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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for a very tough looking Buildbase FA Vase clash against Combined Counties Premier South side Beckenham Town

This is our first ever meeting with Becks and we hope that their players, management, officials and supporters enjoy their stay with us today in Mid Sussex.

Those of you who have studied the Combined Counties table will know what a task faces us today, with Beckenham currently sitting pretty in first spot of a league routinely considered to be stronger than the Southern Combination.

We will at least come into the game having taken a little confidence from a 4-2 defeat against our own Premier Division leaders, Littlehampton Town last weekend.

Most of the Golds' victories so far this season have been achieved at a canter, so to have pushed them so close was a decent achievement for Brad and the players - especially as going 2-0 down inside of 13 minutes could have caused the floodgates to open.

Some dogged defending and a willingness to battle got us back into the tie at 2-2. Those qualities will no doubt be needed today if we are to have any hope of progressing to the first round of the competition.

A week prior to that trip to the Sportsfield and we were beaten 3-0 here by Little Common, who themselves arrived at the Beacon top of the Premier League.

Whilst there are no easy games in the division this season, we have endured a particularly hard time of it fixture-wise in recent weeks.

On paper, October looks like it is going to be a bit more friendly so fingers crossed we can start picking up some points and climbing the table.

The Under 23s are having no such troubles and they remain unbeaten with four wins from five matches so far, most recently a 1-0 win over Roffey last Thursday.

Sean McSwiney scored the only goal of the game, his first for the club. Defensively, the side have now kept clean sheets in their past three consecutive matches - and that is despite Brad having to don the gloves himself in the first of those!

The Under 18s meanwhile have picked up four points from their past two games. The two remaining 100 percent records in the Central Division were on the line at the Shooting Field two weeks ago, where

a 2-1 win over Steyning Town sent our Young Robins top of the table.

Last Sunday, they were involved in an astonishing 5-5 draw with Burgess Hill Town. Too much happened to list here, so you will just have to wait for the match report in Tuesday night's programme.

They return to action tomorrow morning away at AFC Varndeanians. Kick off is at 11am at Withdean Stadium for anyone who fancies the short hop down the A23 to support.

Last but by no means least, we fielded a Veterans side for the first time since the 2017-18 season away at South Godstone on Sunday afternoon.

It went rather well, a 7-1 victory with two goals apiece from Steve Spies, Pat Harding and Dave Juniper and one from Elliott Butler.

Again, you can read all about it on Tuesday night when we host Eastbourne United - kick off at 7:45pm. See you back here for that.

Enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.

Owen and Scott



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HONOURS

Kent Senior Trophy

Winners 2014

Runners up 1982, 2005, 2008, 2019

Southern Counties East League

Runners up 2006

S'ern Counties East League Cup

Winners 2014

Runners up 1985, 1993

Roy Vinter Shield

Winners 2014

London League Division One

Winners 1928

Runners up 1931

Spartan League Division Two

Runners up 1978

Spartan League Cup

Runners up 1978, 1979

Beckenham Town are one of the oldest non-league clubs still in existence and their 125th anniversary celebrations next year could be made doubly exciting by what is happening on the pitch so far this season...

Becks were victims of a sideways move by the FA in the summer, shifting from their long-term home of the South East Counties League into the Combined Counties Premier Division South.

Things are working out pretty well so far in their new home. Jason Huntley's side are top of the table with seven wins and one draw from their eight games to date.

For an idea of how that stacks up compared to the Southern Combination League, Horley Town are currently fourth, some six points behind Beckenham following their own sideways move from this parish to the Combined Counties.

Horley were Saltdean United's closest pursuers before last season was curtailed, so for them to be that far behind Beckenham already is a sign of the quality that Huntley has assembled in his squad.

If promotion to step four does end up arriving in seven months time, then it will be more than deserved for Becks' efforts over the past two null and void seasons.

In 2019-20, they were top of the South East Counties Premier. A

fascinating four-way battle for the two promotion spots was taking place and the likelihood is that Beckenham would have filled one of those places.

They took a while to get going last season, perhaps as a result of the disappointment of being denied a place at the higher level by the controversial decision to simply write the previous campaign off.

Becks were however beginning to find some form when the December lockdown arrived, bringing another campaign to an early conclusion. They had been fifth when 2020-21 was abandoned.

Clearly, the aim for Beckenham is to become a step four club. To that end, Huntley retained the bulk of the players who have performed so admirably over the past two seasons, as well as adding some quality to the ranks over the summer.

Returning goalkeeper Nick Blue, new skipper and former Billericay favourite Danny Waldren and ex Ashford United midfielder Tom O'Connor all arrived at Eden Park Avenue, tasked with bringing Isthmian League football.

10 Key Moments

1887... affiliated with the Kent FA, making them one of the oldest non-league clubs still in existence

1928... first known silverware is won as Becks are crowned London League Division One champions

1961... joined the Aetolian League after several years serving as a feeder club for Crystal Palace

1978... runners up in Spartan League Division Two, winning promotion to the Premier Division

1980... moved to their current home of Eden Park Avenue from Stanhope Grove

1982... joint the Kent League, later renamed as the South East Counties League

2003... a £100,000 Football Foundation grant sees Eden Park Avenue rebuilt and a new pitch installed

2006... highest ever South East Counties League finish of runners up to Maidstone United

2014... completed a double of the Kent Senior Trophy and the South East Counties League Cup

2021... moved sideways by the FA to the Combined Counties Premier Division South

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Counties East Premier 5th

2017-18, Southern Counties East Premier 4th

2016-17, Southern Counties East Premier 18th

2015-16, Southern Counties East Premier 12th

2014-15, Southern Counties East Premier 9th

2013-14, Southern Counties East Premier 8th

2012-13, Southern Counties East Premier 11th

2011-12, Southern Counties East Premier 6th

2010-11, Southern Counties East Premier 10th

2009-10, Southern Counties East Premier 4th

2008-09, Southern Counties East Premier 15th

2007-08, Southern Counties East Premier 3rd

2006-07, Southern Counties East Premier 11th

2005-06, Southern Counties East Premier 2nd

2004-05, Southern Counties East Premier 10th

2003-04, Southern Counties East Premier 12th

2002-03, Southern Counties East Premier 10th

2001-02, Southern Counties East Premier 9th

2000-01, Southern Counties East Premier 7th

1999-00, Southern Counties East Premier 10th

Beckenham Town - Links with Sussex



Although there are no ties between Hassocks and Becks, Beckenham do have a strong link with Sussex football through a promotion winning Brighton & Hove Albion manager.

One of their most famous former players is Pat Saward, who began his career at Beckenham before going onto play for Millwall, Aston Villa and represent the Republic of Ireland

An iconic Becks legend, Saward moved to the Den before going onto join Aston Villa.

Cool, confident and a good ball player he was an attacking left half who helped to restore some of the

former glory of Villa – with whom he won an FA Cup winners medal when they beat the legendary 'Busby Babes' of Manchester United in the 1957 Final at Wembley.

Capped 18 times by the Republic of Ireland he also captained them and represented them in the qualifying stages of the 1954 World Cup finals.

Once his playing days were over, Saward was appointed as Brighton manager in July 1970 and led the Seagulls to a surprise promotion to the second tier at the end of the 1971-72 season.

The Seagulls stay in the old

Division Two was a brief one and they were relegated after one season.

Saward was not given much of an opportunity to lead the club back to the second tier - he was controversially sacked in October 1973, although the anger of Brighton supporters soon dissipated when his replacement was announced.

Chairman Mike Bamber pulled off one of the biggest coups in English football by convincing Brian Clough to take over a struggling Division Three side after leaving Derby County, who he had led to the Division One title.



Hassocks in the FA Vase

The FA Vase has never been the most fruitful of competitions for Hassocks as we are yet to progress past the second round stage since first entering in the 1995-96 season. We take a look at the Robins' record over the past 25 years....

Five games from Wembley

The closest we have ever got to reaching Wembley in the FA Vase is the second round proper of the competition, a stage that the Robins have reached on four previous occasions.

The most recent of those came in the 2014-15 season and it was an evening to forget for Dave John's young side as we were hammered 7-0 by Ashford United – our heaviest defeat in the competition so far.

Before the 2-0 win over Meridian Valley Park in 2019-20, that was the season in which the Robins most recently won a game in the Vase when triumphing 3-1 at home against Cortinthian thanks to two goals in the final five minutes from Phil Johnson and Nathan Miles.

Hassocks' other games in the second round stage were less

chastening than that Ashford experience; 1-0 defeats away at Lymington Spa and Kingsbury Town in 2007-08 and 2005-06 respectively and a 2-1 loss at Banstead Athletic in 1998-99.

That Banstead defeat was preceded by probably our best ever set of results in the competition.

We weren't drawn at home in a single round but picked up brilliant wins on the road in tough away games at Knitbury Rangers (3-2) and then a stunning 3-0 win away at Ware.

Stung by the Hornets

The Vase seemed to love throwing up games with Horsham in the early 90s and Hassocks and the Hornets faced off three times in the competition between 1995 and 2000.

The first of those came in the first

season that the Robins entered, Horsham winning a topsy-turvy game 6-3 at Queen Street in the first round in 1995-96.

Ramsgate had become the first side we had defeated in a national cup competition in the previous round following a 2-1 away win.

We were then eliminated by the Hornets again in 2000-01 thanks to a 2-1 replay defeat at Queens Street after we had done fantastically well to hold our higher division visitors to a 2-2 draw here at the Beacon.

The fact that game went to a replay was a rarity in itself, as only one other time in over 20 years of entering the competition have Hassocks needed an additional 90 minutes to decide a game.

That came in the first qualifying round game Farnham Town in the 2011-12 season.

Both of those matches ended in 1-1 draws with Town eventually triumphing 8-7 on penalties on a horrible Tuesday night in Surrey.

Phil Gault scored the Hassocks goals in both games and it was the unfortunate James Westlake who missed the decisive spot kick in a crazy shootout.

No Deal at Deal

There have been five other exits at the first round stage, the most disappointing of which came at Deal Town in 2012-13.

We had finished the previous season in fourth place in the Sussex County League - our highest ever finish - and had arguably the best squad in the clubs history.

Mickey Jewell's side simply did not turn up on the day, going down 2-0 to a set of gloating hosts.

The only positive from the experience came with meeting the 'Deal Duck', Town's mascot that was basically a bloke dressed in a Donald Duck outfit.

Spencer Slaughter in particular was delighted to meet him, demanding a picture after the game in what was otherwise a pretty poor afternoon on the road.

Our other first round exits have come at the hands of Chessington & Hook United 3-0 in 2013-14, Witney United in 2004-05 - just before a certain David Cameron became the local MP - fellow Sussex side Sidley United 3-1 in 2001-02 and away at Herne Bay in the 1996-97 season.

Sussex sides send the Robins crashing

Of the Robins seven other second qualifying round exits, four of them have come at the hands of clubs from the Southern Combination League.

Littlehampton Town accounted for the Robins exit from the competition in 1997, Arundel in 2003 and Eastbourne Town in 2006.

That Eastbourne Town defeat was particularly harsh on as we took the eventual Premier Division champions all the way to extra time before succumbing 3-1.

Two of the other three exits were all by a single goal - 3-2 away at BAT Sports in the 1999-00 season and at home to Chertsey Town 3-2 AET in 2008-09.

There was also a disappointing

2-0 defeat away at Molesey in the 2009-10 campaign and a 3-0 home loss to Spelthorne Sports in 2017-18.

Out at the earliest

Given that we had rarely finished in the bottom of the Southern Combination League Premier Division up until six or so years ago, it has not been often that we have entered - and then promptly exited - the FA Vase at the first qualifying round stage.

It happened last season when Peacehaven & Telscombe won 3-0 at the Beacon. To rub salt into the wounds, former Hassocks defender Harry Mills kept a clean sheet whilst playing in goal for the Tye.

2018-19 saw a 2-0 home defeat to K Sports and in 2016-17 there was a 4-2 loss at Horley Town.

Our other exits at the first qualifying round stage came in 2010-11, 3-2 away at Blackfield & Langley in a game that is probably best remembered for a young Andy Whittingham receiving a quite sensational red card for attempting to kung fu kick an opposition player in the face.

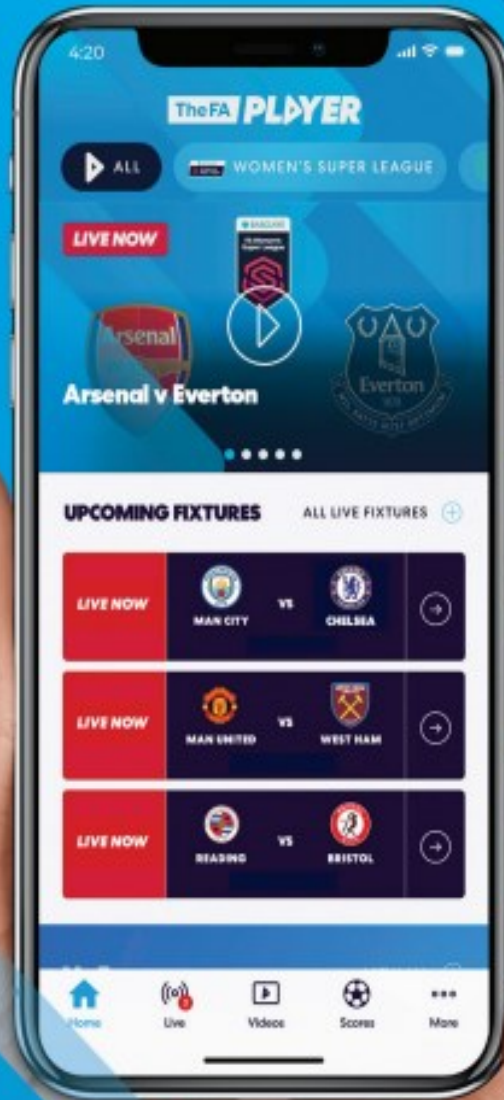
There was also a 3-2 defeat at big spending Moneyfields in 2003-04.

Hassocks have won two games at the first qualifying round of the competition previously, including one of their most entertaining outings in the Vase, a 4-3 win over Three Bridges in 2008-09 in which Jack Simpson made his Hassocks debut.

The other victory came by three goals to one the following season at home to Sevenoaks Town.



Spencer and the Deal Duck - Hassocks' greatest FA Vase moment?



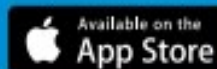
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Frow or Villa for Robins in return of RUR Cup

The draws for the Sussex County FA Cup competitions have taken place, with the first team, the Under 23s, the Under 18s and the Veterans finding out who their opponents will be on the first step towards a Culver Road final...

Hassocks will face brand new opponents in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup with one of Division One newcomers Forest Row or Montpelier Villa visiting the Beacon in the second round of the competition.

Both clubs are embarking on their first ever seasons in senior football, Villa having been elevated from Division Two and Frow after being bumped up from the Mid Sussex Premier Division.

They are both making a good stab at life at the highest level they have ever played at too.

Villa sit seventh in the table with four wins, two draws and four defeats from 10 matches. Forest Row

meanwhile are 10th having won four and lost five of their fixtures.

No date has yet been set for the second round tie, but the Robins will know their opponents by October 20th as that is the date Villa and Frow must have completed their first found match by.

The Under 23s also have a home tie in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup, hosting Saltdean United of the East Division at the Beacon.

Just like with the first team, it again offers a clash with opponents who Hassocks have never faced at Under 23 level before.

The Tigers are eighth out of 10 in the East Division. Their record reads one win, one draw and three defeats from five games.

They will make the trip to Mid Sussex on Thursday 8th October with a 7:45pm kick off. The normal

admission prices of £3 adults, £1 concessions and free for under 16s will apply.

It is the Under 18s who have the toughest draw of the lot having been given a trip to Eastbourne Borough on Sunday 10th October in the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup

Hassocks can at least take solace from the fact that upsets do happen; the last time a Robins youth team faced Borough was when the treble winners of 2017-18 pulled off a shock 2-1 win at Priory Lane in the first round of the competition via a Jake Lindsey brace.

The Veterans will kick off their first Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup campaign for four years with a trip to Sussex Sunday Veterans League outfit Woodingdean Wanderers on Sunday 24th October.

McLean at the double as clinical Common latest to hurt Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 11th September 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-3 Little Common



Hassocks were unable to surprise the surprise package of the Southern Combination Premier Division season so far as high flying Little Common left the Beacon with a routine 3-0 victory.

When the fixtures came out back in July, the Robins would have marked Little Common at home as one of their more realistic opportunities to get points on the board in a tough opening 10 games which included the likes of Saltdean United, Eastbourne Town, Newhaven and Peacehaven & Telscombe.

How wrong could you be? Common arrived in Mid Sussex above all those clubs in the table, sitting pretty in third place and as one of only two sides to have beaten early leaders Pagham. Not just beaten, but hammered 4-0 on the Lions' own Nyetimber Lane ground.

Whereas Common are flying, Hassocks are struggling. The Robins' previous two games had seen five goals fly into their net in the space of 72 hours with only one in reply - and that was a gift of a penalty from Division One outfit Roffey in the final minutes of a chastening 5-1 Peter Bentley League Cup second round exit.

Hassocks created chances on Tuesday night, they just struggled to take them. It was a similar story against Common, Joe Bull missing an early opportunity which, had it hit the back of Matt Cruttwell's net, might have led to a different game than the one that the Beacon faithful were treated to.

Bull has been a lively presence leading the line in the past three games. He works hard, is an intelligent footballer and makes things happen.

All that is missing from his game is a goal; Hassocks will be hoping

that it is one of those where once he gets the monkey of a first of the season off his back, he will hit a run of scoring form.

Hassocks' cause against Common was not helped by the absence of Josh Short, arguably their star performer of the campaign so far.

Short's spot in midfield was taken by Jack Baden, one of five changes from the Roffey defeat.

Alex Harris returned in goal in place of Jacob Campbell, George Mitchell-Phillips was promoted to the starting XI after scoring the penalty on Tuesday night to partner Bull in attack and Bradley Tighe and Wes Tighe took over in defence from Jordan Badger and Jack Gardner.

This was the first time that the Tighes had lined up together in senior football.

The touching message posted by older brother Brad on social media afterwards saying their grandad would have been proud served as a reminder that whilst results may not be going Hassocks' way currently, they remain a family club.

Common rattled the post prior to Bull's early chance after Jack McLean teed up Lewis Hole, his first time effort cannoning back into the grateful arms of Harris.

The deadlock was broken with 33 minutes played. Common sliced their way through Hassocks with a pleasing passing move.

Harris managed to keep out McLean's right footed effort, but the loose ball went straight to Matt MacLean who headed home.

Hassocks had been completely undone when Newhaven came to the Beacon seven days earlier by conceding four goals in quick succession.

The Robins must have known that if they were to have any chance of finding a way back into this one, they could not afford for one to quickly turn into two.

Sadly, that is exactly what

happened as within five minutes, Common doubled their advantage.

McLean was again the man on target with a goal vastly different to his first.

Whereas that one involved being in the right place at the right time, McLean showed his quality for his second of the afternoon by leading Wes Tighe on a merry dance before riffling an effort across Harris and in.

Common started the second half where they had left off the first and within three minutes of the restart, they had their killer third.

Another neat move led to Sammy Bunn producing a deft flick into the path of Hole who slotted past Harris.

With 42 minutes still to play, the home support could have been forgiven for fearing that another big defeat was on the cards.

Hassocks did at least dig in and prevent any more damage being done to the scoreboard. McLean and MacLean both went close and Common player-manager Russell Eldridge saw an effort from a corner heroically deflected behind by Bradley Tighe.

The closest that the Robins came was when a free kick was swung over and substitute Badger put a trademark towering header against the Common cross bar.

Things do not get any easier got Hassocks. They hit the road in a week's time to Littlehampton Town, one of only two teams above Common in the table and who have plundered 26 goals in seven matches. It could be a long afternoon at the Sports Field.

Hassocks: Harris; W Tighe, Marshall, B Tighe, Whittingham; Loversidge, Blencowe, Baden, Dimelow; Mitchell-Phillips, Bull.

Subs: Badger, Tuck, Rawlingson (used), Thwaites, Dunkley (unused).

Not what was expected as Hassocks give Golds a fright

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 18th September 2021, St Flora Sportsfield
Littlehampton Town 4-2 Hassocks**



St Flora Sportsfield plays host to football and cricket and when the Premier Division's top scorers met one of its leakiest defences, those in an attendance might have been expecting a scoreline more in keeping with the summer game.

Instead, Hassocks put up a brave fight against a Littlehampton Town side who will surely be in title contention come the end of their first top flight campaign for four seasons after a spell in Division One.

It finished 4-2 to the hosts with the Robins gaining a fair amount of praise from the Golds' crowd, many of whom felt that Hassocks will be climbing the table before long if they can produce more performances like this.

As Robins fans can attest to, that is quite a big if. Relying on so many young players carries a risk of serious inconsistency as Hassocks have been living proof of so far.

A two-goal defeat and a right scare for an outstanding Littlehampton side came off the back of 13 goals conceded in three matches, including a 5-1 hammering at the hands of Division One Roffey in the Peter Bentley League Cup.

Prior to that, Hassocks had taken four points from two matches in 48 hours against Steyning Town and Lingfield, despite having to play for over an hour of both those encounters with only 10 men following first half red cards.

The showing at the Sportsfield was much more in keeping with those exploits over the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

Most pleasing for head coach Brad Sweetman would have been the fact that when Littlehampton led 2-0 inside of 13 minutes, there was every chance that the feared cricket score

might have materialised.

Hassocks though showed the sort of resilience rarely seen so far this season.

Whereas in recent weeks they have crumbled in similar situations to ship an alarming number of goals in those heavy defeats, here they rallied to level the tie before running out of steam as Littlehampton's additional quality shone.

Sweetman sprung a surprise with his starting line up, handing Jordan Badger the number nine shirt in a piece of out-of-the-box thinking that paid dividends.

Badger has always been a threat from crosses into the box and he is a good player technically too, so using him as a presence in a more attacking role for a side who have struggled in front of goal made sense on paper.

It ended up working on the pitch too, Badger scoring the Robins' second of the afternoon to make it 2-2 after 62 minutes.

Neither Badger netting nor Hassocks being on level terms at that point in proceedings were in the pre-game script.

What was expected was an early Littlehampton goal. It arrived within two minutes and came from George Gaskin, so frequently a thorn in Hassocks' side during the Golds' previous spell in the Premier Division.

One became two 11 minutes later, Dave Herbert doing the damage this time as the league leaders made things looked remarkably easy.

Most would have assumed that the game was up at the point. Littlehampton were probably thinking about how many they could add to the 28 goals plundered in only eight matches already this season.

Hassocks though were able to make it to half time without conceding again.

That provided a platform for the Robins to come out and stun

Littlehampton at the start of the second half and 17 minutes after the restart, they were back on level terms.

Like Badger, Jack Gardner was benefiting from a more advanced role than his usual right back berth and he took full advantage to notch his first senior goal for the club on 54 minutes.

The Sportsfield was then shocked into near silence eight minutes later when Badger scored Hassocks' second of the afternoon. Suddenly, we had a game on our hands.

If the Robins were to secure an unlikely point or three, then parity needed to remain for as long as possible.

Unfortunately, the scores were level for only six minutes. It was a stunning goal too, Premier Division top scorer Joe Benn firing a rocket which left Alex Harris no chance for a scarcely believable 18th goal of the season by the middle of September.

Hassocks kept plugging away but their goose was finally cooked when Mitchell Hand made it 4-2 with three minutes of normal time remaining, curling a beautiful free kick into the top corner.

Nonetheless, a fine effort from the Robins, who will have also been cheered by a first appearance of the season for Louis Pittock from the substitutes bench following a torrid year of injury problems.

Hassocks: Harris; Tuck, Rawlingson, B Tighe, Whittingham; Loversidge, Short, Baden, Gardner; Badger, Bull.

Subs: Pittock, Wallis (used), Hudson, Dersley (unused).

First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
September				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
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	12	0	12	3	30	5
Josh Short	11	0	11	0	23	0
Andy Whittingham	11	0	11	0	109	2
Arthur Rawlingson	7	4	11	0	11	0
Jack Gardner	10	0	10	1	33	1
Luke Marshall	8	1	9	0	25	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Joe Bull	7	2	9	0	70	4
Bradley Tighe	7	0	7	0	110	0
Jack Baden	4	3	7	0	11	0
Lewis Beebee	5	1	6	1	9	1
Connor Bradley	5	1	6	1	15	1
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Jude Wallis	2	3	5	0	5	0
Alex Harris	4	0	4	0	64	0
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Jordan Badger	2	2	4	2	114	9
Charlie Tuck	3	0	3	0	9	0
Dan Turner	3	0	3	0	38	3
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
Kobe Dersley	1	2	3	0	4	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Kieran Dimelow	2	0	2	0	5	0
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0	26	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Arni Kublickas	0	1	1	0	67	1
Louis Pittock	0	1	1	0	9	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Louis Thwaites	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13



Bradley brace beats Steyning to maintain Robins flying start

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 9th September 2021, The Shooting Field
Steyning Town U23s 0-2 Hassocks U23s



Two goals from Connor Bradley maintained Hassocks Under 23s excellent start to the 2021-22 season as they picked up a 2-0 success away at Steyning Town.

The result made it three wins and one draw from four matches, leaving the Robins second behind Broadbridge Heath in the table on goal difference.

Steyning named a strong side, including their first team captain and former Hassocks favourite Alex Gathern.

Even without Gathern, Hassocks knew they would be in for a tough test based on past experiences in this part of the world.

Several of the Robins' squad had endured a chastening time on their last visit to the Shooting Field as part of the Under 18s who had lost 7-1 in the semi final of the Southern Combination Under 18 Supplementary Shield back in May.

The Barrowmen went onto win the competition, proving themselves to have one of the best youth sides in the county last season. They do development football well at Steyning.

That is what made this three points and a clean sheet so pleasing for Hassocks, who themselves named nine players to have started for the first team this season as the Robins continue their bold policy of pitching youngsters into senior football.

One of the biggest success stories so far has been Bradley, an elder statesman who has been an Under 23s regular since the 2016-17 season.

Bradley has had to wait patiently for an opportunity to establish himself in the first team, which arrived this season.

There has been no looking back. Bradley scored his first senior goal away at Peacehaven & Telscombe 16 days ago and was one of the contenders for Hassocks' August Player of the Month award.

He was available to the Under 23s for the first time this season here as Hassocks looked to get minutes under his belt to shake the ring rust from a recent suspension incurred following a red card in the 1-1 draw with Lingfield on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Brad Sweetman made six other changes from the side who had beaten Oakwood by the same scoreline a week earlier.

Sweetman himself donned the

gloves at Tinsley Lane as Hassocks were without a recognised goalkeeper, a problem rectified this week by Jacob Campbell starting fresh from his senior debut against Roffey in the Peter Bentley League Cup 48 hours earlier.

Coming into the Robins' starting XI alongside Campbell and Bradley were last season's top scorer Lewis Beebee, Kieran Dimelow, Arthur Rawlingson and Charlie Tuck, returning from an injury sustained for the first team against Eastbourne Town.

Kobe Dersley, Jordan Badger, Josh Novis and Jude Wallis all missed the trip completely whilst Under 18s striker Archie Russell dropped down to the bench.

Hassocks: Campbell, Tuck, Rawlingson, Baden, Ransome, Dimelow, McSwiney, Bradley, Hicks, Beebee, Hudson.

Subs: W Tighe, Thwaites, Russell, Kilkelly (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	1-0	McSwiney
23/09 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23		
30/09 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		

Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jack Baden	4	0	4	0
Ben Hicks	5	0	5	0
Sean McSwiney	5	0	5	1
Archie Russell	3	2	5	1
Jude Wallis	3	0	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Wes Tighe	2	3	5	0
Kobe Dersley	2	1	3	0
Jay Hudson	3	0	3	5
Jordan Badger	1	1	2	0
George Mercer	2	1	3	0
Harvey Ransome	3	1	4	0
Brad Sweetman	1	1	2	0
Louis Thwaites	1	3	4	0
Lewis Beebee	2	0	2	0
Connor Bradley	2	0	2	2
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	2	0	2	0
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Jacob Killkelly	0	3	3	0
Arthur Rawlingson	1	2	3	0

Measure of revenge for Robins in ending Steyning's perfect start

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 12th September 2021, The Shooting Field

Steyning Town U18s 1-2 Hassocks U18s

Two of the final four in last season's Southern Combination League Under 18 Supplementary Shield met at the Shooting Field with 100 percent records on the line in the third game of the new Central Division campaign.

And it was visitors Hassocks who came out on top on this occasion, winning 2-1 to gain a small measure of revenge for their last encounter with Steyning Town four months earlier.

That had come in the semi final of the aforementioned competition, a heavy 7-1 defeat against a Steyning outfit who would go onto win the silverware a week later following victory over Bexhill United, confirming the Barrowmen's place as one of the best youth sides in Sussex last season.

Three points from the short journey west was an excellent result then for Neil Parker, Glenn Geard and their squad.

Four of the players on show for Hassocks were involved in that hammering back in May; Archie Russell, Beau Howard, Louis Thwaites and goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley who

was making his first start of the season after being away for the first two wins against Shoreham & Adur and Haywards Heath Town.

Sam Geard was also a part of the Hassocks squad last season but he was unavailable for the semi, the absence of one of the Robins' better players doing little to help their cause that day.

"Oliver Parker-Williams and Alife Beck got the Hassocks goals, continuing the fine form which had seen them claim braces in the win against Haywards Heath a week earlier."

Dunkley replacing Jake Palmer was one of two changes Hassocks made from their 5-0 Mid Sussex derby win against Haywards Heath seven days earlier.

The other saw Jack Morris take over from Josh Trinick, who dropped down to the bench.

All the goals came in the first half and remarkably, one substitute from either side was on the scoresheet despite the early nature of the strikes.



For Steyning, that player was Ezra Roeg, who notched what proved to be nothing more than a consolation with 32 minutes played.

Hassocks' goals meanwhile came from Oliver Parker-Williams and Alfie Beck, who was the Robins' scorer from the bench.

Both were continuing the fine form which had seen them claim braces in that win against Heath.

The result took Hassocks top of the early Central Division table ahead of a second local derby of the season in a week's time when Burgess Hill Town make the short trip to the Beacon.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Morris, Bundy, Carter, Douglass, Chowdhury, Hill, Geard, Howard, Parker-Williams, Russell.

Subs: Beck, Thwaites, Trinick (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	2-1	Parker-Williams, Beck
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	5-5	Parker-Williams, Russell, Beck, Chowdhury
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harry Bundy	4	0	4	0
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0
Jamie Douglass	3	0	3	0
Sam Geard	4	0	4	2
Archie Hill	4	0	4	0
Beau Howard	4	0	4	0
Archie Russell	4	0	4	0
Alfie Beck	2	2	4	3
Joe Woodhouse	1	3	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	0
Jack Morris	3	0	3	0
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	3	0	3	3
Louis Thwaites	1	2	3	0
Josh Trinick	1	1	2	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Daniel Llwellyn	0	1	1	0
Robert Newman	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0





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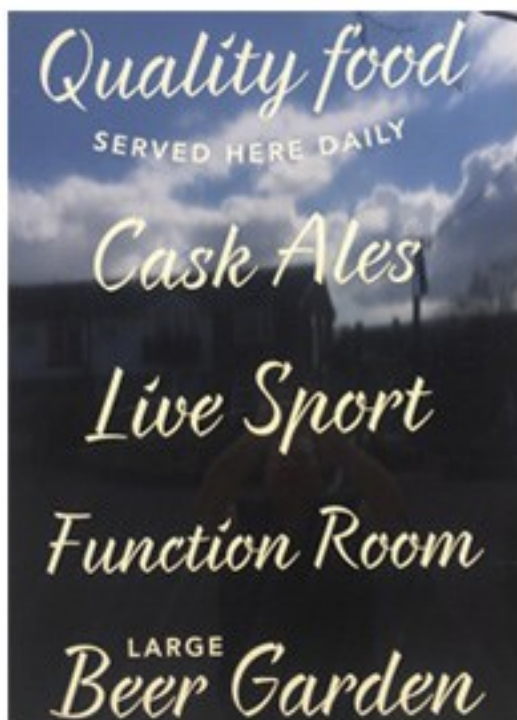
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Ladies Matches 2021-22

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

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Veterans Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
October				
03/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV		
November				
07/11 - 14:00	Furnace Green Rovers (A)	MSFLV		
21/11 - 14:00	Ansty Sports & Social (H)	MSFLV		
December				
05/12 - 14:00	Brockham (H)	MSFLV		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	East Court (A)	MSFLV		
February				
13/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Albion (H)	MSFLV		

Veterans Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Paul Armstrong	1	0	1	0
Jonathan Bundy	1	0	1	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Lee De La Rue Browne	1	0	1	0
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	2
David Juniper	1	0	1	2
Nick Newman	1	0	1	0
Robert Sayers	1	0	1	0
Steve Spies	1	0	1	2
Che Williams	1	0	1	0
Paull Gurr	0	1	1	0

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Hassocks were in good form on this day in **2007**. Still, a Tuesday night trip to perennial title challengers Three Bridges looked like a tough task for Dave John's side and a test of their own credentials for a top four finish...

Hibbert thunderbolt earns a share of the spoils

"The best one I have ever hit," is how Anthony Hibbert described his blockbuster 88th minute effort which secured a 1-1 draw for Hassocks against Three Bridges - and few would argue with that assessment.

Hibbert was 30 yards out at Jubilee Field when he produced a magnificent strike which arrowed into the top corner, leaving 6'8" Bridges goalkeeper Stuart Robinson with absolutely no chance.

It needed something special to beat Robinson, who had kept his side in it with a couple of fine stops as Hassocks dominated large spells of the game and had clearer cut opportunities.

When Bridges then scored a controversial 85th minute penalty, it looked as if the Robins were going to be victims of a mugging until Hibbert ensured a point went back to the Beacon. Really, it should have been all three.

Hassocks controlled the first half and could have gone into half time two or three goals ahead.

In a sign of what was to come, Hibbert went close with a couple of long rangers, the first of which beat Robinson but whistled just the wrong side of the post.

A Matt Amos cross shot then had to be harried to safety by Bridges after it passed under the body of Robinson with Phil Gault lurking in the box.

Bridges' dangerous front pairing of Jack McNab and Greg Palmer were

dealt with admirably by the Robins defence of Pete Lear, Ashley Marsh and Stuart Faith.

There was however a let off a minute before half time when McNab stabbed home from a goalmouth scramble, only for referee Barrie Small to spot an infringement on Marsh and rule the goal out.

Hassocks were quick out the blocks at the start of the second half. A good passing move involving Sam Fisk, Hibbert and Gault ended with Gault crossing and Amos flashing a header just the wrong side of the upright.

At the other hand, Joel Harding had to be alert to parry away an unexpected snap shot from McNab.

Bridges had more of the ball as the game wore on but they seemed to be obsessed with scoring the perfect goal by walking it into the net rather than shooting.

And when Bridges were not busy playing sideways pass followed by sideways pass, their attempts at theatrics and simulation led to some Hassocks players becoming increasingly angry.

Nathan Davis in particular is unlikely to win an Oscar for his acting ability anytime soon with Hasan Nyang and substitute Warren Whitley the other guilty parties when it came to trying to be the new Leonardo Di Caprio.

Faith, Marsh and Hibbert were all shown yellow cards for dissent as they pointed out to Mr Cox a little too vehemently that he was being led

down the garden path by unconvincing acting. Amos deservedly joined them in the book for a foul.

Hassocks' best chance of the second half came when Hibbert hit a low effort towards goal which seemed certain to nestle in the corner until Robinson extended a long leg to somehow keep it up.

The Bridges goalkeeper next fumbled a Faith shot but nobody in red was following up to take advantage.

Then came that late Bridges penalty. Davis took another somewhat questionable tumble in the box under a Faith challenge and much to Hassocks' dismay, Mr Cox pointed to the spot.

Liam Ahearne sent Harding the wrong way and suddenly, Hassocks looked to be heading home with nothing to show for their efforts from a game they should have won.

Luckily for the Robins, Hibbert chose to score the best goal of his life three minutes later to give them what was ultimately another valuable point on the road.

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

Subs: Thompson, Newington, Leahy, Wickwar (unused).

Around the League...



Whilst we were busy losing 3-0 to Little Common a fortnight ago, most of our fellow Southern Combination League clubs were doing battle to join us in today's FA Vase second qualifying round. Here is how they got on...

Five clubs managed to eliminate sides from outside of the Southern Combination League, although surprisingly only two of those victories were provided by Premier Division clubs as the top flight ended up being shown up by Division One.

Loxwood were one of those Premier outfits tasting success as they ran out 1-0 winners at home to **Faversham Strike Force** thanks to Sam Smith's 55th minute goal.

Crawley Down Gatwick were the other, recovering from 1-0 down at half time against **Lewisham Borough** to win 3-1 at the Haven.

Phil Johnson, Michael Wood and an own goal turned things around for the Anvils as they continued their excellent run of recent form.

Division One **Shoreham** had arguably the most impressive result of the day, winning 2-0 away at **Molesey**.

Tom Shelley got the party started on the stroke of half time and the Musselmen's victory was confirmed by substitute Michael Death, the former Hassocks favourite notching with four minutes remaining.

There was plenty of late drama for **Epsom & Ewell** who scored three times after the 89th minute to win 3-1 away at **Larkfield & New Nythe**.

Adam Grant's 89th minute strike was followed by a 91st minute effort from Jordan Martin and a 93rd minute goal from Ellis Cormack.

Last but by no means least, **Arundel** were 1-0 winners away at **Radstock Town**, where Ollie Hawkins scored the only goal in the 78th minute.

Joining Loxwood, Crawley Down, Shoreham, Epsom and Arundel in the second qualifying round were **Pagham**, who were made to work hard for a 1-0 win in a local derby against Division One side **Selsey**.

Jack Langford scored the only goal in the 47th minute and in keeping with the spicy rivalry between the two, Jack North saw red for Selsey.

It took penalties to separate **Seaford Town** and **Peacehaven & Telscombe** at the Crouch, where the Division One hosts were able to pull off a shock by winning 4-2 on spot kicks.

Tyler Capon put Peacehaven 1-0 ahead with only five minutes played before Mathew Holland's 53rd minute equaliser ensured that penalties were needed.

Peacehaven scored only two of theirs compared to Seaford who converted four to complete the upset.

Roffey came close to pulling off an upset away at **Tunbridge Wells**, drawing 1-1 before succumbing to a 4-2 defeat on penalties. Dan Pearce was the Roffey scorer with 27 minutes on the clock.

There was also penalty heartache for **Wick** - who bowed out 4-2 following a 0-0 draw at **Alton** - and **Broadbridge Heath** after a thriller at High Wood Hill Spots Ground ended 3-3 against **Croydon**.

A 94th minute Alfie Jones effort for the Bears ensured it needed to be decided from 12 yards. An own goal and Lewis Croal had earlier been on target for Heath.

Morgan Vale and Tyler Pearson scored for **AFC Uckfield Town** in a

3-2 defeat at the hands of **Colliers Wood United** at the Oaks and **Lingfield** suffered a close 2-1 defeat against **Erith & Belvedere**. Ben Connolly scored for the Lingers.

Steyping Town lost 3-1 away at **Raynes Park Vale** with Tom Howard-Bold on target for the Barrowmen in the 20th minute and there was a 4-2 defeat on the road for **Newhaven** at **Sutton Athletic**.

Lucas Franzen-Jones had given the Dockers the perfect start, opening the scoring inside of 60 minutes and despite Lee Robinson also netting in the first half, they were still eliminated.

None of the other Premier Division representatives managed to trouble the scorers; **Eastbourne United** were left hanging by **Bridon Ropes** who beat them 3-0 at the Oval.

A short distance away and **Eastbourne Town** went down 1-0 at home to **Sheppey United**, **East Preston** were turned over 5-0 by **Redhill** and **Horsham YMCA** crashed 4-0 at **Abbey Rangers**.

The other Division One clubs exiting the competition were **Storrington** beaten 4-0 at **Lordswood** and **Billingshurst** who went down 3-0 at home to **Forest Hill Park**.

Finally, **Oakwood** put up a real fight by scoring three times against **Welling Town** before half time but found themselves on the end of a 4-3 defeat at Tinsley Lane.

Ebenezer Amisah, Marlon Fraser and Rhys Bolt got the goals for the Oaks.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littlehampton Town	10	9	0	1	34	12	27
Pagham	11	8	0	3	19	11	24
Saltdean United	9	7	0	2	29	9	21
Little Common	10	6	3	1	26	9	21
Alfold	10	7	0	3	17	9	21
Bexhill United	10	6	1	3	24	16	19
Crawley Down Gatwick	10	5	2	3	27	13	17
Newhaven	7	5	1	1	18	5	16
Broadbridge Heath	8	5	1	2	18	8	16
Lingfield	8	4	1	3	15	13	13
Peacehaven & Tels	7	4	0	3	11	10	12
Horsham YMCA	11	3	3	5	13	30	12
Eastbourne Town	9	3	2	4	10	14	11
AFC Uckfield Town	10	2	3	5	10	16	9
Steyning Town	8	2	2	4	10	19	8
Eastbourne United	9	2	0	7	8	20	6
Loxwood	9	1	2	6	7	20	5
Hassocks	10	1	2	7	11	31	5
East Preston	10	0	2	8	8	31	2
AFC Varndeanians	10	0	1	9	17	36	1

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	223	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	181	226	133
Littlehampton Town	154	220	112
Saltdean United	135	223	87
Newhaven	130	151	101
Broadbridge Heath	127	172	82
Pagham	107	187	0
Eastbourne United	106	147	84
Bexhill United	106	186	64
Hassocks	99	180	50
Steyning Town	97	130	68
Little Common	85	114	64
East Preston	84	108	0
Alfold	78	109	56
Crawley Down Gatwick	74	86	60
Loxwood	72	83	52
Horsham YMCA	69	94	0
AFC Uckfield Town	67	116	39
AFC Varndeanians	65	122	40
Lingfield	63	81	45

Premier Division Form Guide

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Littlehampton Town	WWWWW
Little Common	WWWDD
Newhaven	WWLWWW
Pagham	WWWWWL
Broadbridge Heath	LWWDWW
Bexhill United	DWLWWW
Saltdean United	WLWWWL
Alfold	WLWLWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LDWWW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LWWWLL
Lingfield	LLDWLW
AFC Uckfield Town	WLWLLL
Eastbourne United	WWLLLL
Horsham YMCA	DWDLLW
Hassocks	LWDLLL
Eastbourne Town	DLLDLL
Loxwood	LLDDLL
Steyning Town	DLLLLD
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLD
East Preston	DLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	20
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	12
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	11
Jack Langford	Pagham	11
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	10
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	10
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	10
Joe Clarke	Pagham	9
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	8
Lewis Hole	Little Common	7
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	7
Sam Clements	Lingfield	6
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	6
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	6
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	6
Sam Lemon	Alfold	6
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	5
Tom Boyle	AFC V'deanians	5
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	5
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning	5

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	5	4	1	0	22	7	13
Hassocks	5	4	1	0	10	2	13
Oakwood	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Roffey	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Crowborough Athletic	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
Steyning Town	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Alfold	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
St Francis Rangers	4	1	0	3	5	10	3
Horsham YMCA	3	0	1	2	5	15	1

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	9
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	4
Derrick Kabagozza	B'bridge Heath	3
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3
Connor Bradley	Hassocks	2
Rob DS Saravia	Horsham YMCA	2
Harry Mark	B'bridge Heath	2
Toby Reeder	St Francis	2

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	4	3	1	0	13	6	10
Steyning Town	4	3	0	1	14	6	9
Shoreham & Adur	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Worthing United	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
St Francis Rangers	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
Montpelier Villa	2	1	1	0	9	2	4
Burgess Hill Town	3	1	1	1	10	10	4
AFC Varndeanians	4	1	0	3	8	14	3
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Beeding	3	0	0	3	2	11	0
Haywards Heath Town	4	0	0	4	4	22	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	4
Destiny Ojo	Steyning Town	4
Oli Parker-Williams	Hassocks	4
Owen Waters	St Francis	4
Alfie Beck	Hassocks	4
Sam Geard	Hassocks	3
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	3
Max Keegan	AFC V'deanians	3
Aaron Ancell	Burgess Hill	2
Gabriel Brennan	Steyning Town	2
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	2

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seaford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodingdean Wand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
Furnace Green	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Ansty Sports & Social	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ardingly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brockham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charlwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Court	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
South Godstone	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
David Neathey	Furnace Green	3
Pat Harding	Hassocks	2
David Juniper	Hassocks	2
Steve Spies	Hassocks	2
Owen Barry	South Godstone	1
Elliott Butler	Hassocks	1
Terry Deacon	Furnace Green	1
Nick Palmer	East Court	1
Lee Welton	Furnace Green	1



Coming up...

Another home game follows hot on the heels of today's FA Vase clash with Eastbourne United visiting the Beacon on Tuesday night - and that is followed by a first league meeting since 1992 with Bexhill United...



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?

A quick glance at the Premier Division table tells you this is a big one. United are one point ahead of us, having won two of their nine matches so far. 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. They are enjoying themselves so far, racking up six wins from 10 games to sit sixth in the table. Included in those victories is a seriously impressive 3-1 win over Saltdean United.

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 Dagleish 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 Pevensey. 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.



AFC Vardeanians

When?

Saturday 9th October

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

AFC Vardeanians this season?

Like Bexhill, AFC Vardeanians were elevated to the Premier Division for the 2021-22 campaign based on their record in Division One over the past two seasons. Unlike Bexhill and Littlehampton Town who have made the step up with ease, Vardeanians have struggled so far. They lost their first nine matches before appointing Ryan Gayler as manager, who has since put their first point on the board with an impressive draw against Crawley Down Gatwick. A corner may well have been turned at Withdean, which is bad timing ahead of their visit to the Beacon.

Our record against AFC Vardeanians?

We have never faced AFC Vardeanians in senior football before. Our old third team used to cross swords with Vs regularly when they were known as Old Vardeanians during their Mid Sussex Football League days in the 2000s. The most famous meeting came

when we pulled off a shock by winning the Montgomery Cup on penalties against them in 2004 with a very young side which included an 18-year-old Ashley Marsh, a 16-year-old Sam Fisk and a 49-year-old Robbie Kitchen.

Last time we met?

That was at Mid Sussex Premier level back in the 2011-12 season and it was hardly a classic, finishing 0-0 at Brighton University. The previous fixture was much more exciting, Steve Dallaway scoring twice and James Laing once in a 4-3 defeat at the Beacon on Bonfire Night 2011.

Any familiar faces?

Our club captain from last season Bradley Bant made the move to Withdean a few weeks into the current campaign. He joins two other players at Vardeanians who have over 100 Hassocks appearances to their names - Jamie Hillwood and Luke Akehurst.



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September £42
October
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TOTAL £182

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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 **Max Blencowe**
Little Common home **Andy Whittingham**
Littlehampton Town away **Jack Gardner**
Beckenham Town home
Eastbourne United home
Bexhill United away
AFC Varndeanians home
Horsham YMCA home
Loxwood away
Pagham home
East Preston away
Alfold home
Broadbridge Heath away
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
AFC Uckfield Town away
Eastbourne Town away
Saltdean United home
Crawley Down Gatwick away
Lingfield home
Little Common away
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East Preston home
Pagham away
Newhaven away
Littlehampton Town home
Steyning Town away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Alfold away

Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021
1st **Connor Bradley**
2nd **Alfie Loversidge**
3rd **Josh Short**

September 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

October 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

November 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

December 2021
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January 2021
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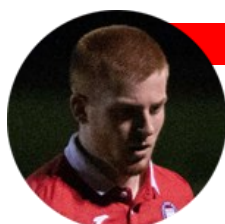
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Manager Jason Huntley
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Next at the Beacon



Eastbourne United
 Tuesday 28th September. 7:45pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other FA Vase games

AFC Vardeanians v Kent Football United
 Alfold v Redhill
 Alton v Pagham
 Athletic Newham v Bexhill United
 Fisher v Little Common
 Loxwood v Erith & Belvedere
 Saltdean United v Bridon Ropes
 Tower Hamlets v Crawley Down Gatwick