



# the Robins

2021-22 Matchday Programme #23



## Hassocks v Littlehampton Town

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Southern Combination League Premier Division  
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### HONOURS

#### FIRST TEAM

**Southern Combination Division One**

Runners up 1995

**Southern Combination Division Two**

Winners 1993

**Southern Combination Division Two Cup**

Runners up 1988, 1991

**Sussex Intermediate Cup**

Winners 1975

**Montgomery Challenge Cup**

Winners 1960

**Mowatt Challenge Cup**

Winners 1928

#### UNDER 23 TEAM

**Southern Combination Under 23 West Division**

Runners up 2018, 2019

#### UNDER 18 TEAM

**Southern Combination Under 18 Championship**

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central**

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

**Southern Combination Under 18 Cup**

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

**Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup**

Winners 2002

#### VETERANS TEAM

**Fred Pretty Veterans Cup**

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

**Runners up**

2017

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## Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for our penultimate Premier Division home match of the season against Littlehampton Town

**We have to start by offering a huge congratulations to the players, management, officials and supporters of the Golds for their stunning achievement in reaching the final of the FA Vase.**

Every club in Sussex will be 100 percent behind Mitchell Hand, George Gaskin and their players for their historic trip to Wembley on Sunday 22nd May and all at the Beacon wish them all the luck in the world for that clash with Newport Pagnell Town.

With Littlehampton having reached the final of the Vase and arriving here top of the Premier Division, you probably do not need to be told that they will provide stern opposition for us today.

The good news then is that we have been in excellent form since our last home match some four weeks ago against East Preston.

EP were vanquished 5-2 in a game we could ill-afford to lose. Although not a classic, the most important thing was three precious points from a side who had beaten us 4-1 at the Lashmar earlier in the campaign.

We followed that up three days later with a 2-0 win at Seaford Town

in the quarter finals of the RUR Charity Cup.

Captain Jack scored both our goals and we had to survive most of the second half with only 10 men after Bradley Tighe saw red.

Our first semi final for 10 years will take place here at the Beacon on a date and time to be confirmed. We are also still waiting to discover our opponents with the winners of this Tuesday night's quarter final between Chichester City and our visitors today Littlehampton coming to Mid Sussex.

As always, please keep an eye on our social media channels and website for details of when that BIG SEMI takes place.

Buoyed by victory over the Badgers, we then picked up four hugely impressive points on the road against opponents eyeing up top five finishes.

Pagham were beaten 1-0 at Nyetimber Lane, followed by a 1-1 draw at Newhaven. Perform as we did in those two matches and there is no reason why we cannot cause another surprise today - even against the Wembley-bound Marigolds.

You may have seen or heard that this afternoon's game is being used

to raise money to support Spencer Slaughter & his fiancée Megan, who are running the Brighton Marathon tomorrow for St Peter & St James' Hospice.

We have collection buckets dotted around, QR codes which will take you straight to their Justgiving page and there are further details about how you can donate elsewhere in today's programme.

Good luck to both and anyone else here today who is taking on those 26 miles tomorrow.

Also in today's programme, you will find a nomination form to vote for your Supporters' Player of the Season.

Please tear off the relevant part, write your pick and then hand it to Owen behind the bar.

Our next home game is here on Easter Monday against Crawley Down Gatwick and it would be great to see as many of you as possible at the Beacon for one final time in a memorable 2021-22 season.

**Enjoy the game - and thanks for your continued support,**

**Owen & Scott**



## Littlehampton Town

**Founded** 1896

**Nickname** Marigolds

**Ground** Flora Sportsfield

**Website** [pitchero.com/clubs/littlehamptontown](http://pitchero.com/clubs/littlehamptontown)

**Twitter** @LittlehamptonFC

**Managers** Mitchell Hand & George Gaskin

**Top Scorer** Joe Benn, 57

## HONOURS

### Southern Combination League

Winners 1991, 2015

Runners up 1947, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1990, 1998

### SCFL Division One

Winners 1997, 2004, 2013

Runners up 1969, 1974, 1980, 1999

### Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1949

### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1947, 1970, 1971, 1984

Runners up 1977, 1982, 1989

### Peter Bentley League Cup

Runners up 2013

### SCFL Division 1 Cup

Runners up 2013

**The only way you can not know about the exploits of Littlehampton Town this season is if you have been living on the moon - and even then, news has probably reached that far...**

Last Saturday, the Golds became the first ever Southern Combination League club to reach the final of the FA Vase after beating Loughborough Students 4-0 at the Sportsfield in front of a crowd of 3,000.

Mitchell Hand & George Gaskin will now lead their side out at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 22nd May with the chance to make further history against Newport Pagnell Town.

Littlehampton's journey to the final has been full of drama. They were actually eliminated in the round of 32 when losing 5-0 away against Athletic Newham.

The hosts though played an ineligible player, Littlehampton were reinstated and they have made the most of the reprieve by winning every subsequent game in the competition.

Whilst Vase fever grips Littlehampton, the Golds are still fighting for silverware in three other competitions.

They lead the Premier Division by two points from Saltdean United with both sides having four games left to play. Defeat in midweek for

Littlehampton at Eastbourne Town has opened the door slightly for Saltdean, but the title still remains in the Golds' hands - and who can blame them for being a little hungover at the Saffrons off the back of reaching Wembley?

In the Peter Bentley League Cup, Littlehampton face a final date against a Newhaven side who themselves sit third in the top flight.

A local derby of sorts awaits in the quarter finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup versus Isthmian League side Chichester City - with the winners facing ourselves in the semi final of that competition here at the Beacon.

This may therefore not be the last time we face Littlehampton this season, should they manage to overcome Chi on Tuesday night.

The previous meeting came in September. We were struggling back then but still managed to give the Golds a bit of a fright before succumbing to a 4-2 defeat.

A similar gutsy performance will be needed today if we are to take anything from the team who are undoubtedly the beast in the league.

## 10 Key Moments

**1928...** become members of the recently formed Southern Combination League  
**1947...** win their first of four RUR Charity Cup and finish runners up in the league  
**1949...** Littlehampton win their one and so far only Sussex Senior Cup  
**1971...** secure back-to-back RUR Charity Cups after also lifting the trophy in the 1969-70 season  
**1990...** reach the first round proper of the FA Cup, losing 4-0 to Northampton Town  
**1993...** fire destroys the Jubilee Field clubhouse and four years later the side are relegated from the Premier  
**1991...** lift their first Southern Combination League title and reach the semi finals of the FA Vase  
**1997...** after two seasons in Division One, the Golds are promoted back to the top flight as champions  
**2013...** lift the Division One title for the second time in the clubs history  
**2015...** lift their second ever Southern Combination League title by a point from Dorking Wanderers.

## Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination One 6th  
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 20th  
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 16th  
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 11th  
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 1st  
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 3rd  
2012-13, Southern Combination One 1st  
2011-12, Southern Combination One 4th  
2010-11, Southern Combination One 11th  
2009-10, Southern Combination One 12th  
2008-09, Southern Combination One 14th  
2007-08, Southern Combination One 8th  
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 20th  
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 4th  
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 4th  
2003-04, Southern Combination One 1st  
2002-03, Southern Combination Premier 20th  
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 16th  
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 15th  
1999-00, Southern Combination Premier 8th

## Hassocks v Littlehampton Town :: Head-to-Head

**SCFL Premier Division...** Played 27 - Won 11 - Drawn 2 - Lost 14 - Scored 51 - Conceded 52

**Peter Bentley Cup...** Played 3 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 2 - Scored 1 - Conceded 4

**RUR Charity Cup...** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 5

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

**Total... Played 32 - Won 11 - Drawn 3 - Lost 18 - Scored 53 - Conceded 63**

## Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Littlehampton 4-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Littlehampton 0-2 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-1 Littlehampton

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Littlehampton

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Littlehampton 2-0 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Littlehampton 0-1 Hassocks

2015-16 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Littlehampton

2015-16 RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 0-5 Littlehampton

2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-6 Littlehampton

2014-15 SCFL Premier: Littlehampton 6-1 Hassocks



# Not what was expected as Hassocks give high-flying Golds a fright

**St Flora Sportsfield plays host to football and cricket and when the Premier Division's top scorers met one of its leakiest defences, those in an attendance might have been expecting a scoreline more in keeping with the summer game.**

Instead, Hassocks put up a brave fight against a Littlehampton Town side who will surely be in title contention come the end of their first top flight campaign for four seasons after a spell in Division One.

It finished 4-2 to the hosts with the Robins gaining a fair amount of praise from the Golds' crowd, many of whom felt that Hassocks will be climbing the table before long if they can produce more performances like this.

As Robins fans can attest to, that is quite a big if. Relying on so many young players carries a risk of serious inconsistency as Hassocks have been living proof of so far.

A two-goal defeat and a right scare for an outstanding Littlehampton side came off the back of 13 goals conceded in three matches, including a 5-1 hammering at the hands of Division One Roffey in the Peter Bentley League Cup.

Prior to that, Hassocks had taken four points from two matches in 48 hours against Steyning Town and Lingfield, despite having to play for over an hour of both those encounters with only 10 men following first half red cards.

The showing at the Sportsfield was much more in keeping with those exploits over the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

Most pleasing for head coach Brad Sweetman would have been the fact that when Littlehampton led 2-0 inside of 13 minutes, there was every chance that the feared cricket score

might have materialised.

Hassocks though showed the sort of resilience rarely seen so far this season.

Whereas in recent weeks they have crumbled in similar situations to ship an alarming number of goals in those heavy defeats, here they rallied to level the tie before running out of steam as Littlehampton's additional quality shone.

Sweetman sprung a surprise with his starting line up, handing Jordan Badger the number nine shirt in a piece of out-of-the-box thinking that paid dividends.

Badger has always been a threat from crosses into the box and he is a good player technically too, so using him as a presence in a more attacking role for a side who have struggled in front of goal made sense on paper.

It ended up working on the pitch too, Badger scoring the Robins' second of the afternoon to make it 2-2 after 62 minutes.

Neither Badger netting nor Hassocks being on level terms at that point in proceedings were in the pre-game script.

What was expected was an early Littlehampton goal. It arrived within two minutes and came from George Gaskin, so frequently a thorn in Hassocks' side during the Golds' previous spell in the Premier Division.

One became two 11 minutes later, Dave Herbert doing the damage this time as the league leaders made things look remarkably easy.

Most would have assumed that the game was up at the point. Littlehampton were probably thinking about how many they could add to the 28 goals plundered in only eight matches already this season.

Hassocks though were able to make it to half time without conceding again.

That provided a platform for the Robins to come out and stun

Littlehampton at the start of the second half and 17 minutes after the restart, they were back on level terms.

Like Badger, Jack Gardner was benefiting from a more advanced role than his usual right back berth and he took full advantage to notch his first senior goal for the club on 54 minutes.

The Sportsfield was then shocked into near silence eight minutes later when Badger scored Hassocks' second of the afternoon. Suddenly, we had a game on our hands.

If the Robins were to secure an unlikely point or three, then parity needed to remain for as long as possible.

Unfortunately, the scores were level for only six minutes. It was a stunning goal too, Premier Division top scorer Joe Benn firing a rocket which left Alex Harris no chance for a scarcely believable 18th goal of the season by the middle of September.

Hassocks kept plugging away but their goose was finally cooked when Mitchell Hand made it 4-2 with three minutes of normal time remaining, curling a beautiful free kick into the top corner.

Nonetheless, a fine effort from the Robins, who will have also been cheered by a first appearance of the season for Louis Pittock from the substitutes bench following a torrid year of injury problems.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Tuck, Rawlingson, Tighe, Whittingham; Loversidge, Short, Baden, Gardner; Badger, Bull.

**Subs:** Pittock, Wallis (used), Hudson, Dersley (unused).



# Michael strikes at the Death to give Hassocks a shock three points

**The young guns of Hassocks put in a superb performance as they shocked in-form Littlehampton Town to win 1-0 through Michael Death's stoppage time volley at the Flora Sportsfield.**

Coming into this clash the two sides recent fortunes could not have been more contrasting.

Town had won their last four games on the spin plundering 17 goals along the way whilst Hassocks had failed to score in their last five outings.

The Robins have however become an extremely frugal team at the back in that time.

This was their fifth clean sheet out of six in the Premier Division and it came despite being without captain Ashley Marsh and losing goalkeeper Alex Harris for the last 25 minutes.

Harris' place was taken by joint manager Phil Wickwar who appeared as though he had been summoned straight from the 1980s rather than the substitutes bench, wearing a snug bright blue jersey over the top of what can only be described as a shell suit.

But while Wickwar may not have looked the part he certainly played his part, helping preserve his side's latest shutout which provided the platform for Death's late winner.

Death has not had an easy time of it lately. He has been asked to plough a lonely furrow up front with Phil Gault and Jonno Melia

unavailable as Hassocks have set up with a the intent of keeping it tight in the absence of so many key attacking players.

His 11th goal of the season was rich reward for those thankless recent endeavours.

One of those attacking players in Jamie Hillwood did return for this one but there was still a very youthful look to the side.

Harris, full backs Bradley Tighe and James Oliver, midfielder Dan

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**"The injured Harris was replaced in goal by joint manager Phil Wickwar for the final 25 minutes, who appeared as though he had been summoned straight from the 1980s rather than the substitutes bench, wearing a snug bright blue jersey over the top of what can only be described as a shell suit.**

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Stokes and substitutes Liam Benson and Jack Wilkins are all still in their teens.

Not that you could tell with performances of great maturity against a vastly more experienced Town outfit.

They were the outstanding team in the division last season, beating Hassocks 6-1 twice on the way to winning the title.

It was hardly a classic on a difficult surface on which both sides struggled to play.

The first half in particular was

devoid of any real chances of note, Harris marginally busier than his opposite number Jon Hendrick in making good stops to deny Rob Hutchings and Scott Packer.

Both Harris and Hendrick dealt well with the multitude of high balls launched into their boxes in the second 45 before the former's departure from proceedings after taking a nasty whack when trying to deal with a low shot.

Wickwar defied his 40 odd years to pull off two fine saves on the stretch to keep his side in it late on.

Stokes was denied well by Hendrick who made himself big and then the Town goalkeeper was quick off his line to thwart Death as the clock ticked around to 90.

There was nothing he could do about the strikers late winner however, a volley that took a deflection on it's way to hitting the back of the net and sparking wild scenes of celebration among both the players and the sizeable travelling support.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Tighe, Akehurst, Barnes, Oliver; Bant, Hawkes, Westlake, Stokes; Hillwood, Death.

**Subs:** Wilkins, Benson, P Wickwar (used), Russell (unused).



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# **VOTE FOR YOUR SUPPORTERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON**

**As the curtain comes down on the 2021-22 season, we are now asking Hassocks fans to vote for their Supporters' Player of the Season. A young team has made real progress after a difficult start - and there might yet be a bit of history to be written with an RUR Cup semi final to come.**

To cast your selection, simply tear off the voting slip below, write your nomination and hand it to Owen behind the bar. Owen might even have a pen you can borrow. Thank you for voting and for your fantastic support this year.

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**My vote for Hassocks Supporter's Player of the Season is**

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# Supporting Spencer, Megan & St Peter & St James Hospice

**Tomorrow is the day - Hassocks favourite Spencer Slaughter & his fiancée Megan take on the Brighton Marathon and 26.2 gruelling miles to raise money for St Peter & St James Hospice.**

We are delighted to be supporting their efforts this afternoon and hopefully, you will have already seen the bucket collections and raffle we have going on to swell the fundraising coffers.

The couple had set themselves a target of raising £500 for the Hospice. As of Wednesday night, they had already exceeded that and we are hoping to swell the coffers further.

St Peter & St James is a charity very close to the hearts of everyone here at the Beacon. They cared for Ann John, the much-missed wife of our chairman Dave, who we sadly lost to cancer eight years ago.

The Hospice receive less than 14 percent of their funding from the Government, relying on their local community for 86 percent of their funds.

£95 helps facilitate one home visit to a patient by a nurse specialist. £44 will cover one hour of counselling from their Patient & Family Support Team. £20 can help towards nursing advice and support to a patient by phone.

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, including the Brighton Half Marathon in February.

The training schedule has seen Spencer sacrifice virtually an entire season of football. He has made only three appearances for the Robins in 2021-22, the most recent of which came in November.

Spencer has given plenty to our football club over the past 17 years since he made his first team debut as a teenager in 2005, coming through the youth system as part of the Under 18s side who won the Central Division title in the 2005-06 season.

We hope that you can help give him something back by supporting

him in the marathon tomorrow.

If you have not yet got your raffle tickets, then please see Owen behind the bar who will be only too happy to assist. Spencer will also be wandering around, although presumably not giving his hard-earned money to the bar for once!

Should you not have any cash on you but still wish to donate, then please scan the QR code below to head to Megan & Spencer's Justgiving page.

Thank you for your support of this fantastic cause - and good luck to Spencer and Megan tomorrow.





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Mid Sussex Times



# April action as Robins look to end campaign on a high

**The end is nigh - the final month of the Southern Combination Football League season is upon us with Hassocks facing four Premier Division fixture and at least one Sussex Principal RUR Cup match to complete the campaign.**

This afternoon's visit of FA Vase finalists Littlehampton Town kicks off April. It may not be the only time that the Robins face Littlehampton this month as the smaller matter of a big semi in the RUR Cup is still to come.

Hassocks will host the winners of the remaining quarter final between the Marigolds and Isthmian League side Chichester City, set to be played on Tuesday 12th April.

No date has yet been set for the semi final. Please keep an eye on the Hassocks website and social media channels for details as soon as they are known. The victors of the semi will go onto face Saltdean United in the final at Culver Road.

Next Saturday, the Robins hit the road to Steyning Town for a 3pm kick off at the Shooting Field. The Barrowmen were the first opponents who Hassocks beat in the 2021-22 campaign, winning 2-0 at the Beacon back in August through two George Mitchell-Phillips goals.

That was despite playing for over an hour with 10 men following the dismissal of Luke Marshall. Remarkably, both the goals came in the final 30 minutes when the Robins were playing shorthanded.

Less than 48 hours later and the final Premier Division home game of the season takes place at the Beacon against Crawley Down Gatwick on Easter Monday, kick off at 11am.

It will be the fourth meeting of the season between Hassocks and Down. The Anvils triumphed 2-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup followed by Hassocks winning 2-1 in the RUR Cup and 3-1 in the league. That Premier Division fixture was the only to take place at the Haven.

The Premier Division season is then completed away at Alfold on

Saturday 23rd August. If that fixture can match the drama of the November meeting at the Beacon when a retaken Phil Gault penalty with the last kick of the game gave Hassocks victory, then it will be well worth making the trip to Surrey.

The Under 23s completed their season on March 31st, bowing out of the League Cup in a 2-1 semi final defeat against Alfold.

The Under 18s have been finished since January and the Veterans still have one game to play although as has been the case through most of their campaign, that will probably appear on the fixture list with little notice.

There is still plenty of football to come for the Ladies. Tomorrow, they host Eastbourne Town here at the Beacon. Admission is free and kick off is at 2pm.

On Sunday 24th April, Seaford Town visit in a double header. The Badgers then return to Mid Sussex on Sunday 15th May for a League Cup semi final.

# Hassocks exorcise their EP ghosts to move a step closer to safety

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 12th March 2022, The Beacon  
**Hassocks 5-2 East Preston**



**Three precious points and the ghost of their worst performance of the season exorcised represented a good afternoon for Hassocks as they ran out 5-2 winners over East Preston.**

The last time these sides met in November had been ghastly beyond belief from a Robins point of view. Brad Sweetman's side were hammered 4-1 at the Lashmar in what remains EP's only Southern Combination League win of the season.

A long, hard winter looked ahead with the spectre of relegation from the Premier Division looming large.

Not so much now. Victory over EP lifted Hassocks above Steyning Town and into 16th place in the table. The Robins are 13 points clear of second-bottom AFC Varndeanians, who have eight games left to play. A 28th consecutive season of top flight football is within touching distance.

Hassocks were far from their best against an East Preston outfit who named only manager Chris Pettitt and backup goalkeeper Kurt Jenner-Swayne on the bench.

The Robins gave away a couple of cheap goals but that did at least up the entertainment for neutrals who were treated to a game which ebbed and flowed.

Dave Haider was the first EP player to take advantage, giving the visitors a 21st minute lead which shocked home fans. Were EP on their way to their second win of the season, both over Hassocks?

Jack Troak was unwilling to let that be the case. His absence during the opening few months of the campaign through injury was a real blow to the Robins and goes part of the way towards explaining why they looked in so much trouble come full time of the corresponding fixture four months ago.

It was the Hassocks captain who

pulled his side level 11 minutes after Haider's opener. Gentjan Poda in the EP goal was undone by a combination of hesitation from a back pass and underestimating the speed of Troak, who closed down and tackled the visiting custodian before rolling into the empty goal.

Parity lasted for all of one minute. Dan Turner decided that the best way to celebrate his winning of the Hassocks Player of the Month Award for February was by scoring an own goal to put EP 2-1 ahead, sliding in to turn a low Carl Brown cross past Alex Harris.

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The Robins equalised for the second time five minutes before the break. Captain Jack was again the man on the scoresheet, beating Poda to a Lewis Westlake corner from out on the left to head home.

Sweetman made a tactical adjustment at the interval, pushing players further forward to support Alfie Loversidge who had ploughed a lonely furrow as a single striker in the first half.

The change did not take long to bear fruit as Hassocks went ahead for the first time on 57 minutes. Troak broke down the left and his pull back fell to Loversidge to squeeze the ball past Poda, ending a run of nine games without a goal for the Robins' top scorer.

10 minutes later and Hassocks

won a free kick in a promising position some 25 yards out. With Poda having been less than convincing up to this point, Lewis Westlake clearly fancied his chances from the set play.

In came a right footed effort which just cleared the wall and ended up in the back of the net, despite Poda manoeuvring himself across his goal line to get relatively close to it.

Often, a two-goal lead is the most difficult to defend. Hassocks though had no problems and once Westlake made it 4-2, the three points were as good as in the bag.

Sweetman took full advantage, throwing on Charlie Broad, Joe Bull and Lucas Tyrrell for Loversidge, Bradley Bant and Lewis Westlake with one eye firmly on Tuesday night's Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup quarter final away at Seaford Town.

There were a flurry of cards for Hassocks in the final 15 minutes as Bradley Tighe, Jack Baden, Troak and Bull all managed to enter the book of referee James Kerten. It all seemed a little unnecessary given the game was up.

Bull found the time to get a goal to go alongside his yellow, rounding off the scoring in the final minute of the 90 after more enterprising wing play on the left.

Baden was the provider this time, overlapping with Troak to drive a pass across goal which Bull rampaged to convert from two yards ahead of EP defender Joel Parsons.

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

**Subs:** Broad (Loversidge), Bull (Bant), Tyrrell (L Westlake), Marshall, Edmeads (unused).



# Captain Jack at the double to give Hassocks a rare big semi

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Quarter Final  
Tuesday 15th March 2022, The Crouch  
**Seaford Town 0-2 Hassocks**



**You can count on one hand the number of semi finals Hassocks have made in their near-40 years in senior football.**

The Peter Bentley League Cup in 1997. The Sussex RUR Charity Cup in 1994, 2000, 2012 and now 2022 following a 2-0 win away at Seaford Town in the last eight. These are heady times for the Robins.

None of those previous four occasions have resulted in a final and Hassocks face a tough ask in breaking that duck.

They will face either Southern Combination Premier Division title favourites and FA Vase semi finalists Littlehampton Town or Chichester City of the Isthmian League in the final four.

To have even made it that far though is a fine achievement given that the Robins looked like relegation fodder in the opening three months of the campaign.

Brad Sweetman and his players have come a long way over the course of this season to now be part of a rather exclusive group of Hassocks teams to call themselves semi finalists.

It needed a thoroughly professional performance against a Seaford outfit enjoying their best campaign for 25 years.

The Badgers are in the thick of the promotion race and Hassocks know only too well that there is little difference between the top of Division One and the bottom of the Premier, having exited the Peter Bentley Cup to Roffey back in September when things were bleak at the Beacon.

Hassocks had been due to host this game but two postponements meant the tie was switched to the Crouch as per competition rules.

Not only did the Robins overcome losing home advantage, but they also played for most of the second half with 10 men after a red card for

Bradley Tighe on 48 minutes against his former club for appearing to flick Alex Saunders in the back of the head in an off-the-ball incident.

That was very much out of character for Hassocks' current vice captain. Both the goals had already been scored by the time Tighe departed through captain Jack Troak, who was having one of those games where he is genuinely unplayable.

The impact Troak's return from six months out injured has had in turning the Robins' season around cannot be understated.

Seaford were without both manager Paul Wise and assistant John Kirby through illness, which meant their former Ladies coach Billy Pout being asked to take the reigns.

Both sides appeared nervous in the early stages, the opening 15 minutes resembling a game of basketball in which possession was frequently turned over.

The closest either side came in that period was when one-time Hassocks midfielder Matt Ford had a shot blocked at the back post by Dan Turner after a long throw caused some issues.

For the Robins, a 35 yard volley from James Westlake which just reached goalkeeper Mike Platt's hands was as good as it got.

Home striker Matt Holland was forced off injured on 17 minutes and this appeared to disrupt the Badgers' rhythm as Hassocks took the lead shortly after.

Josh Short picked the ball up on halfway and embarked on a typically tricky run past three or four Seaford players.

Once Short reached the box, defender Ollie Lee decided that the best course of action would be bring to bring the Hassocks forward down just inside the area. Troak confidently despatched the resulting penalty into the top left corner of Platt's goal.

Hassocks enjoyed their best period after that, leaving Seaford

trying to hang on until half time and the opportunity to regroup.

Unfortunately for the Badgers, they could not quite get there as Hassocks chose the perfect time to double their advantage, Troak scoring two minutes before the break.

Lewis Westlake popped up in a wide position to send over a cross which Troak ran across a couple of home defenders to poke home from close range.

Tighe's red card necessitated a reshuffle from Sweetman. Sam Smith moved from his forward role to fill in at centre back, Charlie Broad came on to provide a focal point to the attack with his target man skillset and Alfie Loversidge was the sacrificial lamb who made way.

Seaford had much of the ball after that but they failed to really test Alex Harris, who was able to enjoy a very quiet evening thanks to the phenomenal work rate and excellent organisation going on in front of him.

Turner, Smith, Arthur Rawlingson and Jack Baden as a back four in particular were superb as the Badgers became increasingly desperate in their attempts to find a way back into the game.

By the full time whistle, that had manifested itself in the form of yellow cards for Callum Edwards, George Maybury and Matt Simpson in the final 13 minutes.

It would be no surprise to see these sides meet again in the Premier Division next season via a Seaford promotion. For Hassocks, all eyes are now on a big semi.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, B Tighe, Baden; Loversidge, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; S Smith, Short.

**Subs:** Broad, Bull, Tyrrell (used), Hicks (unused).

# Taming the Lions and a big semi completes a brilliant week

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 19th March 2022, Nyetimber Lane  
Pagham 0-1 Hassocks**



**Two achievements have been rarer than most in Hassocks history - reaching cup semi finals and winning away at Pagham.**

In the space of four days, Brad Sweetman's Robins have managed both. They followed up Tuesday night's victory at Seaford Town in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup with a 1-0 success at Nyetimber Lane, only their fifth win away at the Lions in 40 years.

Coincidentally, the last time Hassocks both reached a semi final and tasted victory at Pagham occurred in the same 2011-12 season when Mickey Jewell led Hassocks to their highest ever league finish of fourth in the Premier Division.

The current crop may be far removed from that sort of lofty position in the table, but with an exciting group of technically gifted young players who have come into their own since November, there is plenty to be excited about at the Beacon once again.

It was one of those youngsters who scored the only goal of the game here. Josh Short has proven to be a revelation since Sweetman pushed him further forward at a time when Hassocks were struggling for goals.

Short now has nine for the season, a fine return for a player who has been leading the line in senior football for the first time in his career.

His strike against Pagham was a classic poacher's finish. 32 minutes had elapsed when Jack Baden released Jack Troak down the left.

Troak delivered a cross to Sam Smith who was denied via a great save from Lions goalkeeper Lewis Broughton.

Unfortunately for the hosts, Short reacted quicker than anyone else to fire the rebound into the top corner.

Despite defending a stiff breeze, it was Hassocks who made the better

start against opponents who still have eyes on a top five finish.

Dan Turner volleyed over from 14 yards when well placed from a driven Lewis Westlake corner after seven minutes.

Shortly after and Short set the tone for an afternoon in which he gave the Pagham defence numerous headaches, running directly at them with power and pace to tee up Smith whose shot was blocked by Conor Geoghegan.

A lovely passing move created Hassocks' next opportunity on 18. Lewis Westlake led a break through Short and Troak before an unfortunate bobble just as Troak was about to cross resulted in the ball spooning out of play.

Short giving Hassocks the lead sparked Pagham into life. Arthur Rawlingson was turned inside-out by Owen Benfell after the Robins right back dived in.

The resulting cross was a teasing one that evaded Alex Harris but thankfully not one of three Pagham players arriving into the box could connect.

Lewis Westlake corners were causing real issues for the hosts and Turner headed just wide from a delivery fizzed in. That kicked off a breathless final 10 minutes of the first half in which Hassocks could have put the game to bed.

James Westlake fluffed a one-on-one after being played in by Troak. Referee Jonathon Wilks waved away a big penalty shout when Alfie Loversidge was felled in the box.

Hassocks did get the decision the next time Loversidge was fouled but Lewis Westlake smashed the resulting free kick from a decent position into the wall.

Short then passed up a good opportunity to collect his second when lifting over the bar with only Broughton to beat.

With the wind now in their favour after the turnaround, Hassocks could

have been reasonably confident of making further inroads after that surprisingly comfortable opening 45 minutes.

The Robins started the second half strongly. Loversidge should have moved the ball to Short in a promising position but seemed to take an age to decide what to do and the opportunity passed.

A wind assisted cross-shot from Short was next to give Broughton something to think about, the Pagham goalkeeper doing well to tip the ball over the bar.

Smith came close to getting the goal his performance deserved, a jinking run getting him into a good position only for the final shot to be fired for six into the adjacent cricket club.

Two more chances came and went for Short. Troak's run and cross down the left might have resulted in Short finishing were it not for an excellent last gasp tackle from Nathan Da Costa.

Loversidge then embarked on a similar charge down the opposite flank with Short this time denied by Broughton.

Pagham pushed forward in the search of an equaliser in the final 10 minutes but that gave Hassocks space to exploit on the counter.

No prizes for guessing who so-nearly took ruthless advantage. Short covered the best part of 70 yards with the ball, weaving past five Pagham players.

He released seconds before being poleaxed, finding substitute Alfie Edmeads who fired wide.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, B Tighe, Baden; Loversidge, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; S Smith, Short.

**Subs:** Bull, Edmeads, Bant (used).

# Hassocks sail away from Newhaven with another valuable point

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**  
**Saturday 26th March 2022, Fort Road**  
**Newhaven 1-1 Hassocks**



**The lack of entertainment in this Non League Day clash between Newhaven and Hassocks at Fort Road was more than made up for by significant talking points surrounding both the goals in a 1-1 draw played out in front of a bumper crowd of 287.**

Half price entry on the afternoon designated for celebrating everything good about the grassroots game lured in the masses, who were treated to a couple of Oscar-worthy performances a little over 24 hours before the 94th Academy Awards took place in Los Angeles.

Newhaven's Lee Robinson was the first to flex his acting skills two minutes before half time, going to ground on the edge of the Hassocks area.

The Robins were left perplexed when referee Daniel Jeffrey fell for the dive. To make matters worse, Hassocks were unconvincing in dealing with the resulting free kick and eventually Lucas Franzen-Jones bundled home to give the hosts the lead.

120 seconds later and an even more questionable piece of acting from Robins left back Jack Baden earned Hassocks a penalty and the chance to go into the interval level.

Baden went down as if he had been shot by a sniper from Newhaven Fort. Mr Jeffrey pointed to the spot much to the anger of the Dockers players and fans, followed by captain Jack Troak successfully converting the spot kick to restore parity.

By full time, a draw was probably the right result. Newhaven had a lot of the ball but struggled to break down a dogged Hassocks defence, coping admirably in the absence of the suspended Bradley Tighe.

His place was taken by teenager Luke Marshall, who was outstanding alongside Dan Turner at the heart of

the Robins' back four. Those in attendance not familiar with Hassocks could scarcely believe that no player in a defence completed by Baden and Arthur Rawlingson was over the age of 21, given the maturity with which they played.

Robinson, Franzen-Jones and Alfie Rogers have plundered 67 goals between them this season, so to restrict such quality to one on the scoreboard and very few other chances was a real feather in the cap for the Robins.

Hassocks had dented Pagham's hopes of a top five finish the previous week when winning 1-0 at Nyetimber Lane.

The Robins looked determined to carry on where they had left off in the opposite side of the county.

They started strongly as they aimed to secure another shock result, this time against a Newhaven side hanging onto the coattails of Littlehampton Town and Saltdean United in the title race.

Hassocks' best chance of the first half prior to the manic finish came on the half hour mark. Lewis Westlake sent over a pinpoint corner and Turner rose highest but his header was the wrong side of the post.

Newhaven had not really made the most of playing with a decent wind blowing in their favour until Robinson produced his theatrics, leading to Franzen-Jones' opener.

If that goal came somewhat out of the blue, then the Robins equaliser was even less expected in light of how close to the interval Newhaven had taken the lead.

43 rather turgid minutes had suddenly been followed by two minutes of high drama. Once the rights and wrongs of whether either goal should have happened had been dissected over the tea break, attention turned to the second-most important question - would the game now spark into life in the second half?

No was the answer. If anything, what happened after the interval was even more scrappy and unpleasant than what had gone before.

Hassocks knew that they were frustrating hosts who needed three points in their quest for a top two finish and the Robins seemed to revel in that.

This young Hassocks side have grown up quickly, mastering the dark arts necessary to survive at this level of football.

They are more streetwise and less naïve than they had been in the opening months of the campaign, when heavy defeats were almost accepted with resignation.

Nothing summed that up better than when Rawlingson took one for the team in the final five minutes, throwing the ball away to earn a thoroughly deserved booking for timewasting. Newhaven hated it; Rawlingson and Hassocks loved it.

The Robins would have been less keen to run the clock down had the normally reliable Rogers converted a completely free header five minutes earlier.

It was certainly a let off from a Hassocks point of view, even though defeat would have been harsh on them.

The Robins go into a two week break unbeaten in four with FA Vase semi finalists and league leaders Littlehampton to visit the Beacon next, followed by a meeting with either the Marigolds or Chichester City in the final four of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, Marshall, Baden; Loversidge, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; S Smith, Short.

**Subs:** Bull (Loversidge 60), Broad (Smith 68), Edmeads (Troak 78), Bant, Wickwar (unused).

# First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
25/09 - 15:00	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Gault
19/10 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-2	
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
09/11 - 19:45	Montpelier Villa (H)	RURC2	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
<b>December</b>				
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
<b>January</b>				
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
<b>February</b>				
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	
<b>March</b>				
05/03 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP	5-2	Troak (2), L.Westlake, Loversidge, Bull
15/03 - 1930	Seaford Town (A)	RURCQF	2-0	Troak (2)
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP	1-0	Short
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Troak
<b>April</b>				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		

# First Team Appearances 2021-22

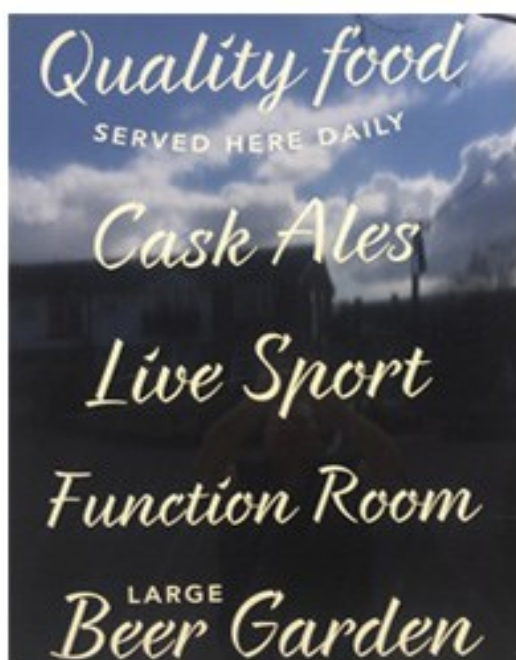
Player	2021-22 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	38	0	38	9	56	11
Josh Short	38	0	38	9	50	9
Arthur Rawlingson	28	6	34	1	34	1
Bradley Tighe	33	0	33	0	136	0
Joe Bull	17	11	28	3	89	7
James Westlake	26	1	27	1	223	31
Jack Baden	22	5	27	0	30	0
Alex Harris	24	0	24	0	84	0
Dan Turner	23	0	23	0	58	3
Lewis Westlake	20	0	20	5	97	11
Luke Marshall	16	3	19	0	35	0
Jack Troak	15	4	19	8	72	21
Bradley Bant	15	3	18	0	167	12
Jack Gardner	16	0	16	1	39	1
Andy Whittingham	16	0	16	0	114	2
Jude Wallis	5	10	15	0	15	0
Charlie Tuck	12	2	14	0	20	0
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1
Lewis Beebee	7	5	12	1	15	1
Sam Smith	6	4	10	1	10	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Charlie Broad	1	8	9	1	9	1
Jordan Badger	5	3	8	2	118	9
Lucas Tyrrell	3	5	8	0	8	0
Charlie Pugh	7	0	7	0	31	0
Phil Gault	5	2	7	5	345	190
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Alfie Edmeads	2	3	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
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

# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
<b>September</b>				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
<b>October</b>				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	3-0	Slaughter (2), Tyrrell
21/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	0-2	
28/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23	2-4	Rawlingson, M.Smith
<b>November</b>				
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	
<b>December</b>				
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
<b>January</b>				
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
<b>February</b>				
10/02 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	U23LC2	4-4	Beebee, Wallis (2), M.Smith <i>(Won 4-2 on penalties)</i>
<b>March</b>				
03/03 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	U23LCQF	2-2	Marshall, Badger <i>(Won 3-0 on penalties)</i>
31/03 - 19:30	Alfold (@ B'bridge Heath)	U23LCSF	1-2	Turner

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# Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
Harvey Ransome	16	3	19	0
Ben Hicks	18	0	18	0
Archie Russell	11	6	17	4
Jude Wallis	15	1	16	3
Sean McSwiney	11	5	16	1
Jack Baden	14	1	15	0
Wes Tighe	8	6	14	0
George Mercer	8	5	13	0
Arthur Rawlingson	9	4	13	2
Luke Marshall	11	1	12	2
Jay Hudson	8	4	12	5
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
Joe Bull	5	0	5	0
Josh Hawkes	5	0	5	1
Josh Short	5	0	5	3
Charlie Broad	4	1	5	2
Kobe Dersley	4	1	5	0
Charlie Tuck	4	1	5	1
Ryan West	4	0	4	0
Connor Bradley	3	1	4	2
Jamie Douglass	2	2	4	0
Jayden Dunkley	3	0	3	0
Jack Gardner	3	0	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Archie Hill	0	3	3	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
Sam Smith	1	1	2	0
Jack Troak	1	1	2	2
Dan Turner	1	1	2	1
Lewis Westlake	1	1	2	0
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
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0
Alex Crawford	0	1	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	0	1	1	0
Bradley Tighe	0	1	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0

# Strong Robins denied a final as Alfold spring a League Cup surprise

**Southern Combination League Under 23 Semi Final  
Thursday 31st March 2022, High Wood Hill Sports Ground  
Alfold U23s 2-1 Hassocks U23s**

**An excellent season for Hassocks Under 23s ended in disappointing fashion as the curtain came down on 2021-22 with defeat in the semi finals of the League Cup.**

Having eliminated Southern Combination North Division champions Broadbridge Heath on penalties in the last eight, the Robins would have fancied their chances of progressing to the final when paired with Alfold.

Their opponents ended the campaign in fourth, two places and seven points behind Hassocks in the standings.

Knockout football often deviates from league form though, and just as the Robins had shocked Heath in the previous round, this time they were on the end of the surprise result.

Alfold ran out deserved 2-1 winners at the neutral venue of Heath's High Wood Hill Sports Ground. They now go onto face the winners of an Eastbourne derby in the other semi, with Town taking United.

Hassocks took advantage of the game falling in the middle of a two-week break between first team fixtures to name about as strong a team as they could.

There were six changes to the starting XI from the Heath game. In came Josh Short, Alfie Loversidge, Dan Turner, Lewis Westlake, Arthur Rawlingson and Charlie Broad.

Despite all six being regulars in Brad Sweetman's senior side, only Westlake counted as an overage player.

Dropping out were Jack Smith, Wes Tighe, Marshall Smith, Jordan Badger, Lucas Tyrrell and Archie Russell.

The four survivors were Under 18s goalkeeper Jayden Dunkley, Ben Hicks, Luke Marshall and Jack Baden.

Playing good football was

challenging on a difficult pitch that had all the bobbles you tend to expect from an end-of-season surface after a particularly dry winter.

Good first touches were at a premium in the opening quarter of an hour until Short produced an outrageous piece of control as if his foot was made of the finest silk.

Unfortunately, the finish could not match and he dragged wide when in a good position.

That miss was punished nine minutes later. A long ball over the top caught out Rawlingson and Charlie Martin took full advantage to beat Dunkley and put Alfold 1-0 ahead.

Alfold did not look particularly comfortable dealing with the aerial threat posed by Hassocks. Broad put a free header over before Turner levelled the tie on 44 minutes, powering home from another cross into the box.

For unknown reasons, the goal sparked an almighty melee. Nobody seemed entirely sure what had happened, but Marshall came out of it with a booking for his troubles and the Alfold goalkeeper produced some theatrics worthy of Leonardo Di Caprio.

Despite how late in the first half the equaliser arrived, there was more action packed in prior to the break thanks to a healthy amount of time added on due to the handbags at dawn.

Loversidge slipped in Baden for a right footed chance but a combination of bobble and, well, Baden having to use his right foot meant it was scuffed harmlessly off target.

Hassocks made a triple sub at half time to become even stronger - on paper at least.

Broad, Bull and Rawlingson went off after quite the shift from all three with Sam Smith, first team captain Jack Troak and first team vice captain Bradley Tighe entering the fray.



Sadly, the second 45 minutes was one of the worst halves of football seen from a Hassocks Under 23s side this season.

With 25 minutes left to play, Martin scored his second of the evening to put Alfold back into the lead after a defensive shambles from the Robins.

Hassocks barely threatened an equaliser and come the full time whistle, nobody could have any complaints about Alfold advancing to their first ever League Cup final.

The Robins though can take heart from their campaign overall. Runners up spot represented their highest finish since the 2018-19 campaign and the flow of players between Under 23s and first team has been to the benefit of the entire club.

With most of the side's regulars still eligible for Under 23s football next season, Hassocks will be hoping to go one better and win their first piece of silverware at this level since it was introduced in place of reserve team football in 2015.

**Hassocks:** Dunkley, Rawlingson, Hicks, Baden, Turner, Marshall, Loversidge, L Westlake, Short, Broad, Bull.

**Subs:** Troak, B Tighe, S Smith, Ransome (used), Mercer (unused).



# Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Gear
<b>September</b>				
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
<b>October</b>				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
<b>November</b>				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	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	
<b>December</b>				
05/12 - 11:45	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
19/12 - 11:00	AFC Vardeanians (H)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
<b>January</b>				
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

# Veterans Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
<b>October</b>				
10/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
<b>November</b>				
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)
<b>December</b>				
19/12 - 14:00	Mile Oak (A)	CVC3	3-4	P.Harding, J.Harding, Juniper
<b>January</b>				
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
<b>February</b>				
13/02 - 14:00	Ardingly (A)	MSFLV	2-1	Armstrong, Bundy
<b>March</b>				
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

# Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
<b>October</b>				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
<b>November</b>				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP	7-0	Mair (3), Pordage, J.Craig, S.Chappell, Johanson
<b>December</b>				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP	0-3	
<b>January</b>				
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	4-2	J.Craig, Kendall
<b>February</b>				
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	
<b>March</b>				
06/03 - 15:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP	6-4	K.Chappell (2), J.Craig (2), Johanson, Bright
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SWLCQF	4-1	K.Chappell (2), Flin, Mair
20/03 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP	11-0	J.Craig (2), K.Chappell (4), Johanson (2), Mair (2), Stevens
<b>April</b>				
03/04 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP	0-2	
10/04 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		
24/04 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
24/04 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
<b>May</b>				
15/05 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SWLCSF		

# Ladies Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jodie Johanson	15	0	15	7
Sam Newman	15	0	15	0
Mia Pordage	15	0	15	3
Claire Stevens	14	0	14	1
Emma Flin	13	1	14	1
Katie Read	8	5	13	1
Jess Craig	12	0	12	9
Jemma Kendall	12	0	12	1
Kirstin Mair	11	1	12	10
Tallie Bright	11	0	11	2
Sarah Chappell	10	1	11	0
Katherine Chappell	10	0	10	16
Joanne Brown	6	3	9	0
Holly Webb	2	7	9	0
Ellie Moquet	2	6	8	0
Zeba Ghorishi	4	3	7	0
Kayleigh Norris	1	3	4	0
Liz King	1	1	2	0
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Madeleine Cannon	0	1	1	0
Rachael Scammell	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

# ON THIS DAY



To say that what took place on this day in **2012** was chaotic would be a slight understatement - a St Francis Rangers side doomed to the bottom three hosted a Hassocks eyeing up their best ever finish. The result was fireworks...

## Gault hat-trick settles chaotic derby

**Since St Francis Rangers joined Hassocks in County One in 2007, these Mid Sussex Derbies have gained a reputation for being notoriously dull and petulant affairs.**

Not so this Easter Monday meeting at Colwell Road, which was utterly bizarre from start to finish. The Robins won 3-1, Rangers finished with eight men and most spectators spent the morning struggling to keep up.

The hosts have long been doomed to finishing in the bottom three but they produced one of their best performances of the season, a battling effort which deserved better than having three men sent off.

Hassocks in contrast looked nothing like a side eyeing up their highest ever finish and they ended up winning almost despite themselves.

In recent matches the Robins have probably seen enough of referee Michael Lowe to last them a lifetime and even though they prospered overall from his decisions, no doubt they will be pleased not to come across him again anytime soon.

That view was definitely shared by Rangers, whose manager Kieran Collins said he had nothing but admiration for the way his team kept going against increasingly unhelpful odds.

Whilst Mr Lowe was not left with many options but to reach for his pocket in a typically fiery clash, his general handling of the game lacked maturity and common sense and that

ultimately turned it into a farce.

However, it still remained competitive throughout. Even with eight men, Rangers showed commendable fighting spirit and a willingness to go forward.

Who knows what the final outcome might have been had they retained their full complement of players for the 90 minutes?

Judging by much of the first half, it could have ended in Rangers securing their first win since the opening day of the campaign.

Rangers came flying out of the blocks to force four corners in the opening 10 minutes. Missing chances has been a theme of their season and explains why they have just one victory to their name.

Had Rangers been able to make the most of their blistering start, they could have been two or three up before Hassocks had even registered a shot.

The hosts did eventually take a deserved lead with 13 minutes on the clock. Kieron Pamment forced a decent save from Jack Simpson but Jake Forward picked up the rebound and his cross returned into the box was converted by Charlie Romain.

Rangers celebrated rather too exuberantly for the liking of Hassocks and a right melee ensued, the result of which was a straight red card for home striker Luke Leppard for an incident in amongst the ruckus.

Leppard for his part said afterwards that he could have no complaints about his dismissal,

although he did feel that he was retaliating to the actions of a Hassocks player rather than being the aggressor.

Mr Lowe required an eagle eyed linesman to advise on the sending off of Leppard and the same assistant was also involved early in the second half when Jay Dodd was shown red after colliding with James Westlake.

Hassocks wanted a penalty but Mr Lowe ruled the ball was out of play when Dodd went crashing into former Rangers man Westlake. Dangerous play meant the referee could still show Dodd red however, before inexplicably showing Westlake yellow.

Rangers still led 1-0 at the point having seen out the first half despite playing for the majority shorthanded. In truth, it would have been a travesty if Hassocks had got back on level terms.

They had a golden chance to do so on 34 minutes. Ex-Hassocks midfielder Daley Clark was adjudged to have been a shade late on Phil Johnson, leading to Mr Lowe pointing to the spot.

The normally reliable Phil Gault saw his penalty brilliantly kept out by Rob Gordon. Gault was clearly frustrated and earned himself a booking seconds later.

Even the dismissal of Dodd five minutes after the break failed to dampen the spirits of Rangers. Neither did Aaron Walsh becoming the third home player to see red for a cynical pull back of Johnson's shirt after the speedy Hassocks forward

broke through the Rangers defence and attempted to accelerate towards Gordon's goal.

Gault atoned for his earlier miss, beating Gordon with the resulting penalty to level the tie.

The scores may have now been locked at 1-1 and Hassocks may have had a three man advantage, but still a Robins victory did not seem a foregone conclusion.

Rangers sacrificed forward Romain, introducing defender Josh Bryant and playing only Louis Pople up top after he replaced the injured Rob Cooper.

Pople worked hard leading the line alone and Rangers had more than their fair share of luck as Hassocks were wayward with their finishing, although nobody could deny that the least the hosts deserved was some fortune.

They held out until the 81st minute, when the quality that the Robins possess finally told to break Rangers' brave resistance as Gault scored twice in quick succession.

A half cleared corner was fired back towards goal by Nathan Cooper. Gault had the awareness to realise that the shot was heading off target and so he diverted the ball inside Gordon's post with the cleverest of flicked headers.

Five minutes later and Gault wrapped up his hat-trick and the three points for Hassocks. Nathan Miles slipped his strike partner in and Gault made no mistake, calmly slipping an effort under the body of the advancing Gordon.

To add insult to injury for Rangers, assistant manager Lee Saunders was sent from the bench. As frustrations grew on the touchlines, Hassocks boss Mickey Jewell exiled himself to the stands to avoid the same fate, leaving Mark Dalgleish and reserve manager Roy Staughton in charge.

Hassocks' Cooper picked up a late booking and there may well have been more; the regular production of cards made it difficult to keep up.

It was a strange morning all round but at least there were plenty of talking points unlike in recent derbies, even if it was a pity that the officials were at the heart of it.

## Hawks swoop to deny Hassocks an Easter double

48 hours after hammering Division One title contenders Eastbourne Town 4-0 at the Beacon, Hassocks hosted another championship challenger, Whitehawk, on this day in **2007**...

### **Whitehawk owe Hassocks a pint or two after their County League title hopes received a double boost from the Robins over the Easter weekend.**

On Saturday, Hassocks hammered Eastbourne Town 4-0 at the Beacon to put a real dent in the visitors hopes of claiming the championship.

Monday was a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show for the Robins as they were forced to play second fiddle throughout a first half dominated by the Hawks on their way to a 2-0 victory.

The visitors were first to the ball, sharper on it and took the chances that came their way. Hassocks threatened a little more in the second half but they never really threatened a Whitehawk outfit who now have three wins from three against the Robins this season.

Ross Standen was only forced into one meaningful save. The giant Hawks goalkeeper was not entirely convincing when touching over a superb first half volley from Phil Gault.

Apart from that, the Robins managed just one other goal bound effort when Matt Robbins had a header from a 72nd minute corner cleared off the line by Stuart Garrod.

Gault did some good work up front but Mark Sherriff had one of those days when none of his scheming paid off.

Hassocks missed Matt Amos, something John admitted afterwards. "Against a team like Whitehawk, you need a fit and sharp Amos to get in behind and cause problems."

The teenage striker was ruled out by an ankle injury picked up in the win over Town.

Hassocks did still manage to create the first opening on five minutes. Anthony Hibbert saw a shot blocked. It fell to Sam Fisk, but the young midfielder's follow up was catching practice straight into the arms of Standen.

Whitehawk went ahead when eye-catching forward Lee Newman was allowed to run from inside his own half to the edge of the Hassocks box.

He released big Ryan McBride to fire in low and hard via the inside of Joel Harding's left leg.

If the Robins' failure to challenge Newman effectively was at fault for that goal, then referee Barrie Small must take responsibility for the second.

He awarded a free kick for a foul that never was on 37 minutes. Newman tried his luck from the edge of the box and when Harding spilled it, Tommy Pattenden was there in a flash to pick up the pieces.

Hassocks had a couple of chances in-between those two goals. That magnificent Gault effort came from nothing when he collected a throw from the left, turned and hit a volley.

Gault then flicked on a long clearance out of defence from Ashley Marsh to leave Sherriff with a half-sight of goal.

Unfortunately, Sherriff was a little disorientated and his attempted lob had nowhere near the required elevation to clear the huge figure of Standen.

Mr Small had been superb in the opening 30 minutes but that gaffe for Whitehawk's second sparked a marked deterioration in his performance.

Unwarranted bookings were handed out to players of both sides with Gault and Marsh being on the end of some particularly harsh treatment from a Hassocks viewpoint.

The Robins stuck at it in the second half but rarely offered home fans much hope of a comeback.

Other than that clearance off the line by Garrord, the closest they came was when Hibbert fired a free kick just over the bar.



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# Around the League...



Whilst we were busy picking up a magnificent draw at Newhaven a fortnight ago, there were some significant results taking place at both ends of the Premier Division table as the campaign entered its final month...

**This afternoon's visitors and league leaders Littlehampton Town put three points on the board but they were made to work hard for their win by AFC Uckfield Town.**

It finished 1-0 to the Marigolds, Lee Garnham scoring the only goal of the game on 33 minutes to overcome a spirited display from the Oakmen.

There was no distraction by the off-the-pitch stories involving **Saltdean United** as the Tigers kept up the pressure in the title race, beating **Pagham** 2-1 at Hill Park.

Kieron Pamment and Harry Shooman netted in the space of five first half minutes to set Saltdean on their way to victory. The Lions consolation came via Ross Edwards just past the hour mark.

Fourth placed **Bexhill United** would have pleased to see that we had held Newhaven as they closed the gap to third with a 3-2 win against **Broadbridge Heath**.

Evan Archibald scored twice for the Pirates alongside Tom Vickers. An own goal and Jamie Taylor replied for Heath.

The revival of **Little Common** continued as they ran out easy 3-0 victors at home to **Horsham YMCA**. Lewis Hole, Oliver Weeks and James Crone were on target for Common.

Kelvin Lucas scored the only goal of the game for **Alfold** as they beat **Eastbourne United** 1-0, whilst there were 11 more goals than that at the Haven where **Crawley Down Gatwick** hammered bottom club **East Preston** 11-2.

Charlie Pitcher helped himself to five, Oli Leslie four with Guy Harding and Michael Wood rounding off the

scoring. Both EP strikes came in the final 15 minutes as they kept plugging away until the end, Carl Brown and Ric Campbell on target for a young side.

Louis Veneti scored twice as **Eastbourne Town** defeated **Loxwood** 2-0 and with **AFC Varndeanians** winning 4-1 at **Lingfield**, a great escape from relegation for a V's side who had won only once up until Christmas now looks a very real possibility.

Alex Rainford hit a hat-trick for the visitors to Godstone Road. Tom Boyle got the other goal with the Lingers' netting through Braiden Hall.

There was one Premier Division game on Friday night and it attracted a big crowd to the Sports Park where **Peacehaven & Telscombe** won 2-1 against **Steyning Town**.

Division One leaders Roffey were without a game, allowing two of their principal rivals for the title to close the gap at the top.

**Dorking Wanderers Reserves** came away from **Storrington** with all three points thanks to a 2-0 delivered by goals from George Membrillera and Max Leitch.

**Epsom & Ewell** had their 4-0 victory at home to **Selsey** sewn up within an hour. Kofi Quartey netted twice following Athan Smith-Joseph opening the scoring. Luke Miller then added the fourth on 56 minutes.

**Shoreham** reignited their stuttering promotion bid, winning 1-0 at **Oakwood** thanks to a Harry Heath effort with a quarter of an hour played at Tinsley Lane.

Two games took place in the Division One Cup quarter finals. **Arundel** defied their lowly position in

the league to eliminate **Worthing United** with a 4-2 win at Mill Road.

The Mullets had four different scorers on target as Nathaniel Monk, Ollie Hawkins, Ollie Humphries and Mackenzie Oatway all found the back of the net. Both of United's goals came from Callum Thoms.

Joining Arundel in the semi finals are **Hailsham Town** who saw off **Godalming Town** 2-1 at the Beaconsfield.

There was another own goal there in the Stringers favour which combined with a Jake Barker effort was enough to see Hailsham through. Cameron Edwin netting in the 92nd minute for Godalming proved too little, too late.

Division Two champions **Rustington** marked their penultimate game of the season with a 4-0 victory over **Southwater**. Kieron Howard scored twice and there were goals for Regan Miles and Chris Darwin.

A 3-1 win for **Jarvis Brook** at **Bosham** guaranteed the visitors runners up spot. Liam Edwards gave Brook the lead, Harry Spicer equalised for Bosham before Connor Edmunds won it and another own goal won it.

**Charlwood** and **Littlehampton United** drew 1-1. Matthew Wilson opened the scoring for the visitors with Donnachadh Street ensuring the spoils were shared with a second half equaliser.

And last but by no means least, **St Francis Rangers** finished their season by beating **Rottingdean Village** 1-0. Former Hassocks Under 23s striker Max Willcox got the only goal.



# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Littlehampton Town</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>79</b>
Saltdean United	34	24	5	5	95	30	77
Newhaven	34	21	10	3	84	30	73
Bexhill United	34	20	10	4	78	34	70
Eastbourne Town	34	19	6	9	69	40	63
Eastbourne United	34	18	6	10	70	39	60
Broadbridge Heath	34	17	5	12	66	43	56
Pagham	34	17	5	12	58	49	56
Peacehaven & Tels	34	15	7	12	60	40	52
Little Common	35	14	9	12	60	40	52
Crawley Down Gatwick	34	15	5	14	79	59	50
Alfold	34	11	6	17	41	63	39
Lingfield	34	11	3	20	47	71	36
Horsham YMCA	34	10	6	18	39	68	36
AFC Uckfield Town	34	7	14	13	31	42	35
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>33</b>
Steyning Town	35	9	6	20	40	81	33
AFC Varndeanians	34	7	7	20	55	85	28
Loxwood	34	6	5	23	31	87	23
East Preston	36	1	6	29	30	151	9

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	247	561	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	209	426	133
Bexhill United	192	440	64
<b>Littlehampton Town</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>112</b>
Newhaven	122	152	84
Broadbridge Heath	121	211	63
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>50</b>
Eastbourne United	115	155	68
Saltdean United	113	223	49
Steyning Town	111	212	64
Pagham	108	187	68
Little Common	92	184	32
Loxwood	74	178	38
Horsham YMCA	72	101	41
Alfold	71	121	35
AFC Uckfield Town	69	116	39
East Preston	69	132	30
Crawley Down Gatwick	64	95	32
AFC Varndeanians	56	130	16
Lingfieldq	50	81	38

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	Last 6
Saltdean United	WWWWW
Bexhill United	DWWW
Newhaven	WDWWW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	DWDWWW
AFC Varndeanians	DLWWW
<b>Littlehampton Town</b>	<b>DWWWL</b>
Eastbourne Town	WLWLWW
AFC Uckfield Town	WDWWDL
Eastbourne United	LDWWWL
Alfold	LWDDLW
Little Common	LLLWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	DDWLW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>LDLWWD</b>
Steyning Town	LLLWLW
Broadbridge Heath	LWLLLW
Horsham YMCA	LLWLLL
Pagham	DDLLLL
Loxwood	DDLLLL
Lingfield	LLLLLL
East Preston	LLLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
<b>Joe Benn</b>	<b>Littlehampton</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>George Gaskin</b>	<b>Littlehampton</b>	<b>40</b>
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	32
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	32
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	28
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	28
Jack Langford	Saltdean United	27
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	24
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	22
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	22
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	22
Lewis Hole	Little Common	21
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	21
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	19
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	19
Joe Clarke	Pagham	18
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	17
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	17
Louis Veneti	Eastbourne Town	17
Tom Boyle	AFC V'deanians	16



**Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	16	11	5	0	56	15	38
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>
Crowborough Athletic	16	9	3	4	43	29	30
Alfold	16	8	1	7	35	27	25
Roffey	15	7	3	5	21	16	24
Horsham YMCA	15	7	2	6	39	35	23
Oakwood	16	4	1	11	28	42	13
Steyning Town	16	4	1	11	22	51	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
Charlie Martin	Alfold	7
Kinsley Mercure	Oakwood	7
Kyle Anson	Crowborough	6
Zack Lamont	B'bridge Heath	6
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	6
Samuel Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
<b>Jay Hudson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	14	12	2	0	43	13	33
Steyning Town	14	9	1	4	51	27	28
Worthing United	14	6	1	7	35	47	19
Shoreham	14	5	3	6	37	38	18
St Francis Rangers	14	7	1	6	29	36	18
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>
Burgess Hill Town	14	4	2	8	28	33	14
AFC Varndeanians	14	3	0	11	18	42	9

**Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	14
Toby Reeder	Steyning Town	12
Nathan Williams	Worthing United	12
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	11
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	11
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	13	1	2	76	14	40
Pagham	14	13	0	1	46	16	39
Saltdean United	16	10	0	6	49	25	30
Roffey	15	9	0	6	31	26	27
Seaford Town	12	8	0	4	30	7	24
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>
Worthing Town	16	3	1	12	22	68	10
Eastbourne Town	14	2	1	11	6	66	7
Woodingdean Wand	14	0	0	14	8	67	0

**Top Scorers**

Player	Club	Gls
Emma Biffi	Pagham	24
<b>Katherine Chappell</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	16
Dulcie Edler	Worthing Town	15
Gemma Yates	Pagham	15
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	14
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	13
Georgie Enger	Montpelier Villa	12
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	12

**Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>
Ardingly	9	7	0	2	33	17	21
Charlwood	8	6	0	2	21	14	18
South Park	6	5	0	1	10	7	15
Furnace Green Rovers	8	4	0	4	9	17	12
Ansty Sports & Social	6	3	0	3	20	7	9
South Godstone	8	2	0	6	21	32	6
East Court	8	2	0	6	15	28	6
Brockham	9	2	0	7	9	22	6
Burgess Hill Albion	8	0	0	8	5	27	0

**Top Scorers**

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



## Coming up...

Three Premier Division games left to play as we chase a finish as high up the table as possible - and all three are against opponents who we have already beaten in the league this season...



### Seaford Town

#### When?

Saturday 16th April

#### Where?

The Shooting Field

#### Time?

3:00pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### Steyning Town this season?

Steyning have had one of the best Under 18s setups in the county over recent years and this season has seen them introduce many of those players into senior football. We know better than anyone how difficult that be and so the Barrowmen can be reasonably happy to have never been overly troubled by the relegation zone. They currently sit one place below us in the table in 17th spot but with the future looking bright.

#### Our record against Steyning Town?

Meetings between ourselves and Steyning have been few and far between because of Town's spell in the Wessex League. 12 times before the sides have faced off; three times in the Premier Division, four times in Division One, four times in the Sussex Senior Cup and once in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup. We have won seven, drawn three and lost two of those matches.

#### Last time we met?

Brad Sweetman earned his first win as Hassocks boss when the

Barrowmen were beaten 2-0 at the Beacon in August. Luke Marshall saw red inside of the opening 30 minutes but playing shorthanded did not have too much of an impact as two second half goals from George Mitchell-Phillips won it.

#### How to get to the Shooting Field?

With our away games with Steyning being lost to lockdowns in the previous two seasons, this will actually be the first time we have gone to the Shooting Field for a league game since the 1994-95 campaign. Make your way to the A283 Steyning bypass and continue on it once you reach the roundabout with Bramber Castle. Take the second left off the bypass onto Canons Way followed by an immediate right onto Henderson Walk. Following this road around to the right, turn right onto S Ash then left onto Farnfold Road. Follow this onto Middle Mead, turn left at the end onto the Shooting Field and you will find the ground a little way up on the right.



## Crawley Down Gatwick

### When?

Monday 18th April

### Where?

The Beacon

### Time?

11:00am

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Admission?

Adults £6, Concessions £3,  
Under 16s free

### 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. 15 wins, five draws and 14 defeats means they currently sit 11th. They will come to the Beacon desperate for three points for a top 10 finish.

### Our record against Crawley Down?

Hassocks v Crawley Down has become one of the most entertaining fixtures on the Southern Combination League circuit. 87 goals have been plundered in 24 previous meetings in senior football at an average of nearly four a game, including 34 in the past eight 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 12 victories for the Robins, eight for Down with four draws.

### Last time we met?

We picked up a magnificent 3-1 win at the Haven back in February. Pitcher gave the Anvils the lead but goals from James Westlake, Josh Short and Arthur Rawlingson secured three very welcome points on a bitterly cold evening. That was the third meeting between the sides this season; Down won the first in the Sussex Senior Cup before we eliminated them from the RUR Charity Cup.

### Any familiar faces?

A lot! Pitcher leads Down's scoring charts but we are unlikely to see Johnson on the pitch as he has struggled with injury since Christmas. Harvey Blake, Will Broomfield and Harvey Enticknap are other popular ex-Hassocks players who have made the Haven their home this season.



## Alfold

### When?

Saturday 23rd April

### Where?

Alfold Recreation Ground

### Time?

3:00pm

### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

### Alfold this season?

This has been a bit of a transitional season for Alfold. Former Dorking manager Glynn Stephens succeeded Jack and Matt Munday in the summer, the managerial duo who had led Alfold to the Premier Division for the first time in their history deciding to stand down in May. Stephens had to rebuild his squad following a number of departures but he lost his job after a poor autumn run with chairman Mark Wright taking over.

### Our record against Alfold?

This is a fixture that the gods clearly hate given the number of times it has been postponed since Alfold won promotion to the top flight for 2019-20. The away game at Alfold was postponed four times that season due to weather with Fold's trip to the Beacon undergoing the same fate once before both matches were lost to lockdown. Since then, two matches have been played with one win per team.

### Last time we met?

Goals in the 2nd and 94th minute gave us a 2-1. Lewis Westlake opened the scoring but his fine distance strike was cancelled out by Sam Lemon on the hour mark. It looked like it would end that way until we won a 94th minute penalty. Phil Gault saw his initial spot kick kept out by Andrew Osei but the Alfold goalkeeper had come off his line, handing Gault a second bite at the cherry which he duly took for a dramatic three points.

### How to get to Alfold Rec?

Take the A272 to through Billingshurst, joining the B2133 towards Newpound. Continue on the B2133 through Loxwood and Alfold will be the next village. Once you reach Alfold, you'll come to Alfold Crossways where you need to bear left onto Dunsfold Road with the ground being immediately on your left.



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## **Money raised in 2021-22**

**August £140  
September £56  
October £98  
November £102  
December £42  
January £98  
February £56  
March £126  
April**

**TOTAL £672**

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# Robins Awards

Head on over to the Hassocks Twitter feed after every game to cast your vote for the Robins' man-of-the-match - where you can also select your Player of the Month

Here are our winners so far this season...

## Hassocks Man of the Match 2021-22

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

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	209	14	223	31	21. James Westlake	31	223
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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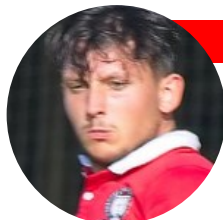
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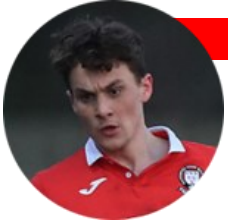
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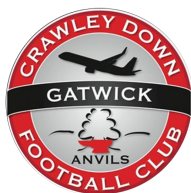


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Alfie Loversidge	
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**Head Coach** Brad Sweetman  
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### Next at the Beacon



Crawley Down Gatwick  
 Monday 18th April. 11:00am  
 SCFL Premier Division



## Littlehampton Town

James Binfield
Shay Wiggans
Dion Jarvis
Liam Humphreys
Jordan Clark
Scott Kirkwood
Lucas Pattenden
Tom Biggs
Lewis Jenkins
George Gaskin
Aaron Capon
Alex Duncan
Ryan Peake
Jordan Layton
Scott Packer
Lee Garnham
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Joe Benn
Dave Herbert
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**Managers** Mitchell Hand & George Gaskin  
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### Today's other Premier Division games

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