



# the Robins

2021-22 Matchday Programme #12



## Hassocks v Horsham YMCA

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## HONOURS

### FIRST TEAM

#### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

#### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

#### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

#### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

#### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

#### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

### UNDER 23 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

### UNDER 18 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

#### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

### VETERANS TEAM

#### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for today's Southern Combination League Premier Division clash with our old friends Horsham YMCA...

**YM have been one of our most frequent opponents in our near-40 years as a Southern Combination League club and we have enjoyed some ding-dong battles against them in that time.**

It used to be that they were the dominant side in the fixture but somewhat surprisingly, we have won three and drawn one of the past five meetings - including a first win at Gorings Mead in 17 years when we last faced off a year ago.

Games between us always tend to be entertaining and fingers crossed today will be no different. We hope that their players, management, committee and supporters enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex.

The games continue to come thick and fast and this is our third home match in the space of seven days, following on from last weekend's win over AFC Varndeanians and Tuesday night's 3-0 defeat to Eastbourne United.

Facing United always looked a difficult task given they are enjoying the bounce which comes with a new manager and that said new manager has made some very impressive signings who should help them up the

league.

Nobody could fault the players' effort however and if that work rate and dedication continues into today then there is every chance we can continue the good little run of performances we are on.

After today, your next opportunity to watch the first team at home comes on Tuesday night in the Sussex Senior Cup against Crawley Down Gatwick.

The Anvils will arrive with a very familiar looking side having signed a number of our former players over the past two seasons and nobody is under any illusions about what a tough game that will be.

Any support that you can give Brad and the players will be greatly appreciated.

Before we get to that though, the Under 18s are in action here tomorrow morning against Montpelier Villa, kicking off at 11am and with free entry.

It has the look of a tasty fixture about it, Villa being the side in the Central Division other than ourselves who are yet to lose a game so far.

The league looks unusually tight and competitive this season with

every team seemingly capable of taking points off each other, so it will be interesting to see how the Young Robins fare against a side who could well be towards the top at the business end of the season.

As a reminder, an EGM has been called for Monday 22nd November 2021 here at The Beacon kicking off at 7:30pm sharp!

We are still looking for player sponsors for the remaining seven months of the season. It costs just £40 and you will be helping to pay towards the necessary outgoings that keeps the club running.

Among the new/old names available to sponsor are Spencer Slaughter, Bradley Bant and Alex Harris. We have also picked up Lucas Tyrrell from Peacehaven & Telscombe, who made his debut on Tuesday.

Please speak to Owen behind the bar if you would like to get involved.

**Enjoy today's game,**

**Owen & Scott**



## Today's visitors...



### Horsham YMCA

**Founded** 1898

**Nickname** YM

**Ground** Gorings Mead

**Website** horshamymcafc.co.uk

**Twitter** @horshamymcafc

**Manager** Dean Carden

**Top Scorer** Matt Daniel, 21

### HONOURS

#### Southern Combination League

Winners 2005, 2006

Runners up 2019

#### SCFL Division One

Winners 1966, 1983

#### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2001, 2014

#### Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1967, 1968, 1982, 2002

Runners up 1973, 2009, 2018

#### SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1962, 1995

Runners up 1960, 1961, 1962

**A difficult 2020-21 season meant that, like us the previous season, Horsham YMCA were probably a side grateful for the campaign being declared null and void. This time around, they have eyes set up the table...**

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 Carden 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 14 games to sit 15th coming into today's game, two places and three points better off than ourselves.

That gives this afternoon the feel of a six pointer - one that looks utterly unpredictable given that both sides have out in some wildly contradicting results.

Lots of goals have been shipped, YM conceding nine against a rampant Phil Johnson and Crawley Down Gatwick and 10 when they made the trip to Jersey Bulls in the FA Cup.

There has also been one very eye catching victory, a 2-1 win over title challenging Pagham at Gorings Mead back in August which remains arguably the biggest shock result of the Premier Division season so far.

If YM can repeat their feat against the Lions over the rest of the season, then they should have little to worry about when it comes to the relegation battle.

In the not-too-distant past, today would have been a game which YM would relish given their excellent record against us.

Of the 52 previous meetings across five different competitions, YM have 25, helped hugely by their home form against the Robins.

Before a 3-1 win at Gorings Mead last October, we had not won away at YM for 17 long years.

We have had the upper hand in recent seasons however, being unbeaten in the past three meetings between the clubs.

What will happen this afternoon is anyone's guess, but if history is anything to go by then it will at the very least be entertaining.

## 10 Key Moments

**1929...** YMCA move to their current Gorings Mead home ground

**1959...** join the Southern Combination League and seven years later, win promotion to the top flight

**1967...** win their first Peter Bentley League Cup, successfully defending the trophy the following season

**1982...** relegated to Division One. They bounce back immediately though, winning the title the next year

**1999...** YM embark on their best ever FA Cup run as they get to within one win of the first round proper

**2001...** shock Burgess Hill Town to win the RUR Cup, sparking a golden period at Gorings Mead

**2005...** lift their first ever Southern Combination title but are denied promotion due to ground grading

**2006...** defend the title and with Gorings Mead upgraded, move up to the Isthmian League

**2008...** relegated back to the SCFL but win promotion again at the first attempt for another 2 year spell

**2014...** lift their most recent silverware by beating East Preston in the RUR Cup final

## Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 2<sup>nd</sup>

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 4<sup>th</sup>

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 10<sup>th</sup>

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 7<sup>th</sup>

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>

2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 4<sup>th</sup>

2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 10<sup>th</sup>

2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 16<sup>th</sup>

2010-11, Isthmian South 22<sup>nd</sup>

2009-10, Isthmian South 11<sup>th</sup>

2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 3<sup>rd</sup>

2007-08, Isthmian South 21<sup>st</sup>

2006-07, Isthmian South, 9<sup>th</sup>

2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 1<sup>st</sup>

2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 1<sup>st</sup>

2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 13<sup>th</sup>

2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 3<sup>rd</sup>

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 10<sup>th</sup>

2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>

1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 5<sup>th</sup>

## Hassocks v Horsham YMCA :: Head-to-Head

**SCFL Premier Division...** Played 43 - Won 13 - Drawn 6 - Lost 24 - Scored 60 - Conceded 93

**SCFL Division One...** Played 6 - Won 1 - Drawn 5 - Lost - 0 - Scored 6 - Conceded 4

**FA Cup...** Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost - 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 2

**RUR Cup...** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3

**SCFL Division One Cup...** Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

**Total... Played 52 - Won 16 - Drawn 11 - Lost 25 - Scored 74 - Conceded 103**

## Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-3 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Horsham YMCA

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-3 Horsham YMCA

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Horsham YMCA

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 6-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 3-2 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

## Played for Both

**Since John Suter's brief spell in charge of Hassocks at the start of the 2008-09 season, there have been a huge number of players to represent both clubs.**

Suter brought a whole host of names from Gorings Mead to the Beacon with him including Glen Woodburn, Matt Percival, Matt Russell, Ali Russell and James Bird.

Matt Russell was the stand out performer, scoring four times in eight games before following Suter to Worthing United like most of the YM contingent.

In more recent times, Phil Gault enjoyed a brief stay with YM in

between moving from Hassocks to Haywards Heath Town while Phil Johnson went the opposite way, playing one brief game for Heath before joining YM following a spell with Burgess Hill Town.

Another Hassocks youth product who went onto star for YM was Anthony Hibbert who joined YM midway through the 2014-15 season.

Hibbert had originally moved to East Preston after over 400 games and 100 goals for the Robins but Dom Di Paolo's resignation saw him transfer to YM, where he spent the next one-and-a-half seasons before retiring.

Hibbert wasn't the only player to move to YMCA that year, young defender Alex Gatherer also signing for Peter Buckland's side from the Beacon.

Two more players have represented both clubs in the past four seasons; Hassocks having signed defender Dan Webster from YM in the summer of 2018 whilst Jake Lindsey moved to Gorings Mead at the start of the 2019-20 campaign for a brief spell.

Webster only played a handful of games before moving to Oakwood while Lindsey's spell at YM was equally short lived.

# After 17 years, it's finally fun for Hassocks to stay at the YMCA

**Nothing surprises when it comes to Hassocks. Three days after suffering the heaviest home defeat in their history when losing 8-0 to Horley Town, the Robins went and won a league game away at Horsham YMCA for the first time in 17 years.**

Saturday 22nd November 2003 was the last time Hassocks left Gorings Mead with three points.

Tony Blair was Prime Minister, Busted were top of the charts with 'Crashed the Wedding' and Pat Harding scored twice in the space of 120 seconds to secure a 2-0 win for Dave John's Robins.

Little could Johnsy have known that day that Hassocks would have to wait until 2020 to win at YM again, nor did he probably expect to still be in the dugout, albeit in his fourth spell at the helm.

There was another brace scorer on this occasion, too. Charlie Pitcher repeated Harding's heroics with a double which, combined with Jack Troak's penalty, proved enough to give the Robins a 3-1 success.

Hassocks made three changes from the Horley hammering; injured goalkeeper Connor Evento and midfielder Josh Short were replaced by Charlie Pugh and Jack Troak and Dan Turner returned for George Brown, who hadn't covered himself in glory at the weekend when picking up a red card for dissent.

That meant that eight of the starting line up remained and it was clear from the first whistle that they wanted to redeem themselves.

Aaron Jeal in the YM goal made the first of a series of excellent saves with 10 minutes played.

The outstanding James Littlejohn had clearly taken inspiration from the Strictly Come Dancing launch show as he foxtrotted into the box past four challenges, eventually laying the ball off to Bradley Bant whose low drive was repelled.

More fast footwork from Littlejohn

earned a free kick on the edge of the box five minutes later, from which the Hassocks striker clipped the bar after dusting himself down to bend an effort which Jeal could only watch onto the woodwork.

Littlejohn then rattled the right hand post after a well worked move in which he dummied Bant's sweeping cross for Pitcher before collecting the lay off and getting a shot away which again beat Jeal but not the frame of the goal.

Hassocks got the goal that their enterprising start deserved on the half hour mark.

Harvey Enticknap appeared to have the ball glued to his foot as he turned this way and that along the by-line, eventually drawing a foul which led referee Daniel D'Urso to point to the spot.

No Hassocks player seemed particularly eager to take the penalty, hardly a surprise given the Robins had missed their previous two spot kicks.

Eventually, Troak stepped up and he sent Jeal the wrong way, confidently despatching into the bottom right hand corner of the YM goal to give the visitors the lead.

Unfortunately, they weren't ahead for long. Within two minutes, Dean Carden popped up on the right wing to deliver a cross which Cameron Gyeabour met with a looping header, giving Pugh no chance.

That took the sting out of the game a little. Hassocks next mustered a chance right on the stroke of half time when Chadwick played in Troak, he skipped around Kyle Sim but saw his one-on-one effort brilliantly saved by a strong Jeal hand.

Just as in the first half, Hassocks came flying out of the traps at the start of the second and they retook the lead within three minutes of the restart.

There seemed little on when Bant chested a ball down 25 yards out

from goal until Pitcher burst onto the scene, where he put his ability to make something out of nothing to good use when smashing an unstoppable half volley into the bottom corner.

Pugh had a rare piece of work to do when he saved bravely at the feet of Charlie Gee as YM looked for another instant response.

The next goal would be crucial. YM's attempts to find one were not helped when Adrian Todd talked himself into 10 minutes in the sin bin, during which time Hassocks added that vital third.

Bant swung over a corner, Turner produced a clever head down to Broomfield who headed away from goal.

"You're going the wrong way, Will," somebody helpfully shouted but Broomfield clearly knew what he was doing as the ball found Pitcher who rifled home through a crowd for 3-1.

It was fairly comfortable for Hassocks from that point on. Troak might have added a fourth when he again went through, only for the ball to spoon off his shin pad and into the arms of Jeal and the YM keeper showed smart handling to hold a Chadwick piledriver from distance.

"Have a shot next time, Jake" was the shout from the sidelines for that one, this time given by Chadwick's father of all people.

That raised a few smiles on the Hassocks bench and there plenty more when the final whistle went. From a club-record defeat to ending a 17-year hoodoo in the space of three days. It's never dull with Hassocks.

**Hassocks:** Pugh; Gardner, Turner, Broomfield, Whittingham; Enticknap, Chadwick, Bant, Troak; Littlejohn, Pitcher.

**Subs:** Gault (Enticknap 65), Wilkes (Troak 80), O'Leary, Marshall, Beebee (unused).



# History made for happy Hassocks who make it eight wins in a row

**History was made at the Beacon as Hassocks defeated Horsham YMCA 1-0 to win for the eighth consecutive game in senior football for the first time in the club's 114 year existence.**

Phil Gault's beautiful 19th minute header from a trademark James Westlake delivery decided the tie, played in a howling gale which meant chances were at a premium.

That suited Hassocks as they put in a dogged defensive display which saw them give not an inch to their promotion pushing opponents.

In fact, if the Oxford English Dictionary are looking to simplify their definition of "backs to the wall performance" anytime soon then they could do a lot worse than simply say "Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA" as this was the epitome of the term.

The back four were excellent. Bradley Tighe, Ashley Marsh and Nick Pitcher each cleared an effort off the line over the course of the 90 minutes while man-of-the-match Luke Akehurst was the star performer, given the best showing of his Hassocks career at left back.

YM had the wind to their advantage attacking the railway end in the first half but while their neat approach play was pleasing on the eye, they seemed more content to stroke the ball around than let fly any efforts to seriously test Alex Harris in what were horrific conditions for a goalkeeper.

Captain Ash Dugdale headed a good opportunity wide from a Dan Evans cross inside the opening five minutes with what was the only chance of note before Gault's opener just before the 20 minute mark.

Gault had been feeling very under the weather in the run up to the game.

Hassocks took a risk in playing their talismanic striker against one of

his former clubs but it was one which was richly vindicated when Gault leapt like the proverbial salmon to flick home a pinpoint corner from Westlake, earned after a scampering left wing run from Jonno Melia.

The visitors had two chances on the stroke of half time to get back into the game.

Nick Sullivan danced his way around four defenders before seeing his shot beat Harris but repelled by the covering Tighe.

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Then former Hassocks favourite Anthony Hibbert beat the advancing Harris to a punt over the top from Dugdale but his lobbed effort fell just the wrong side of the post.

Michael Death had a great chance to double the advantage five minutes after the restart but he curled over from the edge of the box and that was really it in terms of Hassocks as an attacking force.

YM did get the ball in the back of the net when Marsh's questionable header caused a world of problems as it looped over Harris, but Dean Wright couldn't jam the ball home without first bundling the young goalkeeper over.

The result was a foul against Wright, much to Marsh's relief. The lack of any appeal against the decision from the YM contingent suggested that referee John Walker had got it right.

Substitute Martin Smith was next

to crash into the young Robins stopper and he lacked the sensibility of Wright in failing to realise he had committed the foul, appearing to be extremely miffed at not being awarded a penalty.

Smith's ranting and raving eventually saw him push Marsh to the ground while swinging his handbag around in frustration for which a yellow card was the punishment. In truth, he was lucky to escape a red.

It was bodies on the line and hearts in mouth stuff in the last 10 minutes.

Jamie Hillwood and Josh Hawkes both threw themselves in the way of goal bound efforts, Harris went full stretch to palm away a Sam Schaff volley and then gathered bravely as Smith ploughed towards him like a train with a brakes failure.

It got even more nervy in stoppage time as those other two aforementioned last gasp hacks off the line from Marsh and Pitcher followed, the latter of whom was totally nonplussed by the tension in the air as he managed to throw in a series of keepy ups alongside his clearance.

"That's two promotion teams (YMCA and Newhaven) we have beaten in our last two games which just goes to show that when 14 lads play for the shirt you can achieve amazing things," Phil Wickwar said afterwards.

"They deserve all the credit they get for what they have done over the last eight games." The history books will agree.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Tighe, Marsh, Pitcher, Akehurst; Bant, Hawkes, Westlake, Melia; Death, Gault.

**Subs:** Hillwood (Gault), G Brown (Death), Barnes (Akehurst), Wilkins, P Wickwar (unused).



# Robins swoop to bring in Westlake and Hawkes

**The signings keep coming. Hassocks continue to roll back the clock to 2016 with the Robins completing the transfers of two more former favourites from Loxwood.**

Following Spencer Slaughter back to the Beacon from Plaistow Road are midfielders James Westlake and Josh Hawkes.

That is not all as Brad Sweetman has also brought in the highly rated Lucas Tyrrell from Peacehaven & Telscombe as his Robins squad continues to gather experienced individuals.

This will be Westlake's third spell at the club, having originally signed from St Francis Rangers in 2010 under Mickey Jewell.

A hugely popular player with the Hassocks faithful, he departed in the summer of 2013 to re-sign for Rangers before a brief spell at Haywards Heath Town.

Hassocks were deep in relegation trouble when Mark Dalgleish and Phil

Wickwar managed to tempt him back from Hanbury Park in the autumn of 2015.

His capture coincided with a club-record run of eight successive victories which went a long way towards helping Hassocks pull off a great escape from falling into Division One.

Over the following seasons, Westlake concentrated more on his running career. His feats in that field need no introduction and culminated with representing England.

He joined Loxwood last season and served as part of Slaughter's coaching team as the Magpies made it to the Southern Combination Premier Division Supplementary Shield final.

Westlake returns to the Beacon on 196 appearances so, all being well, the Robins can look forward to him passing the 200 games mark in the coming weeks.

Hawkes started out at Ringmer, arriving at Hassocks from St Francis

to play a massive role in the Reserve teams historic 2012-13 season treble of Reserve Section Premier title winners, Reserve Section Cup winners and Mid Sussex Senior Cup winners.

Despite those feats, he found his first team opportunities limited and so moved back to Rangers alongside Westlake in the summer of 2013.

His own return to the Beacon came in 2015 and he was appointed Hassocks club captain ahead of the 2016-17 season.

Injuries saw him scale back his senior football commitments and he eventually left the Beacon at the end of the 2017-18 season, resurfacing at Loxwood last summer when Slaughter convinced him to step up from Mid Sussex League football and assume the captaincy at the Magpies. Hawkes has played 72 times for Hassocks, scoring 11 goals.

Tyrrell meanwhile joins having spent the past three seasons as a first team regular at Peacehaven.

# Flying United only denied a rout of the Robins by outstanding Pugh

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 12th October 2021, The Beacon  
**Hassocks 0-3 Eastbourne United**



**With Eastbourne United in such flying form since Anthony Storey was appointed manager at the Oval last month, their visit to the Beacon was always likely to be a difficult assignment for Hassocks.**

And so it proved as United made it four wins from five matches under their new manager with a 3-0 success that was as comfortable as the scoreline suggests.

United might even feel that the margin of victory should have been greater. They came up against an inspired Charlie Pugh however, the Hassocks goalkeeper making a string of first class saves to keep the score at three.

The effort of Pugh's outfield teammates could not be faulted. They just lacked the quality that they had shown when hammering AFC Varndeanians 4-1 at the weekend, perhaps because those exertions caught up with them.

Hassocks' recent run of strong performances has been built on a settled starting XI. They made one change from Saturday, James Westlake coming in for his first start since re-joining the Robins from Loxwood in place of Charlie Tuck.

United took the lead with 14 minutes played with a goal that left a fair few questions about Hassocks' defending.

A long kick was not dealt with and that allowed Bailo Kamara to cross for United top scorer Festos Kamara to send a looping header over the top of Pugh.

Hassocks enjoyed their best period in the immediate aftermath of the opening goal.

Rampaging Joe Bull was hauled down in the box but remarkably, referee Daniel Cooper waved away the penalty appeals much to the home crowd's bemusement.

Mr Cooper soon had the chance to make amends for that decision and he duly did so, pointing to the spot with 20 minutes played.

Alfie Loversidge had completed his hat-trick against Varndeanians with a successful penalty but taking duties this time fell to Josh Short, who saw his low effort successfully kept out by Phil Hawkins in the United goal.

Hawkins seems to thrive against the Robins. He gave a match winning performance as United squeaked a 1-0 victory the last time these sides met in December. Hassocks were unable to trouble him here on too many more occasions once he had repelled Short's spot kick.

Instead, it was Pugh who became the far busier goalkeeper on show. On 21 minutes, he denied Max Thompson with an outrageous piece of shot stopping and then watched an Alfie Peacock effort from distance drift wide.

A rare foray forward from Hassocks saw Westlake get a shot away but it was easy for Hawkins to deal with. Dee Okajie then crossed for Kamara whose header this time was over as United finished the half strongly.

The final five minutes resulted in a flurry of activity in the Hassocks box. Pugh made his next outstanding intervention with a close range save from Kamara after he was released by Kamara, who then tested Pugh himself before Thompson was denied by the Robins number one.

Hassocks needed half time to regroup and they duly did that, almost catching United cold within 60 seconds of the restart.

A rare bit of good football down the right involving Jack Gardner and Westlake ended with Short seeing his goal bound effort blocked.

Gardner then proved his worth at the other end, doing brilliantly to hack an Alfie Peacock effort off the line after the United forward had

rounded Pugh.

United got their second on 54 minutes and it was that man Kamara again. Another cross proved to be the Robins' undoing, this time from Emerson Guimaraes and whilst the defending was sloppy, the finish was of the highest class as Kamara took a touch and rifled home.

Pugh denied Kamara a hat-trick with a full stretch tip around the post on the hour mark. Five minutes later and United might have gone down to 10, Harvey Mapstone hauling down Loversidge last man but much to the relief of the United defender, Mr Cooper reached for a yellow rather than a red.

Would a sending off have helped Hassocks find a way back in the last 20 minutes? Probably not.

A double change of Phil Gault and Lucas Tyrrell - a new signing from Peacehaven & Telscombe - for Bull and Connor Bradley could not shake a response from the Robins and Pugh had to make further saves from Alfie Headland and Peacock twice.

Andy Whittingham's tame effort when well placed on 77 minutes summed Hassocks' evening up, after which it looked like both sides were contented to settle for a final score of 2-0 to the visitors.

United though had one final goal in them. It arrived with 60 seconds of normal time remaining, a deflected shot from substitute Chinoso Nwajagu falling kindly for Thompson who brought the ball down and fired clinically past Pugh.

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

**Subs:** Gault (Bull 72), Tyrrell (Bradley 72), Rawlinson, Wallis, Parker (unused).

# First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	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
<b>October</b>				
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	0-3	
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		
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
<b>January</b>				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>February</b>				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
<b>March</b>				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
<b>April</b>				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

# First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	16	0	16	7	34	9
Josh Short	15	0	15	1	27	1
Jack Gardner	14	0	14	1	37	1
Andy Whittingham	14	0	14	0	112	2
Luke Marshall	12	1	13	0	29	0
Joe Bull	11	2	13	2	74	6
Arthur Rawlingson	9	4	13	0	13	0
Bradley Tighe	10	0	10	0	113	0
Connor Bradley	9	1	10	1	19	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
Bradley Bant	4	0	4	0	153	12
Charlie Pugh	4	0	4	0	28	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
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
James Westlake	1	1	2	0	198	30
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Harvey Parker	1	0	1	0	1	0
Phil Gault	0	1	1	0	339	185
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
Lucas Tyrrell	0	1	1	0	1	0



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# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
<b>September</b>				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
<b>October</b>				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	3-0	Slaughter (2), Tyrrell
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

# Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Geard
<b>September</b>				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (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
<b>October</b>				
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	7	0	7	0
Sam Geard	7	0	7	4
Beau Howard	7	0	7	1
Archie Russell	7	0	7	2
Alfie Beck	4	3	7	4
Jamie Douglass	6	0	6	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	4	2	6	5
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0
Archie Hill	4	0	4	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Josh Trinick	3	1	4	0
Max Beston	3	0	3	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Jayden Dunkley	3	0	3	0
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Daniel Llwellyn	2	1	3	0
Robert Newman	0	3	3	0
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0
Muhammad Wilson	1	1	2	0
Joe Holland	0	2	2	0
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	1	0	1	0
Daniel Lade	1	0	1	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0



# Veterans Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
<b>October</b>				
03/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
<b>November</b>				
07/11 - 14:00	Furnace Green Rovers (A)	MSFLV		
21/11 - 14:00	Ansty Sports & Social (H)	MSFLV		
<b>December</b>				
05/12 - 14:00	Brockham (H)	MSFLV		
<b>January</b>				
09/01 - 14:00	East Court (A)	MSFLV		
<b>February</b>				
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



# Sarah the saviour as her spot kick save earns a point against Villa

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

Sunday 26th September 2021, The Beacon

## Hassocks Ladies 1-1 Montpellier Villa Women

**In their first match of the new season in the Sussex County Premier Division, Hassocks secured a point with a late equaliser in a hard fought 1-1 draw against Montpellier Villa.**

With Montpellier out of the traps quickly, Hassocks had to fight hard in the opening minutes with Mia Pordage making a couple of good early challenges in midfield and Claire Stevens heading away a dangerous looking free kick.

Jo Brown also had to show her speed to reach and clear a testing through ball.

Montpellier looked dangerous and Stevens had to make two blocks in conceding a corner.

In the 22nd minute, Sarah Chappell made an excellent save with the Montpellier forward through on goal after outpacing the Hassocks defender.

Hassocks made a change in the 24th minute changing formation with an extra midfielder as Liz King was brought on for Katie Read who had battled well up front.

Unfortunately, Hassocks fell behind soon afterwards with a shot from 20 yards finding the top corner.

Hassocks battled well in response and a pin-point Kirsten Mair corner was met with a bullet header from Claire Stevens which flew narrowly wide.

Stevens then had to make a saving tackle after another Montpellier breakaway. As the half neared its end, Tallie Bright produced a testing cross which the keeper did well to

claim.

Hassocks started the second half well with Liz King shooting just wide from a Kirsten Mair cross.

Tallie Bright then won another corner following more good work by Mair, who then delivered another dangerous looking corner but Montpellier managed to clear the danger.

In the 61st minute, Hassocks suffered a blow when Jo Brown was injured and had to be substituted, Holly Webb coming on at right back with Sam Newman reverting to left back.

Montpellier then upped the tempo and Webb showed great coolness to cut out a cross. Emma Flin also had to make an important interception.

Hassocks brought on another substitute, Ellie Moquet, in the 76th minute, replacing Liz King who had battled tirelessly in midfield.

In the 81st minute, Montpellier missed a chance to increase their lead when Sarah Chappell again kept out an attempt with the player through on goal.

This proved a critical moment of the match as two minutes later, Ellie Moquet was fouled in the penalty area, Jess Craig calmly slotting the resultant penalty home.

This wasn't the end of the drama as Emma Flin had to make another good interception but in the 4th minute of added time, Montpellier were awarded a penalty after a hand ball.

To lose in this manner would have been heart-breaking but Sarah Chappell dived to her right to parry the penalty kick away ensuring that



Hassocks ended the game with a share of the points.

Although Sarah Chappell won deserved plaudits for her penalty save and two other excellent saves with the forward through on goal, there were other encouraging performances.

Midfielders Tallie Bright, Kirsten Mair, Jess Craig and Liz King fought hard against very mobile and skilful opponents and Mia Pordage also showed her strength in midfield winning many tackles.

Defensively Jodie Johanson, in an unfamiliar position upfront, battled well, especially when Hassocks reverted to one up-front.

Holly Webb showed a lot of composure after being introduced at right back and in the centre of defence, Claire Stevens and Emma Flin won several headers and made many covering runs and tackles.

The only downside was the unfortunate injury to Jo Brown, which hopefully will not prove to be too serious.

**Hassocks:** S Chappell, Brown, Newman, Flin, Stevens, Bright, Mair, Pordage, Craig, Read, Johanson

**Subs:** King, Webb, Moquet, Ghorishi (used), Burgess (unused).

# Mid Sussex Times

# Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
<b>October</b>				
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		
<b>November</b>				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP		
21/11 - 14:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP		
28/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
<b>December</b>				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP		
19/12 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP		
<b>January</b>				
09/01 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
30/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
<b>February</b>				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP		
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP		
20/02 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		
<b>March</b>				
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

# ON THIS DAY



Hassocks had made it into mid-October still unbeaten in the league under new manager Mickey Jewell in **2010** - but could that translate into rare success in a cup competition? The Robins headed to Rye United to find out...

## Lacklustre Robins bow out of League Cup

**Whilst Hassocks remain unbeaten in the league so far this season under Mickey Jewell, the Robins' performances in cup competitions have been a source of bitter disappointment for their new boss.**

After exiting the RUR Charity Cup at the hands of lowly Sidley United 11 days earlier, it was another East Sussex club in Rye United who eliminated Hassocks from the John O'Hara League Cup via a 2-0 defeat at the earliest opportunity.

The pace, urgency and fluency which had seen the Robins become the first side to take a point from Three Bridges on Tuesday night was sadly missing.

Hassocks were also guilty of giving away possession far too easily and created very little in front of goal, not helped by the absence of Phil Gault.

Rye provided competent and organised opponents and it would not be a surprise to see them challenging Bridges for the title come the end of the season, providing they are not too badly impacted by their current home ground situation.

An arson attack on the clubhouse at the Salts at the end of October caused enough damage to mean that it cannot be used again, leaving Rye to face a nomadic existence for the near-future at least.

This tie was switched to the home

of Rye's near-neighbours Little Common. The pitch at the Recreation Ground was rather bobbly and, coupled with a very strong wind, that meant both sides struggled to make much happen in the first half.

The best two chances of the opening 45 both arrived inside of five minutes, punishing any latecomers.

Dan Smith decided to get an early feeler for what the wind could do when he let one go from distance. The lively Dan Leach then fired into the side netting for Rye from a tight but well placed angle.

Both sides were content to knock the ball around after that without ever taking the risk to go for that killer pass.

The possession stats would have been relatively high but the shot count was non-existent, leaving Jack Simpson and his opposite number Josh Pelling as mere spectators.

One worry for Hassocks was that they lost the industrious Lee Waterhouse to a thigh injury midway through the first half.

His place was taken by the fit again Dan Jacques, returning for his first appearance of the season.

Hassocks fell behind on 53 minutes when they were caught on the break following a free kick of their own deep in the Rye half.

Leach took possession from the clearance and played a neat exchange with Liam Upton, whose cross was headed in via the far post by Ryan Moreby.

It was a fine counter attacking

goal not really in keeping with the turgid fare that had come before.

Moreby in particular deserved a lot of credit for making up the best part of 80 yards so rapidly up the Rye right to get on the end of Upton's delivery.

Rye took control after that, Scott Ramsay flashing a shot wide and Jack Dixon firing over the bar when he should have at least worked Simpson.

Jewell twisted with 20 minutes left to go, making a double change as Sam Jeremiah and Neil Kane replaced Spencer Slaughter and Smith to give Hassocks two out-and-out forwards on the pitch.

It nearly had the desired impact. Simpson made an excellent full stretch save to deny Dixon and then Jeremiah had the Robins' best chance of the afternoon, outpacing the Rye defence but not getting enough purchase on his shot which was saved comfortably by Pelling.

The game should have been sewn up by Rye on 81 minutes but substitute Matt MacLean somehow contrived to miss from six yards.

His fellow replacement Sam Cole was not so wasteful five minutes later, heading home unmarked after Hassocks were caught surprised when an acrobatic hook back from the by-line by Dixon kept the ball in play.

Kane nearly claimed a consolation but he shot straight at Pelling in injury time, leaving Hassocks with only the Sussex Senior Cup to focus on alongside their league campaign.

# Around the League...



We look back on results from the Southern Combination League two weeks ago. Hassocks were busy picking up a decent draw away at Bexhill United on what proved to be a high-scoring day around the county...

**Crawley Down Gatwick led the way in that regard with a result that does not exactly bode well for our Sussex Senior Cup meeting on Tuesday night.**

The Anvils hammered **Steyning Town** 8-0, scoring four goals in either half at the Haven.

Charlie Pitcher and Phil Johnson scored one apiece, Mike Spence and Josh Brown also got singles whilst there were braces for Michael Belli and substitute Oli Leslie.

Alfie Rogers scored twice as **Newhaven** continued their climb up the Premier Division with a 3-0 win away at **Alfold**. The Dockers other goal came from Lee Robinson.

**Pagham** were made to work hard for their 1-0 win over **AFC Uckfield Town** at Nyetimber Lane, a Jack Langford goal proving to be the difference just past the hour mark.

There was a big win for **Eastbourne Town** who ran riot at the Godstone Road, scoring three times in the second half to secure a 4-1 victory over **Lingfield**.

Jack Samways netted in the first half for Town, who then had Arron Hopkinson on target and a double from Louis Veneti. For Lingfield, top scorer Sam Clements notched the consolation.

The Sunshine Coast's other Premier Division outfit also hit four, **Eastbourne United** beating **Loxwood** 4-0 at the Oval.

Alfie Peacock gave the hosts a half time lead before goals from Max Thompson and a brace for Adai Abuzeid completed the rout in the second half.

That was as far as the Premier Division action went, the horrific wind

and rain causing postponements and abandonments across Sussex, including at Broadbridge Heath where the pitch flooded with 15 minutes remaining and presumably no brooms were on hand to sweep away the water.

Five games made it to a finish in Division One, allowing **Shoreham** to step up the pressure on the leaders with a 3-2 home victory over **Selsey**.

Joel Sayers gave the Musselmen the lead but the Blues came roaring back, moving 2-1 ahead thanks to a brace from Evan Harris.

Shoreham turned to their bench and it was Ramon Santos who won it, his double in the final 15 minutes giving the hosts all three points at Middle Road.

Elijah Carter scored a 91st minute winner for **Godalming Town** as they inflicted more misery on struggling **Storrington** via a 2-1 win at the Recreation Ground.

Harvey Gallis had put the Swans ahead, only for James Frudd to equalise five minutes into the second half to pave the way for the late drama.

**Arundel** picked up a 4-1 home win over **Worthing United** with Ollie Hawkins scoring twice for the Mulletts. Lukas Micevicius and the in-form Mackenzie Oatway also notched with the Mavericks consolation coming via Michael Waller.

Nothing could separate **Mile Oak** and **Oakwood** who played out a 1-1 draw. Ashley Hollom put Oakwood 1-0 ahead with 12 minutes on the clock before former Hassocks striker Michael Gould equalised with half hour played for the hosts.

There was a ding-dong tie

between **Billingshurst** and **Epsom & Ewell** which Hurst shaded 4-3 at Jubilee Fields.

Epsom led 3-2 at half time thanks to goals from Adam Grant, Luke Miller and Jamie Byatt.

Nick Tilley had already scored twice for Billingshurst by that point. He added another in the second half which, alongside a goal from substitute and ex-Robin Jake Chadwick, was enough to ensure that the three points stayed with Hurst.

In Division Two, **Upper Beeding** continued their promotion quest by winning 8-1 at home against **Brighton Electricity**.

Josh Warner and Kristian Harding both scored twice for Beeding. The other goals came from Lewis Jamieson, James Rowland, James Sandford and Joe Warner whilst Joshua Hausdoerfer netted for Electricity.

**Rustington** won their local derby 3-0 against **Littlehampton United**. Carl Bennett, Kieron Howard and Matthew Noble got the goals on an afternoon when Rafael dos Santos saw red for United.

Two former Hassocks youngsters scored as **St Francis Rangers** defeated **Southwater** 3-1. Max Willcox got two and Solly Ross one in a comfortable win for Rangers.

Jordan Fowler scored the only goal of the game for **Rottingdean Village** in their 1-0 win over **Ferring** whilst the final game of the day saw **Bosham** and **Charlwood** share five goals, the visitors to Bosham Recreation Ground coming away with a 3-2 victory as Jamie Liddell scored twice.



# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littlehampton Town	13	11	1	1	46	18	34
Saltdean United	12	10	0	2	38	9	30
Pagham	13	10	0	3	22	11	30
Newhaven	12	8	3	1	31	11	29
Little Common	12	7	3	2	28	12	24
Bexhill United	13	7	3	3	31	18	24
Broadbridge Heath	11	6	3	2	22	10	21
Alfold	13	7	0	6	19	16	21
Crawley Down Gatwick	12	6	2	4	37	18	20
Eastbourne United	13	6	0	7	26	22	18
Eastbourne Town	12	5	3	4	19	17	18
Lingfield	13	5	1	7	19	29	16
Steyning Town	13	4	2	7	15	37	14
Peacehaven & Tels	11	4	0	7	12	20	12
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>
AFC Uckfield Town	13	2	5	6	11	18	11
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>
Loxwood	12	2	2	8	8	29	8
East Preston	12	0	3	9	8	32	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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>50</b>
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
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>41</b>
Loxwood	68	83	52
Crawley Down Gatwick	65	86	32
AFC Varndeanians	60	122	37
Lingfield	56	81	41

## Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Littlehampton Town	WWWWW
Saltdean United	WWLWWW
Pagham	WWWLWW
Bexhill United	WWWDDW
Newhaven	WDWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWDL
Little Common	WDWWW
Eastbourne United	LLWWW
Broadbridge Heath	DWWW
Eastbourne Town	DLLWW
Steyning Town	DLLWL
Alfold	LWLLL
Lingfield	WLLLL
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>LLLDWL</b>
Loxwood	DLLLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLDL
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>DLLDL</b>
AFC Varndeanians	LLLDL
East Preston	LLLDL
Peacehaven & Tels	LLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	26
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
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	11
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	11
Joe Clarke	Pagham	9
Lewis Hole	Little Common	8
Festos Kamara	Eastbourne Utd	8
Sam Clements	Lingfield	7
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	7
<b>Alfie Loversidge</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	7
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	7
Tom Boyle	AFV V'deanians	6
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	6
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	6

**Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	6	5	1	0	26	7	16
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>
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
<b>Jay Hudson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	4
Derrick Kabagozza	B'bridge Heath	3
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3
Ebenezer Amisah	Oakwood	2
<b>Connor Bradley</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
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
<b>Sam Geard</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
Max Johnson	Burgess Hill	3
Kiran Mahapatra	AFC V'deanians	3
<b>Oli Parker-Williams</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
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

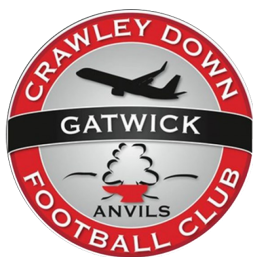
**Top Scorers**

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



## Coming up...

We take a break from league action this Tuesday night as several familiar faces return to the Beacon with Crawley Down Gatwick in what looks like being a very tough Sussex Senior Cup first round tie...



### 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 two, 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. James Westlake and Josh Hawkes have also followed Slaughter back to the Beacon in recent weeks, adding even more intrigue to the game.



## Pagham

### When?

Saturday 30th October

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

3:00pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Admission?

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

### Pagham this season?

Pagham traditionally start strongly but then tend to tail off as the season progresses. Will this year be different? They have certainly had to overcome more dramas than they are used to in the opening weeks of the season, having seen manager and club legend Kerry Hardwell resign two matches in the campaign. For the Lions to have 10 wins from 13 matches despite the upheaval that Hardwell's departure will have caused tells you that their visit to the Beacon will be another tough afternoon.

### Our record against Pagham?

Games with Pagham aren't clashes that we have tended to enjoy through the years. The Lions lead the head-to-head by some way, having won 27 games to the our 19 with nine draws. Hassocks' league form against Pagham in recent years is particularly dire. Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of 10 points from a possible 39, making them very much a bogey club for us.

### Last time we met?

It was a rare success against the Lions last September at the Beacon. Charlie Pitcher was at his unplayable best, scoring twice against a Pagham outfit who arrived in Mid Sussex unbeaten. Pitcher opened the scoring in the first half and added a second with six minutes remaining. Jamie Carroll pulled one back two minutes later for the visitors, but we just about held on for a gritty three points only three days after being hammered 6-2 at Eastbourne Town.

### Pagham' danger men?

The Lions have both Jack Langford an Joe Clarke in the Premier Division's top scorer charts. Langford is back at Nyetimber Lane for a second spell this season, having played for what feels like every club in the Southern Combination League bar us. He has scored against the Robins for the Lions, Peacehaven, Eastbourne Town, Saltdean United and Newhaven.



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## **Money raised in 2020-21**

**August £140  
September £56  
October £70  
November  
December  
January  
February  
March  
April**

**TOTAL £266**

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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 **Joe Bull**  
Bexhill United away **Alexis Harris**  
AFC Varndeanians home **Alfie Loversidge**  
Eastbourne United home **Charlie Pugh**  
Horsham YMCA home  
Crawley Down Gatwick 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  
Eastbourne United away  
Bexhill United home  
AFC Varndeanians away  
Horsham YMCA away  
Loxwood home  
East Preston home  
Pagham away  
Newhaven away  
Littlehampton Town home  
Steyning Town away  
Crawley Down Gatwick home  
Alfold away

## Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

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

September 2021  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

October 2021  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

November 2021  
1st  
2nd  
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December 2021  
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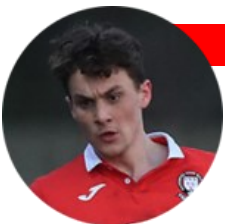
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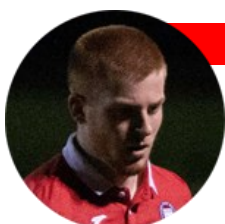
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Robert King

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**Coach** Lee Maguire

## Next at the Beacon



Crawley Down Gatwick  
 Tuesday 19th October. 7:45pm  
 Sussex Senior Cup