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**Southern Combination Division One** 

Runners up 1995

**Southern Combination Division Two** 

Winners 1993

**Southern Combination Division Two Cup** 

Runners up 1988, 1991

**Sussex Intermediate Cup** 

Winners 1975

**Montgomery Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1960

**Mowatt Challenge Cup** 

Winners 1928

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Runners up 2018, 2019

#### **UNDER 18 TEAM**

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Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central** 

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

**Southern Combination Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

**Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup** 

Winners 2002

#### **VETERANS TEAM**

**Fred Pretty Veterans Cup** 

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

Runners up

2017

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Good evening and welcome to Beacon for tonight's Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup semi final against Littlehampton Town

We would like to welcome the players, management, officials and supporters of Littlehampton Town to the Beacon and hope they enjoy their stay with us tonight.

Congratulations are of course in order to the Marigolds, who on Saturday secured the Southern Combination League title in front of a crowd in excess of 1,000 people at the Sportsfield.

Hopefully, the Littlehampton players celebrated the first of four potential pieces of silverware a little too hard and are still suffering from hangovers this evening... it might give us a bit of a chance then of making some Hassocks history!

No Robins fan needs reminding of our record of never having made it to a senior cup final before.

Brad and the players face a tall order in becoming the first Hassocks side to do so tonight, but that is the beauty of football - upsets happen and dreams do come true. Might we see one of the biggest shocks of them all tonight?

Extra time and penalties will be used if necessary and the winners will go onto face Saltdean United in the

final at Culver Road.

We will come into the game in good form having taken four points from our final two matches of the season.

It was a bit of a niggly affair against Crawley Down Gatwick on Easter Monday, both sides seeming determined to set some sort of Guinness World Record for number of free kicks conceded in the first half.

Things settled down after the break, although there were still no goals provided. Keeping a clean sheet against a Down side with such a potent attack is no mean feat, and so we could be happy with our morning.

Then on Saturday we finished our Premier Division campaign with a 1-0 win at Alfold. Lewis Westlake scored the only goal of the game with a trademark free kick, securing 16th spot in the table and a nine point gap to second-bottom.

With how perilous the situation looked back in the autumn, everyone involved can look back on the second half of the season and be relatively pleased with not only the battle shown, but also the quality of football which hauled us out of the relegation picture.

Tonight may signal the end of the first team action at the Beacon, but there is still some Ladies football to enjoy in another big semi.

Seaford Town provide the opposition here on Sunday 15th May with a 2pm kick off in the last four of the Sussex County Women's League Cup. Entrance is free so do please come along and support if you can.

The sides met in a double header on Sunday, picking up a 2-1 win each. Jess Craig and Claire Stevens scored in the Robins victory and Katherine Chappell netted in defeat.

The Veterans also have a semi final to look forward to in the Fred Pretty Plate. No date or time is confirmed for that game yet, so please keep your eyes on our social media channels for information as and when we have it.

Finally, we are still accepting votes for Supporters' Player of the Season and details of the End of Season Awards afternoon can be found a little further on in tonight's programme.

Enjoy the game,

**Owen & Scott** 





# **Littlehampton Town**

Founded 1896
Nickname Marigolds
Ground Flora Sportsfield
Website pitchero.com/clubs/
littlehamptontown
Twitter @LittlehamptonFC
Managers Mitchell Hand &
George Gaskin
Top Scorer Joe Benn, 58

#### **HONOURS**

#### **Southern Combination League**

Winners 1991, 2015, 2022 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

# They did it. After a long 38 game season and one of the most intriguing title battles of recent seasons, Littlehampton Town were crowned Southern Combination champions on Saturday...

A 2-0 win over Bexhill United secured a third league title for the Marigolds to go with their successes from 1991 and 2015, leaving them four points clear of runners up Saltdean United.

For most teams, winning a championship is the pinnacle. For Littlehampton, it may only be the start as they have opportunities to lift three more pieces of silverware over the coming weeks.

Victory here tonight will send the Marigolds into the RUR Cup Final, where they would face Saltdean. They have a date with Newhaven to come in the Peter Bentley League Cup final.

Perhaps the biggest prize of all though awaits at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 22nd May. No Southern Combination side has ever made the FA Vase final before, so already Littlehampton have written history.

Victory over Newport Pagnell would turn an unbelievable season into a fairy tale one for Mitchell Hand, George Gaskin and their players.

It would be fully deserved, too. Littlehampton have been the best

side we have come up against, even if we did not give a particularly good account of ourselves in the Beacon meeting earlier this month.

In Joe Benn, they have a striker who has scored an incredible 58 goals. That number becomes even more mind-blowing when you consider he missed a significant chunk of the season through the Spring through injury.

Gaskin has netted 44 times and yet still trails his teammate by 14. The 130 Premier Division goals Littlehampton have put up at an average of 3.4 per game must be some sort of record and it means that watching the Marigolds is rarely dull.

That explains the explosion in attendances at the Sportsfield this season. Littlehampton have become the biggest supported club in the Premier Division, an example of how powerful non league football can be when a town gets behind their local side.

They look well placed to thrive at Isthmian League level next season - with a potentially very full trophy cabinet to boot.

# **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

**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 28 - Won 11 - Drawn 2 - Lost 15 - Scored 53 - Conceded 58 **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 2

Total... Played 33 - Won 11 - Drawn 3 - Lost 19 - Scored 55 - Conceded 69

# **Previous 10 Meetings**

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-6 Littlehampton
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 0-5 Littlehampton
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-6 Littlehampton
2014-15 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-6 Littlehampton



The Beacon

# Below par Robins are no match for Wembley-bound Littlehampton

FA Vase finalists
Littlehampton Town showed
why they have become the
first ever Southern
Combination League side to
reach the Wembley
showpiece by hammering
Hassocks in front of the
biggest Beacon crowd of the
season.

The Marigolds ran out 6-2 winners to remain two points ahead of Saltdean United at the head of the Premier Division with three matches to play in a title race which looks set to go down to the wire.

Littlehampton are undoubtedly the best side the Robins have faced this season.

What might stop them claiming the championship is that they still have their eyes on four different pieces of silverware.

As well as the league title and the Vase, they will return to the Beacon on May Bank Holiday Monday to take on Newhaven in the Peter Bentley League Cup final.

That may not be their only repeat visit to Mid Sussex over the next few weeks either.

On Tuesday night, the Marigolds face Chichester City in the quarter finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup. The winners will have a trip to Hassocks in the final four.

The Robins know that whoever they face out of Littlehampton or Chi, they will have their work cut out in reaching a first ever final in senior football.

This season though has been a relative success for Brad Sweetman and his squad.

Premier Division survival was the aim and although Hassocks lost on the day, defeat for Loxwood against Saltdean means the Robins cannot now finish in the bottom two.

After a slow and troublesome start in which relegation looked a real possibility, the young Hassocks head coach and his players have grown into their roles to the point where they can now compete with most teams in the top flight.

Most being the operative word, because when Littlehampton are in this sort of form they are difficult to live with.

Sweetman stuck with the same starting XI who had all-but ended Newhaven's faint title hopes when drawing 1-1 at Fort Road in their last fixture a fortnight ago.

Hassocks knew that they would need to give a similar faultless display to that effort down on the banks of the Ouse if they were to impose themselves again on the championship race.

Unfortunately for the Robins, they ended up having a bit of an off-day, giving away two cheap goals in the space of three minutes midway through the first half which set the tone for the afternoon.

Aaron Capon was the first grateful recipient on 20 minutes before Dion Jarvis doubled the advantage on 23.

In the corresponding September fixture between these sides at the Sportsfield, Hassocks had rallied from 2-0 down to level the tie before succumbing to a battling 4-2 defeat.

Any hopes of a similar story were dashed two minutes after the interval.

Alfie Loversidge conceded possession with a loose pass and half time substitute Zack Harris punished the mistake with a cracking finish to give Alex Harris no chance.

Sam Smith pulled one back for the Robins on 58 when Littlehampton failed to clear a corner and the bustling forward bundled home.

It was poor defending from the Marigolds. Hassocks were equally guilty of that just three minutes later when Lewis Jenkins was left unmarked from six yards out to scuff a weak effort past Harris.

That made it 4-1 for anyone struggling to keep up. Littlehampton goal number five arrived despite the

best efforts of Dan Turner, who won a succession of headers and blocks whilst left almost alone by a defence which had gone worryingly AWOL.

The visitors eventually took advantage of the opportunity via captain Jordan Clark.

Harris made it 6-1 with eight minutes to go, after which there was still time for Hassocks to find a second consolation.

Referee Neil Wallace pointed to the spot, awarding the Robins a penalty.

Nobody seemed entirely sure what offence had been committed, but that was of no concern to Jack Troak who buried his kick to make in nine goals in 20 appearances since returning from injury midway through the campaign.

The final score from Loxwood did at least raise spirits amongst the home contingent, as did the news that £340 had been raised on the day for St Peter & St James Hospice.

Those generous donations from both Robins and Littlehampton fans were in support of Hassocks stalwart Spencer Slaughter and his fiancée Megan, who were running the Brighton Marathon the following day in support of the charity.

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

**Subs:** Bant, Edmeads, Bull (used), W Tighe, Wickwar (unused).

The Beacon

Saturday 14th November 2015

# Battling Robins end their losing run with point from the champions

Hassocks halted a run of four consecutive defeats with a superb battling point against reigning Southern Combination League champions Littlehampton Town.

The visitors arrived at the Beacon full of confidence. They were on a seven game winning streak which had actually begun on their previous visit to Hassocks, a 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup victory back in September.

Hassocks in contrast had a paltry two draws from their subsequent seven fixtures since that day.

Given those woes, even the most optimistic of home supporters could have been forgiven for fearing the worst.

The Mid Sussex weather was nearly as bleak as the Robins recent form.

Heavy rain and a swirling wind never relented, so it was a credit to both sides that they still managed to put on a surprisingly entertaining game given how difficult the conditions were to play in.

Hassocks were a good value for their point and perhaps could have even nicked all three.

They had a brilliant chance to win it right at the death when Phil Gault headed over when unmarked and well placed in a position from which the clinical striker scores nine times out of 10.

It was Gault's strike partner Michael Death who had given the Robins the lead inside the first 10 minutes, although it owed a big thanks to visiting boss George Gaskin, whose attempts at some cheeky foul play backfired spectacularly.

With Spencer Slaughter looking to take a quick free kick just in front of the away dugout, Gaskin kicked a spare ball from the touchline onto the pitch, leaving referee Richard Sargeant with no choice but to pull the game back much to Slaughter's anger.

That worked out brilliantly from a Hassocks point of view however as from the retake, the ball found it's way to Gault whose knock down was met with a crunching volley from Death that went in via a post.

Littlehampton should have been level a few minutes later but somehow their forward contrived to put a header high, wide and handsome from a matter of yards with the goal gaping.

It was the Marigolds' danger man George Landais who levelled things up on 24 minutes from the penalty spot after Nick Pitcher was adjudged to have hauled down a striker who was bearing down on the Hassocks goal.

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Pitcher was clearly incensed with Richard Sargeant's decision to award a spot kick despite producing a foul that would have been deemed a great try saving tackle in a game of rugby.

In truth, Pitcher was lucky to receive only a booking for what some referees may have interpreted as denying a clear run at George Willett and therefore a goal scoring opportunity.

There could be no complaints about Littlehampton's second, a cross from out on the right met with an absolutely stunning acrobatic volley from Peter Beadle that looped into the top corner.

With the wind now against them

in the second half, it appeared as though Hassocks would be in for a long 45 minutes after turning around.

Those thoughts were initially confirmed as Town dominated the early stages, forcing several good stops from Willett and then hitting the woodwork as the Robins goal led a charmed existence to say the least.

Hassocks hung in though and they were able to grow into things as the half went on and things became very stretched, Gault drawing a couple of fine saves from Jon Hendrick.

Long range efforts from both Slaughter and Hawkes next gave the Littlehampton number one something to think about.

With tired legs across the park after such a battling performance, Hassocks introduced Jack Wilkins and Jonno Melia from the bench and it was the latter who snatched the equaliser with his first couple of touches, outstripping Scott Packer out on the left flank before neatly finishing the one-on-one opportunity past Hendrick.

Ashley Marsh produced a superb block from point blank range to keep the scoreline level before Gault had that great chance late on to secure what would have been a first victory since September.

Not that anybody involved with Hassocks was complaining, as evidenced by the cheers that greeted the full time whistle.

Phil Wickwar shared the supporters' and players' delight, saying afterwards, "It's a great point against an in form team but it is only a start. We have to improve still and we will."

**Hassocks:** Willett; Barnes, Marsh, Pitcher, Jacques; Bant, Hawkes, Slaughter, Hillwood; Death, Gault.

**Subs:** Wilkins, Melia (used), Tighe, Akehurst, Price (unused).

# Robins in the RUR



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

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

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

Our previous semi final experience was the most disappointing when in the 2011-12 season, we were beaten 3-1 by lowly Selsey at Culver Road.

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

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

It had been a straightforward cup run up until that point with victories against Mile Oak, East Grinstead Town and Southwick paving the way to heartache in the last four.

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

"The RUR Cup is the competition that has provided the Robins with the best opportunity to win their first ever senior trophy – not that that is saying much, admittedly – as we have now reached the semi-finals of the competition on four occasions."

Mile Oak, Arundel and Lancing had all been vanquished on route to the meeting with the Robins' arch rivals of the time and although formbooks and class can go out the window when it comes to a local derby, Hassocks proved to be no match for the Hillians who ran out 4-1 winners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hassocks were also eliminated from the competition at that stage in both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons via heavy home defeats, 5-1 of the competition three times at the

against Eastbourne Town and 5-0 against Littlehampton Town respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Robins have only bowed out

first round stage – to Langney Sports in 1996-97, Ringmer in 1984-85 and Peacehaven & Telscombe in 1983-84.

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

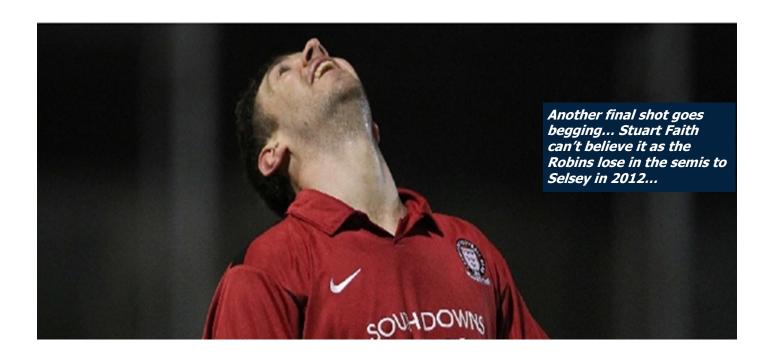
The other came two seasons previously when another 1-1 draw at Adastra necessitated a second game, this time Hassocks triumphing 5-3 in a thriller away at Hastings Town.

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

The extra time wins have seen the Robins defeat Ringmer 4-3 in 1982-83, Worthing United 4-2 in 1995-96 Ringmer again in 2005-06 2-1 and Crawley Down in the third round of this season's competition here at the Beacon in January.

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

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















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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.

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

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# Beacon attendances up 17% as fans flock to non league

Hassocks attracted more fans to the Beacon in 2021-22 than in the last completed campaign of 2018-19 - despite the current campaign's battle against relegation

Average Premier Division attendances at the Beacon increased by 17% in the 2021 -22, reflecting the growing popularity of the Southern Combination League.

The increase is based on average crowds the last time a season was played to a finish, in 2018-19.

Hassocks averaged 111 that year, finishing the campaign safely ensconced in mid table.

The jump to 130 in the current season is made all the more impressive by the fact that the Robins have spent it battling relegation.

Hassocks attracted their biggest crowd for the visit of Premier Division leaders Littlehampton Town in April.

280 turned out to watch the Robins lose 6-2 to the Marigolds, who one week earlier had made history by becoming the first Southern Combination League side to reach the FA Vase final.

Attendances across the Premier Division as a whole were up 33% on their 2018-19 levels. Littlehampton

were both the best supported club and achieved the biggest increase.

The Flora Sportsfield attracted an average crowd of 260 in 2021-22 compared to only 66 in 2018-19 when the Marigolds were in Division One.

Littlehampton's increase of 294% exceeds any other club by quite some way. Broadbridge Heath were closest to the Marigolds, a 114% increase from 56 to 120 coming as a result of the Bears moving from their former Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre home into a brand new purpose-built stadium at High Wood Hill.

Hassocks ended the season in seventh spot in the attendance league table. Littlehampton topped the charts, followed by Eastbourne Town on 255, Peacehaven & Telscombe on 231, Bexhill United on 199, Eastbourne United on 136 and Newhaven on 133.

The Robins will be hoping to continue to grow attendances in the 2022-23 season.

Unprecedented levels of housebuilding are taking place in the

village and whilst it is a controversial subject with lots of justified concerns over how the area will cope, it increases the local audience for the football club to potentially tap into.

Crowds have also begun to rise as Hassocks' form has improved. 12 of the Robins' opening 19 Premier Division matches were played at the Beacon when the team were struggling for results.

Had the Premier Division fixture list given a more balanced split of home and away fixtures - four home matches in a row occurred more than once through August and September - then the average Beacon attendance might have been even higher as the team improved.

A grand total of 46,930 people passed through the turnstiles of Premier Division clubs in 2021-22, compared to 35,311 in 2018-19.

The league and all its members can be proud of those numbers, as non league football continues to provide an alternative to the moneyfilled world of the Premier League.



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# Hassocks 100 Club gets a new member as Lewis Westlake passes his Robins century

Lewis Westlake became the latest player to join the Hassocks 100 Club after completing a century of appearances in the Easter Monday 0-0 draw with Crawley Down Gatwick.

The midfielder has reached the landmark across three separate spells with the Robins spread over a little under six years.

Westlake first joined the Robins in the summer of 2016 from Lancing. Over the next two seasons, he made 62 appearances to establish himself as a regular in the midfield engine room. Westlake scored four times in that period.

He returned to Lancing for the start of the 2018-19 season before moving onto Loxwood whom he played 22 times for.

Hassocks became his third club of the campaign, Mark Dalgleish bringing Westlake back to the Beacon in February 2019.

Westlake made a further 15 appearances for the Robins over the next year before the Spring 2020 lockdown brought a premature end

to the 2019-20 season.

For 2020-21, it was back to Loxwood where Westlake's ex-Hassocks teammate Spencer Slaughter was now manager.

Slaughter soon named Westlake as captain of his Magpies side. Westlake subsequently skippered Loxwood to the final of the Southern Combination League Supplementary Shield, where they lost to Isthmian League-bound Lancing.

When Slaughter left Plaistow Road, Westlake was one of a number of players who headed for pastures new.

His destination was Steyning Town, but he made only two starts and one substitute appearance before Hassocks lured him back to the Beacon for a third time in October.

The Robins were enjoying a torrid season at the point Westlake returned, having won just two league matches and been eliminated from the Peter Bentley League Cup and Sussex Senior Cup as well as the FA Vase and FA Cup.

Relegation looked a distinct

possibility. It is no coincidence that the signing of Westlake coincided with the upturn in form that has seen the Robins end the season nine points clear of the bottom two and in this evening's Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup semi final.

Westlake's first five games back in a Hassocks shirt saw him net four times - as many as he had in his 77 appearances from his first two spells.

In total, Westlake has contributed six goals this season. That makes it his most prolific campaign as a Hassocks player.

Most of them have been spectacular strikes too. There was an effort from 36 yards against Montpelier Villa in November and a delicate chip at home to Alfold four days later.

Westlake's expertise from set pieces has also proven hugely beneficial. He has scored from direct free kicks against East Preston and Alfold and provided his fair share of assists from dead ball scenarios.

Congratulations to Lewis on reaching the milestone, and here is to the next 100.

# PARKER BUILDING SUPPLIES







# The traditional End of Season Awards announcement & list of thanks...

As is customary at the end of the season, we have a number of thanks to dish out to volunteers without whom Hassocks would not be able to function as a football club.

First though, **details of the End of Season Awards afternoon**. It will take place here at the Beacon on Thursday 2nd June, starting at 3pm.

It is the first day of a four-day holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which should give everyone plenty of time to recover before returning to work on the Monday if a little too much Bedlam, Silver Rocket or Silly Moo gets drunk.

Awards will be handed out for all of the club's adult teams plus the Under 18s and all players and supporters are invited to attend.

We hope to see you there to celebrate a season which may have been slow to get going, but which has become increasingly enjoyable as performances and results have improved in recent months.

And who knows, we might even have some silverware on show with

semi finals still to be played for the first team, Ladies and Veterans.

Onto the thanks and we cannot really start anywhere else than with **Alan John**, who has once again worked tirelessly on the pitch and general maintenance around the Beacon.

Included in that this year has been a significant amount of effort in preparing the south field behind the Maurice Boxall Stand for use as a training pitch from next season.

Making the most of that land has long been an ambition for the club and now it can finally be realised, largely due to Alan's hard work.

Thank you to **Chris Low** for running the T Bar and providing some of the best food on offer in the league, and to Chris and **Keith Low** for their cleaning.

**Milly Wickwar** has also been invaluable stepping in behind the T Bar, the latest in a long line of Wickwars to offer their volunteering services to the club.

Thanks to **Mia Pordage** for running the turnstile, and **Chris Marshall** and **Nicky Loversidge** for

helping on the gate and with car parking.

**Nick Palmer** has done an excellent job as club secretary and our committee has been swelled to its largest size for many seasons.

Thank you to Jason Roberts, Nick Newman, Stuart Faith, Martin Lee, Sam Newman and Stuart Doyle for joining the normal suspects in helping to run the club.

**Brad Sweetman** and **Jordan Wilson** have put in countless hours running both the first team and Under 23s, and of course we have to thank all the players too for their efforts.

Thanks to **Phil Wickwar** for his work as physio and providing much entertainment with sarcastic comments from the bench.

Last but by no means least, thank you to all you Hassocks fans for your faith and support over the course of 2021-22.

It is truly appreciated by everyone at the club both on-the-pitch and off it. We look forward to seeing you all back here next season, hopefully for a push up the Premier Division table.





# Mid Sussex Times



# Sussex football fan running 1569 miles for Ukraine

A Brighton & Hove Albion season ticket holder and Sussex non-league football fan with a Ukrainian family has set himself a challenge of running 1,569 miles to raise money to buy and deliver medical supplies to the besieged city of Dnipro.

Anthony Seddon met his wife Anna whilst following England at the 2012 European Championships, held in Poland and Ukraine.

A somewhat unreliable campervan broke down several times whilst Anthony and friends travelled across the country, including one fateful time which left them stranded in Dnipro.

It was during this unscheduled stop that Anthony and Anna first crossed paths. 15 months later and they were married. They now live in Portslade with their two children.

Anna's mother joined them in March following a five day journey by bus, train and plane out of Ukraine.

Her departure came just in the nick of time; less than 48 hours later,

Dnipro was hit by three missiles which left a local nursery burning. Anna's brother and his young family remain in the city.

Wanting to do something to help, Anthony hit upon the idea of running the equivalent distance between the Amex Stadium and the home of FC Dnipro.

Over £12,000 has been raised already. This paid for medical tourniquets, which Anthony drove to Poland himself on a 20 hour journey.

The supplies were then moved into Ukraine and delivered to Dnipro via Lviv. Anna is in contact with a paramedic friend in Dnipro, who informs the couple of the medical aids most desperately required at the current time.

Over the past three weeks, Anthony has completed the Brighton 10k and the Worthing Half Marathon whilst wearing the Albion's third choice shirt of yellow and blue – the colours of Ukraine.

To help boost the fundraising effort, Anthony is looking for fellow

football fans to join him in running events and asking for sponsorship for the Run2Ukraine fund.

Anyone who would like donate to Run2Ukraine can do so through the campaign's Gofundme page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/run2ukraine

If you would be interested in joining Anthony at a future running event and help to raise money, please

email run2ukraine@gmail.com.

Alternatively, you can scan the below QR code to donate. Thank you for your support.



# Hassocks find no way through in Easter Monday scoreless stalemate

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Monday 18th April 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-0 Crawlev Down Gatwick

# When Hassocks and Crawley Down Gatwick normally meet, goals are guaranteed. Not so this Faster Monday clash

goals are guaranteed. Not so this Easter Monday clash between the sides at the Beacon, which finished scoreless.

Both teams seemed to cancel each other out, which perhaps should not have come as a surprise given the familiarity between them.

Not only was this their fourth meeting in the space of seven months, but Down named four ex-Robins in their starting XI and one more on the bench. It would have been even more had the Anvils' top scorer Charlie Pitcher not had to settle for watching from the sidelines.

Even in the absence of the 32goal Pitcher, Down could still call upon former Hassocks favourite Phil Johnson and Oli Leslie, who have found the back of the net over 40 times between them this season.

The Robins deserved a lot of credit for their defensive performance in ensuring that Alex Harris did not have a meaningful save to make all morning despite the potent attacking threat posed by the visitors.

At the other end, Alex Bellingham made a succession of fine stops to frustrate Hassocks.

The Robins have been unfortunate to come up against two goalkeepers in fine form in the space of 48 hours, having been kept similarly at bay by Steyning Town's Stefanos Akras in Saturday's 1-1 draw at the Shooting Field.

Without the performances of Akras and Bellingham - or with slightly more clinical finishing - Hassocks might well have taken six points out of six over the weekend rather than just two.

The first half under the Mid Sussex sun took some time to get going, not helped by there being breaks in play every couple of minutes for niggly little fouls. Lewis Westlake had an intriguing battle with former teammate Harvey Enticknap, and Johnson and Bradley Tighe also caused referee Harry Wood to halt proceedings on more than one occasion.

It was another of the former Hassocks contingent in Harvey Blake though who was the recipient of the first yellow card on 25 minutes.

He put Alfie Loversidge in a chicken wing chokehold when the young Robins forward attempted to break clear of the Down defence.

That was not the first time Loversidge found himself in the wars. He also took a boot to the head prior to his tangle with Blake when attempting to get on the end of a Bradley Bant header down in a half-chance for Hassocks with eight on the clock.

Blake's booking did at least seem to calm things down, leading to a bit more action in both boxes. Alfie Edmeads made a superbly timed last ditch tackle on Michael Wood who was about to deliver a dangerous cross towards a lurking Johnson.

Down defender Shaun Finlay then blocked a crisp Loversidge volley following an aerial Jack Troak pass.

A crunching Dan Turner tackle on Johnson led to Tighe playing a 60 yard ball into the path of Josh Short down the left channel to create Hassocks' next chance.

Short found himself one-on-one with Bellingham but the angle was a little too tight and the effort drifted wide of the far post.

The Robins best opportunity of the game came three minutes before half time.

A heavy deflection off a Down defender looked like it would help a Short effort from outside the box defy Bellingham, until the visiting goalkeeper showed great reactions to keep the ball out.

Better was to come from Bellingham with the follow up. James Westlake looked certain to put the





loose ball into the unguarded net until Bellingham appeared from nowhere to complete a remarkable double save.

The second half was even slower to come to life than the first. Short was wiped out on the edge of the box on 68 minutes and Lewis Westlake nearly marked his 100th Hassocks appearance with a goal, only to see his free kick curled around the wall clawed out of the bottom corner by the sprawling Bellingham.

A series of substitutions livened things up for the final quarter of an hour. Down replacement Luke Donaldson looked like he was going to trouble Harris with a well-hit effort after the Robins failed to deal with a cross, only for Tighe to make a fine block.

Troak was then able to take advantage of the tie opening up to scamper clear on two occasions.

He nearly caught Bellingham by surprise by opting to take an early shot from 25 yards with space still to run into. The Down keeper just about got down in time, scooping the ball away.

When a towering Turner header from the resulting corner was blocked on the line by the fourth member of the ex-Hassocks club Will Broomfield, you sensed that this was not going to be Hassocks' day in front of goal.

That was confirmed the second time Troak ran clear, released in the third minute of injury time by substitute Charlie Broad, only to be denied by the legs of Bellingham.

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

**Subs:** Bull (Bant 72), Broad (Loversidge 81), W Tighe, Marshall, Dunkley (unused).

# Westlake wins it for Hassocks on final day outing to Alfold

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 23rd April 2022, The Beacon **Alfold 0-1 Hassocks** 

This has been a season of two halves for Hassocks. Their final Premier Division fixture of the campaign was in keeping with their improved form since the midway point as they won 1-0 away at Alfold to secure 16th spot in the table.

The target for the Robins as always was to preserve their cherished status as the top flight's longest serving club.

For much of the opening three months, that appeared under serious threat. Hassocks won three and drew four of their opening 19 games, earning only 13 points.

In contrast, they have lost just six matches in the second half of the season, winning six and drawing seven to finish nine points clear of the bottom two.

the battle against the drop.

"A young Alfold side keen to keep the battle against the battle against the battle against the drop.

What makes the turnaround all the more remarkable is that Hassocks have played 12 of those 19 fixtures on the road.

Most would have expected Hassocks to flounder with so many tough assignments away from the Beacon, and yet if anything they have flourished.

There is also the prospect of the Robins making it to the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup final for the first time in their history.

Newly crowned Southern Combination League champions Littlehampton Town visit Mid Sussex on Tuesday night in the semi final of the competition.

The Marigolds will be hot favourites having beaten Hassocks 6-2 earlier this month.

It would be an almighty shock for the Robins to eliminate a side aiming to end the season with four trophies, but this young Hassocks squad have developed a habit for proving people wrong this season.

That resilience and belief is why Robins fans can look to the future

with optimism, presuming of course Hassocks can keep the group together.

Add a striker this summer to supplement the likes of Jack Troak, Josh Short and Alfie Loversidge—all have scored regularly but none are out-and-out centre forwards - and eyes should be wandering up the table in 2022-23 rather than down.

Central to Hassocks' improvement as the campaign has worn on was bringing the Westlake brothers back to the club.

The spine of the team looks so much stronger with them in the engine room and Lewis' dead-ball specialism has seen him create and score a number of important goals in the battle against the drop.

"A young Alfold side were keen to keep the ball and pass out from the back. Hassocks pressed at the right moments, stealing possession in key areas and looking dangerous on the counter."

It was his sixth of the season which decided the tie at Alfold Recreation Ground, a trademark free kick curled around the wall with 22 minutes on the clock.

Hassocks could be particularly pleased with their clean sheet, given that two of the backline who shutout a dangerous Crawley Down Gatwick attack on Easter Monday were absent.

Young Luke Marshall was excellent in filling the sizable boots of Dan Turner, who has been colossal in recent weeks at centre half.

Alfie Edmeads being rested to the bench necessitated a bit of a positional merry-go-round as Bradley Bant took over at left back, Joe Bull came into the side wide on the right and Loversidge moved central to play





off Short.

A young Alfold outfit were keen to keep the ball and pass out from the back. Hassocks pressed at the right moments, stealing possession in key areas and looking dangerous on the counter.

Chances were at a premium in a fairly even contest until a driving run from Short was halted illegally front and centre of the Alfold goal, giving the Robins a free kick in a hugely promising position.

Westlake made the most of the opportunity, leaving home goalkeeper Josh Page routed to the spot as the ball crashed into the back of the net.

Alford had a great chance to equalise just before half time. Kelvin Lucas shifted the ball well inside the area, only for Alex Harris to make a smart save down to his right which ensured Hassocks went into the break 1-0 to the good.

The second half continued in much the same vein, the Robins managing to turn over possession and play on the break whilst a strong defensive showing meant they were rarely troubled at the other end.

Alfold managed to break through only once. Harris though was alert to come off his line and make a one-onone block from Ben Beazley.

Hassocks saw their best opportunity after of the second half fall to Troak. He went galloping clear with only Page to beat, opting for an attempted chip which screwed disappointingly wide.

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

**Subs:** Edmeads, S Smith (used)

# **First Team Matches 2021-22**

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
September				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
25/09 - 15:00	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
October				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Gault
19/10 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-2	
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
November	,			
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
09/11 - 19:45	Montpelier Villa (H)	RURC2	5-0	Short, Gault (2), L.Westlake, Thwaites
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP	2-1	L.Westlake, Gault
16/11 - 19:45	Pagham (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP	0-0	
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Short, L.Westlake
December	. ,			•
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	2-5	L.Westlake, S.Smith
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
January	. ,			•
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP	2-1	Short, Troak
11/01 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	RURC3	2-1 AET	Troak (2)
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	2-2	Gault, Short
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	0-1	·
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP	1-4	Short
February				
01/02 - 19:30	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	3-1	J.Westlake, Short, Rawlingson
05/02 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	1-0	Broad
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	0-0	
March				
05/03 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	0-1	
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP	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
April	• ,			
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP	2-6	S.Smith, Troak
16/04 - 15:00		SCFLP	1-1	Troak
18/04 - 11:00		SCFLP	0-0	
23/04 - 15:00		SCFLP	1-0	L.Westlake
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# **First Team Appearances 2021-22**

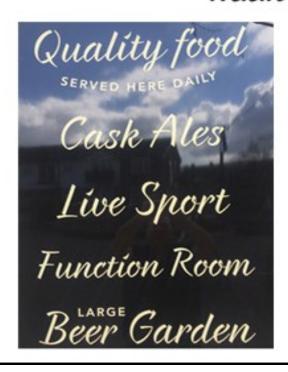
		2021-22	Season		Hassocks Career		
Player	Starts	<b>Used Sub</b>	Games	Goals	Games	Goals	
Josh Short	42	0	42	9	54	9	
Alfie Loversidge	41	1	42	9	60	11	
Arthur Rawlingson	32	6	38	1	38	1	
Bradley Tighe	35	0	35	0	138	0	
Joe Bull	18	14	32	3	93	7	
James Westlake	30	1	31	1	227	31	
Alex Harris	28	0	28	0	88	0	
Jack Baden	23	5	28	0	31	0	
Dan Turner	26	0	26	0	61	3	
Lewis Westlake	24	0	24	6	101	12	
Jack Troak	19	4	23	10	76	23	
Luke Marshall	19	3	22	0	38	0	
Bradley Bant	18	4	22	0	171	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	Ö	20	Ō	
Connor Bradley	11	2	13	1	22	1	
Sam Smith	8	- 5	13	2	13	2	
Lewis Beebee	7	5	12	1	15	1	
Charlie Broad	1	9	10	1	10	1	
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3	
Alfie Edmeads	4	5	9	Ö	9	0	
Jordan Badger	5	3	8	2	118	9	
Lucas Tyrrell	3	5	8	0	8	0	
Charlie Pugh	7	0	7	Ö	31	Ö	
Phil Gault	5	2	7	5	345	190	
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0	
Josh Hawkes	1	4	5	Ö	77	11	
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	Ö	4	0	
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	Ő	4	0	
Louis Thwaites	1	3	4	1	4	1	
Harvey Parker	3	0	3	Ō	3	0	
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0	
Spencer Slaughter	2	1	3	Ő	293	47	
Kobe Dersley	1	2	3	Ő	4	0	
Sam Geard	1	2	3	Ő	3	0	
Jay Hudson	1	2	3	Ő	3	0	
Kieran Dimelow	2	0	2	0	5	0	
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0	
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	Ő	2	0	
Marshall Smith	0	2	2	Ö	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	
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# **Under 23 Matches 2021-22**

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26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
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01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
October				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	3-0	Slaughter (2), Tyrrell
21/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	0-2	
28/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23	2-4	Rawlingson, M.Smith
November				
04/11 - 19:30	Eastbourne Town (A)	CU23C2	1-2	Russell
11/11 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Russell, Badger (2), M.Smith
18/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	U23LC1	3-1	Beebee, Tuck, Marshall
25/11 - 19:45	Roffey (A)	SCFL23	0-2	
December	, , ,			
02/12 - 19:30	Alfold (A)	SCFL23	4-0	Troak (2), Thwaites, Wallis
16/12 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	3-1	Short, Hawkes, Russell
January	or remove the gene (in)			
13/01 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-2	Beebee (2)
20/01 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	3-2	Broad (2), Rawlingson
27/01 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	1-2	Marshall
February	Serrancis rangers (11)	OCI EES		Tarshan
10/02 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	U23LC2	4-4	Beebee, Wallis (2), M.Smith (Won 4-2 on penalties)
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03/03 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	U23LCQF	2-2	Marshall, Badger (Won 3-0 on penalties)
31/03 - 19:30	Alfold (@ B'bridge Heath)	U23LCSF		Turner
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# **Under 23 Appearances 2021-22**

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# **Under 18 Matches 2021-22**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Geard
September				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18	2-1	Parker-Williams, Beck
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	5-5	Parker-Williams, Russell, Beck, Chowdhury, Geard
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Geard, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	Howard (2)
November				
07/11 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	4-0	Russell (2), Geard, Beston
14/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Geard
21/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Geard, Russell, Carter
28/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	0-2	
December				
05/12 - 11:45	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
19/12 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18	1-2	Parker-Williams
January	. ,			
16/01 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18	5-6	Geard, 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
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# **Under 18 Appearances 2021-22**

		2021-22	2 Season	
Player	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 Geard	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 É	3	0	3	0
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	3	3	0
Owen Parker	0	2	2	0

# **Ladies Matches 2021-22**

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	<b>FAWCQ</b>	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
November				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP	7-0	Mair (3), Pordage, J.Craig, S.Chappell, Johanson
December				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP	0-3	
January				
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	4-2	J.Craig, Kendall
February				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP	7-0	K.Chappell (4), Johanson, Bright, Pordage
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP	4-0	K.Chappell, J.Craig, Mair, Read
20/02 - 14:00	Horsham Sparrows (A)	SWLC2	6-0	Mair (2), Pordage, J.Craig (2), Johanson
27/02 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
March				
06/03 - 15:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP	6-4	K.Chappell (2), J.Craig (2), Johanson, Bright
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	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
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03/04 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP	0-2	14.61 11.60 7.6 1.60 141 7.1
10/04 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP	8-0	K.Chappell (3), J.Craig (2), King, Johanson (2)
24/04 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP	2-1	J.Craig, Stevens
24/04 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP	1-2	K.Chappell
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15/05 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SWLCSF		

# **Ladies Appearances 2021-22**

		2021-22	2 Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jodie Johanson	16	0	16	9
Sam Newman	16	0	16	0
Mia Pordage	16	0	16	3
Emma Flin	14	1	15	1
Claire Stevens	14	0	14	1
Katie Read	9	5	14	1
Jess Craig	13	0	13	11
Jemma Kendall	12	0	12	1
Tallie Bright	12	0	12	2
Sarah Chappell	11	1	12	0
Kirstin Mair	11	1	12	10
Katherine Chappell	11	0	11	19
Joanne Brown	6	3	9	0
Ellie Moquet	3	6	9	0
Holly Webb	2	7	9	0
Zeba Ghorishi	4	3	7	0
Kayleigh Norris	1	3	4	0
Liz King	2	1	3	1
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0
Madeleine Cannon	0	1	1	0
Rachael Scammell	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0

# Vets the latest Hassocks side to get a big semi after seeing off Sidley

Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veterans Plate Quarter Final Monday 11th April 2022, The Beacon

# **Hassocks Vets 4-1 Sidley United Vets**

Big semis have been the order of the day for Hassocks this season with the Veterans the latest team to move to within one step of a cup final.

The first team have made it to their first semi final for a decade in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup, where they will face a daunting task against FA Vase finalists Littlehampton Town.

In the Southern Combination Under 23 League Cup, the Robins went all the way to the final four before elimination against Alfold.

And the Ladies have a semi final in the Sussex County Women's League Cup to look forward to when hosting Seaford Town at the Beacon in May.

The Veterans joined the party thanks to a 4-1 win over Sidley United in the quarter finals of the Mid Sussex League Fred Pretty Veteran plate.

Sidley arrived at the Beacon with a strong side full of lots of names recognisable from time spent playing Southern Combination League football for clubs in the far east of the county.

The Robins though proved too good, a blistering start to proceedings and a strong finish under the Beacon lights seeing off opponents who had qualified for the knockout stages of the Plate by finishing fourth in Group B.

Hassocks topped Group A, winning seven matches out of seven and scoring 35 times at an average

of more than five-per-game.

With fixtures in Veterans football decided on what is basically weekly basis, the Robins do not yet know who they will face in the final four as they look to secure the Fred Pretty trophy for the first time since 2016.

Manager Nick Newman will be hoping he can keep turning out a side as good as the one he named against Sidley for the rest of the competition.

There were four changes from the Robins' last outing when they won 6-0 at home to Furnace Green Rovers in March.

"The Robins proved too strong for a good Sidley side, a blistering start to proceedings and a powerful finish under the Beacon lights seeing off opponents who had qualified for the knockout stages by finishing fourth in Group B."

Newman himself, Joel Harding, Dave Juniper all returned with Anthony Hibbert also tempted out of hibernation as the recent dry spell meant his boots would not get muddy.

Missing out were Steve Curtis, Lee Da Lue Browne, Brendan Leahy and Adam Waller.

Hassocks flew out of the box and were 2-0 ahead in quick time. Perhaps that led to an overconfidence, but they took their





foot off the gas a bit and allowed Sidley back into the tie.

Wes Tate has scored plenty of times against the Robins down the years and it was his goal which halved the deficit and led to a spell of domination for the visitors.

Hassocks though reasserted their authority and went onto score two more of their own to confirm their place in a big semi.

On target for the Robins were Juniper, Rob Sayers, Elliott Butler and Paul Armstrong.

Butler celebrated his second of the season by going home and running a 10km around Haywards Heath and Cuckfield in a world record time.

Armstrong meanwhile described scoring in the Fred Pretty Veterans Plate as a childhood dream come true, eclipsing his Republic of Ireland Under 21 caps and his two goals from 56 appearances as a professional with Brighton & Hove Albion.

**Hassocks:** J Harding, Armstrong, Newman, Broadstock, Humphries, Sayers, Bundy, Hibbert, Butler, Spies, Juniper.

**Subs:** Gault, Maynard (used).



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# **Veterans Matches 2021-22**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
October	Charlusad (A)	MCELV	7 2	Chica (2) Maynard Dundy Armstrong Hibbort
10/10 - 14:00 <b>November</b>	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
07/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean United (A)	CVC1	6-0	P.Harding (3), Leahy, Bundy, J.Harding,
29/11 - 19:30	Furnace Green Rovers (H)	CVC2	5-2	Broadstock, Bundy, Juniper, Gault (2)
December	Turidee Green Rovers (11)	CVCZ	5 2	broadstock, buridy, sumper, dduit (2)
19/12 - 14:00	Mile Oak (A)	CVC3	3-4	P.Harding, J.Harding, Juniper
January	( )			3, 3, 1
16/01 - 14:00	East Court (A)	MSFLV	9-2	Spies (2), Armstrong (2), Hibbert (2), J.Harding, Juniper, Bundy
23/01 - 14:00	Brockham (H)	MSFLV	4-1	Gault, Spies (2), Sayers
February				
13/02 - 14:00	Ardingly (A)	MSFLV	2-1	Armstrong, Bundy
March	F (11)	MCELV	6.0	Crise (2) Property (2) Melley
07/03 - 19:30	Furnace Green Rovers (H)	MSFLV	6-0	Spies (3), Bundy (2), Waller
<b>April</b> 11/03 - 19:30	Sidley United (H)	FPVPOF	4-1	Juniper, Butler, Sayers, Armstrong
11/05 - 19.50	Sidley Officed (H)	TEVPQE	4-1	Juniper, Dutier, Sayers, Armstrong

# **Veterans Appearances 2021-22**

	2021-22 Season						
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals			
Steve Spies	10	0	10	12			
Jonathan Bundy	8	2	10	5			
Anthony Humphries	9	0	9	0			
Nick Newman	9	0	9	0			
Che Williams	7	1	8	0			
Paul Armstrong	7	0	7	4			
Robert Sayers	7	0	7	2			
Michael Broadstock	6	1	7	1			
Joel Harding	6	0	6	3			
Anthony Hibbert	6	0	6	3			
David Juniper	6	0	6	6			
Lee De La Rue Browne	5	1	6	0			
Adam Waller	5	0	5	1			
Elliott Butler	5	0	5	2			
Brendan Leahy	4	0	4	1			
Pat Harding	3	0	3	6			
Richard Thompson	2	1	3	0			
Phil Gault	1	2	3	3			
Chris Maynard	1	2	3	0			
Steve Curtis	1	1	2	0			
Paul Gurr	0	2	2	0			
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0			
Simon Shinvarain	1	0	1	0			
Matthew Hughes	0	1	1	0			



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It was Dave John's penultimate game as Hassocks boss prior to retiring and he fielded five teenagers on this day in **2008** against a physical and more experienced Redhill outfit...

# Lacklustre Robins outmuscled by Lobsters

Dave John suffered defeat in his final Saturday game in charge of Hassocks before retirement as a much-changed Redhill outfit secured a narrow 1-0 victory at the Beacon.

The Robins will have one final chance to send Johnsy upstairs to his new director of football role with a victory when Wick visit for the last Division One game of the season a week Tuesday.

Against the Lobsters, they were a little too naïve - hardly a surprise given the youthful look of the side - against opponents with much more experience and muscle.

Hardly any of the Redhill side featured when Hassocks won 2-1 at Kiln Brow back in October, a midseason overhaul having taken place.

The Robins for their part were without their two goal scorers from that earlier meeting.

Anthony Hibbert continues to be sidelined with injury whilst Matt Amos has only been available sporadically due to his studies at Cambridge University.

Hassocks created very little in front of goal and Redhill number one Michael Czanner cannot have had many easier afternoons, not making one meaningful save across the 90 minutes.

Joel Harding in contrast was kept pretty busy. He was called into action as early as the seventh minute, denying Michael Dennis with a fine block. Minutes later and Harding pulled off an outstanding one-handed save from Tommy Brown.

Dennis forced Harding into another good stop on the half hour mark, just before Chris Brown limped off with an ankle injury.

Adam Williams took over, meaning that the Hassocks midfield was now made up of two 16-year-olds in Williams and Jamie Ingham alongside Michael Bates, the senior statesmen of the trio at the elderly age of 19.

It must have been one of the youngest midfields to ever grace the County League.

The ages of all three combined were only just older than veteran right back Mickey Turner, who is yet to confirm his own retirement plans.

There is the chance that, like Johnsy, this could have been Turner's penultimate game as a Hassocks player after a stellar career spanning over 580 appearances.

As well as their young midfield, the Robins also started with two teenagers in attack. Phil Johnson was rewarded for his sensational hat-trick which won the County Under 18 League Cup for the youth team on Thursday night in a 3-2 win over Arundel with his first start, alongside Laurence Robinson.

Both were willing runners whose pace looked like it could cause Redhill problems if the Robins could get them in behind. Hassocks though failed to do that, the result being that they did not muster an opportunity in the opening 45 minutes.

John changed tack at half time,

introducing Richard Thomas as a focal point in attack to hold the ball up in place of Johnson.

Thomas though struggled to get into the game, seeming to still be suffering with the thigh strain that had hampered him on Tuesday night against Ringmer even as he scored.

Spencer Slaughter was walking a tightrope in the second half after finding his way into referee Gary Croft's notebook for a late tackle on the stroke of half time.

The lively Tony Reid did his best to take advantage, running at the Hassocks defence with the ball knowing that Slaughter had to be careful to get any challenge spot on.

Within two minutes of the restart, Harding had to save from Reid and the same player than waltzed through four Hassocks challenges, only to blaze over.

Lee Radford had another shot parried away by Harding before Redhill deservedly took the lead on 72 minutes. John Difford rose at the far post to head in a free kick from Brown.

The game petered out into a typical end of season affair after that, Hassocks never threatening and Redhill happy to see out the win.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Turner, Lear, Slaughter, Marsh, Thompson; Bates, Brown, Ingham; Johnson, Robinson.

**Subs:** Williams (Brown 30), Thomas (Johnson 45), Miles, Kublickas (unused).

# **Around the** League...



On Saturday, somewhere in a layby on the A27 halfway between Littlehampton and Saltdean sat a car with the Southern Combination League trophy. Come 5pm, it was heading west after the final day of enthralling campaign...

**Littlehampton Town knew that** matching the result of Saltdean United would hand them the Premier Division title. In the end, they actually bettered the Tigers to claim the championship by four points.

A crowd of 1,092 were present at the Flora Sportsfield to see Littlehampton overcome Bexhill United 2-0, who themselves could have finished third with victory.

Jordan Clark set the Marigolds on their way with the opening goal on 39 minutes. Joint player-manager George Gaskin secured the three points in the 96th minute, putting the first of four potential trophies into the Sportsfield cabinet.

Saltdean ended up being held 1-1 by **Eastbourne United.** Harry Shooman gave the Tigers a 57th minute lead but they were ahead for only nine minutes before Max Thompson equalised. A point for United was enough to ensure they finished fifth, their highest position since winning the title in 2008-09.

It ended up being a disappointing weekend for Saltdean, who also discovered that they would not be able to partake in the promotion playoff after Hill Park failed ground grading.

Third placed **Newhaven** will now take the Tigers' place, travelling to Culver Road to face Isthmian League Lancing on Saturday. The winners will play in the Isthmian next season, the losers in the Southern Combination.

The Dockers finished their Premier Division campaign by beating **Pagham** 3-0 at Fort Road.

Jack Meeres put Newhaven into a

half time lead, extended by Lee Robinson and Lucas Franzen-Jones in the second half.

Festos Kamara grabbed a brace for Eastbourne Town in their 3-0 victory over East Preston. Simon Johnson was the other Town goal scorer.

Broadbridge Heath had an own goal to thank for their 1-0 home win against AFC Uckfield Town. There was also an own goal at the Sports Pavilion, Lingfield putting through their net as it finished 1-1 against Horsham YMCA. Aaron Jenkins scored at the right end.

A successful season for Little **Common** saw them secure their best **Easebourne** beat **Wick** 2-1 at ever finish. The campaign came to a close with a 2-2 draw at home to Peacehaven & Telscombe, Jack McLean and Lewis Parsons gets the goals for the hosts.

Nothing could separate Steyning Town and AFC Varndeanians in a 0-0 draw at the Shooting Field, after which Barrowmen manager Gerry Murphy announced he would be standing down to bring an end to an era for Steyning.

Loxwood will have an anxious wait to find out if they have been given a relegation reprieve after finishing in the bottom two.

If their trip to Crawley Down **Gatwick** was to be their final game as a Premier Division club, then they did at least go down in style with a 2-1 win at the Haven.

Callum Dowdell and George Cousins got the goals for the Magpies. Downs consolation came via former Hassocks favourite Will Broomfield.

Division One champions Roffey

will play top flight football for the first time next season and they signed off with a 1-1 draw at Shoreham.

Josh Neathey put the visitors 1-0 ahead after 41 minutes, followed by a 96th minute equaliser from David

The Musselmen finished the campaign in fifth. They will travel to fourth place **Seaford Town** in the playoffs, who ended their season by drawing 2-2 with Godalming Town.

Ross Cheek and Luke Beale scored for Godalming. The Badgers goals came from Callum Edwards and Jayson Sowter.

Runners up Midhurst & Crabtree Park to set up a playoff semi at home with Epsom & Ewell. Liam Dreckmann and Harry Tremlett scored for the Stags.

Epsom meanwhile were not at the races as they went down 3-1 at Mile Oak. Zach Kieran, Tommy Kirwan and Jack Judd were on target with Oak with Luke Miller getting the consolation for the visitors.

Third placed **Dorking** Wanderers Reserves are not eligible for promotion and so they will not partake in the playoffs. Their 2-0 win at Hailsham Town delivered by goals from Joe Hasler and George Craig was therefore a little meaningless.

The rest of Division One's final day results saw Forest Row win 4-3 at home to Arundel, Montpelier Villa beat Billingshurst 5-2, Selsey defeat Oakwood 2-1 and **Storrington** lose 1-0 at home to Worthing United, after which Swans boss Bob Paine announced his retirement.



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# The 2021-22 season...

Southern Combination Premier Division Table							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Littlehampton Town	38	29	4	5	<b>130</b>	48	91
Saltdean United	38	27	6	5	104	31	87
Newhaven	38	23	11	4	94	36	80
Bexhill United	38	22	11	5	83	39	77
Eastbourne United	38	20	7	11	75	45	67
Eastbourne Town	38	20	7	11	74	45	67
Broadbridge Heath	38	19	6	13	71	47	63
Peacehaven & Tels	38	17	9	12	72	46	60
Pagham	38	18	5	15	63	59	59
Little Common	38	14	10	14	65	64	52
Crawley Down	38	15	6	17	83	67	51
Lingfield	38	14	4	20	58	73	46
Horsham YMCA	38	11	8	19	44	73	41
AFC Uckfield Town	38	8	15	15	32	44	39
Alfold	38	11	6	21	44	72	29
Hassocks	38	9	11	18	46	<b>75</b>	38
Steyning Town	38	9	9	20	41	92	36
AFC Varndeanians	38	8	8	22	58	89	32
Loxwood	38	8	5	25	37	99	29
East Preston	38	1	6	31	31	161	9

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Premier Divis	sion Attend	lances	
	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	247	561	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	209	426	133
Bexhill United	192	440	64
Littlehampton Town	192	352	112
Newhaven	122	152	84
Broadbridge Heath	121	211	63
Hassocks	119	210	<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

Premier Division Top Scorers							
Player	Club	Gls					
Joe Benn	Littlehampton	<b>58</b>					
George Gaskin	Littlehampton	44					
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	33					
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	32					
Jack Langford	Saltdean United	31					
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	29					
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	29					
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	25					
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	23					
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	23					
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	23					
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	23					
Lewis Hole	Little Common	21					
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	21					
Jamie Taylor	B'bridge Heath	21					
Louis Veneti	Eastbourne Town	20					
Joe Clarke	Pagham	19					
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	17					
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	17					
Joe Shelley	Saltdean United	17					

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table									
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts		
Broadbridge Heath	16	11	5	0	56	15	38		
Hassocks	16	10	2	4	<b>32</b>	18	<b>32</b>		
Crowborough Athletic	16	9	3	4	43	29	30		
Alfold	16	8	1	7	35	27	25		
Roffey	16	7	4	5	22	17	25		
Horsham YMCA	16	7	3	6	40	36	24		
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					
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	6					
Zack Lamont	B'bridge Heath	6					
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	6					
Samuel Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5					

Southern Combinat	ion Un	der 1	8 Cei	ntral	Divisi	on Ta	ble
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	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
Hassocks	14	4	2	8	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	14
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										
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts			
Pagham	15	14	0	1	47	16	42			
Montpelier Villa	16	13	1	2	76	14	40			
Saltdean United	16	10	0	6	49	25	30			
Roffey	16	10	0	6	35	26	30			
Seaford Town	13	8	0	5	30	8	24			
Hassocks	14	6	1	7	<b>50</b>	21	19			
Worthing Town	16	3	1	12	22	68	10			
Eastbourne Town	15	2	1	12	6	74	7			
Woodingdean Wand	15	0	0	15	8	71	0			

Top Scorers							
Player	Club	Gls					
Emma Biffi	Pagham	24					
<b>Katherine Chappell</b>	Hassocks	19					
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	16					
Dulcie Edler	Worthing Town	15					
Gemma Yates	Pagham	15					
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	14					
Lucy Jellett	Seaford Town	13					
Georgia Starkey	Pagham	13					
Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	13					

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	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Hassocks	8	8	0	0	35	7	24	
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 Scorers	
Player	Club	Gls
Steve Spies	Hassocks	12
Liam Tucknott	Ardingly	10
Jonathan Bundy	Hassocks	7
Ritchie Caldwell	South Godstone	7
Christopher Cook	Ardingly	7
Mark Collison	Ansty	6
Pat Harding	Hassocks	6
Mark Heavens	Charlwood	5
Dave Juniper	Hassocks	5
Terry Wallis	Ardingly	5



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February £56
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April £28

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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 Crawley Down Gatwick home Jack Troak Little Common away Lewis Westlake Eastbourne United away Josh Short Bexhill United home Josh Short Crawley Down Gatwick away James Westlake AFC Uckfield Town away Charlie Broad AFC Varndeanians away Sam Smith Loxwood home Dan Turner Horsham YMCA away Alfie Edmeads East Preston home Jack Troak Seaford Town away Jack Troak Pagham away Josh Short Newhaven away **Dan Turner** Littlehampton Town home Jack Troak Steyning Town away **Dan Turner** Crawley Down Gatwick home Jack Troak Alfold away Lewis Westlake Littlehampton Town home

# **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

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# 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.	•	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	213	14	227	31	21.	James Westlake	31	227
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.	Jack Troak	23	76
25.	Stuart Agate	172	7	179	4	25.	Stuart Faith	22	289



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