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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up

2017

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Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for our final home game of 2021 against table topping Saltdean United...

It is fair to say that our visitors are rather enjoying their 2021-22 so far. They lead the Premier Division and pulled off the biggest shock of the season so far in mid week when eliminating Eastbourne Borough from the Sussex Senior Cup in midweek.

A very tough test lies in store this afternoon, as those of you who travelled to Hill Park during the opening week of the season to witness a 6-0 defeat can testify to.

Three weeks have elapsed since our last match here at the Beacon, the longest we have gone without a home game this season. So, what has been happening we here you cry?

The first team have recorded one draw, one defeat and one game postponed. The draw came here against Peacehaven & Telscombe 12 days ago as we showed excellent character to come from behind twice in an enthralling 90 minutes which finished 2-2.

Josh Short and Lewis Westlake got the goals with two stunners. It was an excellent result from opponents who came into the game having scored 30 goals in their past five matches.

A week later and we had been due to go to AFC Uckfield Town. That game though was lost to the weather and will now take place on Saturday 8th January, kick off 3pm at the Oaks.

Last weekend was our annual defeat at the Saffrons, where we suffered a 5-2 defeat. The scoreline was a little harsh as we were in the game for much of the first half.

Lewis again scored to continue his rampant, Player of the Month winning form. New signing Sam Smith got the other goal on his debut after arriving from Loxwood. Welcome to the Beacon, Sam.

The Under 23s suffered a disappointing 2-0 defeat at Roffey on November 25th before beating Alfold 4-0 a week later.

Last Thursday's game against Steyning Town was postponed a few hours before kick off with the Barrowmen unable to get a side out.

There is plenty of reading for you to do on the Under 23s in today's bumper 44 page programme as we try to work through a backlog of match reports - a little Christmas gift to keep you occupied for a while.

The Under 18s have seen their

hopes of a top two finish take a bit of a hit with defeats to St Francis Rangers and Montpellier Villa.

They round off their 2021 fixtures tomorrow at home to AFC Varndeanians. That gets underway at 11am for anyone wanting to get a final football fix of the year at the Beacon.

The Ladies lost 3-0 to Montpellier Villa last week and are in action tomorrow afternoon at Roffey with the Veterans facing Mile Oak in the County Cup at the same time.

Our next first team game here is on Saturday 29th January when Bexhill United. We are still awaiting a date for our RUR Cup game with Crawley Down Gatwick, so please keep an eye on the website for when that is arranged.

Finally, we would like to take the chance to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022 - and thank you for your fantastic support over the course of the last year.

Enjoy today's game,

Owen & Scott



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HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Runners up 1999

SCFL Division One

Winners 1996, 2017

SCFL Division Two

Winners 1989

Runners up 2012

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2000

SCFL Division Two Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2006

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 1996, 2000

Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 1997

These are exciting times for Saltdean United. On the pitch they are challenging for a first ever Southern Combination League title and off it, exciting plans are afoot to develop Hill Park...

The Legacy 2020 project was announced last month and involves a brand new pitch side clubhouse, a new stand and the installation of a 3G pitch which would turn one of the most picturesque grounds in Sussex into one of the most modern.

The aim is to transform Hill Park into a community hub playing host to Saltdean's men, women and junior sections, similar to Steyning Town and the Shooting Field.

If the plans are approved, then it would also give the Tigers the facilities required to start progressing up the football pyramid.

For the women, that would mean promotion into the national leagues - and incredible achievement for a club only formed in 2017.

The men meanwhile would enter the Isthmian League for the first time in Saltdean history - something which the squad that Bryan O'Toole has put together is more than capable of.

A glance at their player list for today reads like a who's who of recent Southern Combination title winners, many of whom were involved in helping our neighbours

Haywards Heath Town become champions in 2018.

The Tigers arrive here today two points clear at the top of the table from Littlehampton Town. Newhaven, Bexhill United and Eastbourne Town meanwhile are not far behind in what is shaping up to be one of the more interesting title battles of recent seasons.

Saltdean have spent the past seven days relentlessly underlying their credentials, which is probably not good news for us this afternoon.

Last Saturday, they put nine goals past East Preston. Then on Tuesday night, they claimed the scalp of Conference South outfit Eastbourne Borough in the Sussex Senior Cup, winning on penalties thanks to some heroics from a certain James Broadbent in goal.

There is not much solace to be taken from recent meetings either. Since Saltdean returned to the Premier Division after a 15 year in absence in 2017, the Tigers have won five of the six meetings, scoring 19 times along the way.

As the bloke in *Jaws* says, "We're gonna need a bigger boat."

10 Key Moments

1966... Saltdean United are formed and join the Brighton League where they rise through the divisions
1984... after securing their ground at Hill Park, they join the Southern Combination League in Division Two
1989... lift the Division Two title to secure promotion to senior football for the first time
1996... the start of the clubs 'Golden Years' as they are promoted as Division One champions
1997... embark on a memorable run to the Sussex Senior Cup Final, where they lose to St Leonards
1999... finish 2nd in the league & a season later win the Peter Bentley Cup
2002... with the money drying up, United drop back into Division One
2007... a second relegation follows in 2007 as the Tigers drop into Division Two and intermediate football
2012... win promotion back into Division One as well as the Vernon Wentworth Cup
2017... Division One champions, bringing top flight football back to Hill Park for the first time in 15 years

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2016-17, Southern Combination One 1st
2015-16, Southern Combination One 17th
2014-15, Southern Combination One 13th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 13th
2012-13, Southern Combination One 18th
2011-12, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2010-11, Southern Combination Two 5th
2009-10, Southern Combination Two 8th
2008-09, Southern Combination Two 7th
2007-08, Southern Combination Two 9th
2006-07, Southern Combination One 18th
2005-06, Southern Combination One 16th
2004-05, Southern Combination One 15th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 13th
2002-03, Southern Combination One 5th
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 20th
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 16th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 3rd

Hassocks v Saltdean United :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 18 - Won 4 - Drawn 2 - Lost 12 - Scored 16 - Conceded 41

SCFL Division One... Played 6 - Won 6 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 19 - Conceded 4

SCFL Division Two... Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

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

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 3

Total... Played 30 Won 12 Drawn 3 Lost 15 Scored 45 Conceded 55

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 6-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 4-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Saltdean United

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks

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

2001-02 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks

2001-02 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-2 Saltdean United

2001-02 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-3 Saltdean Utd

2000-01 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Saltdean United

Played for Both

A familiar face will be in goal for Saltdean United this afternoon as the popular James Broadbent returns to the Beacon.

Broadbent spent the 2016-17 campaign as a Robin, playing a huge role in helping us avoid relegation on his way to winning a clean sweep of Players' Player, Managers' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season awards.

He moved to Isthmian League Shoreham in the summer of 2017 and has since gone onto play for Whitehawk and Peacehaven & Telscombe before signing on at Hill Park for the current campaign.

Another goalkeeper to have

turned out for both clubs is **Nathan Stroomborg**, who played 21 times for Hassocks in the 2017-18 season.

Stroomborg spent the following season with Saltdean before establishing himself at number one at Lewes. Stroomborg had come through the ranks at the Dripping Pan with his time with both us and Saltdean designed to prepare for him senior football.

Striker **Ben Bacon** has enjoyed two spells with Hassocks and one with the Tigers, coming back to haunt us by scoring all four goals as Saltdean won 4-1 on their last visit to the Beacon back in August 2018.

Striker **Dan Smith** played for the

Tigers in amongst his three spells with Hassocks between 2010 and 2013. His overall record for the Robins stood at 27 goals in 63 games with an even more impressive strike rate at Hill Park when Saltdean were a Division Two outfit.

Stuart Brown moved to Hill Park for first team football from the Beacon midway through the 2014-15 season, when our former reserve team boss Scott Osborne was part of the Saltdean management team.

Also with the Tigers at that time was **Jamie Bucket** whilst former Hassocks Under 18s captain Terry Gacias had a brief spell with Saltdean in the early 2010s.

Superb Saltdean hit Hassocks for a half dozen in season opener

The good news for Hassocks as they left Hill Park following their opening fixture of the Premier Division campaign is that they will surely not face many sides this good this season.

Saltdean United showed why they were top of the table prior to curtailment back in December and why they are one of the favourites to lift the title this time around by hitting six unanswered goals past the Robins.

It could have been more. The Tigers rattled the woodwork twice and were prevented doing further damage by a string of excellent saves from Hassocks' debutant goalkeeper Christian Kiddell, one of the few bright spots on a chastening evening for new head coach Brad Sweetman and his young team.

Preparations for Sweetman's maiden campaign at the helm have hardly been ideal. A truncated pre-season schedule saw three warm up matches lost because of problems with the Beacon's new drainage.

Worse was to come on Saturday, when biblical-level rain hit Hassocks 90 minutes before kick off in what should have been the Robins' first game of the season against Broadbridge Heath.

Standing water was left all over the playing surface, leaving the match officials with no choice but to postpone the meeting with the Bears. A waterlogged pitch for a competitive match in July must have set some sort of English football record.

It was less of a laughing matter for Sweetman. With a fixture list that handed him six of last season's top 10 in his opening eight games in charge, that meeting with Heath represented one of the more realistic opportunities to put points on the board in the opening month.

Losing it to the weather meant an already daunting start became even more daunting.

Daunted also seems like a good

word to use to describe how most Hassocks supporters would have felt when the sides were announced.

Whereas Saltdean's starting XI read like a who's who of serial Southern Combination League title winners and players with experience at higher levels, Andy Whittingham was the only player over the age of 25 in the Hassocks matchday 16 – 11 of whom came through the youth ranks at the Beacon.

It took less than a minute for United to take the lead, Reece Hallard opening the scoring before quite a number of the sizable crowd had found a vantage point. A very long evening looked to be in store for the Robins.

To be fair to Hassocks, they made a decent stab at frustrating Saltdean after that through inspired goalkeeping and brave defending.

Kiddell had displayed assured handling from a barrage of Saltdean crosses into the box before making his first big save on 22 minutes, using his legs to keep out Hallard's one-on-one effort after the forward had sprinted away from Dan Turner.

Hallard found himself with a similar opportunity five minutes later, this time after escaping Luke Marshall and although he did manage to beat Kiddell, the effort trickled just wide of the post.

Next it took a combination of Kiddell and Whittingham to keep Saltdean out. Kiddell somehow got a hand on a Callum Saunders effort from point blank range to take the sting out of the shot.

The ball was still heading towards goal until Whittingham proved to be an insurance policy against it crossing the line by hacking clear at the last possible moment.

Saltdean did eventually double their lead nine minutes before half time. Kieron Pamment's fierce effort drew another fine stop from Kiddell.

Unfortunately for Hassocks, the loose ball spun into the air where

Hallard met it with an acrobatic bicycle kick placed perfectly into the unguarded net.

Hallard was withdrawn at the break with Trevor McCreadie taking his place. McCreadie loves a goal against Hassocks and he added Saltdean's fourth on 65, spotting a gap between Marshall and Kiddell and steering the ball expertly through it to nestle in the bottom corner.

Saltdean's third had arrived five minutes into the second half, Thomas Caplin bending a stunner from a full 30 yards into the top corner. Caplin was denied another shortly after by a fine sprawling stop from Kiddell.

Pamment added the fifth, curling into the top corner from 25 yards and McCreadie rounded off the scoring eight minutes from time, hitting a low shot across Kiddell after driving into the box.

As for Hassocks, they kept working hard but struggled to do much at all going forward. The closest former Robin James Broadbent got to getting dirty came when Lewis Beebee looked to be haring in on goal, only for a heavy touch from the teenage striker to take the ball away from him and into the hands of Broadbent.

The Robins' two best opportunities other than that came from set pieces, one in either half. A Bradley Tighe clip into the box was headed down by Turner towards Connor Bradley who lifted a difficult chance over the bar in the first half. In the second half, Jack Troak whipped in a dangerous ball from the left after Beebee won a free kick but Tighe's header glanced agonisingly wide of the far post.

Hassocks: Kiddell; Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; Gardner, Baden, Short, Loversidge, Tighe; Bradley, Beebee.

Subs: Russell (Baden), Troak (Gardner), Rawlingson (Turner), Geard, Dunkley (unused).

Spinks strike earns point but it could have been more

On a big night in the Southern Combination League Premier Division relegation battle, nothing could separate Saltdean United and Hassocks as they played out a 1-1 draw at a freezing Hill Park.

This was a game that neither side could afford to lose. Both sides got their wish in that regard, but by full time they could also both have laid justifiable claims to being worthy of three points.

The hosts had more of the ball but were only able to force Charlie Pugh into one meaningful save.

Hassocks by contrast had to defend for their lives at times and yet managed to miss three glorious chances to add to Alex Spinks' first half volley. It was a strange evening.

An important one, too. Saltdean and Hassocks weren't the only sides in the bottom six meeting as some 27 miles to west, 16th placed East Preston were hosting 18th placed Pagham at the Lashmar.

That went the way of the visitors as Pagham made it three wins in a row to climb out of the relegation zone for the first time this season.

The Lions are now four points clear of Hassocks having played a game more.

The gap between the Robins and EP is down to five with Hassocks having three games in hand.

Saltdean stay eight ahead having played twice more whilst Lingfield's 3-0 defeat at Lancing dropped them to 18th, two points better off than the Robins.

There will no doubt be plenty more twists and turns to come in what is shaping up to be an intriguing fight to avoid the drop into Division One.

Should Hassocks be successful in doing so, then they will look back on this as a valuable point.

Little of note happened in the opening 15 minutes, save for the crowd admiring Hassocks' cheery

new yellow away kit and taking in the surprise return of James Westlake to first team duty.

Westlake has spent the past couple of months combining appearances for the Under 23s with his running commitments and this was his first game of senior football since December 2018.

It took just 26 minutes for Westlake to make his mark as he played a part in the Hassocks goal.

Some neat play down the right between Westlake, Dan Stokes and Liam Benson earned a throw which Dan Turner came forward to launch into the box.

Turner's trebuchet caused chaos and with Saltdean unable to effectively clear their lines, Spinks was on hand to crash a crisp volley past home goalkeeper Billy Collings.

A timely moment for the Hassocks captain to score his first for the club. Saltdean had gone ahead eight minutes earlier through Dan Perry, scoring his 27th of the season after taking advantage of some slack marking to glance home a Jack Walters cross.

22 of Perry's total were scored for Eastbourne Town earlier in the season.

Convincing one of the Premier Division's leading strikers to swap a title chase at the Saffrons for a relegation battle at Hill Park was an extraordinary piece of transfer business from the Saltdean hierarchy and one which could go a long way towards ensuring their survival.

Hassocks know only too well what a difference a talismanic marksman can make, given that they've had to do without the services of Phil Johnson for most of this season thanks to a succession of injuries.

You would certainly have backed the Robins to get all three points had Johnson been playing here with the opportunities that they created.

Three of those chances should have led to goals. There were two

minutes of the first half remaining when Benson sprung the offside trap with a perfectly timed run to latch onto Jack Troak's through ball, but his effort was too close to Collings.

Midway through the second half and Westlake drew an excellent stop from Collings.

The loose ball fell to Benson who looked certain to roll into an empty net, only for some desperate defending from the hosts to scramble it behind for a corner.

Then in the 89th minute, Westlake had a near-identical one-on-one to Benson's first half effort kept out by Collings after the Saltdean defence misjudged Jack Troak's ball over the top.

At the other end, Pugh's only real save came on 70 minutes when Perry brilliantly played in home captain Harry Shooman but his effort from six yards out, front and centre was somehow repelled by Hassocks' young number one.

Perry himself put a free header over shortly afterwards when the Saltdean right back hung a cross up to the back post, but other than that Pugh had a largely quiet evening save for expertly gathering a couple of set piece deliveries.

His unemployment was largely down to the efforts of his defenders. For all Saltdean's possession, they struggled to find a way past Hassocks' two best players on the night – Turner who headed everything and Will Broomfield who turned into a one-man blocking machine.

Hassocks: Pugh; Blake, Turner, Broomfield, Troak; Stokes, Westlake, Spinks, Enticknap, Littlejohn; Benson.

Subs: Hillwood (Spinks).





Lethal Lewis Westlake voted November Player of the Month

Lewis Westlake has been voted as Hassocks Player of the Month for November 2021 after scoring three goals in four appearances.

The midfielder has been in sparkling form since signing for a third spell at the Beacon.

He re-joined following two starts and one substitute appearance for Steyning Town, having moved to the Shooting Field from Loxwood after Spencer Slaughter left the manager's job at Plaistow Road.

Westlake's first game back in Hassocks red came in the disappointing 4-1 defeat away at second-bottom East Preston.

Three days later and he was on target in the 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup victory over Montpellier Villa.

It was a spectacular goal too which set the tone for what was to follow over the rest of November.

Westlake was 36 yards out from the Villa goal and slightly to the right when he spotted visiting goalkeeper Ryan Walton had strayed from his line, sending a beautiful effort over

Walton's head and into the back of the net.

Similar happened in Hassocks' next match when Alfold came to the Beacon. The game was only two minutes old when Westlake pressed a roll out from Alfold goalkeeper Andrew Osei before chipping in from 24 yards.

Westlake departed shortly afterwards with a broken nose. His contribution in the short time he was on the pitch however proved vital, as Hassocks went onto pick up a 2-1 win thanks to Phil Gault's penalty with the final kick of the game.

Having missed the 2-1 defeat against Pagham and the 0-0 draw at Broadbridge Heath through injury, Westlake returned for the visit of Peacehaven & Telscombe.

It did not take him long to get back into the swing of things with another spectacular goal.

The Robins won a free kick 30 yards out from goal and everybody expected Westlake to deliver a ball into the area.

Instead, he hit a belter to catch out the surprised Lawrence Sanded and earn Hassocks a 2-2 draw

against opponents who had been on a march up the Premier Division, powered by 30 goals in their previous six matches.

Second place in November Player of the Month was a close-run thing with Arthur Rawlingson just about doing enough to prevent James Westlake making it a Westlake one-two at the top of the charts.

With Jack Gardner injured, Rawlingson has nailed down the right back spot with a string of excellent performances.

Having been voted into third place in October, can Rawlingson now go one better and win the December vote?

James Westlake was just 1.2 percent behind Rawlingson in third. Like brother Lewis, James returned to Hassocks in October and instantly established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet.

Hassocks have had a much more solid look in the middle of the park since he re-signed from Loxwood, as evidenced by the Robins recording their best month of the campaign of two wins, two draws and two defeats from six matches.

Robins battle back twice to make their point against free-scoring Tye

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Saturday 27th November 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks 2-2 Peacehaven & Telscombe



Hosting a Peacehaven & Telscombe outfit who had plundered 30 goals in six November fixtures prior to their arrival at the Beacon looked another stern test of how much Hassocks have improved over recent weeks.

It was an examination that the Robins did well in as they put another point on the board to go with the previous week's impressive 0-0 draw away at fifth placed Broadbridge Heath.

Needless to say with free scoring Peacehaven involved, there were goals this time as an entertaining encounter finished 2-2.

The Tye led twice thanks to a couple of mishaps from Hassocks, who battled back each time to earn the point which was the least they deserved for their efforts on a freezing cold Mid Sussex afternoon.

Brad Sweetman's side might have even won it after finishing the game on top, hitting the bar and the post in the final 15 minutes and having a strong penalty appeal waved away by referee Ian Lane.

The tone was set for an exhilarating encounter inside of the first four minutes when both sides could have taken the lead.

Josh Short had the Hassocks opportunity, denied by a brilliant last ditch challenge from former Robins captain Alex Spinks.

From Spinks' intervention, Peacehaven worked the ball to the lively Charlie Morley who drove through the middle to tee up Josh Marshall.

His well struck effort flew just wide of the upright of Alex Harris, suitably recovered from the blow to the head he received against Heath last week which led to Hassocks' 47-year-old physio Phil Wickwar playing the final half hour in goal.

Peacehaven took the lead on 21 minutes and it was a gift from a

Hassocks point of view.

Home striker Lewis Beebee surrendered possession far too easily to Spinks just inside the Tye half, who found Morley out wide.

A beautiful first touch on the half turn took Morley into a wide open space, giving him the time he needed to deliver a delightful far post cross for Tyler Scrafton to volley home.

Peacehaven have racked up such big score lines in recent weeks by quickly turning one goal into two.

Hassocks knew they needed a quick response before the Tye had the opportunity to take the game away from them and they duly got it, levelling things up only eight minutes after Scrafton's opener.

Peacehaven had already looked questionable dealing with crosses into the box, failing to clear Lewis Westlake's dangerous free kick which was only just missed by the arriving Jack Baden and Arthur Rawlingson.

It was from a cross-shot that the Robins equaliser arrived. The Tye were struggling to track the movement of Short as he operated in a free role behind Beebee.

Popping up on the right this time, Short advanced with purpose before swinging over an aerial ball which visiting goalkeeper Lawrence Sanded completely misjudged as it flew over his head and dropped in at the back post.

Peacehaven retook the lead on 35 and again, Hassocks were their own worst enemy. Eman Osei-Asomah clipped a pass forward which Dan Turner and Luke Marshall got in a bit of a state from when challenged by Morley.

With the two Hassocks defenders floundering, Morley gleefully picked up the pieces and crossed for Scrafton to apply a low, hard finish which gave Harris no chance.

Beebee was replaced by Joe Bull on 40 minutes and Marshall made way for Jude Wallis at half time as Sweetman took two bold decisions to

try and get his side back into it.

The changes paid off as Hassocks were the better team in the second half once they had negotiated the first 10 minutes.

In that opening spell, Peacehaven flashed a couple of dangerous balls across the six yard box which nobody could get on the end off and Marshall cut in from the left to fire one just over the bar.

Hassocks' second equaliser of the afternoon arrived on 70 minutes through a magnificent goal from Lewis Westlake on his return from a broken nose.

Everybody expected Westlake to deliver a ball into the area when the Robins won a free kick 30 yards, but he instead hit a belter to catch out the surprised Sanded for a third goal in four appearances since re-joining the Robins from Steyning Town last month.

Conceding again seemed to shock Peacehaven and it was pretty much all Hassocks from that point on. Short appeared on the left to crack an effort just wide from 25 yards and James Westlake put his industry to good use to rob a Tye midfielder and play in Bull, who became the first Hassocks man to hit the woodwork with an effort placed against the post.

Bull was also the player manhandled in the box which Mr Lane did not deem a penalty. Having been saved by the upright and the referee, Peacehaven were then grateful to the bar right at the death as it kept out Alfie Loversidge's effort from a delightful Wallis corner.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, Tighe, Marshall; Loversidge, J Westlake, L Westlake, Baden; Short; Beebee.

Subs: Bull (Beebee 40), Wallis (Marshall 45).

Three goal loss harsh on Hassocks as Saffrons curse continues

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 11th December 2021, The Beacon
Eastbourne Town 5-2 Hassocks**



Eastbourne Town has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks and although the Robins suffered their annual defeat at the Saffrons, the 5-2 reversal was a little harsh.

In the first half, Hassocks were a match for opponents whose record over their past 15 matches in all competitions read a formidable 10 victories and five draws.

The Robins trailed only 2-1 at the break. A Christmas miracle of what would have been only a second point from this part of the world since 2006 did not seem out of the question.

Proceedings though took a turn just past the hour mark when Kian Moynes produced something out of nothing - one of the cleanest, crispest strikes of a ball you will ever see flying into the very top corner of Alex Harris' goal.

That seemed to rock Hassocks and Town added two more in quick succession to take the game away from the Robins, who did not deserve to end up losing by three clear goals.

Brad Sweetman gave a full debut to Sam Smith, the latest player to have followed Spencer Slaughter and James Westlake to the Beacon from Loxwood.

Smith came in for Lewis Beebee. The only other change from the Robins' last outing a fortnight ago against Peacehaven & Telscombe saw Jude Wallis replace Luke Marshall.

Sweetman was clearly looking to stick with the players who had picked up good draws against free scoring Peacehaven and high flying Broadbridge Heath a week earlier.

Anyone wondering whether last Saturday's postponement of the trip to AFC Uckfield Town would halt that momentum got an early answer as Hassocks should have gone 1-0 ahead inside of two minutes.

James Westlake released Josh

Short down the channel. Short cut inside but his effort was a weak one and did little to trouble Town goalkeeper Chris Winterton.

The hosts punished that miss when they took the lead eight minutes later.

It was the sort of goal you cannot really afford to concede if you want to have a chance against the top teams, nobody in red taking charge as a corner which should have been cleared made it to the far post to leave Kevin Farragher with a tap in.

Harris made a comfortable low stop from Arron Hopkinson but Town's leading scorer would not be denied for too long.

Dan Turner was unfortunate to see a finely timed tackle fall straight to Hopkinson and although Harris got something on the shot, he could not keep it out.

A foul on Alfie Loversidge had Hassocks screaming for a penalty with 29 minutes played but referee Nick Blogg ruled it had taken place outside the box.

The Robins were not left feeling hard done by for long, Lewis Westlake sending the resulting free kick past Winterton via a heavy deflection that left the Town goalkeeper completely wrong footed.

Having scored four goals in 77 appearances over the course of his previous spells with Hassocks, Westlake now has four in five since re-joining the club from Steyning Town in October.

The lively Loversidge had a chance to put Hassocks level just before half time but like Short's effort at the opening end of the half, it lacked the required power to ask real questions of Winterton.

It took a while for the second half to get going with nothing much of note happening until that screamer from Moynes to make it 3-1 with 62 minutes played.

Whilst the visitors were reeling, Town took total control to sew up the

win. Just three minutes after Moynes' effort, the hosts carved through the Hassocks defence.

A pleasant passing move finished off by a dinked finish over Harris from Louis Veneti made it four as Bradley Tighe appealed for offside.

Goal five arrived five minutes later, a right wing cross converted by Hopkinson for his second of the afternoon.

Frustrations began to boil over for the Robins after that, culminating in Harris launching a tirade at Mr Blogg which earned him a spell in the sin bin.

Southern Combination referees have generally been keen to avoid sin binning players since the practice was introduced a couple of seasons ago.

It is even rarer for them to make teams play without a goalkeeper for 10 minutes, so Harris could well have been achieving an unwanted league first.

More problematic than a place in the record books was that it left Hassocks facing half of the remaining 20 minutes with only 10 men.

Turner took over the gloves as the home fans licked their lips at the prospect of racking up more goals whilst the Robins had a centre back between the posts.

There was to be only one more goal however and it came from Hassocks. A good cross into the box was met by Smith ghosting in from the left flank to power in a debut header.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlinsong, Turner, Tighe, Baden; Loversidge, J Westlake, L Westlake, Wallis; Short; Smith.

Subs: Marshall (used), Thwaites, Bradley, Beebee, Wickwar (unused).

First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
September				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
25/09 - 15:00	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
October				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	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	2-2	Short, L.Westlake
December				
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	2-5	L.Westlake, S.Smith
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
January				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
08/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	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	25	0	25	4	37	4
Alfie Loversidge	24	0	24	7	42	9
Arthur Rawlingson	17	4	21	0	21	0
Bradley Tighe	20	0	20	0	123	0
Joe Bull	15	4	19	2	80	6
Jack Gardner	16	0	16	1	39	1
Andy Whittingham	16	0	16	0	114	2
Luke Marshall	14	2	16	0	32	0
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1
Jack Baden	8	5	13	0	16	0
Alex Harris	12	0	12	0	72	0
James Westlake	11	1	12	0	208	30
Jude Wallis	3	8	11	0	11	0
Dan Turner	10	0	10	0	45	3
Bradley Bant	8	2	10	0	159	12
Lewis Beebee	7	3	10	1	13	1
Charlie Tuck	9	0	9	0	15	0
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	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
Lewis Westlake	5	0	5	4	82	8
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
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
Sam Smith	1	0	1	1	1	1
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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Late drama sees Hassocks fall to 10 men Crows in a six goal thriller

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division

Thursday 28th October 2021, The Beacon

Crowborough Athletic U23s 4-2 Hassocks U23s

Having negotiated their opening seven matches of the season in all competitions without defeat, Hassocks Under 23s have now suffered back-to-back losses after a difficult evening at Crowborough Athletic.

The hosts overcame having to play for over an hour with only 10 men, running out 4-2 winners in a dramatic encounter decided by two goals in the final five minutes.

Hassocks made six changes from the side beaten for the first time in the current campaign a week earlier at league leaders Broadbridge Heath.

The headline selection was Lewis Westlake making his first appearance in Hassocks colours since re-joining the club from Steyning Town.

Westlake had played three times for the Barrowmen in a brief spell after leaving Loxwood, where he served as Spencer Slaughter's captain as the Magpies reached the final of the Premier Division Supplementary Shield last season.

After Slaughter, Josh Hawkes and brother James, Westlake becomes the fourth player to follow his former manager Slaughter from Plaistow Road and back to the Beacon.

Another new signing lined up in goal for Hassocks with Ryan West making his debut in place of the absent Harvey Parker.

The other four changes made by the Robins saw Wes Tighe replace

Jack Gardner, Louis Thwaites come in for Jude Wallis, Jacob Kilkelly replace Luke Marshall and last season's top scorer Lewis Beebee return for Phil Gault.

Having changed over half their starting line up, it was perhaps not a surprise to see Hassocks go 1-0 down inside of five minutes due to the unfamiliarity in the ranks.

Oscar Steward got the goal but Crowborough joy was short lived as just 12 minutes later, Ollie Hyland was shown a straight red card by referee Ryan Calver.

Westlake came close to marking his return with the equaliser but he volleyed over from a promising position.

Hassocks continued to dominate as the first half wore on, levelling on 40 minutes as Arthur Rawlingson converted a penalty for his first goal in Robins colours.

Crowborough made it to half time with the scores locked at 1-1 and put the interval to good use, reorganising so that they could better cope with negotiating the next 45 minutes with a man disadvantage.

It took the hosts only five minutes of the second half before they retook the lead. Kyle Anson scored the goal of the evening as he weaved his way past a couple of Hassocks challenges before smashing an unstoppable effort into the top corner from the edge of the box.

The Robins responded well to that, grabbing their second equaliser of the evening nine minutes later.

Marshall Smith had not long been



introduced as a substitute when his snapshot from outside of the area caught the Crowborough defence by surprise to make it 2-2.

Both sides had chances to win it in the final 30 minutes, but it was the hosts who took theirs as the game made its way into the last five.

Crowborough had made the most of their rolling substitutes following Hyland's red card, resting Bayley Colbran for half an hour between the 30th and 60th minutes.

His relatively fresh legs punished a mistake in the Hassocks defence to put Crowborough 3-2 ahead on 85.

The Robins now had no choice but to pour forward in the search of their third equaliser of the evening and that left spaces at the other end for an energetic Crows outfit to punish on the counter.

They duly did so with one minute of normal time remaining, a quick break finished off by substitute Tom Anstee who produced a clinical finish despite the best efforts of Rawlingson and Harvey Ransome to block.

Hassocks: West, W Tighe, Kilkelly, Rawlingson, Baden, Hawkes, L Westlake, Thwaites, Hicks, Hudson, Beebee.

Subs: M Smith, Ransome, Russell, Mercer, McSwiney (used).

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Understrength Robins bow out of County Cup at hands of Town

Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup Second Round

Thursday 4th November 2021, The Saffrons

Eastbourne Town U23s 2-1 Hassocks U23s

The Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup has never been the best of competitions for Hassocks. Their interest in the 2021-22 edition will not extend beyond the second round after elimination at the hands of Eastbourne Town.

The Robins have only ever gone beyond this stage of the competition once before since it was introduced in 2017, when embarking on a memorable run to the quarter finals in the 2019-20 campaign.

Dave John's side pulled off their fair share of shocks to get that far. Isthmian League outfit Three Bridges were beaten at Jubilee Field and Hassocks then eliminated reigning Southern Combination Under 23 West Division champions Horsham YMCA at Gorings Mead.

The Robins' eventually succumbed to Loxwood in the last eight, the Magpies possessing a team that season who would have fancied their chances of going onto lift the trophy had the campaign not been curtailed a few months later.

In the present, Hassocks had already eliminated Eastbourne Town's East Division rivals Saltdean United in the first round, winning 3-2 against the Tigers at the Beacon a month earlier through two goals from Josh Short and one from Spencer Slaughter.

Based on league standings, Town looked set to provide a much sterner examination.

Whereas Saltdean occupied a

lowly 8th spot out of 10, the yellow half of Eastbourne sit pretty in second spot as the nearest challenges to current runaway leaders Newhaven.

Hassocks have combined first team players needing game time with their Under 23s squad to good effect so far this season.

For the trip to the Saffrons however, the Robins were only able to call upon Josh Short and Arthur Rawlingson as they took one of their youngest, most inexperienced squads of the season.

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Short replaced Lewis Westlake as one of six changes from the previous week's 4-2 league defeat away at 10 man Crowborough Athletic.

Harvey Parker returned in goal in place of Ryan West whilst Harvey Ransome, Archie Russell, George Mercer and Sean McSwiney were all promoted from the bench having been used substitutes at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

The four players dropping out for them were Jacob Kilkelly, Josh Hawkes, Jack Baden and Lewis Beebee.

Hassocks took the lead with 15



minutes played through Russell's second goal of the season, taking him onto four in total when combined with the two he already has for the Under 18s.

Town hit back immediately and levelled within 60 seconds. Straight from kick off, the hosts broke forward for Tom McDonald to make it 1-1.

What proved to be the winner arrived in the 71st minute from Leke Ademola. A disappointing evening was rounded off for Hassocks by Jay Hudson seeing red, a moment not in keeping with a game played in the right spirit in which there was only one other yellow card shown, to Town's Regan Constable.

The defeat made it three losses in a row for Hassocks, a far cry from the form which had seen them begin the campaign with a seven game unbeaten run in all competitions.

They will look to get their season back on track at home to Oakwood next Thursday night, having won 2-0 at Tinsley Lane when the sides met in the North Division back in September.

Hassocks: Parker, W Tighe, McSwiney, Rawlingson, Ransome, Mercer, Short, Thwaites, Hicks, Hudson, Russell.

Subs: M Smith, J Smith, Wallis, Sweetman (used).



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Hassocks cut down Oaks to get back to winning ways

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 11th November 2021, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 4-1 Oakwood U23s**

After three consecutive defeats, Hassocks Under 23s got back to winning ways and in some style by beating Oakwood 4-1 at the Beacon.

This was just what the doctor ordered for the Robins following North Division losses to Broadbridge Heath and Crowborough Athletic and a Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup exit at the hands of Eastbourne Town over the past three weeks.

Such has been the unusually good weather so far this autumn that Hassocks are already halfway through their league fixtures before mid-November, the visit of Oakwood being their 10th match out of 18.

The Robins had previously beaten Oakwood 2-0 back in September through an own goal and top scorer Jay Hudson's fifth in two games, part of a barnstorming start to the campaign that saw six games out of seven end in victory.

Hudson was suspended for this one as a result of his red card in the previous week's defeat at Eastbourne Town.

There were five changes in total from the trip to the Saffrons. A busy period for the first team of three games in the space of seven days against Alfold, Pagham and Broadbridge Heath next week meant that Josh Short and Arthur Rawlingson were both saved for senior duties.

Louis Thwaites can probably expect to be involved with the first team too if his absence was anything

to go by. George Mercer was the final change as he dropped down to the bench.

Hassocks were able to call upon the experienced duo of Josh Hawkes and Jordan Badger. One of the stars of the Under 23s season so far in Jack Baden was also back whilst Charlie Tuck and Jude Wallis came in to fill wide positions.

There were concerning scenes before the game when an Oakwood player was taken ill.

The response of both hosts and visitors was exemplary in dealing with such an unexpected and somewhat scary situation and everyone at the Beacon wishes said player well following the incident.

Oakwood also deserved immense credit for the start they made to the game. Unaffected by what had happened off the pitch, they went 1-0 ahead inside of five minutes through Timi Kalejaiye.

With their recent poor run of form, Hassocks might well have been thinking 'here we go again'.

14 minutes later however the Robins pulled one back. Archie Russell was the scorer, following up his brace for the Under 18s in their 4-0 Mid Sussex Derby win over Burgess Hill Town at the weekend with his third Under 23s goal of the season.

Russell had also grabbed the consolation at Eastbourne Town seven days earlier.

It looked like the sides would go into the break level at 1-1 until Badger gave Hassocks the lead with seconds of the first half remaining.

Oakwood were still in the tie up



until the final 20 minutes, when Hassocks turned the screw to score twice more in eight minutes and kill the game off.

Badger made it 3-1 on 70 minutes with his second of the evening, continuing an excellent run of form in front of goal which has seen him notch four goals from 11 appearances for both first team and Under 23s since returning to football in August after two years away from the sport.

Victory was wrapped up eight minutes later through substitute Marshall Smith, scoring for the second time in three substitute appearances to put himself in contention for a start next Thursday against Steyning Town.

That match takes place in the League Cup, a competition Hassocks will be hoping to make an impression in, if for no other reason that to guarantee some more football.

Hassocks: Parker, W Tighe, McSwiney, Badger, Tuck, Ransome, Hawkes, Baden, Hicks, Wallis, Russell.

Subs: M Smith, Marshall, Mercer, Sweetman.



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Headed heaven for Hassocks as they wheel past Barrowmen

Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup Second Round
Thursday 18th November 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks U23s 3-1 Steyning Town U23s

It was headed heaven at the Beacon as Hassocks Under 23s progressed to the second round of the Southern Combination League Under 23 League Cup with a 3-1 win over Steyning Town.

All of the Robins goals came from headers against their North Division rivals with victory earning a third round home tie against Arundel, who are currently in the lower reaches of the West Division.

Given the circumstances Hassocks found themselves in, this was one of their most impressive displays of the season.

A bit of an injury crisis is ripping through the Beacon at the minute and with the first team in the midst of a busy run of games, the Robins have temporarily abandoned their policy of mixing a couple of senior players in with the Under 23s each week.

That meant Hassocks had to do without Jordan Badger and Josh Hawkes, both of whom had starred in the previous week's 4-1 win over Oakwood in which Badger scored twice.

The Robins were also without

Sean McSwiney and Wes Tighe whilst goalkeeper Harvey Parker was rested to give Ryan West another opportunity between the posts.

On the plus side, last season's Under 23s and Under 18s top scorer Lewis Beebee was back from a spell on the sidelines.

Luke Marshall stepped up his return from injury by completing 90 minutes whilst two players were promoted from the bench - George Mercer and Marshall Smith, the latter of whose opportunity was well deserved after two goals from his past three substitute appearances.

Steyning arrived with plenty of experience in their ranks and Hassocks knew they would be in for a tough evening based on the September league meeting between these sides at the Shooting Field.

The Robins had to rely on two goals from Connor Bradley - returning from injury on the bench here - on that occasion after he answered the call to help having begun the campaign not only in the first team, but by winning Hassocks' August Player of the Month award.

Both sides were evenly matched in this one for much of the first half until Beebee broke the deadlock four minutes before the interval with a clinical header his first Under 23s



goal of the season.

Charlie Tuck was next to use his head to earn a rare appearance on the scoresheet, doubling the advantage on 66 minutes.

Steyning pulled one back on 87 - disappointingly not scored via a header - through Marley Heath.

That looked like it might set up a nervous finale as the Barrowmen looked to force extra time.

Hassocks though needed just 120 seconds to add their third and end Steyning's hopes of progression.

Marshall was the scorer, meeting a delivery into the box with the sort of towering header that the teenage defender specialises in to make it 3-1.

Hassocks: West, Mercer, Baden, Marshall, Tuck, Wallis, Ransome, M Smith, Hicks, Beebee, Russell.

Subs: Bradley, Crawford, Kilkelly, Rawlingson, Parker.



Weakened Robins well beaten at Roffey to lose touch with leaders

Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup Second Round
Thursday 25th November 2021, Bartholomew Way
Roffey U23s 2-0 Hassocks U23s

Hassocks Under 23s hopes of keeping pace with long-time Southern Combination League North Division leaders Broadbridge Heath suffered a dent as the Robins were beaten 2-0 away at Roffey.

The result brought to an end the Robins' two-game mini winning run but did not come as much of a surprise given the injury crisis at the Beacon currently.

Hassocks only named two subs at Bartholomew Way. Lewis Beebee is continuing to find his way back to fitness after a spell on the sidelines and head coach Brad Sweetman was also pressed into action from the bench.

As for the starting XI, that showed three changes from the previous week's 3-1 League Cup win over Steyning Town, when all three of the Robins goals had been scored via headers.

Harvey Parker returned in goal in place of Ryan West having been rested against the Barrowmen.

Under 18s wide man Louis Thwaites was back with the Under 23s following a spell in the first team squad and Sean McSwiney was

handed a start.

The two outfield players making way were Marshall Smith who recently made his own senior debut and Beebee who dropped down to the bench as his return is carefully managed, especially in light of the first team being without Joe Bull and Phil Gault currently.

"The result brought to an end the Robins' two-game mini winning run but did not come as much of a surprise given the injury crisis at the Beacon currently."

Beebee could well find himself subsequently leading the line on Saturday against Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Hassocks had defeated a strong Roffey side 1-0 at the Beacon earlier in the season, McSwiney netting the only goal of the game.

The Boars team that day contained several of the players who have put the Boars' first team into title contention in Division One.

This time around, it was a Roffey team with more of an Under 23s feel to it and they ultimately proved too



good for a weakened Hassocks.

Josh Maher opened the scoring for the hosts with substitute Solomon Rellen killing things off with a second as the Robins struggled to create too much.

Hassocks will travel to Alfold next Thursday for the first time at Under 23s level, representing their penultimate fixture of 2021.

A week later and Steyning are again the visitors, this time in North Division action for the Robins' final game of a calendar year which has shown a lot of promise.

Hassocks: West, Mercer, Baden, Marshall, Tuck, Wallis, Ransome, M Smith, Hicks, Beebee, Russell.

Subs: Bradley, Crawford, Kilkelly, Rawlingson, Parker.

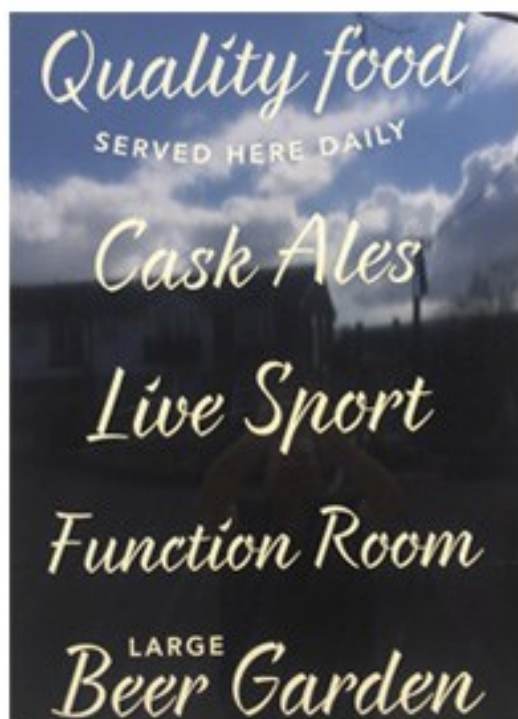
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Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
October				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	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, M.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), M.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	4-0	Troak (2), Thwaites, Wallis
16/12 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	3-1	Short, Hawkes, Russell

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Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Ben Hicks	14	0	14	0
Harvey Ransome	11	2	13	0
Jack Baden	12	0	12	0
Sean McSwiney	9	3	12	1
Wes Tighe	7	5	12	0
Jude Wallis	10	1	11	1
Archie Russell	7	4	11	3
George Mercer	6	5	11	0
Louis Thwaites	5	5	10	1
Jay Hudson	8	1	9	5
Arthur Rawlingson	6	3	9	1
Harvey Parker	7	1	8	0
Luke Marshall	6	1	7	1
Brad Sweetman	1	6	7	0
Lewis Beebee	4	2	6	1
Jacob Killkelly	1	5	6	0
Jordan Badger	4	1	5	2
Josh Hawkes	4	0	4	0
Charlie Tuck	4	0	4	1
Marshall Smith	1	3	4	2
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
Jack Troak	1	0	1	2
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

Derby day delight for Hassocks as they hammer local rivals Hill

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division

Sunday 7th November 2021, Rottingdean Village FC

Burgess Hill Town U18s 0-4 Hassocks U18s

After an enforced three week break without a game, Hassocks Under 18s returned to action and in some style with a 4-0 Mid Sussex Derby win over Burgess Hill Town.

The time off came at a good time for the Young Robins, allowing them to regroup after three games without a victory.

Hassocks had been well beaten 4-2 in their last Southern Combination League Central Division outing against Montpellier Villa.

That came a week after a 5-0 Sussex Dennis Probee Under 18 Cup exit at the hands of Conference South side Eastbourne Borough and a 1-1 draw with the other Mid Sussex outfit in the section, St Francis Rangers.

One of Hassocks' blank weeks was due to the withdrawal of Upper Beeding, leaving only eight teams in the Central Division.

Having played eight games, the Robins are now exactly halfway through their league season.

Already there is talk of a third round of matches or a Supplementary Shield competition to fill the void should it be a dry winter as at current

rate, the campaign could be completed by the end of January.

This was the second meeting between Hassocks and Burgess Hill. The first had seen the sides share 10 goals in a thrilling 5-5 draw back in September, Hill becoming the first side to take a point off Hassocks who topped the table at the time.

The Robins continue to lead the way two months later but their vanquishes last time out Villa are one of several sides lurking just below with games in hand.

Hassocks therefore needed a victory against the Hillians to keep the chasing pack at arms reach for now. To pick up the three points and do so in such a comfortable manner was to the Robins' credit, even if Hill only had 11 players available.

In contrast, Neil Parker and Glen Gead had a 16 man squad to choose from.

They opted to make only one change from the Villa defeat, Archie Hill stepping up from the bench to take the place of top scorer Oliver Parker-Williams who had to settle for a place amongst the substitutes.

The final score shows that Hassocks did not miss their leading marksman, largely because of the recent form of Archie Russell.



Having scored the consolation goal for the Under 23s in their Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup exit to Eastbourne Town on Thursday night, Russell helped himself to brace against the Hillians.

The other Hassocks scorers were Sam Gead and Max Beston, with Beston's goal being his first in Hassocks colours.

Next up for Hassocks is a trip to Worthing United, opponents they have not faced at Under 18s level for many years.

The Mavericks will provide another stern test as one of those clubs alongside Montpellier Villa in the chasing pack.

Hassocks: Dunkley, Llwellyn, Bundy, Douglass, Beston, Lade, Gead, Howard, Njai, Hill, Russell.

Subs: Parker-Williams, Thomas, Trinick, Beck, Wilson (used).



Worthing woes as Hassocks fall on first visit to United for six years

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 14th November 2021, Robert Albon Memorial Ground
Worthing United U18s 0-4 Hassocks U18s

One of the most open Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division seasons for some time took another twist as Hassocks suffered their second defeat of the campaign.

In a section where everybody seems capable of beating everybody else rather than there being one or two runaway leaders as is normally the case, the Robins were defeated 2-1 in their first game at youth level against Worthing United since the 2015-16 season.

Hassocks ended that campaign six years ago in seventh spot out of nine teams, losing 3-2 to the Mavericks at the Beacon in February but winning 2-1 at the Robert Albon Memorial Ground in September for their second win of the season having lost their opening three matches.

The Robins should eclipse the lowly finish they achieved last time they were in the same division as United this time around, but who wins the title is less clear.

This result moved the hosts into real contention as the chasing pack closed in on a Hassocks side who have led the way for most of the

campaign so far.

Montpelier Villa, Steyning Town and now United are all lurking with games in hand which means too many more defeats and the Robins will not remain top for long.

Hassocks know this and that is perhaps why frustrations boiled over, three yellow cards being an unusually high number for an Under 18s league that is normally played in good spirit.

Entering referee Mark Spence's book were Jayden Dunkley, Sam Gead and Max Beston whilst there was also a yellow flashed to United's Samuel Boyd late on.

The tightness of the Central Division is not the only unusual aspect of the campaign so far.

Whereas changes every week have been commonplace for Hassocks in recent seasons, they have been remarkably consistent in team selection.

There was only one change from the side who hammered local rivals Burgess Hill Town 4-0 a week previously.

Harry Carter returned from absence straight into the starting XI to take the place of Ismaila Housainou Njai.

Both of the United goals came midway through either half and both were from the same player, Nathan



Williams scoring

in the 20th and 66th minutes to earn the Mavericks their three points.

Gead got the Hassocks goal, continuing his fine form with a sixth of the season to overtake the unavailable Owen Parker-Williams as leading scorer with six for the campaign.

The Robins are next in action in a week's time, hosting Shoreham & Adur at the Beacon in another tough game against opponents who are only a couple of wins away from entering the title picture themselves.

Hassocks squeaked past the Musselmen 1-0 thanks to a Gead penalty on the opening day of the campaign

Hassocks: Dunkley, Llwellyn, Bundy, Douglass, Beston, Lade, Gead, Howard, Carter, Hill, Russell.

Subs: Thomas, Newman, Beck (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	Geard
September				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18	2-1	Parker-Williams, Beck
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	5-5	Parker-Williams, Russell, Beck, Chowdhury, Geard
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Geard, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
November				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	Russell (2), Geard, Beston
14/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Geard
21/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Geard, Russell, Carter
28/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	0-2	
December				
05/12 - 11:45	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
19/12 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harry Bundy	12	1	13	0
Archie Russell	13	0	13	5
Beau Howard	12	0	12	3
Jamie Douglass	12	0	12	0
Alfie Beck	6	6	12	4
Sam Geard	11	0	11	7
Oliver Parker-Williams	8	3	11	6
Archie Hill	9	1	10	0
Max Beston	9	0	9	1
Daniel Llwellyn	8	1	9	0
Jayden Dunkley	8	0	8	0
Daniel Lade	5	1	6	0
Harry Carter	4	2	6	1
Josh Trinick	3	3	6	0
Jack Thomas	2	4	6	0
Robert Newman	0	6	6	0
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	5	0	5	0
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0
Muhammad Wilson	1	4	5	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Joe Holland	0	4	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0
Charlie Smith	0	1	1	0

Veterans whack Woodingdean for six to progress in County Cup

Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup First Round

Sunday 7th November 2021, Woodingdean United FC

Woodingdean United Vets 0-6 Hassocks Vets

If the Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup is the piece of silverware Hassocks Veterans are eyeing up most this season, then they got their campaign off to a perfect start against Woodingdean United.

Six goals scored, none conceded and some very peculiar names sticking the ball in the back of the net made for a good Sunday's work for the Robins.

The winners of this competition will be crowned as the best veterans team in the county.

If Hassocks are to lift the trophy for the first time in the club's history, then they will need to overcome some outstanding opponents, including Mile Oak who they could face in round three if both sides get that far.

This victory assured the Robins of their spot in the second round, where they will face fellow Mid Sussex Veterans League side Furnace Green Rovers at the Beacon on a date to be decided.

Manager Nick Newman had a very strong side available to him, featuring several changes from the line up who had beaten Charlwood 7-2 in the league four weeks earlier.

Lee Da La Rue Browne, Che Williams and Pat Harding replaced Paul Armstrong, Mitch Broadstock and Chris Maynard.

A Veterans game was a rare treat for Pat, who is now no longer allowed to play in the Robins' Mid Sussex League fixtures on account of the

fact that he has played too many Isthmian League games for Burgess Hill Town.

Pat may find himself banned from playing County Cup games as well in the not-too-distant future. Burgess Hill manager Jay Lovett is said to have concerns not about injuries or burnout, but of the impact on Pat of playing alongside Steve Spies.

"We can't have Pat scoring two own goals, giving away a penalty, getting sent off and then going drinking with the opposition," Lovett is reported to have told the Mid Sussex Times.

"Joel Harding popped up with what must surely be his first ever goal in Hassocks colours, what with him having played 340 games as a goalkeeper and everything."

Clearly, Spiesy's infamous afternoon for Hassocks IIIs against Wisdom Sports over 14 years ago still reverberates around the footballing world, even with a man like Lovett who possesses a CV with clubs such as Brentford and Crawley Town on it.

Enough about Spiesy as he did politely ask that he was not mentioned quite so much in these reports, often written by someone who was not even at the game.

Focussing on the football and Pat helped himself to a hat-trick, taking his total to five goals in two Veterans matches so far.

Combined with the six he managed for the first team in April's Southern Combination League Supplementary Shield, he is now the leading Hassocks scorer across all teams in the calendar year of 2021 with 11 goals. Not bad for a bloke who isn't even our player.

At the other end of the scoring scale, brother Joel Harding popped up with what must surely be his first ever goal in Hassocks colours, what with him having played 340 games as a goalkeeper and everything.

The closest the club's anoraks could recall Joel coming to scoring in the past is when he managed to hit the Chichester City cross bar wind-assisted kick from his own area in the 2007-08 season.

Laurence Robinson picked up the pieces, smashing home the rebound in one of the most ridiculous goals that the Beacon has ever seen.

Nearly as unusual a presence on the score sheet as Joel was Brendan Leahy. Leahy does have an eye for goal but rarely manages to make the most of it as he is normally in a physio's room somewhere.

Back-to-back starts and a first of the campaign made for a happy Leahy coming home from Woodingdean, with Hassocks' other goal delivered by the in-form Jonathan Bundy who was scoring for the second game running.

Hassocks: J Harding; Williams, Newman, Humphries, Leahy; Waller, Hibbert, De La Rue Browne; Harding, Spies, Bundy.

Subs: Hughes (used).

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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 United (A)	CVC1	6-0	P.Harding (3), Leahy, Bundy, J.Harding,
29/11 - 19:30	Furnace Green Rovers (H)	CVC2	5-2	Broadstock, Bundy, Juniper, Gault (2)
December				
19/12 - 14:00	Mile Oak (A)	CVC3		
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	4	0	4	2
Nick Newman	4	0	4	0
Steve Spies	4	0	4	5
Paul Armstrong	3	0	3	1
Anthony Humphries	3	0	3	0
Che Williams	3	0	3	0
Mitch Broadstock	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
David Juniper	2	0	2	3
Brendan Leahy	2	0	2	1
Robert Sayers	2	0	2	0
Adam Waller	2	0	2	0
Richard Thompson	1	1	2	0
Paul Gurr	0	2	2	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	0
Simon Shinvarain	1	0	1	0
Matthew Hughes	0	1	1	0
Phil Gault	0	1	1	2



Seventh heaven as Robins get their first win of the season in style

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

Sunday 14th November 2021, The Beacon

Hassocks Ladies 7-0 Woodingdean Wanderers Women

Hassocks achieved their first league win of the season with a convincing performance and 7-0 victory over Woodingdean Wanderers.

The Robins started the match brightly with a Kirsten Mair shot being saved following good work by Jo Brown and Katherine Chappell.

Mair then won a corner which went right across the goalmouth ending with a shot narrowly over the bar by Jodie Johanson.

Hassocks continued on the front foot with a Johanson shot saved following a through ball from Claire Stevens.

Jess Craig had a shot saved before the deadlock was broken in the ninth minute, a poor back pass enabling Mair to slot the ball home.

Chappell then twice went close, firstly with a shot over the bar and then after a great turn, an effort which hit the top of the bar.

Woodingdean responded briefly, Jemma Kendall clearing the danger followed by a through ball which Stevens shepherded back to keeper Sarah Chappell.

Fellow defender Emma Flin then got into action with a through ball which Johanson was just unable to reach before the keeper cleared.

In the 20th minute, Mair hit the post from a superb free kick with the keeper well beaten.

However, Hassocks' superiority told in the 29th minute when Craig scored the second and three minutes later, a pin-point Johanson pass found Chappell who easily beat the keeper to put Hassocks three up.

Hassocks continued to press with an excellent passing move which ended with a Kendall shot just wide.

Kendall was then involved again, in the 40th minute, with a pass to Johanson who finished calmly to make the score 4-0.

Chappell then scored a goal which was ruled out for offside before Mair scored the fifth with a slightly fortuitous goal which the keeper should have saved.

Sarah Chappell, although having a quiet game because of Hassocks' dominance, then produced an excellent point-blank save just before the break, although it would have been ruled out for offside.

Substitute Kayleigh Norris was brought on for the second half, which Hassocks started on the front foot, a Mair cross finding Mia Pordage whose first-time powerful shot flew into the goal giving the keeper no chance.

Hassocks continued to press with both Chappell and Pordage going close.

A second substitution was made with Rachael Scammell replacing Jo Brown, who had been dominant on the left both in defence and joining with the attack.

Woodingdean, to their credit, continued to battle and Flin had to make a good interception although Hassocks soon reasserted their authority with Mair, Norris and Chappell all having efforts either saved or going just wide.

In the 63rd minute, another substitution was made with Holly Webb replacing skipper Sam Newman who along with the rest of the defenders had been relatively untroubled, although Stevens then had to get a vital touch to a dangerous looking cross which could easily have resulted in an own goal.

With Hassocks dominant, the game was settling into a relatively calm period although Hassocks still managed to create chances.

Substitute Katie Read was introduced in the 68th minute and shortly afterwards Zeba Ghorish was brought on.

Keeper Chappell was forced into making a great save in the 80th minute, preserving her clean sheet with a block and then managing to



claw the resultant loose ball away from danger.

Kendall was brought back on in the 84th minute as Kayleigh Norris had suffered an injury, a shame as she had showed her strength and skill in midfield.

Hassocks continued to attack and in the 88th minute, Ghorish passed to Mair who completed the scoring.

Overall, this was an excellent performance. Hassocks were totally dominant inflicting on Woodingdean their heaviest defeat of the season, and in truth probably could have scored more.

The midfielders Mair, Craig, Pordage, Kendall and Johanson all showed some excellent touches and striker Chappell looked dangerous throughout.

At the back, Newman, Flin, Stevens and Brown - although rarely troubled - looked calm and composed on the few occasions when they were threatened.

It was also a good opportunity to give substitutes Norris, Scammell, Read, Webb and Ghorish a taste of the action, all of whom slotted in well.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Newman, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Mair, Kendall, Pordage, Johanson, Craig, K Chappell.

Subs: Webb, Willis, Norris, Read, Ghorish (used).

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
December				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP	0-3	
19/12 - 14:00	Roffey (A)	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 (H)	SCWLP		
20/03 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (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

Around the League...



Littlehampton Town remain the sole Southern Combination League representative in the FA Vase after a magnificent victory last weekend whilst title races in the Premier Division and Division One got a little hotter...

The Marigolds were facing a difficult looking task to progress to the fourth round of the national competition as unbeaten Sheppey United visited St Flora Sportsfield.

A 20th minute goal from Liam Humphreys decided the tie in Littlehampton's favour. They now go to Athletic Newham on January 15th with Wembley edging ever closer.

The league's other third round representatives were **Crawley Down Gatwick** but their run came to an end in a 4-0 home defeat to **Raynes Park Vale**.

This afternoon's visitors **Saltdean United** took advantage of Littlehampton being out of league action to move top of the table after hammering **East Preston** 9-0 at Hill Park.

Kieron Pamment scored twice along with Joe Shelley, Ryan Warwick, Callum Saunders, Reece Hallard, Harry Shooman and substitutes Alfie Edmeads and George Taggart.

Lucas Franzen-Jones got both the goals as **Newhaven** beat **Horsham YMCA** 2-0 at Hill Park.

Eastbourne United came from behind to win 2-1 at **Broadbridge Heath**. Jamie Taylor had given the Bears a first half lead but 69th and 78th minute goals from Max Thompson ensured United headed back south with all three points.

The shock result of the day came at **Little Common** where struggling **Loxwood** picked up a 4-0 victory over their hosts who currently seem to be in freefall.

James Morey, Callum Dowdell, Tom Howard-Bold and Adrian Todd

got the goals for a Magpies side benefitting from several new faces.

AFC Varndeanians picked up their fourth point of the season from a 1-1 draw at **Alfold**. Jordan Mase scored for the hosts with Marley Bigg replying for V's.

The final game in the Premier Division saw Steyning Town record a welcome clean sheet after a couple of hammerings, drawing 0-0 at home with **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Neither of the top two in Division One were in action and that allowed **Midhurst & Easebourne** to close the gap to Roffey and Epsom & Ewell by hammering **Worthing United** 6-1 at the Rotherfield.

Marcus Bedford notched a brace and there were singles for Harry Giles, Jake Slater, William Esai and Robert Tambling. The Mavericks consolation came via Tshikume Phadagi.

Dorking Wanderers Reserves lost ground in the promotion race as they went down 2-0 away at **Selsey**, James Henton getting both the goals for the Blues in the final five minutes of the first half.

The biggest win of the day in the division came at **Godalming Town** as the hosts hammered **Arundel** 7-0.

Connor Young helped himself to a hat-trick, James Frudd a brace with Samuel Boulwood and Robert Parrott rounding off the scoring, which was completed inside of 70 minutes.

Billingshurst picked up a 6-1 win on the road at **Hailsham Town**. Tom Edwards scored three of the Hurst goals, Archie Goddard two and Sam Bull one.

Despite having to play for 75 minutes with 10 men, **Montpelier**

Villa came away from **Oakwood** with a 2-1 victory. Joseph Radley-Martin had Villa 1-0 ahead after six minutes, followed shortly by a straight red for James McKemey.

Sam Cane levelled for Oak but Villa kept plugging away and won it through Marcus Richmond.

The final game in Division One saw **Mile Oak** continue their resurgence by winning 1-0 at **Storrington** through Josh Cooper.

There were only two league games in Division Two as the second round of the Sussex Intermediate Cup took place.

Charlwood ran out 6-1 winners at **Brighton Electricity**. All the goals came from the 38th minute onwards, Noel Leighton, Conner Colcutt, Adil Raman and a brace from substitute Michael Howard-Bold doing the damage. Luke Murphy got the Electricity consolation.

Pete Bailey, Chad Milner and Matthew Wilson gave **Littlehampton United** a 3-2 win over **St Francis Rangers**. Matt Godfrey and Ossie O'Neill scored for Rangers.

In the Intermediate Cup, **Bosham** progressed with a 7-0 win at home to lower league **Hunston Community** and **Jarvis Brook** beat Mid Sussex Premier side **AFC Southwick** 3-1.

Exiting the competition were **Upper Beeding** who lost 4-3 away at Harting and **Worthing Town**, beaten 5-3 at home by **AFC Uckfield Town Reserves**.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	23	16	4	3	62	17	52
Littlehampton Town	21	16	2	3	76	30	50
Newhaven	22	13	6	3	59	21	45
Bexhill United	22	12	7	3	50	26	43
Eastbourne Town	22	12	6	4	51	24	42
Pagham	20	14	0	6	38	26	42
Broadbridge Heath	22	12	5	5	48	18	41
Eastbourne United	22	11	4	7	48	31	37
Peacehaven & Tels.	21	9	4	8	37	26	31
Crawley Down Gatwick	20	9	3	8	45	31	30
Little Common	22	8	5	8	38	34	30
Horsham YMCA	23	8	5	10	31	51	29
Lingfield	20	8	2	10	35	44	26
Alfold	21	7	3	11	26	38	24
AFC Uckfield Town	21	4	8	9	17	28	20
Steyning Town	22	5	4	13	23	69	19
Loxwood	21	4	3	14	17	61	15
Hassoeks	21	3	5	13	25	53	14
East Preston	22	1	4	17	16	76	7
AFC Varndeanians	22	0	5	17	30	68	5

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	112	223	49
Broadbridge Heath	111	172	63
Hassoeks	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

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	Last 6
Eastbourne Town	WWDWWW
Peacehaven & Tels	WWDWDW
Saltdean United	WDWWDW
Bexhill United	DWWWWD
Littlehampton Town	WLWLWW
Eastbourne United	DDWWDW
Broadbridge Heath	WDDWWL
Newhaven	DWWLDW
Horsham YMCA	WLDWWL
Lingfield	LWLWWL
Pagham	LLLWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LDLWWL
AFC Uckfield Town	DWDLLD
Hassoeks	LWLDDL
Loxwood	DLLLLW
Steyning Town	LWLLLD
Little Common	DDLILL
Alfold	LDLLLD
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLD
East Preston	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	48
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	22
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	21
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	21
Jack Langford	Pagham	21
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	21
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	21
Trevor McCreddie	Saltdean Utd	17
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	16
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	16
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	15
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	15
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean Utd	14
Joe Clarke	Pagham	12
Lewis Hole	Little Common	12
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	12
Louis Veneti	Eastbourne Town	12
Tom Biggs	Littlehampton	11
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	11
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	11

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	11	9	2	0	43	10	29
Hassocks	11	7	1	3	21	11	22
Alfold	11	6	0	5	24	19	18
Crowborough Athletic	10	5	2	3	26	21	17
Roffey	10	5	1	4	11	9	16
Oakwood	11	3	1	7	17	27	10
Horsham YMCA	8	2	2	4	14	19	8
Steyning Town	9	2	1	6	10	28	7
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	9
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	6
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	6
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Charlie Martin	Alfold	5
Kinsley Mercure	Oakwood	5
Bayley Colbran	Crowborough	4
Shane Saunders	Alfold	4

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	9	7	2	0	24	10	23
Steyning Town	11	7	1	3	42	23	22
Shoreham & Adur	10	4	3	3	25	24	15
Hassocks	11	4	2	5	23	23	14
Burgess Hill Town	12	4	2	6	26	28	14
Worthing United	8	4	1	3	21	21	13
St Francis Rangers	10	4	1	5	20	27	9
AFC Varndeanians	11	1	0	10	14	39	3

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Nathan Williams	Worthing United	10
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	8
Samuel-Elie N'Cho	St Francis	8
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	8
James Lyon-Monk	St Francis	7
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	7
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	6
Sam Geard	Hassocks	6

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	9	8	1	0	53	7	25
Roffey	7	6	0	1	24	9	18
Pagham	6	5	0	1	27	13	15
Saltdean United	8	5	0	3	22	9	15
Seaford Town	4	3	0	1	9	1	9
Hassocks	5	1	1	3	12	10	4
Worthing Town	8	1	1	6	10	35	4
Eastbourne Town	7	0	1	6	2	47	1
Woodingdean Wand	8	0	0	8	8	36	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Emma Biffi	Pagham	12
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	12
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	12
Dulcie Elder	Worthing Town	11
Georgie Egner	Montpelier Villa	10
Remi Crawley	Pagham	9
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	8
Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	8
Amy Stanton	Pagham	6

Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ardingly	5	4	0	1	21	15	12
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
Ansty Sports & Social	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Brockham	4	2	0	2	7	11	6
East Court	4	1	0	3	10	14	3
South Godstone	6	1	0	5	15	23	3
Burgess Hill Albion	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Liam Tucknott	Ardingly	9
Chris Cook	Ardingly	6
Ritchie Caldwell	South Godstone	5
Pat Harding	Hassocks	5
Mark Heavens	Charlwood	5
Steve Spies	Hassocks	5
David Neathey	Furnace Green	4
Mark Southam	Charlwood	4
Andrew Beattie	Charlwood	3
Jonathan Bundy	Hassocks	3



With no home game currently scheduled until January 29th - Crawley Down Gatwick at the Beacon in the RUR Cup may be squeezed in before then - we are going to spend the next six weeks racking up the mileage across Sussex...



Crawley Down Gatwick

When?

Monday 27th December

Where?

The Haven

Time?

11:00am

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Crawley Down this season?

It has been a bit of a strange campaign for Crawley Down. They amassed some serious firepower in the summer, pairing two of our former strikers together in Phil Johnson and Charlie Pitcher. Some were touting Down as dark horses for the title as a result of the goals they had in them, and they have shown what they can do on their day with an impressive run to the third round of the FA Vase. The best way to describe their league form however is inconsistent, nine wins, three draws and eight defeats leaving them in mid table. Oh, and Pitcher has since departed for South Park, so at least that is one less ex-Robin to worry about scoring against us!

Our record against Crawley Down?

Hassocks v Crawley Down has become one of the most entertaining fixtures on the Southern Combination League circuit. 86 goals have been plundered in 22 previous meetings in senior football at an average of four a

game, including 27 in the past six meetings. Amongst the more ridiculous score lines of the past six years are 5-3 and 6-4 wins for Hassocks. The head-to-head reads 10 victories for the Robins, eight for Down with four draws.

Last time we met?

Although this will be our first league meeting of the season, we have already crossed swords in the Sussex Senior Cup back in October. Down ended our interest in the competition, winning 2-0 here at the Beacon thanks to a brace from Oli Leslie.

How to get to the Haven?

One of the more local games that we will face this season, head through Haywards Heath to Ardingly and onto Turners Hill on the B2028. After Turners Hill, you'll enter Crawley Down and come to a fork in the road where you need to take a right onto Vicarage Road, following this through the village until the Haven appears on your right.



Lingfield

When?

Monday 3rd January

Where?

Godstone Road

Time?

11:00am

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Lingfield this season?

13th place in the table with eight wins, two draws and 10 defeats only tells half the story for Lingfield, who have spent most of the campaign living a nomadic existence on the road. 13 of their 20 matches so far have taken place away from home and so if they can make Godstone Road a fortress in the second half of the campaign, then they will expect to start making progress up the division. Two results highlight what dangerous opponents they can be, with a 3-1 win at Little Common who were flying in the top five at the time and a commanding 6-2 victory at Horsham YMCA.

Our record against Lingfield?

There have been 29 meetings between ourselves and Lingfield in the past with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 12 wins to the Lingers' 10. Lingfield have been the dominant side in recent years, our only success in the past seven meetings being a 3-2 Peter Bentley

League Cup win at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season.

Last time we met?

Lingfield came to the Beacon on August Bank Holiday Monday to complete an extraordinary 48 hours in which we took four points from two games despite early red cards in both. On the Saturday, we had beaten Steyning Town 2-0 despite playing for over an hour with 10 men. Connor Bradley got sent off at a near-identical time against the Lingers and yet we secured a 1-1 draw. Alfie Loversidge got our goal with Jamie Bakhit equalising.

How to get to Godstone Road

Head to Ardingly, joining the B2028 through Turners Hill and Crawley Down. Cross the Dukes Head roundabout and continue following the road until you get into Lingfield. At the T Junction with Plaistow Street take a left onto the B2029 and the Sports Pavillion is on your right a little up the road.



AFC Uckfield Town

When?

Saturday 8th January

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, eight draws and nine defeats from their 21 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.



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**August £140
September £56
October £98
November £102
December £28
January
February
March
April**

TOTAL £434

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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**
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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 **Charlie Pugh**
Montpelier Villa home **Phil Gault**
Alfold home **Alex Harris**
Pagham home **James Westlake**
Broadbridge Heath away **Phil Wickwar**
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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 **Lewis Westlake**
2nd **Arthur Rawlingson**
3rd **James Westlake**

December 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2021
1st
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February 2021
1st
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March 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

April 2021
1st
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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. 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	194	14	208	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	208
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Stuart Faith	22	289
25. Chris Hewitt	22	508

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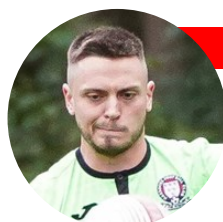
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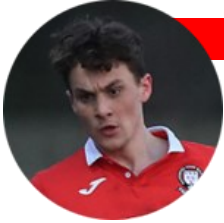
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Next at the Beacon



Bexhill United
 Saturday 29th January. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Uckfield Town v Little Common
 AFC Varndeanians v Eastbourne Town
 Bexhill United v Newhaven
 Broadbridge Heath v Pagham
 East Preston v Alfold
 Eastbourne United v Crawley Down Gatwick
 Loxwood v Steyning Town
 Peacehaven & Telscombe v Lingfield