp, Dersley, Baden, Lucas, McSwiney, Wallis, Hicks, Russell.

**Subs:** Rawlingson, W Tighe, Sweetman, Thwaites.



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# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
<b>September</b>				
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			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
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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# Geard spot on as new-look Robins start with win at Shoreham

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 30th August 2021, Middle Road  
**Shoreham U18s 1-1 Hassocks U18s**



**A Sam Geard penalty proved enough to give Hassocks Under 18s all three points to start their 2021-22 season with following a 1-0 win away at Shoreham & Adur.**

Whilst it has been all change on the youth team front at the Beacon over the summer in terms of management and division, this was a case of the Robins continuing exactly where they had left off from the previous two curtailed campaigns.

In 2020-21, Hassocks had been top of the Southern Combination League North Division and unbeaten when the December lockdown arrived. They were looking good for a first title since the 2017-18 season.

It had been a similar story in 2019-20, the Robins sitting in third spot one point behind leaders St Francis Rangers.

Two excellent Under 18s sides whose players now make up a large part of the first team squad were denied the bring the league championship to the Beacon as five of their predecessors had.

Brad Sweetman and Jordan Wilson have been rewarded for their work over those two seasons by

stepping up to form the first team management team for 2021-22 with their places at youth level taken by Neil Parker and Glen Geard, something of a legend on the Sussex non-league circuit.

For the first time, the Southern Combination League is running four divisions which means Hassocks have been moved to the newly created Central Division.

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**“Geard has already played first team football this season and he was the man who gave the new management team the perfect start to life in the dugout, striking a cool and calm penalty to settle the game in Hassocks’ favour.”**

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That offers matches against unfamiliar opponents including Worthing United, their Isthmian League across-town rivals Worthing, AFC Varndeanians and Montpelier Villa.

You can include Shoreham & Adur in that list too. Hassocks therefore arrived at Middle Road for their

season opener not quite sure what to expect, especially as they themselves feature a lot of new faces at the lower age of the Under 18s spectrum.

From last season, only Geard, Harry Bundy, Archie Russell, Beau Howard and Louis Thwaites featured against the Musselmen.

In a sign of the talent in the squad and the opportunities available for progression at the Beacon, Russell, Thwaites and Geard have already tasted first team football so far this season.

Geard was the man who gave the new management team the perfect start to life in the dugout, striking a cool and calm penalty to settle the game in Hassocks’ favour.

The new faces in the Robins’ side were Harry Carter, Jamie Douglas, Archie Hill, Jack Morris, Jake Palmer and Alfie Beck whilst there were also debuts from the bench for Keegan Croydon-Elkins and Joe Woodhouse.

A pleasing start to the season then for Hassocks, who move onto a local derby against Mid Sussex rivals Haywards Heath Town at the Beacon in a week’s time, a game which will provide further clues as to just how well the new crop of young Robins can do over the next nine months.





# Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Geard
<b>September</b>				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
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	1	2	2
Harry Bundy	2	0	2	0
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0
Jamie Douglass	2	0	2	0
Sam Geard	2	0	2	2
Archie Hill	2	0	2	0
Beau Howard	2	0	2	0
Jake Palmer	2	0	2	0
Archie Russell	2	0	2	0
Louis Thwaites	1	1	2	0
Joe Woodhouse	0	2	2	0
Abir Chowdhury	1	0	1	0
Jack Morris	1	0	1	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	1	0	1	2
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0



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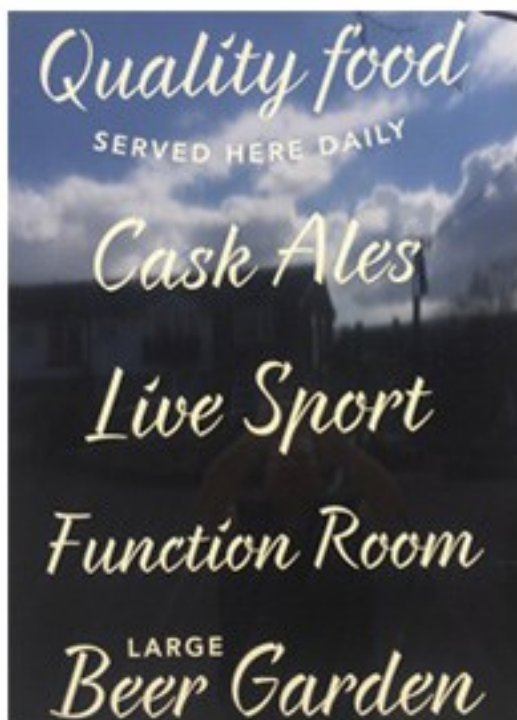
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# Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP		
<b>October</b>				
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		
<b>November</b>				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP		
21/11 - 14:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP		
28/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
<b>December</b>				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP		
<b>January</b>				
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		
<b>February</b>				
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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SATURDAY	11.00 - 00.30
SUNDAY	12.00 - 23.00

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# ON THIS DAY



Hassocks were going well in cups as autumn **2019** arrived but not so well in the league. Mark Dalgleish and his players knew they would need their knockout form to stand any chance of coming away from Eastbourne Town with anything...

## Town triumph but this was far from a cakewalk

**Sometimes in football, the scoreline doesn't tell the whole story. Hassocks' visit to Eastbourne Town was one of those occasions.**

On the face of it, a 4-1 defeat at the Saffrons for Mark Dalgleish's side is a result that looks about right to the casual Premier Division observer.

Town are the favourites to lift the Southern Combination title this season and came into the fixture unbeaten. They had only conceded once in their five previous games.

Hassocks meanwhile had just one league win to their name and that came against the division's bottom club, East Preston.

The current table suggests that it could be a long season ahead for the Robins.

But Hassocks' league position is another falsity. Whilst they may have been under-cooking in the Premier Division, in the cups Hassocks have been delivering some outstanding displays.

They have beaten Langney Wanderers and Meridian Valley Park and took Isthmian League side Chipstead to an FA Cup replay, where only a couple of controversial refereeing decisions denied them giant killing headlines.

Believe it or not, but they brought that cup form to the Sunshine Coast; the final score suggests an easy day at the office for Town, but in reality it was anything but.

What ensured that there was a three-goal difference between the

two sides was Town's ruthlessness in front of goal as the hosts finished with clinical aplomb the chances that came their way.

Aaron Capon scored Town's first two with the outstanding Dan Perry adding the third and fourth. Perry now has eight for the season already; two more than Hassocks have managed in the Premier Division in total.

It was not like the visitors didn't have chances. The Robins created four or five good opportunities across the course of the afternoon which unfortunately for them they failed to take.

Perhaps most costly of all, they hit the post early in the second half with the scores level at 1-1. Had that gone in, then things may well have been very different.

Town would have been forced to chase the game, which would have left the sort of spaces that Hassocks can so brutally take advantage of with their counter attacking ability.

Clearly, Hassocks are missing the services of last season's 27-goal top scorer Phil Johnson, who hasn't been seen since limping off with a broken leg in that win over EP back at the start of August.

Dalgleish did at least have Jack Rowe-Hurst available here to boost his attacking options after a couple of weeks on the side lines.

That showing against the Chips last time out was full of steel and determination but it looked like those attributes had deserted Hassocks as

it took Town just seven minutes to take the lead through Capon.

Going behind so early proved to be something of a wake up call to the Robins and they battled their way back into the tie, eventually levelling things up right on the stroke of half time.

Ben Bacon was the man on target, his second goal since returning to the club from Steyning Town a fortnight into the new campaign and the least he deserved for another hardworking showing leading the line.

Town goalkeeper Jason Tibble could then only watch when the Robins rattled the woodwork within five minutes of the restart.

Two minutes later and that miss proved to be doubly costly as Capon added his second of the afternoon to put the hosts 2-1 ahead.

Like all good teams, Town turned the screw after that and Perry's quick-fire double arrived between minutes 64 and 70, ending any Hassocks hopes of returning to Mid Sussex with something to show for their efforts.

**Hassocks:** Green; Blake, Jacques, Mills, Whittingham; Broomfield, Berridge; Troak, Littlejohn, Hillwood; Bacon.

**Subs:** Rowe-Hurst, Stokes, Bull (used), Earl (unused).

# Around the League...



August Bank Holiday Monday is always one of the most eagerly-anticipated days in the Southern Combination League calendar and 2021 was no different with a series of local-ish games taking place across all three divisions...

**Our roundup begins at the Oval were tenants Little Common came away with a 2-0 victory over landlords Eastbourne United to maintain their excellent start to the campaign.**

James Crone struck the opener with the second half barely 60 seconds old with substitute Sam Cruttwell doubling the advantage on 57 minutes in a routine win for Common.

The first league meeting for many years between **Eastbourne Town** and **Bexhill United** went the way of the visitors to the Saffrons thanks largely to the efforts of ex-Town favourite Evan Archibald.

Archibald scored twice against his former club which combined with a goal from substitute Joel Kalambayi was enough to give the Pirates a 3-1 success. Town's consolation came via Simon Johnson.

**Crawley Down Gatwick** continued their improving form by beating **AFC Uckfield Town** 3-1 at the Haven.

Phil Johnson and Charlie Pitcher were both on target for the Anvils with Oli Leslie rounding off the scoring.

Daniel Tear had equalised for Uckfield four minutes before half time to ensure that the sides had gone into the break on level terms.

There was an upset at Alfold Recreation Ground where **Horsham YMCA** became the first side to defeat **Alfold** in the league this season.

YM left it late to secure their shock win, Adrian Todd scoring in the 94th minute to send the travelling support wild.

**Broadbridge Heath** and

**Loxwood** played out a 1-1 draw in Monday's final Premier Division game at the High Wood Hill Sports Ground.

Luke Brodie had given the Magpies the lead with 51 minutes on the clock, only for Charlie Parmiter to level things up on the hour mark.

There was one Premier Division game on Tuesday night, **Pagham** continuing to hold onto top spot thanks to a 2-1 win away at **Steyning Town**.

The Barrowmen took the lead via Bobby Bennett in the 12th minute and they remained until Jack Langford equalised with 14 left to play.

That set up a tense finale in which the Lions' quality showed through - just - with Joe Clarke finding a winner three minutes from time.

In Division One, there was another big win for leaders **Midhurst & Easebourne** who hit six past **Dorking Wanderers Reserves** in a 6-1 victory at the Rotherfield.

Charlie Copper, two from Kieran Carter, Marcus Bedford, Duncan Brown and Robert Tambling were all on target for the Stags. Callum Manning claimed Dorking's consolation.

There was late drama at Middle Road where a 95th minute equaliser from Dean Gilmour secured a point for **Shoreham** in a 2-2 draw with **Mile Oak**.

Alex Fair was also on target for the Mussels with Oak's goals coming from Alex Masters and Zac Haulkman.

League newcomers **Epsom & Ewell** continue to impress, a hat-trick from Jamie Byatt giving them a

3-0 win away at **Forest Row**.

Conor Bull enjoyed himself by hitting four goals for **Wick** as they hammered **Billingshurst** 5-1 at Jubilee Fields.

Johan Van-Driel got the other Wick goal after Sam Bull had given Hurst the lead with 19 minutes played.

**Arundel** also scored five times when beating **Storrington** 5-0 at Mill Road.

Nathaniel Monk helped himself to a brace and there were goals from James Ayling, Ollie Hawkins and Lukas Micevicius.

**Godalming Town** saw off **Oakwood** 1-0 thanks to Luke Beale's 60th minute effort, Charlie Playfold and Jacob Feasey sent **Hailsham Town** to a 2-1 success against **Worthing United** and Division One's final game saw **Montpelier Villa** and **Seaford Town** play out a 0-0 draw.

In Division Two, **St Francis Rangers** were beaten 4-1 away at **Jarvis Brook**. Greg Archer scored for Rangers with Brook's goals coming from Jake Broomfield, Sam Edmunds, Victor Penfold and an own goal.

Terry Dodd, Craig Rennie and Chad Milner were on target for **Littlehampton United** in a 3-0 win over **Bosham** and it was the same scoreline between **Rottingdean Village** and **Brighton Electricity**, Jack Doe scoring twice along with ex-Robin George Rudwick for Village.

**Upper Beeding** won 1-0 at **Ferring, Rustington** were 3-1 victors over **Worthing Town** and **Copthorne** and **Charwood** shared six goals in a 3-3 draw.



# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pagham	9	7	0	2	15	9	21
Littlehampton Town	6	5	0	1	23	7	15
Little Common	8	4	3	1	18	9	15
Alfold	7	5	0	2	11	5	15
Crawley Down Gatwick	8	4	1	3	16	11	13
Saltdean United	5	4	0	1	15	4	12
Peacehaven & Tels.	6	4	0	2	10	8	12
Eastbourne Town	7	3	2	2	10	9	11
Horsham YMCA	8	3	2	3	11	15	11
Newhaven	5	3	1	1	13	5	10
Broadbridge Heath	6	3	1	2	13	7	10
Bexhill United	6	3	1	2	13	10	10
Lingfield	6	3	1	2	9	11	10
AFC Uckfield Town	8	2	3	3	9	12	9
Steyning Town	6	2	1	3	8	12	7
Eastbourne United	8	2	0	6	8	17	6
Loxwood	7	1	2	4	6	13	5
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>
East Preston	8	0	2	6	8	23	2
AFC Varndeanians	8	0	0	8	15	29	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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>50</b>
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	WWLWWW
Pagham	WLWWWW
Alfold	WWWLW
Saltdean United	WWWL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLWWL
Little Common	LDWWWD
Horsham YMCA	LWWDWD
Newhaven	DWWLW
Broadbridge Heath	LWLWWD
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWLDWW
Bexhill United	WLLWDW
Lingfield	WWLLDW
AFC Uckfield Town	DDWLWL
Eastbourne Town	WWDLLD
Steyning Town	WWDLLL
Eastbourne United	LWWLLL
Loxwood	LWLLDD
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>DLLWDL</b>
East Preston	LLDLLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	13
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	8
Joe Clarke	Pagham	7
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	7
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	7
Jack Langford	Pagham	7
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	6
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	6
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	5
Tom Boyle	AFC V'deanains	5
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	5
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	5
Charlie Parmitter	B'bridge Heath	5
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	4
Shane Brazil	East Preston	4
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	4
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	4
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	4
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	4
Sam Lemon	Alfold	4

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Broadbridge Heath	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
<b>Roffey</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
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
<b>Jay Hudson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
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
<b>Archie Russell</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>
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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
Steyning Town	2	2	0	0	9	4	6
Worthing United	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Montpelier Villa	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
St Francis Rangers	2	1	0	1	1	4	3
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AFC Varndeanians	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Burgess Hill Town	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Shoreham & Adur	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Haywards Heath Town	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
Upper Beeding	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	4
Destiny Ojo	Steyning Town	3
Gabriel Brennan	Steyning Town	2
<b>Sam Geard</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
Jack Murkin	Worthing United	2
Callum Noyce	Worthing United	2
<b>Oli Parker-Williams</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
Toby Reeder	Steyning Town	2
Kai Stephens	Montpelier Villa	2
<b>Alfie Beck</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
Alfie Ajani	Steyning Town	2

### Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastbourne Town							
<b>Hassocks</b>							
Montpelier Villa							
Pagham							
<b>Roffey</b>							
Saltdean United							
Seaford Town							
Woodingdean Wand							
Worthing Town							

### Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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## Coming up...

Little Common rounds off our run of five consecutive home matches this Saturday and that is followed by a trip to Littlehampton. We then wait to see how we face in the FA Vase before returning to league action at home to Eastbourne United...



### 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 looked 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 16 points from a possible 24. 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.

### How to get to the Flora Sportsfield?

Take the A27 to Worthing before joining the A259 through Goring, East Preston and Angmering. When you reach the roundabout featuring a Burger King and Travelodge, take the second exit onto the B2187 Horsham Road into Littlehampton. When the road bears around to the right, take the left hand turn onto St Flora's Road with the ground being located towards the bottom of the road on the left hand side.



## Eastbourne United

### When?

Tuesday 28th September

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

7:45pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Admission?

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

### Eastbourne United this season?

At the time of writing, United are one point ahead of us in the table having won two and drawn one of their eight matches. Those victories came against an AFC Uckfield Town outfit who we drew with back in August and newly promoted Bexhill United. After the tricky run of fixtures which we started the campaign with, the visit of United has the look of a six pointer about it already.

### Our record against Eastbourne United?

The Robins dominate the head-to-head with 18 wins to United's 12 and 12 draws in our 41 meetings. That record is helped hugely by the fact that we seem to love visiting the Oval for some reason. We won six times in a row there between 2010 and 2019, although that run has been dampened somewhat by defeats on our last two visits to the Sunshine Coast.

### Last time we met?

Included amongst those was our previous visit to the Oval, the last game completed before the 2020-21 season was curtailed by the winter lockdown. United were floundering towards the bottom of the table at the time whereas we were enjoying one of our best campaigns for some time. Not that any of that mattered for much, a disappointing Hassocks display resulting in a 1-0 defeat to a George Landais goal that gave new United boss Ray Collier his first win at the helm.

### Played for both?

Fan favourite Jack Troak previously played for United before moving to the Beacon in the summer of 2019. Others to have represented both clubs are few and far between with Zak Dove - who enjoyed a brief spell with us at the Beacon in 2014 - about it. He is now manager at Eastbourne Town Ladies.



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**August £140  
September  
October  
November  
December  
January  
February  
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# Robins Awards

Head on over to the Hassocks Twitter feed after every game to cast your vote for the Robins' man-of-the-match - where you can also select your Player of the Month

Here are our winners so far this season...

## Hassocks Man of the Match 2021-22

Saltdean United away **Alfie Loversidge**  
Spelthorne Sports home **Alfie Loversidge**  
Eastbourne Town home **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 **Swindon Fan on his Stag Do**  
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  
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Crawley Down Gatwick home  
Alfold away

## Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

December 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2021

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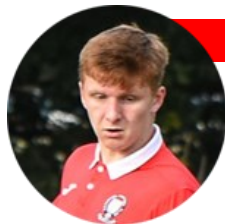
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**Head Coach** Brad Sweetman  
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**Physio** Phil Wickwar

### Next at the Beacon



Little Common  
 Saturday 11th September. 3:00pm  
 SCFL Premier Division



## Roffey

	Louis Coriera
	Callum Jardim
	Jamie Robinson
	Ross Swaine
	Harry Law
	Jack Nourse
	Josh Neathey
	James Pearse
	Josh Maher
	Joao Tiago Andrade
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	Jamie Wanstall
	Kelvin Lucas
	Ricardo Fernandez
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	Jack Munday
	Rob Goodman
	Hayden Neathey
	Jamie Wantstall

**Referee**  
 Olsa Svaikevic

**Assistants**  
 Jamie Walton  
 & Jordan Burgess

**Manager** Andy Lampard

### Today's other Peter Bentley Cup games

Alfold v Loxwood  
 Arundel v Pagham  
 Broadbridge Heath v Lingfield  
 East Preston v Littlehampton Town  
 Little Common v Shoreham  
 Midhurst & Easebourne v Crawley Down  
 Newhaven v AFC Varndeanians  
 Peacehaven & Telscombe v Bexhill United  
 Saltdean United v Eastbourne United  
 Steyning Town v Montpelier Villa