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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 evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Southern Combination League Premier Division clash with Eastbourne United...

We would like to start by welcoming the players, management, committee and supporters of United and hope they enjoy their stay with us this evening.

Tonight represents the second home game in a run of three consecutive league matches at the Beacon which look likely to have a big bearing on how the rest of the campaign shapes up.

The good news is that we got off to the perfect start at the weekend, beating AFC Varndeanians 4-1 in front of the biggest crowd of the season so far.

Old V's may have arrived bottom of the table but they had picked up some improved results since Ryan Gayler's appointment a couple of weeks ago, marking it out as a difficult looking afternoon.

For us to be totally dominant then was seriously impressive and nobody watching could deny that we were worthy of such a margin of victory.

Alfie will quite rightly take the headlines for his first senior hat-trick but everyone involved deserved credit for a thoroughly professional performance which put our second

win of the season on the board.

It was also great to see two more old faces return. James Westlake and Josh Hawkes have both followed Spencer back to the Beacon from Loxwood and judging by the reception you gave them when they were introduced from the bench, their signings are very popular.

The challenge now is to deliver performances and results like that on a more consistent basis. That will not be easy this evening against a United side who arrive in good form, recording three wins on the bounce in which they have plundered 15 goals.

Away from first team matters and the Under 23 progressed into the second round of their County Cup, beating Saltdean United 3-2 on Thursday night.

We named a very strong line up for the game, Josh Short scoring twice along with Spencer to book our place in the next round of the competition and make it six games unbeaten.

You can say if that impressive start to the season continues on Thursday night when we welcome Alfold to the Beacon. Kick off is 7:45pm and the normal Under 23s

admission prices of £3 adults and £1 concessions apply.

The Under 18s were not able to pull off a shock in their own County Cup game, losing 5-0 away against Eastbourne Borough on Sunday morning.

That was the start of a very busy Sunday as both the Veterans and the Ladies were in action in the afternoon.

The veterans ran out 7-2 winners over Charlwood. Steve Spies grabbed a hat-trick with the other goals coming from Paul Armstrong, Jonathan Bundy, Anthony Hibbert and Chris Maynard.

The ladies meanwhile were edged out 5-4 by Pagham. Two goals from Katherine Chappell and efforts from Jodie Johanson and Kirstin Mair were not quite enough to see off the Lions.

After Thursday night's Under 23 football, the next action is here on Saturday afternoon against Horsham YMCA at 3pm. That is followed by Crawley Down Gatwick, also at the Beacon on Tuesday 19th October.

Enjoy today's game,

Owen & Scott



Today's visitors...



Eastbourne United

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Nickname United

Ground The Oval

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Manager Anthony Storey

Top Scorer Festos Kamara, 6

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 1955, 1956, 2009

Southern Combination One

Winners 2014

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1960, 1963, 1964, 1966,
1967, 1969

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1956, 2009

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1951, 1952

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1966, 1969

After a slow start to the season, a September managerial change looks to be working wonders for an Eastbourne United side who arrive at the Beacon tonight as one of the form teams in the division...

Former AFC Uckfield Town manager Anthony Storey was appointed to the Oval hot seat in the middle of last month with United having won two of their opening 11 matches in all competitions.

And whilst Storey suffered defeat in his first game in charge against Newhaven, there has been no looking back since then with three consecutive wins put on the board and the goals flying in.

In Storey's debut home match, United put seven past Lingfield without reply. They followed that up by beating Loxwood 4-0 before coming away from Horsham YMCA with a 4-2 success at the weekend.

That sequence of results has lifted United into 11th spot in the Premier Division and with eyes fixed firmly up the table.

Storey instigating such a turnaround will come as no surprise to regular Hassocks watchers, who have seen the Robins struggle whenever up against the well organised and talented side he put together at Uckfield.

The progression at the Oaks under his management was quite

something, Uckfield going from receiving a relegation reprieve in the 2016-17 campaign to they securing their highest ever finish of seventh in 2018-19 when a Premier Division season was last completed.

Uckfield also reached the final of the Peter Bentley League Cup and were the last Southern Combination League team standing in the FA Vase, going as far as the fourth round.

If Storey can repeat the job he did at the Oaks for United, then good times look likely to lay ahead for a club who have struggled in recent years.

They completed a dramatic last day escape from relegation in the 2018-19 season and were in the mire for much of 2020-21 until the season was curtailed.

United did look to be picking up just before the Christmas lockdown, including when beating us in our last meeting at the Oval in December.

That made it two wins on the bounce for United in the fixture; something of a turnaround following several years of Hassocks dominance.

10 Key Moments

1921... known as Eastbourne Royal Engineers Old Comrades, they join the Southern Combination League

1946... Eastbourne Comrades FC – the fifth of seven names the club have used – move to the Oval

1955... United lift their first Southern Combination title, successfully defending it the next year

1963... they leave the Southern Combination League for the Athenian League

1977... another change of leagues, this time with a move to the Isthmian League

1991... after 28 years, United return to the Southern Combination League

2003... Eastbourne United merge with Shinewater Association to become Eastbourne United Association

2009... complete a league and cup double, lifting the Southern Combination title and the Sussex RUR Cup

2011... United are relegated into Division One of the Southern Combination League

2014... the Division One title is lifted and there is best ever run to the semi finals of the FA Vase

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 18th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 16th

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 10th

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 12th

2013-14, Southern Combination One 1st

2012-13, Southern Combination One 4th

2011-12, Southern Combination One 6th

2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 20th

2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 6th

2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 1st

2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 11th

2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 14th

2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 3rd

2002-03, Southern Combination One 8th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 19th

2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 11th

1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 15th

Hassocks v Little Common :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 34 - Won 12 - Drew 10 - Lost 12 - Scored 52 - Conceded 50

SCFL Division One... Played 6 - Won 5 - Drew 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 17 - Conceded 8

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drew 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 1

FA Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drew 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drew 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 4 - Conceded 2

Total... Played 44 Won 20 Drew 12 Lost 12 Scored 85 Conceded 62

Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 4-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 Eastbourne United

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-1 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-2 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-3 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Eastbourne United

Played for Both

Goalkeeper James Broadbent won every award going at the end of Hassocks' 2016-17 season, picking up a clean sweep of Players Player, Managers Player and Supporters Player.

That form was enough to earn him a move to the Isthmian League with Shoreham for 2017-18, spending the next two seasons at Middle Road before moving to Whitehawk.

Broadbent plied his trade at the Oval the season before he signed for the Robins and has also had spells at United's rivals Eastbourne Town, AFC

Uckfield Town, Peacehaven & Telscombe and current club Saltdean United

Midfielder Zak Dove played 11 times and scored once in the 2013-14 season after signing for Hassocks from Ryman side Lewes.

He spent three years at the Oval between 2015 and 2018 and has since become manager of Eastbourne Town Women.

Last but by no means least, Jack Troak had a spell with United before joining Hassocks in the summer of 2019, since when he has scored 13 goals in 54 appearances for the Robins.



Dark trip to the Sunshine Coast as post-lockdown blues continue

For the second time in as many post lockdown matches, Hassocks suffered a disappointing 1-0 defeat against one of the sides floundering near the bottom of the Southern Combination League Premier Division table.

On Tuesday night, the Robins had been defeated by Broadbridge Heath. This time, it was Eastbourne United doing the damage as Ray Collier got his first win since his appointment as United boss following Matt Crabb's resignation in October.

Collier had lost his first three games in charge, conceding 16 times along the way including a crushing 4-1 Eastbourne derby defeat to Langney Wanderers in midweek when Hassocks were being picked off by the Bears.

That the Robins were not able to inflict another loss on Collier and his players was partly down to goalkeeper Sam Owens, making his debut following the departure of Jordan Hawkins to Steyning Town 24 hours earlier.

Based on what United fans saw here, Owens looks like quite the capture.

He was in inspired form throughout, pulling off a succession of excellent saves to pick up a hard-earned clean sheet and the host's man-of-the-match award to boot.

There was a certain element of Hassocks being wasteful in front of goal too and despite their numerous chances, the Robins could have no real gripes with the result in the end.

Hassocks made two changes from the side who had lost to Broadbridge Heath.

Louis Pittock returned from injury to make his first start since September's FA Vase exit to Peacehaven & Telscombe in place of Jack Gardner at right back with Jake Chadwick taking over from Josh

Short in midfield.

It took a little while for the action to get going. The first chance of the game did not arrive until the 15th minute when Owens kept out a Pitcher effort.

Four minutes later and Charlie Pugh got behind a Dom Cole shot. The rebound looked like it was going to fall kindly to George Landais but he could not quite get there and Hassocks survived the scare.

United began to dominate with Landais at the heart of most of their good play.

Landais had spent the early part of the campaign playing in the Mid Sussex League with Westfield, having been a regular scorer at Isthmian Level over the past couple of seasons.

Collier convincing Landais to step back up to the Southern Combination League could have a huge bearing in pulling United away from the Premier Division relegation zone and it was no surprise to see him score the only goal of the game on 44 minutes.

Jack Troak and Harvey Enticknap should have done better with clear chances to give Hassocks the lead which Owens saved before Landais struck.

At the other end, Pugh had denied Panashe Makwiramiti and Landais with the second of those opportunities coming after the Robins were not convincing when defending a Kane Penn corner.

Despite that flurry of action to finish the first half, it looked like the sides would go into the break goalless until Landais broke the deadlock as Pugh was badly let down by his teammates.

Hassocks squandered possession out on the right, allowing Makwiramiti the freedom of Eastbourne to pick out Landais in the middle of the Robins' box.

Landais still had much to do but he succeeded in getting the ball under control, turning his man and

clinically despatching a shot past Pugh to make it 1-0.

United began the second half the brighter and they should have doubled the advantage on 53.

Alfie Headland found himself with time and space in the middle of the Hassocks box, only to see his effort kept out by Pugh. United could then only scramble the rebound wide.

Hassocks did manage to find a way past Owens with 68 minutes played but the goal was controversially ruled out for offside.

Bradley Bant rattled the post with a rasping right hand drive from 25 yards with Troak gobbling up the rebound to slot into the unguarded net.

To reach the loose ball, Troak had come charging past a couple of United defenders and yet the linesman's flag went up.

Even the home supporters looked baffled by the decision, which seemed to deflate Hassocks somewhat.

The Robins kept huffing and puffing but having kept Owens on his toes throughout the first three quarters of the afternoon, the United goalkeeper was able to relax a little as the visitors struggled to make any further inroads.

In fact, it was United who ended the tie the strongest. Makwiramiti spotted Pugh out of his goal but his audacious effort dropped the wrong side of the crossbar and Landais then saw an effort scrambled off the line before dragging the final chance of the match wide.

Hassocks: Pugh; Pittock, Marshall, Turner, Whittingham; Enticknap, Chadwick, Bant, Troak; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

Subs: Gardner, Wilkes (used), Bull, Loversidge, Wickwar (unused).

10 man Robins battle to end the perfect start of leaders United

Ten man Hassocks became the first side to take a point off Eastbourne United Association this season as an excellent battling performance earned a 3-3 draw from the early Sussex County League leaders.

The Robins lost captain Ian Simpson to a dubious straight red card for denying a goal scoring opportunity with just over 30 minutes played.

When Wes Tate converted the resulting penalty to put United 2-1 ahead, a long evening looked in store playing shorthanded against opponents who have swept all before them so far on their return to Division One.

Hassocks though refused to lie down. They came from behind twice and were well worth their point, even if it took two stunning saves from Under 18s goalkeeper Josh Green in the final 10 minutes to prevent United extending their perfect start to the campaign.

Green was deputising for the holidaying Jack Simpson and was one of nine players in Dave John's starting XI under the age of 25.

That was in stark contrast to the experience and guile United possess in a squad who won Division Two at a canter last season as well as reaching the semi finals of the FA Vase.

It came as something of a shock then when Dan Jacques gave Hassocks the lead with only nine minutes played.

Ellis Common advanced in trademark fashion from right back, his low cross into the box was stepped over by Jamie Hillwood and the enigmatic Jacques curled an effort past visiting goalkeeper Adam Sargeant from 20 yards.

United showed a healthy Beacon crowd why they had plundered 23 goals already, laying siege to the

Hassocks goal immediately after falling behind.

Eventually, United found a way through when Jason Taylor fired through a crowd of players, leaving the unsighted Green with no chance.

Simpson and Nick Pitcher did their utmost to contain the United threat as the visitors continued to pour forward before the former picked up the first red card of his career in controversial circumstances.

A shot squirmed away from Green and as Simpson and Lucas Mann battled to get there first, the Hassocks defender pulled back Mann.

There was no doubting it was a penalty but Mann going down as if he had been hit by a sniper up on Jack & Jill seemed a little unnecessary.

Hassocks' mood was not improved when referee Dane Johnston then sent Simpson for an early bath, the general consensus being that Green would probably have gathered the ball before Mann got there and it was therefore not a clear scoring opportunity.

The Robins channelled their frustrations in exactly the right way as they went up the other end to equalise within three minutes.

Aaron Czech produced a deft flick around the corner which took out two United defenders. Common went racing clear and he finished past Sargeant with aplomb for his first senior goal.

Parity lasted for all of two minutes before United moved 3-2 ahead and once again, it was the officials who came to the fore.

A soft foul was awarded against George Brown out on the left and Green then appeared to be impeded when attempting to gather the free kick into his box, leaving Mann with a free header at the back post.

Five goals in 33 minutes had made for entertaining fare. Neither side could add to it before the break and most in the clubhouse seemed to think that there was no way the

second half could match the first.

Hassocks did their best to dispel that opinion by equalising once again six minutes after the restart.

Brown released Nathan Miles who accelerated past his mark and pulled a low cross back in the box. Czech had timed his run to perfection, meeting it with a calm finish at the back post.

The game continued to ebb and flow from that point as both sides had chances to win it.

Dan Stokes fired over after Miles had somehow stayed on his feet despite United kicking him to pieces as he foxtrotted around the box and Mann defied the laws of physics to hook over the Hassocks bar from six yards out with the goal gaping.

Hillwood spurned a glorious chance to put Hassocks ahead with seven minutes left to play, placing a header straight at Sargeant from a teasing cross delivered by substitute Luke Pearce.

Green's heroics took place either side of that Hillwood header. Firstly, Green somehow managed to flick a volley over the bar when lying on the ground after a downwards heard sparked chaos and confusion in the Hassocks box.

Better was to come in the final minute as the teenager went full stretch to his left to claw away a header which seemed destined for the far corner.

Those two saves were the talk of the Beacon afterwards and whilst Green was an obvious man-of-the-match winner for his interventions, this was a fine team performance which John will be hoping can prove a catalyst for a push up the Division One table.

Hassocks: Green; Common, Pitcher, Simpson, G Brown; Czech, Jacques, Stokes, Hillwood; Miles, Johnson.

Subs: Pearce (Czech 68), John, Booth, R Wickwar (unused).



Slaughter and Bant both lured back to the Beacon

Two former Hassocks favourites are back at the Beacon with the Robins swooping to sign Spencer Slaughter and Bradley Bant.

The duo have made over 400 appearances between them for Hassocks and will bring experience and leadership to Brad Sweetman's young squad.

Slaughter became one of the most popular players in Hassocks history over three previous spells with the club, racking up 290 games and scoring 47 goals.

He made his first team debut as a 17-year-old towards the end of the 2004-05 campaign. The following season, he was part of the title winning Under 18s of 2006 and a year later played a key role in helping the reserves to their first ever Reserve Section Cup.

Slaughter established himself as one of the first names on the team

sheet in the 2007-08 campaign and won a clean sweep of Players' Player, Manager's Player and Supporters' Player of the Season awards in 2008-09.

He eventually got a deserved shot at Isthmian League football as part of the Burgess Hill Town side which won the South Division championship and embarked on a memorable FA Trophy run in 2014-15.

A short spell at Haywards Heath Town followed before Slaughter returned 'home' to the Beacon in September 2015.

After serving as player-coach under Mark Dalglish in the 2018-19 season, Slaughter moved to Loxwood for 2019-20 and soon found himself taking over the manager job.

He led the Magpies to the final of the Premier Division Supplementary Shield in May, where they were beaten by Isthmian-bound Lancing.

Slaughter left Plaistow Road in September and the Robins have wasted no time in making their move,

bringing Slaughter back to the Beacon in a signing that is sure to delight and excite Hassocks fans.

Bant meanwhile returns having moved to AFC Varndeanians at the start of the current campaign, playing five times and scoring once during a brief stay at Withdean Stadium.

This will be Bant's third spell with the Robins. He first arrived midway through the 2014-15 season from Lancing and stayed until moving to Peacehaven & Telscombe in August 2018.

Bant was brought back to the Beacon last summer and installed as captain, leading the Robins through 2020-21 until the season was curtailed by the pandemic. He has made 150 appearances for the club so far, scoring 12 times.

On the departure front, George Mitchell-Phillips has left Hassocks to sign for Saltdean United.

Mitchell-Phillips scored three times in nine appearances after arriving from Lewes in the summer.

Loversidge leads Hassocks to victory over Varndeanians

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 9th October 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 4-1 AFC Varndeanians**



Has a star been born at the Beacon? Alfie Loversidge became the first Hassocks teenager to score a senior hat-trick for 15 years as the Robins hammered AFC Varndeanians 4-1 in the first league meeting between the clubs.

Mid-October and the season 12 games old may be too early to describe a fixture as a six pointer. This had the feeling though of a match Hassocks could not afford to lose against one of only four teams below them in the table.

Varndeanians arrived rock bottom with one draw and 10 defeats from 11 games, but they had shown signs of improvement in recent weeks following the return of Ryan Gayler to Withdean Stadium as manager.

Still, they had no answer to a Hassocks side giving their best performance of the season in front of a Beacon crowd of 210.

Loversidge deservedly took the headlines. This though was a real team effort and equally impressive was his strike partner Joe Bull, who set the Robins on their way to victory when opening the scoring inside of 10 minutes.

It was a goal of individual brilliance, Bull making something out of nothing. He has a natural tendency to drift into the channels and on this occasion, that saw him picking up the ball out on the right.

There did not seem much on as he cut inside the Varndeanians left back. What followed was a shot unleashed from 25 yards that caught everyone by surprise to nestle in the far corner of the Varndeanians goal.

The visitors nearly had an instant response. Hassocks were unable to clear their lines, a scuffed clearance fell to a Varndeanians player and Charlie Pugh was forced into a smart save.

Hassocks doubled their advantage on 29 minutes with a route one goal full of determination which 1980s

Wimbledon would have been proud of.

Andy Whittingham flicked on a Pugh goal kick and when a visiting defender dallied on the ball, the rampaging Bull was able to pick his pocket.

Bull now had a clear run at goal down the left and he selflessly pulled a low cross back to Loversidge who finished with aplomb.

Six minutes later and Hassocks should have had a third. Bull was again at the heart of it, another powerful charge at the Varndeanians defence ending with a shot that was repelled.

He perhaps should have squared to Bradley Bant who was in a far better position to net against the club he began the season with, but nobody could blame Bull for going it alone given the confident mood he was in.

So confident in fact that he was willing to try and audacious bicycle kick a couple of minutes into the second half.

Varndeanians did not need to worry, the effort ending up in the children's park at the west end of the ground rather than the visitors' net.

Following that, the remaining 40 or so minutes became the Loversidge show. He scored his second of the afternoon and Hassocks' third shortly after that Bull overhead.

A flying block of a Josh Short effort fell kindly to Loversidge, who showed a remarkably cool head to round the goalkeeper and finish from a very tight angle.

The treble was completed with 13 minutes remaining. Loversidge converted a penalty after being chopped down in the box, becoming the first 18-year-old to nab a Hassocks hat-trick since Matt Amos in 2006. Not bad company to be in.

The similarities do not end there. Like Amos, Loversidge started out as a midfielder.

Brad Sweetman's decision to push

him further forward in the wake of George Mitchell-Phillips' departure to Saltdean United is looking inspired and Loversidge now sits on seven goals from 15 matches. He is quite the talent.

There was plenty of action to note in-between Loversidge's second and third goals, too. Following the return of Spencer Slaughter to the Beacon from Loxwood, Hassocks have also raided Plaistow Road to bring James Westlake and Josh Hawkes back to the club.

Both were introduced as second half substitutes, the recipients of excellent receptions from the Hassocks faithful telling you just how well their captures have gone down.

Westlake nearly made the perfect comeback, rattling the post with a volley five minutes after his introduction. The rebound was bundled home, only to be correctly ruled out for a foul on the goalkeeper by referee Thomas Price.

There were other chances for Hassocks to go beyond the four goals they managed. Westlake tried a bicycle kick of his own from a long throw which was much closer than Bull's earlier effort, forcing the Varndeanians goalkeeper into a smart save.

Westlake then should have done better when off target from another enterprising cross from Bull and Loversidge was inches wide with a snapshot.

The only downer came when Varndeanians denied Pugh and his defence a clean sheet, substitute Constantin Cornel Ducia powering home a free header with seven minutes remaining.

Hassocks: Pugh; Tuck, Marshall, B Tighe, Whittingham; Gardner, Bradley, Short, Bant; Loversidge, Bull.

Subs: Westlake, Wallis, Hawkes (used), Rawlingson, Parker (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	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
October				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
19/10 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
30/10 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
November				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
December				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
January				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
February				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
March				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	15	0	15	7	33	9
Josh Short	14	0	14	1	26	1
Jack Gardner	13	0	13	1	36	1
Andy Whittingham	13	0	13	0	111	2
Arthur Rawlingson	9	4	13	0	13	0
Luke Marshall	11	1	12	0	28	0
Joe Bull	10	2	12	2	73	6
Bradley Tighe	9	0	9	0	112	0
Connor Bradley	8	1	9	1	18	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Jack Baden	4	4	8	0	12	0
Jude Wallis	2	6	8	0	8	0
Charlie Tuck	6	0	6	0	12	0
Lewis Beebee	5	1	6	1	9	1
Alex Harris	5	0	5	0	65	0
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	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
Bradley Bant	3	0	3	0	152	12
Charlie Pugh	3	0	3	0	27	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
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
Harvey Parker	1	0	1	0	1	0
Josh Hawkes	0	1	1	0	73	11
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
Spencer Slaughter	0	1	1	0	291	47
Louis Thwaites	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13
James Westlake	0	1	1	0	197	30



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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
October				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23		
21/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
28/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Ben Hicks	6	0	6	0
Sean McSwiney	6	0	6	1
Archie Russell	3	3	6	1
Wes Tighe	3	3	6	0
Jack Baden	5	0	5	0
Harvey Ransome	4	1	5	0
Louis Thwaites	1	4	5	0
Jude Wallis	4	0	4	0
Jay Hudson	3	1	4	5
Jordan Badger	2	1	3	0
Kobe Dersley	2	1	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
George Mercer	2	1	3	0
Arthur Rawlingson	1	2	3	0
Jacob Killkelly	0	3	3	0
Lewis Beebee	2	0	2	0
Connor Bradley	2	0	2	2
Luke Marshall	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Brad Sweetman	1	1	2	0
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
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Harvey Parker	1	0	1	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	2
Spencer Slaughter	1	0	1	1
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0

Entertainment keeps coming as Robins squeeze past Varndeanians

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 26th September 2021, Withdean Stadium

AFC Varndeanians U18s 2-3 Hassocks U18s

If you want to see goals at the moment, then Hassocks Under 18s are the team to watch. Following last week's 10 goal thriller against Burgess Hill Town, the Robins and AFC Varndeanians shared five at Withdean Stadium.

Whereas Hassocks had to settle for a point last time out against their local rivals, this time all three came back from the short trip over Clayton Hill thanks to a 3-2 victory.

Success maintained the Robins' place at the top of the early Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division league table as life continues to be good under the new management team of Neil Parker and Glenn Geard.

The Robins made three changes from the side held at home by Hill the previous Sunday.

Max Beston came in for his Hassocks debut and Daniel Llwellyn and Joe Woodhouse were both promoted from the bench.

Dropping out were Jake Palmer, Archie Hill and Abir Chowdhury, who had netted his first goal for the Robins against the Hillians.

The Robins also gave a debut to

Joe Holland from the bench, one of two substitutes used alongside the returning Robert Newman by Parker and Geard.

Although Varndeanians came into the game having lost all four of their league games so far this season, Hassocks knew that this would not be an easy assignment.

The Central Division looks as competitive a league as it has been in many years.

Normally, a couple of teams maintain 100 percent records after the opening month but that is not the case this year, every club having dropped points already.

Only Hassocks and Montpelier Villa remain unbeaten. The Robins have been made to work hard to maintain that record so far and their clash with Varndeanians was no different.

Three players who have enjoyed fine individual starts to the season were in the goals as Archie Russell, Sam Geard and Beau Howard notched for Hassocks.

Geard and Russell have already experienced first team football for Hassocks in 2021-22 with Russell also establishing himself as a regular in the Under 23s who, like the Under 18s, remain unbeaten after a fine set of August and September results.



For Varndeanians, Toby Samrah and substitute Kiran Mahapatra scored the consolations.

Hassocks face St Francis Rangers next in their third Mid Sussex Derby of the season although one of those will not be repeated, Haywards Heath Town having withdrawn from the Central Division after a winless start.

That will then be followed by a tough examination in the Dennis Probee Sussex Under 18 Challenge Cup, where the Robins have been handed a trip to Conference South outfit Eastbourne Borough on Sunday 10th October.

Hassocks: Beston, Morris, Bundy, Douglass, Llwellyn, Woodhouse, Geard, Howard, Beck, Parker-Williams, Russell.

Subs: Holland, Newman (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, Geard
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Geard, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/11 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18		
24/11 - 11:00	Upper Beeding (A)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harry Bundy	6	0	6	0
Sam Geard	6	0	6	4
Beau Howard	6	0	6	1
Archie Russell	6	0	6	2
Alfie Beck	4	2	6	4
Jamie Douglass	5	0	5	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	4	1	5	5
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0
Archie Hill	4	0	4	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Louis Thwaites	2	2	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Daniel Llwellyn	2	1	3	0
Josh Trinick	2	1	3	0
Max Beston	2	0	2	0
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0
Jayden Dunkley	2	0	2	0
Joe Holland	0	2	2	0
Robert Newman	0	2	2	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0
Muhammad Wilson	0	1	1	0

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Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
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		
19/12 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	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		
March				
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (A)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sarah Chappell	3	0	3	0
Emma Flin	3	0	3	0
Jodie Johanson	3	0	3	1
Kirstin Mair	3	0	3	1
Sam Newman	3	0	3	0
Mia Pordage	3	0	3	0
Claire Stevens	3	0	3	0
Katie Read	2	1	3	0
Ellie Moquet	0	2	2	0
Tallie Bright	2	0	2	0
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0
Jess Craig	2	0	2	0
Katherine Chappell	1	0	1	2
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Jemma Kendall	1	0	1	0
Zeba Ghorishi	0	1	1	0
Liz King	0	1	1	0
Holly Webb	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

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	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
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	2	0	2	1
Jonathan Bundy	2	0	2	0
Nick Newman	2	0	2	0
Steve Spies	2	0	2	5
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Mitch Broadstock	1	0	1	0
Lee De La Rue Browne	1	0	1	0
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
Joel Harding	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	2
Anthony Hibbert	1	0	1	1
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
David Juniper	1	0	1	2
Brendan Leahy	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	0
Robert Sayers	1	0	1	0
Adam Waller	1	0	1	0
Che Williams	1	0	1	0
Paull Gurr	0	1	1	0
Richard Thompson	0	1	1	0



ON THIS DAY



The autumn of **2013** was a heady time to be a Hassocks fan. The Robins maintained second spot in the County League on this day eight years ago thanks to a routine 3-0 win over Worthing United...

Hillwood & Hibbert continue excellent start

Proceedings at the Beacon were as comfortable as they should have been for Hassocks, who maintained second place in the County League with a routine 3-0 victory over basement boys Worthing United.

A brace from Jamie Hillwood and an Anthony Hibbert goal ensured that Mickey Jewell's side picked up another three points in what is fast becoming an excellent start to the campaign.

It says much about the depth available to Jewell that when last week's hat-trick hero Nathan Miles hobbled off with a knee problem after only seven minutes, Hassocks were able to introduce Hillwood who would go onto torment the Mavericks all afternoon.

The Robins carved out enough chances to win several games of football. United were spared an even bigger humbling because of a poor final ball and a lack of composure in front of goal from the hosts.

Even before Miles departed, Hassocks should have been 1-0 ahead. Phil Johnson rounded United goalkeeper Steve Allfrey but then could only hit the side netting with the goal gaping.

Allfrey had a fine game, another reason why Hassocks did not rack up six or seven. He denied Johnson and the industrious Jamie Ingham from close range inside the opening 15 minutes but probably would have been disappointed not to have done better with Hillwood's opener.

That arrived with 19 on the clock from a lob which initially appeared to lack the height needed to beat Allfrey after Hillwood had sprung the offside trap from Anthony Hibbert's excellent diagonal pass.

Johnson was having one of those games and twice more he found himself in good positions but failed to hit the target.

Phil Gault also squandered two decent opportunities, both headers. The first went over the bar and the second was hooked off the line in impressive fashion by Ryan Storrie who, despite the final score, dealt well with Gault for most of the 90 minutes.

A rare foray forward from United saw Jack Simpson called into a full length save from Sam Blundell. Allfrey was then forced into action again, parrying away a fierce Hibbert drive before saving with his feet from Johnson.

Half time arrived and with the score only 1-0, the minds of Hassocks fans might have drifted back to the Ringmer game a fortnight earlier.

On that occasion, the Robins squandered countless opportunities in the first half and paid the price in the second, succumbing to a 5-2 defeat.

History might well have repeated itself if United had made the most of their best spell of the game which came immediately after the break.

Blundell fired an effort wide and Dan Turner nearly capped a lively

midfield performance with a goal, only to see Simpson equal to his shot from distance.

Hassocks managed to reassert themselves after weathering the storm and Nathan Cooper shot wide from Gault's lay off.

Johnson departed the action on the hour mark when he hurt a knee colliding with Allfrey.

His place was taken by Lee Cooper who nearly marked his return from Crawley Down Gatwick with a goal, firing over twice from long range.

Hassocks eventually got their second on 65 minutes, Hillwood bundling home a Hibbert corner at the far post.

That seemed to deflate United and the Robins poured forward at will looking for a third to well and truly kill the tie off.

Gault was denied by Allfrey but there was nothing the United goalkeeper could do when Nick Pitcher's brilliant long ball out of defence was latched onto by Hibbert, who rounded Allfrey and rolled into the empty net with five minutes remaining.

Hassocks have a break from league action next week as they travel to Chessington & Hook of the Combined Counties League in the first round of the FA Vase.

Jewell could offer no update afterwards on whether Miles and Johnson would make it, leaving Hassocks to sweat on the fitness of their two young goal-getters.

Around the League...



Our latest round up of recent action comes from the weekend of September 25th, when there was a busy programme featuring FA Vase football and matches across all three divisions of the Southern Combination League...

Four Southern Combination clubs progressed through the FA Vase Second Qualifying Round - two from the Prevision Division and two from Division One.

Pagham overcame **Alton** 5-3 on penalties following a 2-2 draw away from home in which Jack Langford and substitute Ryan Morey were on target.

A hat-trick from a certain Phil Johnson fired **Crawley Down Gatwick** to a 3-1 victory away at **Tower Hamlets**.

Shoreham and **Epsom & Ewell** were the two Division One sides who won through, defeating **Meridien VP** and **Mile Oak** respectively.

The Mussels' enjoyed a 5-1 win in Greenwich against the Southern Counties East League hosts with former Hassocks striker Michael Death scoring twice. Danny Jones and two goals from Tom Shelley completed the rout.

Epsom meanwhile saw off their fellow Division One club Mile Oak 4-0 at Leatherhead. Jamie Byatt and Adam Grant scored two goals apiece.

Penalties were responsible for the eliminations of **Alfold**, **Bexhill United**, **Godalming Town** and **Seaford Town**.

Alfold went out 4-3 from 12 yards following a 2-2 draw against **Redhill**. Callum Killkenny got both the goals for the hosts at Alfold Recreation Ground.

It was the same scoreline after 90 minutes at **Athletic Newham**, who went onto overcome the Pirates 7-6 on spot kicks. Jack Shonk was the brace scorer for Bexhill.

2-2 was also how it finished between Godalming and **Badshot**

Lea. Cameron Edwin and Connor Blanchard got the goals for the hosts before a 5-4 loss on penalties.

Seaford meanwhile drew 1-1 away at **Lordswood** thanks to a strike from substitute Charlie Morley. They were eliminated 4-2 in the resulting shoot out.

Joe Shelley scored for **Saltdean United** but the Tigers were well beaten 3-1 at home by **Bridon Ropes** and there were heavy 5-0 defeats for **Loxwood** at home to Erith & Belvedere and **AFC Vardeanians** against **Kent Football United**.

Montpelier Villa had their first ever FA Vase adventure ended by **Abbey Rangers** 4-2 away from home and **Hailsham Town** just came up short against **Staplehurst Monarchs**, losing 2-1 at the Beaconsfield.

Division One leaders **Midhurst & Easebourne** gave a decent account of themselves in a 1-0 loss to **Alresford Town** having ended with 10 men after the sending off of Josh Bird.

Arundel also finished with 10 men thanks to a red card for Jack Hickman but they were already well beaten, losing 5-0 at home against **Shaftesbury**.

There was a heavy defeat too for **Worthing United**, beaten 5-1 by **Stanfield** despite taking a sixth minute lead via Billy White.

Switching attention to the league and **Littlehampton Town** tightened their grip on top spot by winning 4-1 at **Horsham YMCA**.

Top scorer Joe Benn grabbed two of the goals along with George Gaskin and Dave Herbert. YM had

Tom Tolfrey to thank for their equaliser.

Tonight's visitors to the Beacon showed what dangerous opponents they can be as **Eastbourne United** hammered **Lingfield** 7-0 at the Oval.

Tigana Quebe had quite the afternoon, scoring a hat-trick and getting sent off. Festos Kamara helped himself to a brace and Shaun Lee and Panashe Makwiramith rounded off the rout.

First half goals from Mark Zydonik and Harry Mark helped **Broadbridge Heath** continue their fine start with a 2-0 win over **Steyning Town** and **AFC Uckfield** picked up a decent point by holding **Newhaven** to a 1-1 draw at the Oaks.

There were three league games in Division One. **Dorking Wanderers Reserves** hammered **Forest Row** 6-1 at Meadowbank Stadium, **Selsey** shocked high flying **Roffey** with a 3-0 win at the High Street Ground and **Storrington** came out on top in an eight goal thriller at **Billingshurst**, triumphing 5-3.

The big winners of the day in Division Two were **Ferring** who thrashed **Brighton Electricity** 8-0.

St Francis Rangers pulled off a surprise 1-0 win over **Upper Beeding** at Colwell Road, **Charlwood** managed an even bigger shock by beating early leaders **Rustington** 5-3 and there was a big 5-1 win for **Southwater** over **Worthing Town**.

Copthorne squeezed past **Bosham** 2-0 and **Littlehampton United** and **Jarvis Brook** shared a 3-3 draw.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littlehampton Town	12	11	0	1	43	15	33
Pagham	13	10	0	3	22	11	30
Saltdean United	11	9	0	2	36	9	27
Newhaven	11	8	2	1	28	8	26
Little Common	11	7	3	1	27	9	24
Bexhill United	13	7	3	3	31	18	24
Broadbridge Heath	11	6	3	2	22	10	21
Alfold	12	7	0	5	17	13	21
Crawley Down Gatwick	12	6	2	4	37	18	20
Eastbourne Town	12	5	3	4	19	17	18
Eastbourne United	12	5	0	7	23	22	15
Lingfield	12	4	1	7	16	28	13
Peacehaven & Tels.	10	4	0	6	12	18	12
Horsham YMCA	13	3	3	7	16	38	12
AFC Uckfield Town	13	2	5	6	11	16	11
Steyning Town	12	3	2	7	12	35	11
Hassocks	12	2	3	7	16	33	9
Loxwood	11	1	2	8	7	29	5
East Preston	11	0	3	8	8	31	3
AFC Varndeanians	12	0	1	11	29	43	1

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	224	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	202	278	133
Littlehampton Town	115	220	112
Newhaven	128	151	101
Saltdean United	118	223	49
Bexhill United	113	186	64
Broadbridge Heath	113	172	63
Hassocks	113	210	50
Pagham	105	187	76
Eastbourne United	101	147	68
Steyning Town	96	130	68
Little Common	84	114	64
East Preston	82	108	62
Alfold	71	109	35
AFC Uckfield Town	70	116	39
Horsham YMCA	70	94	41
Loxwood	68	83	52
Crawley Down Gatwick	65	86	32
AFC Varndeanians	60	122	37
Lingfield	56	81	41

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	Last 6
Littlehampton Town	WWWWW
Little Common	WWDWWW
Newhaven	WWDWWW
Saltdean United	WWWLWW
Pagham	WWWLWW
Bexhill United	WWWDDW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWDWL
Broadbridge Heath	DWWWDD
Eastbourne United	LLLWWW
Alfold	WLWWLL
Eastbourne Town	DLLWWD
Hassocks	DLLLDW
Steyning Town	LDLLWL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLLLLL
Lingfield	LWLLLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLDLD
Loxwood	DDLLLL
Horsham YMCA	DLLDLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLDLL
East Preston	LLLLLD

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	25
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	17
Jack Langford	Pagham	13
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	13
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	12
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	12
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	12
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	11
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	10
Joe Clarke	Pagham	9
Lewis Hole	Little Common	8
Sam Clements	Lingfield	7
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	7
Alfie Loversidge	Hassocks	7
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	7
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	7
Tom Boyle	AFV V'deanians	6
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	6
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	6
Festos Kamara	Eastbourne U	6

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	6	5	1	0	26	7	16
Hassocks	5	4	1	0	10	2	13
Alfold	5	3	0	2	9	9	9
Oakwood	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
Roffey	5	1	1	3	4	6	4
Crowborough Athletic	4	1	1	2	8	10	4
Horsham YMCA	4	1	1	2	7	16	4
Steyning Town	4	1	0	3	5	10	3
St Francis Rangers	5	1	0	4	6	12	3

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	11
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	4
Derrick Kabagozza	B'bridge Heath	3
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3
Ebenezer Amisshah	Oakwood	2
Connor Bradley	Hassocks	2
Rob DS Saravia	Horsham YMCA	2
Harry Mark	B'bridge Heath	2

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	5	3	2	0	12	9	11
Shoreham & Adur	5	3	1	1	15	7	10
Worthing United	4	3	0	1	10	7	9
Steyning Town	5	3	0	2	16	9	9
Montpelier Villa	3	2	1	0	14	3	7
Burgess Hill Town	5	2	1	2	15	15	7
St Francis Rangers	5	1	1	3	5	15	4
AFC Varndeanians	5	1	0	4	7	16	3
Upper Beeding	5	0	0	5	4	17	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	8
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	4
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	4
Gabriel Brennan	Steyning	3
Sam Geard	Hassocks	3
Max Johnson	Burgess Hill	3
Kiran Mahapatra	AFC V'deanians	3
Oli Parker-Williams	Hassocks	3
Keane Rodrigues	Steyning Town	3

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	4	3	1	0	31	4	10
Roffey	3	3	0	0	15	4	9
Saltdean United	4	3	0	1	15	4	9
Seaford Town	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Pagham	3	2	0	1	13	9	6
Hassocks	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
Woodingdean Wand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
Worthing Town	4	0	0	4	2	21	0
Eastbourne Town	3	0	0	3	1	30	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	5
Remi Crawley	Pagham	4
Georgia Egner	Montpelier Villa	4
Libby Pickard	Saltdean United	4
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	4
Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	4
Brooke N-Rogan	Saltdean United	3
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	2
Dulcie Elder	Worthing Town	2

Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	14	3	6
Furnace Green	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Ansty Sports & Social	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Ardingly	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Brockham	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Charlwood	2	1	0	1	8	10	3
South Park	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
East Court	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Burgess Hill Albion	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
South Godstone	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Steve Spies	Hassocks	5
David Neathey	Furnace Green	4
Mark Southam	Charlwood	4
Pat Harding	Hassocks	2
David Juniper	Hassocks	2
Jamie Liddell	Charlwood	2
Paul Armstrong	Hassocks	1
Lee Ashton	Furnace Green	1
Owen Barry	South Godstone	1
Daniel Brown	Ansty	1



One hastily arranged fixture has been inserted into the middle of our next three matches with Crawley Down Gatwick in the Sussex Senior Cup sandwiched either side of Premier Division clashes against Horsham YMCA and Loxwood...



Horsham YMCA

When?

Saturday 16th October

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Horsham YMCA this season?

Following the departure of long-serving manager Peter Buckland in the summer of 2020, Horsham YMCA struggled in the part of last season that got completed and were sat in the bottom three when the campaign was curtailed. Dean Carden - a YM legend with over 500 appearances for the club to his name - took over in November from Buckland's successor Julian Miller and although he could not instigate an immediate turnaround, there has been a noticeable improvement in 2021-22 so far. YM have won three and drawn three of their 13 games to sit 14th in the table at the time of writing, with their most notable victory coming against title challengers Pagham.

Our record against Horsham YMCA?

YM have been one our most frequent opponents in the Southern Combination League across the past 40 or so years, although games against them have rarely brought much joy. In 51 meetings, we have won only 12. 13 have ended level

with YM triumphing on 26 occasions. There is the small consolation that this game takes place at the Beacon rather than Gorings Mead as a large reason for that poor head-to-head is an atrocious record away at YM.

Last time we met?

Hassocks were at their Jekyll & Hyde best in October last year. Three days after suffering a club record 8-0 home defeat, we went and won 3-1 at Horsham YMCA for a first league victory at Gorings Mead in 17 years (we did tell you that our form their was terrible!). Jack Troak opened the scoring from the penalty spot and although Cameron Gyeabour equalised only two minutes later, YM had no answer to two outstanding Charlie Pitcher goals in the second half.

Any familiar faces?

Not any more, but plenty have turned out in the past for both clubs. Phil Johnson and Alex Gathern are two recent names whilst John Suter has sat in the dugout at YM and the Beacon.



Crawley Down Gatwick

When?

Tuesday 19th October

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

7:45pm

Competition?

Sussex Senior Cup
First Round

Admission?

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

Crawley Down this season

The Sussex Senior Cup draw has not been kind to us as it sends one of the potential dark horses for the Southern Combination League title to the Beacon. Crawley Down have amassed some serious firepower this season with two names who will be very familiar to Hassocks fans. Phil Johnson has 17 goals to his name and Charlie Pitcher 12, meaning that Down are the second highest scorers in the division after leaders Littlehampton. Six wins and two draws from 12 matches currently has them in ninth spot, but with goals guaranteed you would not rule them out of finding their way into the promotion picture over the coming months.

Our record against Crawley Down Gatwick

Hassocks v Crawley Down has become one of the most entertaining fixtures on the Southern Combination League. 84 goals have been

plundered in 21 previous meetings in senior football at an average of four a game, including 25 in the past five meetings. Amongst the more ridiculous score lines of the past six years are 5-3 and 6-4 wins for Hassocks. The head-to-head reads 10 victories for the Robins, seven for Down with four draws.

Last time we met?

The last fixture between the two may have only yielded six goals, but there was still plenty of drama as we won 4-2 in Southern Combination Premier Division Supplementary Shield at the Haven back in April. Alfie Loversidge, Jack Troak, Charlie Pitcher and Pat Harding got the goals with Pitcher and Harding striking in the final two minutes in a dramatic finish.

Any familiar faces?

Just a few! Also at the Haven for this season alongside Pitcher and Johnson are Harvey Blake, Will Broomfield and Harvey Enticknap. It will be quite the reunion on Tuesday night.



Loxwood

When?

Saturday 23rd October

Where?

Plaistow Road

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Loxwood this season?

A quick glance at the Premier Division table will tell you what an important game this is. The Magpies are one of only four sides below us, having won one, drawn two and lost eight of their games so far. It might be too early in the season for six pointers, but the trip to the Sussex/Surrey border looks massive in terms of what it could do for morale and belief, if not actual league position.

Our record against Loxwood?

The sides first clashed in the 2014-15 season, since when there have been 12 meetings. Hassocks have only ever beaten the Magpies twice, a 4-0 win at Plaistow Road in September 2018 and a 6-2 success at the Beacon a year later. The last four games have been hugely entertaining with 22 goals flying in.

Last time we met?

One of the worst afternoons in recent memory for Hassocks supporters. Two clubs deep in relegation trouble

met at Plaistow Road in February 2020, where Loxwood ran out 3-0 winners to record their first victory of the season at the 22nd attempt. All the goals came in the first 25 minutes from Mark Goldson, a certain Charlie Pitcher and Tim Bennett.

How to get to Plaistow Road?

Follow the A272 to and through Billingshurst, crossing the roundabout with the A29 before joining the B2133 shortly after. Pass through Newpound and Roundstreet Common, approaching a fork in the road with Skiff Lane. Plaistow Road is just on the left after that with the ground on your left a very short distance down it.

Any familiar faces?

Only the small matter of Spencer Slaughter - now back home where he belongs - coming up against the club he managed for the past 18 months. Not that a game this important needs a subscript or anything.



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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 **Max Blencowe**
Little Common home **Andy Whittingham**
Littlehampton Town away **Jack Gardner**
Beckenham Town home **Joe Bull**
Bexhill United away **Alexis Harris**
AFC Varndeanians home
Eastbourne United 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
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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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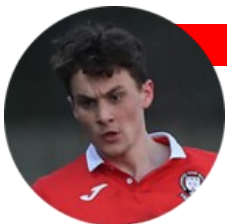
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Daniel Cooper

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Manager Anthony Storey

Next at the Beacon



Horsham YMCA
 Saturday 16th October. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

Little Common v Lingfield
 Loxwood v East Preston
 Newhaven v Littlehampton Town
 Saltdean United v Peacehaven & Tels
 Steyning Town v Alfold