

The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #6



Hassocks v Broadbridge Heath

Southern Combination League Premier Division

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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 evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's game against one of the early Premier Division pace setters...

We extend a warm hello to the players, management, officials and supporters of Broadbridge Heath and hope they enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex this evening.

Rather a lot has happened both in football and the real world since our last home fixture against AFC Varndeanians three weeks ago.

48 hours after that Peter Bentley League Cup exit to the Vs, the nation received the sad news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had passed away.

This is our first opportunity for us to pay our respects at the Beacon. It goes without saying that everyone at Hassocks was sending their very best wishes to the Royal Family during what must have been an incredibly difficult time.

Football understandably took a backseat whilst the country mourned. That meant our home game scheduled for Saturday 10th September against Eastbourne United was postponed.

We returned to action on Saturday 17th with a 1-0 defeat at Crawley Down Gatwick. It was a match very much in keeping with our losses against Little Common and

Varndeanians, whereby we had a series of decent chances but paid the price for not taking any.

Coming away from the Haven having drawn a blank for a third game in a row, the feeling was that once somebody - anybody - found the back of the net, the goals would start flowing. Like the proverbial London busses.

In typical Hassocks style, it just so happened that the turnaround took place at third-placed Horsham YMCA. A side yet to concede a league goal at home and whom we had only beaten three times at Gorings Mead in 22 years became the victims of a four-goal Robins blitz.

It was easily the best result - and probably performance - of the season so far. And it should set us up nicely coming into another tough game this evening against a Bears side flying high near the top of the table.

Heath contain at least one familiar name in their squad. Mark Zydonik has returned to the Bears after playing the first six games of the season for us, scoring twice.

We thank Mark for his efforts during his brief spell here and wish him well back at Broadbridge Heath -

apart from tonight, obviously.

Away from first team matters and the Ladies had an excellent 9-0 win in the League Cup on Sunday 18th away at Pevensey & Westham.

Katherine Chappell scored five to continue her rich vein of form. The four other goals came via a Jess Craig hat-trick and Kirstin Mair.

The Ladies travel to Denne Park on Sunday, looking to make it three wins from three. The Veterans are also due to be in action, hosting AFC Varndeanians here at 2pm.

Admission is free if you wish to cheer on some of the stars of yesterday in their opening game of the season.

Our next first team fixture is away at Loxwood on Saturday, followed by AFC Varndeanians here on October 8th.

For Under 23s and Under 18s upcoming matches, please see our website as that information was not available at the time of going to press.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Today's Visitors >>>



Broadbridge Heath

Bears Factfile

Founded 1919
Ground Countryside Stadium
Website pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc
Twitter @thebearsbbhfc
Instagram @thebearsbbhfc
Manager Chris Simmons
Top scorer Lewis Croal, 7

Club Honours

SCFL Division One
 Runners up 2014
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
 Runners up 2013

These are heady times for Broadbridge Heath. Top 10 finishes and a move to one of the best grounds in the league have the Bears looking only one way - up...

2019 proved to be a big year for Heath. They secured their best ever Southern Combination League finish of sixth at the end of the 2018-19 campaign and swapped Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre for their own purpose-build home, the Countryside Stadium.

From a handful of people watching around an athletics track, Heath now have one of the biggest average crowds in the league and the sort of impervious home form that comes with that kind of backing.

Long-serving boss Steve Painter - who had led the Bears from the bottom of Division Two into the Premier Division during his long spell in charge - stood down shortly after the move to the new stadium but not even that could stop their forward momentum.

Chris Simmons took over and after navigating a few bumps in the road with a challenging start to the 2020-21 campaign, Heath have continued moving forward ever

since.

It might be early days in the 2022-23 campaign, but this already looks like it could be a record-breaking year for the Bears.

They arrive at the Beacon in second place, level on points with leaders Newhaven but with a game in hand over the Dockers.

Six wins and a single defeat from seven matches points to the tough task at hand tonight for the Robins, whilst the Bears have also made good progress in both the Peter Bentley League Cup and FA Vase.

A 3-1 win away at Lewisham Borough in the national competition was a particularly impressive result, delivered by two goals from top scorer Lewis Croal and one from Sam Lemon.

Heath score plenty and concede very few, the perfect combination for success. In a Premier Division season without an obvious title favourite, that may carry them even further on their upwards journey.

10 Key Bears Moments

1920... lift a Horsham League and Cup double, their first major trophies
1970... move from the Horsham League to the West Sussex League
1978... promoted into the Southern Counties Combination League
1983... join the Southern Combination League, becoming founder members of Division Two
1988... the move yields instant dividends as Heath are promoted to Division One for the first time
1998... promoted to the Premier Division of the Southern Combination League
2010... finish second bottom of the league structure, with only Hurstpierpoint below them
2013... reach their first senior cup final, losing to East Preston in the Sussex RUR Charity Cup
2014... promoted back to the Premier Division four years after nearly being relegated out of the league
2019... secured their highest ever finish before moving into the new High Wood Hill Sports Ground

Last 20 Seasons

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

The Robins' Record v Broadbridge Heath

SCFL Premier > Played 15 - Won 3 - Drawn 4 - Lost 8 - Scored 14 - Conceded 27

SCFL Division One > Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 2 - Scored 6 - Conceded 7

SCFL Division Two > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 2

Peter Bentley Cup > Played 3 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 8 - Conceded 3

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

Total > Played 27 - Won 9 - Drawn 6 - Lost 12 - Scored 32 - Conceded 40

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 0-0 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-5 Broadbridge Heath

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Broadbridge Heath

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 2-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 6-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Broadbridge Heath

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 2-0 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

Played for Both

Prior to 2014, you would have been hard pressed to find many players who had represented both Hassocks and Broadbridge Heath.

Over the past eight years however, there has been a growing trend for the Bears to sign former Robins - something which started with defender **Matt Carruthers**.

Carruthers had a brief eight months with us in 2011, playing 27 games and scoring twice after joining from St Francis Rangers in February of that year.

He returned to Colwell Road in October 2012, going onto play for Ringmer before joining Broadbridge

Heath for part of the 2014-15 season.

The Bears proved to be his final club in Sussex before he moved for a spell in Australia.

Another defender to have represented both clubs is **Glen Woodburn**, who spent the 2018-19 season with the Bears. Woodburn had played for Hassocks a decade earlier during John Suter's brief reign in the 2008-09 campaign.

Josh Tuck joined us from Burgess Hill Town a few weeks into the 2017-18 season, making 19 appearances and scoring once in a 3-1 win over Littlehampton Town.

He went onto join the Bears at

the start of the 2019-20 campaign, with subsequent spells at Saltdean United, Shoreham and now Horsham YMCA following.

Our top scorer from the 2020-21 campaign **Charlie Pitcher** had a brief spell with Broadbridge Heath earlier in his career whilst goalkeeper **Conor Evento** moved to the Beacon from Heath during the same season.

Both **Mark Zydonik** and **Sam Rogers** swapped Bears for Robins this summer.

Rogers has impressed in the Under 23s whilst Zydonik scored twice from six appearances before deciding to return to the Countryside Stadium.



Sprightly Wickwar rolls back the years to help Hassocks claim point

The proof of the progress made by Hassocks this season was there for all to see at Broadbridge Heath.

When these sides met at the Beacon back in August, it was a horror show for Hassocks.

They were walloped 5-1, hopelessly outplayed and capped a miserable evening by managing the impressive feat of scoring two own goals. A long season looked ahead.

Fast forward three months and 19.8 miles north to High Wood Hill Sports Ground and the contrast could not have been more stark.

The Robins battled their way to a 0-0 draw against hosts who are enjoying their best ever top flight season, starting the afternoon fifth in the Premier Division table.

What made this result all the more impressive was that Hassocks achieved it shorn of the services of goalkeeper Alex Harris for the final 30 minutes.

A nasty blow to the head led to Harris leaving the field, his place taken by 47-year-old physio Phil Wickwar.

The number of times that Wickwar has been called upon in such circumstances over the past five years or so is frankly astonishing.

Other than using his favourite adjective of "shambles", he never complains though.

Wickwar would do quite literally anything for the club and that is why he has been such a popular figure at Hassocks for 30 years, filling virtually every role going.

In terms of goalkeeping cameos, this was arguably his best since he served as regular backup to Joel Harding in the mid-00's.

Wickwar rolled back the years even further than that, making two brilliant saves as if it were 1992 again to help preserve the clean sheet and with it, the point.

As a result, Wickwar was an easy

winner of Man-of-the-Match, with Hassocks now seeking sponsorship for the award from Age Concern in honour of their sprightly stand in.

Wickwar might have taken the headlines, but the rest of the Robins who featured deserve immense credit too.

Heath are not flying so high by fluke or accident; they are a quality outfit assembled by manager Chris Simmons and in number 9 Mason Doughty, they had the best player on the pitch.

Hassocks might not have had the edge on ability but their work rate throughout was phenomenal.

This was by no means a backs to the wall 0-0 as the Robins played a full part, at least before Harris departed. On another day, they might have even won it.

Doughty was the first player from either side to get a sight of goal, latching onto a defence splitting pass from Jamie Taylor and drawing a good stop low down on the angle from Harris with 13 minutes played.

Hassocks had their best spell after that, racking up three decent opportunities in 15 minutes.

Jack Troak could not connect properly as he scuffed wide when well placed.

A good passage of play set Alfie Loversidge up for a left footed effort off target.

Jack Baden then swung over a free kick which Heath goalkeeper Liam Matthews was brave in dealing with, taking a clattering from Dan Turner for his troubles.

Doughty was soon back in the thick of the action, meeting a Charlie Weller right wing cross with a first time volley.

It was some hit from Doughty but luckily for Hassocks, it proved more dangerous to the property prices of the neighbouring flats than Harris' goal.

Heath started the second half strongest, Taylor seeing an effort

blocked by Turner before Bradley Tighe produced a first class covering tackle on Weller, who had beaten three Hassocks players on a mazy run up the right.

The collision involving Harris came on the hour mark. The Hassocks goalkeeper was crashed into by a Bears opponent when a corner was delivered into the box and although it was clearly accidental, the seriousness of the incident was obvious from the start.

There was a lengthy delay whilst Wickwar tended to the injury and Harris was helped from the field. Heath did a first class job in looking after Harris and he reported after the game that he was in good spirits, if a little sore.

With Wickwar now in goal, the hosts understandably fancied their chances of going onto win the game.

Heath became even more determined to get on the front foot, beginning to pin Hassocks into their own half.

The Robins though dug in, manned the trenches and defended stubbornly.

That restricted Heath to only three clear opportunities in the final 30 minutes.

Taylor headed wide from one of a barrage of Kyle Sim long throws before Wickwar came to the fore, tipping a Charlie Parmiter free kick over at full stretch and getting down to his left wonderfully to keep out a Doughty effort.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, B Tighe, Tuck; Loversidge, Baden, J Westlake, Troak; Short; Beebee.

Subs: Wickwar, Bull (used).



Robins end 11 game winless run to progress past Bears in Vase

Forgetting their league woes for 90 minutes, Hassocks banked £800 in FA Vase prize money and a first win in 11 matches by defeating fellow Sussex County Division One side Broadbridge Heath 2-1 at the Beacon.

Injuries and player departures have been acutely felt since the Robins' first - and before this only - victory of the campaign away at Shoreham back in August.

It has been a long seven-and-a-half weeks. Dave John will now be hoping that safe progress to a first round home tie with Corinthian is the result to belatedly kick start his side's season.

Hassocks welcomed back Ashley Marsh, Dan Jacques, Dan Stokes, Nathan Miles and Phil Johnson.

The boost provided by five first choice players returning at once was there for all to see.

John has also been busy on the transfer front. Bradley Bant has arrived from East Grinstead Town and he looked neat and tidy in midfield on an encouraging Hassocks debut.

Given the struggles the Robins have had in selection this season, home connections would have had sympathy with the situation facing Broadbridge Heath.

The Bears arrived without a recognised goalkeeper. All four of their registered shot stoppers were either injured or unavailable, meaning that defender Andy Howard had to take on the thankless task of donning the gloves.

Hassocks too have suffered in that department since losing Jack Simpson to injury. Sam Brock, youth team number one Josh Green and the veteran Phil Wickwar have all deputised with varying degrees of success.

Simpson remains a few weeks away from recovering from the

shoulder problem he picked up in the August Bank Holiday Monday defeat at Newhaven.

Brock maintained the shirt from Tuesday night's Sussex RUR Charity Cup defeat to Eastbourne Town.

That proved to be a good decision on the part of John, with Brock making two vital saves early in the second half.

The Robins took the lead with only five minutes played. Johnson raced onto a through ball from his strike partner Miles and bored down on Howard to convert from close range.

It became something of an attritional first half after that with chances few and far between.

Merv Bhujun came closest to an equaliser for Heath. His goal bound header looked like it would cause issues for Brock until Marsh did brilliantly to deflect it onto the post.

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Hassocks doubled their advantage deep into injury time with virtually the last kick of the half.

Johnson used his pace to pose more questions of the Bears defence. When he was brought down in the box, Nick Pitcher confidently smashed home the resulting penalty with aplomb.

Heath came flying out the traps after the break, resulting in those two Brock interventions. Both came from efforts by Jake Legrance.

Hassocks then should have been home and dry when a slip in the Bears backline allowed Miles and

Johnson the chance to break through.

The deadly duo were unusually sloppy on this occasion, presenting Howard with the opportunity to advance from his line and snuff out the danger as if he were a seasoned goalkeeper rather than a square peg in a round hole.

Johnson and Miles squandering that opportunity nearly came back to haunt Hassocks when Sav Bidgood was left with a free header from no more than four yards out.

Fortunately for the Robins, Bidgood produced an astonishing miss to hit the underside of the bar.

Bidgood went onto make up for that shocker with a crisp finish from the edge of the box through a crowd of players which made it 2-1 with 10 minutes remaining.

That set up a tense finale. Heath threw everything they had at Hassocks. Not helping the stress levels of home fans, the Robins responded by dropping deeper and deeper to invite more pressure.

Heath hit the bar again. They then won a corner in the dying seconds, which Howard was waved forward for.

And it looked like Howard had provided a fairy tale finish when he won the header, only for it to be hacked off the line by Hassocks substitute Mark Price.

The following full time whistle was greeted with understandable excitement. It was a much required and battling win for Hassocks. They will need more of these in the coming weeks.

Hassocks: Brock; Jacques, Pitcher, Gathern, Marsh; Stokes, Bant, Robbins, G Brown; Johnson, Miles.

Subs: Czech, Price, Davess (used), Booth, P Wickwar (unused).



Brilliant Bygraves named Robins August Player of the Month

Three new signings take top billing in the first Player of the Month Award of the season with Alex Bygraves, Harvey Blake and Leon Turner all impressing after their summer captures...

An outstanding first seven games of his Hassocks career have seen summer arrival Alex Bygraves named as the Robins Player of the Month for August.

New head coach James Westlake bringing the former Haywards Heath Town, Lancing and Peacehaven & Telscombe captain to the Beacon was seen as quite the coup back in June.

Bygraves has more than lived up to his reputation as a leader at the back with a string of excellent performances, helping Hassocks overcome a difficult defensive start to the campaign.

The opening game of the season saw the Robins beaten 3-0 away at Bygaves' previous employers, Peacehaven.

He was the best Hassocks player on the pitch that afternoon at the Window Workshop Sports Park however, claiming the first Bedlam Brewery Starman award of 2022-23.

Defeat against the Tye was no shame; they were the only Premier Division side to end August with a 100 percent record in the Southern Combination League.

Conceding four goals at home to top flight newcomers Midhurst & Easebourne was more of a concern.

Since then though, the Robins have tightened up markedly at the back and Bygraves has played a huge part in that.

Hassocks conceded just once from their following four matches against Southern Combination opponents.

Clean sheets were achieved in the FA Cup against Lingfield, away at Alfold back in the bread and butter of league football and when Roffey were

hammered 7-0 on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The only Sussex-based team to breach Bygraves and the Robins backline between August 3rd and the end of the month was AFC Uckfield Town, who managed to grab a consolation as Hassocks won 2-1 at the Oaks.

Even in the 3-1 FA Cup exit to Isthmian League South Central promotion favourites Uxbridge, Bygraves and co excelled in restricting a dangerous side from the division above to just two goals until getting hit on the counter when the Red Army added their third in the 93rd minute.

Bygraves has also proved his

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worth at the other end. His towering presence from set pieces combined with Lewis Westlake's unerring accuracy when delivering saw the defender score against both Midhurst and Roffey.

Second place in August Player of the Month went to popular right back Harvey Blake who returned to the Beacon in the summer from Crawley Down Gatwick.

Blake had to settle for a place amongst the substitutes for that opening day defeat at Peacehaven

but has been pretty much undroppable ever since.

Like Bygraves, Blake has had a key role to play in tightening up the Hassocks defence, whilst his swashbuckling determination to attack up the flank has provided the Beacon crowd with some of the most exciting moments of the campaign so far.

Blake took the Bedlam Brewery Starman award in the defeat to Midhurst.

He has continued his August form into September and became the first player to win two man-of-the-match titles this season, picking up another Bedlam gift box for his performance in the 2-0 Peter Bentley League Cup exit to AFC Vardeanians.

Leon Turner took third in August Player of the Month for a set of livewire showings down the right flank following his arrival from Croydon.

Turner's combination of pace, trickery and directness has seen him become a firm fan favourite just six games into his Hassocks career.

He scored his first goal for the club with the opener in the 3-0 win against an Alfold outfit who had no way of stopping him.

Better was to come against Roffey. Hassocks were 4-0 ahead going into half time with most of their joy coming down the right flank thanks to the link up play between Turner and Blake.



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Hassocks left wondering how they lost under the Little Common lights

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Friday 2nd September 2022, The Recreation Ground
Little Common 2-0 Hassocks**



Nobody measures xG in the Southern Combination League. Which is just as well, because Hassocks would have been thoroughly depressed by expected goals compared to the actual outcome from their trip to Little Common.

The Robins were miles the better side. They played some excellent football. The only thing letting them down was their finishing.

Chance after chance went begging. It was in stark contrast to Hassocks' last outing, a clinical display which put seven past Roffey on Bank Holiday Monday.

Little Common meanwhile managed two efforts on target all evening. Both went in, sending Hassocks to a 2-0 defeat and ending their hopes of winning four Premier Division matches in a row for the first time since 2018.

Unsurprisingly, James Westlake made no changes from the starting XI who hit that baker's half seven against the Boars.

Fast stars have been a theme of the Westlake Era so far. Hassocks took the lead inside five minutes in each of those victories over Roffey, Alfold and AFC Uckfield Town.

The Robins nearly added another early goal here. Three minutes had elapsed when an aggressive press won Hassocks possession in midfield.

Head coach Westlake threaded in Leon Turner, only for the winger to see his shot repelled by Common goalkeeper Matt Cruttwell.

That stop looked even more important when Common took the lead three minutes later.

Sam Ellis escaped down the left channel and his pull back was swept in from close range by Lewis Hole.

It would be another 71 minutes before Common mustered another opportunity. They would score that one, too.

In between, Hassocks produced a catalogue of misses which ranged

from the unfortunate to the downright bizarre.

The first came just three further minutes from Common taking the lead.

Lewis Westlake swung over a corner which found its way to Sam Cash at the back post, who somehow contrived to miss from four yards out.

A bobble did Phil Johnson just as he was about to pull the trigger with Hassocks' next chance, the ball flying over from 20 yards after skipping up unexpectedly.

Then it was the turn of the woodwork to get in the way. Some brilliant passing football released Mike Williamson gliding into a wide position.

He played a visionary pass into James Westlake to hit a rasping effort. It beat Cruttwell but not the crossbar, which was left shaking for sometime after.

Williamson was a little too high with an effort from 20 yards after enterprising play from Troak on the half hour mark.

Home player-manager Russell Eldridge became one of three Common players to enter the book for clever fouls to stop Hassocks breaking.

Johnson had skinned Eldridge on halfway and was looking to break when Eldridge tried to swap shirts with him, leaving referee Perry Hart no choice but to flash a yellow.

Two minutes later and Hassocks should have made more of the opportunity presented by a poor back header from Adam Smith intended for Cruttwell.

Turner intercepted and had passing options in the middle. Instead, he took the decision to shoot from a tight angle with the resulting shot failing to trouble the Common goal.

The lively Turner did better with his next opportunity, cutting inside and hitting a crisp shot which required a good stop from Cruttwell.

Jamie Bunn was shown a yellow for two swipes at the lively Harvey Blake just before the break as Hassocks continued to cause problems right up until the half time whistle.

Four minutes into the second half and Johnson skipped around Eldridge, who dared not foul for fear of a second yellow.

Johnson's luck was clearly not in however as again, a divot skipped the ball up as he was about to shoot, sending the effort from 18 yards flying over the bar.

The hour mark saw Blake miss at the back post from four yards with a rebound after Turner had blazed through the Common defence.

Johnny Walker picked up the third Common booking of the night for a cynical trip, followed by Cash hitting a weak effort from 23 yards.

A rare foray forward from Common brought them their first corner of the night on 77 minutes.

When Lewis Parsons stole a gap to head home and double the hosts' advantage, you knew it was not going to be Hassocks' evening. If that had not already been apparent.

The Robins to their credit kept going. They mustered a couple more chances, the best of which needed a desperate goal line clearance from Parsons amidst a scramble.

The loose ball fell straight to substitute Joe Bull, who was making his 100th Hassocks appearance.

Bull could not mark the milestone with a goal, firing wide. It was just one of those nights for the Robins.

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

Subs: Benson (J Westlake 73), Bull (Turner 80), Wilkes, S Smith, Broomfield (unused).

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Robins do everything but score in more Peter Bentley Cup misery

Peter Bentley League Cup Second Round Tuesday 6th September 2022, The Beacon Hassocks 0-2 AFC Varndeanians

The United Kingdom has rattled through seven Prime Ministers since Hassocks last progressed beyond the quarter finals of the Peter Bentley League Cup.

John Major. Tony Blair. Gordon Brown. David Cameron. Theresa May. Boris Johnson. And now Liz Truss have all occupied Number 10 since the 1996-97 season and the Robins' one and only foray to the final four.

Hassocks will be waiting at least a year into Ms Truss' time in office to improve their awful record in the competition after they were eliminated at the second round stage by AFC Varndeanians at the Beacon.

It finished 2-0 to the visitors in a match which was almost a carbon copy of the Robins' Friday night defeat at Little Common - same scoreline, same head scratching from Hassocks players, management and fans as to how they had not won.

The hosts were the better side, creating numerous opportunities over the 90 minutes. For the second game running, they could not make one stick on the scoreboard.

Varndeanians in contrast took advantage of a gift early in the second half to score with their first meaningful shot on target.

They doubled the advantage with their second shot on target 10 minutes later - and that proved enough to secure a home tie with Loxwood in round three.

James Westlake shuffled his pack, giving starts to Will Broomfield, Joe Bull, Tom Frankland, Liam Benson and Jamie Wilkes.

Jack Troak, Phil Johnson, Bradley Tighe, Sam Cash and Lewis Westlake were all rested. In Westlake's absence, Alex Bygraves captained Hassocks for the first time.

Nobody was really talking about the wholesale changes before the game. Instead, the focus was on the surprise presence of Pat Harding in a matchday squad for the first time since re-joining the Robins from

Burgess Hill Town in the summer.

Harding has recovered more quickly than expected from the broken ribs he sustained in a pre-season friendly against Whitehawk.

He came off the bench for the final 30 minutes to quite the reception from the Beacon faithful. Harding's return is timely given the struggles Hassocks have experienced putting the ball in the back of the net during their two goalless outings.

The Robins looked particularly dangerous against Vs in wide positions during a first half in which Alex Harris was virtually a spectator.

Harvey Blake and Frankland dovetailed well down the right. Leon Turner has been a lively presence on that flank so far this season but he showed he can be just as threatening on the left, where he was switched in the absence of Troak.

The first clearcut chance of the game fell to head coach Westlake on 10 minutes. He defied his diminutive frame to meet a whipped Frankland cross with a header just wide.

12 minutes later and Blake and Frankland exchanged a series of passes. That created the space Frankland needed to deliver a low cross towards the front post.

Benson timed his run to perfection to get across Ollie Stevenson, only to place his sweeping finish into the side netting.

Blake was the next to cross on the half hour mark, hanging up a ball to the back post. Benson produced a startling leap and a brilliant header which required an even better save from Keen Ancell tipping over.

Ancell next kept out a Wilkes volley at full stretch. The tall striker had set himself up with lovely close control on the edge of the box after a Turner run and cross.

All of the Robins' good first half work was undone within 60 seconds of the restart. Mike Williamson slipped when attempting to pass back to Harris, Ali Rainford gleefully



accepted possession and slotted home.

It was a poor goal to concede. In contrast, not much could be done about Fin Bigg's strike to make it 2-0 on 56 minutes. The Varndeanians winger cut in from the left and bent a spectacular effort into the far corner.

Between the two goals, Blake hit a drive into the side netting and the rangy Wilkes had an effort blocked by imperious Vs captain Omar Bukleb.

Hassocks responded to falling two behind by rattling the woodwork twice in three minutes. Benson chested down to Turner who hit a fierce volley from 12 yards. Ancell somehow got a touch on the shot to divert it onto the crossbar.

Blake then picked up the ball on the edge of the area, beat one man and cracked a low effort which clipped the outside of the post.

Even with 25 minutes still to go at that point, you knew it was going to be one of those nights.

Hassocks used all five of their permitted subs in an attempt to find a way through. Harding looked lively, although it was Sam Smith and Tighe of the replacements who came closest to scoring late on.

Bygraves' downward header from a corner landed at the feet of Smith on the goal line but the ball got caught, allowing Ancell to grab it. Tighe then hit an outrageous outside of the boot piledriver from 25 yards which was flicked over the bar by a Varndeanians head with the final touch of the game.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Bygraves, Broomfield, Bull; Frankland, J Westlake, Williamson, Turner; Wilkes; Benson.

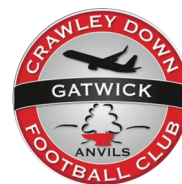
Subs: Tighe (Broomfield 57), Harding (Wilkes 60), Reid (Frankland 72), S Smith (Benson 79), Rogers (J Westlake 84).

Robins left raging after controversial decision extends their goal drought

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Saturday 17th September 2022, The Haven

Crawley Down Gatwick 1-0 Hassocks



After the feast comes the famine. Since scoring seven unanswered goals past Roffey on August Bank Holiday Monday, Hassocks have now failed to find the back of the net in 270 minutes of football.

Their third successive blank was drawn in an unusually low-quality game away at Crawley Down Gatwick, settled in the final 10 minutes in favour of the Anvils when substitute Oli Leslie scrambled home the only goal.

Games between Down and the Robins are normally high-scoring, enthralling affairs.

The two clubs have swapped players frequently over the past few seasons and that has added to the intrigue.

Rather than footballing entertainment taking centre stage, the main talking point on this occasion focussed on a controversial piece of officiating early in the second half which left Hassocks incensed.

Leon Turner slipped in Pat Harding for a one-on-one with home goalkeeper Alex Bellingham, who produced a superb save low down to his right.

Ex-Anvil Phil Johnson latched onto the loose ball, only to be brought down by Bellingham.

No matter thought Hassocks when Jack Troak picked up the pieces, firing into the bottom corner of the empty net.

Then the assistant referee's flag went up for an offside against Troak. The Robins subsequently expected referee Ian Lane to point to the spot for the foul on Johnson, which had occurred prior to the offside.

Incredibly, Mr Lane concluded Bellingham had done nothing illegal when hauling to ground his former teammate and Troak's goal was chalked off.

Nothing worth mentioning occurred prior to that incident. The

opening 45 minutes was a scrappy affair with neither side managing to string more than a couple of passes together.

Neither Alex Harris - making his 100th appearance for Hassocks - nor Bellingham had a save of any note to make.

The Robins got on top after the break via their wingers. Turner down the right was the best Hassocks player on the park with another positive performance of the sort that has made him a firm fan favourite already following his summer move from Croydon.

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Troak was his usual busy self on the opposite flank. If anyone was going to break Hassocks' scoring drought, then it looked likely to be either he or Johnson.

Shortly after the penalty offside incident and Johnson linked up beautifully with Lewis Westlake on the edge of the Down box.

The duo managed to work some space for Westlake to reach the by-line and his return pass found Johnson in a really good position. Unfortunately, Johnson's effort could not trouble Bellingham.

Down began to get a foothold in the game following that spell of Hassocks domination.

Home man-of-the-match Michael Belli hit the bar with an outrageous strike from distance.

A couple of crosses then flashed across Harris' goal with Hassocks lucky that no red shirt was on hand

to convert.

It began to feel as the second half wore on that the tie would either finish 0-0 or be decided by a scrambled goal from a set piece.

And so it proved. Hassocks ended up being their own worst enemy when conceding an unnecessary free kick in a wide area with seven minutes remaining.

The ball was delivered to the back post, from where it was nodded back across goal.

Having failed to win the first header, the Robins also passed up the opportunity to clear at the second, third and fourth attempt.

Eventually, Leslie made them pay when smashing home at the back post, just eight minutes after he had replaced Sam Clements.

Hassocks rang the changes after that to try and elicit a response but Down saw out the short time left pretty comfortably, leaving the Robins to reflect on a missed opportunity to claim at least a point.

They could have done it with it ahead of their next two Premier Division fixtures, tough matches against early league leaders Broadbridge Heath and current third place side Horsham YMCA.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Bygraves, B Tighe, Bull; Turner, L Westlake, Williamson, Troak; Johnson, Harding.

Subs: Broomfield (Tighe 71), J Westlake (Harding 71), Frankland (Blake 86), S Smith (Turner 90), Wilkes (unused).

Four goals in an hour ends goal drought and makes for a fun stay at the YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division Tuesday 20th September 2022, Herbert Direct Stadium Horsham YMCA 2-4 Hassocks



Before Hassocks arrived at the Herbert Direct Stadium, Horsham YMCA had seven clean sheets from 10 games in all competitions to their name. They were yet to concede a home goal in the Southern Combination League.

The Robins in contrast had gone more than 270 minutes without scoring, a run stretching back almost a month to August Bank Holiday Monday. Three defeats in a row had been the result of this famine in front of goal.

Seasoned Hassocks observers would not have been surprised by what their club famous for its Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde ability of veering from the good to the bad and back again did next.

Four goals plundered in little over an hour gave the Robins a superb 4-2 win over a side who had began the evening sat third in the Premier Division table.

Not only that, but it was just the fourth league victory Hassocks have recorded away at YMCA since the turn of the millennium. Some style for the Robins to end their scoring drought in.

Hassocks started well and might have had a penalty within the opening five minutes. Johnson was brought down in a wide position perilously close to the edge of the area.

The assistant referee seemed to believe it was inside the box. Referee Paddy O'Reilly did not agree however and instead awarded a free kick which the Robins made little of.

YM took the lead on 13 minutes against the run of play. A Robins throw was won in the air by Harry Law. The ball fell to Archie Goodard who hit a looping volley on the turn from 25 yards over the head of the stranded Alex Harris.

That goal started a breathless period of end-to-end football. Four minutes later and Hassocks

equalised, Lewis Westlake and Jack Troak combining to release Raging Joe Bull on an overlap from left back.

Bull crossed low and hard and after a series of ricochets in the box, the ball was eventually fired into the back of the YM net by Leon Turner.

Hassocks took the lead seven minutes later with a goal born out of determination from the men in blue and man-of-the-match Mike Williamson in particular.

The Robins won three 50-50 challenges in quick succession, eventually leading possession to Troak out on the left.

His deep cross from was met by an unreal diving header 18 yards out from Phil Johnson, giving Aaron Jeal no chance.

The confidence those two goals gave Hassocks was obvious. Another great cross from Troak required Jeal to make a good stop after ex-Robin Josh Tuck nearly turned the ball past his own goalkeeper.

Turner then cut inside and unleashed an effort from 25 yards which whistled just the wrong side of the post.

A tight but correct offside decision went against Troak on 36 minutes followed 120 seconds later by Hassocks adding their third.

Williamson won possession when a YM passing move broke down. He and midfield partner Westlake managed to find Benson, whose left footed cross was volleyed home by Johnson from eight yards.

YM were incensed as they felt Johnson had used a hand. Neither referee nor assistant spotted anything untoward and so Johnson had his second goal of the evening against his former club.

The hosts nearly pulled one back on the stroke of half time. Harris was relieved to see a cross-shot smack against the upright before being cleared away by Alex Bygraves.

It was a warning sign Hassocks should have paid more attention to.

Within five minutes of the restart, YM cut Hassocks' lead to one via another former Robin, Ben Bacon.

Tuck launched a long ball forward flicked on by Bacon. Goddard did superbly to latch onto the flick, beat three challenges from Robins players and return the ball to Bacon who converted on the slide.

Captain Westlake was forced off injured on the hour mark. Head coach and brother James Westlake was bold in his replacement, throwing on tall striker Jamie Wilkes.

Hassocks wanted a fourth rather than sitting back and attempting to hold onto their one-goal lead.

The plan worked to perfection when the Robins scored again on 79 minutes. A through ball sent Johnson away and he was hauled down by Jeal, leading Mr O'Reilly to point to the spot.

YM were again left fuming with the officials, believing Johnson to have been offside. A lengthy delay ensured whilst protests were lodged.

Despite the commotion, Troak confidently beat Jeal from 12 yards with a penalty nearly as cool as the all-blue suit - think Trigger when he falls through the bar in Only Fools & Horses - Troak turned up to Gorings Mead wearing.

An already fiery game became more ill-tempered following Troak's spot kick. That suited Hassocks, especially when Bacon entered the sin bin with five minutes remaining - time which the Robins easily navigated for a famous win.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Bygraves, B Tighe, Bull; Turner, L Westlake, Williamson, Troak; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Wilkes (L Westlake 60), Harding (Benson 75), Frankland (Turner 85), Broomfield, J Westlake (unused).

First Team Matches 2022-23

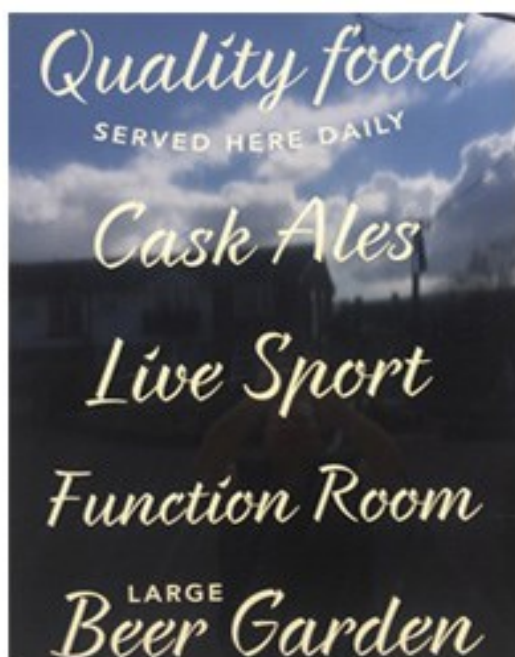
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
August					
02/08 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-4	162	Bygraves, Troak, Benson
06/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	FACEP	1-0	124	OG
13/08 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	2-1	46	Zydonik, Benson
16/08 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	3-0	57	L.Turner, Benson, Zydonik
20/08 - 15:00	Uxbridge (H)	FACFPQ	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
September					
02/09 - 19:30	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	0-2	146	
06/09 - 19:45	AFC Varndeanians (H)	PBLC2	0-2	148	
17/09 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-1	72	
20/09 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	4-2	76	L.Turner, Johnson (2), Troak
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	Broadbridge 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
Alex Bygraves	11	0	11	2	11	2
Alex Harris	11	0	11	0	101	0
Harvey Blake	10	1	11	0	78	3
Jack Troak	10	0	10	3	86	26
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Mike Williamson	9	1	10	0	10	0
Phil Johnson	7	2	9	5	172	81
Leon Turner	7	2	9	2	9	2
James Westlake	7	2	9	0	237	31
Liam Benson	6	3	9	3	143	34
Joe Bull	6	3	9	0	103	7
Sam Cash	6	2	8	0	11	1
Bradley Tighe	5	2	7	0	145	0
Tom Frankland	4	3	7	0	7	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Jamie Wilkes	1	5	6	1	10	1
Sam Smith	1	4	5	1	19	3
Pat Harding	1	2	3	0	204	137
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Danny Reid	0	2	2	0	2	0
Sam Rogers	0	2	2	0	2	0
Will Broomfield	1	1	2	0	90	4
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	62	11
Arthur Rawlingson	0	1	1	0	41	1

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Alfold again prove to be a hurdle Hassocks cannot overcome

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 1st September 2022, Elliot Scott Group Stadium
Alfold U23s 2-1 Hassocks U23s**



Bogey team Alfold continued their hold over Hassocks Under 23s by inflicting a first Southern Combination League North Division defeat of the season on the Robins.

Hassocks arrived at the Elliot Scott Group Stadium having scored seven goals in two games without conceding. That 100 percent record meant Neil Parker's band of men topped the very early table.

Alfold though seem to have the Robins' number. The last time the sides met was in the semi finals of the League Cup back in March.

Hassocks had been confirmed as North Division runners up and came into the tie fresh from eliminating champions Broadbridge Heath at the quarter final stage.

It was one of only two defeats the Bears suffered all season; the other being in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup to Isthmian League side Hastings United. Heath completed their North Division campaign unbeaten.

Hassocks then were favourites to advance to the final against opponents who finished two places and seven points behind them in the table.

The Robins though never showed

up. Alfold were the better side and progressed via a 2-1 win in what was at times an ill-tempered clash.

Hassocks' chance at winning their first piece of silverware at Under 23 level was gone. Fold meanwhile went onto beat Eastbourne Town on penalties in the final.

Fast forward six months and it was the same scoreline, the Robins suffering another 2-1 defeat to a side they just cannot seem to get the better off.

That was despite Alfold finishing the game with 10 men. Johden de Meyer was shown red with home substitutes Leon Fisher and Aryan Sharma joining him in the book.

For the second game running, Parker was able to name a relatively settled side - a rare luxury for a Hassocks Under 23s manager in recent seasons.

There were just three changes from the starting XI who won local bragging rights by beating St Francis Rangers 6-0 a week earlier.

Alfie Loversidge played his first minutes since going off injured in the first team's 3-0 defeat at Peacehaven & Telscombe on the opening day of the season back on July 30th.

Under 18s wide man Sam Fernley was handed a full debut for the Under 23s after scoring from the

bench in the hammering of Rangers.

Danny Reid returned having been unavailable for the Mid Sussex Derby and Under 23s regular Ben Hicks came in for his first start of the campaign.

Dropping out were Will Broomfield, Kobe Dersley, George Mercer and Jude Wallis.

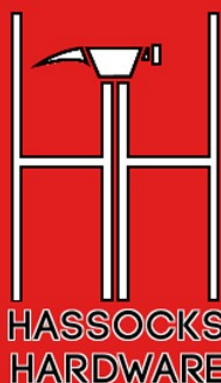
Hassocks trailed 1-0 at half time to a strike from De Meyer, making it an interesting evening on a personal level for him.

Noel Fisher got Alfold's second with the Hassocks goal coming from substitute Marshall Smith.

Parker used all five substitutes - including a debut for Sam Arscott - but the Robins could find no way through as Fold saw the game out professionally despite their numerical disadvantage by the end.

Hassocks: Thompson, Fernley, Turner, Rawlingson, Hicks, Geard, Rogers, Loversidge, Fairley, Reid, S Smith.

Subs: M Smith, Clarke, J Smith, W Tighe, Arscott (used).



Hassocks beat champions on a sombre occasion at the Beacon

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 8th September 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 2-0 Broadbridge Heath U23s**



The football at the Beacon on Thursday night was understandably overshadowed by events going on elsewhere.

Around an hour before kick off between Hassocks Under 23s and Broadbridge Heath, the sad news filtered through that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had passed away at Balmoral.

There was a subdued atmosphere around the ground, not what anyone would have been expecting earlier in the day ahead of a meeting between last season's Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division champions and the team who finished runners up.

Despite the death of the Queen, the show still went on. Whether this weekend's first team, ladies, veterans and Under 18s fixtures are played remains to be seen with a decision expected from the FA on Friday.

Hassocks will have been grateful that this one proceeded as they picked up an excellent 2-0 victory against opponents who did not lose a North Division game last season on their way to winning the title by a clear six points.

Those who remain from the Robins' 2021-22 Under 23s squad remembered only too well how good that Heath side were.

They would also have had confidence that the Robins could take points from the Bears, however. Hassocks eliminated Heath from the quarter finals of the League Cup via a penalty shootout the last time the sides met in March.

There have of course been changes at both clubs since. Most notably, last season's championship winning captain for Heath, Sam Rogers, is now a Hassocks player having been lured south by new first team head coach James Westlake in the summer.

After suffering their first league

defeat of the campaign a week earlier when losing 2-1 at Alford, Neil Parker made four changes to his side.

Dan Turner was at a wedding with his place taken by Luke Marshall, making his first appearance of the season.

Sam Arscott came in for his first Under 23s start having made his debut as a substitute in that loss at the Elliot Scott Group Stadium.

Marshall Smith was promoted from the bench as a reward for netting the consolation against Fold and Kobe Dersley also returned after

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missing the trip north.

Dropping out completely along with Turner were Alfie Loversidge and Sam Fernley. Ben Hicks meanwhile had to settle for a place amongst the substitutes.

Hassocks had two in-form forwards to thank for getting their goals, both of which arrived in the first half.

Danny Reid has been a real livewire since signing from Peacehaven & Telscombe, instantly pushing himself into first team contention. His strike here was his second goal in three Under 23 appearances.

Sam Smith moved onto three in three as his return from injury continues to gather pace. The powerful striker is picking a good time to be in such a rich scoring vein, given the first team's recent

struggled in putting away chances.

Almost as pleasing as the forward's performance was the clean sheet Hassocks kept. Callum Thompson and his defence now have three shutouts from four North Division matches so far.

This was easily their most impressive of the season. Heath plundered 56 goals in 2021-22 at an average of more than three per game on their way to the title, scoring in every single fixture they played.

For the Robins to keep them at bay was no mean feat. They say that it is attacks who win you games and defences who win you titles.

Very early days it might be, but if Hassocks can remain as good defensively over the entire campaign as they have looked in their four outings to date, then this could be a very good season indeed for the Robins.

Away form will be crucial and that is the next test of Hassocks. Parker takes his players on their longest journey of the season next Thursday to inside the M25, visiting Chessington & Hook United at Under 23 level for the first time.

The Robins will fly there in good spirits, hoping for a straightforward evening rather than a roller coaster 90 minutes. And yes, you can expect plenty more puns like that in the next match report.

Hassocks: Thompson, Dersley, Marshall, Rawlingson, Arscott, Geard, Rogers, Fairley, M Smith, Reid, S Smith.

Subs: Broad, Hicks, J Smith, Mercer (used).

Under 23s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
18/08 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23	1-0	Reid
25/08 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	6-0	S.Smith (2), Rawlingson, D.Turner, Fairley, Fernley
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFL23	1-2	M.Smith
08/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Reid, S.Smith
15/09 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFL23	4-1	Mercer (2), Geard, Tuck
29/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23		

Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Arthur Rawlingson	5	0	5	1
Sam Rogers	5	0	5	0
Callum Thompson	5	0	5	0
Lewis Fairley	4	0	4	1
Dan Turner	4	0	4	1
George Mercer	2	2	4	2
Ben Hicks	1	3	4	0
Jack Smith	0	4	4	0
Wes Tighe	0	4	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Danny Reid	3	0	3	2
Sam Smith	3	0	3	3
Sam Arscott	2	1	3	0
Sam Fernley	2	1	3	1
Charlie Broad	1	2	3	0
Marshall Smith	1	2	3	1
Reece Clarke	0	3	3	0
Will Broomfield	2	0	2	0
Jude Wallis	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	1
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	1	1	0

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Comeback win over Steyning sets Robins up for the season ahead

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 4th September 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 3-1 Steyning Town U18s**



Hassocks Under 18s kicked off their Southern Combination Youth League Central Division season with an impressive 3-1 win over a determined Steyning Town side.

The Robins had shown glimpses of what they might be capable of this year in pre season with friendly victories over Newhaven and Eastbourne Town.

But they still had to work hard to earn the three points having gone 1-0 down in the first half.

This was despite having the majority of possession and chances in a lively opening 45 minutes.

Having scored five goals in two pre season games, the impressive Alex Brewer went close on several occasions.

Similarly, Cam Mitchell - still recovering from his exploits at the Reading Festival one week earlier - went close twice following crosses from marauding right wing back, Sam Fernley.

Hassocks had a goal disallowed in the 14th minute and shortly afterwards, the lively Jack Duckett blazed over the bar.

Then, in the 24th minute, Steyning centre forward Joe Simpkin latched onto a through ball from his goalkeeper.

With excellent one touch control, Simpkin slotted home to put Steyning 1-0 ahead.

Until that point, the Robins defence of Sam Dean, captain Will Varley and Ed Tobias had coped well with the Barrowmen's forward line.

All three had also been prominent in some attractive build up play from the home side, passing out well from the back.

Despite the setback, Hassocks did not panic and continued to pepper the Steyning goal with Brewer, Ryan Goss and Alex Wintle - who was excellent in midfield - all going close.

After a goal mouth scramble saw the ball hit the post and roll along the goal line into the hands of the impressive Steyning keeper, the Hassocks crowd began to wonder if the breakthrough would ever come.

Half time arrived with the score still 1-0 in the visitors' favour. The second half continued in much the same vein, Hassocks dominating with the Barrowmen looking dangerous on the break.

Steyning enjoyed a couple of early counter attacks and it needed the towering Varley and Tobias to win several headers to quell the Barrowmen's advances.

"The Hassocks equaliser was met with huge relief from the dugout, who were beginning to feel the pressure after some ominous glances from Dave John"

Goss had a shot saved from close range after some great work from exciting 15-year-old prospect Oliver Goswamy.

Then after some good play from Tobias, Duckett proceeded to skip past three players on the edge of the Steyning penalty area and smash home with his 'weaker' left foot to equalise.

Cue huge relief from the Hassocks dugout, who were beginning to feel the pressure after some ominous looking glances from Dave John!

More chances went begging for the Robins before they finally took the lead in the 64th minute.

A great move involving Goswamy and Goss saw Brewer through on goal and he slotted home calmly into the bottom right corner.

Steyning never gave up though and in the 70th minute, the centre forward found himself in one-on-one with the Hassocks keeper, Jack

Thomas.

Thomas prevailed with a crucial save to prevent the Barrowmen from equalising.

As both sets of players began to tire, the Robins turned to their bench. Ben Foster, Archie Hill and Ewan Edwards were all introduced and they provided much needed energy to keep the momentum in Hassocks' favour.

The industrious Harry Carter - who had worked his socks off in central midfield - shot narrowly over the bar.

Hassocks added a killer third shortly after. Brewer latched onto a poor back pass and beat the Steyning goalkeeper, making it 3-1 to put the game out of reach.

In the final minutes, Goswamy put Goss through but he shot just wide and Captain Varley fired a pile driver over the bar from 25 yards.

Shortly after, the referee blew for full time to end what was an exciting game, played in the right spirit by both sides throughout.

Hassocks face AFC Varndeanians next on Sunday 11th September. The game is a 10am kick off at Falmer University and your support of the Young Robins is always welcome.

Hassocks: Thomas, Dean, Varley, Tobias, Fernley, Mitchell, Wintle, Carter, Gosway, Duckett, Brewer.

Subs: Goss, Foster, Hill, Edwards (used).

Starman: Will Varley

Shots: Hassocks 17-6 Steyning

Shots on target: Hassocks 8-3 Steyning

Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
04/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL23	3-1	Brewer (2), Duckett
18/09 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL23	1-2	Brewer
25/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23		

Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season				Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games		
Alex Brewer	2	0	2	3	
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0	
Sam Dean	2	0	2	0	
Jack Duckett	2	0	2	1	
Sam Fernley	2	0	2	0	
Oliver Goswamy	2	0	2	0	
Jack Thomas	2	0	2	0	
Ed Tobias	2	0	2	0	
Alex Wintle	2	0	2	0	
Cam Mitchell	1	1	2	0	
Ryan Goss	0	2	2	0	
George Gladding	1	0	1	0	
Oliver Parker-Williams	1	0	1	0	
Will Varley	1	0	1	0	
Ewan Edwards	0	1	1	0	
Ben Foster	0	1	1	0	
Archie Hill	0	1	1	0	
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0	
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0	



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Robins score six past Saltdean to get their campaign off to a perfect start

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

Sunday 4th August 2022, BACA

Saltdean United Women 1-6 Hassocks Ladies



Plenty of hard work has been going on behind the scenes this summer at Hassocks Ladies to capitalise in the explosion in popularity women's football has enjoyed in the wake of England winning Euro 2022.

A recruitment drive. Renewed support from the men's side of the club. The Ladies have even entered the world of social media at long last. You can follow their own dedicated accounts on Twitter and Instagram by searching for hassocksladiesfc.

Championship side Lewes hosted WSL outfit West Ham United in a pre-season friendly at the Beacon back in August, bringing international players to Hassocks for an afternoon.

An intrigued crowd of more than 300 turned out to watch, adding further fuel to the fire of belief that this could be a big year for the Robins.

Hassocks took all that into their opening game of the season, picking up an excellent 6-1 win away at Saltdean United Development Squad to top the Sussex County Women's League Premier Division after one week.

The division only has six teams for the 2022-23 campaign, meaning

that the Robins will play each opponent three times. Hassocks will fancy their chances of improving on last season's mid table finish as a result of their strengthening over the summer.

It took the Robins until the middle of November to win a league game in 2021-22. They only picked up their second victory at the start of February.

Something clicked for Hassocks at that point however, and from Valentine's Day onwards they won eight times in all competitions.

That made Hassocks one of the form teams in the second half of the campaign. It also carried them all the way to the semi finals of the League Cup, where they were defeated by Seaford Town.

Seaford provide the opposition next Sunday in the Robins' first game at the Beacon - a 2pm kick off with free admission for anyone looking for a football fix the day after the men host Eastbourne United.

The Badgers should provide a sterner test of where Hassocks are at than a young Saltdean side who had no substitutes managed.

Saltdean still deserve credit for the part they played in an entertaining game. They never gave up and demonstrated some nice

football which gave the Robins defence something to think about at times.

Hassocks though will always be difficult to stop when Katherine Chappell is in her current run of scoring form.

The majority of Chappell's 20 goals from 14 appearances last season came during that hot streak from February onwards.

A hat-trick against Saltdean showed that four months off over the summer has not slowed her down. All the while she keeps scoring, Hassocks will fancy their chances of doing well.

Joining Chappell on the scoresheet were Jess Craig, substitute Jodie Johanson and Madeleine Cannon with her first goal for the Robins.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Bright, Mair, Flin, Brown, Webb, J Craig, Cannon, Pordage, Read, K Chappell.

Subs: Johanson (used).



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Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensey & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (2), Mair
October				
02/10 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP		
30/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
November				
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
13/11 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
20/11 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
04/12 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
11/12 - 14:00	Denne Park (H)	SCWLP		
January				
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
22/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
February				
05/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
12/02 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP		
19/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0
Madeleine Cannon	2	0	2	1
Katherine Chappell	2	0	2	8
Sarah Chappell	2	0	2	0
Jess Craig	2	0	2	4
Emma Flin	2	0	2	0
Kirstin Mair	2	0	2	1
Mia Pordage	2	0	2	0
Holly Webb	2	0	2	0
Jodie Johanson	1	1	2	1
Katie Read	1	1	2	0
Tallie Bright	1	0	1	0
Claire Stevens	1	0	1	0
Shannon McFadden	0	1	1	0
Ellie Moquet	0	1	1	0

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Veterans Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
October				
02/10 - 14:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	MSFLV1		
November				
06/11 - 14:00	Sidley United (H)	MSFLV1		
December				
04/12 - 14:00	Lewes (A)	MSFLV1		
January				
08/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLV1		
February				
05/02 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLV1		
March				
19/03 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	MSFLV1		



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On This Day...



Penalty heartache at Farnham sees Vase dreams smashed

September 27th 2011: There was penalty heartache for the Robins at Farnham Town as the Robins exited the FA Vase in an 8-7 shoot out defeat

If the Farnham tourist board need somebody new to front an advertising campaign for the town, Hassocks manager Mickey Jewell is unlikely to get the call.

"I have to say it was quite a depressing place to visit and the result didn't help," was Jewell's verdict after seeing his side eliminated from the FA Vase at the second qualifying round stage.

Nothing could separate Hassocks and Farnham Town over 240 minutes.

The initial tie at the Beacon on Saturday finished 1-1 after extra time and it was the same score at a gloomy Memorial Ground in this replay, necessitating a penalty shoot out.

The sides were nearly as evenly matched at spot kicks as they were in open play. Sudden death was required from 12 yards.

At 7-7, James Westlake drilled his penalty wide. It was unfortunate on Westlake, who also saw what appeared to be a perfectly good goal ruled out for offside on Saturday.

Had it stood, the Robins would have progressed and with no need of a replay.

Farnham took instant advantage of that Westlake miss in the shoot out, scoring their eighth penalty.

With that, the Combined Counties hosts had their place in the first round proper of the competition confirmed.

Really, it should not have got as far as the dreaded shoot out. The Robins were the better side on the night but failed to turn their dominance into goals other than Phil Gault's first half opener.

Jewell touched on that afterwards too: "After Gaulty gave us the early lead, we played nearly all the football. We defended fairly well and overall it is a tie we should won."

Hassocks made one change from the 1-1 draw at the weekend. Work commitments meant Matt Carruthers was unable to make the midweek trip to the Surrey/Hampshire border.

His place was taken by Jamie Weston, who Jewell probably would have found a way to include in his starting XI even if Carruthers were available.

It was Weston's introduction after 65 minutes on Saturday which turned Hassocks into much more of an attacking threat in what had been a dour game up until that point.

His willingness to run at Farnham and his eye for a pass had caused plenty of problems for the visitors at the Beacon, especially when Town began to tire in extra time. It was in those additional 30 minutes that both teams scored.

The wait for a goal was nowhere near as long this time around. Gault struck with 12 minutes on the clock, moving onto six goals in his past five appearances in the process.

Gault had also been on target at the weekend with a brilliant lob over Farnham goalkeeper Arjuna Adlam

after receiving a free kick with his back to goal.

Rather than a repeat of that spectacular moment of quality, Gault's goal at the Memorial Ground was a clinical finish placed low and hard into the bottom corner.

Farnham rarely threatened following the Hassocks opener and it looked for much of the evening like the Robins were going to progress.

Having scored 14 times in their three matches before these two meetings with Farnham, it was strange to see so many chances go begging for Hassocks.

They were eventually punished for their wastefulness late on when the hosts snatched an equaliser in the final 10 minutes to force extra time.

No further goals in the additional 30 meant penalties followed and with them, the end of the Robins' interest in the Vase for another year.

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

Subs: Hibbert (Weston 71), Whittingham (Johnson 93), Goodridge (Marsh 97).

Starman: Kieran O'Callaghan.

Mid Sussex Times

Around the League...



Our latest Southern Combination League round up comes from 10 days ago. Hassocks were beaten 1-0 at Crawley Down Gatwick on a Saturday afternoon when some big crowds were treated to plenty of goals across all three divisions...

League leaders Newhaven underlined their title credentials by coming from behind to win 2-1 away at fellow contenders Eastbourne United.

Harvey Mapstone had given the hosts a 1-0 lead going into half time. Two goals in the space of 17 second half minutes ended up turning things around for the Dockers, who had Alfie Rogers and Marcin Ruda to thank for their three points.

This evening's visitors **Broadbridge Heath** picked up an excellent 3-1 win at **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Lewis Croal scored twice inside the opening quarter of an hour with substitute Renato Carvalho adding the third from the bench. Cameron Apted got the consolation for the Oakmen.

The 10 men of **Little Common** put three goals in 24 minutes past a **Horsham YMCA** outfit who had conceded just three times in their six previous matches.

Lewis Hole, Sam Cruttwell and Freddie Warren secured a 3-0 victory for the hosts at the Recreation Ground.

Joseph Futers wrote a little bit of **Roffey** history as he scored the Boars' first ever Premier Division goal. It was the second consolation in a 3-2 defeat to **Bexhill United**.

An own goal from the Pirates had put Roffey on the scoresheet earlier in the afternoon.

Bexhill had Daniel Hull, Evan Archibald and Jack Shonk on target with Shonk's winner coming as late as the 90th minute.

It was the same 3-2 score at the Rotherfield although without the late drama between **Midhurst & Easebourne** and **Crowborough Athletic**.

Midhurst took all three points. Josh Sheehan claimed a brace along

with a Harry Tremlett strike. Dominic Welsh and Jack Mayew replied for the Crows.

Rampant

Steinyng Town defeated **Lingfield** 5-1 at the Birchwood Ground. Striker Jack Langford has continued his quest to play for every club in Sussex by joining the Barrowmen from Bexhill and he marked his home debut with a hat-trick.

Subs Jakob El-Hage and Joseph Radley-Martin completed the rout. Conor Wilford was on target for the Lingers.

Ex-Robin Lewis Beebee scored both the goals for **Saltdean United** as the Tigers defeated **Loxwood** 2-1 at Hill Park. Devon Fender had given the Magpies a first half lead.

315 were in attendance for the 0-0 draw between **Peacehaven & Telcombe** and **Eastbourne Town** with the Premier Division's final game being a 1-0 win for **AFC Varndeanians** away at **Alfold**. Mark Goldson got the only goal at the Elliot Scott Group Stadium.

Epsom & Ewell took over leadership of Division One in some style, hammering previously unbeaten **Wick** 6-1 at Leatherhead.

Zac Powell, Ryan Smith, Adam Grant, Athan Smith-Joseph and two goals from Ricardo Fernandes gave Anthony Jupp's side a commanding win.

Evan Harris, Liam Conolly and an own goal moved **Selsey** up into second following a 3-0 win away at **Forest Row**.

Two goals from Callum Connor gave **Seaford Town** a 2-0 win over the 10 men of **Chessington & Hook United**.

Archie Morgan picked up his second yellow of the afternoon two minutes before the break to leave the hosts facing the entire second half

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with a man disadvantage.

A brace from Joshua Bohui saw **Dorking Wanderers B** past **East Preston** 2-1 whilst **Montpelier Villa** and **Arundel** shared the spoils 1-1 at Culver Road.

Hailsham Town survived a late rally from **Billingshurst** to hold onto a 3-2 win at the Beaconsfield.

Kane Edwards, Sam Townsend and Billy Crittenden had the Stringers cruising before Tom Edwards and Harry Smith set up a nervy finale by pulling two back.

Worthing United ran out 2-1 winners over **Godalming Town**. The Friday night Division One action saw **Oakwood** win a five goal thriller 3-2 away at **Mile Oak** thanks to a Josh Alder hat-trick. Oak player manager Enzo Benn scored a brace in reply.

Rottingdean Village continue to lead the way in Division Two. Three second half goals gave them a 3-0 victory over **Worthing Town**.

Second place **Southwater** picked up one of the most impressive results of the season by hammering reigning champions **Rustington** 8-0 at Jubilee Field.

Jarvis Brook overcame **Copthorne** 3-0 away from home, **Capel** beat **Bosham** 4-1 and **Storrington** were 5-1 winners at **Brighton Electricity**.

Southwater had a big 8-1 victory against **Charlwood** with the final game in the division seeing **Ferring** and **St Francis Rangers** put on a hugely entertaining 4-4 draw.

Three of Ferring's goals came in the final 25 minutes after Rangers had led 4-1 at half time.



Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	8	6	0	2	29	6	18
Broadbridge Heath	7	6	0	1	15	6	18
Peacehaven & Tels	7	5	1	1	13	4	16
Eastbourne United	8	5	1	2	16	8	16
Midhurst & Easebourne	8	5	1	2	15	9	16
Horsham YMCA	8	5	0	3	15	10	15
Crowborough Athletic	8	4	2	2	12	11	14
Bexhill United	7	4	1	2	18	11	13
Steyning Town	8	4	1	3	14	10	13
Hassocks	8	4	0	4	19	13	12
Crawley Down Gatwick	7	4	0	3	13	9	12
AFC Uckfield Town	8	3	1	4	14	16	10
Little Common	8	2	3	3	11	9	9
Eastbourne Town	8	2	3	3	9	8	9
Saltdean United	9	3	0	6	7	22	9
AFC Varndeanians	7	2	2	3	7	17	8
Lingfield	9	2	2	5	10	21	8
Loxwood	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Alfold	8	0	1	7	5	21	1
Roffey	8	0	0	8	3	29	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Bexhill United	241	241	241
Peacehaven & Telscombe	235	357	132
Eastbourne Town	221	231	210
Crowborough Athletic	184	193	175
Hassocks	183	204	162
Newhaven	179	229	128
Broadbridge Heath	162	201	123
Eastbourne United	136	186	89
Little Common	114	146	84
Steyning Town	114	132	104
Horsham YMCA	109	165	76
AFC Varndeanians	96	112	80
Saltdean United	78	107	28
Loxwood	75	82	68
Midhurst & Easebourne	73	91	45
AFC Uckfield Town	72	103	42
Roffey	71	129	30
Alfold	68	81	57
Crawley Down Gatwick	61	74	35
Lingfield	47	56	37

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Newhaven	WWWWW
Broadbridge Heath	WLWWW
Eastbourne United	WWWDLW
Peacehaven & Tels	WWWLDW
Hassocks	WWWLLW
Bexhill United	WWLLWW
Midhurst & Easebourne	WLWLWW
Horsham YMCA	WWWWLL
Steyning Town	DLLWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLLLWW
Saltdean United	LLWWWL
Little Common	DDWLWL
Crowborough Athletic	DLWWLD
AFC Varndeanians	WDLDWL
Loxwood	WDWLLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLWWLL
Eastbourne Town	LWDLDL
Lingfield	LLLWLD
Alfold	LLLLLL
Roffey	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	11
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	10
Devon Fender	Loxwood	9
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	9
Lewis Beebee	Saltdean United	7
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	7
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	7
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	6
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	6
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	5
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	5
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	5
Josh Neathey	Horsham YMCA	5
Richard Wetton	Lingfield	5
Harvey Burgess	AFC Uckfield	4
Harry Forster	Crowborough	4
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	4
Lewis Hole	Little Common	4
Aaron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Utd	4
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	4

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	5	4	0	1	14	3	12
Horsham YMCA	4	3	0	2	16	10	9
Lingfield	4	3	0	1	14	9	9
Alfold	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
Horley Town	4	2	1	1	14	6	7
Roffey	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
Loxwood	4	2	0	2	10	10	6
Broadbridge Heath	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Chessington & Hook	4	1	0	3	7	14	3
St Francis Rangers	5	1	0	4	4	20	3
Oakwood	4	0	0	4	1	14	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	7
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	4
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	4
Conan Torpey	Lingfield	4
Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	3
Zain Beg	Loxwood	3
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	3
Ben Remfry	Horley Town	3
Owen Smith	Roffey	3
Sam Smith	Hassocks	3

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	2	2	0	0	10	1	6
Worthing United	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Lancing	2	1	1	0	7	5	4
St Francis Rangers	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Hassocks	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Shoreham	2	1	0	1	7	7	3
Mile Oak	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
AFC Varndeanians	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Saltdean United	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Steyning Town	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	4
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	3
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	3
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	3
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	3
Sam-Elie N'Cho	St Francis	3
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean United	3
Fraser Healey	Shoreham	3
Liam Appleton	Worthing United	2
Tomas Bond	Shoreham	2

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
Seaford Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denne Park	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Saltdean United	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	8
Jess Craig	Hassocks	4
Tabitha Burrows	Saltdean United	1
Madeleine Cannon	Hassocks	1
Yasmin Church	Denne Park	1
Farrah Dorey	Saltdean United	1

Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorking Wanderers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarvis Brook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rotherfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seaford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Chiltington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Veterans Division One Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Loxwood v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 1st October, 3:00pm
The Nest, Plaistow Road, Loxwood RH14 OSX

With a host of former Loxwood players in our squad and a head coach whose first managerial role was at the Nest, there is sure to be plenty of added intrigue as we head over the Surrey border to face the Magpies this Saturday

Loxwood this season

A bottom two finish last season saw Loxwood spared relegation from the Premier Division by ground grading and the restructuring of the pyramid as only East Preston were demoted. The Magpies had actually enjoyed a decent upturn in form from the appointment of Ian Payne and Lee Kennedy in January, only for AFC Vardeanians and ourselves to also improve markedly following the turn of the year to leave Loxwood behind. The Magpies have understandably stuck with the same players by-and-large who delivered those results and currently sit outside the clutches of the relegation zone, having beaten both Roffey and Steyning Town for their two Premier Division wins so far.

Head-to-head

The sides first clashed in the 2014-15 season when Loxwood secured promotion to the Premier Division for the first time. Since then, there have been 14 meetings, all of which have come in the bread and butter of league football. We have only ever beaten the Magpies twice in that time. There was a 4-0 win at the Nest in September 2018 and a 6-2 success at the Beacon a year later. The last five games have by-and-large been hugely entertaining with 23 goals flying in.

Last time we met

Both sides were desperate for points in the battle to avoid relegation back in February. It was a game we could not afford to lose but one Loxwood

really needed to win and so a final score of 0-0 at the Beacon suited us more than it did the visitors. We were the better side but could not take any of the chances which came our way, leaving the gap to the bottom three at three points when it could have been extended to six.

How to get to the Nest

Follow the A272 to and through Billingshurst, crossing the roundabout with the A29 before joining the B2133 shortly after. Pass through Newpound and Roundstreet Common, approaching a fork in the road with Skiff Lane. Plaistow Road is just on the left after that with the ground on your left a very short distance down it.

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Hassocks v AFC Varndeanians

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 8th October 2022, 3:00pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

Remarkably, our next home game against AFC Varndeanians will be the first Saturday 3pm league fixture at the Beacon of the season. It will also be Vs' second visit to Mid Sussex, having already left with a Peter Bentley Cup win

AFC Varndeanians this season

Varndeanians had the ultimate season of two halves in 2021-22, failing to win any of their opening 25 games in all competitions. The return to Withdean Stadium of Ryan Gayler as manager sparked a remarkable turnaround 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. Gayler and his players have continued where they left off so far in 2022-23 and look like they should avoid the battle at the bottom this time around. Two wins, two draws and three defeats has them in lower mid table - with the Robins only too aware of the threat

they pose following their win here earlier in the campaign.

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 our 4-1 win at the Beacon in October, their 1-0 victory down the A23 in February and our Peter Bentley Cup clash earlier in September. Our old third team did though used to cross swords with Vs regularly when they were known as Old Varndeanians 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 included an 18-year-old

Ashley Marsh, a 16-year-old Sam Fisk and a 62-year-old Robbie Kitchen.

Last time we met

A strange evening of football three weeks ago in which we were totally dominant, racked up countless opportunities but lost 2-0. Ali Rainford and Fin Bigg scored the goals in the space of 10 minutes early in the second half.

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.



Crowborough Athletic v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 15th October 2022, 3:00pm
Crowborough Community Stadium, Aldervale Cottages, Crowborough, TN6 3FY
Admission prices £8 adults, £5 concessions, £1 under 16s

A first trip to Crowborough since Crowborough returned to the Southern Combination League from the Southern Counties East in the summer beckons to face opponents making a mark on their return to Sussex football

Crowborough Athletic this season

After eight seasons spent away from the Southern Combination, Crowborough were moved back by the FA to where they have spent most of their existence. The South East Counties is considered a stronger league than our own, so the theory went that the Crows would make quite the impression on their return. They have done that to a degree, sitting seventh in the table. Four wins, two draws and two defeats leaves them four points off the top with their most impressive result of the campaign so far being a 1-0 win over Eastbourne United at the Crowborough Community Stadium back in August.

Head-to-head

We were regular opponents before the Crows found themselves moved into the Kent-based league. 25 previous matches have resulted in 13 Hassocks wins, nine Crowborough victories and three draws. Our good record was helped by an unbeaten six game spell including five successive wins between 2010 and 2014.

Last time we met

Crowborough visited the Beacon in the third round of the 2016-17 Sussex Senior Cup. Victory would have equalled our best ever run in the competition by securing a quarter final berth. It was the visitors though who picked up a 1-0 win through a Ross Treleven goal with five minutes

remaining. The most recent league meeting came in April 2014, when Mickey Jewell's injury-hit squad were well beaten 4-0 at the Community Stadium.

How to get to the Community Stadium

Head east on the A272, taking a right at the roundabout when you reach the A22. At the next roundabout with the McDonalds go left and follow the A26 towards Crowborough. Just before entering the town, take a right onto Sheep Plain, following the road until you reach Aldervale Cottages on your right. The ground is then on the right nearly immediately after you turn onto the road.

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Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

1st **Alex BYGRAVES**

2nd **Harvey BLAKE**

3rd **Leon TURNER**

September 2022

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2022

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2022

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December 2022

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January 2023

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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. James Westlake	221	16	237	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	185	18	203	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	203
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	81	172
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	143
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	237
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jack Troak	26	86
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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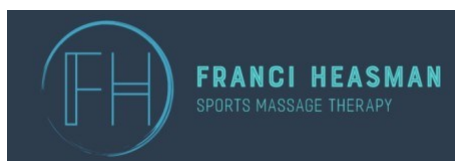
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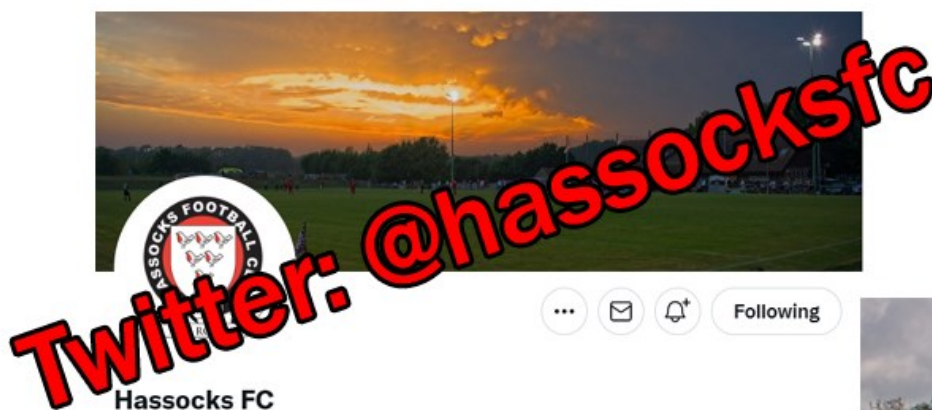
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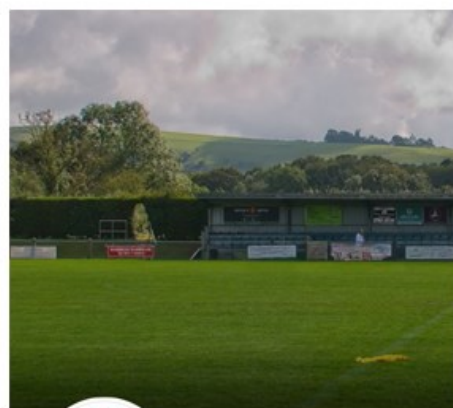


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AFC Varndeanians
 Saturday 8th October. 3:00pm
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AFC Uckfield Town v Eastbourne United
 Eastbourne Town v Crowborough Athletic
 Lingfield v AFC Varndeanians
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