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HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for this afternoon's Southern Combination League Premier Division fixture against free-scoring Peacehaven...

We would like to welcome the players, management, officials and supporters of the Tye and hope that they enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex this afternoon.

Before we get to on-the-pitch matters, thank you to everyone who turned out for the very-belated AGM held in the Clubhouse on Monday night.

It was good for us to be able to update members on everything that has been going on over the past year, especially in light of the pandemic and where exactly that leaves us a club.

We were also delighted to welcome several new faces onto the committee - including a couple of former players in Nick Newman and Stuart Faith - with the hope of kick starting several projects which had to be shelved when the first lockdown came along in spring 2020.

Chief of those will be the development of the south field, a goal which we have had for over a decade now but one which has never quite managed to come to fruition for one reason or another. We will keep you updated as plans develop so watch

this space.

To footballing matters and we picked up an excellent point from a 0-0 draw at Broadbridge Heath last Saturday.

Unless you have been living under the rock, you will have heard about how Phil ended up in goal for the final 30 minutes, keeping his first clean sheet since decimalisation.

Wickers aside, it was a superb performance in which the players had to really battle against opponents who were in good form and scoring goals for fun.

Four days previously we suffered a close-fought 2-1 defeat against Pagham which, were it not for some fine goalkeeping from the Lions' goalkeeper, might have ended in additional points on the board.

To be competing with sides like Broadbridge Heath and Pagham who are pushing for the top six is a sign of how far we have come in recent weeks and should stand us in good stead for the relegation fight ahead.

Similar performance levels will be needed today against a Peacehaven outfit who have scored 29 goals in their past five matches if we are to take anything.

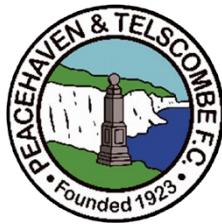
Away from first team matters, the Under 23s were 3-1 winners over Steyning Town in the League Cup nine days ago thanks to a trio of headers from Lewis Beebee, Luke Marshall and Charlie Tuck.

The Under 18s were edged out in a seven goal thriller last Sunday, going down 4-3 at Worthing United whilst a week earlier, the Ladies picked up their biggest victory for three seasons when beating Woodingdean Wanderers 7-0.

All of December's fixtures across all of our sides are confirmed in today's programme and with only one home game next month - the visit of Saltdean United on Saturday 18th - it would be great to see some support for the club's other teams.

That may be able to start tomorrow night, when the Veterans are due to face Ansty. We say may, because we are still unsure of whether the opposition will be able to raise a team. If you are considering coming along, please check with Owen behind the bar if the game is still going ahead.

**Enjoy today's game,
Owen & Scott**



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HONOURS

Isthmian League South

Winners 2014

Southern Combination League

Winners 1979, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2013

SCFL Division 1

Winners 2009

SCFL Division 2

Winners 2006

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1982, 1994, 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1978, 1982, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2010, 2019

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1992, 1993, 2010, 2013

SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1970, 1976, 2008, 2009

Peacehaven have played six games so far in November, scoring 30 goals at an average of five a game. To say this would be a bad time to be facing the Tye would be a slight understatement...

Such has been our luck against Peacehaven this season. Our previous meeting came back in August when Mark Shutt's side were also flying, their 3-2 win over us at the Sports Park taking them joint top of the table alongside local rivals Saltdean United.

Things fell apart for Peacehaven after that and they went winless in 10, toppling from title contention into lower mid table as well as exiting the FA Cup, the FA Vase and Peter Bentley League Cup in the space of a September week.

The ship though has since been steadied, as those November results so far are testament to; a 10-0 win over Loxwood, a 6-0 success at East Preston and a 9-0 victory against Oakwood in midweek contributing hugely to that ridiculous goal total.

What these sequences of results tell us is that the Tye can be a quality side on their day - meaning our chances of getting something today could hinge on which Peacehaven turn up.

Any home fans looking for some positive signs from past meetings will find themselves barking up the

wrong tree as our record against Peacehaven is spectacularly bad.

The Tye have won 21 of the 35 meetings with eight wins for us and seven draws.

We can at least take solace from the fact that today's game is here at the Beacon - trips to the Sports Park have been even more harrowing.

Hassocks have just one league win to their name down on the south coast in 12 attempts, coming under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 season when we went onto claim our highest ever Premier Division finish of fourth.

Peacehaven could have several faces familiar to Robins fans on show with three former Hassocks players currently amongst their ranks.

Liam Benson will be sure of a warm welcome for his efforts as part of our 2013-14 title winning youth team and subsequent record of 31 goals from 134 senior appearances.

The Tye can also count Alex Spinks and Alex Bygraves amongst their number - with it being particularly good to see Bygraves playing again after an injury hit few years.

10 Key Moments

1923... the current club formed following a merger of Peacehaven Rangers and Telscombe Tye

1970... Brighton League winners, earning promotion into the Southern Combination for the first time

1979... win their first of six titles league titles in 19 seasons, before relegation from the top flight in 1998

1999... bounce back to the Premier at the third time of asking, but are relegated just two seasons later

2005... relegated to Division Two but their stay there was brief, winning promotion back after one season

2009... promoted back to the Premier Division, finishing runners up in their first season.

2013... win SCFL title & promotion to the Isthmian League for the first time.

2014... Isthmian South and Sussex Senior Cup winners in the clubs most successful season to date

2016... back-to-back relegations complete a dramatic fall back to the Southern Combination League

2019... lift the RUR Cup with a shock win over Isthmian League side Haywards Heath in the final

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 10th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 14th

2015-16, Isthmian South 24th

2014-15, Isthmian Premier 21st

2013-14, Isthmian South 1st

2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 1st

2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2008-09, Southern Combination One 1st

2007-08, Southern Combination One 4th

2006-07, Southern Combination One 5th

2005-06, Southern Combination Two 1st

2004-05, Southern Combination One 17th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 12th

2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 18th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 12th

2000-01, Southern Combination One 2nd

1999-00, Southern Combination One 14th

Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 27 - Won 5 - Drawn 6 - Lost 16 - Scored 34 - Conceded 55

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3

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

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

Total... Played 36 - Won 8 - Drawn 7 - Lost 21 - Scored 42 - Conceded 67

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-2 Hassocks

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Peacehaven

2020-21 FA Vase: Hassocks 0-3 Peacehaven

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Peacehaven

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 Peacehaven

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-1 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-6 Peacehaven

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 3-2 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Peacehaven 1-0 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Peacehaven

Played for Both

Two players from either side could come up against their former clubs today after a couple of seasons in which the red of Hassocks and the black and white of Peacehaven have been swapped with startling frequency.

Let us start on our side with **Bradley Bant**, currently in his third spell as a Hassocks player after re-joining the club in October from AFC Varndeanians.

Sandwiched between Bants' first and second spells with us was his time at Peacehaven, where he spent the 2018-19 and 2019-20 campaigns.

The other current Robin with Tye

connections is Lucas Tyrrell, who we swooped to sign from the Sports Park last month.

Tyrrell will be hoping to feature against his former club should he recover from the injury which forced him off after 25 minutes of the Alfold victory a fortnight ago.

A glut of players left the Beacon for Peacehaven last summer and two still remain with the Tye, including Hassocks' 2019-20 season captain

Alex Spinks.

Midfielder Spinks managed 29 appearances between 2018 and 2020 in what was an injury hit second spell at the Beacon.

Liam Benson also moved to the

Sports Park in 2020, bringing to a close his third spell at Hassocks.

Benson had come through the ranks at the Beacon as part of the Under 18s side who won the Central Division title in 2013-14, going onto score 31 times in 134 matches for the first time.

Playing alongside Spinks and Benson at the Tye last season were **Harry Mills** and **James Broadbent.**

Other notable names to have represented both include defender Sol Bowra who switched from Hassocks to Peacehaven a decade ago and striker **Dan Smith** who scored 26 goals from 63 games during his time as a Robin.

Still no wins but Hassocks give leaders Peacehaven a fright

That first win of the season continues to elude Hassocks but if they can deliver frights like the one they gave Peacehaven & Telscombe at the Sports Park then it surely cannot be too far away.

A 3-2 victory for the hosts represented a fifth successive success and moved them level on points with early leaders and local rivals Saltdean United, who they faced in a tantalising derby clash on Bank Holiday Monday.

Hassocks were clearly facing no slouches and although Peacehaven dominated much of the evening in terms of possession, the Tye were extremely grateful to hear the full time whistle as Hassocks had them on the ropes whilst chasing a most unlikely of draws.

The performance of the Robins could not have been further away from their weekend showing, when they scored two own goals on their way to a 5-1 home defeat to Broadbridge Heath.

Head coach Brad Sweetman made four changes from the side beaten by the Bears, two of them in his defence.

Dan Turner returned from an injury picked up on the opening day of the season and Luke Marshall was recalled from the bench to replace absent duo Arthur Rawlingson and Bradley Tighe.

17-year-old Sam Geard made his full debut in place of Ben Hicks and there was a first senior appearance for Jay Hudson, taking over from George Mitchell-Phillips in attack.

Former Burgess Hill Town man Hudson came into the clash in flying form having scored all four goals as the Under 23s beat Crowborough Athletic in their season opener the previous Thursday.

Peacehaven dominated the first 10 minutes without ever really testing

Christian Kiddell, continuing in the Robins goal with Charlie Pugh still unavailable.

In fact, it was Hassocks who had the first chance of the match. Hudson was the man to fashion it, nearly marking his debut in perfect style when working his way into the area to fire in a shot was well repelled by Jake Hutson in the Tye goal.

Hassocks remained steadfast defensively right up until the half hour mark when Max Hollobone broke the deadlock in a spectacular manner.

There did not seem much on when the ball fell to the Peacehaven schemer on the edge of the box.

That was until he fizzed in a powerful strike from 25 yards, giving Kiddell no chance.

Other than that Hudson opportunity, Hassocks had been a non-entity as an attacking force throughout the first half, instead content to focus on maintaining their shape and keeping Peacehaven at bay.

That changed though with the introduction of George Mitchell-Phillips for Hudson during the break as the teenage forward suddenly started asking questions of the Tye defence.

Initially at least, Peacehaven were unable to cope with the threat posed by Mitchell-Phillips.

That eventually led to a Hassocks equaliser, Connor Bradley volleying home his first senior goal with 54 minutes on the clock.

Parity appeared to shake Peacehaven back into life and within 60 seconds of Bradley's leveller, the hosts retook the lead.

Louis Veneti and Tyler Scrafton combined to feed Jordan Pryor, whose strike clipped Kiddell's post on its way to nestling in the back of the net.

Sweetman made a double change on 73 minutes in an attempt to try and wrestle something from the

contest, Max Blencowe and Jude Wallis taking over from Bradley and Lewis Beebee respectively.

The first task of the new faces was unfortunately to watch Peacehaven add their third.

It came from Scrafton, capping off a fine individual performance with a richly deserved goal which most home observers felt meant the game was done and dusted.

Some Hassocks observers were probably wondering not only the same thing, but also if another mauling might be on the cards for their young team with 15 minutes still to play.

Instead, the Robins showed commendable fight to force their second goal of the evening and set up a nervy finish for the Tye.

Captain Andy Whittingham was the scorer, choosing a timely moment to net only his second Hassocks goal in over 100 appearances when smashing home during a goalmouth scramble with 83 minutes showing on the clock.

Hassocks threw everything they could at the Peacehaven goal in the final seven minutes plus stoppage time but were unable to find a way through, much to the relief of Tye boss Mark Shutt and his players.

Peacehaven got the result they needed to move joint top. Hassocks too could be pleased with their evening's work ahead of two home games in the space of 48 hours over the Bank Holiday weekend against Steyning Town and Lingfield as they chase that first win.

Hassocks: Kiddell; Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; Gardner, Short, Bradley, Loversidge, Geard; Hudson, Beebee.

Subs: Mitchell-Phillips (Hudson 45), Blencowe (Bradley 73), Wallis (Beebee 73), Hicks, Dunkley (unused).

Robins still unbeaten but should have had more from talented Tye

Talented Peacehaven & Telscombe posed the sternest test yet of the Mickey Jewell era at the Beacon on Tuesday night.

A third successive 1-1 draw preserved Hassocks' unbeaten start under their new manager but the Robins will surely have been disappointed not to earn all three points.

Hassocks were superb in the first half and with a little more composure, they could have been out of sight rather than having a mere one goal lead provided by Sam Jeremiah.

Peacehaven came roaring back in the second half, as you would expect from a squad packed with some of the best talents in the County League and who will surely give title favourites Whitehawk a run for their money this season.

And despite their quality, the visitors still needed a hugely contentious penalty which left Jewell fuming to claim their share of the points.

One of the most notable aspects of the campaign so far has been the way in which Jewell rotates his players and there were several changes again from the side who drew with Arundel at the weekend.

The most intriguing came at right back, where 18-year-old Stuart Brown made his full debut in place of Luke Akehurst.

Brown won the Robins' Young Player of the Season award last year and is highly thought of by Jewell, who has been keen to involve him in the first team despite the influx of new arrivals to the Beacon.

There was also a change in goal, where the injured Mike Abbott was replaced by Jack Simpson.

Simpson was making his first appearance of the season but with his weekend cricketing commitments now all-but complete, he will be

available for the foreseeable future.

That will only strengthen Hassocks further, even if Abbott has hardly put a foot wrong since signing from Steyning Town.

Simpson had a relatively quiet evening despite the Tye dominating the possession count, the young Robins goalkeeper just fielding a couple of long range efforts and confidently collecting some crosses into his box.

Hassocks set their stall out early when Neil Kane forced a good save low down from Josh Heyburn and Brown embarked on a driving run and cross which was headed over by Jeremiah.

At the other end, a rare foray forward from Peacehaven saw Simpson save well from the influential Clive Snell.

The lead Hassocks deserved arrived on 32 minutes and it came via some brilliant football. Spencer Slaughter won possession in midfield and his pass found the industrious Lee Waterhouse out on the right.

Waterhouse is already becoming a fan favourite amongst the Hassocks faithful with his tricky wing play. He put that to good effect, dancing past his marker and whipping in an excellent cross for Jeremiah to glance past Heyburn at the far post.

Jeremiah nearly doubled the lead five minutes later, beating Heyburn but not Jamie Cullinane who performed heroics to clear off the line.

The Tye used half time to their advantage, regrouping and taking the game to Hassocks through lots of possession football.

They were helped slightly in that regard by the Robins, who were guilty of giving the ball away cheaply and perhaps sitting a little too deep.

Ashley Marsh and Phil Gault were both correctly booked. Slaughter looked like he would go the same way, escaping with just a talking to from referee Nigel Baker for a robust

foul.

Jewell decided to save Slaughter from having Baker take his name when replacing the midfielder with Anthony Hibbert in a bid to turn the tide.

Unfortunately, Hibbert's first task was to watch Mr Baker award the spot kick which levelled the game and looked soft in the extreme.

Andy Whittingham was adjudged to have nudged Snell, who sent Simpson the wrong way with the subsequent penalty.

Conceding an equaliser seemed to break Hassocks out of the defensive mood they had settled into and the final 25 minutes became much more of an even contest.

Peacehaven continued to do plenty of pressing but Simpson was untroubled and it was the Robins who had the better chances to win it.

Hibbert was inches wide with a trademark free kick curled towards the top corner which had Heyburn looking worried.

Cullinane then came to Peacehaven's rescue again, this time denying Jeremiah with a superb last ditch block following a fine run from the Hassocks forward.

Peacehaven mustered one final chance in the final few minutes and it was no surprise to see Snell involved, his effort being well blocked by Simpson.

In the end, the spoils were shared. Hassocks remain unbeaten under Jewell with another examination of their abilities to come when Combined Counties League outfit Farnham Town visit the Beacon in the FA Cup on Saturday.

Hassocks: Simpson; Brown, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Whittingham; Waterhouse, Gault, Slaughter, Thompson; Jeremiah; Kane.

Subs: Hibbert (Slaughter 62), Laing (Kane 72), Hillwood (Thompson 78), Akehurst, Clark (unused).



It will be lonely this Christmas with festive fixtures confirmed

It will be lonely at the Beacon this Christmas as Hassocks play only one Southern Combination League Premier Division home game in December.

The month gets underway with a trip to AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday 4th December. Uckfield were the first opponents who the Robins picked up a point against this season when the sides drew 2-2 at the Beacon back in August.

Hassocks head east again a week later, visiting the Sunshine Coast for a date with Eastbourne Town on Saturday 11th December.

You have to go back to February 2006 to find the last time the Robins left the Saffrons with three points, a 1-0 victory delivered by a Stuart Faith header.

Current Premier Division leaders Saltdean United provide the opposition at the Beacon on Saturday 18th December for that one home

fixture, which also happens to be our final game before Christmas.

The Tigers gave an indication of their intentions to be involved in the title race when hammering Hassocks 6-0 back in the opening week of the season.

December is rounded off with a trip to Crawley Down Gatwick on Monday 27th as the traditional post-Christmas fixture is pushed back 24 hours owing to Boxing Day falling on a Sunday this year.

It will be the first Premier Division meeting of the season between the clubs, although they have already met in the Sussex Senior Cup when the Anvils won 2-0 at the Beacon.

The Under 23s have just two fixtures in December. They travel to Alfold on Thursday 2nd for a 7:30pm kick off before hosting Steyning Town on Thursday 9th at 7:45pm.

December for the Under 18s starts away at Montpelier Villa on Sunday 5th with a slightly later start

time than normal of 11:45am at Culver Road.

Back-to-back home games then round off 2021 for the Young Robins against Worthing United on Sunday 12th and AFC Varndeanians on Sunday 19th.

The Ladies also have a date at Villa to look forward to on Sunday 12th, followed by Roffey at the Beacon on Sunday 19th.

Finally, the Veterans are due to host Brockham on Sunday 5th. Kick off time and venue for that one are yet to be decided and as is always the case with vets football, could be subject to change right up until the last minute.

If you would like to come and watch Nick Newman and his side in action, then please keep an eye on our social media channels in the run up to the game which will hopefully carry details as when we have them.



Loversidge needs a bigger mantlepiece for consecutive Player of the Month awards

He did it in September. Now he has done it in October. Four goals including a first senior hat-trick helps Alfie Loversidge to another Player of the Month award

Has Alfie Loversidge got a big enough mantlepiece? The young forward added the Hassocks October Player of the Month award to his September gong as his superb 2021-22 season continued.

It was a two-horse race for the title between Loversidge and Josh Short, who can consider himself unlucky to have not won a Player of the Month award of his own having finished in the top three in every vote so far.

On this occasion, Loversidge picked up 45.5 percent, beating Short who secured 36.4 percent. Charlie Pugh and Arthur Rawlingson shared third after both took 9.1 percent.

Loversidge started October by scoring the Hassocks goal in an impressive 1-1 draw at Bexhill United.

Better was to come the following week when he hit his first senior hat-trick, firing the Robins to a vital 4-1 win over AFC Varndeanians.

The teenager was unplayable against V's, earning and converting the penalty which completed his treble and playing a minor role in Joe Bull's opener.

Having started the season playing in midfield, Loversidge drew comparisons for his October performances with another youth team product who found himself thrown up front once in the senior setup to great effect - Matt Amos.

If Loversidge can go onto have as big an impact as Amos managed, then there will be many more Player of the Month awards to come.

The main reason that Loversidge was so prolific throughout October

was because of the work of Short in midfield.

Short has already established himself as a firm fan favourite and spent most of the month being at the heart of everyone good that Hassocks did having been given a little more freedom in a more attacking role.

Nothing could separate Pugh and Rawlingson in third. Goalkeeper Pugh was voted as Man-of-the-Match in both the Eastbourne United and Horsham YMCA defeats following a string of excellent saves to prevent Hassocks falling to heavy defeats.

Rawlingson meanwhile enjoyed a run of starts in defence as injuries began to bite. He made the most of the opportunity, putting in several solid shifts and showcasing his versatility by successfully filling both right back and centre back roles.

Hassocks huff and puff but they cannot quite tame the Lions

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 16th November 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks 1-2 Pagham



High flying Pagham arrived at the Beacon hoping for a gentle warm up ahead of their FA Vase Second Round trip to Athletic Newham this Saturday.

And whilst the Lions left with all three points courtesy of a 2-1 win, it was perhaps not as straightforward as they would have expected as they had to rely on two goals which were gifts really from the Robins.

Hassocks came into the game buoyed by securing back-to-back wins for the first time this season, following up last Tuesday's 5-0 thrashing of Montpelier Villa in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup with a gritty 2-1 victory over Alfold at the weekend.

That has left a real feel good factor around the Robins at the minute, although how long that lasts remains to be seen with upcoming matches against in-form Broadbridge Heath and Peacehaven & Telscombe in the next 11 days.

What Hassocks cannot do against opponents as good as those two - and Pagham, of course - is concede cheap goals early on.

Unfortunately, that is what happened here when the Robins gave the ball to Ross Edwards in midfield under no pressure at all with only four minutes played.

Edwards could not believe his luck. He slipped in Ryan Morey who needed no second invitation to drive towards the home goal and pass to Joe Clarke to apply the finish.

Jake Heryet came close to making it 2-0 on to the 15 minute mark, winning and then taking a free kick from a promising position which Alex Harris scrambled across his goal to turn behind.

A lull in proceedings was followed by a period of Hassocks dominance as the game ticked past the half hour.

Dan Turner and Phil Gault both

met pinpoint Jack Baden corners with tame headers that should have done more to trouble Lewis Broughton in the Pagham goal.

Sandwiched between those two chances was an opportunity for Broughton to show his worth, superbly tipping over a Gault effort from 25 yards after the veteran produced some nifty footwork to make space in a tight spot.

It was against the run of play when Pagham doubled their advantage five minutes before the break.

Jack Langford was denied a fine individual goal when his run from the halfway line was kept out by a decent stop from Harris.

The danger had not passed though and Hassocks were completely asleep from the resulting corner, leaving the Lion's giant centre back Dylan Jelley to head home Morey's delivery. To say the defending was wobbly would be an understatement.

There was still time for the Robins to register two more attempts prior to the interval.

James Westlake was next to be denied from distance by Broughton and a quick Bradley Bant corner ended with Baden shooting wide.

The second half continued in a similar manner. Jack Troak might have scored twice in quick succession on his first start since April following injury, seeing one effort blocked and then being inches away from turning in a Josh Short cross after a blazing run from the midfielder.

Short then turned in the box to fire over when well placed. Pagham boss Ryan Pharo responded by making a double change to try and stem the flow and it worked as the Lions fostered two golden opportunities to sew the three points up.

One of those Pagham subs, Jamie Carroll, returned a ball into the box

with interest and only some desperate last ditch defending which appeared to involve a hand from Hassocks denied the Lions on that occasion.

Next it was the turn of the cross bar to keep the Robins in the game. A wonderful passing move involving Jack Barnes, Olly Hambleton and Carroll ended with Langford smashing a first time shot against the woodwork.

Having completed 90 minutes on Saturday, Gault was by now starting to look like he needed a lot of WD40 and a nice drop of Malbec.

Brad Sweetman withdrew his evergreen striker with Lewis Beebee taking Gault's place and Beebee really should have scored after being released by Turner and rounding Broughton.

His effort into the empty goal lacked the requisite power and that allowed Nathan Da Costa to get back and clear.

The exertions of the past week looked like they were no catching up with even those players much younger than Gault as Hassocks began flagging in the final 15 minutes.

Harris had to make a strong save with his feet from Grant Radmore and Langford, Clarke and Morey all squandered one-on-ones.

The Robins deserved a consolation at the very least and they did eventually get that deep into the fourth minute of injury time.

Troak's run and pass found the outstanding Short who rifled into the bottom corner from the edge of the area.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, Tighe, Bant; J Westlake, Baden, Short, Troak; Badger, Gault.

Subs: Smith (Baden 63), Beebee (Gault 73), Marshall, Tuck, Wallis (unused).

Wickwar rolls back the years to help Hassocks claim a point

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 20th November 2021, The Beacon
Broadbridge Heath 0-0 Hassocks



The proof of the progress made by Hassocks this season was there for all to see at Broadbridge Heath.

When these sides met at the Beacon back in August, it was a horror show for Hassocks.

They were walloped 5-1, hopelessly outplayed and capped a miserable evening by managing the impressive feat of scoring two own goals. A long season looked ahead.

Fast forward three months and 19.8 miles north to High Wood Hill Sports Ground and the contrast could not have been more stark.

The Robins battled their way to a 0-0 draw against hosts who are enjoying their best ever top flight season, starting the afternoon fifth in the Premier Division table.

What made this result all the more impressive was that Hassocks achieved it shorn of the services of goalkeeper Alex Harris for the final 30 minutes.

A nasty blow to the head led to Harris leaving the field, his place taken by 47-year-old physio Phil Wickwar.

The number of times that Wickwar has been called upon in such circumstances over the past five years or so is frankly astonishing.

Other than using his favourite adjective of "shambles", he never complains though.

Wickwar would do quite literally anything for the club and that is why he has been such a popular figure at Hassocks for 30 years, filling virtually every role going.

In terms of goalkeeping cameos, this was arguably his best since he served as regular backup to Joel Harding in the mid-00's.

Wickwar rolled back the years even further than that, making two brilliant saves as if it were 1992 again to help preserve the clean sheet and with it, the point.

As a result, Wickwar was an easy

winner of Man-of-the-Match, with Hassocks now seeking sponsorship for the award from Age Concern in honour of their sprightly stand in.

Wickwar might have taken the headlines, but the rest of the Robins who featured deserve immense credit too.

Heath are not flying so high by fluke or accident; they are a quality outfit assembled by manager Chris Simmons and in number 9 Mason Doughty, they had the best player on the pitch.

Hassocks might not have had the edge on ability but their work rate throughout was phenomenal.

This was by no means a backs to the wall 0-0 as the Robins played a full part, at least before Harris departed. On another day, they might have even won it.

Doughty was the first player from either side to get a sight of goal, latching onto a defence splitting pass from Jamie Taylor and drawing a good stop low down on the angle from Harris with 13 minutes played.

Hassocks had their best spell after that, racking up three decent opportunities in 15 minutes.

Jack Troak could not connect properly as he scuffed wide when well placed. A good passage of play set Alfie Loversidge up for a left footed effort off target.

Jack Baden then swung over a free kick which Heath goalkeeper Liam Matthews was brave in dealing with, taking a clattering from Dan Turner for his troubles.

Doughty was soon back in the thick of the action, meeting a Charlie Weller right wing cross with a first time volley.

It was some hit from Doughty but luckily for Hassocks, it proved more dangerous to the property prices of the neighbouring flats than Harris' goal.

Heath started the second half strongest, Taylor seeing an effort blocked by Turner before Bradley

Tighe produced a first class covering tackle on Weller, who had beaten three Hassocks players on a mazy run up the right.

The collision involving Harris came on the hour mark. The Hassocks goalkeeper was crashed into by a Bears opponent when a corner was delivered into the box and although it was clearly accidental, the seriousness of the incident was obvious from the start.

There was a lengthy delay whilst Wickwar tended to the injury and Harris was helped from the field. Heath did a first class job in looking after Harris and he reported after the game that he was in good spirits, if a little sore.

With Wickwar now in goal, the hosts understandably fancied their chances of going onto win the game. Heath became even more determined to get on the front foot, beginning to pin Hassocks into their own half.

The Robins though dug in, manned the trenches and defended stubbornly. That restricted Heath to only three clear opportunities in the final 30 minutes.

Taylor headed wide from one of a barrage of Kyle Sim long throws before Wickwar came to the fore, tipping a Charlie Parmiter free kick over at full stretch and getting down to his left wonderfully to keep out a Doughty effort.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, Tighe, Tuck; Loversidge, Baden, J Westlake, Troak; Short; Beebee.

Subs: Wickwar, Bull (used).

First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
September				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
25/09 - 15:00	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
October				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	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	
November				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
09/11 - 19:45	Montpelier Villa (H)	RURC2	5-0	Short, Gault (2), L.Westlake, Thwaites
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP	2-1	L.Westlake, Gault
16/11 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP	0-0	
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
December				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
January				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
February				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
March				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Josh Short	23	0	23	3	35	3
Alfie Loversidge	22	0	22	7	40	9
Arthur Rawlingson	15	4	19	0	19	0
Bradley Tighe	18	0	18	0	121	0
Joe Bull	15	3	18	2	79	6
Jack Gardner	16	0	16	1	39	1
Andy Whittingham	16	0	16	0	114	2
Luke Marshall	13	1	14	0	30	0
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1
Jack Baden	6	5	11	0	14	0
Alex Harris	10	0	10	0	70	0
James Westlake	9	1	10	0	206	30
Bradley Bant	8	2	10	0	159	12
Charlie Tuck	9	0	9	0	15	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Lewis Beebee	6	3	9	1	12	1
Jude Wallis	2	7	9	0	9	0
Dan Turner	8	0	8	0	43	3
Charlie Pugh	7	0	7	0	31	0
Jordan Badger	4	3	7	2	117	9
Lucas Tyrrell	3	3	6	0	6	0
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Phil Gault	3	2	5	4	343	189
Jack Troak	2	3	5	0	58	13
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Josh Hawkes	1	3	4	0	76	11
Louis Thwaites	1	3	4	1	4	1
Lewis Westlake	3	0	3	2	80	6
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
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Harvey Parker	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Arni Kublickas	0	1	1	0	67	1
Louis Pittock	0	1	1	0	9	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Marshall Smith	0	1	1	0	1	0
Phil Wickwar	0	1	1	0	43	0



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Top of the table clash goes Bears way in final 20 minutes

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Thursday 21st October 2021, The Beacon

Broadbridge Heath U23s 2-0 Hassocks U23s

This has not been a good week for the undefeated records of Hassocks' table-topping sides.

Four days after the Under 18s surrendered their unbeaten start to the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division season by losing 4-2 to Montpelier Villa, the Under 23s did likewise in going down 2-0 away at Broadbridge Heath.

The Robins arrived at High Wood Hill Sports Ground joint-top alongside the Bears having not lost in seven matches in all competitions, their best start to a campaign for many years.

They had no answer to a fine Heath outfit however, who moved three points clear at the top and became the first opposition to stop Hassocks scoring all season.

The Bears also became only the second team to put two goals past the Hassocks defence, Saltdean United having also managed the feat in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup two weeks earlier.

In the North Division, the Robins had kept four consecutive clean sheets and conceded only two goals all season.

Hassocks made four changes from the previous week's convincing

3-0 win over Alfold. Those included losing all their scorers from that clash with two-goal Spencer Slaughter and one-goal Lucas Tyrrell both absent.

Jordan Badger was also unavailable whilst Wes Tighe dropped down the bench.

Despite the personnel adjustments, Hassocks could still name a very strong line up. Five days after scoring his first senior goal for nearly four years against Horsham YMCA, the evergreen Phil Gault started as one of Hassocks' permitted overage players as he looks to build up match fitness.

Jack Gardner was given a rare Under 23s appearance in place of Tighe, Luke Marshall took over from Badger and Tyrrell's place was taken by the Robins' five-goal top scorer Jay Hudson, promoted back into the starting XI having sat on the bench for Alfold match.

Dan Turner was a notable used substitute for Hassocks, getting his first minutes since an August injury. He appeared to come through relatively unscathed, which is good news for the first team ahead of a very important run of matches over the next few weeks against fellow Premier Division strugglers.

For over an hour, this was an even contest. It was clear why both



these sides were yet to lose a game as they played some excellent football with little to separate them.

It remained locked at 0-0 right up until the 70th minute, when Tyler Symonds managed to break the deadlock for Heath.

Hassocks had to pour forward in response and that left space for the Bears to exploit on the counter.

And that was where their killer second came from, scored with 10 minutes remaining by Harry Williams to move Heath three points clear at the top.

Next up for Hassocks is a tough looking trip to Crowborough Athletic in a week's time.

Hassocks: Parker, Gardner, Marshall, Rawlingson, Ransome, Hawkes, Baden, Gault, Hicks, Hudson, Wallis.

Subs: Turner, Mercer, W Tighe, Sweetman.

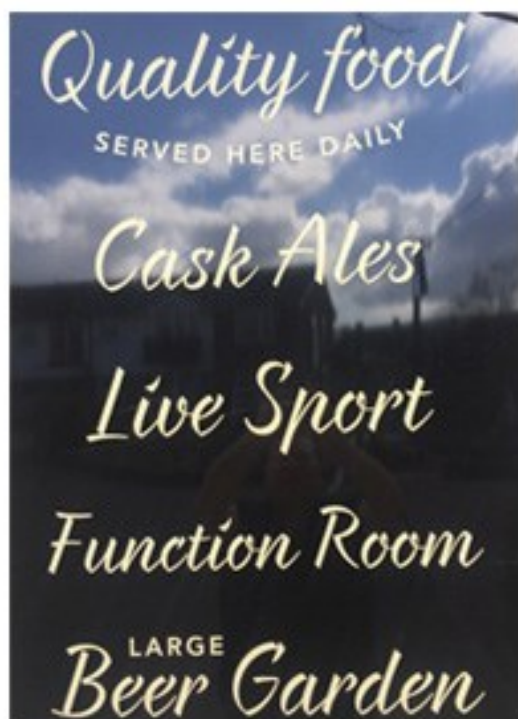


Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
October				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	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
November				
04/11 - 19:30	Eastbourne Town (A)	CU23C2	1-2	Russell
11/11 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Russell, Badger (2), Smith
18/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	U23LC1	3-1	Beebee, Tuck, Marshall
25/11 - 19:45	Roffey (A)	SCFL23	0-2	
December				
02/12 - 19:30	Alfold (A)	SCFL23		
09/12 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL23		

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Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Ben Hicks	12	0	12	0
Wes Tighe	7	4	11	0
Harvey Ransome	9	2	11	0
Jack Baden	10	0	10	0
Sean McSwiney	8	2	10	1
Archie Russell	6	4	10	3
Jude Wallis	8	1	9	0
George Mercer	4	5	9	0
Jay Hudson	7	1	8	5
Arthur Rawlingson	5	3	8	1
Louis Thwaites	3	5	8	0
Harvey Parker	5	1	6	0
Jordan Badger	4	1	5	2
Lewis Beebee	4	1	5	1
Luke Marshall	4	1	5	1
Jacob Killkelly	1	4	5	0
Brad Sweetman	1	4	5	0
Josh Hawkes	4	0	4	0
Marshall Smith	1	3	4	2
Charlie Tuck	3	0	3	1
Connor Bradley	2	1	3	2
Kobe Dersley	2	1	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Josh Short	2	0	2	2
Spencer Slaughter	2	0	2	3
Ryan West	2	0	2	0
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
Lucas Tyrrell	1	0	1	1
Lewis Westlake	1	0	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Alex Crawford	0	1	1	0
Jack Smith	0	1	1	0
Dan Turner	0	1	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0

Villa victorious to inflict first league defeat on Young Robins

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 17th October 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks U18s 2-4 Montpelier Villa U18s

It may only be mid-October, but the Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division season is already nearly at its halfway point for Hassocks.

In game number six of 18, the Robins put their unbeaten record on the line against a Montpelier Villa side who are also yet to lose a game.

And based on what we saw at the Beacon, then it could well be Villa who end up champions come the end of the campaign as they made it three wins and one draw from their four matches with a 4-2 success.

The result allowed Steyning Town to leapfrog Hassocks into top spot in the table, but you would have to suspect that the Barrowmen will be knocked off first place themselves once Villa have caught up their games in hand.

It does at least look like a more open race than normal. Even if Villa are undefeated and looking the best bet of the opponents that Hassocks have faced so far, no club has a 100 percent record.

Normally at this stage of the campaign, one or two sides have left the rest of the division behind by streaking clear.

This season, just three points

separates the top five clubs, all of whom are level on games played with the exception of Villa and Worthing United, who the Robins are also yet to face.

Hassocks came into the tie having suffered their first defeat in all competitions a week previously when losing 5-0 at Eastbourne Borough in the Dennis Probee Sussex Under 18 Challenge Cup.

On that occasion, the Robins' Conference South opponents were just too strong.

There was no disgrace in losing to such a team and even in defeat, Hassocks seemed to enjoy the experience of playing at Priory Lane.

The Robins made two changes from the Borough game. Daniel Llwellyn and top scorer Oliver Parker-Williams came back into the starting XI, taking the places of Josh Trinick who dropped to the bench and Muhammad Wilson who was absent.

Both of the Hassocks goals came from Beau Howard, an excellent brace from the forward to take him onto three for the season.

On another day, that might have been enough to give Hassocks victory.

Villa though had the outstanding Jack Smart in their ranks and he grabbed a hat-trick which ensured



that the three points went back to Culver Road with the visitors.

Also on target for Villa was Olly Harrison in what ended up being quite a routine victory in the end.

The good news for the Robins on the day came from Jack Thomas making his Under 18s debut.

Hassocks will fancy their chances of bouncing back next weekend, when they make the short journey to face bottom of the table Upper Beeding.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Llwellyn, Bundy, Douglass, Beston, Lade, Geard, Howard, Njai, Parker-Williams, Russell.

Subs: Hill, Thomas, Trinick, Beck, Holland (used).



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Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Gear
September				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Gear, 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, Gear
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Gear, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
November				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	Russell (2), Gear, Beston
14/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Gear
21/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Gear, Russell, Carter
28/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		
December				
05/12 - 11:45	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18		
12/12 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18		
19/12 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harry Bundy	11	0	11	0
Sam Gear	11	0	11	7
Beau Howard	11	0	11	3
Archie Russell	11	0	11	5
Jamie Douglass	10	0	10	0
Alfie Beck	5	5	10	4
Oliver Parker-Williams	6	3	9	5
Archie Hill	7	1	8	0
Max Beston	7	0	7	1
Jayden Dunkley	7	0	7	0
Daniel Llwellyn	6	1	7	0
Josh Trinick	3	3	6	0
Daniel Lade	4	1	5	0
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0
Robert Newman	0	5	5	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Harry Carter	3	1	4	1
Jack Thomas	1	3	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	3	0	3	0
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Muhammad Wilson	1	2	3	0
Joe Holland	0	3	3	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0
Charlie Smith	0	1	1	0



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Veterans Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
November				
07/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	CVC1	6-0	P.Harding (3), Leahy, Bundy, J.Harding,
29/11 - 19:30	Ansty Sports & Social (H)	MSFLV		
December				
05/12 - 14:00	Brockham (H)	MSFLV		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	East Court (A)	MSFLV		
February				
13/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Albion (H)	MSFLV		

Veterans Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jonathan Bundy	3	0	3	1
Nick Newman	3	0	3	0
Steve Spies	3	0	3	5
Paul Armstrong	2	0	2	1
Lee De La Rue Browne	2	0	2	0
Joel Harding	2	0	2	1
Pat Harding	2	0	2	5
Anthony Hibbert	2	0	2	1
Anthony Humphries	2	0	2	0
Brendan Leahy	2	0	2	1
Adam Waller	2	0	2	0
Che Williams	2	0	2	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Mitch Broadstock	1	0	1	0
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
David Juniper	1	0	1	2
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	0
Robert Sayers	1	0	1	0
Paull Gurr	0	1	1	0
Matthew Hughes	0	1	1	0
Richard Thompson	0	1	1	0



Tigers snatch it at the death to leave Hassocks heartbroken

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

Sunday 24th October 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks Ladies 0-1 Saltdean United Ladies

Despite losing a close fought match 1-0 to Saltdean United Development Team, Hassocks can take plenty of encouragement from an excellent game in which they were ultimately unlucky to lose.

With regular defenders Jo Brown and Claire Stevens unavailable, Hassocks started with midfielder Kirsten Mair moving from midfield to the centre of defence and Tallie Bright again being employed at right back making a back four with Emma Flin and Sam Newman.

Both Bright and Mair had to be alert early on as Saltdean pressed but Hassocks responded and won a free kick on the left taken by Mair and well punched clear by the keeper.

In the 11th minute, Saltdean should have scored but the forward sliced wide when through on goal, then Emma Flin reacted well to a dangerous looking through ball.

Hassocks then had a good spell with a Katherine Chappell shot saved after another Mair free kick.

Mia Pordage made an excellent run ending with a shot which was saved by the keeper and Jodie Johanson made a great tackle to provide a shooting opportunity for Jess Craig which was also saved.

As the half wore on, Flin had to make another saving tackle and Hassocks then won a free kick by the corner flag which was excellently delivered by Johanson, a headed

clearance being met again by Johanson with a shot which was saved.

Johanson was involved again in the 39th minute with a great through ball which was well anticipated by the keeper.

In the final action of the half, Ellie Moquet had to make a good clearance to keep the score 0-0.

The manager made several changes at half-time. Holly Webb replaced Moquet and Kayleigh Norris replaced Newman, Norris making her debut for the club.

Positional changes were also made with Mair reverting to her familiar role in left-midfield and Norris replacing her in the centre of the defence. Bright moved to left back with Webb replacing her at right back.

The changes worked well as Mair started to assert her influence in midfield and Norris immediately showing her defensive ability.

Jemma Kendall, who was becoming increasingly influential in midfield had a shot saved and in the 55th minute, Hassocks had a chance to take the lead.

Mair found Chappell whose shot was saved but Craig was just unable to reach the rebound with the goal at her mercy.

Two minutes later, a Johanson cross then almost crept in, hitting the top of the bar.

In the 66th minute, there was some controversy. Johanson appeared to give Hassocks the lead after another Mair free kick.

However, as the goalkeeper was



hurt seconds before the ball crossed the line, the referee disallowed the goal and restated play 35 yards from goal with a dropped ball given to Hassocks, a decision which was met with bewilderment.

Buoyed up by this decision, Saltdean had a good spell, Sarah Chappell saving brilliantly from a player through on goal.

Flin covered well to concede a corner which resulted in a goalmouth scramble cleared eventually by Norris.

Heartbreakingly for Hassocks, Saltdean scored the winner in the 87th minute, the ball being bundled in from an excellently taken corner.

Although disappointed to lose, the Hassocks players can be proud of their efforts. If they can continue to play with this effort and skill, then the results are sure to improve.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Bright, Newman, Flin, Mair, Moquet, Johanson, Kendall, Pordage, J Craig, K Chappell.

Subs: Webb, Norris (used), Scammell, Read (unused).



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Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
November				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP	7-0	Mair (3), Pordage, J.Craig, S.Chappell, Johanson
28/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP		
19/12 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
30/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
February				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP		
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP		
20/02 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		
March				
06/03 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP		
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (A)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sarah Chappell	5	0	5	0
Emma Flin	5	0	5	0
Jodie Johanson	5	0	5	2
Kirstin Mair	5	0	5	4
Sam Newman	5	0	5	0
Mia Pordage	5	0	5	1
Jess Craig	4	0	4	1
Claire Stevens	4	0	4	0
Katie Read	2	2	4	0
Tallie Bright	3	0	3	0
Joanne Brown	3	0	3	0
Katherine Chappell	3	0	3	3
Jemma Kendall	3	0	3	0
Ellie Moquet	1	2	3	0
Holly Webb	0	3	3	0
Zeba Ghorishi	0	2	2	0
Kayleigh Norris	0	2	2	0
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Liz King	0	1	1	0
Rachael Scammell	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

ON THIS DAY



It was a Sussex Senior Cup second round trip to Storrington on this day in **2012** and the people of Hassocks reported spotting rocking horse droppings in the village as Ashley Marsh scored a goal...

5-1, even Marshy scored

There was no upset in the Sussex Senior Cup second round battle of the birds as the Swans of Storrington were soundly beaten 5-1 by the Robins of Hassocks.

On paper, this looked like a potential banana skin for Hassocks. They were up against determined opponents from the division below on a Recreation Ground pitch that looked difficult to play on and with a strong wind blowing from one end to the other.

If Storrington thought the conditions might be a leveller, then they were in for a rude awakening.

The Robins gave a thoroughly professional performance, bossing the first half despite playing against that wind and had the tie virtually won as they turned around 3-1 up.

James Westlake opened the scoring with a shot on the turn after 17 minutes. Then on the half hour mark, there was an surprise as Ashley Marsh made it 2-0.

In over 300 games for Hassocks, Marsh had only managed to get on the scoresheet once before.

That had come some eight years earlier, a first time volley from 30 yards to open the scoring in a 4-1 win over Southwick.

Then-Robins boss Dave John described it afterwards as one of the best goals he had ever seen, and Johnsy has seen quite a lot.

Marsh's second in Hassocks colours was not quite as spectacular and it needed a helping hand from a

linesman to count, the official flagging to indicate that the third shot of a game of ping-pong from a corner had crossed the line.

Storrington had barely threatened but 10 minutes after Marsh struck, a Will Conway shot from distance took a slight deflection off Lee Bryant to beat goalkeeper Simon Lehkyj on his Robins debut.

That sparked a madcap finish to the first half. Two minutes later and referee Jacob Miles harshly adjudged Marsh to have fouled some 25 yards out from goal.

Conway struck a superb free kick which rattled the underside of Lehkyj's cross bar, from which Hassocks swept up the other end within 60 seconds to make it 3-1.

Jamie Weston was the architect, leading the counter attack before playing in Dan Smith who made no mistake.

A two-goal lead was the least the Robins deserved for their first half efforts - parity would have been a travesty had Conway's effort gone in - and the visitors set about adding to their total in the second half with the wind now in their favour.

Smith scored his second and Hassocks' fourth when picking the pocket of Swans goalkeepers Matt Chester on the hour.

The fifth and final goal arrived two minutes later, Rob South overlapping down the right to provide a low cross and a close range finish for Anthony Hibbert.

It was a surprise to see Mr Miles

flash three yellow cards in the second half of a contest which was mild mannered throughout.

Two of those bookings went to Storrington players. The Hassocks offender was Smith and it cost him the chance of a hat-trick, Mickey Jewell immediately withdrawing his fiery striker to prevent yellow becoming red.

Smith passed up a couple of opportunities for his treble prior to his removal, curling wide of the far post in a lively showing.

That was in contrast to his strike partner Phil Gault, who cut an unusually subdued figure and rarely looked like getting on the scoresheet. Perhaps he was suffering from shock at Marsh netting?

A good evenings work then for Hassocks, who also got captain Stuart Faith's one-match suspension out of the way without him having to miss a league game in the Robins' quest for a top three finish.

Bryant did well standing in at centre back whilst Lehkyj was given his chance in goal ahead of James Plumley, having originally been due to start in Saturday's postponed Division One game at home to Arundel when Plumley was away.

With two quality goalkeepers on the books vying to replace the Worthing-bound Jack Simpson, Jewell may face something of a dilemma trying to keep them both happy - although it is a problem most managed would be prepared to have.

Around the League...



The Southern Combination League will have two representatives in the third round of the FA Vase after excellent victories for Crawley Down Gatwick and Littlehampton Town last weekend...

There were plenty of air-related puns that could be made when Down hosted British Airways at the Haven, but we would obviously never sink so low.

Instead, let us concentrate on the football with the Anvils flying through thanks to a 3-0 success.

Harvey Blake and Guy Harding had Down cruising into a 2-0 lead inside of 19 minutes.

The Anvils had to survive a bit of second half turbulence before Oli Leslie put the tie to bed, adding the third with three minutes remaining to land Down in round three of the competition.

Both of the goals for **Littlehampton Town** in their 2-1 win at **Deal Town** came in the final 20 minutes.

Joe Benn was the first Gold to strike on 71 and that was followed by Dave Herbert with five minutes remaining as Littlehampton progressed despite a red card for Jordan Clark.

Pagham managed to score three times through Jack Langford, Ryan Morey and Joe Clarke but it was not enough for the Lions as they suffered a 5-3 loss at **Athletic Newham**.

The Premier Division has a new leader as **Saltdean United** took advantage of Littlehampton being in Vase action to move to the top of the table after a 3-0 win over **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Trevor McCreadie, Joe Shelley and Matthew Astle got the goals for the Tigers in a routine success at Hill Park.

Newhaven were winner by the same scoreline at home to **East Preston**. Alfie Rogers, Charlie

Bennett and substitute Howard Squires were on target as the Dockers continue to keep the pressure on the top two.

Two goals from Jack Shonk ensured **Bexhill United** picked up another three points by beating **Alfold** 2-1 at the Polegrove. Sam Lemon got the consolation goal for the visitors.

The recent good form of **Eastbourne Town** was halted by **Horsham YMCA** who picked up an impressive point from a 0-0 draw on their visit to the Saffrons.

Today's visitors **Peacehaven & Telcombe** were 3-0 victors at home to bottom side **AFC Varndeanians**. Charlie Morley, Jake Le Grange and Alex Bygraves had the game sewn up with 20 minutes still to play.

Jake Horn, Aaron Jenkins and Zach Alfalahi helped **Lingfield** to a 3-0 win against **Loxwood** whilst the biggest victory of the day in the top division came at the Shooting Field where visitors **Eastbourne United** hammered **Steyning Town** 7-1.

Max Thompson helped himself to a four-goal haul with the other United goals from Ibrahim Bamba, Alfie Headland and Brett Patton.

The Division One promotion race heated up as long-time top two Roffey and Midhurst & Easebourne were replaced at the head of the table.

Dorking Wanderers Reserves are the new leaders after beating **Roffey** 2-0 at Meadowbank Stadium via an own goal and Conan Torpey.

An ill-tempered game saw Dan Pearse sent off for Roffey and Elliott Creely for Wanderers with a further eight combined bookings show.

Epsom & Ewell moved into second, a 4-0 win at **Selsey** enabling them to overtake **Midhurst & Easebourne** who suffered a surprise 2-1 reversal at home to **Seaford Town**. Both of the Hornets goals came from Callum Connor.

Former Hassocks favourite Michael Death was on target for **Shoreham** in their 1-1 draw at home to **Oakwood**, for whom Harry Petty equalised.

Late goals from Jordan Suter and Delcan Jenkins saw **Storrington** win 2-0 away at **Worthing United** and **Montpelier Villa** were successful on the road too, defeating **Wick** 3-2 at Crabtree Park.

Nothing could separate **Forest Row** and **Hailsham Town** who drew 2-2 at Tinsley Lane. Kieran Jackson gave Frow the lead, Joey Pout equalised for the Stringers who then led through Sam Townsend before home substitute Jack Leitch ensured it finished level.

Division Two also has new leaders as **Rustington** won 2-1 at home to **Rottingdean Village** to hit top spot.

The Blues left it late, Josh Irish scoring the winner in the 92nd minute to follow on from Joe Oliver's opener. Rottingdean had drawn level through an own goal.

A 1-1 draw for **Jarvis Brook** at **Southwater** meant that Brook slipped to second. **Copthorne** kept the pressure on by winning 2-0 at **St Francis Rangers**, **Ferring** hammered **Brighton Electricity** 5-1 at Withdean Stadium, **Charlwood** won 2-0 at **Littlehampton United** and **Bosham** were 2-1 home victors over **Upper Beeding**.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	20	14	3	3	49	14	45
Littlehampton Town	19	14	2	3	63	30	44
Newhaven	19	12	5	2	55	16	41
Bexhill United	20	11	6	3	46	24	39
Pagham	18	12	0	6	29	22	36
Broadbridge Heath	19	10	5	4	34	16	35
Eastbourne Town	19	9	6	4	42	22	33
Eastbourne United	19	9	3	7	41	28	30
Little Common	18	8	6	4	36	25	30
Crawley Down Gatwick	18	8	3	7	44	30	27
Peacehaven & Tels	19	8	3	8	34	24	27
Lingfield	19	8	2	9	34	42	26
Alfold	19	7	2	10	25	29	23
Horsham YMCA	20	6	5	9	28	49	23
AFC Uckfield Town	19	4	7	8	17	25	19
Steyning Town	19	5	3	11	23	56	18
Hassocks	19	3	4	12	21	46	13
Loxwood	19	3	3	13	13	59	12
East Preston	19	1	4	14	14	60	7
AFC Varndeanians	19	0	4	15	29	60	4

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	219	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	185	278	133
Littlehampton Town	149	220	112
Bexhill United	126	186	64
Newhaven	123	152	84
Saltdean United	122	223	49
Broadbridge Heath	111	172	63
Hassocks	111	210	50
Eastbourne United	108	154	68
Pagham	100	187	76
Steyning Town	97	134	64
East Preston	76	108	62
Little Common	76	114	41
AFC Uckfield Town	71	116	39
Alfold	69	109	35
Horsham YMCA	69	94	41
Crawley Down Gatwick	68	87	32
Loxwood	59	83	38
Lingfield	57	81	41
AFC Varndeanians	50	122	37

Premier Division Form Guide

Last 6

Eastbourne Town	DWWWWD
Broadbridge Heath	WWWWD
Newhaven	WLWDWW
Saltdean United	WWLWDW
Eastbourne United	DWWDDW
Bexhill United	DDDWWW
Peacehaven & Tels	LDWWDW
Littlehampton Town	DWWLWL
Lingfield	DLWLWW
Pagham	WWLLLL
Horsham YMCA	DWLWLD
AFC Uckfield Town	WLDWDL
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLLDLW
Little Common	DWLLDD
Hassocks	LLLWDL
Steyning Town	DLLLWL
East Preston	LDWLLL
Loxwood	LWDLLL
AFC Varndeanians	DDDLLL
Alfold	DLLDLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	41
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	21
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	21
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	21
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	19
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	18
Trevor McCreddie	Saltdean United	17
Jack Langford	Saltdean United	15
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	15
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	15
Joe Clarke	Pagham	12
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	12
Lewis Hole	Little Common	10
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	10
Louis Veneti	Eastbourne Town	10
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	9
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	9
Aaron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	9
Festos Kamara	Eastbourne Utd	9
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	9

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	10	9	1	0	42	9	28
Hassocks	10	6	1	3	19	11	19
Alfold	10	6	0	4	24	15	18
Roffey	10	5	1	4	11	9	16
Crowborough Athletic	8	4	1	3	25	20	13
Oakwood	10	3	1	6	17	21	10
Steyning Town	9	2	1	6	10	28	7
Horsham YMCA	6	1	2	3	8	19	5
St Francis Rangers	9	1	0	8	8	32	3

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	18
Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	6
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	5
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Charlie Martin	Alfold	5
Kinsley Mercure	Oakwood	5
Bayley Colbran	Crowborough	4
Shane Saunders	Alfold	4
Nick Cranston	Roffey	3

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	6	5	1	0	15	5	16
Steyning Town	8	5	0	3	27	15	15
Hassocks	9	4	2	3	22	19	14
Worthing United	6	4	0	2	17	15	12
Shoreham & Adur	7	3	2	2	14	11	11
St Francis Rangers	8	3	1	4	17	23	10
Burgess Hill Town	9	2	2	5	16	22	8
AFC Varndeanians	9	1	0	8	11	29	3

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Nathan Williams	Worthing United	9
James Lyon-Monk	St Francis	7
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	7
Sam Geard	Hassocks	6
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	5
Alife Brooks	St Francis	5
Femi Ofei-Kwatia	AFC V'deanians	5
Keane Rodrigues	Steyning Town	5

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	7	6	1	0	40	7	19
Saltdean United	7	5	0	2	22	7	15
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
Hassocks	4	1	1	2	12	7	4
Worthing Town	6	1	1	4	7	25	4
Eastbourne Town	5	0	1	4	2	34	1
Woodingdean Wand	7	0	0	7	5	30	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Dulcie Elder	Worthing Town	10
Remi Crawley	Pagham	9
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	8
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	8
Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	8
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	8
Emma Biffi	Pagham	8
Georgie Egner	Montpelier Villa	6
Palisa Chipendo	Saltdean United	6

Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ardingly	4	3	0	1	17	12	9
South Park	4	3	0	1	5	6	9
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	14	3	6
Furnace Green Rovers	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Charlwood	4	2	0	2	16	13	6
Brockham	4	2	0	2	7	11	6
Ansty Sports & Social	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
East Court	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
Burgess Hill Albion	3	0	0	3	0	4	0
South Godstone	5	0	0	5	4	20	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Pat Harding	Hassocks	5
Mark Heavens	Charlwood	5
Steve Spies	Hassocks	5
Liam Tucknott	Ardingly	5
Chris Cook	Ardingly	4
David Neathey	Furnace Green	4
Mark Southam	Charlwood	4
Andrew Beattie	Charlwood	3
Jamie Liddell	Charlwood	3
Jonathan Bundy	Hassocks	2



Coming up...

Having played an obscene amount of home games by the halfway point of the campaign, now comes the time for us to hit the road more regularly - starting with back-to-back away games to East Sussex...



AFC Uckfield Town

When?

Saturday 4th December

Where?

The Oaks

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

AFC Uckfield Town this season?

Ever since receiving a Premier Division relegation reprieve at the end of the 2016-17 season, AFC Uckfield Town have been a club on the up. Year-by-year they have improved their finishing position and in 2020-21 they looked on course to record their highest ever spot, sitting fifth before the season was curtailed. They have not managed to hit those heights this season following Steve Ives's appointment as sole boss, a young team rather like our own sitting in 15th spot with four wins, seven draws and eight defeats from their 19 games so far.

Our record against AFC Uckfield Town?

We have met AFC Uckfield on 18 occasions, losing nine, winning eight and drawing once, so this is probably one not to have on your coupon. Goals are normally in plentiful supply

too with 73 having been plundered at an average of over four per game.

Last time we met?

We picked up our first point of the season - and a first ever draw against the Oakmen - back in August here at the Beacon. Jordan Badger marked his first game in over two years with an 87th minute equaliser after being thrown on as an emergency striker. Our other goal from Alfie Loversidge whilst Uckfield scored via Luke Blewden and Sam Carrington.

How to get to the Oaks?

Take the A272 followed by the A26 towards Uckfield before joining the B2102 into the town itself. Turn right at the t-junction, past the railway station and follow the road down the high street. When the fork is reached, take the left hand option down Eastbourne Road with the ground being on the left by the Rajditt Restaurant.



Eastbourne Town

When?

Saturday 11th December

Where?

The Saffrons

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Eastbourne Town this season?

Eastbourne Town are notorious for starting slowly, hitting form a couple of months into the campaign but having left themselves a little too much to do to get into the title race. It looks like being a similar story this season. A month ago, they were floating around 10th spot but some sparkling form in recent weeks has pushed them towards the top five. They have nine wins, six draws and four defeats from 19 matches - marking them out as difficult to beat even before you consider our terrible record at the Saffrons.

Our record against Eastbourne Town?

We have met on 37 occasions with Town winning over half of them - 22 - to the Robins' nine with six draws along the way. In 25 meetings in the Southern Combination Premier, Town again lead the head-to-head with Hassocks having won just once in the past 14 years - a shock 2-1 success towards the end of the 2016-17

season with Phil Gault scoring twice and James Broadbent saving a penalty against his former club. You have to go back even further for our last win at the Saffrons, Stuart Faith scoring in a 1-0 victory in 2006.

Last time we met?

Town provided the opposition in our first Premier Division home game of the season back in August. It was close encounter as the visitors ran out 2-1 winners thanks to goals from Aaron Hopkinson and Leon Greig. Josh Short got our consolation goal, his first for the club.

How to get to the Saffrons?

The normal route to Eastbourne via the A27 and the A2770, following the road towards Eastbourne town centre. Turn right into The Goffs just before reaching the main station followed by an immediate left into Southfields Road. That is followed by another right into Dittons Road with the Saffrons on the left at the end of the road.



Saltdean United

When?

Saturday 18th December

Where?

The Beacon

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Admission?

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

Saltdean United this season?

On paper, Saltdean United arguably have the strongest squad in the Premier Division this season. They have countless players who could easily play at a higher level and unsurprisingly, find themselves in one of the most exciting title races of recent years against Littlehampton Town with a resurgent Newhaven attempting to hang onto both their coattails. The Tigers record so far reads 14 wins, three draws and three defeats from 20 games and they lead the way by a point from Littlehampton, although the Golds do have a game in hand owing to their FA Vase exploits.

Our record against Saltdean United?

There have been 30 meetings between the two with the Robins having won 12 games and Saltdean 15, leaving just three draws. Six of our victories came in six Division One matches when we used to dominate

the fixture, scoring 19 goals and conceding just four during the early 90's

Last time we met?

The Tigers provided the opposition in our first game of the season and it was a bit of a bruising experience as a young Robins line up were hammered 6-0. Trevor McCreadie notched his normal couple of goals against us, Reece Hallard also claimed a brace with Thomas Caplin and Kieron Pamment rounding off the scoring.

Familiar faces?

James Broadbent has played for all of AFC Uckfield Town, Eastbourne Town and today's visitors Peacehaven & Telscombe before landing up at Saltdean this year. He won a clean sweep of Players' Player, Manager's Player and Supporters' Player of the Season Awards during his season with us in 2016-17.



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Money raised in 2021-22

**August £140
September £56
October £98
November £98
December
January
February
March
April**

TOTAL £392

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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 **Charlie Pugh**
Crawley Down Gatwick home **James Westlake**
Loxwood away **Spencer Slaughter**
East Preston away **Charlie Pugh**
Montpelier Villa home **Phil Gault**
Alfold home **Alex Harris**
Pagham home **James Westlake**
Broadbridge Heath away **Phil Wickwar**
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 **Alfie Loversidge**
2nd **Josh Short**
3rd **Charlie Pugh / Arthur Rawlingson**

November 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

December 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

February 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

March 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

April 2021
1st
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3rd

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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. Phil Gault	328	15	343	188
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
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	192	14	206	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	189	343
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	206
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Stuart Faith	22	289
25. Chris Hewitt	22	508



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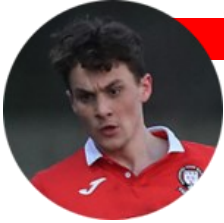
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Saltdean United
 Saturday 18th December. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Varndeanians v Bexhill United
 Alfold v Littlehampton Town
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Little Common
 East Preston v Horsham YMCA
 Eastbourne Town v Newhaven
 Eastbourne United v AFC Uckfield Town
 Lingfield v Saltdean United
 Loxwood v Pagham
 Steyning Town v Broadbridge Heath