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Runners up 1995

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Winners 1993

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Winners 1975

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Winners 1960

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#### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

### UNDER 18 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

#### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

### VETERANS TEAM

#### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

#### Runners up

2017

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Good evening and welcome to the Beacon as we enter the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup against Montpellier Villa...

**Tonight is our first ever meeting with Villa who are newcomers to senior football for the current campaign after being promoted to Division One based on results over the past two seasons.**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to their players, management, officials and staff and hope they enjoy their stay in Mid Sussex with us.

Last time we were here was three weeks ago when Crawley Down Gatwick were the visitors in the Sussex Senior Cup.

Unfortunately, it was another early exit from a knockout competition and although the game hardly lived up to the normal entertainment levels between the two sides, we could be reasonably proud of how we did against such free-scoring opponents.

It was also nice to see the familiar faces in Down's squad who have swapped the Beacon for the Haven in recent seasons back here and getting such a warm welcome from the Hassocks faithful.

Crawley Down were moved to comment on it afterwards, although whether it would have been quite so

warm had Pitcher scored or Jonno started remains to be seen!

We then went to Loxwood 17 days ago for what was a disappointing afternoon as a 1-0 defeat plunged us into the bottom three.

We had plenty of chances to take something from the game but it was just one of those days in front of goal.

In contrast, Loxwood scored from their only shot on target. To compound a miserable day at the office, we lost Alex Harris to injury and ended the game with young Jack Gardner in goal.

Things did not get any better on Saturday when we became the first side to lose to East Preston so far this season, taking a heavy 4-1 defeat at the Lashmar.

Again, we had chances but were unable to take many of them, save for Josh Short's penalty. EP on the other hand were clinical with their three points really heating up the relegation battle, unfortunately for us.

Aside from first team matters, the Under 23s surrendered their unbeaten start last month when

losing a top-of-the-table clash 2-0 at Broadbridge Heath.

They have since also lost at Crowborough Athletic and exited the County Cup at the hands of Eastbourne Town.

You can catch the Under 23s in action here on Thursday night against Oakwood, kick off at 7:45pm.

The Under 18s also suffered their first league defeat recently, losing 4-2 to Villa back in mid-October. Beau Howard got both the goals.

On Sunday, the Young Robins returned to winning ways with a 4-0 win against Burgess Hill Town.

The Ladies have played only once in the past month and it was a tough afternoon, ending in a 1-0 defeat at home to Saltdean United.

If you were not already aware, then we have two more home games coming up in the next week - Alfold on Saturday followed by the rearranged Pagham game on Tuesday night. It would be great to see you here as we look to turn things around.

**Enjoy today's game,**

**Owen & Scott**





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## Today's visitors...



### Montpelier Villa

**Founded** 1991

**Nickname** Villa

**Ground** Culver Road

**Website** [montpeliervilla.co.uk](http://montpeliervilla.co.uk)

**Twitter** @MontpelierVilla

**Manager** Kevin Green

**Top Scorer** Marcus Richmond, 12

### HONOURS

#### SCFL Div 2 Supplementary Shield

Winners 2021

#### Brighton League

Winners 2010, 2011

#### Brighton League Division One

Winners 1996

#### Brighton League Division Two

Winners 1995

#### Brighton League Division Four

Winners 1994

#### Brighton League Division Six

Winners 1992

#### Vernon Wentworth Cup

Runners up 2003

#### Hove & Worthing Cup

Winners 1994

### The Sussex RUR Cup brings brand new opponents to the Beacon as Hassocks face upwardly mobile Montpelier Villa for the first time, a club making quite an impression on senior football...

Villa were formed 30 years ago as a side competing in the Brighton League, since when they have grown to become a club running teams from Under 6 right the way through to veterans.

Every side plays in a way that mirrors the first team under manager Kevin Green, creating a clear pathway for players to progress from kids football into youth football at Under 18s, development football at Under 23s and finally, senior football with Villa now competing in Division One.

It is a blueprint that works well. Players who have progressed through the Villa system have had trials with Queens Park Rangers and ultimately, the senior side are now playing at the highest level in their history.

Since winning the Brighton League for the final time in 2011 and moving to the Mid Sussex League, Villa have been quite the journey.

They were accepted into the Southern Combination for the 2015-16 campaign and won Division Two's Supplementary Shield back in May.

Crucially, a groundshare

agreement was struck with the Sussex County FA which allowed Villa to use Culver Road, giving them the facilities needed to make the step into Division One.

Based on results from the past two curtailed seasons, the FA decided to promote Villa into senior football for the first time for 2021-22 - a decision not without controversy and one which was contested by Upper Beeding, the side who Villa had somewhat ironically beaten in that Supplementary Shield final.

Judged on the season so far, the FA made the right decision. Villa have taken to Division One like a duck to water, sitting in a very comfortable seventh place at the time of writing with seven wins, three draws and five defeats from their 15 matches.

Whilst Hassocks received a bye to reach tonight's second round, Villa eliminated fellow Division One newcomers Forest Row 4-0 in their first ever RUR Cup match.

Villa will now be eyeing a maiden scalp of Premier Division opponents on what will be an intriguing evening of football at the Beacon.



# Robins in the RUR



Hassocks first entered the Sussex RUR Charity Cup in 1981. We take a look back at the Robins' attempts over the past 38 years to make it the first ever piece of senior silverware to enter the Beacon's trophy cabinet...

**Everybody knows the fact – Hassocks have never reached a senior cup final, let alone lifted a trophy in their 114 year history.**

The Sussex RUR Charity Cup is the one that has provided the Robins with the best opportunity to do so – not that that is saying much, admittedly – as we have reached the semi-finals of the competition on three occasions.

The most recent of those visits to the last four was probably the most disappointing when in 2011-12, we were beaten 3-1 by lowly Selsey at Culver Road.

A 5-2 victory in the league at the High Street Ground had been recorded a month previously and the Robins went into the tie the favourites despite being without the services of the talismanic Phil Gault.

But there could be little complaint about the score on the day as Mickey Jewell's side simply didn't turn up and the chance of a first ever cup final went begging.

It had been a straight forward cup run up until that point with victories against Mile Oak, East

Grinstead Town and Southwick paving the way to heartache in the last four.

If that illustrated just what a favourable draw can do for a cup run, then Hassocks' previous semi-final defeat before that was an indication of how it can work the other way, when we met all-conquering Burgess Hill Town in the 1999-00 season.

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Mile Oak, Arundel and Lancing had all been vanquished on route to the meeting with the Robins' arch rivals of the time and although formbooks and class can go out the

window when it comes to a local derby, Hassocks proved to be no match for the Hillians who ran out 4-1 winners.

The third semi of this competition the Robins have made came six seasons before that defeat at the hands of Hill in 1993-94 and it was the closest Hassocks have ever come to clearing the hurdle to actually making a final as they went down only in extra time 2-0 to the Lions of Pagham

That was not an easy run to reach the last four either with victories over Wick, Southwick, Lancing and Whitehawk all being gained along the way.

In the mid 00's, Hassocks were remarkably consistent in bowing out of the competition at the quarter final stage with four last eight exits in a row – 2005-06 to Shoreham, 2006-07 to Whitehawk, 2007-08 to Rye United and 2008-09 to Three Bridges.

There have been five other quarter final exits, to Burgess Hill the year before that semi heartache at the hands of the Hillians, to Selsey in 1994-95, Pagham in 1992-93 and



Southwick in 1981-82 – the first season we entered the competition.

Haywards Heath Town were responsible for our most recent last eight elimination when they won 3-0 at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season, on route to defeat in the final against Peacehaven & Telscombe.

It was a similar story in the quarter finals in 2016-17 when the Robins were eliminated away at Crawley Down Gatwick, who ended up finishing as runners up to Newhaven.

Round three only came into existence for the 2000-01 competition when the preliminary round was removed, and it has been the Robins' exiting point on three occasions, most recently in 2013-14 via a 3-2 defeat away at Horsham YMCA.

Hassocks crashed out at the stage in back-to-back campaigns in 2000-01 and 2001-02 to Selsey and Southwick respectively.

And as for the aforementioned preliminary round? Hassocks only ever had one dalliance with it.

That came in the 1993-94 season, a 3-2 win over Wick.

As for the second round, that was the stage we exited at when the RUR Cup was last held in 2019-20, losing 3-0 at home to Pagham.

In 2017-18, we somehow blew a 2-0 lead with 15 minutes remaining to lose 4-2 in extra time away at AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks were also eliminated from the competition at that stage in both the 2014-15 and 2015-16

seasons via heavy home defeats, 5-1 against Eastbourne Town and 5-0 against Littlehampton Town respectively.

Given the Robins well documented ability to make hard work and more often than not lose to teams from a lower division, Hassocks have been knocked out of the RUR Cup a surprisingly low number of times by sides from lower down the pyramid.

The most recent of those did come in the second round, a penalty shootout defeat to Division One outfit Little Common in 2012-13 after an astonishing 5-5 draw.

Round two also accounted for Hassocks' exits in 2010-11 to Sidley United and 2009-10 when Dave John's side were eliminated by Selsey.

Selsey again eliminated the Robins at that stage in 2004-05, which followed hot on the heels of second round defeats to Pagham the previous year and Burgess Hill before that.

Other exits came against Shoreham in 1997-98, Midhurst & Easebourne in 1995-96 which represented another rare shock, Sidley in 1986-87 and Whitehawk in 1982-83.

Hassocks have been on a remarkable run of receiving byes in the competition to the point where they didn't actually compete in the first round for 17 years between beating Worthing United 6-3 in the 2016-17 season and defeating Mile Oak in the 1999-00 season.

The Robins have only bowed out of the competition three times at the first round stage – to Langney Sports in 1996-97, Ringmer in 1984-85 and Peacehaven & Telscombe in 1983-84.

That exit to the Tye remains one of only two games in the competition that Hassocks have been involved in that required a replay, a 1-1 draw at Adastra Park being followed by a 1-0 defeat away from home.

The other came two seasons previously when another 1-1 draw at Adastra necessitated a second game, this time Hassocks triumphing 5-3 in a thriller away at Hastings Town.

Five games have gone to extra time and Hassocks have won three of them, the only blemishes being that 1994 semi-final defeat to Pagham and the exit four seasons ago against AFC Uckfield Town.

The extra time wins have seen the Robins defeat Ringmer 4-3 in 1982-83, Worthing United 4-2 in 1995-96 and Ringmer again in 2005-06, that time 2-1.

Aside from the Little Common penalty defeat, Hassocks have only had one other shoot out in the competition which was in 2007-08 when Arundel were beaten 4-1 from 12 yards after a 2-2 draw in normal time.

Hassocks' biggest victory in the competition also represents one of their biggest ever victories in senior football, a 9-0 hammering dished out to the now defunct Shinewater Association in 2000-01. The Robins heaviest RUR defeat is that 5-0 loss to Littlehampton Town from 2014.



*Another final shot goes begging... Stuart Faith can't believe it as the Robins lose in the semis to Selsey in 2012...*



## Loversidge leads the way as September Player of the Month

For the second time in his Robins career, young Alfie Loversidge has picked up a Hassocks Player of the Month award as the convincing winner of the September gong. It probably will not be the last time he finishes in first place this season...

**In August, he was the bridesmaid. In September, he is the bride. Alfie Loversidge has been named as Hassocks September 2021 Player of the Month after being one of the shining lights of a difficult five matches for the Robins.**

Hassocks lost every game in September but performances were much improved as the month went on, largely because of the efforts of Loversidge.

The teenager found himself pushed into a more advanced role following the departure of George Mitchell-Phillips to Saltdean United than the central midfield position he had occupied in August, when he finished runner up to Connor Bradley in the supporters' vote.

That has proven to be a shrewd move on the part of head coach Brad Sweetman. Loversidge caused Southern Combination Premier

Division leaders Littlehampton Town plenty of problems at the Flora Sportsfield in what was one of the tightest games that the Gold have been involved in so far this season before the hosts ran out 4-2 winners.

He then did likewise when Combined Counties Premier Division leaders Beckenham Town came to the Beacon in the second qualifying round of the FA Vase.

Hassocks only lost that 2-1 despite Becks being table toppers in a much stronger league than the Southern Combination.

Loversidge claimed an assist for the Robins consolation, swinging over a pinpoint corner for strike partner Joe Bull to head home.

Hassocks vice captain Bradley Tighe took second place in the vote. Tighe has found himself assuming more of a leadership role this season as one of the more experienced players in such a young squad and

his performances as part of an improving defence have not gone unnoticed.

September was also the first time that Brad had shared a pitch in senior football with his younger brother Wes, the two playing together when Little Common came to the Beacon.

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

For the second month running, Josh Short found himself finishing in third place after managing to hold off the challenge of goalkeeper Alex Harris by just 2.4 percent.

Short has been consistently excellent throughout the campaign so far, establishing himself as one of the first names on Sweetman's team sheet in the midfield engine room.

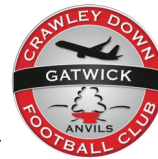


# Crawley Down Gatwick fly through in Senior Cup at expense of Robins

Sussex Senior Cup First Round

Tuesday 19th October 2021, The Beacon

## Hassocks 0-2 Crawley Down Gatwick



**Given their struggling Premier Division form, it seems safe to suggest that Hassocks were never likely to go far in any knockout competition this season.**

It might have been nice for the Beacon faithful however if the Robins had managed to win a game in at least one of the four cups they have already entered.

Instead, they have exited the FA Cup, FA Vase, Peter Bentley League Cup and now the Sussex Senior Cup at the first opportunity. The Robins have only the league and the RUR Charity Cup left to play in and we have not even reached Halloween season yet.

Crawley Down Gatwick became the latest opponent to progress at the expense of the Robins.

The free-scoring Anvils were not as free-scoring as they have been in the Premier Division, but they still had enough about them to win through 2-0 to the second round of a competition they reached the Amex final of a decade ago when an Isthmian League outfit.

You have to go back to the 1993 to find the last time a Southern Combination League side - Wick - lifted the Senior Cup. Saltdean United in 1997 are the most recent finalists.

The chances of Hassocks or Down breaking the league's near-30 year duck in the competition are extremely slim and that was reflected by both managers taking the opportunity to rest players, the Senior Cup clearly not at the forefront for their minds.

For Hassocks, that meant Bradley Bant and Connor Bradley dropping down to the bench and teenagers Jack Gardner and Luke Marshall missing out completely.

In came Jordan Badger, Spencer Slaughter for his first start since returning to Hassocks from Loxwood and Lucas Tyrrell for a full debut.

Alex Harris also took over from the unavailable Charlie Pugh in goal.

Down meanwhile could have rocked up with four faces familiar to Hassocks fans in their starting line up having lured several big-name players to the Haven from the Beacon over the past two summers.

The Robins were no doubt grateful to see just two in the Down XI - Will Broomfield and last season's Hassocks top scorer of 16 goals in 20 games, Charlie Pitcher.

Harvey Blake and the Premier Division's second-leading goal getter Phil Johnson were both rested.

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Johnson's absence perhaps went part of the way towards explaining why a Down side who are going at an a run rate of over three goals per top flight game so far only managed two against a leaky Hassocks defence.

Most would have been expecting a goal fest here given that this particular fixture has garnered a reputation as one of the most entertaining on the Sussex non-league circuit in recent seasons.

82 goals have been plundered in 20 previous meetings in senior football between Down and the Robins 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, whilst two Supplementary Shield matches

last April yielded 10 goals.

Although there was plenty of honest endeavour from both, this was a slightly dull affair in comparison.

Down took the lead seven minutes before half time. A huge ball over the top put Pitcher clear and once he was hauled down by Charlie Tuck, referee Peter Dingle had little option but to point to the spot.

With no Johnson, Oli Leslie stepped up to put the visitors 1-0 ahead going into the break.

A first half injury denied Down the services of Michael Belli but his replacement Luca Intelligenza ended up being the best player on the pitch in the second half, helping his side gain control of the midfield.

Hassocks though kept plugging away and were not out of the game until the final five minutes when Down added their second.

Leslie again was the man on target, this time heading home a cross after the Anvils caught Hassocks on the counter when the Robins were pushing forward in the hope of taking the tie to extra time.

There were reasons to be encouraged for Brad Sweetman and his players, not least because they contained Pitcher reasonably well and prevented a Down front line who are very dangerous even without Johnson from running wild.

Hassocks now have to take those positives into a weekend meeting with Loxwood, one of only four sides below them in the Premier Division table. Time for the Robins to concentrate on the league - and getting out of the mire.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Tighe, Tuck, Badger, Whittingham; Westlake, Slaughter, Short, Tyrrell; Loversidge, Bull.

**Subs:** Bant, Bradley, Beebee (used), Rawlingson, Parker (unused).

# Wasteful Robins punished by Magpies to tumble into bottom 3

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**  
**Saturday 23rd October 2021, Plaistow Road**  
**Loxwood 1-0 Hassocks**



**Goals win games and at Loxwood, Hassocks had more than enough opportunities to leave Plaistow Road with a big three points in the battle to avoid relegation from the Premier Division.**

The Robins though were unable to make one stick on the scoreboard. Loxwood in contrast saw Alfie Edmeads notch with their only real shot on target with five minutes remaining, securing a 1-0 win which allowed the Magpies to plunge Hassocks into the bottom three by leapfrogging them in the table.

It was some way for Loxwood to bounce back from a 10-1 defeat at the hands of Newhaven in midweek.

Hassocks though should have known better than most to beware a backlash from a side smarting from embarrassment as the Robins have frequently been there themselves.

Last season, Hassocks followed up a club-record 8-0 home defeat to Horley Town by winning away at Horsham YMCA for the first time in 17 years three days later.

Go back a little further and it was YM who were again on the receiving end of a Robins recovery, Hassocks defeating them 3-2 at the Beacon having become the first side Loxwood had beaten in 22 attempts in the 2019-20 campaign.

Hassocks were not just beaten at Plaistow Road on that occasion, they were hammered 3-0. This was at least a better performance on their return to the Magpies' Nest but the result was no less disappointing.

It took some time for a cagey affair to come to life. Both sides seemed to be prioritising not losing over attempting to win and it took 15 minutes for there to be any sort of effort on goal.

Unsurprisingly, it was one of Hassocks' brightest lights who forged the opportunity. Josh Short embarked on a great driving run through

midfield but unfortunately, the quality of the finish could not match the approach play and he fired tamely at Fraser Trigwell.

An added layer of intrigue was provided by the presence of Spencer Slaughter and James Westlake in the Hassocks line up.

Slaughter had led Loxwood to the final of the Supplementary Shield last season as manager with Westlake assisting him and the former Magpies boss was in determined mood to make an impression having left the Nest last month.

One brilliant moment saw Slaughter beat two Loxwood men out wide after being released by Bradley Bant before squaring to Short. It took a fine block on the line from a covering defender to prevent Short's effort giving Hassocks the lead.

10 minutes later and Slaughter made a lung-bursting run into the box, only to be pipped to the ball by the alert Trigwell.

Short and Slaughter then combined on the stroke of half time to work an opportunity for Bant advancing up the left. Bant through could only blaze over when very well placed.

Hassocks had certainly enjoyed the better of the first half, only to be let down by their finishing and final ball.

That continued into the second half when Bant defied his hobbit-like stature to win a header. He seemed more surprised than anybody else with the result being that the effort was the wrong side of the post.

Hassocks lost Connor Bradley and Joe Bull to injuries in a 10 minute spell midway through the half.

Lucas Tyrrell and Jude Wallis were introduced and managed to keep the momentum with the Robins.

Chances were now though at a premium as the game became even more scrappy, summed up nicely when Short was uncharacteristically uncomposed when shanking a cross

after a promising break.

Short nearly made up for that when forcing Trigwell into tipping one over. From the resulting corner, Bradley Tighe should have at least put a free header on target.

Hassocks nearly gifted Loxwood a goal with 15 minutes remaining, a poor pass from Arthur Rawlingson as the Robins attempted to play their way out of trouble left a glorious chance for the hosts which they somehow spurned.

That was a warning sign Hassocks did not heed and with four minutes to go, they were caught out playing short again. This time, home substitute Edmeads made no mistake when beating Alex Harris.

Harris then left proceedings injured, meaning Jack Gardner had to take over in goal as the Robins had already made their three permitted subs.

Even playing with only 10 men, a teenage right back between the posts and just four minutes plus time added on left, the Robins should have found an equaliser.

Bant somehow won another header at the far post but again it was off target and did not trouble Trigwell.

With seconds remaining, Alfie Loversidge found himself in a similar position but he too missed.

It was one of those days when Hassocks could have been out there for three hours and still not scored. The Robins will know they must do better against title chasing Pagham next week.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Gardner, Rawlingson, Tighe, Bant; Westlake, Slaughter, Short, Bradley; Loversidge, Bull.

**Subs:** Tyrrell, Wallis, Hudson (used), Marshall, Wickwar (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	1-2	Gault
19/10 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-2	
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
09/11 - 19:45	Montpelier Villa (H)	RURC2		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
16/11 - 19:45	Pagham (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	19	0	19	7	37	9
Josh Short	18	0	18	1	30	1
Andy Whittingham	16	0	16	0	114	2
Joe Bull	14	2	16	2	77	6
Jack Gardner	15	0	15	1	38	1
Luke Marshall	13	1	14	0	30	0
Arthur Rawlingson	10	4	14	0	14	0
Bradley Tighe	13	0	13	0	116	0
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Jude Wallis	2	7	9	0	9	0
Charlie Tuck	8	0	8	0	14	0
Jack Baden	4	4	8	0	12	0
Alex Harris	7	0	7	0	67	0
Bradley Bant	5	2	7	0	156	12
Lewis Beebee	5	2	7	1	10	1
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Charlie Pugh	5	0	5	0	29	0
Jordan Badger	3	2	5	2	115	9
James Westlake	4	1	5	0	201	30
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Lucas Tyrrell	1	3	4	0	4	0
Dan Turner	3	0	3	0	38	3
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
Spencer Slaughter	2	1	3	0	293	47
Kobe Dersley	1	2	3	0	4	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Jay Hudson	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
Phil Gault	0	2	2	1	340	186
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
Louis Thwaites	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13



# Short and Slaughter give Robins rare County Cup success

Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup First Round

Thursday 7th October 2021, The Beacon

## Hassocks U23s 3-2 Saltdean United U23s

**Hassocks Under 23s have never done particularly well in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup, only ever winning two games in the competition - and both of those came in the same season.**

That was in the 2019-20 campaign, when the Robins embarked on a memorable run to the quarter finals.

A 3-2 first round win over Saltdean United will have given everyone at the Beacon hope that they can emulate that achievement this time around.

Hassocks have been flying in the North Division so far, sitting in second place behind Broadbridge Heath on goal difference following an unbeaten start.

This victory extended that record to five wins and one draw from their opening six matches. 13 goals have been scored and only four conceded with the two the Tigers registered here ending an impressive run of nearly 300 minutes since the Hassocks defence was last breached.

What made this result all the more impressive is that it was achieved with eight changes to the starting XI from the last time the Robins took to the pitch when winning 1-0 against Roffey three weeks ago.

That inactivity was down to the petrol crisis cancelling the Robins' meeting with St Francis Rangers - a 10 minute journey deemed

impossible 48 hours before the first team were told they had to travel to Bexhill United - and the withdrawal of Loxwood from the North Division.

And speaking of Loxwood, it was two ex-Magpies who provided the most intrigue in the Hassocks line up.

Spencer Slaughter returned to the Beacon last week after leaving his role as manager of Plaistow Road, playing the final 20 minutes of that 1-1 first team draw at the Polegrove on Saturday.

He started against Saltdean in a quest for further match fitness and was joined by his former Loxwood assistant James Westlake who has also re-joined the Robins.

Alongside Jordan Badger, they offered an experienced spine to the Hassocks line up with over 600 first team appearances between them through the years.

Josh Short made his first appearance for the Under 23s of the season whilst the other changes from the Roffey win saw Jack Baden, Wes Tighe, Jude Wallis and Harvey Parker all start.

Dropping out were Charlie Pugh, Charlie Tuck, Luke Marshall, George Mercer, Louis Thwaites, Connor Bradley, Lewis Beebee and Jay Hudson.

Such inconsistency in selection has proven no barrier to Hassocks so far as their impressive undefeated record showed.

They relied on two of their more experienced individuals to get the job done against the Tigers, Short justifying the decision to play him with a brace and Slaughter notching



one to remind everyone of the qualities he can still provide as a player.

It took Short just two minutes to open the scoring but any thoughts that this would be a cakewalk as a result were dispelled as Saltdean proved tough opponents despite sitting a lowly third from bottom in the East Division.

Two goals in the space of five second half minutes eventually won it for Hassocks.

Slaughter got his on 68 and Short hit what proved to be the winner on 73. The Tigers scored through an own goal and Sean Roddy.

Hassocks' reward is a trip to Eastbourne Town in the next round of the competition, who currently occupy fourth spot in the East Division. The date and time of that one is yet to be confirmed.

**Hassocks:** Parker, W Tighe, Badger, Baden, Ransome, Westlake, McSwiney, Short, Hicks, Slaughter, Wallis.

**Subs:** Hudson, Russell, Thwaites (used).



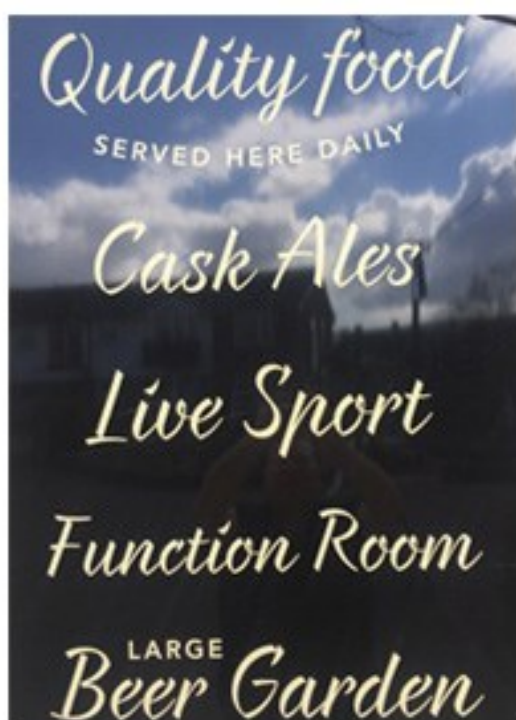
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# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

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	0-2	
28/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23	2-4	Rawlingson, Smith
<b>November</b>				
04/11 - 19:30	Eastbourne Town (A)	CU23C2	1-2	Russell
11/11 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23		
18/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	U23LC1		
25/11 - 19:45	Roffey (A)	SCFL23		

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MONDAY	11.00 - 23.00
TUESDAY	11.00 - 23.00
WEDNESDAY	11.00 - 23.00
THURSDAY	11.00 - 23.00
FRIDAY	11.00 - 00.30
SATURDAY	11.00 - 00.30
SUNDAY	12.00 - 23.00

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# Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Ben Hicks	8	0	8	0
Wes Tighe	4	4	8	0
Jack Baden	7	0	7	0
Harvey Ransome	6	1	7	0
Sean McSwiney	6	1	7	1
Jude Wallis	6	0	6	0
Jay Hudson	5	1	6	5
Archie Russell	3	3	6	1
Louis Thwaites	1	5	6	0
Arthur Rawlingson	3	2	5	0
George Mercer	2	3	5	0
Jordan Badger	3	1	4	0
Luke Marshall	3	0	3	0
Harvey Parker	3	0	3	0
Lewis Beebee	2	1	3	0
Kobe Dersley	2	1	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Brad Sweetman	1	2	3	0
Jacob Killkelly	0	3	3	0
Connor Bradley	2	0	2	2
Josh Hawkes	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Spencer Slaughter	2	0	2	3
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Jack Gardner	1	0	1	0
Phil Gault	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	2
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0
Lucas Tyrrell	1	0	1	1
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Dan Turner	0	1	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0





# Glenn Murray watches on as Young Robins and Rangers play out draw

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 3rd October 2021, The Beacon

## Hassocks U18s 1-1 St Francis Rangers U18s

**For the second time this season, the spoils were shared between Hassocks Under 18s and one of their Mid Sussex rivals as the Southern Combination League Central Division continues to look more competitive than it has done for several years.**

Two weeks previously, the young Robins had been drawing 5-5 in an absolute thriller against Burgess Hill Town with five different scorers on target - Oliver Parker-Williams, Archie Russell, Alfie Beck, Abir Chowdhury and Sam Geard.

The entertainment level was not quite so high when St Francis Rangers visited the Beacon, but it was still a well-fought encounter which finished 1-1.

Both Hassocks and Rangers were going well in the 2020-21 season before curtailment and the Robins had continued that form into the opening month of the new campaign, remaining unbeaten in all competitions so far.

St Francis have endured a slightly more difficult start and arrived at the Beacon having lost all three of their North Division matches, losing to the sides immediately below leaders

Hassocks in the table - Steyning Town, Shoreham & Adur and Worthing United.

As everyone knows, form goes out of the window when local bragging rights are on the line and so it proved as Rangers gave what was commented upon as their best performance of the season.

Hassocks made two changes from their side who had won 3-2 away at AFC Vardeanians a week earlier.

Jayden Dunkley returned in goal and he was joined in the starting XI by Louis Thwaites and Josh Trinick.

Dropping out were Joe Woodhouse and Jack Morris who missed out completely. Oliver Parker-Williams had to settle for a place amongst the substitutes whilst there was a Hassocks debut from the bench for Muhammad Wilson.

It was Parker-Williams who got the Robins goal once he had been introduced, cancelling out a 20th minute opener for Rangers from James Lyon-Monk.

One interested observer was a certain Glenn Murray. It did not take long for Dave John to make his way over to speak to Brighton's second highest-ever goal scorer and try and tempt him out of retirement.

Unfortunately, Glenn turned the offer down even though he was tempted by the prospect of paying £2



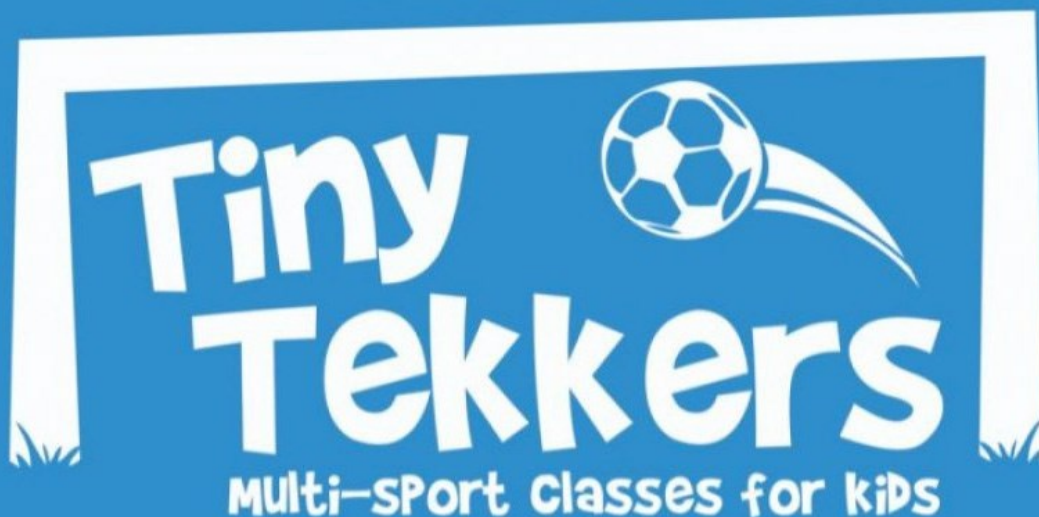
a week for training and getting the chance to enter a raffle every home game, which is impossible to win as Dave will make him leave his prize behind for the next draw.

As for the Under 18s, they take a break from league action next week to visit Eastbourne Borough in the Dennis Probee Sussex Under 18 Youth Cup.

The draw could not have been more difficult for the Robins, although they can take heart that the last Hassocks Under 18s side to face the Priors Lane outfit in this competition pulled off an almighty shock when winning 2-1 down on the Sunshine Coast in the 2017-18 season.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley, Beston, Bundy, Douglass, Llwellyn, Thwaites, Geard, Howard, Beck, Trinick, Russell.

**Subs:** Parker-Williams, Holland, Wilson (used).



# 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	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
<b>November</b>				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	
14/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18		
21/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		
28/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		

# Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harry Bundy	8	0	8	0
Sam Geard	8	0	8	4
Beau Howard	8	0	8	3
Archie Russell	8	0	8	2
Alfie Beck	5	3	8	4
Jamie Douglass	7	0	7	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	5	2	7	5
Archie Hill	4	1	5	0
Josh Trinick	3	2	5	0
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0
Max Beston	4	0	4	0
Jayden Dunkley	4	0	4	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Daniel Llwellyn	3	1	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Joe Holland	0	3	3	0
Robert Newman	0	3	3	0
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	2	0	2	0
Daniel Lade	2	0	2	0
Muhammad Wilson	1	1	2	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0
Jack Thomas	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>				
10/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
<b>November</b>				
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





# 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	0-1	
<b>November</b>				
07/11 - 14:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCWLC1		
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	4	0	4	0
Emma Flin	4	0	4	0
Jodie Johanson	4	0	4	1
Kirstin Mair	4	0	4	1
Sam Newman	4	0	4	0
Mia Pordage	4	0	4	0
Tallie Bright	3	0	3	0
Jess Craig	3	0	3	0
Claire Stevens	3	0	3	0
Katie Read	2	1	3	0
Ellie Moquet	1	2	3	0
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0
Katherine Chappell	2	0	2	2
Jemma Kendall	2	0	2	0
Holly Webb	0	2	2	0
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Zeba Ghorishi	0	1	1	0
Liz King	0	1	1	0
Kayleigh Norris	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

# ON THIS DAY



Hassocks had developed an alarming penchant for conceding late goals in the autumn of **2007** - a habit they needed to break ahead of a trip to an East Preston outfit who had just claimed the notable scalp of Whitehawk...

## Gault gains a good point for Robins on the road

### Late goals have proven costly to Hassocks in recent weeks and they came close to surrendering a point again at East Preston on Friday night.

It finished 1-1 under the lights at the Lashmar but the Robins were hanging on towards the end as EP enjoyed their best spell, putting relentless pressure on the Hassocks goal in the final five minutes.

That was not really in keeping with an even and open game. There was lots of honest endeavour but goalmouth action was otherwise thin on the ground and chances were at a premium.

East Preston came into the tie in confident mood having become the first side to beat Division One leaders Whitehawk in the County League in their last outing.

And whilst Hassocks had developed that troubling habit of conceding late goals in the league, they could take solace from three excellent cup performances in the past month which had seen progress made in the FA Vase, the Sussex Senior Cup and the RUR Charity Cup.

The Robins' best moments of the opening 45 minutes came after the half hour mark.

First, Matt Robbins was just too high with a well struck drive after good build up play and then EP goalkeeper Tom Rand did well to hold Sam Fisk's header on the line following an excellent deep cross

from Mickey Turner.

Stoppage time saw Hassocks squander their best opportunity of the half when Robbins was wasteful when well placed.

The second half began at breakneck speed. At one end, Phil Gault's touch let him down and that proved costly when EP countered to earn a cheap free kick from referee Barrie Small just outside the box.

EP made the most of the gift from Mr Small, Richard Carter stepping up to curl the 51st minute dead ball kick inside of Joel Harding's left hand post.

Hassocks replied 11 minutes later with a wonderfully worked goal. Anthony Hibbert got the move started but it was strikers Gault and Mark Sherriff who deserved most of the credit, Gault latching onto an astute pass from his experienced partner just before Rand and turning the ball in from the angle.

Things continued to be evenly balanced after that up until the closing stages when EP had the better chances.

One of the best was a completely free header that James Rhodes somehow put wide from a cross by Tom Lawley.

Just prior to that opportunity, Lawley had forced a good save at the second attempt from Harding.

Hassocks' nerves were not helped when Ashley Marsh limped off with five minutes remaining ahead of a lengthy period of time added on.

Laurence Robinson took over

from Marsh, necessitating a game of positional musical chairs with Gault dropping into midfield and Spencer Slaughter taking over from Marsh in the back three.

EP tried their best to take advantage of the reshuffle. Home substitute Phil Churchill struck a good effort from distance against the cross bar and then Harding had to save with his legs at the near post.

There was a sense of relief amongst the Hassocks contingent when Mr Small eventually blew the final whistle.

Few however would begrudge the Robins their point, although Dave John will know that three successive draws hardly helps his side's challenge for a best-ever County League finish come the end of the season.

Perhaps it will be the cups which at least bear some fruit for Hassocks?

There were bookings for Hibbert, Marsh and Gault as well as EP's Dan White, whose manager-dad Chris was sent from the bench after having a go at a linesman in the second half.

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

**Subs:** Robinson (Marsh 84), I Simpson, Thompson, J Simpson (unused).

# Around the League...



Our latest Southern Combination League round up comes from Saturday 16th October, when a full fixture list took place across all three divisions on the day that Hassocks slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Horsham YMCA...

**Game of the day in the Premier Division undoubtedly took place at the Sportsfield where Littlehampton Town and Eastbourne Town shared six goals in an extraordinary 3-3 draw.**

Things were going reasonably well for Littlehampton with an hour on the clock. They led 3-1 and were playing against 10 men after the visitors' Simon Johnson was shown a straight red card with only 14 minutes on the clock.

Goals from Dave Hebert, Modou Jammeh and Matt Axell had the Golds cruising. Callum Smith and Jack Samways found their way onto the scoresheet in the final 30 minutes which combined with Arron Hopkinson's first half effort was enough to see the spoils shared.

**Saltdean United** were not able to take advantage of Littlehampton dropping points as they too were held, **Little Common** leaving Hill Park with a 1-1 draw.

Sam Ellis gave Common the lead in the fourth minute. Tigers substitute Callum Saunders ensured it finished level with a 52nd minute equaliser.

There was a big improvement for **AFC Varndeanians** as a week after they had been beaten 4-1 at the Beacon, they went down to a 3-2 defeat against high-flying **Pagham**.

Jack Williamson, Jack Langford and Jack Barnes scored for the Lions. The Varndeanians consolations came from Finley Bigg and Reece Gayler.

George Cousins gave **Steyping Town** a 1-0 half time lead against **Newhaven** but the Dockers came back to continue their push towards

the promotion places, Alfie Rogers equalising in a 1-1 draw at the Shooting Field.

There was a hat-trick for Jack Shonk and a brace from Evan Archibald as **Bexhill United** hammered **East Preston** 6-1.

Kyle Holden was the other man on target for the Pirates whilst the EP consolation came via Kieran Sellick.

**AFC Uckfield Town** picked up a routine 3-1 win over **Loxwood** at the Oaks. Morgan Vale, Nathan Hover and Oliver Lee scored for the hosts with Luke Brodie on target for the Magpies.

Phil Johnson scored the only goal of the game for 10 man **Crawley Down Gatwick** in their 1-0 win at **Broadbridge Heath**.

Oliver Moore saw red for two bookable offences for the Anvils with the Premier Division's final game ending 0-0 between **Eastbourne United** and **Peacehaven & Telscombe**.

Division One leaders **Midhurst & Easebourne** ran out 4-1 winners against **Wick** to continue their impressive start to the campaign.

Josh Sheehan and Harry Giles scored early for the Stags. Ben Gray pulled one back on 55 minutes but it was Midhurst who finished strongest, adding two more in the final 10 minutes through Robert Tambling.

Two promotion hopefuls met at Bartholomew Way where **Roffey** ran out 5-3 winners over **Shoreham**.

Josh Neathey scored a brace for the hosts alongside goals for Devon Fender and Josh Maher. Neil Munday, Harry Heath and Mark Pulling were on target for Shoreham.

Callum Connor scored twice as

**Seaford Town** picked up an impressive 3-2 home win over **Godalming Town**.

Ryan Knight also found the back of the net for the Hornets, who had Simon Piper sent off. The Godalming goals came from Cameron Edwin and Kurt Greenaway.

**Mile Oak's** difficult campaign continued as they were routed 7-1 at **Epsom & Ewell**. Luke Miller scored a hat-trick for Epsom against an Oak defence who were not at the races.

Marcus Richmond got both the goals for tonight's visitors **Montpelier Villa** as they saw off **Billingshurst** 2-1 at Jubilee Fields for whom former Hassocks midfielder Jake Chadwick scored.

**Oakwood** defeated **Selsey** 2-1 at Tinsley Lane and a Tom Underwood hat-trick was the difference between **Arundel** and **Forest Row** at Mill Road where Frow came away with a 3-2 success.

In Division Two, **Jarvis Brook** were the day's big winners when hammering **Bosham** 7-1 at the Limekiln.

**Rustington** continue to stalk the leaders following their 3-2 home win over **Ferring** and **Copthorne** picked up a routine 4-0 success against **Southwater**.

Three ex-Robins were in the goals for **St Francis Rangers** in their 4-2 win at **Worthing Town**: Jordan Littlecott, Max Willcox and James Oliver joining Conor Carolan on the scoresheet.

**Littlehampton United** defeated **Brighton Electricity** 3-1 and there was a 2-2 draw between **Rottingdean Village** and **Charlwood**.





# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littlehampton Town	18	14	2	2	62	27	44
Saltdean United	17	12	2	3	43	13	38
Newhaven	17	10	5	2	48	16	35
Bexhill United	18	9	6	3	41	22	33
Broadbridge Heath	17	10	3	4	34	16	33
Pagham	16	11	0	5	27	17	33
Little Common	17	8	5	4	35	24	29
Eastbourne Town	17	8	5	4	33	22	29
Eastbourne United	17	8	2	7	33	26	26
Crawley Down Gatwick	16	7	3	6	41	27	24
Alfold	17	7	2	8	23	25	23
Peacehaven & Tels	16	6	2	8	24	23	20
Lingfield	17	6	2	9	25	49	20
Horsham YMCA	17	5	4	8	22	42	19
AFC Uckfield Town	17	4	6	7	17	22	18
Steyning Town	17	4	3	10	19	47	15
Loxwood	17	3	3	11	12	53	12
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>
East Preston	16	1	4	11	14	42	6
AFC Varndeanians	16	0	4	12	26	50	4

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	221	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	189	278	133
Littlehampton Town	149	220	112
Bexhill United	126	186	64
Newhaven	123	152	84
Broadbridge Heath	115	172	63
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>50</b>
Saltdean United	112	223	49
Eastbourne United	108	154	68
Pagham	103	187	76
Steyning Town	97	134	64
East Preston	81	108	62
Little Common	77	114	41
AFC Uckfield Town	74	116	39
Alfold	70	109	35
Crawley Down Gatwick	69	87	32
Horsham YMCA	69	94	41
Loxwood	59	83	38
AFC Varndeanians	57	122	37
Lingfield	56	81	41

## Premier Division Form Guide

### Last 6

Eastbourne United	WWDWWD
Bexhill United	WWDDDW
Eastbourne Town	DDDWWW
Broadbridge Heath	LLWWWW
Littlehampton Town	DDWWLW
Saltdean United	WDDWWL
Newhaven	DDWLWD
Pagham	LWWWLL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LDWLWD
AFC Uckfield Town	LDWLWD
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLDLLD
Horsham YMCA	LLWDWL
Lingfield	LWDLWL
Loxwood	WLLWDL
East Preston	DLLDLW
Little Common	LDWLLW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>DWLLLL</b>
Steyning Town	LWLLLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLDDD
Alfold	LLDLLD

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	33
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	21
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	17
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	17
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	15
Jack Langford	Pagham	15
Trevor McCreddie	Saltdean United	15
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	15
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	15
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	12
Joe Clarke	Pagham	10
Lewis Hole	Little Common	10
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	10
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	9
Shane Brazil	East Preston	8
Sam Clements	Lingfield	8
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	8
Festos Kamara	Eastbourne Utd	8
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	8
Jame Taylor	B'bridge Heath	8

**Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	8	7	1	0	31	8	22
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>
Roffey	8	4	1	3	9	7	13
Alfold	8	4	0	4	13	15	12
Crowborough Athletic	7	3	1	3	20	18	10
Oakwood	8	2	1	5	10	17	7
Steyning Town	7	2	1	4	8	15	7
Horsham YMCA	5	1	2	2	7	16	5
St Francis Rangers	7	1	0	6	8	17	3

**Under 23 North Division Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	15
<b>Jay Hudson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	4
Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	4
Dave Crouch	Crowborough	3
Derrick Kabagozza	B'bridge Heath	3
Kingsley Mercrue	Oakwood	3
Lucas Murrian	Crowborough	3
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Steyning Town	6	4	0	2	22	11	12
<b>Montpelier Villa</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
Shoreham & Adur	5	2	2	1	10	6	7
St Francis Rangers	6	2	1	3	12	18	7
Worthing United	4	2	0	2	12	13	6
Burgess Hill Town	7	1	2	4	14	21	5
AFC Varndeanians	7	1	0	6	9	23	3

**Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Jack Smart</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>7</b>
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	5
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	4
James Lyon-Monk	St Francis	4
Ellis Martin	Steyning Town	4
Keane Rodrigues	Steyning Town	4
Nathan Williams	Worthing United	4
Gabriel Brennan	Steyning Town	3

**Sussex County Women's League Premier Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	6	5	0	1	20	4	15
<b>Montpelier Villa</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>
Roffey	5	4	0	1	19	7	12
Seaford Town	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Pagham	3	2	0	1	13	9	6
Worthing Town	5	1	0	4	6	24	3
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
Woodingdean Wand	5	0	0	5	5	20	0
Eastbourne Town	4	0	0	4	1	33	0

**Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
Remi Crawley	Pagham	8
<b>Kathryn Davison</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Lou Tindall</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Nicole White</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>7</b>
Dulcie Elder	Worthing Town	6
Emma Biffi	Pagham	5
<b>Georgia Egner</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Saskia T-Doyle</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Tara Barratt</b>	<b>M Villa</b>	<b>4</b>

**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
Charlwood	4	2	0	2	16	13	6
Ardingly	3	2	0	1	10	8	6
South Park	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Brockham	3	2	0	1	3	4	6
Ansty Sports & Social	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
East Court	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Burgess Hill Albion	3	0	0	3	0	4	0
South Godstone	3	0	0	3	2	16	0

**Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
Mark Heavens	Charlwood	5
<b>Steve Spies</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
David Neathey	Furnace Green	4
Mark Southam	Charlwood	4
Andrew Beattie	Charlwood	3
Jamie Liddell	Charlwood	3
Liam Tucknott	Ardingly	3
<b>Pat Harding</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>David Juniper</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>
Jamie Liddell	Charlwood	2



## Coming up...

The home games come thick and fast over the next seven days with Alfold visiting the Beacon this Saturday followed by Pagham on Tuesday night. We then hit the road again away at high-flying Broadbridge Heath...



### **Alfold**

#### **When?**

Saturday 13th November

#### **Where?**

The Beacon

#### **Time?**

3:00pm

#### **Competition?**

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### **Admission?**

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

#### **Alfold this season?**

This is turning into something of a transitional season for Alfold. Former Dorking manager Glynn Stephens succeeded Jack and Matt Munday in the summer, the managerial duo who had led Alfold to the Premier Division for the first time in their history deciding to stand down in May. Several big name players departed including most of Alfold's dangerous front line, leaving Stephens with a bit of a rebuild on his hands. It has gone reasonably well so far and Alfold are safely tucked into mid table as we approach the halfway point of the campaign.

#### **Our record against Alfold?**

This is a fixture that the gods clearly hate given the number of times it has been postponed since Alfold won promotion to the top flight for the 2019-20. The away game at Alfold Recreation Ground was postponed four times that season due to weather with Alfold's trip to the Beacon undergoing the same fate once before both matches were lost to lockdown. We finally met for the one

and only time on the opening day of last season. The return match at the Beacon was lost to weather again prior to 2020-21 being curtailed.

#### **Last time we met?**

Is that one and only game to date back in August 2020. We were well in the game at the hour mark with the scores locked at 1-1 after Charlie Pitcher cancelled out Tiago Andrade's opener. Alfold's second from Sammy Clemmets saw veteran goalkeeper Phil Wickwar limp off injured to be replaced by defender Dan Turner and it was an uphill battle from that. The hosts added a third as Andrade completed his brace for a 3-1 victory.

#### **Played for both?**

Goalkeeper Alex Harris spent the second half of the 2019-20 campaign with Alfold. Harris is currently in his fifth spell with the Robins and could turn out against his former club presuming he has overcome the injury picked up late on in defeat against Loxwood a couple of weeks ago.



**Pagham****When?**

Tuesday 16th November

**Where?**

The Beacon

**Time?**

7:45m

**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 11 wins from 16 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.

**Broadbridge Heath****When?**

Saturday 20th November

**Where?**

High Wood Hill Sports Ground

**Time?**

3:00pm

**Competition?**Southern Combination League  
Premier Division**Broadbridge Heath this season?**

Having spent most of the 2020-21 campaign around the bottom three prior to curtailment, Heath were a side who a lot of people tipped to struggle this season. That could not have been further from the truth and they are absolutely flying in fifth spot and looking like potential dark horses for promotion. Even if they fail short of that outcome that looked very unlikely in the summer, they will surely secure their best ever finish.

**Our record against Broadbridge Heath?**

Heath are one of the few teams who we have faced across all three divisions of the Southern Combination League over the past 35 years. Heath lead the head-to-head having won 12 of the previous 26 meetings compared to Hassocks' nine, leaving five draws. Their dominance comes largely from recent clashes with Hassocks having only two wins from the previous 12 matches.

**Last time we met?**

Even by the disappointing standard of results against Heath over the past five or so years, our last meeting back in August was a bit of a disaster. The Bears ran out easy 5-1 winners on an evening when we managed the impressive feat of scoring two own goals. A wicked deflection opened the scoring for the first and a second slice in from a home defender gave Heath their fifth. In between, Matt Penfold, Jamie Taylor and Charlie Parmitter all found time to score. The Hassocks consolation came from Lewis Beebee, notching his first senior goal.

**How to get to High Wood Hill?**

Take the A272 to the A24, heading towards Horsham. Leave the A24 at the junction with the A264 before taking the first right onto Old Wickhurst Lane. Take the next right onto Cook Way and the ground is on the fourth right after that.



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

**August £140  
September £56  
October £98  
November  
December  
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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**  
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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 **Charlie Pugh**  
Crawley Down Gatwick home **James Westlake**  
Loxwood away **Spencer Slaughter**  
East Preston away  
Montpelier Villa home  
Alfold home  
Pagham 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 **Alfie Loversidge**  
2nd **Bradley Tighe**  
3rd **Josh Short**

October 2021  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

November 2021  
1st  
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December 2021  
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January 2021  
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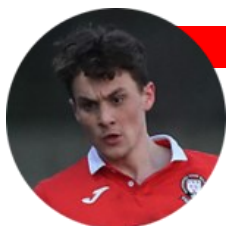
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# HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

# Most Games

# Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
10. Phil Gault	325	15	340	186
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
16. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
17. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
18. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
19. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
20. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
21. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
22. James Westlake	187	14	201	30
23. Pat Harding	184	17	201	137
24. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37
25. Stuart Agate	172	7	179	4

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	186	340
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	137	201
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	76	163
7. Nathan Miles	74	211
8. Neil Smith	68	242
9. Steve Hards	65	155
10. Mickey Turner	63	594
11. Dave Smith	53	260
12. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
13. Joe Fernley	45	245
14. Mark Burnham	44	231
15. Matt Amos	38	81
16. Michael Death	38	112
17. Marc Rendall	37	183
18. Andy Burt	35	133
19. Liam Benson	31	134
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	30	201
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Stuart Faith	22	289
25. Chris Hewitt	22	508



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Dan Turner	
Luke Marshall	
Arthur Rawlinson	
Jordan Badger	
James Westlake	
Lewis Westlake	
Lucas Tyrrell	
Josh Short	
Josh Hawkes	
Spencer Slaughter	
Bradley Bant	
Jude Wallis	
Joe Bull	
Alfie Loversidge	

**Head Coach** Brad Sweetman  
**Assistant** Jordan Wilson  
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**Physio** Phil Wickwar

### Next at the Beacon



Alfold  
 Saturday 13th November. 3:00pm  
 SCFL Premier Division



## Montpelier Villa

	Dan Barden
	Harley Damario
	Mitchell Ford
	Chris Grant
	Aaron Lockwood
	Michael Lloyd
	Aaron Macmillan
	Max Martin
	Charlie Meehan
	Harry Mills
	Lateef Oladokun
	Marcus Richmond
	Gabriel Robinson
	Josh Rondel
	Oliver Stevenson
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	Ryan Walton

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**Coach** Blair Hamilton  
**Coach** Dan Viggers

### Today's other RUR Cup games

Steyning Town v Arundel  
 Wick v Eastbourne United