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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 today's Southern Combination League Premier Division clash with our visitors East Preston

EP are one of the sides we have played most frequently in our 40 years in the Southern Combination and games against them usually feature plenty of entertainment and goals.

Fingers crossed that this afternoon follows in that fine tradition - although a home win would obviously be very welcome as we enter the final straight of the campaign with the relegation battle still very much alive.

Whatever the outcome the afternoon, we hope the players, officials and supporters of EP enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex this afternoon.

We have an update on our Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup quarter final which, having been postponed twice at the Beacon, unfortunately means we lose home advantage.

Instead, it is a first trip to the Crouch since 2004 to take on Seaford Town this coming Tuesday night at 7:30pm.

Any support you can give down on the south coast would be very much appreciated as Brad and the players look to take us into a semi final for what would be only the fifth time in senior football in Hassocks

history.

Last Saturday saw another rearranged fixture take place as we went to Horsham YMCA, the original game having been lost to Storm Eunice.

A second minute goal put us 1-0 behind but the performance after that was by and large a good one. Only an outstanding display of goalkeeping from Aaron Jeal in the YM goal prevented us leaving with a point or more for our efforts.

Prior to that, a 0-0 draw with Loxwood was an important result in a game neither side could afford to lose.

Again, we were the better side but this time it was being a little toothless in front of goal which was the problem - something we can hopefully put right this afternoon.

Away from the first team and the Under 23s are into the semi finals of the League Cup after a magnificent penalty shoot out win over North Division champions Broadbridge Heath.

There is a report elsewhere in these pages. A trip to Alfold now awaits in the final four on a date and time to be confirmed.

The Veterans maintained their 100% start to the season with a 6-0 win over Furnace Green Rovers on Monday night whilst the Ladies won a thriller 6-4 at Worthing Town on Sunday.

They are in action here tomorrow afternoon at 2pm in the League Cup against Roffey. Entrance is free for anyone seeking a Sunday football fix.

Finally, our next home game is on Saturday April 9th against Littlehampton Town. We are delighted to announce that the match will be used to support Spencer Slaughter & his partner Megan's fundraising efforts for the Brighton Marathon which they will be running for St Peter & St James' Hospice.

You can find out more about what will be going on in today's programme, but please do your best to come along on the day and chuck some money into the collection buckets we will have dotted around the ground. It is a fantastic cause and one we obviously have a proud history of supporting.

Enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Today's visitors...



East Preston

Founded 1947

Nickname EP

Ground The Lashmar

Website

pitchero.com/clubs/eastprestonfc

Twitter @EPFC2020

Manager Chris Pettit

Top Scorer Shane Brazil, 11

HONOURS

Southern Combination League

Winners 2014

SCFL Division 1

Winners 1998, 2012

Runners up 1986

SCFL Division 2

Winners 1984

Runners up 1991, 1995

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2014

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2013

SCFL Division 1 Cup

Winners 2012

SCFL Division 2 Cup

Winners 1988, 1995

A difficult season for East Preston is all-but certain to finish with a spot in the bottom two, leaving EP's top flight fate in the hands of ground gradings, clubs dropping out and promotion at higher levels...

Today's visitors arrive at the Beacon with eight games left to play and a 24 point gap to make up on 18th placed Loxwood.

Not only would EP have to win every game from here on in and Loxwood lose all their remaining fixtures, but there would also have to be a 36 goal swing.

Even the most ardent believer in miracles would struggle to see that happening.

In a way, EP being consigned to finishing in the bottom two might be bad news for Hassocks. There is no pressure on new manager Chris Pettitt and his players, Pettitt having been promoted from his previous role as first team coach following the decision of Simon Hull to resign.

We have been here before. Cast your minds back (if you dare) to the closing weeks of the 2018-19 campaign when Shoreham were stranded in the relegation zone and yet came and won 5-0 under the Mid Sussex sunshine.

Then there is what happened last time we met at the Lashmar back in November. EP picked up their only league victory of the season so far

that afternoon and in some style too, hammering us 4-1.

Whilst EP only have that solitary win on the board, they have managed to pick up six further points from useful draws from Horsham YMCA, Newhaven, AFC Uckfield Town, Steyning Town, AFC Varndeanians and Alfold - proof that they can be difficult to beat.

History is also on EP's side. They have an impressive scoring record against us, notching 89 times in the past with the majority of those coming when Dom Di Paolo was at the helm and EP were the Southern Combination League's dominant club between 2013 and 2014.

It is EP who just about lead the head-to-head with 19 wins to our 17, leaving 10 draws.

46 previous matches makes EP one of the opponents who we have played most frequently in the Southern Combination League and these games always tend to be good battles - especially when there is as much on the line as there is this afternoon.

10 Key Moments

1947... the original East Preston were founded but within 10 years had folded before reforming in 1966
1978... EP lift their first West Sussex title. They would go on to lift another three over the next six years
1984... become founder members of Division Two of the Southern Combination League
1985... are the first ever champions of Division Two but are denied promotion due to ground grading
1991... promotion to senior football is finally achieved but it's a brief, one season stay in Division One
1995... EP claim an historic treble of the Division Two title, Division Two Cup & Sussex Intermediate Cup
1998... promotion to the Premier Division is won for the first time
2012... after a three season stay in Division One, EP win the title and Division One Cup
2014... win their first ever Southern Combination League title along with the Peter Bentley League Cup
2016... relegated just two seasons after being champions, but bounce back with immediate promotion

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 13th
2016-17, Southern Combination One 3rd
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2011-12, Southern Combination One 1st
2010-11, Southern Combination One 14th
2009-10, Southern Combination One 14th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 18th
2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 4th
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2003-04, Southern Combination Premier 3rd
2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2001-02, Southern Combination One 3rd
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 20th
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 4th

Hassocks v East Preston :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 34 - Won 13 - Drawn 9 - Lost 12 - Scored 49 - Conceded 62

SCFL Division Two... Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 8 - Conceded 10

Sussex Senior Cup... Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

Peter Bentley Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 5

Division Two Cup... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 1 - Conceded 2

FA Vase... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 2

Total... Played 46 - Won 17 - Drawn 10 - Lost 19 - Scored 68 - Conceded 89

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: East Preston 4-1 Hassocks
2020-21 SCFL Premier: East Preston 3-4 Hassocks
2019-20 SCFL Premier: East Preston 1-2 Hassocks
2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 East Preston
2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 East Preston

2018-19 SCFL Premier: East Preston 2-2 Hassocks
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 East Preston
2017-18 SCFL Premier: East Preston 1-0 Hassocks
2016-17 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 1-0 East Preston
2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 East Preston

Played for Both

Two former Hassocks players were part of the East Preston side who won the Southern Combination League title for the club in the 2013-14 season.

The first of those was **Joel Harding**, who was Dom Di Paolo's first choice goalkeeper throughout a campaign in which EP swept all before them.

Harding wound up at the Lashmar via Lancing having left the Beacon in the summer of 2010 to become number one at Burgess Hill Town.

He came through the youth ranks as part of our Under 18s

who won the SCFL Youth League and the Sussex County Cup in 2002.

Harding went on to play 340 times and was made our club captain for the 2007-08 season, becoming one of the most popular players in the club's history in the process.

Rob Boddy was the second former Robin to be a part of that all-conquering squad having left Hassocks for EP in the summer of 2012.

Boddy made 12 appearances for the Robins in his brief spell at the Beacon after joining from Shoreham six months earlier.



Disaster at the Lashmar as EP pull Hassocks further into the mire

As the Southern Combination League Premier Division season hurtles towards its halfway point, the task Hassocks face in extending their top flight stay to a 28th consecutive season was laid bare at the Lashmar.

Before 3pm on Saturday, East Preston were yet to win a league game all season. They had scored only 10 times.

Fast forward two hours and the hosts were celebrating a 4-1 victory which brought them to within two points of Hassocks and left the Robins looking shell shocked.

Hassocks have now suffered back-to-back defeats against two of the three clubs who were below them in the relegation zone – were, because Loxwood have now leapfrogged the Robins to pull three points clear in the battle for survival. A long winter looks ahead.

Excuses could at least be found for that previous loss at Loxwood a fortnight ago.

Hassocks were the better side and if they had have taken a couple of their countless opportunities, then the Premier Division standings would not have such a depressing look about them currently.

Loxwood in contrast were clinical, scoring with their one shot on target. On another day, the Robins win and win comfortably.

There were no such straws to be clutched at East Preston. Whilst Hassocks did create plenty again, you cannot concede four times in a game of football and expect to get a result.

And that is before you consider the fact that EP were registering over a quarter of their season's goals total in the space of an hour.

Hassocks had a more experienced look to their starting XI than arguably in any other game so far this season.

Dan Turner returned after two months out injured, Josh Hawkes made his first start since moving

back to the Beacon and there was also a place in the XI for Lewis Westlake, who has re-joined following a brief spell at Steyning Town after his departure from Loxwood.

Both sides had chances to take the lead inside of the first couple of minutes and given what you have read so far, it will probably come as no surprise to hear that Hassocks missed theirs whilst East Preston did not.

Joe Bull was the guilty party for the Robins, failing to get on the end of a good cross into the box.

EP broke at lightning quick pace from there and Matthew Storm made no mistake at the other end to give the hosts the perfect start.

Hassocks had strong claims that EP's second goal on 18 minutes should have been disallowed. Charlie Pugh appeared to be clearly impeded as he attempted to gather.

Referee Mark Gidman however saw nothing wrong with it and the looping effort from Harry Russell was allowed to stand.

EP should have made it 3-0 on 28 minutes when Russell went through one-on-one but Pugh stayed big and made a fantastic stop.

Hassocks' frustrations at this point manifested themselves as Hawkes was booked for a very Hawkes-esque foul.

Things got even worse from the resulting free kick as Matt Woodward was left completely free to power a header past Pugh, giving EP a three goal lead with just 30 minutes on the clock.

At that run rate, EP would have been on for a 9-0 victory. Hassocks did at least rally a little and began to carve out some chances of their own.

A trademark long pass out of defence from Turner presented Lewis Westlake with a sight of goal but he was wasteful.

Bull should have then done better on the turn just inside the box with

his effort trickling harmlessly out of play for a goal kick.

Hassocks managed to pull one back before half time, Josh Short taking a penalty best described as unconvincing which did at least do the job of nestling in the EP net.

Hawkes hit a volley from 25 yards a little too high as Hassocks finished the strongest and despite that horror opening half hour, the Robins were still in the game going into the break at a venue where they have an extraordinary record of being involved in classic "games of two halves".

Take Hassocks' visit to the Lashmar last season, for example. The Robins turned around 4-0 ahead, only to find themselves hanging onto a 4-3 victory by full time after EP came close to completing a famous comeback.

If Hassocks were to go better than EP and rescue themselves from a seemingly similar hopeless position, then the next goal would be crucial.

The Westlake brothers nearly combined to provide it for Hassocks five minutes after the restart, Lewis crossing to James whose header needed to trouble the EP goal far more than it did.

EP punished that miss when adding their fourth on the hour mark. Pugh made a fine save to which none of his defenders reacted, allowing Will Breedon to smash home the loose ball. And that was that.

Hassocks: Pugh; Rawlingson, Turner, Tighe, Gardner; J Westlake, L Westlake, Hawkes, Short; Loversidge, Bull.

Subs: Baden, Thwaites (used), Wallis, Hudson, Troak (unused).

Can't put a Price on love - especially Mark's Valentine's Day brace

Mark Price can expect to be inundated with belated Valentine's Day cards from Hassocks fans after his brace secured a 2-2 draw at East Preston on the most romantic day of the year.

Nothing could separate two sides who are much changed since their first Southern Combination Premier Division meeting of the season back in September.

Reigning champions EP could count on their title winning squad and manager Dom Di Paolo back then, the result being a comfortable 4-0 victory for best team in the league on their visit to the Beacon.

Di Paolo however left the club a few weeks later along with many of his players, sparking a barren run of form and a tumble down the table.

EP put enough points on the board under Di Paolo in the opening two months of the campaign not to be concerned with getting dragged into the relegation battle this season.

They do still retain quality too as they showed at the Lashmar, where it looked like they would claim all three points rather than just one as late as the 88th minute when Price popped up with a timely equaliser for Hassocks.

Whereas EP have regressed as the campaign has gone on, Hassocks have gone in the opposite direction. Having won just one league game in the opening three months, the Robins have improved no end since the middle of December when Mark Dalglish and Phil Wickwar assumed control.

Under their new joint managers, Hassocks have lost just three times in nine matches. 14 points have been put on the board to give the Robins a real chance of finishing outside of the bottom three.

Dalglish and Wickwar would be the first to admit there is still plenty of work to do in that regard, but

there is a real belief and spirit in the camp and that was epitomised by the way they never gave up here, eventually leading to that deserved late leveller.

Helping the Hassocks cause has been the improvement in player availability as a number of key players have returned from injury.

The mercurial Price certainly falls into that category. He can be a genuine match winner with his scheming from midfield. Hassocks sorely missed him in a first half of the season in which he made only starts.

Price is still having his game time carefully managed as Dalglish and Wickwar carefully pick and choose the matches he is involved in, based on when they think he can make the most impact.

His selection here - and completing the 90 minutes - was fully justified via those two goals which bookended an entertaining game.

The point secured by Price looked even more important come the full time whistle.

Relegation rivals Hailsham Town had hammered the Robins' next opponents Chichester City 4-1 in yet another twist and turn in the battle to avoid the bottom three.

Despite a difficult surface at the Lashmar, Hassocks came flying out of the traps as Price gave them the lead with only two minutes on the clock.

Phil Johnson made an early dart down the left channel, cut back onto his right foot and delivered a cross to the back post.

Price had timed his run to perfection, ghosting in almost unnoticed before defying his diminutive frame to rise and head home.

EP were woeful for much of the opening 30 minutes and it is no exaggeration to say that the Robins could and probably should have put the game to bed in that time.

They seemed to have left their shooting boots at home, however.

Johnson uncharacteristically squandered a couple of chances and young Dan Stokes went close and Nick Pitcher fired wide when he looked well placed to score.

That wastefulness was punished when Mark Burgess equalised on the half hour mark, a goal which not only levelled the schools but led to a complete momentum switch.

EP suddenly became the dominant side and like Hassocks, they were left ruing a lack of ruthlessness as a plethora of chances came and went in a strong period at the start of the second half.

Bradley Curtis eventually made the pressure tell, putting EP into the lead with 20 minutes remaining.

It looked like that would be enough to win the game. Hassocks kept huffing and puffing but without ever threatening until Price made it 2-2 with two minutes of normal time left to play.

A trademark driving run and shot from Johnson led to a loose ball falling to Price who was in the right place at the right time in the EP area to tap home.

Neither side seemed overly concerned with finding a winner after that for fear that it could lead to them losing the game and ultimately, the draw was the right result - and a useful one at that for the Robins.

Hassocks: Willett; Tighe, Marsh, Wallis, Jacques; Price, Collins, Pitcher, Barnes, Stokes; Johnson.

Subs: Davess, Bant (used), Common, P Wickwar (unused).



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Turner takes Hassocks February Player of the Month award

He was the defensive heart of a fine February for Hassocks so it is a richly deserved first Player of the Month award of the season for Dan Turner.

The importance of the defender to this Robins side was made abundantly clear in the final game of January when he was carried from the field of play against Bexhill United early in the second half.

Hassocks were holding visitors chasing a top three finish 1-1 at the time. Within 15 minutes of Turner's departure, the Robins found themselves 4-1 down and with the game gone.

Thankfully, Turner recovered to play away at Crawley Down Gatwick three days later in Hassocks' first fixture of February.

He was superb at the Haven. The Robins know only too well about the threat Charlie Pitcher poses and yet Turner marshalled him superbly, setting the scene for Hassocks to win 3-1 against the Anvils in what was arguably the best result and performance of the campaign so far.

Very different qualities were

needed when the Robins went to AFC Uckfield Town and picked up another vital three points from a 1-0 win.

The pitch at the Oaks made getting the ball down impossible and a strong wind blowing from one end to the other meant that the aerial route was only a viable option for 45 minutes.

Turner and his defensive partner Bradley Tighe were colossal in heading everything away when Hassocks were defending the gale.

As well as helping to earn a clean sheet, Turner also provided the only goal when his long throw was flicked over the Uckfield goalkeeper and into the back of the net by Charlie Broad.

Turner was then one of the only Hassocks players to emerge from defeat at AFC Varndeanians with any credit before going onto help Hassocks to a second clean sheet from four February fixtures in the 0-0 draw with Loxwood.

With just 1.7 percent of the vote separating the top two, this was one of the Robins' closest ever Player of the Month awards.

James Westlake was the man who came close to pipping Turner at

the post thanks to a set of industrious midfield performances, including a rare goal.

Westlake notched his first since returning to the club from Loxwood in October when equalising against Crawley Down in a man-of-the-match performance.

Hassocks fans were even treated to the rare sight of an angry Westlake such was his determination and drive to come away from the Haven with all three points.

Westlake went onto be at the heart of most of the good stuff the Robins did in the Loxwood draw, the only thing missing from his showing that day being a goal which would have given Hassocks all three points.

Third place behind Turner and Westlake went to Jack Baden who has been an absolute revelation at left back since taking over from the injured Andy Whittingham.

Baden has a claim to being Hassocks' most underrated player, so it is nice to see him finally getting some of the credit he deserves after being part of that defence who recorded two shutouts in February.



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Hassocks helping Spencer raise for St Peter & St James when Golds come to town

Hassocks are delighted to announce that club will be dedicating the visit of Littlehampton Town to the Beacon on Saturday 9th April to the fundraising efforts of Spencer Slaughter and his partner Megan in supporting St Peter & St James' Hospice.

The following day, Spencer and Megan will take part in the Brighton Marathon with the aim of raising £500 for the Hospice.

Hassocks have a long-standing relationship with the Hospice dating back to 2014 when they cared for Ann John, the much-missed wife of Robins chairman Dave who we sadly lost to cancer eight years ago now.

That manifests itself in the annual Ann John Trophy game between the Robins and Burgess Hill Town, which has since become one of the best-known events on the Mid Sussex football scene to raise tens of thousands of pounds for St Peter & St James'.

Spencer is writing his own bit of history as no Hassocks player has taken on the challenge of 26.2 gruelling miles for the Hospice

before.

In training for the event, he has sacrificed virtually an entire season of football, having played only three times in 2021-22 with his most recent Robins appearance coming in November.

This will be Spencer's third marathon and Megan's first. They have been pounding the streets of Brighton and running across the South Downs with 20 weeks of preparation going into running the event totalling 120 runs.

As part of that, they recently completed the Brighton Half Marathon in February. Next stop, double the distance.

To support their efforts when champions-elect Littlehampton Town visit, there will be bucket collections throughout the afternoon and other to-be-announced fundraising efforts taking place off-the-pitch.

On it, Hassocks will be hoping to pull off a shock result against the Southern Combination League's best team, who continue to fly the flag for Sussex in the quarter finals of the national FA Vase competition.

Any donation big or small can make a real difference for St Peter &

St James'.

They provide services free of charge to support, empower and care for people towards and at the end of life.

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Spencer has given plenty to Hassocks over the past 17 years since making his first team debut as a teenager in 2005, playing 293 times for the Robins.

We hope that you can join us against Littlehampton to show your support for a very worthy cause which is close to the hearts of everyone at the Beacon.

If you cannot make it to the game but would like to donate, then you can do so via JustGiving - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/spencer-megan-brighton-marathon>

Robins lack cutting edge to hurt Magpies in battle of the birds

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 26th February 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-0 Loxwood



It was a game Hassocks could not afford to lose and in that regard, they could be satisfied with their afternoon at a sun kissed Beacon where they drew 0-0 with Loxwood.

There was however a sense of what might have been. The Robins were the dominant side but lacked the cutting edge to make the most of their opportunities and secure a victory which would have moved them six points clear of their visitors, who sit one place below them in the Premier Division.

This had looked like a pivotal day in the relegation battle. As well as Hassocks hosting Loxwood, second-bottom AFC Varndeanians had been due to welcome 20th placed East Preston to Withdean Stadium.

That game was postponed however due to pitch damage caused by Storm Eunice the previous weekend.

Improving Varndeanians now have two games in hand on Hassocks and Loxwood, whilst they remain 11 points off the Robins.

A fascinating final two months of the campaign lies in store and there are sure to be many more twists and turns to come - including when EP visit Mid Sussex in two weeks time in what looks like being one of the most important matches of the season.

Hassocks and Loxwood are familiar foes, not least because a number of Brad Sweetman's squad have plied their trade at Plaistow Road within the past year.

Both James and Lewis Westlake started the campaign with Loxwood and Hassocks introduced three more former Magpies from the bench in Charlie Broad, Alfie Edmeads and Sam Smith.

Many in the crowd would have been hoping that this might provide added spice beyond the six pointer

element.

A placid opening in which neither team managed a shot soon dissuaded that notion as most of the action was crammed into a 25 minute period either side of the break.

When the first chance did arrive midway through the first half, it came via some great work by Bradley Bant.

Bant has been thriving in a more advanced role since his return from injury and he worked some space, cracking an effort towards goal.

It had Loxwood number one

"The Robins were the dominant side but lacked the cutting edge to make the most of their opportunities and secure a victory which would have moved them six points clear of their visitors."

Fraser Trigwell beaten but not Tom Cousins' covering on the line who made an unreal block.

Hassocks pushed on and James Westlake was the second Robins player to go close, popping up in a decent position and hitting a round house volley just over the bar from 30 yards out on the half hour mark.

Josh Short fired very high and very wide before the Robins passed up two further opportunities in one passage of play five minutes prior to the interval.

Lewis Westlake sent a dangerous looking free kick into the Loxwood penalty area from just inside the visitor's half.

Dan Turner and Arthur Rawlingson both went for the same header, looping it back to Jack Troak to hit a low volley. Again, the unrelenting Cousins was on hand to make the block.

Hassocks were given a second bite of the cherry when the loose ball fell to the well-placed Alfie Loversidge, only for the teenager to drag his effort wide of the post from a tight angle.

Loxwood worked Alex Harris for the one and only time on the stroke of half time, the Hassocks goalkeeper using his first meaningful touch of the afternoon to make a good save from Scott Faber.

Two minutes after the break and Hassocks had their best opportunity of the game. Rawlingson went on a charge forward from right back to deliver a cross which James Westlake met with a left footed effort brilliantly tipped around the post by Trigwell.

A lull in proceedings followed, Hassocks having to wait until the 70th minute to get another sight of the Loxwood goal when the lively Bant fired wide from 23 yards.

Brad Sweetman rang the changes in an attempt to break the deadlock going into the final quarter of an hour, Broad replacing the unusually quiet Loversidge and Edmeads receiving his home debut when taking over from Troak.

By now though, things were petering out. Hassocks managed one final chance in the last minute when Bradley Tighe met a Lewis Westlake delivery but it did not really come as a surprise when Trigwell made another solid stop.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, Tighe, Baden; Bant, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; Short, Loversidge.

Subs: Broad (Loversidge), Edmeads (Troak) S Smith (Baden), J Smith, Wickwar (unused)

Jeal just cannot be beaten as Robins suffer familiar fate at YMCA

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 5th March 2022, Gorings Mead
Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks**



Rarely do trips to Horsham YMCA end in positive results for Hassocks. Only three times since the year 2000 have the Robins come away from Gorings Mead with all three points.

And whilst the outcome from their latest visit was a familiar defeat, the performance after a slow start was worthy of point.

That it finished 1-0 to YM was thanks to an outstanding display from home goalkeeper Aaron Jeal, who proved equal to everything that the Robins could throw at him.

The undoubted highlights of Jeal's afternoon were two outrageous saves either side of half time from James Westlake and then brother Lewis.

Mixed in with those were several other solid stops spread across the 90 minutes whilst Jeal's handling was impeccable on a pitch and in conditions neither of which were easy for goalkeepers.

Any late arrivals would have missed the only goal of the game, which arrived with just two minutes on the clock.

Hassocks minds appeared to still be in the changing rooms as they allowed the dangerous Tom Tolfrey to collect a throw unchallenged out on the right, turn and cross low into the box. Dan Lombardo was on hand to crisply finish past Alex Harris at the far post.

Conceding so early unsurprisingly put the Robins on the back foot. Eight minutes after going behind and Bradley Tighe conceded a needless free kick in a really dangerous position 25 yards out.

Hassocks were grateful when Jay Popham crashed the ball straight into the wall in typical non league style.

YM earned a succession of corners after that, largely through the efforts of Popham and Lombardo giving Tighe and young Luke Marshall

- in for the absent Dan Turner - a real test.

It was from one of those corners that Lombardo came close to doubling the lead on 23 minutes when his free header rattled the bar with Harris well beaten.

Hassocks belatedly woke up after that and were the better side for much of the next hour or so, starting with a nice move down the left.

Josh Short and Jack Troak combined to send Troak scampering clear. He pulled a dangerous ball back into the box but Alfie Loversidge was unusually slow to react and YM were able to clear the danger.

The hosts were grateful for a bobble preventing a potential Hassocks goal three minutes later. A typical driving run from Short took him past a couple of defenders and into the YM area.

Just as he was about to unleash a shot, the ball hit a divot and changed direction to result in a wonderful air kick.

Next came Jeal's first unreal save. James Westlake cut inside and hit an effort which looked destined for the back of the net until Jeal somehow kept it out.

Hassocks started the second half fast. Five minutes in and Jeal produced his second moment of magic to stop a Lewis Westlake distance drive from giving the Robins an equaliser.

Despite this not being a particularly angry game, yellow cards began to flow with regularity in the final half hour. For Hassocks, Tighe talked himself into the sin bin and James Westlake was booked for a tackle.

YM suffered rougher punishment at the hands of referee Ryan Calver. In the space of 15 minutes, all of Lombardo, Jonathan Kusaka, Dan Evans and Dean Lovegrove saw yellow with Ashley Dugdale following Tighe in sitting out 10 minutes.

Needless to say, proceedings

failed to ebb and flow with all this disruption going on, much to the frustration of both sets of players.

YM were restricted to attempting to double their advantage came from set piece scenarios.

Kusaka failed to trouble Harris from a free kick, followed by Lovegrove being wasteful after another cheap Hassocks foul gave YM a sight of goal from just outside the area.

The Robins had a free kick of their own that came close to providing a leveller, Lewis Westlake sending Jeal launching to his right to claw the ball out of the corner.

When Mr Calver did allow the match to progress, Hassocks were able to fashion three more opportunities in open play through some decent football.

James Westlake had the first two. His left footed half volley from a Troak knockdown was just the wrong side of the post followed by a tame header that proved too easy for a man playing as well as Jeal.

The last opportunity for the Robins came in time added on, Arthur Rawlingson bursting a lung to get to a far post cross.

Unfortunately, the right back blazed over the goal, the car park and the netting designed to protect the adjacent houses.

YM then thought they had put the result beyond doubt minutes later, only for substitute Mark Pritchard-Cave to be flagged offside.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Marshall, B Tighe, Edmeads; Bant, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; Short, Loversidge.

Subs: S Smith (Bant 75), Tyrrell, Bull, W Tighe, 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	1-1	Loversidge
January				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP	2-1	Short, Troak
11/01 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	RURC3	2-1 AET	Troak (2)
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	2-2	Gault, Short
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
February				
01/02 - 19:30	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	3-1	J.Westlake, Short, Rawlingson
05/02 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	1-0	Broad
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	0-0	
March				
05/03 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
15/03 - 1930	Seaford Town (A)	RURCQF		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	34	0	34	8	52	10
Josh Short	34	0	34	8	46	8
Bradley Tighe	30	0	30	0	133	0
Arthur Rawlingson	24	6	30	1	30	1
Joe Bull	17	7	24	2	85	6
James Westlake	22	1	23	1	219	31
Jack Baden	18	5	23	0	26	0
Alex Harris	20	0	20	0	80	0
Dan Turner	19	0	19	0	54	3
Luke Marshall	15	3	18	0	34	0
Jack Gardner	16	0	16	1	39	1
Andy Whittingham	16	0	16	0	114	2
Lewis Westlake	16	0	16	4	93	8
Bradley Bant	14	2	16	0	165	12
Jude Wallis	5	10	15	0	15	0
Jack Troak	11	4	15	3	68	16
Charlie Tuck	12	2	14	0	20	0
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1
Lewis Beebee	7	5	12	1	15	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Jordan Badger	5	3	8	2	118	9
Charlie Pugh	7	0	7	0	31	0
Phil Gault	5	2	7	5	345	190
Sam Smith	3	4	7	1	7	1
Lucas Tyrrell	3	3	6	0	6	0
Charlie Broad	1	5	6	1	6	1
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Josh Hawkes	1	4	5	0	77	11
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Louis Thwaites	1	3	4	1	4	1
Harvey Parker	3	0	3	0	3	0
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
Alfie Edmeads	2	1	3	0	3	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Marshall Smith	0	2	2	0	2	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Arni Kublickas	0	1	1	0	67	1
Louis Pittock	0	1	1	0	9	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Phil Wickwar	0	1	1	0	43	0

Parker the penalty hero for spot on Robins in Arundel thriller

**Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup Second Round
Thursday 10th February 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 4-4 Arundel U23s**

Harvey Parker was the penalty shootout hero as Hassocks Under 23s booked their place in the quarter finals of the Southern Combination League Cup from 12 yards following a thrilling 4-4 draw against Arundel.

90 minutes of drama was matched in the lottery of spot kicks, the Robins scoring all four of theirs whilst Parker kept out two Mullets penalties to set up a trip to North Division champions Broadbridge Heath in the next round of the competition.

That looks to be an incredibly tough draw for Hassocks. Heath have not lost a game in the league all season and will win the title by at least five clear points from the Robins.

The two meetings between the clubs so far saw Heath to a 2-0 win at High Wood Hill Sports Ground in October. Hassocks then showed remarkable fight to recover from falling 2-0 behind against the Bears at the Beacon five weeks ago, two goals from Lewis Beebee earning a share of the spoils from a 2-2 draw.

Similar fighting spirit and battle was needed to take this game to penalties, the Robins trailing 4-3 in the 89th minute of a game either side could have justifiably claimed to have done enough to win.

Arundel may sit a lowly eighth out of 10 teams in the West Division, but

Hassocks knew this was going to be a tough examination and so they named a strong starting XI showing five changes from the side who had lost to St Francis Rangers in the final league game of the season a fortnight earlier.

Particularly boosted was the Robins' firepower. Beebee, Joe Bull and Marshall Smith all returned and with Charlie Broad fresh from scoring his first senior goal in the first team's 1-0 win away against AFC Uckfield Town at the weekend, you had a set of attacking players in good form and full of goals.

Sean McSwiney stepped up from the bench and Sam Smith made his first start as he continues his comeback from a December injury having made a couple of cameo appearances from the bench for the first team in recent weeks.

Josh Short, Kobe Dersley, Jamie Douglass and Archie Russell all missed out with the last of those named amongst the substitutes.

It took Hassocks only eight minutes to open the scoring through Beebee, notching his fourth of the season from eight appearances.

Arundel equalised on the half hour mark, Ollie Hawkins getting the first of what would turn out to be a memorable treble as he was easily the best Mullets player on the pitch.

Jude Wallis ensured that Hassocks went into the break ahead when restoring the Robins' lead eight minutes after Hawkins struck.

There was even more drama to come after the break. Hawkins'



second arrived nine minutes into the second half to make it 2-2 and on 64 minutes he completed his hat-trick, putting Arundel into the lead for the first time.

The Mullets' advantage was short lived, Wallis equalising within 120 seconds. Bradley Stroud made it 4-3 to Arundel on 77 and that looked like it would take the visitors through right up until injury time.

Marshall Smith hit a late, later 90th minute leveller to ensure it finished 4-4 and the momentum from that moment carried Hassocks into the shoot out.

Wallis, Beebee, Harvey Ransome and expert penalty taking substitute Arthur Rawlingson all converted which combined with two superb Parker saves sent Hassocks through after a night of high entertainment.

Hassocks: Parker, Gardner, J Smith, S Smith, Ransome, McSwiney, Wallis, M Smith, Broad, Bull, Beebee.

Subs: Russell, W Tighe, Rawlingson, Hill (used).

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Hassocks shock champions to give themselves a big semi

**Southern Combination League Under 23 Quarter Final
Thursday 3rd March 2022, High Wood Hill Sports Ground
Broadbridge Heath U23s 2-2 Hassocks U23s**

It would seem that Hassocks Under 23s rather like a shoot out. Two of their matches in the Southern Combination Under 23 League Cup have been decided on spot kicks and the Robins have now won both without conceding a single penalty.

Their latest success came away at Broadbridge Heath following a 2-2 draw. It takes them into the semi finals of the competition, where they will face Alfold. Win that and the Robins will be into the final for the first time in their history.

90 minutes of enthralling football at High Wood Hill Sports Ground more than lived up to pre-game expectations surrounding a clash between North Division champions Heath and runners up Hassocks.

The Bears have cantered to the title, unbeaten with one league game still to play. Win that and they will finish eight points clear of Hassocks, a hugely impressive gap in a 16 fixture season.

Hassocks knew they would have to bring their best if they were to stand a chance of eliminating Heath. They made a decent start to proceedings, only to get caught on the break when Conor Smith opened the scoring with 20 minutes played.

From that point on, Heath were marginally the better side. The Bears enjoyed more possession and tested Jayden Dunkley in the Hassocks goal,

the Under 18s number one standing in for the absent Harvey Parker.

That is not to say Hassocks were not without chances in the first half. Raging Joe Bull created a couple of openings with driving runs into a Heath defence who did not seem entirely comfortable in dealing with such a direct threat.

Hassocks equalised for the first time on 70 minutes via an excellent short corner routine. It created confusion and space in the Heath box with Luke Marshall the profiteer for his third goal of the season.

With no extra time played in the League Cup, both sides were keen to avoid the lottery of penalties and that meant they went hell for leather at each other over the final 20 minutes.

Plenty of half chances came and went but it was Hassocks who had the clearest. Lucas Tyrrell was enjoying himself on his first start since November following long term injury and he was denied a returning goal by the cross bar.

The rebound fell to Jordan Badger who was almost caught by surprise, the result being that he topped the ball miles over.

It then looked like Hassocks had thrown it away in the 89th minute. The Robins know all too well the threat that Lewis Croal poses having seen him score many times past the first team for Heath in recent years and yet they presented him with the sort of soft goal a striker of his ilk eats for breakfast.

Hassocks had little choice now but to try and find an equaliser.



Virtually every player was thrown forward and both full backs pushed as far up the pitch as possible.

In the final seconds, Jack Baden found himself in a good crossing position and his delivery was perfect for the towering figure of Badger to find the back of the net.

Hassocks were spot on in the subsequent shoot out, converting all three of their penalties. Heath hit the post with their first, the bar with their second and then Dunkley kept out the third having guessed right for every spot kick.

No date has yet been set for the trip to Alfold in the next round but as a wise man once said - never waste a big semi.

Hassocks: Dunkley, J Smith, Hicks, Baden, W Tighe, Marshall, M Smith, Tyrrell, Badger, Russell, Bull.

Subs: Douglass, Hill (used), Mercer, Hudson (unused).



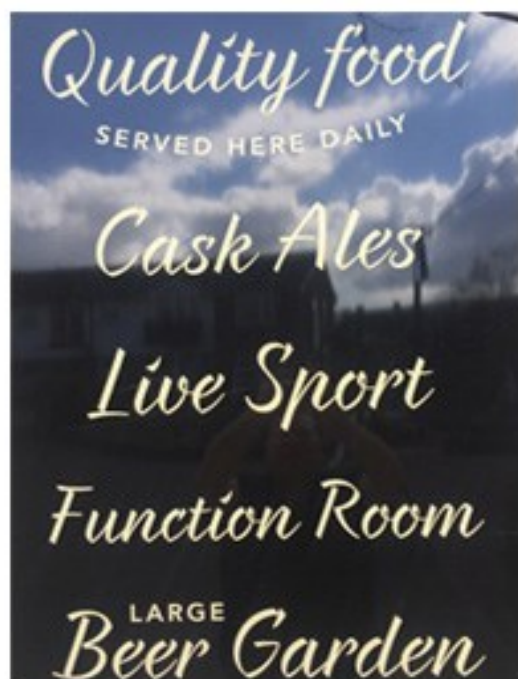
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Under 23 Matches 2021-22

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
January				
13/01 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-2	Beebee (2)
20/01 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	3-2	Broad (2), Rawlingson
27/01 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	1-2	Marshall
February				
10/02 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	U23LC2	4-4	Beebee, Wallis (2), M.Smith <i>(Won 4-2 on penalties)</i>
March				
03/03 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	U23LCQF	2-2	Marshall, Badger <i>(Won 3-0 on penalties)</i>

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SATURDAY	11.00 - 00.30
SUNDAY	12.00 - 23.00

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Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Harvey Ransome	16	2	18	0
Ben Hicks	17	0	17	0
Archie Russell	11	6	17	4
Jude Wallis	15	1	16	3
Sean McSwiney	11	5	16	1
Jack Baden	13	1	14	0
Wes Tighe	8	6	14	0
George Mercer	8	5	13	0
Jay Hudson	8	4	12	5
Arthur Rawlingson	8	4	12	2
Luke Marshall	10	1	11	2
Harvey Parker	10	1	11	0
Louis Thwaites	5	6	11	1
Lewis Beebee	5	3	8	4
Marshall Smith	5	3	8	3
Brad Sweetman	1	7	8	0
Jacob Killkelly	1	6	7	0
Jordan Badger	5	1	6	3
Jack Smith	5	1	6	0
Josh Hawkes	5	0	5	1
Kobe Dersley	4	1	5	0
Charlie Tuck	4	1	5	1
Joe Bull	4	0	4	0
Josh Short	4	0	4	3
Ryan West	4	0	4	0
Connor Bradley	3	1	4	2
Charlie Broad	3	1	4	2
Jamie Douglass	2	2	4	0
Jack Gardner	3	0	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Archie Hill	0	3	3	0
Jayden Dunkley	2	0	2	0
Phil Gault	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Spencer Slaughter	2	0	2	3
Lucas Tyrrell	2	0	2	1
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Sam Smith	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	1	0	1	2
Lewis Westlake	1	0	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Alex Crawford	0	1	1	0
Dan Turner	0	1	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0



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Mid Sussex Times

Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Gear
September				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Gear, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18	2-1	Parker-Williams, Beck
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	5-5	Parker-Williams, Russell, Beck, Chowdhury, Gear
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Vardeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Gear, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
November				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	Russell (2), Gear, Beston
14/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Gear
21/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Gear, Russell, Carter
28/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	0-2	
December				
05/12 - 11:45	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
19/12 - 11:00	AFC Vardeanians (H)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
January				
16/01 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18	5-6	Gear, Howard, Parker-Williams, Wilson, Beck
23/01 - 11:00	Rustington (A)	U18LC2	0-0	(Lost 3-0 on penalties)
30/01 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL18	1-4	Howard

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Archie Russell	17	0	17	5
Beau Howard	16	0	16	4
Alfie Beck	7	9	16	5
Jamie Douglass	15	0	15	0
Sam Gear	15	0	15	8
Oliver Parker-Williams	12	3	15	8
Archie Hill	13	1	14	0
Harry Bundy	12	1	13	0
Max Beston	12	0	12	1
Jayden Dunkley	10	0	10	0
Harry Carter	8	2	10	1
Daniel Llewellyn	8	2	10	0
Jack Thomas	5	5	10	0
Muhammad Wilson	2	6	8	1
Joe Woodhouse	2	6	8	0
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	7	0	7	0
Daniel Lade	5	1	6	0
Josh Trinick	3	3	6	0
Joe Holland	0	6	6	0
Robert Newman	0	6	6	0
Charlie Smith	3	2	5	0
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	3	3	0
Owen Parker	0	2	2	0

Vets make it six from six in wind and rain against leaders Ardingly

Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veterans Plate
Sunday 13th February 2022, Oriel High School
Ardingly Vets 1-2 Hassocks Vets

The top two in the Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veterans Plate met at Oriel High School in deepest, darkest Crawley where Hassocks ran out 2-1 winners over divisional leaders Ardingly.

Victory stretched the Robins' perfect league campaign so far to six wins out of six. Nick Newman's side trail Ardingly by three points but with three games left to play and a vastly superior goal difference, meaning that one win from those final fixtures will be enough to see Hassocks crowned champions.

Not that anybody was thinking about titles come the full time whistle. All that the yellow-clad Hassocks players wanted to do was get back into the changing rooms after 90 minutes played out in torrential rain and a 40 mile per hour wind blowing from one end of the pitch down to the other.

So cold were the Robins come the full time whistle that half the squad showered still wearing their kits in an attempt to warm up.

Whilst this was no problem for hardy individuals like Steve Spies and Nick Newman, Anthony Hibbert was a

little put out that his hair had been messed up. It remains to be seen whether he can be convinced to play another Vets game this season.

Hassocks made several changes from the side who had beaten Brockham 4-1 in their last game a fortnight earlier.

Phil Gault was still ruled out by the injury he picked up in that fixture against the Badgers. Gaulty has not kicked a ball since, describing the problem as "groin and something else" with nobody able to identify what the something else is.

When Gaulty looked out the window of his Haywards Heath mansion on Sunday morning, he was probably delighted that "something else" had happened to prevent him having to play in such horrific conditions.

Joining Gaulty on the absentee list were Robert Sayers, Che Williams, Dave Juniper and Lee De La Rue Browne.

Into the starting XI came Joel Harding, Michael Broadstock, Brendan Leahy, Elliott Butler and Mr 7/10 Richard Thompson.

In a strange turn of events, Steve Spies had already played a game on the Oriel 4G three hours earlier as Hassocks Fatboys won 4-3 to reach



the final of the Sussex Sunday Trophy.

"It is a small pitch and it is windy," were Spies's words of wisdom. Clearly, the Robins listened to the advice of Spiesy (either that or getting blown over walking from the car park to the changing rooms was a bit of a giveaway) and adjusted the better to the conditions.

Jonathan Bundy and Paul Armstrong were the Hassocks scorers with Thomas Freeman grabbing the consolation for a strong Ardingly side.

Hassocks: J Harding, Armstrong, Newman, Broadstock, Humphries, Leahy, Bundy, Hibbert, Butler, Thompson, Spies, Juniper.

Subs: Curtis (used).



Six goal win makes it seven from seven for rampant Robins

Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Monday 7th March 2022, The Beacon

Hassocks Vets 6-0 Furnace Green Rovers Vets

Hassocks Veterans made it a perfect seven to preserve their 100 percent record and move top of the Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veterans Plate.

Monday night vets football under the Beacon lights always seems to bring out the best in the Robins and a 6-0 win over Furnace Green Rovers was no exception, led by an irresistible performance from Steve Spies.

With Pat Harding barred from Mid Sussex vets football for being too good, brother Joel who is a goal machine these days not available and Phil Gault injured, Spiesy was charged with being the main source of goals as the Robins looked to make it seven wins from seven matches.

He did not disappoint, scoring a hat-trick of goals all in the right end. It kicked off a big week for Spiesy, who will be looking to add the Sussex Sunday Trophy to the RUR Cup he won in 1909 and the Sussex Senior Cup of 1933 when his Sunday League side Hassocks Fatboys face FC Grinstead at Culver Road on Thursday night.

Hassocks made xxx changes from the side who had triumphed 2-1 in

the top-of-the-table clash with Ardingly at Oriel High School a little over two weeks ago.

Out went Harding J, Nick Newman, Richard Thompson and Anthony Hibbert who was having his hair done. In came Rob Sayers, Lee De La Rue Browne, Adam Waller and Steve Curtis for his first start of the season.

Jonathan Bundy continued his excellent season by moving onto five goals with a brace whilst Adam Waller rolled back the years with his first of the season. He celebrated by running up to Jack & Jill windmills seven times after the game.

Where Hassocks go next is not clear as of yet. There are presumably two league games still to play although at the time of writing none of these have been scheduled.

If the Robins were to lose both of those, four teams could yet overhaul them in the race for top spot. Charlwood would require two wins from two and a 21 goal swing to do so.

South Park still have four games left to play and if they were to be victorious in all of those, they would finish on 24 points. Hassocks currently have 21.

Ansty Sports & Social are a further game behind South Park.



Should they win five from five then they too would end up on 24 points.

What all this means is that there are many more twists and turns to come over the remaining weeks of the season, which is just as well with the Under 18s and Under 23s having completed their league seasons by the middle of February.

There is even a chance that the trophy shelf might have some silverware on it for the first time in several years... watch this space.

Hassocks: Sayers, Armstrong, De La Rue Browne, Broadstock, Humphries, Leahy, Bundy, Waller, Butler, Curtis, Spies.

Subs: Williams (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	3-4	P.Harding, J.Harding, Juniper
January				
16/01 - 14:00	East Court (A)	MSFLV	9-2	Spies (2), Armstrong (2), Hibbert (2), J.Harding, Juniper, Bundy
23/01 - 14:00	Brockham (H)	MSFLV	4-1	Gault, Spies (2), Sayers
February				
13/02 - 14:00	Ardingly (A)	MSFLV	2-1	Armstrong, Bundy
March				
07/03 - 19:30	Furnace Green Rovers (H)	MSFLV	6-0	Spies (3), Bundy (2), Waller

Veterans Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Steve Spies	9	0	9	12
Jonathan Bundy	7	2	9	5
Anthony Humphries	8	0	8	0
Nick Newman	8	0	8	0
Che Williams	7	1	8	0
Paul Armstrong	6	0	6	3
Robert Sayers	6	0	6	1
Michael Broadstock	5	1	6	1
Lee De La Rue Browne	5	1	6	0
Joel Harding	5	0	5	3
Anthony Hibbert	5	0	5	3
David Juniper	5	0	5	5
Adam Waller	5	0	5	1
Elliott Butler	4	0	4	1
Brendan Leahy	4	0	4	1
Pat Harding	3	0	3	6
Richard Thompson	2	1	3	0
Steve Curtis	1	1	2	0
Phil Gault	1	1	2	3
Chris Maynard	1	1	2	0
Paul Gurr	0	2	2	0
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
Simon Shinvarain	1	0	1	0
Matthew Hughes	0	1	1	0



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Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP	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	
January				
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	4-2	J.Craig, Kendall
February				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP	7-0	K.Chappell (4), Johanson, Bright, Pordage
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP	4-0	K.Chappell, J.Craig, Mair, Read
20/02 - 14:00	Horsham Sparrows (A)	SWLC2	6-0	Mair (2), Pordage, J.Craig (2), Johanson
27/02 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
March				
06/03 - 15:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP	6-4	K.Chappell (2), J.Craig (2), Johanson, Bright
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SWLC3		
20/03 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
27/03 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
April				
03/04 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
10/04 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		
24/04 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
Jodie Johanson	12	0	12	5
Sam Newman	12	0	12	0
Mia Pordage	12	0	12	3
Jess Craig	11	0	11	7
Claire Stevens	11	0	11	0
Emma Flin	10	1	11	0
Katie Read	6	5	11	1
Jemma Kendall	10	0	10	1
Sarah Chappell	9	1	10	0
Tallie Bright	9	0	9	2
Kirstin Mair	8	1	9	7
Holly Webb	2	7	9	0
Katherine Chappell	8	0	8	10
Joanne Brown	6	2	8	0
Ellie Moquet	1	6	7	0
Zeba Ghorishi	2	3	5	0
Kayleigh Norris	1	3	4	0
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Madeleine Cannon	0	1	1	0
Liz King	0	1	1	0
Rachael Scammell	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

ON THIS DAY



A tough looking assignment to in-form Ringmer on this day in **2005** ended up returning an excellent point for Hassocks - although the result was somewhat overshadowed by a nasty injury to popular left wing back Richard Thompson...

Thompson injury marring hard earned point

Hassocks picked up a fine away point from a 1-1 draw with in-form Ringmer but the result was soured by the news afterwards that Richard Thompson had suffered a hairline fracture of the jaw just before the end.

Thompson was the victim of an innocuous looking challenge from an opponent as a corner came over in a clash that was entirely accidental.

The reliable full back - an ever present up to this point in the season - is due to see a specialist in the week. The likelihood is that he will be out of action for at least a month, adding to Dave John's growing injury and absentee list.

Long term injury victims Joe Fernley and Luke Flomo have now been joined by Anthony Hibbert and Stuart Faith with groin and ankle problems respectively.

With Matt Robbins jetting off on a skiing holiday and missing the next two games, John looks very limited in terms of midfield options.

A glance at the midweek results from the Sussex Senior Cup told Hassocks what a tough afternoon they were in for at the Caburn.

Ringmer had pulled off one of the biggest shocks in the competition so far this season when eliminating Worthing, leaving them in confident mood of continuing their recent climb up the table.

Hassocks though put in a real shift, took the game to Ringmer and were it not for a defensive lapse inside the last quarter of an hour

then they would have come away with a second consecutive victory on the road and all three points rather than one.

It was all Hassocks in the opening 15 minutes, much to the surprise of the home crowd. Nick Newman headed wide when well placed from a fine Graham Beveridge centre and Pat Harding saw an effort smothered by Ringer goalkeeper Ross Standen.

Beveridge, Robbins and Ian Dawson were working well as an unfamiliar midfield and that eventually lead to the Robins taking the lead with 18 on the clock.

Some neat passing earned Hassocks a free kick out on the left. Robbins delivered to the far post where Richard Thomas was on hand to head back across goal, finding Harding who turned and finished left footed from six yards out.

Going behind sparked Ringmer into life and the dangerous Dominic Shepherd put a header off target in similar style to Newman earlier.

The Robins then needed a magnificent last gasp tackle from Mickey Turner to bail out his fellow veteran Chris Hewitt after a mistake from the Hassocks captain gave Grant Bean a sight of goal.

Hewitt was having an unusually poor game and he was lucky to escape a yellow when wiping out Warren Tidey.

A few minutes later and Thompson was not so fortunate, finding his way into John Pike's notebook for a trip on Danny Bird.

There seemed a little uncertainty in the Hassocks defence at this point. Tidey loomed over after being presented with a good chance following hesitancy in the Robins back line and Joel Harding had to be alert to save at the feet of Matt Beeston in final play of the first half.

Chances were few and far between in the second half. Hassocks used the interval to regroup defensively whilst the evergreen Paul Thompsett was outstanding at sweeper for Ringer in shackling Harding for the most part.

Chris Johnson drew a good low save from Harding and Thomas was denied what would have been a magnificent individual goal on 65.

The young forward picked the ball up on halfway and beat three players but his finish just lacked the direction and power to find a way past Standen.

Ringmer equalised with 77 played. Standen's huge kick forward skimmed off the head of Ashley Marsh and Newman found himself the wrong side of Shepherd as the ball fell to the Blues marksman, who made no mistake from 12 yards.

It was a disappointing goal for Hassocks to concede and the game petered out into a stalemate after that which was ultimately the right result.

The challenge now for John is to rouse his beleaguered side for fixtures against leaders Horsham YMCA and second place Rye & Iden United.

Around the League...



Littlehampton Town put the Southern Combination League on the map on the weekend of Saturday 12th February, winning through to the FA Vase Quarter Finals on a day when plenty of action took place across the county...

The drama at the Flora Sportsfield matched the occasion as Town found a way to draw 3-3 with Brockenhurst in front of 1,276 fans despite finishing the game with 10 men.

Dave Herbert was sent off with the Marigolds goals coming from Joe Benn, Aaron Capon and Lee Garnham.

Penalties were therefore needed to decide who progressed and Littlehampton were perfect from the spot, earning a 4-1 shootout success amidst scenes that will live long in the memory for everyone involved.

Town's Vase exploits gave **Saltdean United** a chance to put a bit of pressure on in the title race and they duly took it, winning 5-2 at home to **Steyning Town**.

Cian Griffin-Tilley gave the Barrowmen a shock 1-0 lead midway through the first half.

That though served merely to shake Saltdean into life and they scored five times via Joe Shelley, Harry Shooman, Marcus Allen and two for Reece Hallard before Tilley bookended the game with a second Steyning consolation.

Newhaven overcame the sending off of Baillie Rogers to secure a hard-fought three points at Lingfield.

Sam Clements scored for the hosts whilst the Dockers goals came from Lee Robinson and Charlie Bennett.

The winning run of **Bexhill United** was halted by lowly **Loxwood** picking up an impressive 2-2 draw at the Polegrove.

Scott Faber hit an 83rd minute leveller for the Magpies, who had

earlier had George Cousins on target. Pirates striker Jack Shonk continued his impressive campaign with a double for the hosts.

The spoils were shared at Nyetimber Lane between **Pagham** and **Peacehaven & Telscombe** despite the hosts twice leading.

Ryan Morey had Pagham 1-0 ahead after 20 minutes. Curtis Ford equalised on 31.

Grant Radmore then made it 2-1 to the Lions on 78 but the lead was even shorter lived second time around, Tyler Scrafton levelling only three minutes later as it finished 2-2.

Broadbridge Heath suffered a 2-1 home reversal against **Eastbourne Town** who lost Sam Cole to a red card after 30 minutes and it was the same score between **Eastbourne United** and **Horsham YMCA** at the Oval.

Jothathan Kusaka struck first for YM with 20 minutes played before two goals in the space of a minute from Max Thompson and Charlie Ball won it for United.

Johnny Walker claimed a brace as **Little Common** won 3-1 at **Alfold**. Lewis Hole also scored for the visitors with Fold's consolation netted by Bradley Campbell Francis.

Finally, **AFC Uckfield Town** picked up a big win towards the bottom of the table with a 1-0 success at **East Preston**. Nathan Hover got the only goal in the 94th minute in a dramatic late win for the Oakmen.

Division One leaders **Roffey** eased past promotion hopefuls **Dorking Wanderers Reserves** 4-1 at Bartholomew Way.

Joshua Neathey helped himself to

a hat-trick with Joao Tiago Andrade also netting. Max Leitch scored the Wanderers consolation.

James Liddiard and Lewis Hamilton helped **Midhurst & Easebourne** race away 2-0 from **Sturington** and **Worthing United** were beaten 2-0 at home by **Godalming Town**.

This evening's visitors **Seaford Town** hammered **Forest Row** 7-1. Callum Connor scored four of the Badgers goals, along with Matt Ford and substitute Simon Piper.

Alex Fair saw his 54th minute opener for **Shoreham** cancelled out by Liam Bush 15 minutes from time as the Musselmen drew 1-1 at **Selsey**.

Nothing could separate **Hailsham Town** and **Oakwood** who drew 1-1 at the Beaconsfield with Division One's results rounded off by **Billingshurst** winning 2-1 at **Arundel**.

In Division Two, **St Francis Rangers** saw off **Brighton Electricity** 3-2 at Colwell Road, **Southwater** beat **Charlwood** 2-0, **Copthorne** were 3-0 winners over **Bosham** and **Rottingdean Village** drew 1-1 against Upper Beeding.

Rustington made safe passage in the Sussex Intermediate Cup thanks to a 3-1 win over Mid Sussex Premier Division side **Cuckfield Rangers**.

Also progressing through the fourth round of the competition were **Jarvis Brook** who saw off fellow Division Two side **Bosham** at Limekiln Playing Fields.



The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Littlehampton Town	30	22	4	4	106	41	70
Saltdean United	31	21	5	5	81	29	68
Newhaven	31	19	9	3	78	28	66
Bexhill United	31	18	9	4	74	32	63
Pagham	30	17	5	8	56	43	56
Eastbourne United	31	16	6	9	62	37	54
Eastbourne Town	30	16	6	8	61	36	54
Broadbridge Heath	30	16	5	9	61	31	53
Peacehaven & Tels	31	12	7	12	55	38	43
Crawley Down Gatwick	29	13	4	12	62	50	43
Little Common	30	11	9	10	50	48	42
Lingfield	31	11	3	17	45	63	36
Horsham YMCA	31	10	6	15	37	61	36
Alfold	31	10	5	16	39	56	35
AFC Uckfield Town	31	6	13	12	29	40	31
Steyning Town	31	7	6	18	32	86	27
Hassocks	31	6	8	17	35	65	26
Loxwood	31	6	5	20	30	82	23
AFC Varndeanians	29	3	7	19	40	79	16
East Preston	30	1	6	23	23	111	9

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	248	561	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	205	426	133
Littlehampton Town	192	352	112
Bexhill United	191	440	64
Broadbridge Heath	122	211	63
Hassocks	122	210	50
Newhaven	122	152	84
Eastbourne United	115	115	68
Saltdean United	115	223	49
Steyning Town	112	212	64
Pagham	108	187	68
Little Common	89	184	32
Loxwood	74	178	38
Alfold	73	121	35
Horsham YMCA	72	101	41
East Preston	71	132	30
AFC Uckfield Town	68	116	39
Crawley Down Gatwick	64	95	32
AFC Varndeanians	56	130	16
Lingfield	55	81	38

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Saltdean United	LWWWWW
Newhaven	DWWWWD
Bexhill United	WWLDWW
Eastbourne United	WWWLWD
Eastbourne Town	WWWLWL
Littlehampton Town	DLWWWD
Little Common	DWLWWL
AFC Uckfield Town	DDLWDW
Broadbridge Heath	WWLLLW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LWLDWD
AFC Varndeanians	LDWLWD
Pagham	WDDLDD
Hassocks	LWWLDL
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLWLLD
Horsham YMCA	LLWLLW
Alfold	LLLLWW
Loxwood	WLLDDL
Lingfield	WLLLLL
Steyning Town	DLLLLL
East Preston	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	56
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	34
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	32
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	25
Jack Langford	Saltdean United	25
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	25
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	21
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	20
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	20
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	18
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	18
Joe Clarke	Pagham	17
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	17
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	17
Lewis Hole	Little Common	16
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	16
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	16
Louis Venetti	Eastbourne Town	15
Sam Clements	Lingfield	14

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	15	11	4	0	54	13	37
Hassocks	16	10	2	4	32	18	32
Crowborough Athletic	15	8	3	4	40	29	27
Alfold	15	8	1	6	35	24	25
Horsham YMCA	15	7	2	6	39	35	23
Roffey	13	6	2	5	15	13	20
Oakwood	16	4	1	11	28	42	13
Steyning Town	15	4	1	10	21	47	13
St Francis Rangers	16	2	0	15	19	62	6

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	21
Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	9
Kinsley Mercure	Oakwood	7
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	6
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	6
Samuel Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Zack Lamont	B'bridge Heath	5
Adam Lindo	St Francis	5

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	12	10	2	0	37	10	32
Steyning Town	14	9	1	4	51	27	28
Worthing United	14	6	1	7	35	47	19
St Francis Rangers	14	7	1	6	29	36	18
Shoreham	13	5	3	5	36	35	18
Burgess Hill Town	13	4	2	7	29	31	14
Hassocks	14	4	2	8	39	35	14
AFC Varndeanians	14	3	0	11	18	42	9

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Toby Reeder	Steyning Town	12
Nathan Williams	Worthing United	12
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	11
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	11
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	10
Sam-Ellie N'Cho	Shoreham	9
Femi Ofei-Kwatia	AFC V'deanians	9
Callum Esnouf	St Francis	9

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	16	14	1	1	78	12	43
Pagham	11	10	0	1	35	16	30
Saltdean United	15	9	0	6	40	23	27
Roffey	13	8	0	5	31	23	24
Seaford Town	9	5	0	4	17	6	15
Hassocks	10	4	1	5	31	19	13
Worthing Town	12	2	1	9	19	49	7
Eastbourne Town	10	1	1	8	3	55	4
Woodingdean Wand	12	0	0	12	8	55	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Emma Biffi	Pagham	17
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	15
Dulcie Edler	Worthing Town	14
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	14
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	13
Georgie Enger	Montpelier Villa	13
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	11
Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	10
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	8

Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	7	7	0	0	35	7	21
Ardingly	9	7	0	2	33	17	21
Charlwood	7	5	0	2	21	14	15
South Park	5	4	0	1	10	7	12
Ansty Sports & Social	4	3	0	1	20	7	9
Furnace Green Rovers	6	3	0	3	9	17	9
South Godstone	8	2	0	6	21	32	6
East Court	8	2	0	6	15	28	6
Brockham	8	2	0	6	9	22	6
Burgess Hill Albion	8	0	0	8	5	27	0

Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Steve Spies	Hassocks	12
Liam Tucknott	Ardingly	10
Jonathan Bundy	Hassocks	7
Ritchie Caldwell	South Godstone	7
Christopher Cook	Ardingly	7
Mark Collison	Ansty	6
Pat Harding	Hassocks	6
Mark Heavens	Charlwood	5
Dave Juniper	Hassocks	5
Terry Wallis	Ardingly	5



Coming up...

Two postponements of our RUR Cup quarter final here at the Beacon means that the game switches to Seaford Town hosting on Tuesday night, sending us to the Crouch for the first time since 2004...



Seaford Town

When?

Tuesday 15th March

Where?

The Crouch

Time?

7:30pm

Competition?

RUR Charity Cup
Quarter Final

Seaford Town this season?

The Badgers are enjoying their best campaign for over 25 years, looking set to eclipse their highest finish in that time of fifth in the second tier of set in 2010-11. With Division One to feature end-of-season playoffs for the first time and reorganisation taking place higher up the pyramid, there is every chance that Seaford could end their 30 year absence from the Premier Division. That would be deserved; Paul Wise has built a squad capable of going toe-to-toe with most sides in Sussex on their day, as their results in reaching the quarter final stage of the RUR Cup prove. The Badgers have eliminated Isthmian League outfit Lancing and Broadbridge Heath on their way to setting up their visit to the Beacon.

Our record against Seaford Town?

Meetings have been few and far between, Town's fall from the top table in the early 1990s occurring around the same time as we were rising through the divisions. Eight previous matches have yielded four

wins apiece. Seaford edge the league meetings, winning three times compared to our one in the four Division One clashes that took place across the 1986-87 and 1992-93 campaigns. We in contrast lead the way in knockout competitions. The Robins have won both previous RUR Cup meetings as well as the only Sussex Senior Cup clash between the sides, leaving Seaford with a solitary Peter Bentley Cup success from 2009.

Last time we met?

Eight goals, a missed penalty and former Hassocks Reserve manager turned Seaford boss Scott Osborne being sent to the stands made for a captivating evening in the third round of the RUR Cup in 2018-19. We ended up running out 6-2 winners through Liam Benson, Phil Johnson, Jordan Badger, Harry Mills and a first senior brace from Jake Lindsey. The Badgers consolations came from Ali Rainsford and Connor Martin with Seaford also missing the aforementioned spot kick on the stroke of half time.



Pagham

When?

Saturday 19th March

Where?

Nyetimber Lane

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Pagham this season?

The biggest news story involving Pagham this season has been a stand at Nyetimber Lane being destroyed by Storm Eunice. We are show our travelling fans will support the fundraising efforts of the Lions to replace the structure. On the pitch, Pagham deserve a lot of credit for the campaign they are having. They sit fifth in the table with 17 wins, five draws and eight defeats from 30 matches and a top three finish still very much within sight.

Our record against Pagham?

Games with Pagham aren't clashes that we have tended to enjoy through the years. The Lions lead the head-to-head by some way, having won 28 games to our 19 with nine draws. Hassocks' league form against Pagham in recent years is particularly dire. Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of 10 points from a possible 39, making them very much a bogey club for us.

Last time we met?

Back-to-back wins over Montpelier Villa and Alfold proved to be the catalyst for turning our season around in November and although Pagham ended that sequence when visiting the Beacon, there was further Hassocks improvement against a side in title contention. Joe Clarke and Dylan Jelley had the Lions 2-0 ahead at half time but it was never comfortable, even if we left it a little too late to take anything from the game with Josh Short's consolation arriving in the 94th minute.

How to get to Nyetimber Lane

Journey west on the A27 to Chichester. Once on the bypass, take the second exit at the second roundabout onto Vinnetrow Road. At the next roundabout it's a left onto the B2166 Lagness Road which eventually turns into Pagham Road. After passing on a Tesco on your left, Nyetimber Lane is the next round on the left with the ground pretty much immediately on the right.



Newhaven

When?

Saturday 26th March

Where?

Fort Road

Time?

3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League
Premier Division

Newhaven this season?

It has been a typical Newhaven season, really. The Dockers have been one of the best and most consistent teams in the Premier Division, currently sitting third in the table behind only Littlehampton Town and Saltdean United. Winning the title is probably beyond them, but a runners up spot is on the cards and that could yet lead to promotion to the Isthmian League which has been the long-term aim for Newhaven for several years now.

Our record against Newhaven?

It feels like we have been playing Newhaven forever, but the reality is that there have only been 17 meetings between the clubs. The fixture only become a regular staple when the Dockers won promotion to the Premier Division in 2013 and since then, it has not brought much joy. We have won just four times compared to Newhaven's 11 with three draws. We did at least triumph on our last visit to Fort Road - the

first time we had ever won there - Spencer Slaughter scoring the only goal in a 1-0 success in February 2019.

Last time we met?

You know it has been a bad afternoon when the headlines are taken by a bloke on his stag do from Swindon who has been dressed as a Robin to be Hassocks mascot for the day at the Beacon. Football wise, it finished 5-0 to the visitors with all the goals coming in the space of 33 minutes. Lee Robinson scored three with Henry Watson getting two.

How to get to Fort Road

Take the A259 coast road into Newhaven, where you will join a one way system on Lewes Road. Follow it all the way around until you have nearly done a complete loop before taking a left onto South Road, which in turn becomes Fort Road with the ground on your right opposite the Marina.



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Money raised in 2021-22

**August £140
September £56
October £98
November £102
December £42
January £98
February £56
March
April**

TOTAL £546

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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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Newhaven home **Swindon Fan on his Stag Do**
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Little Common home **Andy Whittingham**
Littlehampton Town away **Jack Gardner**
Beckenham Town home **Joe Bull**
Bexhill United away **Alexis Harris**
AFC Varndeanians home **Alfie Loversidge**
Eastbourne United home **Charlie Pugh**
Horsham YMCA home **Charlie Pugh**
Crawley Down Gatwick home **James Westlake**
Loxwood away **Spencer Slaughter**
East Preston away **Charlie Pugh**
Montpelier Villa home **Phil Gault**
Alfold home **Alex Harris**
Pagham home **James Westlake**
Broadbridge Heath away **Phil Wickwar**
Peacehaven & Telscombe home **Lewis Westlake**
Eastbourne Town away **James Westlake**
Saltdean United home **Alfie Loversidge**
Lingfield away **James Westlake**
Crawley Down Gatwick home **Jack Troak**
Little Common away **Lewis Westlake**
Eastbourne United away **Josh Short**
Bexhill United home **Josh Short**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **James Westlake**
AFC Uckfield Town away **Charlie Broad**
AFC Varndeanians away **Sam Smith**
Loxwood home **Dan Turner**
Horsham YMCA away **Alfie Edmeads**
East Preston home
Seaford Town away
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 **Lewis Westlake**
2nd **James Westlake**
3rd **Arthur Rawlingson**

January 2021
1st **Josh Short**
2nd **Dan Turner**
3rd **Jack Troak**

February 2021
1st **Dan Turner**
2nd **James Westlake**
3rd **Jack Baden**

March 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

April 2021
1st
2nd
3rd

HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Most Most Games Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals		Goals	Games
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63	1. Phil Gault	190	345
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4	2. James Laing	143	351
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22	3. Pat Harding	137	201
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14	4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124	5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14	6. Phil Johnson	76	163
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143	7. Nathan Miles	74	211
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3	8. Neil Smith	68	242
9. Phil Gault	330	15	345	190	9. Steve Hards	65	155
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0	10. Mickey Turner	63	594
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0	11. Dave Smith	53	260
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11	12. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123	13. Joe Fernley	45	245
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47	14. Mark Burnham	44	231
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22	15. Matt Amos	38	81
16. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53	16. Michael Death	38	112
17. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45	17. Marc Rendall	37	183
18. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68	18. Andy Burt	35	133
19. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9	19. Liam Benson	31	134
20. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44	20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	205	14	219	31	21. James Westlake	31	219
22. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74	22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Pat Harding	184	17	201	137	23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37	24. Stuart Faith	22	289
25. Stuart Agate	172	7	179	4	25. Chris Hewitt	22	508

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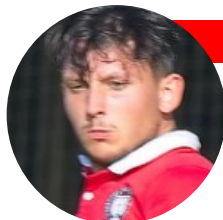
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Next at the Beacon



Littlehampton Town
 Saturday 9th April. 3:00pm
 SCFL Premier Division

Today's other Premier Division games

Bexhill United v Pagham
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Alfold
 Eastbourne United v AFC Varndeanians
 Horsham YMCA v AFC Uckfield Town
 Loxwood v Peacehaven & Telscombe
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