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2021-22 Matchday Programme #8



Hassocks v Little Common

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HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon as we bring to a close a run of five consecutive home games with the visit of Little Common

This is our first meeting with Little Common in two-and-a-half years as we managed to avoid each other in both the curtailed 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

After such a long time, we would like to extend a special welcome to Russell Eldridge and his players, Little Common's officials and of course their supporters, and hope they enjoy their brief stay with us in Mid Sussex this afternoon.

On Tuesday night, we bowed out of the Peter Bentley League Cup in a 5-1 defeat to Division One side Roffey, who seemed to score with virtually every foray forward.

We meanwhile hit the bar and put two or three other opportunities off target. With a little more composure, it could have been a very different game - even if Roffey's players seemed to take umbrage with that view on social media afterwards!

Following two heavy losses at the Beacon - the less said about Saturday's 5-0 reversal to Newhaven, the better - today represents an opportunity to get back on track.

That will not be easy though against a Common side who have surprised a lot of people so far by

sitting third in the current Premier Division table.

There really is no respite either; after today, we play only our third away game of the campaign at Littlehampton Town in a week's time. The Golds sit second in the table.

We do not know who our next opponents will be after that. What we do know though is it will be here at the Beacon on Saturday 25th September in the FA Vase against the winner of this afternoon's K Sports v Beckenham Town clash.

FA Vase games are always special occasions and it would be great to get a big crowd in for it, especially with much-needed prize money on the line.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media profiles for updates on who we will face and matchday information.

A fortnight break from home first team action is something that feels very alien following the jam-packed schedule the Beacon has been placed under since the season started six weeks ago.

And whilst there may not be any senior football to sink your teeth into for 14 days, you can catch both the

Under 23s and the Under 18s at home in the intervening period.

This coming Thursday, the Under 23s host Roffey in a 7:45pm kick off. Admission is £3 adults with everyone else going free.

A week later on Thursday 23rd September, they go to Loxwood for anyone who fancies a road trip.

The Under 18s meanwhile travel to Steyning Town tomorrow. That is followed by a home game against Burgess Hill Town on Sunday 19th September.

Entrance is free and with Mid Sussex bragging rights on the line, that is a game not to be missed. The action gets underway at 11am.

Finally, for those who are part of the Sponsor a Goal scheme, your August payment is due.

Hassocks managed to fire in 10 goals, meaning that you can expect Johnsy to accost you for the sum of £10.

If you would like to sign up as a goal sponsor, then please see Owen behind the bar for more details.

**Enjoy today's game.
Owen and Scott**



Little Common

Founded 1966

Nickname Green Lane Boys

Ground The Oval

Website pitchero.com/clubs/littlecommonfootballclub

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Manager Russell Eldridge

Top Scorer Sam Cruttwell, 4

HONOURS

SCFL Division One

Winners 2018

SCFL Division Two

Runners up 2009

SCFL Division One Cup

Runners up 1979

East Sussex League

Winners 1978, 2005

East Sussex League Division 1

Winners 1973

East Sussex League Division 2

Winners 1972

When the Premier Division fixtures came out, Little Common looked like one of the easier games in a horrendously difficult start for Hassocks. We say looked, because how wrong can you be?

Instead, it now appears one of the toughest to date—despite the face that we have already faced the likes of Saltdean United, Eastbourne Town, Newhaven and AFC Uckfield Town.

Common have been the Premier Division's surprise package so far, sitting in third place with 16 points from a possible 24 after eight matches.

Their most eye catching result has to be a 4-0 win over early leaders Pagham on the opening day, whilst they have also taken a point from much-fancied Eastbourne Town.

This is Common's fourth season as a Premier Division club and they already feel like part of the furniture in the top flight, even if only one of those campaigns has been completed.

They finished in 16th place in that 2018-19 season. In the two seasons which have suffered curtailment, Common have been a long way clear of relegation which points to progress being made year-on-year by Russell Eldridge at his players.

What is most impressive is that this progress is being achieved with largely the same players who won the Division One title for Common back in 2018.

Amongst their biggest dangers are Sam Cruttwell and Lewis Hole, two forwards who know where the goal is.

Hassocks fans with memories long enough to remember our last meeting with Common back in February 2019 will recall that Hole was on target that afternoon at the Beacon in a game which finished as a 1-1 draw.

That ensured that we did not manage to beat Common in the 2018-19 season, the year in which our only Premier Division meetings to date have taken place.

In total, there have been 15 matches between the sides over the past 35 years with the vast majority of those taking place in Division One during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

There is nothing to separate us historically, both clubs having won five games apiece with five draws.

10 Key Moments

1966... former as Albion United, they enter two youth teams in local Hastings League

1972... now playing in the East Sussex League, Albion win the Division Two title

1973... a year later and the Division One title follows with promotion to the Premier Division

1978... Albion are crowned East Sussex League champions to win promotion to the SCFL

1979... they finish fifth in their first SCFL season and reach the Division One Cup final

1986... Albion United are renamed as Little Common Albion

1995... consecutive relegations take Common from Division One back to the East Sussex League

2005... win their second East Sussex League title to return to the Southern Combination League

2009... a runners up finish in Division Two sees them earn promotion to Division One

2018... crowned Division One champions to be promoted to the top flight for the first ever time

Last 15 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 16th

2017-18, Southern Combination One 1st

2016-17, Southern Combination One 2nd

2015-16, Southern Combination One 7th

2014-15, Southern Combination One 7th

2013-14, Southern Combination One 4th

2012-13, Southern Combination One 3rd

2011-12, Southern Combination One 16th

2010-11, Southern Combination One 13th

2009-10, Southern Combination One 4th

2008-09, Southern Combination Two 2nd

2007-08, Southern Combination Two 6th

2006-07, Southern Combination Two 3rd

2005-06, Southern Combination Two 9th

2004-05, East Sussex Premier 1st

Hassocks v Little Common :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 3 - Conceded 5

SCFL Division One... Played 8 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 4 - Scored 13 - Conceded 15

RUR Charity Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 5

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

Total... Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 7 Scored 22 Conceded 26

Previous 10 Meetings

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Little Common 4-2 Hassocks

2012-13 RUR Cup: Hassocks 5-5 Little Common

1993-94 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Little Common

1993-94 SCFL One: Little Common 3-1 Hassocks

1992-93 SCFL One: Hassocks 2-3 Little Common

1992-93 SCFL One: Little Common 1-4 Hassocks

1986-87 SCFL One: Hassocks 1-3 Little Common

1986-87 SCFL One Cup: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common

1986-87 SCFL One Cup: Little Common 0-0 Hassocks



Benson levels late against Little Common for much-changed Robins

On the face of it, a 1-1 home draw with lowly Little Common looks like a disappointing result for Hassocks.

But given the lengthy absentee list faced by Mark Dalgleish, the Robins will probably be happy with the point that Liam Benson's late leveller salvaged for them at the Beacon.

Four of the stars from last week's stunning 1-0 success away at title chasing Newhaven were missing for the visit of relegation-threatened Common.

Phil Johnson and Harry Mills were unavailable while Spencer Slaughter and George Brown both had to sit this one out through suspension.

Last season, so many high-profile absentees would have been an almost unrecoverable blow for Hassocks, but it says much for the work that Dalgleish has done on the transfer front over the past year that he was still able to name a squad packed with quality – which included two new signings.

They were both familiar faces to the Beacon faithful, Lewis Westlake appearing as a substitute following his return to the club from Loxwood while Jack Rowe-Hurst's start made Hassocks the fourth different Premier Division side that the young attacker has played for this season.

Rowe-Hurst in particular is a quality addition and he was well in the running for the man-of-the-match accolade with a performance that reminded home supporters of the talents they were treated to during his previous spell with the club, when he scored twice in 15 appearances in the second half of the 2016-17 season.

It was Common who made the brighter start, perhaps as a result of the changes which had swept through the Hassocks line up, and

Harvey Blake had to make a crucial block inside of two minutes from Jamie Crone.

Unfortunately, Blake injured himself in doing so and had to be withdrawn, effectively making it five changes from the win at the Trafalgar Ground, with Jordan Badger taking Blake's place.

Common's opener arrived just prior to the 15 minute mark and it came from a corner with plenty of questions to be asked about Hassocks' marking.

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Wes Tate swung the ball over to Lewis Parsons whose header back across goal was nodded in by Lewis Hole from close range.

One nearly became two when Tate's pass split the home defence but Crone could only hit the side netting from a tight angle after Green did well to force him wide.

Visiting goalkeeper Matt Cruttwell was called into action for the first time when palming away a Rowe-Hurst shot that looked destined for the top corner.

Common fashioned two more opportunities just before the break, Sam Ellis firing over and Tate seeing a header blocked on the line by Will Broomfield.

Common suffered an injury blow of their own at the interval as the

impressive Crone was forced off with Adam Smith entering the action.

Smith's first task was to watch Hassocks nearly equalise, Benson only being denied by a brilliant point blank save from Cruttwell before an equally impressive block on the line kept out the follow up.

That set the tone for the second half and it was all the hosts from that point on as a succession of dangerous corners followed.

One of those ended up in the back of the net via a flicked header but was controversially ruled to be offside.

If Hassocks were miffed by that decision then they were incensed shortly after when Liam Ward appeared to virtually catch a goal bound effort in the six yard box but no penalty award was forthcoming.

What was coming though was the equaliser and it duly arrived with 10 minutes remaining.

Common were caught out by a quickly taken corner which fell to Benson who scrambled home at the near post.

Hassocks: Green; Tighe, Broomfield, Jacques, Blake; Bull, Enticknap, Rowe-Hurst, Stokes; Benson, Littlejohn.

Subs: Badger, Lindsey, L Westlake (used).

Starman: Liam Benson, a constant threat throughout as a target man and wound up netting a deserved 80th minute equaliser.

Hassocks crash out to Common in 10 goal RUR Cup thriller

Ten goals, one red card and a penalty shoot out were packed into an extraordinary couple of hours at the Beacon as Hassocks exited the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup to Little Common.

This was the first meeting between those two sides since the 1994-95 season and it managed to pack 18 seasons worth of entertainment into 120 breath taking minutes.

By that point, still nothing could separate the sides with the scores locked at 5-5.

Common then proved to be superior from 12 yards, scoring all four of their required penalties to become the latest in a growing list of Division Two sides to have eliminated Hassocks from knockout competitions over the last five or so seasons.

Mickey Jewell made one change to the side that had lost 2-0 away at Deal Town in the FA Vase three days previously.

Top scorer Phil Gault was available after missing the trip to Kent and he returned at the expense of Louis Pople who dropped down to the bench.

It was Gault's strike partner Dan Smith who opened the scoring as early as the seventh minute after a totally dominant start to proceedings.

At that stage, Hassocks could've been forgiven for thinking a place in

the third round of a competition they reached the semi-finals of last season was a formality.

Common aren't considered dark horses for a first ever promotion to the County League's top flight for no reason however and they equalised on 22 minutes through Jared Lusted.

That seemed to shock Hassocks and their game went alarmingly to pieces as Common began to assert themselves.

Common missed a whole host of chances before eventually taking the lead on 38 minutes in controversial circumstances.

Their captain Jerome Smith became the latest victim of the Jack and Jill Sniper as he went down under minimal contact in the box but the referee bought it, pointing to the spot and allowing Chris Cummings-Bart to convert the resulting penalty.

Going behind had a galvanising effect on Hassocks and within 30 seconds of the restart, they'd levelled things up as the Common goalkeeper spilled a James Westlake corner with Kieran O'Callaghan gleefully pouncing on the loose ball to fire home his third goal of the season.

The Robins retook the lead with the second half seven minutes old. Another Westlake delivery, this time a free kick, caused more panic in the Common box and although Hassocks captain Stuart Faith was on the scene and making a nuisance of himself, it will probably have to go down as an own goal.

In keeping with the breakneck nature of the tie, Common equalised again within five minutes when Lusted rounded Jack Simpson for his second of the evening.

O'Callaghan was dismissed for two bookable offences after that but Common couldn't make their man advantage count in what remained of normal time, the tie finishing 3-3 to necessitate an additional 30 minutes.

Within eight minutes of those extras, Common had gone 5-3 ahead as the talented Cummings-Bart completed his hat-trick and Hassocks looked dead and buried.

Jewell's answer was to breathe live back into his team with a double change as Elliott Butler and Louis Pople replaced wingers Westlake and Jamie Weston and it was Pople who scored a quick fire brace with two virtually identical goals to bring the scores level at 5-5.

That sent the game to penalties, where Smith missed Hassocks' first spot kick and Pople their last as Common triumphed 4-3 in the shootout.

Hassocks: Simpson; South, Marsh, Faith, Bryant; Westlake, O'Callaghan, Hibbert, Weston; Smith, Gault.

Subs: Slaughter (Hibbert 60), Pople (Weston 98), Butler (Westlake 98).

Starman: Dan Smith



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Robins swoop to bring back Badger and Harris

Hassocks head coach Brad Sweetman has added some experience to his young squad by bringing two familiar faces back to the Beacon.

Former club captain Jordan Badger has returned after a couple of years away from football due to work commitments and he is joined by goalkeeper Alex Harris who starts his fifth spell with the club.

Badger originally arrived at the Robins from Lewes in the opening weeks of the 2016-17 season.

He soon established himself as a commanding presence at centre back with the ability to get Hassocks quickly on the front foot via raking passes both cross field and down the pitch.

Badger took over as captain when Ashley Marsh retired in 2017 and held the role until he himself took a step back from the game at the end of the 2018-19 season after 110

appearances and an impressive haul for a centre back of seven goals.

He wasted no time in reminding the Hassocks faithful of the aerial threat he can pose for opposition defences, causing carnage in the AFC Uckfield Town box to snatch a late equaliser on his second Robins debut.

Harris has been brought in to strengthen the goalkeeper department due to Charlie Pugh's availability remaining sporadic for the foreseeable future.

It was the 2013-14 season when Harris first arrived at the Beacon as a 16-year-old dual signed from Woking to gain experience of senior football.

He succeeded Jack Simpson as Hassocks number one when Simpson went travelling midway through the campaign, going onto make 16 appearances.

Harris subsequently returned to the Beacon from Metropolitan Police with the Robins in a relegation battle in the autumn of 2015.

His form over the second half of

the season was a major reason why Hassocks managed to pull clear of the drop zone, including when keeping four clean sheets in a club-record run of eight consecutive wins in senior football.

Harris moved to Burgess Hill Town midway through 2016-17, returning for subsequent spells with the Robins at the start of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 campaigns.

Over the course of those, he has racked up 60 Hassocks appearances and also turned out for AFC Uckfield Town, Broadbridge Heath and Alfold amongst others.

Bradley Bant meanwhile has departed the Beacon for Premier Division newcomers AFC Vardeanians, where he will team up with former Robins Jamie Hillwood and Luke Akehurst.

Bant captained Hassocks last season after re-joining the club from Peacehaven & Telscombe. He departs having made 150 appearances over two spells, scoring 12 times.



Swindon Town stag wows Robins in Sussex

Last weekend's game against Newhaven may not have gone to plan on the pitch, but there was at least plenty of entertainment provided off it thanks to a Swindon Town supporters' stag party...

Hassocks welcomed a very different crowd to their Southern Combination League Premier Division home game against Newhaven as a stag party from the West Country decided to spend their afternoon at the Beacon.

As a long-suffering Swindon Town supporter, groom-to-be Steve Underwood had long dreamed of walking out at the County Ground alongside all his heroes who have played for the Robins.

Beggars cannot be choosers though and so rather than it being the League Two Robins, his friends instead arranged for Steve to be a mascot with the Sussex-based Robins some 117 miles away from Swindon and five divisions lower down the pyramid.

Steve donned a replica Hassocks

kit for the day and wore a Robin mask as he led the teams out, finally fulfilling that lifelong ambition of being a mascot.

The best was saved for half time however, when Steve appeared on the pitch to dance to Swindon anthem Rockin' Robin, much to the delight of his friends and the rest of the Beacon faithful. One Hassocks fan went so far as to describe it as "breath taking."

There was very little else to cheer for Robins supporters on the day as their side were well beaten 5-0 by Newhaven, four of the goals coming in a 14 minute blitz at the start of the second half.

As a former goalkeeper himself, Steve could no doubt sympathise with Hassocks number one Alex Harris with the frequency with which Harris had to pick the ball out of the back of

the net.

Steve was then able to compare notes with Newhaven netminder Jake Buss at full time as the visitors' goalkeeper posed for photos with the stag party to celebrate his clean sheet.

To complete a memorable day, Steve ended up being a landslide winner of the Hassocks supporters' man-of-the-match poll on Twitter afterwards for his smooth moves displayed during the interval.

Steve marries fiancée Claire Sheridan in Ireland on Friday, 24 September.

He will no doubt hope to convince Claire to fly back to England the next day so the two can start wedded life by watching Hassocks host either K Sports or Beckenham Town in the second qualifying round of the FA Vase.

Ruthless Roffey give Robins a lesson in clinical finishing

**Peter Bentley League Cup Second Round
Tuesday 7th September 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-5 Roffey**



Goals win games and that saying has never run truer than in this chastening Peter Bentley League Cup second round exit which Hassocks suffered at the hands of Roffey.

It may seem like an obvious thing to state when the final score was 5-1 to Roffey. This was a match that could easily have finished 5-5 though if the Robins had been able to take their chances.

Unfortunately, they could not and several big opportunities went begging.

Compare that to their Division One visitors who found the back of the net with all five of their shots on target, adding their name in the process to the ever growing list of lower league outfits to have knocked Hassocks out of cup competitions over the past 15 years or so.

That nobody in attendance at the Beacon really considered this a shock tells you everything about where these two clubs are right now.

Hassocks' young side are struggling for consistency and sit third bottom of the Premier Division.

On their day, the Robins play some good football and can compete with most opponents in their league. The problem is that those days are too rare at the moment.

Roffey meanwhile arrived in Mid Sussex having won seven out of seven. It would be a real surprise if this season does not end in a first ever promotion to the Premier Division.

The appointment of former Broadbridge Heath boss Steve Painter as general manager has seen them attract a squad containing a fair amount of top flight experience and plenty of goals.

Roffey had to weather an early Hassocks storm before they could show their ruthlessness as the Robins passed up not one, not two, but three glorious opportunities to take the lead the opening 30 minutes.

Jordan Badger was the first to go close - closer than anyone else in fact - when his towering header from a perfect Alfie Loversidge corner smashed against the cross bar with Roffey goalkeeper Alfie Hadfield rooted to the spot with nine minutes on the clock.

Badger was one of the Hassocks bright spots on what was his first start for over two years since taking a break from football.

His next contribution came with 22 minutes played when he intercepted a Roffey clearance just inside the visitor's half, striding forward with purpose before unleashing a lot show from 30 yards which whistled inches wide of the post.

Hassocks felt that Hadfield had got the faintest of touches to turn it behind. If he did, then it was an outstanding piece of shot stopping missed by both linesman and referee, who instead ruled for a goal kick.

Three minutes after that and Loversidge produced a remarkable leap to win a header from a free kick against Roffey's tallest defender, Brendan Millborrow.

The second ball dropped perfectly to Joe Bull, completely free in the middle of the box who only needed to guide his own header either side of Hadfield. Whilst Bull avoided Hadfield, he unfortunately guided it the wrong side of the post as well.

Those squandered chances were punished when Roffey took the lead with their first meaningful foray forward with half an hour played.

Joao Tiago Andrade showed some trickery on the edge of the box to lay off to Josh Meyer, whose shot deflected up and over Hassocks' debutant goalkeeper Jacob Campbell off Luke Marshall as he put in a despairing tackle.

Roffey mustered their second attack on 37 minutes and this too resulted in a goal.

A passing move instigated by the

impressive Dan Pearse cut through the Robins like the proverbial knife slicing warm butter, finished off by Kelvin Lucas.

There was an interesting interpretation of the offside law for the third which arrived eight minutes into the second half.

Lucas had been in an offside position when Badger headed clear a long ball over the top, which the Roffey man then collected, advanced with and beat Campbell with a clinical effort.

In the face of Hassocks appeals, the linesman said that Lucas had not been interfering with play. Answers on a postcard as to how scoring a goal is deemed not interfering with play, please.

Josh Short was just wide with a bicycle kick as Hassocks to their credit kept going. The fourth goal they conceded summed their evening up nicely, Jack Gardner's attempted clearance ricocheting into Marshall to allow Jamie Wanstall to finish into the opposite corner.

Maher completed Roffey's scoring when Hassocks fell asleep and allowed him to drift in unnoticed from the left flank to collect a low pass across the edge of the box, drilling his effort into the bottom corner.

When Hassocks did eventually manage to score, it was a gift from Roffey. Hadfield got in a mess as the visitors attempted to pass it around the box with four minutes remaining and in an attempt to rectify the situation, hauled down substitute George Mitchell-Phillips. Mitchell-Phillips dusted himself down to convert the penalty.

Hassocks: Campbell; Gardner, Marshall, Badger, Whittingham; Duckering, Blencowe, Loversidge, Dimelow; Short, Bull.

Subs: Mitchell-Phillips, Beebee, Rawlingson (used).

First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
September				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
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			Goals	Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games		Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	10	0	10	3	28	5
Josh Short	10	0	10	0	22	0
Jack Gardner	9	0	9	0	32	0
Andy Whittingham	9	0	9	0	107	2
Arthur Rawlingson	6	3	9	0	9	0
Luke Marshall	7	1	8	0	24	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	6	2	8	3	8	3
Joe Bull	5	2	7	0	68	4
Lewis Beebee	5	1	6	1	9	1
Connor Bradley	5	1	6	1	15	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
Max Blencowe	2	1	3	0	3	0
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
Jordan Badger	1	1	2	1	112	8
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	0	4	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0	7	0
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



Robins flying at top of table after cutting down Oaks

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Wednesday 1st September 2021, Tinsley Lane
Oakwood U23s 0-2 Hassocks U23s**

Last season, Hassocks Under 23s played seven North Division matches before the season was curtailed at the end of December, collecting seven points.

The Robins have already matched that total in 2021-22 with only three Southern Combination League fixtures completed and September being only one day old.

Tinsley Lane was the venue for their latest victory, a 2-0 success over Oakwood which left Hassocks top of the admittedly very-early league table.

Nobody at the Beacon will be getting carried away of course, especially as Hassocks' other two fixtures have come against Horsham YMCA and Crowborough who although strong last season, remain winless so far.

You can only beat what is in front of you, however. And against Oakwood, Hassocks achieved that - and kept a clean sheet - without a recognised goalkeeper in their ranks, making this three points all the more impressive.

With Jayden Dunkley away, it fell to head coach Brad Sweetman to don

the gloves. Sweetman played in goal in a pre-season friendly in the summer, but he would be the first to admit that this was very much an emergency measure.

On this occasion, it worked - but do not expect Sweetman to be selecting himself between the posts for the Robins' first team anytime soon!

There were four other changes aside from the identity of the Hassocks goalkeeper from the team who had drawn away at YM six days previously.

Jordan Badger continued to get minutes under his belt following his decision to return to football, making his first start at any competitive level since the end of the 2018-19 campaign.

Also coming into the side were Harvey Ransome, Kobe Dersley, Jay Hudson - who scored all four of the Hassocks goals in his previous appearance against Crowborough - and debutant Josh Novis, dual-signed from Mid Sussex Premier Division outfit Cuckfield Rangers.

Zac Kladdis dropped down to the bench with Tom Jupp, Lex Lucas and Louis Duckering absent completely.

Luke Marshall meanwhile was rested following a heavy recent

schedule of senior and Under 23s football.

Hudson continued where he had left off against the Crowborough, scoring his fifth goal of the season.

That along with an own goal was enough to secure Hassocks their three points, extending their perfect record in Under 23 football at Tinsley Lane to three victories from three visits.

Hassocks now have eight days off before facing a stern test away at Steyning Town next Thursday night at the Shooting Field.

The Barrowmen's side is made up of many of the Under 18s who eliminated Hassocks' youth team from the Supplementary Shield back in May via a chastening 7-1 semi final defeat.

Steyning went onto lift the trophy a week later, leaving the Robins under no illusion of the task they face in attempting to maintain their excellent start to the new season.

Hassocks: Sweetman, Dersley, Badger, Baden, Ransome, Novis, McSwiney, Wallis, Hicks, Russell, Hudson.

Subs: W Tighe, Thwaites, Mercer, Kladis (used).



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Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
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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Five star Robins hammer Heath to take Mid Sussex bragging rights

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 7th September 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks U18s 5-0 Haywards Heath Town U18s

Local bragging rights went the way of Hassocks Under 18s and in some style too as the Robins hammered Haywards Heath Town 5-0 in the first Mid Sussex Derby of the season.

The first of many, we should say. With St Francis Rangers and Burgess Hill Town also entering Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division, there will be plenty of tasty affairs to enjoy between the four clubs covered by the Mid Sussex Times' patch over the course of the next nine months.

This was the first opportunity for the influx of new Hassocks players and their management team of Neil Parker and Glen Geard to impress in a competitive game at the Beacon and based on what those present witnessed, the Robins will be worth watching this season.

Hassocks made three changes from the side who had opened their campaign with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Shoreham & Adur a week previously, those three points at Middle Road delivered by a Sam Geard penalty.

Debuts were given out to Abir Chowdhury, Oliver Parker-Williams

and Joshua Trinick with the three new faces replacing Alfie Beck, Louis Thwaites and Jack Morris.

In Jayden Dunkley's absence, Jake Palmer continued to deputise in goal, recording his second clean sheet in as many matches along the way. The defence in front of him remained rock solid.

"This was the first opportunity for the influx of new Hassocks players and their management team of Neil Parker and Glen Geard to impress in a competitive game at the Beacon and based on what those present witnessed, they will be worth watching this season."

Parker-Williams marked his first appearance with two goals and Geard was on target for the second game running, continuing an excellent start to the campaign which saw him make his first team debut earlier in August.

The other goals came from Beck, notching a brace from the bench to give food for thought to the management ahead of a trip to



Steyning Town next week.

Hassocks last visited the Shooting Field in the semi final of the Supplementary Shield back in April, suffering a 7-1 defeat to the eventual winners of the competition.

Although only a handful of players remain from last season's Under 18s squad, those that do will be hoping to gain a measure of revenge against the Barrowmen.

That is not the only thing on the line either; like the Robins, Steyning have made a flying start by winning two out of two, scoring nine times along the way.

It will be a real test of this Hassocks side's credentials as they attempt to become the first title winning Robins since 2018.

Hassocks: Palmer, Trinick, Bundy, Carter, Douglass, Chowdhury, Hill, Geard, Howard, Parker-Williams, Russell.

Subs: Beck, Thwaites, Woodhouse, Parker (used).



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	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	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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ON THIS DAY



A tough looking evening lay in store for Hassocks on this day in **2018** as they travelled to East Preston looking to build on a 4-0 victory over bottom club Loxwood three days earlier...

Super sub Stokes saves Hassocks with a late double

Perhaps Hassocks should request their evening games kick off at 9pm from now on?

For the second Tuesday in succession, the Robins launched a dazzling second half comeback to take something from a game in which they came in at half time trailing 2-0 after a disjointed first half showing.

They simply weren't at the races in the opening 45 minutes at the Lashmar against a talented East Preston side who scored twice through Lucas Pattenden and Thomas Lyne.

The previous week's comeback win against Bexhill United in the Peter Bentley League Cup came about when Mark Dalglish told his players to abandon their haphazard attempts at passing football in favour of going direct in order to utilise the pace of Phil Johnson, Liam Benson and James Littlejohn.

And it was another tactical adjustment that turned the game here and allowed Hassocks to leave with a share of the spoils.

Dalglish abandoned 4-3-3 at half time in favour of 4-4-2 which put the Robins firmly in control, although the introduction of their goal scoring saviour owed more to luck than design.

Dan Stokes was bought on early in the second half when the unfortunate Will Broomfield pulled a hamstring.

Stokes took full advantage of the opportunity, netting a brilliant brace in the final 10 minutes to earn his

side a 2-2 draw.

Pattenden's opener for EP had arrived after just three minutes, the wing back dancing past three Hassocks defenders before whipping a left footed effort past Josh Green and into the top corner.

The hosts had a plethora of chances to extend their lead after that. Ryan Quirke fired wastefully over, Dan Huet saw an effort well blocked by Broomfield and Jack Barnes shot wide.

EP's second goal eventually arrived with 10 minutes of the half remaining.

Quirke delivered a free kick to the far post where Lyne had far too much time and space to bring the ball down and fire a left footed volley in via the upright.

Hassocks made their shape change at the break and there were a couple of personnel changes early on in the second half as well as Jordan Badger replaced Dan Jacques and young Joe Bull came on for Alex Spinks before Stokes' pivotal entrance to the game.

As a result of Broomfield's injury, Spencer Slaughter dropped back into defence and he began pushing his side higher up the pitch than they'd previously dared to go.

That, coupled with the tireless work rate of the Robins attacking players, began causing EP a world of problems and Hassocks spent most of the second half camped in the opposition half.

Despite their territorial and

possession dominance, it took until the 80th minute for Hassocks to pull one back.

A succession of big tackles from the Robins saw the ball fall to Stokes some 25 yards out and he hit a dipping distance effort which left EP goalkeeper James Fernandes grasping at thin air.

That sparked a manic last 10 minutes. Slaughter plucked a ball out of the air with the grace of a gazelle before hitting a 40 yard diagonal ball over the top for Littlejohn to chase.

Littlejohn latched onto it and knocked it past Fernandes who then pole axed the Hassocks striker to concede a penalty and earn a straight red card.

EP sacrificed Quirke for substitute goalkeeper Leesun Donaldson and his first touch of the game saw him save Benson's spot kick, much to the delight of the home crowd who must have thought it was going to be their day at that point.

Stokes had other ideas though and he equalised with just one minute of the 90 remaining, producing a deft touch to escape the attentions of Nathan Da Costa and then hitting a peach of a shot back across goal that went in off the post.

Player coach Slaughter said afterwards: "It's four wins and a draw from our last seven games now and it could easily have been more."

"If we take the halves we are having here and there and turn it into a full game then we're going to be very difficult to play against."

Around the League...



The first Saturday of September arrived and with it, an already huge game at the top of the early Premier Division table in amongst an action packed afternoon across all three divisions of the Southern Combination League...

Where can we start out round up of last weekend's action other than at Nyetimber Lane, where Saltdean United surrendered their 100 percent record to Premier Division leaders Pagham.

It was a former Tiger who came back to haunt his old club, Jack Langford scoring the only goal of the game for Pagham with just five minutes left to play.

Alfold continued their strong start to the campaign by picking up a 2-0 win at **Eastbourne United** and **Crawley Down Gatwick** are beginning to rev into action as they won 4-0 at **East Preston**.

Phil Johnson got two of the goals for the Anvils with Marc Pelling and an own goal rounding off the scoring at the Lashmar.

There was a seven-goal Friday night thriller at Withdean Stadium between **AFC Varndeanians** and **Lingfield** which just went the way of the visitors 4-3.

Scott Johnson notched in the 86th minute to win it for the Lingers, who also had Stephen Hodge and a Zach Alfalahi double on their scoresheet.

Tom Boyle, Adam Ivimey-Simmons and Kevin Keehan netted for Vs, who remain without a point so far.

In what turned out to be Spencer Slaughter's final league game in charge of **Loxwood**, the Magpies held **Eastbourne Town** to a 1-1 draw at Plaistow Road.

Luke Brodie scored for the hosts with Town's goal coming via James Hull.

It was the same scoreline in the Premier Division's final game at

Gorings Mead between **Horsham YMCA** and today's visitors **Little Common**.

Common player-manager Russell Eldridge gave his side the lead going into the break which was cancelled out by Charlie Gee six minutes into the second half.

Whilst all that was going on, two Premier Division clubs were flying the flag for the Southern Combination in the FA Cup.

Peacehaven & Telscombe landed a plum draw away at **Farnborough** where they lost 4-0 and **Littlehampton Town** were edged out 5-4 in a barnstorming tie at home against Isthmian League side **Whitehawk**.

Two clubs maintain 100 percent records in Division One. **Midhurst & Easebourne** were given their toughest game so far by **Worthing United**, winning 2-0 thanks to Marcus Bedford and a late goal from substitute Robert Tambling.

Our Peter Bentley League Cup conquerors **Roffey** recorded an even narrower victory, squeaking past **Seaford Town** 1-0 at the Crouch.

Josh Neathey scored the only goal of the game before seeing red. He was joined in taking an early bath by Seaford substitute James Kendall.

Epsom & Ewell are continuing to make a strong impression in their debut Southern Combination season, their latest three points coming in a 3-2 win away at **Wick**.

Jamie Byatt scored twice for Epsom alongside Josh Uzun. Conor Bull and Johan Van-Driel were the Wick scorers.

Three goals in the opening 30 minutes gave **Shoreham** all three

points at **Forest Row** in a 3-0 success. Alex Fair, Dan Turner and Harry Heath were on target for the Mussels.

Jack Collins scored twice for **Storrington** in a shock 4-2 success at **Mile Oak**. The other Swans goals came from James Hendon and Jordan Suter; Josh Cooper and substitute Jack Judd replying for Oak.

Nothing could separate **Arundel** and **Godalming Town** who played out a 1-1 draw at Mill Road.

Nathan Monk gave Arundel the lead with only seven minutes played and it remained 1-0 right up until the 91st minute when Byron Watt equalised.

Dorking Wanderers Reserves defeated **Selsey** 2-0 whilst the biggest win of the day saw **Montpelier Villa** hammer **Oakwood** 7-0.

Marcus Richmond scored twice and there were six other players in the goals for Villa: Dan Barden, Harley Damario, Mitchell Ford, Joseph Radley-Martin and Ryan Walton.

Division Two leaders **Jarvis Brook** suffered their first defeat of the campaign when losing 1-0 to a Josh Irish goal away at **Rustington**.

Bosham ran out 4-1 victors at home to **Brighton Electricity** and **Copthorne** were 3-0 winners on the road at **Rottingdean Village**.

Upper Beeding shared the spoils with **Southwater** following a 2-2 draw at the Shooting Field and Division Two's final game saw **St Francis Rangers** continue their disappointing start to the season by losing 3-0 at Colwell Road against improving Ferring.



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
Hassocks	8	1	2	5	9	24	5
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
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

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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
Hassocks	DLLWDL
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
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	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
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
Sam Geard	Hassoeks	2
Jack Murkin	Worthing United	2
Callum Noyce	Worthing United	2
Oli Parker-Williams	Hassoeks	2
Toby Reeder	Steyning Town	2
Kai Stephens	Montpelier Villa	2
Alfie Beck	Hassoeks	2
Alfie Ajani	Steyning Town	2

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...

This ridiculous run of consecutive home games ends at five with a rare road trip to Littlehampton to come. That is followed by currently unknown FA Vase opponents and then games against opponents from the East Sussex coast...



Littlehampton Town

When?

Saturday 18th September

Where?

Flora Sportsfield

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Littlehampton Town this season? Last time we met?

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.

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.



Bexhill United

When?

Saturday 2nd October

Where?

The Polegrove

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Bexhill United this season?

Bexhill were rewarded for a couple of fine seasons in Division One by being granted promotion to the Premier Division for the new campaign. In their first top flight season for nearly 30 years, they currently sit 12th in the table with three wins, two draws and one defeat from six matches.

Our record against Bexhill United

This will be the ninth meeting between ourselves and Bexhill. Of the previous eight, the first four came in Division One when Bexhill were known as Bexhill Town. The four most recent matches have taken place in cup competitions with the newly formed Bexhill United, a result of a 2002 merger between Town and Bexhill AAC. The Pirates lead the head-to-head with four wins to Hassocks' three, leaving one draw.

Last time we met?

Bexhill visited the Beacon in second round of the Peter Bentley League

Cup back in the 2018-19 season. The Division One Pirates looked set to cause an upset at half time as they went into the interval 2-0 ahead through goals from Jamie Bunn and Wayne Giles. Whatever Mark Dalglish said to Hassocks at the break had the desired impact as we turned things around in the second, coming from behind to win 3-2.

James Littlejohn, Dan Jacques and Phi Johnson were the scorers.

How to get to the Polegrove?

Head to Eastbourne and follow the A27 until it becomes the A259 at Pevensy. Continue following the A259, taking the third exit at the Little Common roundabout. Take the third right after that onto Birkdale and follow the road before turning right into Westcourt Drive. Pass over the railway line, then take another right onto Cooden Drive and the third right after that will take you onto Brockley Road where you will find the ground.



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Money raised in 2020-21

**August £140
September £14
October
November
December
January
February
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TOTAL £158

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

Here are our winners so far this season...

Hassocks Man of the Match 2021-22

Saltdean United away **Alfie Loversidge**
Spelthorne Sports home **Alfie Loversidge**
Eastbourne Town home **Josh Short**
AFC Uckfield Town home **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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Saltdean United home
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Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

December 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2021

1st

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1st

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March 2021

1st

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April 2021

1st

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3rd

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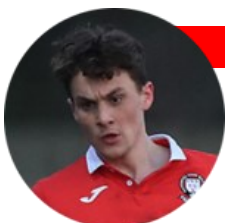
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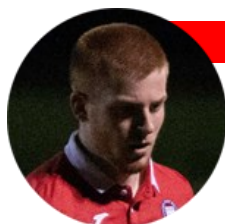
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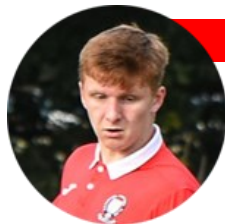
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Little Common

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	Ryan Alexander
	Jack McLean
	Matt MacLean
	Russell Eldridge
	Sam Cruttwell
	Lewis Hole
	Ryan Paul
	Oliver Weeks
	Lewis Parsons
	Liam Ward
	Nick Richardson
	Paul Feakins
	Sam Ellis
	Sammy Bunn
	Stuart Collier
	James Crone

Referee
Mark Gidman

Assistants
Ian Lane
& Jordan Burgess

Player Manager Russell Eldridge

Next at the Beacon



K Sports or Beckenham Town
 Saturday 25th September. 3:00pm
 FA Vase Second Qualifying Round

Today's other Premier Division games

Littlehampton Town v Alfold