

# The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #3



## Emirates FA CUP



**Hassocks v Uxbridge**

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Qualifying Round

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#### FIRST TEAM

##### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

##### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

##### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

##### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

##### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

##### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

#### UNDER 23 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Runners up 2022

##### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

#### UNDER 18 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

##### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

#### VETERANS TEAM

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022



## Welcome to the Beacon



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon where we are hoping to experience more Emirates FA Cup magic

**On the line today is a place in the first qualifying round of the competition, a stage we last reached in 2013 - some nine years, five managers and goodness knows how many players ago.**

We are delighted to welcome Uxbridge, one of the oldest and most famous non-league clubs in the country to the Beacon for the first time this afternoon.

As one of the strongest sides in the Isthmian South Central Division, they will provide a very stern test. What makes the Emirates FA Cup so magic is its penchant for upsets and allowing smaller clubs to dream whenever they are paired with bigger ones.

It would take an almighty shock for us to progress today at the expense of the Reds, but that is what the world's greatest cup competition is for.

No matter the outcome, we hope the players, officials and supporters of Uxbridge enjoy their stay in Mid Sussex this afternoon, along with any groundhoppers joining us today.

The season has started ticking along nicely since our previous home game in the extra preliminary round

of the Emirates FA Cup a fortnight ago.

Our 1-0 win against Lingfield that afternoon was decided by one of the most extraordinary own goals ever seen, possibly in football history.

In a fantastic stroke of luck, Your Instant Replay were here filming highlights at the Beacon for the first time.

Their team must have been licking their lips when a Lingers defender beat his own goalkeeper with a back pass from 20 yards out on the right, knowing the potential that such moments have to go viral these days.

Indeed, the video was last seen hurtling towards the half a million views mark on Twitter.

500,000 people viewing a goal from the Beacon seems scarcely believable. Westy will no doubt be using those figures to push the committee to committing to having more games here filmed, although it should probably be pointed out that own goals like that are rare - sorry in advance if seeing that clip is what has brought you to us today.

Victories at AFC Uckfield Town and Alfold in the past seven days required no own goals. They have instead been delivered by thoroughly

professional performances, the first of which was in stifling heat and on a pitch which resembled the surface of the moon.

The second was as comfortable a victory as you will see, despite a number of refereeing decisions going against us. To win in such circumstances augurs well for the campaign ahead.

Away from first team matters, the Under 23s got their campaign underway on Thursday night at Roffey. If you would like to find out how they got on, then please speak to Owen behind the bar.

Owen will also happily take Player Sponsorships this afternoon. These are selling fast, so if you want to secure your favourite then please do so today.

We already have our Veterans manager fighting it out with a luxury car dealer for one player. If Eddie Hearn is here today, we are willing to sell those rights too for the correct price.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Up the Robins.

**Enjoy the game,**

**Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



Uxbridge

## Reds Factfile

**Founded** 1871

**Ground** Honeycroft

**Website** uxbridgefc.com

**Twitter** @uxfc\_redarmy

**Instagram** @uxbridge\_fc

**Managers** Danny Edwards

**Top Scorer** Jack Beadle, 2

## Club Honours

**Isthmian Division 2 South**

Runners up 1985

**Corinthian League**

Winners 1960

Runners up 1949

**Great Western Suburban League**

Runners up 1911

**London League**

Runners up 1946

**FA Amateur Cup**

Runners up 1898

**Middlesex Senior Cup**

Winners 1894, 1896, 1951, 2001

**London Challenge Cup**

Winners 1994, 1997, 2000

**Middlesex Charity Cup**

Winners 1908, 1913, 1936, 1982,  
2013, 2014, 2019, 2022

**Athenian League Cup**

Runners up 1982

**Uxbridge are one of the oldest non-league clubs in the country, attaining the sort of stability that most outfits in the amateur ranks can only dream of**

In 52 years, the Reds have had just six managers. Ron Clack was in charge for 18 years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Michael Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992.

In 2006, Tony Choules became the man in charge. He was replaced by current boss Danny Edwards in 2019.

Edwards has spent the past three campaigns building a squad at Honeycroft capable of pushing for promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division.

Uxbridge finished sixth last season, missing out on a playoff spot by one place. It was the Reds' highest finish since the 2014-15 campaign and offers something to build on coming into the current campaign.

There have been several near misses when it comes to reaching step three of the non league pyramid since the turn of century.

Between 2004 and 2018, Uxbridge were a Southern League club and reached the regional Division One playoffs on three occasions, losing in the final twice and the semis once.

There has been plenty of cup success over the past 10 years or so, particularly in the Middlesex Charity Cup which Uxbridge have lifted four times since 2013.

Two moments though stand out above all else in the Reds' 150 year history. In 1898, they reached the FA Amateur Cup final, losing 2-0 to Middlesbrough at the Crystal Palace.

Uxbridge then gained national publicity in 1976 when England were looking for opposition to face in a warm up match for their World Cup qualifying campaign.

That opposition ended up being the Reds, who took on a full-strength England at Wembley. The result? An 8-0 win for the Three Lions but memories that lasted a lifetime for Uxbridge. They are quite the club.

## 10 Key Reds Moments

**1871...** club is founded by local businessmen, playing friendly games until entering the FA Cup two years later  
**1873...** narrowly eliminated at the second round stage by eventual FA Cup winners, Royal Engineers  
**1898...** reach the FA Amateur Cup final, losing 2-1 to Middlesbrough at the Crystal Palace  
**1948...** after 71 years, they secure their own home ground bought by president Mr W.S. Try  
**1960...** win their only league championship to date, lifting the Corinthian League title  
**1976...** play England at Wembley in a friendly game, losing 8-0 but gaining national recognition  
**1978...** moved to their current Honeycroft home which has since been developed into a fine ground  
**1992...** enter the London Cup for the first time, going onto win the trophy three times in eight years  
**2004...** moved to the Southern League, reaching the playoffs for promotion to step three on three occasions  
**2019...** re-joined the Isthmian League, playing in the South Central Division

## Last 19 Seasons

2021-22: Isthmian One South Central 6th  
2019-20: Isthmian One South Central 15th  
2018-19: Southern League One East 15th  
2017-18: Southern League One East 15th  
2016-17: Southern League One Central 17th  
2015-16: Southern League One Central 15th  
2014-15: Southern League One Central 12th  
2013-14: Southern League One Central 10th  
2012-13: Southern League One Central 11th  
2011-12: Southern League One Central 4th  
2010-11: Southern League One Central 13th  
2009-10: Southern League One South West 15th  
2008-09: Southern League One South West 13th  
2007-08: Southern League One South West 5th  
2006-07: Southern League One South West 8th  
2005-06: Southern League East 14th  
2004-05: Southern League East 4th  
2003-04: Isthmian League One North 13th  
2002-03: Isthmian League One North 5th  
2001-02: Isthmian League One 9th

## The Reds v Southern Combination League Clubs

**Uxbridge have rarely crossed paths with Southern Combination League clubs in the past, enjoying just a handful of meetings with Sussex non league clubs which mainly took place in the 1980s.**

Their most recent experience came way back in the 2004-05 season when they travelled to the Lashmar to face East Preston in the

second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

EP pulled off a big shock that day, running out 1-0 winners against opponents who were in the Southern League East Division at the time.

The 1982-83 season saw Three Bridges eliminate the Reds from the FA Cup in a first qualifying round replay.

A seasons earlier and Uxbridge

overcame Peacehaven & Telscombe via a replay at the same stage of the competition. The Reds overcame Horsham YMCA in the previous round.

In the FA Vase, Eastbourne United put paid to Uxbridge's hopes of going all the way with a 1-0 third round replay win at the Oval in 1985.



## MEET THE OPPOSITION >>>

### **Tyler Tobin: Goalkeeper**

Goalkeeper signed from Ashford Town (Middlesex) in August 2019. Was a key member of the promotion chasing Uxbridge squad last season. A strong commanding goalkeeper who will once again be a key member of the squad for the upcoming season.

### **Mark Goodman: Defender**

Full back signed from Chalfont St Peter in July 2019. Also previously played for Wingate and Finchley at step three. A powerful full back who will be key in both the attacking and defensive patterns for the club this season.

### **Ben Peden: Defender**

Ben has recently recovered from a serious injury picked up in pre-season 2021. He is a strong and capable right sided defender and is an asset in the dressing room. He began in the youth team at Uxbridge before breaking into the first team. He has also played at Egham Town before returning to Uxbridge.

### **David Sota: Defender**

Left sided defender who always gives 100% for the team. David's previous clubs include Chesham United, Potters Bar Town and Edgware Town. Has had a few injury set-backs but looks to be returning to top form.

### **Alex Paine: Midfielder**

Signed from Chalfont St Peter in July 2019. Represented the England C squad in 2018 scoring on their tour of the Falkland Islands. A talented tenacious midfielder who has an eye for goal.

### **Luke Paris: Defender**

Luke arrived this summer from Windsor. Centre back Luke can boast international experience playing for Anguilla in the World Cup.

### **Mark Bitmead: Midfielder**

A talented player who consistently scores goals at this level. Previous clubs include Ashford Town (Middlesex) where he scored just shy of 100 goals in his time at the club. Good on the ball and an influential member of the squad for this season. Was part of the Chertsey Town squad which reached the play-off final last season. Second spell at Uxbridge after scoring 18 goals in 43 appearances first time around.

### **Lonit Talla: Midfielder**

Lonit is a product of the successful youth setup at Uxbridge. An attacking midfielder who looks at ease on the ball and likes to link up play from defence to attack. Looks to have a big future.

### **Juwon Akintunde: Attacker**

As a youth team player Juwon was at QPR for 5 years before joining Brentford. Then as a 16-year-old he joined his local club Barnet. From there he joined Maidenhead United before a new challenge saw Juwon play in America, first for Wesleyan and then for Portland Phoenix. Previous clubs include Harrow Borough, Chalfont St. Peter and Aylesbury United.

### **Lenny Farhall: Attacker**

Prolific goalscorer at Harefield United which caught the attention of a number higher level clubs. After a brief spell at Honeycroft last term (12 appearances one goal) Lenny moved to local rivals Southall. 10 goals in 30 appearances which helped the "All" gain promotion from the Combined Counties League. His work-rate and eye for goal make him a favourite amongst The Reds faithful.

### **Kensley Maloney: Midfielder**

A tricky midfielder with a good turn of pace. Joined Uxbridge last season after a brief stay at Marlow. Other previous clubs include Beaconsfield Town, Bracknell Town, Harrow Borough and Slough Town.

### **Matty Bonnett: Goalkeeper**

Goalkeeper signed in the summer having previously seen service with Staines Town last season. Started his career at Slough Town.

### **Lewis Patrick: Defender**

Left sided full back who has signed for Uxbridge after a successful season at Risborough Rangers. A versatile defender who likes to get forward and put telling crosses into the box.

### **Elliott Poley: Defender**

Young defender signed from Ashford Town (Middlesex) in July 2019. A centre half who is now in his fourth season at Uxbridge. He reads the game well and is confident in the air.

### **Ryan Haugh: Defender**

Left sided defender signed from Harrow Borough in 2019. Strong in the tackle and a very good crosser of the ball, especially from set pieces. Ryan has previously played for Chalfont St. Peter, Beaconsfield Town & Barton Rovers

### **Alan Hedley: Defender / Midfielder**

Signed from Chalfont St Peter in July 2019. Central defender who is equally at home in the defence or midfield. Strong tackler and whose experience and calmness will be vital this season.

### **Harry Seabrook: Defender**

A central defender who signed this summer from Tring Athletic. Has also played for Bovingdon in the Spartan South Midlands League. Harry is strong in the air but also has the ability to bring the ball out from the back.

### **Josh Andrew: Defender**

A vastly experienced no nonsense right sided defender who has played for many clubs at this level. They include Harrow Borough, Ashford

Town (Middlesex), Chipstead and Hayes & Yeading United.

#### **Baboucarr Jarra: Defender**

Babz is a strong central defender both on the floor and in the air. Was Captain of Thatcham Town when they won the FA Vase Final at Wembley in 2018 and was also bestowed with the MOM award. Previously played for AFC Hayes (Brook House), Chalfont St. Peter, Swindon Supermarine, Cirencester Town, Hungerford Town, Harrow Borough, Marlow and Beaconsfield Town.

#### **Jack Beadle: Midfielder**

Jack has re-joined the club having played at Hanwell Town and Chipstead in recent seasons. He likes to take on defenders and put in crosses for the forwards and is no slouch in front of goal. Other previous clubs include Egham Town, Met Police and Ashford Town (Middlesex), where he forged a lethal partnership with Mark Bitmead.

#### **Alex Witham: Midfielder / Attacker**

Alex is an attacking player who can play in midfield or in a striking role. A former Arsenal youth player and has played for Derby Reserves. Previous clubs include Biggleswade Town, Wealdstone, Slough Town, Wembley, Leverstock Green, Northwood and Berkhamsted.

#### **Victor Osobu: Attacker**

Victor was signed from Barton Rovers to strengthen the midfield and give the front line some options in attack. Victor is vastly experienced at this level and has previously played for Beaconsfield Town, Chesham United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Chalfont St. Peter, Ware, Canvey Island, Harrow Borough, Slough Town and Hayes & Yeading United. Quick feet and direct running make him a handful for defenders.

#### **Andy O'Brien: Defender**

Another new signing this season having played last season in the Hanwell Town side that gained promotion via the play-offs. Cultured defender who leads by example. Links play from the back to midfield and is powerful in the air.

#### **Jordan Ireland: Midfielder**

Midfielder who arrives from Walton Casuals. Former Harrow Borough player whose vast experience at Step 3 will be valuable for The Reds as they push for promotion in 2022-23.

#### **Joe Jackson: Midfielder**

A big part of the Bedfont Sports side which reached the Play-offs in 2021-22. Midfielder who skippered the Eagles and scored the winning goal against Dulwich Hamlet in the FA Cup. Brings energy and creativity to the centre of the Uxbridge side.

#### **Danny Edwards: Manager**

Previously at Chalfont St Peter for 15 seasons as manager. Oversaw the club's promotion to step four and an FA Vase semi-final. Previously worked at Chelsea FC and Southampton FC and an UEFA A-Licence coach.

#### **Fred Cummings: Assistant**

Joined Uxbridge from Chalfont St Peter. A UEFA B licence coach who has worked for Slough Town, Hemel Hempstead Town and Wealdstone. Played over 400 games for Uxbridge and has a huge influence for the players.

#### **Colin Finch: Club Secretary**

The most important member of the group! Without Colin's support the group is unable to operate as professionally as it does. Responsible for all key issues in and around the changing room. Previously at Chalfont St. Peter, Rayners Lane & North Greenford United.

#### **Luke Brooks-Smith: Coach**

Luke has joined this season from Windsor and was previously a player at Chalfont St. Peter under Danny Edwards the current Uxbridge Manager. A UEFA B coach who leads the Uxbridge sessions and will be integral to the club's successes this season. Has spent 14 years as a coach with the Brentford Sports Trust.

#### **Shaun Ryan: Coach**

Has stepped up to the First Team coaching staff after managing the Under 23's last season and guiding them to a runners-up spot in the Suburban League Central Division.

#### **John Carroll: Coach**

Joined from Chalfont St Peter. A UEFA B licence coach who captained the successful Chalfont St Peter side that won promotion to step four football. Previous clubs include Beaconsfield Town and Luton Town

#### **Shaka Mughal: Goalkeeper Coach**

As a player Shaka played for Millwall and Chalfont St Peter. A huge influence and strong personality both on and off the training field. Shaka will also be responsible for first team full coaching sessions.

#### **Joseph Peacock: Physio**

Joined the club last season. An integral member of the management team. A fully qualified physio who gives players vital support on match days. Also responsible for players recovery and support after games

#### **Ki Turner: Videographer**

Responsible for all recordings of Uxbridge FC games. Supports in and around all training sessions



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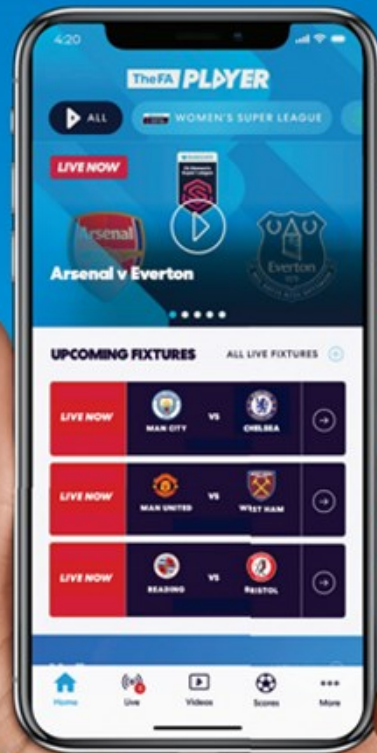
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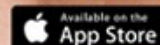


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# HASSOCKS IN THE FA CUP

**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 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**"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."**

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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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**“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”**

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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 Mussells.

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 defeat was particularly disappointing. An early Alfie Loversidge goal 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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# Magical own goal makes Hassocks the centre of FA Cup attention

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round  
Saturday 6th August 2022, The Beacon  
**Hassocks 1-0 Lingfield**



**The Emirates FA Cup is a competition synonymous with magic and memorable moments. Hassocks needed one such intervention to secure safe passage as an incredible Lingfield own goal settled this extra preliminary round tie at the Beacon.**

A quarter of an hour into the first half and Lingfield number one Harvey Mills stroked a goal kick out to Conor Wilford in the left back position looking to advance up the line.

Wilford was under no pressure when he cut back and aimed to return the ball to Mills.

Unfortunately, the Lingfield defender got it totally wrong and ended up leathering a lofted pass nowhere near the advancing Mills. Instead, it flew into the back of the unguarded Lingers net from a good 25 yards out.

As far as own goals go, you will be hard pressed to see a better one. Within 24 hours of the full time whistle, the video had reached over a quarter of a million views on Twitter.

And if it is any consolation to Wilford, he did provide one of the only moments of entertainment in what was otherwise a scrappy, ugly affair far removed from the Robins' seven goal midweek thriller against Midhurst & Easebourne.

Not that Hassocks will care. Other than the £1125 banked in prize money, the most pleasing aspect for the Robins would have been keeping a clean sheet.

A turgid 1-0 to get the season up and running and give James Westlake his first win as head coach was just what the doctor ordered after shipping seven goals in the opening two games.

Westlake made two changes from the 4-3 Tuesday night defeat against the Stags. He started himself in midfield, pushing Leon Turner further forward alongside Phil Johnson in place of Liam Benson.

Sam Cash meanwhile made his first full appearance since re-joining Hassocks from AFC Uckfield Town as Charlie Tuck dropped out.

It was a good afternoon for Cash, who was a worthy winner of the Robins' starman award for his part in a much tightened defensive showing.

Hassocks had the first opening, carved out via the positivity of Turner. The former Croydon man picked up possession deep inside his own half and outpaced and tricked his way past three Lingfield defenders on a run covering 60 yards of the pitch.

The finish could not match the approach sadly, Turner firing a weak effort straight into the arms of Mills. Still, the home crowd roared their approval.

Roars were replaced by laughter when Wilford had his head-in-hands moment. Whilst the crowd chuckled, Hassocks players congratulated Phil Johnson, as if his half-hearted press that left him 20 yards from Wilford had caused the hapless defender to score an own goal they will be talking about for years to come.

Johnson played more of a role in setting up the opportunity that gave Hassocks their best shot at extending the lead. He put in a superb sliding challenge on Lingfield skipper David Heaton to win back possession.

The loose ball fell to Lewis Westlake. The Hassocks captain showed great awareness to realise Mills was off his line and even better technique to strike a first time effort from a good 40 yards.

Mills was left scrambling back as the ball sailed over his head once again. The difference this time was it went inches over the bar and was hit by a Hassocks player rather than Mills' own defender.

Troublingly for Hassocks, Johnson departed after that with Benson taking over. Hassocks are already without the services of Pat Harding through three broken ribs, so to lose

Johnson for a period of time would be a blow with such a busy fixture list throughout August and September.

Benson was soon into the action, laying up an Alex Bygraves flick from a Harvey Blake long throw for Jack Troak to volley towards goal.

It needed a flying block from Luke New to keep it out at the expense of a corner. Lewis Westlake then curled a free kick into the side netting in the last action of the half.

Chances were at even less of a premium in the second 45. Cash collected a Troak throw, weaved his way past New and Richard Wetton into the box and delivered a low cross just turned behind by Rhyen Ramsey.

Had the clearance been two inches for the right, the Beacon would have had its second own goal of the game.

Cash then proved his worth defensively, making two blocks in a melee from a corner as Lingfield began to pour forward in search of an equaliser.

That left space for Hassocks to exploit. Benson looked to be in on two occasions racing behind, only for Mike Adepoju to intercept.

Substitute Jamie Wilkes, a tall striker signed from AFC Uckfield, then led a late counter attack by feeding Benson down the right.

Benson crossed for Troak, who could have laid off to the rangy Wilkes but opted to go for goal himself via an acrobatic volley on the turn which dropped just wide.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Zydonik, Bygraves, Cash; Blake, J Westlake, Williamson, L Westlake, Troak; Turner, Johnson.

**Subs:** Benson (Johnson 30), Frankland (Turner 54), Wilkes (J Westlake 89), Tighe, Bull, Rawlingson, S Smith (unused).

# Hot start from Hassocks helps them cut down the Oakmen

## Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 13th August 2022, The Oaks AFC Uckfield Town 1-2 Hassocks



**In 35 degree sunshine, Hassocks made a start almost as hot as the weather to saunter into a 2-0 lead inside of 12 minutes at AFC Uckfield Town.**

And those two goals proved enough to give the Robins their first Southern Combination League win of the season, a 2-1 success achieved despite the difficult conditions at the Oaks.

Hassocks and Uckfield are both under new management for the current campaign. James Westlake and his opposite number Jonny Elwood have set their stalls out early into the reigns as wanting their sides to play passing football.

On a day like this, conserving energy by letting the ball do the work becomes doubly important.

That was nigh-on impossible playing on a pitch suffering badly from the lack of rain. It was dusty, bumpy and made controlling the football challenging.

The game therefore became one decided by who adapted best to the conditions.

That turned out to be the Robins thanks to a willingness to be attritional, make the most of set pieces and clinically take the chances that came their way.

With tiredness and fatigue a guaranteed factor by the end thanks to the heat, Hassocks came flying out the traps.

The Robins' intention was clearly to try and catch Uckfield cold - or as cold as one can be when temperatures in Sussex are hotter than Greece - and secure an early lead, leaving their hosts with the difficult task of chasing the game as energy levels became seriously depleted.

It was a game plan that worked to a tee. Just five minutes had elapsed when Harvey Blake and Tom Frankland combined down the right flank to earn Hassocks a corner.

Lewis Westlake sent over a

pinpoint delivery into the penalty area, met by a downwards header from Mark Zydonik.

The ball crashed into the rock hard ground, bounced back up, hit the bottom of the cross bar and diverted downwards again to give former Broadbridge Heath defender Zydonik his first goal in Hassocks colours.

Things got even better for the Robins seven minutes later when Liam Benson showed real intelligence to double the advantage.

A defence splitting pass put Benson through. Rather than run towards the Uckfield goal and put his faith in the bobbly surface not conspiring to take the ball away from him, Benson cleverly took a shot on early.

Although former Hassocks number one James Broadbent did well to get a hand onto the surprise effort, Benson's strike had too much precision and power for the Oakmen captain to keep out of the bottom right corner of his goal.

The Robins were cruising but perhaps it had all been a little too easy. That would explain why they took their foot off the pedal and allowed Uckfield back into the game.

A nice passing move down the right resulted in a cross into the Hassocks box.

Home midfielder James Pass produced an accomplished finish, making it very much game on after an action packed opening 25 minutes.

Things quietened down after that with neither side making many inroads until Benson had another opportunity just before half time.

The lively Jack Troak produced some of his trademark enterprising wing play, eventually crossing into the path of Benson.

A solid stop was required from Broadbent to ensure the Robins led by only one going into the break.

Hassocks knew that Uckfield

would throw the kitchen sink at them in the second half. It was back to the walls stuff for the most part.

To not concede despite being under so much pressure would have been a real positive for Westlake, and a sign of the progress the Robins are making after shipping 10 goals in their opening two matches.

Uckfield had two opportunities to take something from the tie. There was a defensive mix up which the Robins were fortunate their hosts could not capitalise on.

Then with five minutes remaining, Hassocks had an eagle eyed assistant referee to thank for ruling out an Oakmen equaliser.

Tyler Pearson's cross from the right was met by a bullet header from George Cook. The flag was up though, decreeing that the ball had gone out of play for a goal kick before Pearson managed to deliver into the area.

That moment seemed to deflate Uckfield and things fizzled out in the closing stages, leaving Hassocks to reflect on an impressive win on the road against opponents suffering their first Premier Division defeat of the campaign.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Blake, Bygraves, Zydonik, Cash; L Westlake, J Westlake; Frankland, Bull, Troak; Benson.

**Subs:** L Turner (Frankland 70).



# Three nil win gives Robins three points and makes it three victories in a row

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 16th August 2022, Elliot Scott Group Stadium  
Alfold 0-3 Hassocks**



**The long Tuesday night trip to deepest, darkest Surrey proved worth it for Hassocks as they came away from Alfold with all three points via a superb 3-0 win to make it three victories in a row.**

There were three different scorers and had Leon Turner opened his Hassocks account 120 seconds earlier, we would also be talking about a goal after three minutes. Three was the magic number.

Fast starts have become the Robins' calling card this week. They were 2-0 ahead inside of 12 minutes in their 2-1 win at AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday and found themselves with the same advantage after 15 minutes on a beautiful evening at the Elliot Scott Group Stadium.

The heavy rain of earlier in the day put some much needed zip onto the playing surface. It did not take the Robins long to take the lead via a really well worked passing move.

Lewis Westlake released Turner down the right. His low pass into the box was laid off to James Westlake by Liam Benson.

Turner had continued his run inside, head coach Westlake threaded the ball through a gap back to his winger who bent an effort in from a tight angle for his first Robins goal.

Alfold appealed for an offside but it was not remotely close. The hosts did benefit from several friendly flags from the assistant referee as the first half wore on however, with both Mark Zydonik and Benson seeing very tight calls go against them.

It was the in-form Benson who doubled the advantage with a quarter of an hour played. Joel Mann and Damien Fortune in the Alfold back line were having one of those evenings where everything that could go wrong, did go wrong.

The worst piece of misfortune was suffered by Fortune after he stumbled in possession when last man. Benson ruthlessly took

advantage, running clear with the ball and clinically beating Sebastian Jacovides in the Alfold goal.

Mann was next to suffer a mishap, missing his header from a long Alex Bygraves pass forward.

Benson again found himself clear but this time Fortune produced a magnificent saving block after covering a lot of ground.

Alfold came into the game more as an attacking force in the final 15 minutes of the first half.

Charlie Martin managed to escape Bygraves to work the space for a sight of goal. Alex Harris did well to get down to his right quickly and hold Martin's shot.

Kelvin Lucas then sped past Sam Cash and delivered a low cross into the Hassocks box. From six yards out, Martin fired over the goal, the fence and the trees in what was a major let off for the Robins.

Half time gave Hassocks the chance they needed to regroup, once they recovered from locking themselves out of their changing room.

The crowd making their way to the Clubhouse seemed to enjoy Robins assistant manager Tom Hughes appearing from the player's tunnel and shouting at the Hassocks substitutes warming up on the pitch "Who's got the key?!"

Benson had two good chances in the space of as many minutes early in the second half to score what would have been a killer third.

A strong save from Jacovides repelled a one-on-one from a difficult angle after Jack Troak had slipped Benson in.

Karim Elmellas became the latest Alfold player to produce a heavy touch under pressure from Benson. That enabled Benson to again race towards Jacovides but this time the Hassocks forward cleared the bar with his shot.

Rampaging Joe Bull was replaced by tall striker Jamie Wilkes on 63 as

Hassocks sought to test the hosts with a different threat.

It did not take the rangy Wilkes long to get involved. He had strong penalty claims controversially dismissed by referee Ian Homewood after a clumsy Mann challenge in the area.

A series of decisions from Mr Homewood followed that frustrated Hassocks, culminating in Zydonik entering the sin bin.

The Hassocks defender was caught in the face by the flailing arm of Louie Rand. When Zydonik expressed his disappointment at there being no punishment for Rand, Mr Homewood sent him to the sidelines for 10 minutes.

Hassocks had to weather a bit of a storm playing a man short. Not long into the sin bin and Westlake sacrificed Turner for Bradley Tighe to bolster the back line.

Zydonik could not have asked for a better first touch following his return to action as it was he who headed home the Robins' third.

Lewis Westlake delivered a corner which Zydonik rose highest to meet, powering home from inside the six yard box.

Alfold knew the game was up and Hassocks might have even added two more in the final five minutes. A Phil Johnson cross was inches away from the gangling leg of Wilkes and Harvey Blake then hit a volley into orbit in a piece of play he later claimed was a deliberate bit of time wasting.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Blake, Bygraves, Zydonik, Cash; L Westlake, J Westlake; L Turner, Bull, Troak; Benson.

**Subs:** Wilkes (Bull 63), Johnson (Benson 71), B Tighe (Turner 76), Rogers (J Westlake 91), Rawlingson (Zydonik 93).

# First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
<b>July</b>					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
<b>August</b>					
02/08 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-4	162	Bygraves, Troak, Benson
06/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	FACEP	1-0	124	
13/08 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	2-1	46	Zydonik, Benson
16/08 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	3-0	57	L.Turner, Benson, Zydonik
20/08 - 15:00	Uxbridge (H)	FACPQ			
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP			
<b>September</b>					
02/09 - 19:30	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			
<b>October</b>					
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			
<b>November</b>					
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			
<b>December</b>					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
10/12 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
<b>January</b>					
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	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP			
<b>February</b>					
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			
<b>March</b>					
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			
<b>April</b>					
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
Alex Bygraves	5	0	5	1	5	1
Alex Harris	5	0	5	0	95	0
Jack Troak	5	0	5	1	81	24
Lewis Westlake	5	0	5	0	107	12
Mark Zydonik	5	0	5	2	5	2
Liam Benson	4	1	5	3	139	34
Harvey Blake	4	1	5	0	72	3
Sam Cash	3	2	5	0	8	1
Leon Turner	3	2	5	1	5	1
James Westlake	3	1	4	0	232	31
Phil Johnson	2	2	4	0	167	76
Mike Williamson	3	0	3	0	3	0
Joe Bull	2	1	3	0	97	7
Tom Frankland	2	1	3	0	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Sam Smith	1	1	2	0	16	2
Jamie Wilkes	0	2	2	0	6	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	62	11
Sam Rogers	0	1	1	0	1	0
Arthur Rawlingson	0	1	1	0	41	1
Bradley Tighe	0	1	1	0	139	0

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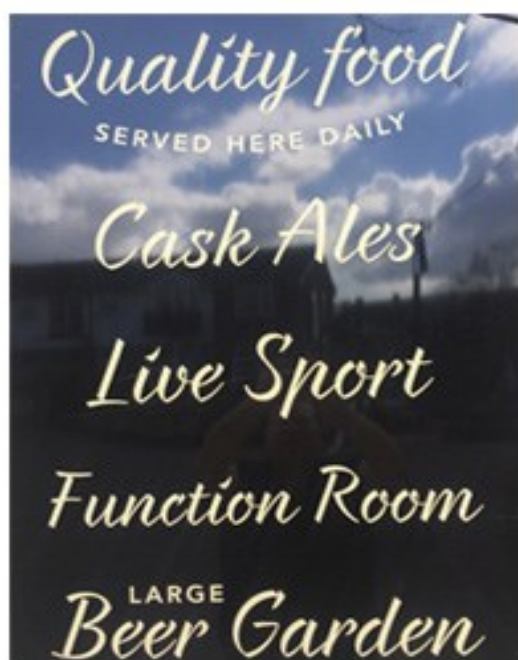
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
18/08 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23		
25/08 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		
<b>September</b>				
01/09 - 19:30	Alfold (A)	SCFL23		
08/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23		
15/09 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFL23		
29/09 - 19:45	Horley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

# Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 11:00	Steyping Town (H)	SCFL23		
11/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL23		
18/09 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL23		
25/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23		

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# On This Day...



## Depleted Robins disappoint at Raynes Park

**August 20th 2011:** Mickey Jewell took his Hassocks side to Raynes Park Vale in the extra preliminary qualifying round of the FA Cup without a host of first choice players

**Depleted as Hassocks might have been, they will still feel mightily disappointed to have exited the FA Cup at the first hurdle away at Combined Counties Premier outfit Raynes Park Vale.**

Despite heading to Prince George's Playing Fields with so many players missing, the Robins looked more than a match for their hosts until a disastrous second half spell saw them concede three times in 21 minutes.

The capitulation wiped out the early advantage Hassocks had taken through a Matt Carruthers header and a miserable afternoon was completed when Kieran O'Callaghan was sent off 25 minutes from time.

Mickey Jewell was without the services of Pete Lear, who had a pretty good excuse for missing the game as it was his wedding day.

Stuart Faith had cricketing commitments and Phil Gault and Anthony Hibbert joined long-term injury absentees Ashley Marsh and Sam Jeremiah in the treatment room.

Carruthers captained a young looking side, giving them the perfect start when opening the scoring with only two minutes on the clock.

Nathan Miles collected a short corner from Elliott Butler and floated over a cross which home goalkeeper Dean Cupit flapped against the bar.

The loose ball dropped kindly onto the head of Carruthers, who happily took advantage to nod into an empty net for his first goal in Hassocks colours.

One nearly became two straight from the restart. Phil Johnson pressed, intercepted a stray pass and found himself in one-on-one. Cupit did really well to force Johnson wide of goal, allowing Raynes Park to regroup and eventually scramble the danger away.

A clever one-two between Miles

and Johnson set the latter away on 22 minutes and his pass found Laurence Robinson, only for Cupit to produce a fine stop.

Six minutes later and Robinson fired a powerful effort just over the bar following Butler's surging run forward from left back.

After near-total Hassocks domination of the opening half hour, Raynes Park were able to get their dangerous front pairing more into the game as the clock ticked towards the interval.

With no Marsh, Faith or Lear, Dan Jacques found himself deployed at centre back alongside Carruthers trying to deal with the pace of David Mosley.

This was something of a thankless task. Hassocks had a lucky escape when Mosley skipped past Jacques and crossed for strike partner Simon Moore to volley wastefully wide.

Vale right back Mark Skinner was then allowed to cover 70 yards of the pitch and whistle one just over Jack Simpson's crossbar without a meaningful tackle going in.

Hassocks would have been glad for half time and the chance to regroup having finished under the cosh. But the 15 minute respite proved short lived as Raynes Park set about continuing where they left of, leading to an equaliser on 52.

Jamie Weston was harshly adjudged to have committed a foul 25 yards out from goal. Simpson was unable to hold the resulting free kick and with no Robins player following up, Moore was left with a tap in.

Five minutes later and the hosts took the lead. The goal came from a Hassocks corner cleared to Ato Andoh Okia.

Okia ran from the just outside the Raynes Park box all the way to the edge of the Robins area, where he let fly an unstoppable effort which gave

Simpson no chance.

As good an individual goal as that was, Hassocks' defending in backing off, backing off and backing off left an awful lot to be desired.

Young Stuart Brown on a rare start at right back had to make two first class last ditch tackles to keep the Robins in the tie as Raynes Park continued to pour forward.

Those interventions came either side of substitute Lee Waterhouse cutting inside his man and drawing a sprawling save from Cupit.

It was a shame for Brown that he was the player who lost possession when Vale scored their killer third on 73 minutes. Peter Hickford picked up the ball, reached the by-line and crossed for Moore to convert.

Hassocks were adamant there had been a handball in the build up ignored by the referee, to the point where O'Callaghan received a second yellow for protesting too vehemently in his own firm, unique manner using long words rather than swear words.

Johnson saw an effort touched onto the bar by Cupit after a neat exchange with Weston which might have set up an interesting last 10 had it gone in.

Instead, Raynes Park were able to see the remaining time out relatively comfortably. Hassocks were left to rue that poor second half - and they had plenty of time to do so when one of their minibuses broke down on the side of the A23 on the way home, leaving a disgruntled Jewell and some of his players stranded.

**Hassocks:** J Simpson; Brown, Carruthers, Jacques, Butler; Westlake, Miles, O'Callaghan, Johnson, Weston; Robinson.

**Subs:** Waterhouse (Miles 63), Maynard (Robinson 71), Whittingham, Hawkes, R Wickwar (unused).



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# Around the League...



Five Southern Combination Premier Division clubs are taking part in the Emirates FA Cup preliminary qualifying round. Here is how the league's representatives got on in the previous stage of the competition, held two weeks ago...

## **Newhaven had the most eye-catching means of progression as they hammered Canterbury City 10-0 at Culver Road.**

What made the result all the more remarkable was that it was a replay after the Dockers had drawn 1-1 in Kent on the Saturday.

Answers on a postcard as to how you can go from a stalemate to a 10 goal victory against the same opponents in the space of three days.

Lee Robinson scored a hat-trick, there were braces for Lucas Franzen-Jones and Alfie Rogers, and singles for Marcin Ruda, Tom Underwood and Max Vardy.

Just to add to the ridiculousness of it all, Newhaven played for 38 minutes with only 10 men after substitute Donnachahd Street was shown a red card within 60 seconds of his introduction.

Less extraordinary but still a mighty impressive result was early Premier Division leaders **Peacehaven & Telscombe** winning 3-0 away at **AFC Croydon Athletic** in a replay following a 2-2 draw at the Window Workshop Sports Park.

Jack Pettett scored twice in the opening 18 minutes with substitute Callum Hart adding the third in second half stoppage time.

There were three all-Southern Combination League ties, including **Midhurst & Easebourne** entering the competition for the first time.

They had a memorable debut, winning 4-1 away at **AFC Uckfield Town**. Liam Dreckmann and Billy Connor had the Stags two goals ahead inside of 12 minutes.

Uckfield substitute Jamie Blackford pulled one back but Harry Tremlett and Marcus Bedford ensured that Midhurst have a 100% record in the world's greatest cup competition.

**Crawley Down Gatwick** left it late to edge out **Crowborough**

**Athletic** 3-2 at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Nick Sullivan notched an 89th minute winner from the bench to go with goals from Ben Chowney and our former midfielder Harvey Enticknap.

Crowborough found the back of the net via Harry Forster and Ollie Hyland.

Goals from Tyler Capon and Anesu Sisimayi for **Eastbourne Town** either side of a Callum Chalmers strike for **Stevington** saw the hosts progress 2-1 at the Saffrons.

**Bexhill United** hosted **North Greenford United** at Eastbourne Borough but the plush surroundings of Priory Lane could not inspire the Pirates to victory as they were beaten 3-2. Jack Shonk got both the Bexhill goals.

**AFC Varndeanians** were eliminated 1-0 at home by **Hythe Town** in an FA Cup tie unlikely to join the list of great matches to have taken place in the competition at Withdean Stadium during Brighton & Hove Albion's 12 year stay.

Charlie Martin scored for **Alfold** in what turned out to be a heavy 4-1 defeat at the hands of **Knaphill** whilst just down the road at Gorings Mead, **Horsham YMCA** were well beaten 3-0 by **Beckenham**.

**Loxwood** put up a good fight away at **Rusthall** before succumbing to a 3-2 defeat. The Magpies goals were scored by Adrian Todd and Callum Dowdell. **Eastbourne United** meanwhile were beaten 2-0 at **Westfield (Surrey)**.

There was little to cheer at Hill Park where **Saltdean United** were hammered 8-0 by **Ashford Town (Middx)** and saw substitute Jamie Craddock dismissed.

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Two Premier Division clubs were eliminated at the hands of Sussex-based Isthmian League sides.

**Roffey** were on the end of a 4-0 reversal at **Lancing** and **Broadbridge Heath** lost 3-1 at reigning Southern Combination champions **Littlehampton Town**. Jamie Taylor scored the Bears' consolation.

Cricket at Little Common Recreation Ground on Saturday meant that **Little Common** hosted **Chatham Town** in a Sunday afternoon fixture.

They attracted a huge crowd as a result, who witnessed Common fall to a 2-1 defeat. Player-manager Russell Eldridge scored for the hosts.

Whilst all the FA Cup action was going, Division One was getting underway with a full fixture list.

**Godalming Town** took the headlines, hammering Billingshurst 5-1. The hosts led only 1-0 at half time through Connor Blanchard before running riot after the break, adding four more via Liam Avery, Robert Parrott, James Frudd and James Mariner.

Two of last season's top six met at Middle Road where ex-Robin Michael Death got off to an excellent start as **Shoreham** manager.

His Musselmen side were 3-0 victors over **Epsom & Ewell**. An own goal and efforts from Harry Heath and Ross Myers doing the damage.

Elsewhere, **Chessington & Hook** marked their Southern Combination debut with a 2-0 win at **Selsey**, **Arundel** beat **Oakwood** 3-1, **East Preston** drew 0-0 against **Hailsham Town** amongst others.



## Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

### Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peacehaven & Tels	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Horsham YMCA	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Eastbourne United	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
Broadbridge Heath	4	3	0	1	6	2	9
Bexhill United	3	2	1	0	10	1	7
Eastbourne Town	4	2	1	1	6	2	7
Midhurst & Easebourne	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Loxwood	4	2	1	1	7	7	7
Crowborough Athletic	4	2	1	1	4	5	7
Crawley Down Gatwick	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
<b>Hassoeks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
AFC Uckfield Town	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Lingfield	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
Steyning Town	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Newhaven	3	1	0	2	7	4	3
AFC Varndeanians	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Little Common	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Alfold	4	0	1	3	2	11	1
Roffey	4	0	0	4	0	11	0
Saltdean United	4	0	0	4	1	14	0

### Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WWW
Horsham YMCA	LWWW
Eastbourne United	WLWW
Broadbridge Heath	WWLW
Bexhill United	DWW
Eastbourne Town	WDLW
Midhurst & Easebourne	DWWL
Loxwood	LWDW
Crowborough Athletic	WWDL
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWL
<b>Hassoeks</b>	<b>LLWW</b>
AFC Uckfield Town	WDLL
Lingfield	DWLL
Steyning Town	WLDL
Newhaven	LLW
AFC Varndeanians	LW
Little Common	LD
Alfold	DLLL
Roffey	LLLL
Saltdean United	LLLL

### Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	231	231	231
Broadbridge Heath	201	201	201
Peacehaven & Telscombe	180	255	132
Crowborough Athletic	175	175	175
Horsham YMCA	165	165	165
<b>Hassoeks</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>162</b>
Steyning Town	115	125	105
Eastbourne United	110	137	89
Little Common	104	123	84
Midhurst & Easebourne	84	91	77
AFC Uckfield Town	82	103	46
Loxwood	82	82	82
Roffey	73	129	30
Saltdean United	71	107	28
Alfold	67	81	57
Crawley Down Gatwick	66	74	60
Lingfield	56	56	56
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0

### Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	9
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	5
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	5
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	5
Ben Cooskley	B'bridge Heath	4
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	4
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>Hassoeks</b>	<b>3</b>
Callum Hart	Peacehaven	3
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	3
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	3
Jack Pettett	Peacehaven	3
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	3
Rob Tambling	Midhurst	3
Ben Bacon	Horsham YMCA	2
Marcus Beford	Midhurst	2
Tyler Capon	Eastbourne Town	2
Billy Connor	Midhurst	2
Russell Eldridge	Little Common	2
Harvey Enticknap	Crawley Down	2
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Utd	2

### 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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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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# Upcoming Fixtures >>>



## Hassocks v Roffey

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Monday 29th August 2022

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 t Division One champions Roffey. Having already lost to promoted Midhurst, we will be looking to avoid an unwanted double 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 all of their games so far without scoring a goal.

### 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.

## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### Little Common v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Friday 2nd September 2022. 7:30pm  
Little Common Recreation Ground, Green Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 4PH  
Admission prices £6 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s £1

**If you have always dreamed of spending a Friday night in Bexhill, then this is your chance. We head to Little Common Recreation Ground for football under the lights which is bound to attract a decent sized crowd...**

#### Little Common last season

Common enjoyed an excellent campaign for a number of reasons. The most obvious was that they returned to their Recreation Ground home having had to move out in the summer of 2017 for ground grading reasons. It was a long, hard battle to secure the permission and funding to get their traditional pitch up to standards but well worth it in the end. Going hand-in-hand with that was Russell Eldridge and his players securing Common's highest ever finish of 10th in the Premier Division. Playing a huge part was a blistering start to the campaign when they looked like they might be surprise title challengers, only to fall away once winter arrived.

#### Head-to-head

The two sides have met on 17 previous occasions. Only four of those so far have come in the Premier Division, the majority of matches taking place in Division One in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In terms of the head-to-head, we have won five matches and Common six, leaving six draws - so there is little to separate us historically.

#### Last time we met

We were lucky enough to be the first opponents for that first game back at the Recreation Ground in nearly five years. Most people were willing Common to mark the occasion with a win, but we had other ideas and twice came from behind to draw 2-2. Lewis Hole got both for the hosts

with our equalisers coming from Phil Gault and Josh Short. Gault was rewarded for his efforts that day by being promoted to the Veterans side, who he went onto help win the Fred Pretty Plate over the following four months.

#### How to get to Little Common

Take the A27 to the east of the county, passing Eastbourne and then joining the A259. When approaching Bexhill, you will enter Little Common and arrive at a large roundabout with the Wheatsheaf pub on your left. Take the second exit onto Peartree Lane. After passing Ocklynge Close on the left, take the next right onto Green Lane and the Recreation Ground is on your immediate right.



### Hassocks v AFC Vardeanians

Peter Bentley League Cup Second Round  
Tuesday 6th September  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

**The Peter Bentley League Cup kicks off our home September schedule, which means we can look forward to reading about how Hassocks have never reached a senior final in 120 years. Might this time around be different?**

#### AFC Vardeanians last season

Vardeanians had the ultimate season of two halves in their first Premier Division campaign since 1962. After climbing three division in seven seasons, they found the step up hard initially and failed to win any of their opening 25 games in all competitions. The appointment of their third manager of the season Dave Bridges led to a remarkable upturn and from a hopeless position at the foot of the table in mid-December, they were one of the form sides in the second half of the campaign to eventually finish outside of the bottom two. If Vs can maintain that over the whole of 2022-23, then they can expect to have their eyes fixed firmly up the table.

#### Head-to-head

Last season was the first time that we had ever met in competitive football at senior level. That means the head-to-head shows simply our 4 -1 win at the Beacon in October followed by their victory down the A23 in February. Our old third team did though used to cross swords with Vs regularly when they were known as Old Vardeanians during their Mid Sussex Football League days in the 2000s. The most famous clash came when Simon Maskell's side pulled off a shock by winning the Montgomery Cup on penalties in 2004. A young Robins side including an 18-year-old Ashley Marsh, a 16-year-old Sam Fisk and a 62-year-old Robbie Kitchen.

#### Last time we met

We made our first visit to Withean Stadium off the back of consecutive wins away at Crawley Down Gatwick and AFC Uckfield Town. That had eased the pressure on us slightly in the battle to avoid relegation, which was just as well as Vardeanians ran out 1-0 winners in a pretty turgid affair. Finley Bigg got the only goal.

#### Links between the clubs?

None anymore but several players have represented both clubs in the past, most notably last season. We had former Vs Bradley Bant and Harvey Parker and they had Luke Akehurst, Tom Barnes and Jamie Hillwood.

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Midhurst & Easebourne home **Harvey BLAKE**  
Lingfield home **Sam CASH**  
AFC Uckfield Town away **Joe BULL**  
Alfold away **Liam BENSON**  
Uxbridge home  
Roffey home  
Little Common away  
AFC Varndeanians home  
Eastbourne United home  
Crawley Down Gatwick away  
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## Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

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3rd

September 2022

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October 2022

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November 2022

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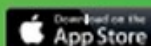
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# HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

# Most Games



# Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Phil Gault	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. James Westlake	217	15	232	31
20. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
21. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
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	167
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	34	139
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	232
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
24. Jack Troak	24	81
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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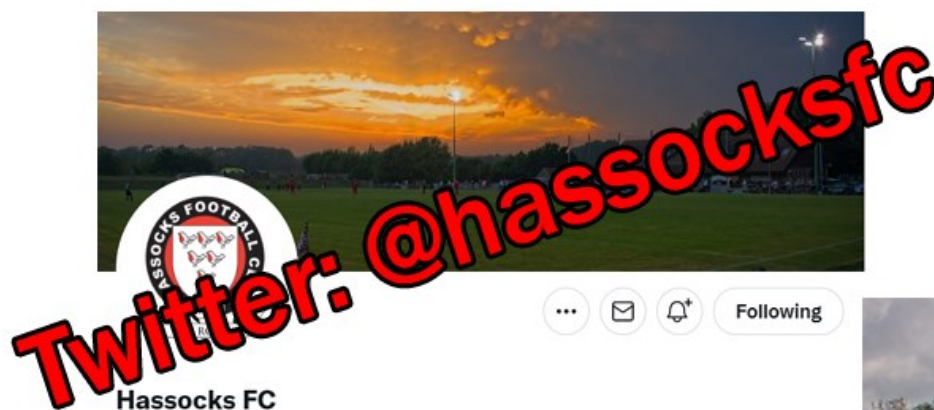
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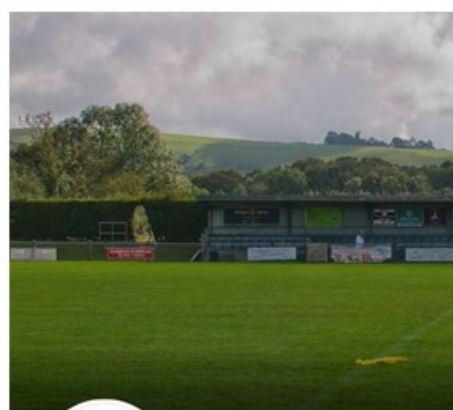


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**Roffey**  
Monday 29th August. 11:00am  
SCFL Premier Division



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### Today's other FA Cup games

Crawley Down Gatwick v Spelthorne Sports  
Midhurst & Easebourne v Harefield United  
Sheppey United v Newhaven  
Virginia Water v Eastbourne Town

### Today's SCFL Premier Division game

AFC Varndeanians v Little Common