

The Robins

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Emirates FA CUP



Hassocks v Lingfield

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Winners 1960

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Winners 1928

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Runners up 2022

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

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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

Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022



Welcome to the Beacon



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon, where we are delighted to be experiencing the Magic of the FA Cup!

This is the 24th season in which we have entered the world's greatest cup competition Those involved in the Premier League and media pundits might tell you it has lost its excitement, but that is not the case whenever extra preliminary qualifying rolls around and non-league clubs like ourselves and Lingfield dream of how far we might advance.

It would take an absolute miracle for a Southern Combination League club to go all the way to the first round proper and a meeting with someone in the Football League.

Miracles do happen though. Chichester City were reigning Southern Combination champions when they went as far as the second round and an away day at Tranmere Rovers a few seasons ago.

And who would have predicted this time last year that Sussex would have its first representatives in the FA Vase Final at Wembley? Littlehampton Town proved that once you start building momentum, anything can happen.

Derby County at the Beacon on November 5th? Maybe not. But a nice little cup run would be nice and bank some very welcome prize money for

the club.

Lingfield will provide tough opposition having made an unbeaten start to the new season, compared to our two defeats from two matches.

There were plenty of reasons for encouragement during Tuesday night's 4-3 loss to Midhurst. Notching three times and going close to adding more on a number of occasions shows that we have goals in us this year.

If the performance today continues from the final hour against the Stags, there are reasons to be confident that we can give Lingfield a run for their money.

The prize awaiting the winners is a home time with Isthmian League side Uxbridge on Saturday 20th August. If we are to win today, then that will be our next first team game at the Beacon, so be sure to put it in the diary.

Should today end level, then there will be a replay on Tuesday night. This will also be held at the Beacon as Lingfield's Godstone Road home is not yet ready to host football with the cricket season still ongoing. Kick off would be at 7:45pm.

Today marks the start of a busy weekend at the club. Tomorrow we

host Lewes Women against West Ham United in a pre-season friendly. The surge in interest in women's football caused by Euro 2022 means that we are expecting a big crowd of Rooks fans, West Ham fans and football supporters from across Mid Sussex.

To ensure that the afternoon runs as smoothly as possible, we are still looking for some volunteers. If you are planning on attending the game and can offer your services to help, please speak to Owen behind the bar today who will be happy to advise.

If we lose today, then the next first team fixture here is due to be on August Bank Holiday Monday at 11am against Roffey.

Before that, the Under 23s get their campaign underway under new manager Neil Parker. They travel to Roffey on Thursday 18th August with a 7:30pm kick off.

That is followed a week later by their first home game when St Francis Rangers visit. It would be fantastic to see you supporting them in what is sure to be an entertaining derby.

Enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Today's Visitors >>>

Lingfield

Lingers Factfile

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Managers Sam Morgan & Daniel Burnett

Top Scorer Sam Clements, 4

Club Honours

SCFL Division Two

Winners 1998

Mid Sussex Football League

Winners 1993

Surrey Intermediate League

Winners 1978, 1979

Surrey Intermediate Cup

Winners 1978, 1979

Surrey County Centenary Cup

Winners 1978

Surrey Junior League

Winners 1914

Edenbridge & Caterham League

Winners 1935, 1936, 1937, 1953

Edenbridge & Caterham Cup

Winners 1962

This afternoon represents a little bit of history. Despite being regular foes over the past 40 seasons, Hassocks and Lingfield have never met in the FA Cup. Until now.

The Lingers are one of the few opponents who we have faced in the Premier Division, Division One and Division Two of the Southern Combination League.

Throw in RUR Cup, Peter Bentley League Cup, Supplementary Shield and Division One Cup clashes and you have seven different competitions in which we have clashed in the past.

After today, all that remains is the FA Vase. What odds would you get on us being paired together in the competition later this season?

That would be a tough game for the Robins. Lingfield have undergone an overhaul during the summer and whereas results have been slow to come for us following our own rebuild, they have made a flying start to the season under joint managers Sam Morgan and Daniel Burnett.

An opening day draw at Alfold was a decent result. They then followed that up with a midweek win

over last season's Premier Division runners up Saltdean United at the Shooting Field, where Lingfield are to play two of their three opening home games.

Godstone Road was unavailable during the opening months of last season and then when the wet weather arrived, Lingfield continued to move fixtures away from to other venues.

A lot of clubs might have been badly impacted by losing home advantage. It says a lot about the Lingers that they still managed to finish in a highly respectable 12th spot despite the upheaval.

Their aim for this season will be to combine that steely resolve with a little more quality. Morgan and Burnett will be hoping their new additions bring that.

We meanwhile can at least take comfort from earning four points against the Lingers in 2021-22. Who knows which way this afternoon will go? That is the Magic of the FA Cup!

10 Key Lingers Moments

1938... after a trio of Edenbridge League titles, they move from the High Street to Talbot Road
1958... the Lingers move to their current home at Godstone Road
1978... lift the Surrey League and Intermediate Cup double, repeating the trick the following season
1980... join the Combined Counties League after being rejected by the Southern Combination
1982... floodlights are installed at Godstone Road and the club enter the FA Vase for the first time
1983... they finally join the Southern Combination, lasting six seasons before relegation to the Mid Sussex
1993... win the Mid Sussex League and a year later, earn promotion to SCFL Division One
2008... promoted to the Premier Division for the first time in the clubs history
2014... the FA force a move to the Southern Counties East League. One season later, they return to the ACL
2018... promoted back to the SCFL Premier Division four years after being moved

Last 19 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 12th
2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2017-18, Southern Combination One 3rd
2016-17, Southern Combination One 5th
2015-16, Southern Combination One 8th
2014-15, Southern Counties East Premier 17th
2013-14, Southern Combination Premier 15th
2012-13, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2011-12, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 8th
2007-08, Southern Combination One 2nd
2006-07, Southern Combination One 10th
2005-06, Southern Combination Two 2nd
2004-05, Southern Combination Two 3rd
2003-04, Southern Combination Two 8th
2002-03 Southern Combination Two 9th
2001-02 Southern Combination Two 16th
2000-01 Southern Combination One 18th

The Robins' Record v Lingfield

SCFL Premier Division > Played 18 - Won 5 - Drawn 6 - Lost 7 - Scored 23 - Conceded 23

SCFL Division One > Played 2 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 2

SCFL Division Two > Played 4 - Won 4 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 18 - Conceded 1

RUR Charity Cup > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 2

Peter Bentley Cup > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 5 - Conceded 4

SCFL Supplementary Shield > Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 4 - Conceded 3

SCFL Division One Cup > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

Total > Played 30 - Won 15 - Drawn 6 - Lost 9 - Scored 61 - Conceded 40

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Lingfield 1-2 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Lingfield

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Lingfield 2-2 Hassocks

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Lingfield 3-2 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Lingfield 3-2 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Lingfield

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Lingfield 1-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Lingfield

2018-19 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Lingfield

2015-16 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 5-1 Lingfield

Played for both

Striker Daley Clark joined us from Lingfield for the start of the 2009-10 season, going onto spend just over a year at the Beacon.

The former Burgess Hill Town Under 18s forward was bought in by Dave John to form a new look strike partnership with Neil Kane, who made the move from Shoreham towards the end of the 2008-09 campaign.

It was hoped that Clark would help address the problem of scoring goals that had haunted us as we only

just survived relegation at the end of that season.

Unfortunately for Clark, he did not prove to be the answer as the return to Hassocks of Phil Gault from St Francis Rangers saw Clark shifted back into a midfield role.

The move suited Clark and he played 34 times in his debut campaign, scoring once.

With Mickey Jewell taking the reigns for 2010-11 and an influx of new faces, Clark found his first team opportunities limited and he made the move to St Francis Rangers a

month into the new season.

Ben Bacon has played for both clubs as part of his attempts to tick off every team in Sussex. His brief spell at Lingfield in-between spells with Saltdean United and Steyning Town in 2018-19.

Bacon has been a Hassocks player twice, playing for us at the start of the 2016-17 and 2019-20 seasons.

Finally, our new assistant manager **Tom Hughes** turned out for Lingfield as player after moving to Sussex from London.



Short and Troak secure first win on the road to get 2022 off to perfect start

Whyteleafe was not where Hassocks had been expecting to kick off 2022 but the long drive inside the M25 proved worth it in the end as they picked up a first away win of the season.

First half goals from Josh Short and Jack Troak secured a 2-1 win over Lingfield, who had taken the decision 48 hours earlier to switch the game from their waterlogged Godstone Road home to the 3G surface of Church Road.

And although Lingfield have hosted matches here in the past, it was Hassocks who made themselves at home by taking a 2-0 lead inside of half an hour.

The confidence Brad Sweetman's young side have taken from holding Premier Division leaders Saltdean United in their last game a little over two weeks ago was there for all to see right from the first whistle.

Hassocks set out to play with a high tempo and disrupt Lingfield. This approach bore fruit for the Robins' opening goal which arrived with nine minutes played.

James and Lewis Westlake harried in midfield to win possession from Braiden Hall. Senior Westlake brother James slipped in Short who produced a clinical finish with the inside of his foot that gave Lingfield goalkeeper Johnny Thurbin no chance.

The hosts were struggling to contain the energy of industrious James and he soon fashioned another decent opening for Hassocks just past the quarter of an hour mark.

Troak was the recipient this time, scampering away down the flank. Frustratingly, his cross was wasteful as it sailed straight into the arms of Thurbin as Short and Alfie Loversidge looked to arrive in the area.

Jack Baden has been a revelation at left back during the Robins' recent

good run of form and he was enjoying a lot of joy overlapping down the flank. He was next to be released, this time by Lewis Westlake but the resulting cross from Baden flew out of play.

By this point, it was fairly obvious that if Hassocks could get their final ball right then they would stand a very good chance of extending their lead.

That duly happened on 27 minutes. James Westlake again fed a pass into a wide area for Short, who led three Lingfield defenders on a merry dance.

When Short had finally finished toying with the opposition, he played a low cross perfectly placed to Loversidge who was scythed down just as he was about to pull the trigger.

A penalty was the only outcome and Troak despatched the spot kick with aplomb for his first goal of the season. You could see how much it meant to the popular forward to be starting the new year back on the scoresheet following a 2021 that was badly disrupted by injury.

The second half was never likely to be as comfortable for Hassocks as the first, although they could have made it three straight from kick off.

A long kick out of defence was flicked on by Troak to send Short away. He cut inside and forced a fine save on the stretch from Thurbin.

Lingfield began to exert ever increasing amounts of pressure on the Robins goal after that without ever really testing Harvey Parker, Hassocks' Under 23s number one who was standing in for the absent Alex Harris.

That was until a clumsy challenge from Bradley Tighe gifted Lingfield a penalty with 58 minutes played. Aaron Jenkins was the home player clattered and he duly punished Hassocks by beating Parker clinically from the spot.

Lingfield should have been level

almost immediately as in the 120 seconds following Jenkins' penalty, they passed up two gilt edged opportunities to equalise.

Haydn Dickinson somehow volleyed over from six yards out with the goal at his mercy. The same player then produced an ever so slightly more acceptable miss when clearing the cross bar from 20 yards with only Parker standing in his way.

Sweetman attempted to break Lingfield's second half dominance with a change on 75 minutes. Bradley Bant had been tireless in midfield on his return from injury and he made way for forward Joe Bull in amongst some positional adjustments.

The changes had the desired impact as Lingfield became less of a threat – so much so that Hassocks almost added a third to kill the game off as it entered the final 10 minutes. Short was outstanding once again in creating an opportunity, teeing up Troak at the far post who could only drag wide.

Not that the miss mattered as Hassocks held on to get 2022 off to the perfect start and end a 14 month wait for a Premier Division victory on the road.

With 10 of the Robins' 15 remaining league matches to be played away from the Beacon, it was a particularly timely moment to banish their travelling blues.

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

Subs: Bull, Wallis (used).



Magnificent 7 for rampant Robins causing a Lingfield implosion

Nothing can stop Hassocks at the moment. The Robins secured a seventh win in a row in all competitions in the hostile environment of high-flying Lingfield, where they passed the physical test provided by their hosts with ease to run out 4-1 victors.

The only negative was a red card for Anthony Hibbert early in the second half. There was a certain amount of irony that Hibbert was the only player on the pitch to head for an early bath when Lingfield spent the entirety of a feisty and often ugly encounter swearing, bickering and moaning at each other and the officials.

Colourful Lingers boss Dixie Dean also saw red on the stroke of half time. Dean launched what can only be described as a full on verbal assault at referee Barrie Cox which went on for a good two minutes.

Admittedly, Mr Cox did look out of his depth. Dean's outburst though will no doubt have consequences for him, especially as he refused to leave the dugout at first.

Lingfield were 3-0 down by that point, not helping Dean's mood. This was the sort of febrile fixture that Hassocks would have wilted in even last season.

18 months into Mickey Jewell's reign and he is instilled a team spirit and mental toughness in his squad that made them stronger than Lingfield and ensured the game was over before even half time.

It took just three minutes for the Robins to take the lead on their way to a seventh victory of the campaign on the road.

Nathan Miles centred and James Westlake crept in unnoticed from his right flank to sweep home.

The next five minutes saw Mr Cox give a series of free kicks against Hassocks for innocuous challenges. These though were quickly forgotten

when Miles doubled the lead on eight minutes with a superb goal.

Hassocks cleared a Lingfield corner with an astute Phil Gault pass finding Miles just inside the Robins half.

Miles outstripped Chris Head easily before taking on an early shot, curling the ball around giant 6'10 goalkeeper Tom O'Hara via the inside of the post.

A bizarre incident involving Jack Simpson nearly led to Lingfield pulling one back. The Hassocks goalkeeper was adjudged to have handled outside his area when not releasing a drop kick quick enough.

Daryl Coleman struck a superb free kick which needed an even better save at full stretch from Simpson to keep it out.

Coleman then shot weakly at Simpson and fired over from two opportunities he was well placed to do better with.

Those misses were punished when Hassocks added a third on the half hour. Chris Maynard hit a diagonal ball which Tom Hughes headed back towards O'Hara.

Hughes though had not spotted Gault lurking behind and the Robins talisman collected the ball, coolly rounded O'Hara and tucked home.

The moment which so incensed Dean arrived in the 45th minute. Hibbert and former Crawley Town man Gareth Graham tangled in midfield.

Hibbert was booked for the initial tackle, Graham swung a handbag around for some afters to earn himself a booking and that led to Dean's meltdown and sending to the stands.

Lingfield started the second half with renewed vigour and Hassocks had to weather a bit of a storm. Kieran O'Callaghan taking over from the injured Stuart Faith and Ashley Marsh at the heart of the Robins defence were excellent in repelling everything the hosts could throw at

them.

Marsh was the victim of a terrible stray elbow to the head which should have seen Danny Oakins shown a straight red. Somehow, Mr Cox let it go.

Hibbert was not so lucky when he was given a second yellow for a tackle on Graham shortly after. In the context of the game, it was a soft card to say the least.

Hassocks responded to being reduced to 10 by scoring their fourth on 58 minutes. O'Callaghan hit a long ball over the top of the Lingfield defence which Miles raced onto to beat O'Hara one-on-one.

Lingfield for their part kept trying to find a way through in between bouts of berating each other.

They eventually got a consolation deep into injury time when Graham lashed home a cross from Josh Coulson.

Even after this there was still time for a further incident. Hughes and Hassocks sub Andy Whittingham were lucky not to be sent off as they indulged in a spot of wrestling.

Mr Cox settled on flashing yellows to both, probably not to inflame an already disappointed Lingfield contingent with the game in the 97th minute.

Nothing though could dampen the spirits of the Hassocks players and supporters on another fine away day, even if the main talking point on the way home once again seemed to focus on the referee.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Maynard; Westlake, Hibbert, Weston, Johnson; Gault, Miles.

Subs: Slaughter (Johnson 59), B Palmer (South 78), Whittingham (Westlake 84).

Starman: A great all round team effort but it goes to Nathan Miles for two excellent goals.



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The Beacon to host Lewes Women v West Ham United

Two of the biggest clubs in English women's football will take to the Beacon tomorrow as Championship side Lewes host WSL outfit West Ham United in a pre-season friendly.

The Rooks have moved the game to Hassocks with the Dripping Pan unavailable. Kick off is at 2pm and admission is £7 adults, £5 concessions with Under 16s going free.

West Ham finished the 2021-22 WSL campaign in sixth spot and reached the semi finals of the FA Cup. In October, they pulled off one of the biggest shocks of the season when securing a famous 2-0 win against a Manchester City side containing Lionesses Jill Scott, Alex Greenwood, Keira Walsh, Ellen White and Lauren Hemp.

Lewes meanwhile play in the second tier of women's football. They are the only club in the world who pay their men and women an equal wage, earning them the moniker of Equality FC. The Rooks finished eight last season.

The game comes one week after England were crowned Euro 2022 champions. Goals from Ella Toone and Chloe Smith - both of whom played and scored against Lewes in 2018 for Manchester United and Everton respectively - gave the Lionesses their first major trophy in front of a sell-out crowd at Wembley.

A peak TV audience of more than 17 million tuned in to watch, making it the most-watched women's football game in UK television history and the most-watched TV event of the year.

Women's football has never been more popular, making everyone at the Beacon particularly proud that Lewes have chosen to play at Hassocks.

The T Bar will be open selling hot food and drink. The Robins Bar has a range of craft beers from local breweries including Bedlam, Silver Rocket and Silly Moo Cider. Other alcohol is also available.

Ample parking will be provided with the south field behind the Maurice Boxall Stand to be opened for cars to use.

Hassocks run their own Ladies side, playing in the Sussex County Women's & Girls Premier Division. The Robins are one of the longest-running sides in Sussex, having been playing in their current guise since 1999.

Successes of the past 23 years including lifting the South East Counties' Premier Division title, the League Cup on two occasions and being crowned county champions when winning the Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy in 2019.

Players departing for clubs up the pyramid and retirements have seen the Robins drop a few levels since those heady days.

The club is now looking to rebuild ahead of an influx of young players set to come through the thriving Juniors Section in the coming years.

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Bedlam Brewery to sponsor Hassocks Man-of-the-Match

There will be an added incentive for Hassocks players to win the Man-of-the-Match this season thanks to new sponsors Bedlam Brewery.

The winner of the Bedlam Brewery Starman award from each game in 2022-23 will receive a three pack of selected Bedlam Beer for their efforts.

Alex Bygraves and Harvey Blake have claimed the first two awards for their performances against Peacehaven & Telscombe and Midhurst & Easebourne respectively.

Bedlam has been served at the Beacon since the start of the 2020-21 season, when the Robins took the decision to start stocking local craft beers to support brewers from Mid Sussex as the first Covid-19 lockdown came to an end.

Their selection has proven hugely popular with Hassocks fans, visiting supporters and groundhoppers and helped the Robins Bar take record levels of income last season.

Now, Hassocks players can benefit from the partnership between

the club and brewery.

Based in Plumpton Green, the idea for Bedlam Brewery was born in 2011 by a group of friends whilst enjoying Bedfest in the picturesque Albourne Estate Winery in Sussex.

Over a few beers, they discussed their frustrations at not being able to find local beers that not only tasted great, but were also better for the environment too.

Their passion was ignited and they built a small brewery on Bedlam Street with a mission to brew better beer for a better planet and our local community.

By 2015 Bedlam Beers had gained such a strong local following that they were encouraged to start brewing commercially.

This meant they had outgrown their brewhouse, so a new eco-brewery - which coincidentally is also on the original Bedlam Street - was built in the shadow of the picturesque South Downs National Park.

From their new base, Bedlam have produced a number of award-winning beers. Bedlam Pilsner won

double gold at the European Beer Challenge 2021 and Wilde East Coast Pale Ale was also a gold winner.

Wilde was brewed in celebration of Oscar Wilde, the colourful writer and poet who loved Sussex and is a celebrated icon in the LGBTQ community.

Bedlam Phoenix Extra American Pale Ale meanwhile picked up national keg winner gold at the SIBA Independent Beer Awards 2022.

As well as the Robins, Bedlam support numerous other community clubs, projects and initiatives. They work with charities including City Angels, Hospices of Hope, the MS Centre and Only a Pavement Away and launched Bedlam Kelp to raise awareness and money for the Sussex Kelp Restoration Project, donating 5 percent of all sales.

Their beers can be found at some of the biggest venues and events in Sussex (as well as the Beacon). Everyone at Hassocks is delighted to have further extended the club's relationship with them and we thank them for their support of the Robins.

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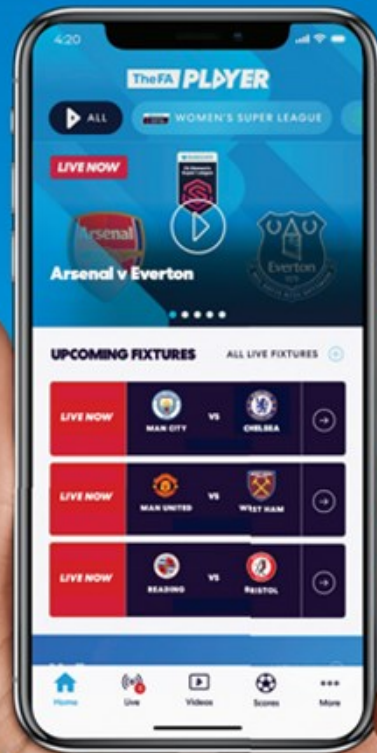
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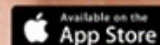


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HASSOCKS IN THE FA CUP

The 2021-22 season represents Hassocks' 24th crack at the FA Cup with the Robins furthest run so far seeing them get to within two games of the first round proper. Here's a look back at our previous efforts in the world's greatest cup competition...

Rattling the Rooks

Hassocks' best run in the FA Cup came in the 2001-02 season when Dave John's side made it to within two games of the first round proper.

Lewes were the team who ended that most unlikely of dreams, triumphing 3-0 in the third qualifying round.

Ashford Town were seen off 3-2 in the Preliminary Qualifying Round to set up a date with Ash United in the First Qualifying Round.

Nothing could separate the sides in the first game at the Beacon and so it was off to the Shawfield Stadium for a Tuesday night replay.

Three goals in six second half minutes were enough to win the tie for Hassocks and end Ash's unbeaten start to the season as well.

Marc Rendall notched the first in the 70th minute, bringing a Mickey Turner cross under control and slamming the ball into the bottom corner.

Home defender Stuart Woodhouse put through his own net

with a volley from a quickly-taken Luke Flomo free kick five minutes later.

And the blitz was completed when Flomo teed up James Laing who beat two defenders to fire home.

The result and performance earned Hassocks the applause of the Ash support and set the Robins up for a tie against Bromley from two divisions higher.

"Not many people gave Hassocks a hope going into their tie with Bromley, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon against their visitors from two divisions above."

Not many people gave Hassocks a hope going into that one, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of

the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon.

That set up a mouth watering all-Sussex tie at the Dripping Pan, where Jimmy Quinn's Rooks proved to be too good for Hassocks.

Lewes would go onto make it all the way into the main draw, facing Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the first round.

The Robins meanwhile were able to build the Maurice Boxall Stand with the money generated from their cup run, which still stands on the south side of the Beacon today.

Nothing dull about Dulwich

Fast forward four seasons to the 2005-06 campaign and Hassocks nearly equalled that famous run, going out at the second qualifying round stage against Isthmian Premier side Dulwich Hamlet.

Being the only Southern Combination League side left in the competition by that point, there was

a bumper crowd at the Beacon of over 300 who witnessed Hamlet squeak through by the tightest of 1-0 margins.

It took four games to get that far in the competition, victories over Erith Town and Chessington & Hook sandwiching two meetings with Hillingdon Borough following a draw at Hillingdon.

Pat Harding had a particularly good time of it, scoring four times in the cup run and he is one of only two former Robins to appear in the competition proper.

That was when he was a regular at Eastbourne Borough; the other player being Eddie French, who was part of Horsham's famous run that included taking Swansea City to a replay in the mid 2000's.

Facing the big guns

The biggest side the Robins have faced in the FA Cup was Havant & Waterlooville in the First Qualifying Round in the 1998-99 season.

That game saw a highly creditable 1-0 defeat away at Westleigh Park, one of six exits at that particular stage of the competition for Hassocks.

We've faced Bromley - who can currently be found in the Conference National - on two other occasions aside from that 2001-02 run.

Both of those came in the 1999-00 season, when the Ravens required a replay to knock the Robins out, eventually winning 2-1 at Hayes Road after a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.

That tie was set up by one of our most notable scalps in the competition, a 1-0 win away at Horsham,

French scored the only goal of the game at Queens Road, heading home a Dickie Fernley corner in the 29th minute.

The Hornets were unable to find a way past the inspired Paul John in the Hassocks goal after that and their heads dropped as a result for the final 20 minutes in which Hassocks could've made the game safe.

Laing was denied twice by Horsham's debutant goalkeeper Phil Lewis and Lewis also saved well from a powerful Adam Waller drive.

The shock result saw Hornets boss Russell Mason quit as manager in the immediate aftermath.

Hassocks' heaviest FA Cup defeat came in the First Qualifying Round in 2010-11, a 5-0 away defeat at an impressive Sholing side, a game that was overshadowed by Chris Maynard suffering a terrible double leg break that would rule him out for the best part of a year.

That season was also responsible for the Robins' biggest ever FA Cup win when



The Maurice Boxall Stand was built with the proceeds of the Robins' 2001 run to the Third Qualifying Round



A bumper crowd of over 300 pack out the Beacon for a second qualifying round tie with Dulwich Hamlet in 2005



Nathan Cooper can't believe it as Phil Gault's missed 90th minute penalty sends Hassocks out against Chipstead in 2013

Eastbourne United were hammered 7-1 at the Beacon in the Extra Preliminary Round of the competition.

Maynard scored twice that day along with a Neil Kane brace and further goals from Anthony Hibbert, Daley Clark and Dan Smith.

Aside from the big loss at Sholing, there have been a couple of other heavy defeats in the First Qualifying Round, with Tonbridge Angels and Sittingbourne both winning 3-0.

The most recent time Hassocks made it as far as the First Qualifying Round was in the 2013-14 season under the management of Mickey Jewell.

That run included a rare victory at Gorings Mead against fellow Southern Combination League side Horsham YMCA – one of only four Hassocks' wins there since the turn of the century - and a 1-0 replay victory over Dorking Wanderers after a 0-0 draw at Westhumble Playing Fields.

Isthmian South side Chipstead provided the opponents in the fourth game in the competition, winning 2-1 at the Beacon.

The Robins were good value for the draw that today however and would have had a replay three days later were it not for a last minute penalty miss from the normally reliable Phil Gault.

Gault did suitably punish himself afterwards, spending the evening drowning his sorrows in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post.

Learning the ropes

It took Hassocks a few seasons to learn the ropes of national cup competitions - that aforementioned Horsham win was our first in the

competition, coming at the fourth season of asking.

Hassocks' first ever FA Cup game came in the Preliminary Round in the 1996-97 season, a 3-1 home defeat against Egham Town.

The following season saw a 2-1 defeat against Barton Rovers while there have been six other exits at the second stage; to Molesey 3-0, Merstham 3-1, Walton & Hersham 3-0 and most disappointingly, a heavy 4-0 loss at Mill Road against fellow Southern Combination League club Arundel in 2003-04.

“Gault did suitably punish himself for missing that penalty against Chipstead by spending the evening drowning his sorrows in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post”

2019-20 saw a replay exit against Chipstead after Langney Wanderers had been beaten 2-0 at the Beacon in the previous round.

The Hassocks squad infamously celebrated their draw away at Isthmian League opponents by visiting a pub deep in Crystal Palace territory with tracksuits emblazoned with WeAreBrighton.com on the back which, needless to say, did not go down well with the locals.

2020-21 saw a dramatic 5-3 penalty shoot out win over Balham followed by elimination at the hands of Bedfont Sports.

Over and out as early as possible
The Extra Preliminary Round was

added to the competition in the 2005-06 season and Hassocks have exited at that earliest point of the competition in seven of the last nine seasons that we have entered the competition.

The first of those came in 2008/09, a disappointing 1-0 defeat to Shoreham played at Culver Road due to the summer pitch works at the Beacon not being completed in time to host the tie.

Kane was still a Shoreham player at that point and he got the only goal of the game for the Mussels.

By the time Hassocks were knocked out of the following seasons competition Kane was in a Hassocks shirt, part of Dave John's side which crashed out 4-1 at home to Ash United.

Back-to-back Extra Preliminary Round exits came in 2011-12 away at Raynes Park Vale and a shock reversal at home to Sidley United in 2012-13.

Hassocks' 2014-15, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2021-22 voyages into the FA Cup also came to an end at the Extra Preliminary Round when they were well beaten 3-1 by Epsom and Ewell, 3-2 by Hollands and Blair, 3-1 by Erith Town and 2-1 by Spelthorne Sports respectively.

Last season's Spelthorne was particularly disappointing. An early Alfie Loversidge goals meant we led for 84 minutes in total before conceding twice in time added on as the Spelly progressed.



The Robins celebrate their 2020-21 extra preliminary round penalty shoot out victory over Balham. It was the first time Hassocks had eliminated a side from outside of the Southern Combination League from the FA Cup in a decade

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Robins their own worst enemy in crazy seven goal thriller edged by Stags

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Tuesday 2nd August 2022, The Beacon

Hassocks 3-4 Midhurst & Easebourne



Seven goals in 45 minutes made for a breathless first half between Hassocks and Premier Division newcomers Midhurst & Easebourne.

Unfortunately for the Robins, the result did not go their way as they slipped to a 4-3 defeat in James Westlake's first home game in charge.

It was crazy and chaotic. The neutrals in a healthy crowd loved it and will no doubt return if this is the sort of entertainment served up at the Beacon this season.

Westlake would have enjoyed it less, especially his side's defending. All four Midhurst goals were preventable. The Stags could scarcely believe their luck as they were aided into a 3-0 lead inside of 30 minutes.

Hassocks could at least take the positive that they were excellent in the final hour. They scored three well-worked goals and maybe should have added more

The woodwork, a clearance off the line and an outstanding save from Josh Bird flying to his right all combined to deny the Robins a famous comeback.

It seems obvious to state that Hassocks cannot keep gifting away goals and expect to win matches, no matter how good they look going forward.

Just eight minutes had elapsed when Midhurst took the lead. Harry Tremlett hit a big switch, finding an alarming amount of space down the right side of the Hassocks defence for Billy Connor to exploit.

Connor crossed low and hard to Rob Tambling, who had all the time in the world to pick his spot and beat Alex Harris.

Midhurst added their second on the quarter of an hour mark. For the second game running, the Robins were caught and punished trying to play out from the back.

A combination of Harris selling Charlie Tuck short and a poor piece

of control from the young defender gifted possession to Kieran Carter. He played a clever pass into Tambling, who beat the out-of-position Harris.

At this point, you felt like Midhurst were going to score every time they came forward. Their third arrived on 31 via a pleasing passing move finished off by Connor.

That at least sparked Hassocks into life. Within a couple of minutes, a Lewis Westlake corner was headed home at the back post by the stooping Alex Bygraves.

Westlake soon delivered another corner which Midhurst struggled to deal with. In the ensuing melee, Liam Benson connected with a rasping volley kept out by an outstanding block from Stags captain Alex Giles.

Unfortunately, Hassocks were still not quite done being their own worst enemy at the other end as they conceded what proved to be the decisive fourth with 37 on the clock.

A slice of luck from a rebound put Connor in on goal, causing more panic in the Hassocks ranks. Connor was subsequently scythed down by a rash challenge in the box, leaving Carter to convert the resulting spot kick.

In the remaining seven minutes of the half, the Robins managed to score twice to turn a comfortable 4-1 Midhurst lead into a slim Stags advantage going into the second 45.

Hassocks man-of-the-match Harvey Blake charged down the right, skipping past three men with some nifty footwork and drilling a low ball into the area.

Phil Johnson produced a clever dummy, allowing the ball to run to Jack Troak on the left. Troak stepped inside to overtake Stags midfielder Lewis Hamilton and bent an unstoppable shot into the corner.

Benson then got his account up and running for the season, striking a near-identical volley to his effort 10 minutes early. This time there was no Giles on hand to get in the way.

The momentum had totally switched and that continued into the second half. Benson sped away from Hamilton and his cross was just missed by Johnson with 53 on the clock.

Next came that superb save from Bird, getting enough to tip a bending Mike Williamson effort around the post. Johnson had a header scrambled off the line by Dan Wood and Blake's follow up was blocked behind for a corner.

Blake and Johnson soon teamed up again, this time Johnson rattling the upright from 12 yards. Midhurst were hanging on but a crucial moment was about to go their way when Leon Turner was brought down on the edge of the area.

Hassocks wanted a foul but nothing was forthcoming from referee Owen Lawrence. When Mr Lawrence immediately awarded a soft free kick on the touchline, frustrations boiled over and there were handbags at dawn.

Turner was sent for 10 minutes in the sin bin for continuing to protest vehemently about the initial tackle. Midhurst used the respite of playing against 10 men to regroup, taking the sting out of the game.

The final 15 minutes yielded only one further chance and that went the way of the Stags. Tambling should have completed his hat-trick at the back post but his effort was weak, allowing Mark Zydonik to make the block.

Hassocks: Harris; Zydonik, Bygraves, Tuck; Blake, L Turner, Williamson, L Westlake, Troak; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: J Westlake (Benson 76), Cash (Tuck 80), Bull (Troak 87), S Smith (Zydonik 93), Frankland (unused).

First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
August					
02/08 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-4	162	Bygraves, Troak, Benson
06/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	FACEP			
13/08 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP			
16/08 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP			
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP			
September					
02/09 - 19:45	Little Common (A)	SCFLP			
06/09 - 19:45	AFC Varndeanians (H)	PBLC2			
10/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
17/09 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP			
20/09 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP			
24/09 - 15:00	Chessington & Hook (A)	FAVQ2			
27/09 - 15:00	Broadridge Heath (H)	SCFLP			
October					
01/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP			
08/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP			
15/10 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP			
29/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP			
November					
05/11 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
12/11 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
19/11 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP			
26/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP			
December					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
10/12 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
January					
02/01 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
07/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
21/01 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
28/01 - 15:00	Broadridge Heath (A)	SCFLP			
February					
04/02 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP			
11/02 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
18/02 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
25/02 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
March					
04/03 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
11/03 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
18/03 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
25/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			
April					
01/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
08/04 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
10/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP			
15/04 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
22/04 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP			

First Team Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	2	0	2	1	136	32
Alex Bygraves	2	0	2	1	2	1
Alex Harris	2	0	2	0	92	0
Jack Troak	2	0	2	1	78	24
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Lewis Westlake	2	0	2	0	104	12
Mike Williamson	2	0	2	0	2	0
Mark Zydonik	2	0	2	0	2	0
Harvey Blake	1	1	2	0	69	3
Phil Johnson	1	1	2	0	165	76
Sam Smith	1	1	2	0	16	2
Leon Turner	1	1	2	0	2	0
Sam Cash	0	2	2	0	5	1
Tom Frankland	1	0	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	62	11
Joe Bull	0	1	1	0	95	7
James Westlake	0	1	1	0	229	31

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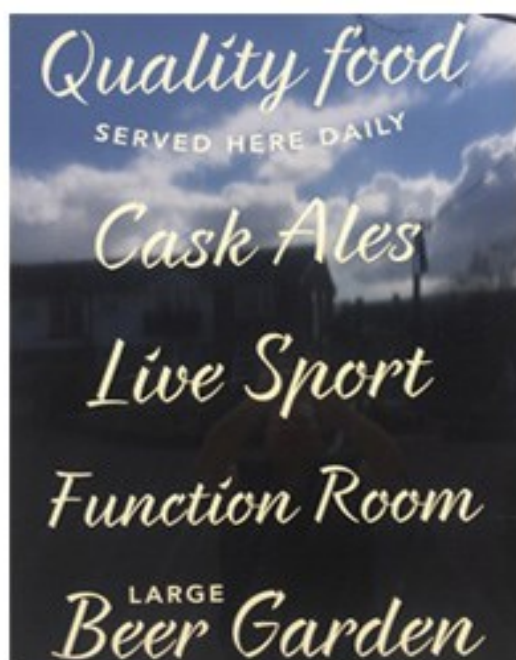
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
18/08 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23		
25/08 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		
September				
01/09 - 19:30	Alfold (A)	SCFL23		
08/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23		
15/09 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFL23		
29/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23		

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On This Day...



Troak and Johnson get Hassocks up and running

August 6th 2019: Hassocks hosted East Preston in their first home game of the season, securing a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Jack Troak and Phil Johnson

The record books will show that Hassocks' first win of the 2019-20 campaign was delivered by a slender one-goal margin, but their performance at the Beacon deserved more.

A much-changed East Preston side were the visitors to Mid Sussex and even those with the most white-and-black tinted spectacles would be hard pressed to disagree that on another day, Hassocks could have run up a cricket score.

2-1 was how it ended, the Robins coming from behind to win thanks a goal on his home debut from young Jack Troak and a winner 15 minutes from time from Phil Johnson. But in reality, it could and should have been much more.

Hassocks hit the bar three times; they missed three further chances with the goal gaping; had two shots blocked on the line and Stuart MacDonald in the EP goal clawed two more out at full stretch.

It was an entertaining 90 minutes that ebbed and flowed, a far cry from the Robins' turgid season opener when they failed to muster a shot of any description in a 2-0 defeat at Horley Town.

Mark Dalgleish made two changes from that weekend trip to the New Defence as Lewis Westlake replaced Alex Spinks and James Littlejohn came in for Dan Stokes.

Littlejohn in particular was a lively presence throughout and he set the tone for his enterprising evening by having the first opportunity with just five minutes played.

Westlake released Jack Rowe-Hurst down the right and his low cutback found Troak in the box.

Much of the ground were expecting the former Lewes winger to shoot but instead he produced a clever layoff to Littlejohn who curled just wide.

Eight minutes later and Littlejohn

was free at the back post but a brilliant last gasp block from EP left back Jack Bingham deflected his shot over the bar.

Bingham repeated his heroics from the resulting corner, hacking clear from on the line after Johnson had diverted Westlake's delivery.

EP mustered their first shot on target with a quarter of an hour played, Howard Neighbour's deflected shot requiring a brilliant reaction save by Josh Green to his left at the expense of the corner.

From the resulting delivery, Hassocks failed to clear their lines which left Dave Crouch with the simple task of firing home from a matter of inches.

The bar intervened on EP's behalf for the first time with 20 minutes played when Johnson rattled it from Littlejohn's pullback.

On the half hour mark, those roles were reversed and it was Johnson who was crossing for Littlejohn who couldn't quite connect with the low ball in. Littlejohn then looped a header from a Troak cross onto the roof of the net.

Troak, playing with his socks rolled down his legs like a modern-day Steve Claridge, was making quite the impression on his Beacon bow and it was he who levelled things up two minutes before the break.

Westlake whipped over a corner from the left, the bearded face of Will Broomfield was involved in there somewhere with the ball eventually falling to Troak who bundled home.

Littlejohn was back in the thick of the action at the start of second half, drawing a good save from MacDonald with Matt Berridge following suit.

EP had two forays forward after that, Crouch firing over from the edge of the box and Green again getting down well to divert Josh Irish's effort around the post.

Westlake's free kick from a full 35

yards was next to hit the bar as the ball bounced and evaded everyone before cannoning against the woodwork.

The bar was still rattling two minutes later when Harvey Blake came rampaging forward from right back two minutes later, sidestepped past two EP defenders and then smashed his shot against it with MacDonald nothing more than a startled onlooker.

At that point, the home faithful could have been forgiven for thinking it was going to be one of those nights until Johnson struck.

The goal owed much to Troak who breezed past Harry Williams and laid a clever ball back into the path of Johnson. The Hassocks captain still had plenty to do but do it he did, two touches working some room from where he was able to beat MacDonald with aplomb.

Johnson was on the end of some rough treatment after that and eventually hobbled off for Harry Mills with two minutes remaining, after which EP nearly snatched a point.

Green got in a bit of a mess from a back pass, stumbling over the ball which looked like it had presented Chris Darwin with an open goal only for Mills to react quickest to hack the danger into the garden centre.

There was one final chance for the visitors, a controversial free kick decision in the final seconds going their way after Shaun Brazil had appeared to kick Green as he lay prone on the ground but Neighbour's effort was more danger to passing trains than the Hassocks goal.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Broomfield, Kublickas, Whittingham; L Westlake, Berridge; Troak, Rowe-Hurst, Littlejohn; Johnson.

Subs: Mills (Johnson), Jacques, Bull, Stokes, Enticknap (unused).



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Around the League...



Our first Southern Combination League round up comes from last Saturday followed by Tuesday night. The Premier Division began in earnest with lots of new-look sides all striving to make an early impression in a league which appears more open than normal this season...

The big winners were Crawley Down Gatwick, who made light of losing both Phil Johnson and Charlie Pitcher by hammering Loxwood 5-0 at the Haven.

Down were 3-0 ahead before half time through Oli Leslie, Oliver Moore and Rhys White. Two more goals from Leslie in the second half completed his hat-trick and the rout, sending the Anvils top of the first table of the season.

One of the biggest rebuilds of the summer has come at **AFC Uckfield Town**. The Oakmen got off to the perfect start under new boss Jonny Elwood, who oversaw a 4-0 win against **AFC Varndeanians** in his first game in charge.

Ellis Wright scored twice, Eddie Sharman once with a goal following from the bench for Zead Elwerfally.

Roffey found out first hand how difficult life in the Premier Division can be as their first ever game at this level of football ended in a 3-0 home defeat to **Eastbourne Town**.

Tyler Capon gave the visitors a half time lead which was added to by debutant Lloyd Cotton and Jacob James Minty, as Jude McDonald got off to a good start after replacing the retired John Lambert in the Town dugout.

Max Thompson scored twice for **Eastbourne United** as they kicked off with a 3-1 home win over **Horsham YMCA** at the Oval.

Tyler Scrafton scored the other United goal with the YM consolation coming via Tom Tolfrey.

Steyping Town pulled off one of the biggest shocks of the afternoon by beating **Newhaven** 2-1 at the Shooting Field.

Grant Randmore gave the Barrowmen a half time lead which was doubled within a minute of the restart by Max Howell.

Lucas Franzen-Jones pulled one

back on 68 for Newhaven but that proved to be nothing more than a consolation as Steyping held on for a very impressive three points.

There was plenty of drama at Hill Park where **Crowborough Athletic** marked their first Southern Combination League game in eight years with a 2-1 win over last season's runners up **Saltdean United**.

Morgan Vale was an 11th minute introduction from the bench for the Crows. Inside of 60 seconds, he had given them the lead.

Mitchell Hewens equalised for the Tigers midway through the first half with a 65th minute strike from Harrison Mayhew proving enough to win it for the visitors.

Ben Cooksley scored the only goal of the game at Little Common Recreation Ground, where his 80th minute strike separated **Little Common** and **Broadbridge Heath**.

Midhurst & Easebourne fared better as the second club promoted from Division One, picking up a fine 1-1 draw against **Bexhill United** at the Rotherfield.

Evan Archibald had the Pirates plain sailing going into half time as his 39th minute opener gave Bexhill the lead.

Midhurst though showed that they can be a force at this level, equalising through Rob Tambling on the hour.

Finally, this afternoon's visitors **Lingfield** drew 2-2 away at **Alfold**. On target for the hosts were Tom Hearn and Sam Rabot.

The Lingfield goals came via David Heaton and Cameron Dobell. Two names Hassocks will have to look out for today.

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And on Tuesday night...

Broadbridge Heath became the new Premier Division leaders when making it two from two with a home win over **Steyping Town**.

Mason Doughty and Ben Cooksley got the goals, with Jack Barnes seeing red for the Barrowmen.

Also maintaining a 100 percent record were **Crowborough Athletic** after they overcame **Eastbourne United** 1-0 at the Crowborough Community Stadium. Ben Hermitage struck the only goal with 25 minutes played.

Josh Neathey and a Tom Tolfrey brace secured a 3-0 win for **Horsham YMCA** in a local derby win over **Alfold**.

Loxwood piled more misery on **Roffey**, beating the Premier Division newcomers 3-0 at Plaistow Road.

Jack Cousins opened the scoring in the ninth minute with efforts from Devon Fender and Adrian Todd following in the second half.

Substitute Tim Beckford scored for **Lingfield** in a 1-0 win over **Saltdean United** and **Eastbourne Town** and **AFC Uckfield Town** played out a 1-1 draw at the Saffrons.

It looked like Uckfield were going to leave with all three points thanks to George Cook and they finished the evening playing against 10 men after Lloyd Cotton was dismissed.

The hosts though refused to give up and rescued a share of the spoils in the 93rd minute thanks to Anesu Sismayi scoring his first goal for the club.



Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Crowborough Athletic	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
AFC Uckfield Town	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Eastbourne Town	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Midhurst & Easebourne	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Lingfield	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Peacehaven & Tels	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Horsham YMCA	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Eastbourne United	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Steyning Town	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Loxwood	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Bexhill United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Alfold	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Newhaven	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Little Common	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Saltdean United	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Hassocks	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
AFC Varndeanians	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Roffey	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Broadbridge Heath	201	201	201
Crowborough Athletic	175	175	175
Horsham YMCA	165	165	165
Hassocks	162	162	162
Peacehaven & Telscombe	153	153	153
Eastbourne United	137	137	137
Roffey	129	129	129
Steyning Town	125	125	125
Little Common	123	123	123
Saltdean United	107	107	107
AFC Uckfield Town	98	98	98
Midhurst & Easebourne	91	91	91
Loxwood	82	82	82
Alfold	81	81	81
Crawley Down Gatwick	74	74	74
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Broadbridge Heath	WW
Crowborough Athletic	WW
AFC Uckfield Town	WD
Eastbourne Town	WD
Midhurst & Easebourne	DW
Lingfield	DW
Crawley Down Gatwick	W
Peacehaven & Telscombe	W
Horsham YMCA	LW
Eastbourne United	WL
Steyning Town	WL
Loxwood	LW
Bexhill United	D
Alfold	DL
Newhaven	L
Little Common	L
Saltdean United	LL
Hassocks	LL
AFC Varndeanians	L
Roffey	LL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	3
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	3
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	3
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	2
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	2
David Heaton	Lingfield	2
Ellis Wright	AFC Uckfield	2
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	1
Liam Benson	Hassocks	1
Alex Bygraves	Hassocks	1
Tyler Capon	Eastbourne Town	1
George Cook	AFC Uckfield	1
Lloyd Cotton	Eastbourne Town	1
Jack Cousins	Loxwood	1
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	1
Mason Doughty	B'bridge Heath	1
Zead Elwerfally	AFC Uckfield	1
Devon Fender	Loxwood	1
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	1
Thomas Hearn	Alfold	1

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chessington & Hook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Vardeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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AFC Uckfield Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 13th August 2022. 3:00pm
The Oaks, Eastbourne Road, Uckfield, TN22 5QL
Admission prices unknown

One of the shortest away trips of the season takes place in a week as we hop along the A272 to face new-look AFC Uckfield Town in a fixture which normally guarantees goals and entertainment

AFC Uckfield last season

The Oakmen were the Premier Division draw specialists last season. 15 of their 38 matches ended level, more than any other club. The challenge for new boss Jonny Elwood is to turn some of those stalemates into victories this season to push Uckfield back up the table. Elwood succeeds Steve Ives and although in his first senior managerial role, comes with a wealth of experience having held various positions at the likes of Tonbridge Angels, Crowborough Athletic and Whitehawk. A busy summer on the transfer front has seen him overhaul his squad with a mixture of young players and experience, making it difficult to know what to expect.

Head-to-head

We have met AFC Uckfield on 19 previous occasions. The head-to-head is locked at nine wins apiece with only one draw between the sides. That was a 2-2 thriller at the Beacon a year ago. It might not be a game to put on your coupon, but it is one which normally delivers goals. 74 having been plundered at an average of over three per game.

Last time we met

A rare occasion when entertainment was in short supply at the Oaks back in early February. The pitch had more bobbles than the surface of the moon, which made playing on the ground difficult. A strong wind made taking an aerial route equally

challenging. It was one of those afternoons decided by who adapted to conditions better. Thankfully, it was us - Charlie Broad scored the only goal, his looping header from a long Dan Turner throw securing three important points.

How to get to the Oaks

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

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Alfold v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 16th August 2022. 7:45pm
Elliott Scott Group Stadium, Dunsfold Road, Alfold, GU6 8JB
Admission prices £6 adults, £3 concessions

Does it feel like only yesterday that we went to Alfold? That is because it kind of was, Dunsfold Road being the location of our final league game of 2021-22. Three months on and a Tuesday night trip to Surrey awaits

Alfold last season

Last season ended up being a bit of a transitional campaign for Alfold. They lost Matt Munday in the summer of 2021, the managerial duo who had led them into the Premier Division for the first time in their history. Former Dorking boss Glyn Stephens took over, but he lost his job in November after a difficult time involving an extensive rebuild. Chairman Mark Wright was next in the managerial hotseat and he eventually led Alfold to a respectable 15th, one place and one point above the Robins. Their Under 23s provided a major success story by winning the League Cup, suggesting there is talent to come through the ranks if they are able to make the step up to senior football.

Head-to-head

This is a fixture that the Gods used to hate given the frequency with which it was postponed in Alfold's first two seasons in the Premier Division. The clash in Surrey was postponed four times in 2019-20 due to weather with Fold's trip to the Beacon undergoing the same fate once, before both matches were lost to lockdown. Since then, three matches have been played over the 2020-21 and 2021-22 campaign. We won both games last season with Alfold triumphing on the opening day of the campaign two seasons ago.

Last time we met

There was not much riding on the final game of the Premier Division

season for either us or Alfold.

Equalling Steyning Town's result would ensure that the Robins finished in 16th spot and we duly did that, winning 1-0 at the Elliott Scott Group Stadium thanks to a Lewis Westlake free kick.

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.



Hassocks v Roffey

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Monday 29th August 2021
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

Our second home Premier Division game of the season is against the other team promoted from Division One. Having already lost to Midhurst, we will be looking to avoid an unwanted double against Roffey on Bank Holiday Monday

Roffey last season

A ding-dong battle for the Division One title eventually went the way of Roffey as they edged out Midhurst & Easebourne to win the title and promotion to the top division of the Southern Combination League for the first time in their history. That completed a remarkable rise for the Boars, who were playing in Mid Sussex Division Three as recently as 2008. It has not been plain sailing since the championship was secured. Manager Andy Lampard decided to take a break from football management and Roffey's attempts to replace him drew a lot of unwanted publicity to the club. Former AFC Wimbledon boss Terry Eames has since been appointed

interim manager. Unsurprisingly, the upheaval has had an impact on the pitch and Roffey have lost both of their Premier Division games so far.

Head-to-head

Roffey being relative newcomers to the Southern Combination means that meetings between the Boars and ourselves at first team level have been pretty much non-existent. The only previous clash came when we were paired together in the second round of the Peter Bentley League Cup last season. It did not go particularly well...

Last time we met

Roffey showed that there was very little separating the top of Division

One and the bottom of the Premier Division as they hammered us 5-1 at the Beacon back in September. The Boars led 2-0 going into half time through Josh Meyer and Kelvin Lucas. Lucas, Meyer and Jamie Wanstall all added further strikes after the break with the Hassocks consolation coming via an 86th George Mitchell-Phillips penalty.

Roffey players to look out for

None of those scorers from Roffey's last visit to the Beacon have signed for the club in 2022-23. One player worth keeping an eye on is ball playing centre back Brendan Milborrow, who was an absolute rock in the title winning side of 2021-22.

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Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

1st

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3rd

September 2022

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2nd

3rd

October 2022

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November 2022

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December 2022

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January 2023

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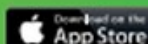
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Most Games



Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Phil Gault	330	15	345	190
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
16. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
17. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
18. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
19. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
20. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
21. James Westlake	215	15	230	31
22. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
23. Pat Harding	184	17	201	137
24. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37
25. Stuart Agate	172	7	179	4

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	345
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	137	201
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	76	165
7. Nathan Miles	74	211
8. Neil Smith	68	242
9. Steve Hards	65	155
10. Mickey Turner	63	594
11. Dave Smith	53	260
12. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
13. Joe Fernley	45	245
14. Mark Burnham	44	231
15. Matt Amos	38	81
16. Michael Death	38	112
17. Marc Rendall	37	183
18. Andy Burt	35	133
19. Liam Benson	32	136
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	230
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Jack Troak	24	78
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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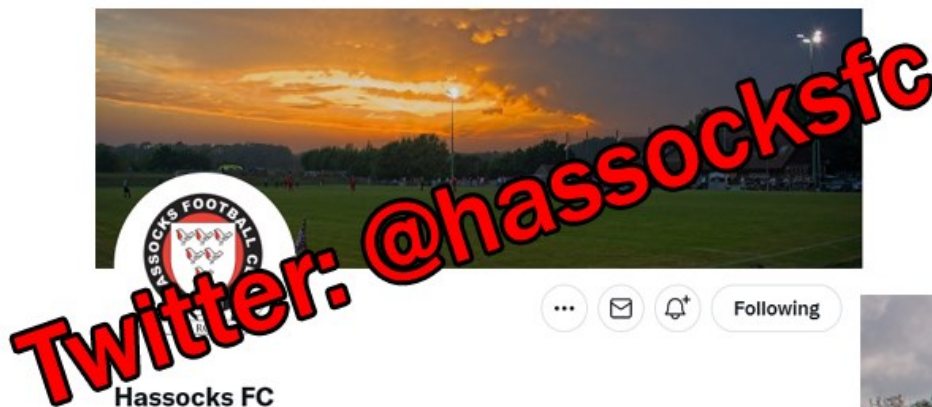
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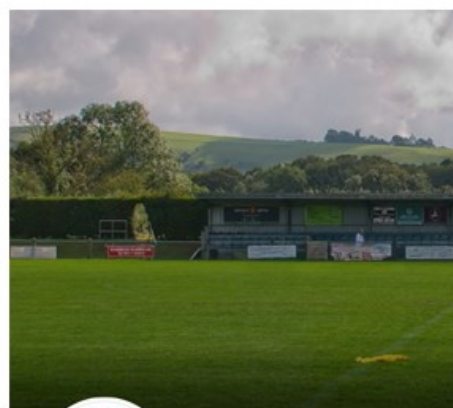


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Roffey
 Monday 29th August. 11:00am
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