

# The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #7



## Hassocks v AFC Varndeanians

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Saturday 8th October 2022

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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 for what is remarkably our first Saturday 3pm league game this season

**Visitors AFC Varndeanians are familiar foes, having already visited us in the Peter Bentley League Cup a little over four weeks ago.**

As always, we extend a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters who have made the quick hop up the A23 from Withdean Stadium and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Our good league form has continued over the past two matches with four points taken from difficult outings, pushing us close to the top six of the Premier Division.

It would be understandable if those of you who were here 11 days ago for an enthralling 3-3 draw with Broadbridge Heath have not yet recovered from the excitement.

Heath were a very good footballing side who look capable of being there or thereabouts at the business end of the season.

For us to have them seriously worried at points, followed by that superb late equaliser from Liam Benson to earn a share of the spoils was seriously impressive.

More performances like that and who knows where this season could go?

We did not have to wait too long for a repeat as it was another good 90 minutes of football to secure a 2-0 win at Loxwood last Saturday.

The Nest has been one of those places we have always struggled at. This was only our second ever win there - and it was sandwiched between the Magpies hammering Horsham YMCA 4-1 and this afternoon's opponents by the same score.

Loxwood are in good form, scoring goals for fun. Not many teams will go to Plaistow Road and take three points from them when they are in that sort of mood.

Away from first team matters, the Ladies remain unbeaten this season thanks to another big victory last weekend at Denne Park.

It finished 8-1 with Katherine Chappell scoring another four goals, taking her tally for the season onto 12.

The Ladies travel to AFC Uckfield Town tomorrow afternoon, followed by two weeks off.

Their first home game of the campaign is on Sunday 30th October against Pagham.

Get it in your diaries as based on the campaign so far, there will be

plenty of goals and entertainment.

The Under 23s suffered a 3-0 defeat at home to Horley Town last Thursday night.

They were in action away at Horsham YMCA two days ago, so if you wish to find out how that went then please speak to Owen behind the bar.

The Under 18s suffered local derby defeat to Burgess Hill Town on Sunday whilst the Veterans began their campaign on Wednesday night with a 3-2 defeat to AFC Varndeanians.

Let us hope that the first team can do better this afternoon than their elderly counterparts.

We do not have to wait long for our next home game. Rather helpfully, the Sussex FA have with five days notice scheduled our Senior Cup first round tie with Saltdean United for Tuesday night.

Kick off is at 7:45pm and it would be fantastic if you could clear some room in your diaries to come and support the Robins.

**Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,**

**Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



AFC Vardeanians

## V's Factfile

**Founded** 1929

**Ground** Withdean Stadium

**Website** [afcv.co.uk](http://afcv.co.uk)

**Twitter** @afcvardean

**Instagram** @afcvardeanians1929

**Manager** Ryan Gayler

**Top scorer**

## Club Honours

### SCFL Division One

Winners 1960

### SCFL Division Two

Winners 2016

### SCFL Division One Cup

Winners 1957

### Mid Sussex League

Winners 2004, 2007, 2009

Runners up 2008, 2014

### Montgomery Cup

Winners 2005

Runners up 2004

### Alan Washer Trophy

Winners 2005

### Brighton & District League

Winners 1974, 2000, 2001, 2003

### Hove & Worthing Cup

Winners 1949

## You wait 60 years to play AFC Vardeanians in senior football, and then four matches take place in the space of one year....

It is a little over four weeks since we last welcomed Vardeanians to the Beacon.

They will have fonder memories of that evening than we do as it secured their spot in the third round of the Peter Bentley League Cup to face Loxwood in a tie which took place on Monday night.

Vardeanians were well beaten, going down 4-1 at home to the Magpies.

Knockout competitions were never likely to be high on the priorities list at Withdean Stadium this season however as the club seek to continue to establish themselves in the Southern Combination League Premier Division.

2021-22 had been their first season at this level of football since 1962, explaining why there had never been a previous meeting between Robins and Vs.

Initially, Vardeanians found the step-up a struggle. They failed to win any of their opening 25 matches

in any competitions, finding themselves in a hopeless position at the foot of the table in mid-December.

Then Ryan Gayler returned for a second spell as manager. He instigated an almighty turnaround with Vardeanians becoming one of the form sides in the second half of the campaign.

Vs eventually finished outside of the bottom two having overhauled relegated East Preston and Loxwood, completing an impressive great escape from the drop.

The aim in 2022-23 for Gayler and his players will be to avoid any dramas at the bottom and move into mid table.

So far, so good. Vardeanians have three wins from nine games, including an impressive success over last season's fourth Bexhill United.

And after what happened on their last visit here, they will be confident of securing victory number four this afternoon.

## 10 Key Vs Moments

**1929...** Secondary Old Boys FC become Old Varndeanians, forming the current club  
**1960...** win the Southern Combination League Division One title, securing a two-year stay in the Premier  
**1972...** leave the Southern Combination to join the Brighton League because of ground grading  
**1974...** crowned Brighton League champions whilst playing at Patcham Place  
**2000...** win their second Brighton League title, starting a run of three championships in four seasons  
**2003...** moved to the Mid Sussex League, winning the title and reaching the final of the Montgomery Cup  
**2009...** win the last of their three Mid Sussex Premier Division titles  
**2015...** promoted to Southern Combination League Division Two and move from Brighton Uni to Withdean  
**2016...** win the Division Two title at the first attempt, securing a return to senior football  
**2021...** promoted by the FA to the Premier Division, playing top flight football for the first time since 1962

## Last 18 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 18th  
2018-19: Southern Combination One 3rd  
2017-18: Southern Combination One 14th  
2016-17: Southern Combination One 18th  
2015-16: Southern Combination Two 1st  
2014-15: Mid Sussex Premier 7th  
2013-14: Mid Sussex Premier 2nd  
2012-13: Mid Sussex Premier 7th  
2011-12: Mid Sussex Premier 5th  
2010-11: Mid Sussex Premier 9th  
2009-10: Mid Sussex Premier 7th  
2008-09: Mid Sussex Premier 1st  
2007-08: Mid Sussex Premier 2nd  
2006-07: Mid Sussex Premier 1st  
2005-06: Mid Sussex Premier 3rd  
2004-05: Mid Sussex Premier 3rd  
2003-04: Mid Sussex Premier 1st  
2002-03: Brighton & District Premier 1st

## The Robins' Record v AFC Varndeanians

**SCFL Premier** > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 4 - Conceded 2

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

**Total** > Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 4 - Conceded 4

## Previous 3 Meetings

2022-23 P Bentley Cup: Hassocks 0-2 AFC Varndeanians    2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-1 AFC Varndeanians  
2021-22 SCFL Premier: AFC Varndeanians 1-0 Hassocks

## The Montgomery Challenge Cup Final 2004

**Meetings between Hassocks and AFC Varndeanians may have only begun last season, but our old third team used to cross swords regularly with Vs in their Mid Sussex Football League Days during the 2000s.**

The most famous clash came in the 2003-04 season when Simon

Maskell's side pulled off a shock by winning the Montgomery Cup, denying Varndeanians a double as they had already been crowned that season's Premier Division champions.

A young Robins side including an 18-year-old Ashley Marsh, a 16-year-old Sam Fisk and a 62-year-old Robbie Kitchen draw 2-2 with Vs.

Paul Eldret and Tom Hall got the Robins goals, cancelling out efforts from Dave Bridges and Mark Lloyd to take the final to penalties.

Matt Charman pulled off a couple of crucial stops and that meant the 'Monty' came back to Hassocks, 44 years after the first team had lifted it as a Mid Sussex League Cup.





# Robins do everything but score in more Peter Bentley Cup misery

**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 recent goalless outings.

The Robins looked particularly dangerous against Varndeanians in wide positions during a first half in which Alex Harris was 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 clear cut 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 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:** B Tighe (Broomfield 57), Harding (Wilkes 60), Reid (Frankland 72), S Smith (Benson 79), Rogers (J Westlake 84).



# Loversidge leads Hassocks to victory against Vs with first senior hat-trick

**Has a star been born at the Beacon? Alfie Loversidge became the first Hassocks teenager to score a senior hat-trick for 15 years as the Robins hammered AFC Varndeanians 4-1 in the first league meeting between the clubs.**

Mid-October and the season 12 games old may be too early to describe a fixture as a six pointer.

This had the feeling though of a match Hassocks could not afford to lose against one of only four teams below them in the table.

Varndeanians arrived rock bottom with one draw and 10 defeats from 11 games, but they had shown signs of improvement in recent weeks.

Still, they had no answer to a Hassocks side giving their best performance of the season in front of a Beacon crowd of 210.

Loversidge deservedly took the headlines. This though was a real team effort and equally impressive was his strike partner Joe Bull, who set the Robins on their way to victory when opening the scoring inside of 10 minutes.

It was a goal of individual brilliance, Bull making something out of nothing. He has a natural tendency to drift into the channels and on this occasion, that saw him picking up the ball out on the right.

There did not seem much on as he cut inside the Varndeanians left back. What followed was a shot unleashed from 25 yards that caught everyone by surprise to nestle in the far corner of the Varndeanians goal.

The visitors nearly had an instant response. Hassocks were unable to clear their lines, a scuffed clearance fell to a Varndeanians player and Charlie Pugh was forced into a smart save.

Hassocks doubled their advantage on 29 minutes with a route one goal full of determination which 1980s

Wimbledon would have been proud of.

Andy Whittingham flicked on a Pugh goal kick and when a visiting defender dallied on the ball, the rampaging Bull was able to pick his pocket.

Bull now had a clear run at goal down the left and he selflessly pulled a low cross back to Loversidge who finished with aplomb.

Six minutes later and Hassocks should have had a third. Bull was again at the heart of it, another powerful charge at the Varndeanians defence ending with a shot that was repelled.

He perhaps should have squared to Bradley Bant who was in a far better position to net against the club he began the season with, but nobody could blame Bull for going it alone given the confident mood he was in.

So confident in fact that he was willing to try and audacious bicycle kick a couple of minutes into the second half.

Varndeanians did not need to worry, the effort ending up in the children's park at the west end of the ground rather than the visitors' net.

Following that, the remaining 40 or so minutes became the Loversidge show. He scored his second of the afternoon and Hassocks' third shortly after that Bull overhead.

A flying block of a Josh Short effort fell kindly to Loversidge, who showed a remarkably cool head to round the goalkeeper and finish from a very tight angle.

The treble was completed with 13 minutes remaining. Loversidge converted a penalty after being chopped down in the box, becoming the first 18-year-old to nab a Hassocks hat-trick since Matt Amos in 2006. Not bad company to be in.

The similarities do not end there. Like Amos, Loversidge started out as a midfielder. Brad Sweetman's decision to push him further forward

in the wake of George Mitchell-Phillips' departure to Saltdean United is looking inspired and Loversidge now sits on seven goals from 15 matches. He is quite the talent.

There was plenty of action to note in-between Loversidge's second and third goals, too. Following the return of Spencer Slaughter to the Beacon from Loxwood, Hassocks have also raided Plaistow Road to bring James Westlake and Josh Hawkes back to the club.

Both were introduced as second half substitutes, the recipients of excellent receptions from the Hassocks faithful telling you just how well their captures have gone down.

Westlake nearly made the perfect comeback, rattling the post with a volley five minutes after his introduction.

The rebound was bundled home, only to be correctly ruled out for a foul on the goalkeeper by referee Thomas Price.

There were other chances for Hassocks to go beyond the four goals they managed. Westlake tried a bicycle kick of his own from a long throw which was much closer than Bull's earlier effort, forcing the Varndeanians goalkeeper into a smart save.

Westlake then should have done better when off target from another enterprising cross from Bull and Loversidge was inches wide with a snapshot.

The only downer came when Varndeanians denied Pugh and his defence a clean sheet, substitute Constantin Cornel Ducia powering home a free header with seven minutes remaining.

**Hassocks:** Pugh; Tuck, Marshall, B Tighe, Whittingham; Gardner, Bradley, Short, Bant; Loversidge, Bull.

**Subs:** J Westlake, Wallis, Hawkes (used), Rawlingson, Parker (unused).



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# Robins face Tigers and Frow in County Cups

**The draws for the two Sussex County FA run competitions have been made, handing Hassocks intriguing fixtures against opponents very familiar and completely new.**

In the Sussex Senior Cup, the Robins will welcome Saltdean United to the Beacon in the first round of the competition this Tuesday night with a 7:45pm kick off.

With former Hassocks head coach Brad Sweetman now in charge of the Tigers and a number of players having followed him to Hill Park in the summer, there is sure to be added intrigue.

Jack Gardner, Lewis Beebee, Alfie Edmeads, Louis Thwaites, Lucas Tyrrell, Jayden Dunkley and Jacob Campbell are just some of former Robins who could line up for Saltdean when they visit Mid Sussex for the tie.

Hassocks and Saltdean have met once before in the Senior Cup, back in the 2001-02 campaign.

The Robins won an eight-goal thriller 5-3 at Hill Park, starting a memorable run to the third round of

the competition.

Dave John's side went onto beat Saltdean's local rivals Peacehaven & Telscombe 1-0 next, earning the plum third round draw of Brighton & Hove Albion Reserves at the Beacon.

A huge crowd attended and they were treated to something of an exhibition from the Albion, who ran out 8-1 winners.

In total, Hassocks have faced Saltdean on 31 occasions in all competitions, winning 12 times. There have been four draws and 15 victories for the Tigers.

The draw for the second round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup meanwhile has given the Robins a trip to Southern Combination League Division One side Forest Row.

Hassocks very much enjoyed themselves in the competition last year, advancing all the way to the semi final where treble-winning Littlehampton Town proved to be too good for Sweetman's side.

The RUR Cup clash will be the first ever meeting between the clubs at senior level, although the old Hassocks IIIs have experience of

facing Frow from their days in the Mid Sussex League.

The most recent clash came in the 2010-11 season when Steve Spies' Robins won 4-1 at the Beacon.

Two goals apiece from Stuart Dallaway and Greg Hearn secured victory against a Forest Row side who ended that campaign relegated.

Frow joined the Southern Combination for the start of the 2021-22 season, being bumped up two divisions from the Mid Sussex Premier into Division One.

They finished 11th in their first year but are finding the current campaign a little harder going, sitting 17th with just one league win from nine outings.

Forest Row play their home games at Tinsley Lane, Oakwood - a venue Hassocks have not visited for a competitive game since the 2008-09 campaign and a 1-0 Premier Division defeat to an Oak side relegated shortly after.

The tie will take place on Wednesday 26th October with a 7:45pm kick off.

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# Harris hits hundred Hassocks appearances

**Alex Harris has become the latest inductee to the Hassocks Centurions club, joining a select list of goalkeepers to have made 100 appearances for the club in senior football.**

Just three other number ones have a century of games at this level of football for Hassocks to their name - Joel Harding, Paul John and Jack Simpson. Not bad company to be in.

Harris has reached the landmark over nine years and five different spells with the Robins, the first of which began in the 2013-14 season when he was just 16-years-old.

Mickey Jewell brought Harris to the Beacon on dual-signed terms from Woking, where he was Under 18s goalkeeper.

The Cardinals wanted Harris to gain experience of senior football and Jewell needed somebody to deputise for Simpson, who was off backpacking three months into the campaign.

Harris initially sat on the bench as number two to Simpson before getting his opportunity in November. He made a total of 16 appearances for the Robins.

His second spell at the Beacon came midway through the 2015-16 campaign. Hassocks were embroiled in a relegation battle when Mark Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar signed Harris from Metropolitan Police.

It proved to be an inspired piece of transfer business. Harris played a major role in helping the Robins climb away from the danger zone, including keeping four clean sheets in a club-record run of eight consecutive wins.

Harris lost his place to James Broadbent at the start of the 2016-17 season, subsequently moving to Burgess Hill Town.

His third spell at Hassocks came at the start of the 2017-18 season after Broadbent moved onto Ryman League Shoreham.

Harris vied with Nathan Stroomberg for the number one

jersey before again departing. Dalgleish then re-signed Harris for a fourth spell at the start of 2018-19 but again, it was short-lived.

His current spell has been by far his most successful as a Hassocks player. Harris has firmly established himself as number one over the past year, making 44 appearances since Brad Sweetman brought him back to solve the selection inconsistency which blighted the Robins' goalkeeping department.

Hassocks defensive record from November onwards with Harris playing regularly was much improved, including keeping six clean sheets from the final 13 games of the season.

This tightening up at the back provided the bedrock for the Robins to finish nine points clear of relegation and make the semi finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

Congratulations to Alex for reaching the milestone.

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# Robins knocked off the Vase carousel in roller coaster tie at Chessington & Hook

**Isuzu FA Vase Second Qualifying Round  
Saturday 24th September 2022, Chalky Lane  
Chessington & Hook 2-1 Hassocks**



**It was another one of those days for Hassocks. Despite being the better side, the Robins were booted off the Isuzu FA Vase carousel following a roller coaster 90 minutes away at Chessington & Hook United.**

The hosts were down to 10 men and seemed to be happily holding on for the lottery of penalties with 60 seconds of normal time remaining and the scores locked at 1-1.

Two United substitutes however had other ideas. Ayden Richards led a break down the left which caught Hassocks by surprise.

When he managed to slip a low pass beyond Harvey Blake and into 18-year-old Bailey Ellis, the teenager produced the sort of clinical finish which had defied Hassocks all afternoon to ensure that Chessington's ride continues into the first round proper of the competition.

The Robins should have been out of sight by that point. Just like in recent defeats to Little Common, AFC Varndeanians and Crawley Down Gatwick, Hassocks missed a succession of gilt-edged opportunities.

Credit though to a very youthful United side. Their equalising goal came on 66 minutes from a player even younger than Ellis, 16-year-old Ellis Dunn having cancelled out Liam Benson's opener.

Chessington spent much of the 90 having to weather a sea-storm, picking their moment to strike like a vampire late on to spark scenes of jubilation amongst the Chalky Lane faithful at knocking out opponents from one division higher.

The opening 15 minutes was one-way traffic, other than a Chessington corner nearly creeping directly in when Alex Harris appeared to be impeded.

Leon Turner drew a good stop from Andrew Osei inside of 180 seconds before firing the follow up over the bar.

That was the start of a busy afternoon for Osei. His next intervention was to make a strong save low down to his right from Jack Troak collecting Pat Harding's flick on of a Harris goal kick.

Chessington could have been reduced in number as early as the 13th minute. Turner capitalised on a loose pass and was haring in on goal when Aaron Cole-Bolt brought him down just outside the box.

Hassocks wanted a red as they felt Cole-Bolt had been the last man. The referee did not agree and Cole-Bolt was relieved to get away with a booking, leaving him to walk a disciplinary tightrope.

The Robins made a circus of the free kick but were given a second bite of the cherry when Chessington committed another foul when attempting to clear. Troak stepped up this time, his low effort comfortably held by Osei.

Turner was causing real problems with just his decision making letting him down on occasions. In one instance, he picked the pocket of the Chessington right back and should have squared to Benson who was queuing in the middle.

Instead, Turner went for goal himself with a weak left footed shot easy to repel for Osei.

Troak learned from Turner's mistake when released by Harris, cutting the ball back to Benson. The striker did well to shift around Cole-Bolt, only to fire into orbit.

Two more chances came from Troak before the break. A free kick was straight at Osei and then Benson turned provider, crossing to Troak who headed straight down the throat of the United number one.

The second half began exactly where the first had left off. Blake delivered a free kick into the box which Troak volleyed over when he should have at least hit the target.

Hassocks finally broke the deadlock with a well-worked goal on

50 minutes. Turner robbed Cole-Bolt, James Westlake worked the ball to Harding who delivered a perfect low cross to leave Benson with a tap in from on the goal line.

"Surprised we didn't find a way to miss that," quipped one relieved travelling fan. The joke wore thin quite quickly when Benson scuffed wide twice in quick succession from Troak crosses, followed by Chessington punishing all those previous Hassocks misses by finding an equaliser out of nothing.

Dunn took a corner which Blake on the front post and Harris got in a right mess from. The ball somehow sailed between the pair and into the back of the net.

Another driving run from Turner saw him beat three men before firing over when again there were better options for the pass.

Then came the red card. George Fry let the referee know in no uncertain terms that he felt he had been fouled in the middle of the park.

Those protests saw Fry talk himself into a sin bin, then upgraded to a dismissal following a quite spectacular piece of continued ranting and raving.

Unfortunately, Hassocks seemed to find it harder playing against 10. They created only one chance of note in the final 20 minutes when substitute Phil Johnson glanced a header wide from a free kick.

That left the spectre of spot kicks looming large until Ellis struck on 89 minutes, Hassocks seeing their FA Vase adventure ended by Chessington at the earliest hurdle.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Blake, Bygraves, B Tighe, Bull; L Turner, J Westlake, Wilkes, Troak; Harding, Benson.

**Subs:** Johnson (Harding 85), Reid (Turner 86), Broomfield, Cash, Broad, Tuck (unused).

# Nothing can separate Robins and Bears in six goal Beacon thriller

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 27th September 2022, The Beacon  
Hassocks 3-3 Broabridge Heath**

**Tuesday night games against early Southern Combination League Premier Division pacesetters seem to be to the liking of Hassocks right now.**

One week on from their 4-2 win at third-place Horsham YMCA, the Robins claimed a point from a six-goal thriller against a Broadbridge Heath side who arrived at the Beacon sitting second in the table.

Hassocks trailed, led, trailed again and then levelled to make it 3-3 with seven minutes remaining through the in-form Liam Benson.

They played some scintillating stuff at times before relying on grit and determination to take the draw which they deserved.

It was wildly entertaining and a sign of what this Robins side can be capable of when they take their goal scoring chances - something which they have not done enough of in recent weeks when falling to Little Common, Crawley Down Gatwick, AFC Varndeanians and Chessington & Hook United.

Heath made a fast start, showing the Hassocks faithful why they are some peoples' idea of dark horses for the title in a wide-open campaign with no obvious candidates.

Lewis Croal opened the scoring with 10 minutes played. A slide-rule pass was slipped between Joe Bull and Bradley Tighe with Croal winning the race and firing right footed past Alex Harris.

The Bears were ahead for only seven minutes. Bull delivered an outswinger corner which found its way to Jack Troak on the edge of the box.

Troak unleashed a fierce strike. When it proved too hot for Heath goalkeeper Liam Matthews to handle, Benson was on hand to gobble up the rebound for 1-1.

Heath responded by trying to get back on the front foot. That suited Hassocks, who were happy to sit, pinch possession and then use the

pace and directness of Troak, Leon Turner and Phil Johnson on the break.

Several half chances came and went for both sides before a Troak rocket put Hassocks into the lead on 33 minutes.

There did not seem much on when Troak picked the ball up 30 yards from goal, only for him to unleash a low effort which left Matthews helpless as it clipped the far post on its way in.

James Westlake fed Johnson who bent just over on the stroke of half time after another dangerous counter.

But if Heath were expecting Hassocks to continue sitting in at the start of the second 45, they were in for a surprise.

Within the opening five minutes Matthews had to be alert to hold a Troak effort and Turner and Harvey Blake linked up well down the right, the latter crossing to Benson who could not quite get a shot away.

A flurry of cards followed as the game became rather heated. Tall striker Jamie Wilkes entered the book, although nobody was entirely sure what for.

He was joined shortly after by a Heath defender following a chaotic chorus of players from both teams surrounding referee Jamie Wells.

With tempers becoming a little frayed, Hassocks earned a penalty on the hour mark.

Benson embarked on a driving run from halfway which the Bears could only halt via illegal means once he had entered the area. Troak unfortunately saw his spot kick kept out by Matthews.

That miss only galvanised Hassocks. Johnson stole the ball from Mark Zydonik, the defender who played eight times for the Robins at the start of the campaign before returning to Heath. Matthews comfortably saved the subsequent weak effort from Johnson.



Zydonik was lucky to stay on the pitch a couple of minutes later when he produced a shocking tackle on Turner.

Remarkably, Mr Wells did not even deem it worthy of a yellow. Zydonik's crime spree would continue with another nasty foul on Benson in injury time.

A chaotic final 20 minutes was kicked off when substitute Tyler Symonds equalised for Heath.

It was a poor goal to concede from a Hassocks viewpoint, Blake seeming to miss his clearance to allow Symonds to run through and beat Harris.

10 minutes later and Heath moved 3-2 ahead when Croal scored his second of the evening.

The reaction of some of the Bears substitutes seemed to suggest they thought that had won them the three points - a very bold position to take given the manner in which the game had ebbed and flowed up until that point.

And so it proved when Benson made it 3-3 less than 60 seconds later.

Turner won possession and produced the perfect cross met with a powerful header from Benson which gave Matthews no chance.

Two more chances were packed into the remaining eight minutes, one per team.

Blake nearly scored with a cross-shot which had Matthews scrambling and then Heath rattled the bar with the last meaningful action, although Harris did not appear unduly concerned.

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

**Subs:** Rogers (Wilkes 80), Harding (Johnson 87), Broomfield, S Smith, Cash (unused).

# Johnson and Harding help Hassocks swoop to rare win at the Nest

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**  
**Saturday 1st October 2022, The Nest**  
**Loxwood 0-2 Hassocks**



**Following Hassocks on the road is rather fun at the moment. The Robins won for the fourth time on their travels from seven Southern Combination Premier Division away games with an excellent 2-0 win at Loxwood.**

To put that into perspective, Hassocks tasted victory in five away games out of 19 last season.

In 2020-21, they managed only two before lockdown curtailed the Premier Division at the turn of the year.

2019-20 was even more barren, a single success prior to the campaign being ended in March by the first wave of Covid outbreak.

More impressive than the improved away form are the places Hassocks are winning at.

Horsham YMCA had been a graveyard for the Robins prior to their 4-2 success there 11 days earlier, with just three league victories at the Herbert Direct Stadium since the turn of the century.

Loxwood has never been the happiest of hunting grounds either. Hassocks had won only once at the Nest before this latest success, in which precious little happened in the first 15 minutes.

As good as it got was Jack Troak launching a medium-length throw which found its way to Mike Williamson.

The midfielder unleashed an effort from distance which hit an unsuspecting Loxwood player on its way out for a corner. Said corner came to nothing.

Openings belatedly began to arrive around the midway point of the half, once Hassocks were able to get their wide players into the game.

A Harvey Blake charge from right back saw him clip a diagonal to Phil Johnson. Johnson produced an unbelievable first touch, taking out both Loxwood centre backs only for his thumping volley to fly just wide.

Next it was the turn of a player home supporters at the Nest are familiar with the fleeting footwork of.

Leon Turner spent a large portion of last season with Loxwood and he worked wonders against his old club, beating two players down the right and cutting back to Jamie Wilkes.

The tall striker was unfortunate to see his thunderbolt from 24 yards crash into the post and away to safety.

Hassocks chances kept coming. A Joe Bull corner was met by an Alex Bygraves volley blocked on the line.

Alex Harris picked out Troak on the left, Turner collected the dangerous cross in but could only fire over from close range after nifty footwork to create some space.

The Robins had strong penalty appeals waved away when Johnson was brought down by Loxwood goalkeeper Fraser Trigwell, followed shortly after by the Magpies rattling the bar with a great free kick from 30 yards.

Despite the blistering end to the half, it looked like the sides would head in goalless. That was until more good distribution from Harris was flicked on by Liam Benson, sending Troak clear.

Troak gathered and composed himself, cutting the ball to Johnson who converted with the half time whistle coming seconds after the restart.

It was the perfect time for Hassocks to score and the least they deserved. Loxwood to their credit did used falling behind so late as motivation and they began the second half in strong fashion.

The Magpies should have equalised when a nice cross from out on the right found the head of the unmarked Devon Fender. He somehow headed wide.

Harris achieved the frankly ridiculously feat of entering the book for kicking the ball away when Hassocks won a free kick.

He was joined in the yellow card club minutes later by Loxwood captain Adrian Todd.

Hassocks were handed a glorious chance to double their lead on 63 minutes. A quickly taken free kick from the rangy Wilkes put Blake in on goal, who was subsequently wiped out by Trigwell.

Troak stepped up for the resulting penalty but missed a second successive spot kick having seen his effort from 12 yards saved against Broadbridge Heath on Tuesday night.

The Robins tried to set about ensuring that miss did not prove costly. Pat Harding entered the fray in place of Johnson and Turner danced around a series of white shirts before being denied as he was about to pull the trigger by a brilliant last ditch tackle from Igor Sokirke.

Loxwood began to enjoy their best spell after that. Harris made a strong save when a left sided corner caused issues.

Williamson then had to make a clever modern-day foul and accept the booking that came with it to break up a dangerous looking counter.

Having weathered the storm, Hassocks wrapped up the points in the final minute. Harding raced onto a bouncing ball, opened up his body and then bent a stunning effort into the top corner for his 138th Robins goal - and first since returning from Burgess Hill Town.

There was still time for one more incident, Todd picking up a second yellow for scything down Williamson as home frustrations boiled over.

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

**Subs:** Harding (Johnson 70), S Smith (Benson 85), Cash (L Turner 90), Rawlingson, J Westlake (unused).

# 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	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)	FACPD	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
<b>September</b>					
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	1-2	113	Benson
27/09 - 15:00	Broadridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	3-3	110	Benson (2), Troak
<b>October</b>					
01/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	2-0	96	Johnson, Harding
08/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP			
12/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	SSC1			
15/10 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP			
22/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
26/10 - 19:45	Forest Row (A)	RURC2			
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	14	0	14	2	14	2
Alex Harris	14	0	14	0	104	0
Harvey Blake	13	1	14	0	81	3
Jack Troak	13	0	13	4	89	27
Leon Turner	10	2	12	2	12	2
Liam Benson	9	3	12	6	146	37
Joe Bull	9	3	12	0	106	7
Phil Johnson	9	3	12	6	175	82
Mike Williamson	10	1	11	0	11	0
James Westlake	9	2	11	0	239	31
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Bradley Tighe	8	2	10	0	148	0
Sam Cash	6	3	9	0	12	1
Jamie Wilkes	4	5	9	1	13	1
Tom Frankland	4	3	7	0	7	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Pat Harding	2	4	6	1	207	138
Sam Smith	1	5	6	1	20	3
Danny Reid	0	3	3	0	3	0
Sam Rogers	0	3	3	0	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	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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# Robins ride to easy win at Chessington and move top of the table in the process

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Thursday 15th September 2022, Chalky Lane  
Chessington & Hook U23s 1-4 Hassocks U23s**



**Hassocks Under 23s enjoyed their first ever adventure to Chessington & Hook United, where a 4-1 win moved the Robins to the top of the Southern Combination League North Division.**

United are newcomers to the Southern Combination for the 2022-23 season. Their first team - who the Robins will face in the FA Vase next weekend - were moved by the FA from the Combined Counties League and to keep things simple, the Under 23s have followed suit.

Having never played each other before at Under 23 level, Hassocks were not sure what to expect from their ride north.

At senior level, the Combined Counties is generally considered stronger. At Under 23s however, the Robins were stepping into the dark like entering a Forbidden Tomb.

In the end, it turned out to be an experience more enjoyable than a turn on Professor Burp's Bubbleworks for Hassocks thanks to the convincing nature of their win.

They arrived at Chalky Road in good spirits following last week's excellent 2-0 victory over reigning champions Broadbridge Heath at the Beacon.

Head coach Neil Parker made five changes from that success against the Bears, which arguably made Hassocks even stronger.

Chessington certainly found out how much depth there is in this Robins squad, something which will serve Parker well in what is sure to be a roller coaster season.

Dan Turner returned having missed the win against Heath at a wedding. He was joined in defence by the experienced Will Broomfield, who continues to tick over for the Under 23s whilst Bradley Tighe and Alex Bygraves look undroppable for the first team.

Charlie Broad came into the attack for his first start of the campaign, Charlie Tuck returned from injury and George Mercer was promoted from the bench.

Dropping out completely were Kobe Dersley, Luke Marshall, Danny Reid and Sam Smith. Marshall Smith had to settle for a place on the bench.

Mercer last week had to patiently wait in the queue for his chance to ride 90 minutes but he grabbed the opportunity with both hands, scoring two of the Robins' four goals.

They were Mercer's first in Hassocks colours, making it rather like the proverbial London bus - you

wait three seasons and 20 matches for Mercer to score and then two come along at once.

Tuck provided further vindication for him being fast-tracked back into the starting XI by joining Mercer on the scoresheet with Sam Geard the other Robin who notched.

Alex Adejokun denied Callum Thompson a fourth clean sheet of the campaign as Chessington became only the second opponents to find a way past the Robins defence.

Hassocks have a week off next Thursday before hosting Horley Town at the Beacon on September 29th.

The Clarets have made a bigger splash than the Tiger Rock log flume in their first season back in the Southern Combination after a brief hiatus, suggesting they will possess a stern test for the Robins.

**Hassocks:** Thompson, Rawlingson, Broomfield, D Turner, Tuck, Arscott, Geard, Rogers, Fairley, Mercer, Broad.

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



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# Under 23s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
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
<b>September</b>				
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	0-3	
<b>October</b>				
06/10 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
13/10 - 19:45	Lingfield (H)	SCFL23		
20/10 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23		

# Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Arthur Rawlingson	6	0	6	1
Sam Rogers	6	0	6	0
Callum Thompson	6	0	6	0
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
George Mercer	3	2	5	2
Jack Smith	0	5	5	0
Wes Tighe	0	5	5	0
Danny Reid	4	0	4	2
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Charlie Broad	2	2	4	0
Ben Hicks	1	3	4	0
Marshall Smith	1	3	4	1
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Sam Smith	3	0	3	3
Sam Fernley	2	1	3	1
Reece Clarke	0	3	3	0
Will Broomfield	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Jude Wallis	2	0	2	0
Kieran Dimelow	0	2	2	0
Sam Cash	1	0	1	0
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0

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# Mavericks prove too sharp for Hassocks in first defeat of the season

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 18th September 2022, The Beacon  
Hassocks U18s 1-2 Worthing United U18s**



**Following a week off out of respect for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Hassocks Under 18s returned to action with a tough game at home to Worthing United.**

The Mavericks finished third in the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division last season and had started their campaign with a 5-3 win over Shoreham.

United had also played twice in the FA Youth Cup, beating Newhaven on penalties before bowing out against Bexhill United.

That gave them three competitive games under their belts whereas Hassocks only had one, their opening day 3-1 comeback win over Steyning Town at the Beacon.

Steyning themselves were runners up in 2021-22, so the Robins still felt confident of their chances having already picked up an impressive victory over the Barrowmen.

You can sometimes read too much into how a team did the previous year in Under 18s football where there is so much change from season-to-season.

Where United undoubtedly had the advantage was in match sharpness thanks to their additional

two games. That showed as they ran out 2-1 winners.

Hassocks made two changes from their side who had beaten the Barrowmen a week earlier.

Last season's top scorer Oliver Parker-Williams was available for his first start of the campaign, replacing Cam Mitchell who dropped to the bench as he continued to recover from his exploits at the Reading Festival.

The other change saw George Gladding make his debut for the Robins in place of the absent Will Varley.

Two more players made their Hassocks debuts from the bench. Will Matthews and Eden Thompson were both introduced as substitutes as the Robins sought to take something from the tie.

When Hassocks last met United back in January, it had resulted in one of the craziest Under 18s games for many years. An 11-goal thriller was edged 6-5 by the Mavericks.

There was not quite as much entertainment on this occasion, but it was still 90 minutes of high quality football from two sides who wanted to play the game the right way.

Goals from Liam Appleton and Callum Noyce secured the three points for United, moving them

second in the early table behind free-scoring leaders Burgess Hill Town.

Hassocks struck through Alex Brewer, who is enjoying quite the start to life at the Beacon.

This was Brewer's third goal from two games and he looks like one-to-watch, along with Sam Fernley who has already established himself as a regular in Neil Parker's Under 23s squad.

Hassocks face their first away game and local derby of the season next, travelling to Colwell Road to take on St Francis Rangers this coming Sunday.

As always, any support you can give up at the Hospital will be very much welcome.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Dean, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Wintle, Carter, Goswamy, Duckett, Parker-Williams, Brewer.

**Subs:** Goss, Matthews, Mitchell, Thompson (used).

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# Bragging rights go Rangers way in fiery Colwell Road clash

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 24th September 2022 , Colwell Road  
St Francis Rangers U18s 2-1 Hassocks U18s**



**A Mid Sussex Derby against local rivals St Francis Rangers gave Hassocks Under 18s their first chance to play a Southern Combination League away game of the season.**

The short trip to Colwell Road saw the Robins beaten 2-1 in a fiery encounter, bringing back memories of when these two clubs used to clash with fireworks at first team level a decade ago.

Hassocks rarely pick up bookings at Under 18 level, so three in one home game is indicative of a game which the Robins were determined not to lose.

Entering the book of referee Konrad Kaminski were Alex Brewer, Charlie Smith and substitute Ryan Goss.

At least one man connected to Hassocks looked happy after the full time whistle - Dave John could be seen rubbing his hands with glee about collecting three "admin fee" from the players in question once their fines come through from the Sussex FA.

Last week, the Robins had been beaten by a side who had more match practice than them when Worthing United triumphed 2-1 at the Beacon.

The boot was on the other foot on this occasion. Hassocks had two games under their belts whereas Rangers had not played for two weeks since a hugely impressive 4-1 win over Saltdean United.

Unfortunately, the Robins could not make the extra minutes in the tank count and so they came away from the Hospital with nothing to show for their efforts, other than Johnsy increasing the club's bank balance.

Hassocks made two changes from the side beaten by the Mavericks. Soon-to-be-yellow-carded Smith was one of those, replacing Sam Dean.

Last season's top scorer Oliver Parker-Williams was also missing. Will Varley returned straight into the starting XI having been absent for the Worthing United defeat.

Rangers scored their two goals through a 22nd minute Ricardo Silva strike and a neat effort from Josh Nandhra.

For Hassocks, substitute Ryan Goss opened his account for the club on his third appearance of the season from the bench.

The Robins continue to give new faces debuts in what is a very young squad. Ben Foster was this week's debutant when he came on in the

second half. Unlike his former-England international goalkeeper namesake, he did not put a GoPro in the goal and film his every moment. Can you imagine what Johnsy would have said about that?

There was also a first appearance of the season for Archie Hill, one of the few remaining players from last season's squad when he was one of the first names on the team sheet.

Hill had to settle being a used substitute here, but he is sure to add a lot to the group when available this season.

Hassocks are next in action on Sunday with another local derby, this time at home to Burgess Hill Town.

The Hillians are the unbeaten league leaders and youth team games against them have been spicy affairs, pretty much since the first Hassocks Under 18s side began playing in the early 1990s. Kick off is at 11am at the Beacon.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Smith, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Wintle, Carter, Goswamy, Duckett, Varley Brewer.

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

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# Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 11:00	Steyping Town (H)	SCFL18	3-1	Brewer (2), Duckett
18/09 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18	1-2	Brewer
25/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Goss
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	2-3	Brewer (2)
09/10 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18		
16/10 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		
23/10 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		
30/10 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18		

# Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Alex Brewer	4	0	4	5
Harry Carter	4	0	4	0
Jack Duckett	4	0	4	1
Sam Fernley	4	0	4	0
Oliver Goswamy	4	0	4	0
Jack Thomas	4	0	4	0
Ed Tobias	4	0	4	0
Alex Wintle	4	0	4	0
Ryan Goss	0	4	4	1
Sam Dean	3	0	3	0
George Gladding	3	0	3	0
Ben Foster	0	3	3	0
Will Varley	2	0	2	0
Cam Mitchell	1	1	2	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	1	1	2	0
Ewan Edwards	0	2	2	0
Archie Hill	0	2	2	0
Charlie Smith	1	0	1	0
Oliver Steel	1	0	1	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0



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# To the nines for relentless Robins who pummel Pevensey in League Cup

**Sussex County Women's League Cup First Round  
Sunday 18th September 2022, Pevensey Recreation Ground  
Pevensey & Westham Ladies 0-9 Hassocks Ladies**



## **Hassocks Ladies continued their fine start to the season with a comprehensive 9-0 victory over Pevensey and Westham in the first round of the Sussex County Women's League Challenge Cup.**

The Robins started brightly and an early effort by Mia Pordage went narrowly over the bar before Katherine Chappell opened the scoring in the fifth minute following good work by Holly Webb.

Hassocks continued to press and a second goal soon followed in the ninth minute.

A slide rule pass from Kirsten Mair found Chappell who clinically slotted the ball home again on what was already proving a very fruitful afternoon for the forward.

Next it was Holly Webb who went close. Webb beat the offside flag to shoot just wide of the post.

A third goal was not far away. Mair sent over a 12th minute corner and Jess Craig was there to head home.

Hassocks were proving to be relentless now. Further chances were created with Mair and Chappell nearly adding to the tally.

Chappell scored the fourth to complete her hat-trick with 17 minutes played, firing home after a corner resulted in a goalmouth scramble.

The Pevensey goalkeeper was working hard to keep the score down with some important saves, including a really good stop to deny Maddie Cannon.

There was little the home number one could do however to prevent two more goals in quick succession moving the Robins further ahead.

Craig headed home again on 29 minutes with Mair producing a brilliant solo effort five minutes later to put Hassocks into a 6-0 lead.

Jodie Johanson was causing havoc with her pace and skill on the

right hand side.

She went on another great run and cross which was well saved. Webb had another attempt but could not find the back of the net.

Instead, she turned provider for the seventh Hassocks goal with a clever pass to Chappell, who added her fifth and Hassocks' eighth just before the break after being set up by Pordage.

An amazing first half of football came to a close with a scoreline which nobody could have predicted before the game. In truth, it could have been even more.

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Hassocks made several changes for the start of the second half. Shannon McFaddon, Katie Read and Ellie Moquet replaced Pordage, Johanson and Emma Flin.

Sarah Chappell had been a virtual spectator in the Robins goal apart from dealing with a few pass backs.

As a result, Chappell was given a run out on the right wing with Moquet taking over the gloves.

Inevitably after such a dominating first half, the intensity lessened slightly as the game wore on.

Craig completed a hat-trick of headers to make it 9-0 on 52 minutes from another pinpoint Mair corner, but Hassocks were unable to add to their tally after that.

The continuity was not helped by frequent stoppages, including a five-minute delay caused by an injury to the Pevensey goalkeeper, who

surprisingly was able to continue after such lengthy treatment.

Further Hassocks chances came from Craig with a couple of distance efforts which were not far away.

Katherine Chappell saw a shot saved with Sarah Chappell firing the rebound across goal.

Pordage and Johanson were brought back on replacing Craig and Jo Brown, who had looked very assured at the back.

A Mair thunderbolt crashed against the crossbar and Pordage came close twice. One effort deflected wide for a corner and another shot went just over the bar.

One final opportunity fell to Katherine Chappell who was looking to wrap up a double hat-trick but she was just off target after a nine one-two with McFaddon.

The match ended with a totally dominant Hassocks winning 9-0. Every player can be proud of their performance, including the defenders.

Flin, Brown, Claire Stevens, and substitute Katie Read in the second half were not put under too much pressure, but they looked calm and assured throughout.

A special mention must also be made of Craig, who amazingly scored that hat-trick of headers.

**Hassocks:** S Chappell, Stevens, Mair, Flin, Brown, Webb, J Craig, Cannon, Johanson, Pordage, K Chappell.

**Subs:** McFadden, Moquet, Read (used).



# Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensy & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (3), Mair
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP	8-1	K.Chappell (4), Cloke, Moquet, Mair (2)
09/10 - 14:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCWLC2		
30/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
13/11 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
20/11 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
11/12 - 14:00	Denne Park (H)	SCWLP		
<b>January</b>				
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
22/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
<b>February</b>				
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
Katherine Chappell	3	0	3	12
Sarah Chappell	3	0	3	0
Jess Craig	3	0	3	4
Emma Flin	3	0	3	0
Kirsten Mair	3	0	3	3
Holly Webb	3	0	3	0
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0
Maddie Cannon	2	0	2	1
Mia Pordage	2	0	2	0
Claire Stevens	2	0	2	0
Jodie Johanson	1	1	2	1
Shannon McFadden	1	1	2	0
Ellie Moquet	1	1	2	1
Katie Read	1	1	2	0
Tallie Bright	1	0	1	0
Chloe John	1	0	1	0
Mel Sanchez	1	0	1	0
Izzy Cloke	0	1	1	1
Hannah Harvey	0	1	1	0



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# Veterans Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 14:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	MSFLV1	2-3	
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 14:00	Sidley United (H)	MSFLV1		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 14:00	Lewes (A)	MSFLV1		
<b>January</b>				
08/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLV1		
<b>February</b>				
05/02 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLV1		
<b>March</b>				
19/03 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	MSFLV1		



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# On This Day...



## Robins leak seven to Lobsters but scoreline is a little harsh

**October 8th 2011:** 10 goals were scored in an entertaining 90 minutes at Kiln Brown but unfortunately for Hassocks, Redhill notched seven of them on their way to a 7-3 victory

**It is now 13 goals conceded in two games spaced just four days apart as Hassocks found themselves hammered 7-3 away at Redhill.**

10 goals made for plenty of entertainment for the home fans and neutrals at Kiln Brow.

Not for Mickey Jewell and the Robins though, even if most in attendance agreed that the scoreline was a little harsh.

Tuesday night had seen Hassocks go from leading Lancing 1-0 after 30 minutes in the Sussex Senior Cup to coming off an hour later eliminated from the competition via a 6-1 defeat.

The Robins looked shell shocked by full time at Culver Road, a state that extended to the opening 45 minutes here when Redhill scored five unanswered goals.

That left Hassocks dead and buried before the half time tea was being served.

They did at least recover with a much-improved performance after the break, winning the second half 3-2.

How much of that was down to Redhill taking their foot of the pedal with the game already won is up for debate.

Jewell and the Robins though will take any positive they can get at the minute.

Giving a strong Lobsters outfit something to think about is a straw worth clutching.

Redhill have a talented squad and a manager in ex-Crowborough Athletic boss Simon Colbran who knows what it takes to win a County League title.

The Lobsters had been tipped in some quarters to make an impression on the championship race, although three consecutive losses had raised question marks.

Hassocks were unfortunate to catch Redhill in the midst of such a barren run.

They were clearly fired up to put things right and Colbran was a vocal presence on the touchline, urging his side forward at every opportunity.

Great work from the impressive Wayne Clark set up Billy Medlock for the Redhill opener on 12 minutes.

Five minutes later and the lead was doubled when Jon Difford was left free to head home a corner.

The third Lobsters goal on 35 minutes best summed up Hassocks'

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day.

Ashley Marsh produced an utterly outrageous clearance off the line, only for the ball to hit Andy Atkin in the back and loop over the helpless Jack Simpson into the net.

Such rotten luck seemed to seriously deflate Hassocks and they conceded twice more in the remaining 10 minutes before half time to Clark and Medlock.

At that point, a record-breaking heaviest defeat in senior football looked on the cards for the Robins.

The second half comeback-of-sorts was led by Anthony Hibbert, slowly getting back to match fitness following a lengthy absence through injury.

Hibbert opened his account for the season by scoring twice in the space of five minutes.

With the scoreline now at 5-2 and the second half barely 15 minutes old, Hibbert had suddenly given

Hassocks the faintest hopes of staging a remarkable comeback.

Colbran and Redhill certainly seemed rocked and the Robins found themselves on top.

Hassocks should have had a penalty when Nathan Miles was brought down in the area but the referee waved away the claims.

The Robins were incensed and you could understand why. Had they been awarded and converted a spot kick, the deficit would have been cut to two.

A Lobsters side already appearing visibly worried at the possibility of blowing a five-goal lead would have become a nervous wreck. And who knows where that might have led?

To make the non-penalty award even more disappointing, Redhill made the most of the reprieve by going straight up the other end and scoring their sixth.

It was a quite brilliant individual solo goal from Clark, who deserved his brace for a performance in which he teased and tormented Hassocks all afternoon.

Clark's goal settled Redhill and when home substitute Gavin Gordon made it 7-2, the possibility of an unexpected recovery from the Robins was now firmly over.

Hassocks did manage to find the back of the net once more, Miles pegging a third back late on.

**Hassocks:** J Simpson; Jacques, Marsh, Faith, Maynard; Westlake, Hibbert, Slaughter, Weston; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Goodridge (Jacques), Whittingham (Slaughter), Johnson (Weston).

# Around the League...



An important win for Hassocks at Loxwood last Saturday moved us onto the cusp of the top six. Here is what else was happening whilst that was going on at the Nest, including dropped points for both the Premier Division and Division One leaders...

**Premier Division leaders Newhaven were held to a 1-1 draw by Crowborough Athletic in front of a big crowd at the Community Stadium.**

Both the goals came in the first half. Harvey Killick put the hosts 1-0 ahead with 29 minutes on the clock, followed by Marcin Ruda equalising for the Dockers five minutes before the break.

Second hosted third at the Oval where **Eastbourne United** were beaten 1-0 by **Crawley Down Gatwick**, who leapfrogged their opponents to close to within a point of Newhaven. Sam Clements scored the only goal of the game in the 28th minute.

**Broadbridge Heath** and **Horsham YMCA** shared the spoils in their local derby at the Countryside Stadium.

Charlie Parmiter was on target for the Bears with YM being grateful for an own goal which ensured it finished 1-1.

A last minute goal from substitute Kit Goddard maintained **Steyning Town's** excellent start to the campaign as they saw off plucky **Alfold** 3-2 at the Birchwood Ground.

Jack Langford's brace for the Barrowmen looked like it would count for nothing as Charlie Martin claimed two for 'Fold, leaving the scores locked at 2-2 until Goodard struck in the 93rd minute.

The meeting of the two clubs promoted from Division One went to form with **Midhurst & Easebourne** hammering **Roffey** 5-1.

Jordan Warren with a double, Liam Dreckmann, Charlie Osborne and Harry Giles had the Stags 5-0 ahead with Omar Barry adding an injury time consolation for Roffey.

The fast start made by early leaders **Peacehaven & Telscombe** is fading to memory.

They were beaten 4-0 at the Window Workshop Stadium by improving **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Leon Wright, an own goal and two from Archie Carey secured an excellent three points for the Oakmen.

Fletcher Holman scored twice as **Eastbourne Town** beat **Lingfield** 4-0 away from home. The other Town goals came via Frankie Chappell and substitute Ronnie Galt.

The Premier Division's final game was a heated clash between **Little Common** and **Saltdean United** which ended 1-1.

Saltdean had six players booked after new signing Will Berry had given them a first minute lead.

Common substitute Sammy Bunn equalised with five minutes remaining.

Continuing to lead the way in Division One are **Selsey**, although their lead at the top has been cut after they were held 1-1 at home by **Seaford Town**.

Martin Fakas put the visitors into a half time lead, cancelled out in the 85th minute by Bradley Higgins-Pearce.

**Epsom & Ewell** were able to close the gap by winning 3-1 at **East Preston**.

Ryan Smith, Athan Smith-Joseph and Javeon Dyer got the goals for the Salts, who were denied a clean sheet when Alfie Moss struck the EP consolation in injury time.

Two goals from James Thurgar moved **Wick** into third spot as they beat **Worthing United** 2-1.

**Dorking Wanderers B** suffered a surprise 2-1 reversal away against **Billingshurst**.

Tom Edwards scored both the goals for the hosts after Wanderers had taken an early lead through Eddy

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**Godalming Town** beat **Arundel** 4-1 at Mill Road with different players on the scoresheet - Rikkie Letch, Sam Boutwood, Ross Cheek and Robert Parrott.

**Mile Oak** saw off **Forest Row** 3-0 via goals from Harry Funnell, George Rudwick and the veteran Rickie Mitchell and **Oakwood** and **Montpelier Villa** drew 1-1 at Tinsley Lane.

There was one game in the first round of the Division One Cup. Nothing could separate **Chessington & Hook United** and **Shoreham** over 90 minutes.

It was Michael Death's Musselmen who eventually progressed via a 6-5 win on penalties.

**Jarvis Brook** are top of Division Two after a hard-earned 1-0 win at Ferring.

**Charlwood** moved into second following a big three points from a 3-2 win at fellow promotion candidates **Storrington**.

**Capel** won 3-1 at **Copthorne**, reigning champions **Rustington** were 2-1 victors over **Rottingdean Village** and **Southwater** edged out **Worthing Town** 5-3.

There was a thriller at the Memorial Field where **Upper Beeding** and **Brighton Electricity** shared a 3-3 draw.

Last but by no means least, **St Francis Rangers** hammered **Bosham** 6-0 at Colwell Road.

Four of the goals came from ex-Hassocks Under 23s players; two from Max Willcox and one from Jordan Littlecott. Substitute Danny Kingston claimed the other two from the bench.



## Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

### Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	10	7	1	2	33	7	22
Crawley Down Gatwick	10	7	0	3	19	9	21
Broadbridge Heath	9	6	2	1	19	10	20
Steyning Town	10	6	1	3	21	13	19
Eastbourne United	10	6	1	3	19	11	19
Midhurst & Easebourne	10	6	1	3	21	14	19
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Peacehaven & Tels	9	5	1	3	14	10	16
Horsham YMCA	10	5	1	4	17	15	16
Crowborough Athletic	10	4	4	2	13	12	16
Eastbourne Town	10	3	4	3	13	8	13
Bexhill United	9	4	1	4	19	16	13
Little Common	10	3	4	3	14	11	13
AFC Uckfield Town	10	4	1	5	19	19	13
Lingfield	11	3	2	6	15	25	11
<b>AFC Varndeanians</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>
Loxwood	9	3	1	5	15	18	10
Saltdean United	11	3	1	7	8	27	10
Alfold	11	1	1	9	9	30	4
Roffey	10	0	0	10	5	36	0

### Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Bexhill United	271	301	241
Peacehaven & Telscombe	255	372	132
Newhaven	221	319	128
Eastbourne Town	204	231	171
Crowborough Athletic	184	224	143
Broadbridge Heath	175	201	123
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>110</b>
Eastbourne United	138	186	89
Horsham YMCA	109	165	76
Little Common	108	146	84
Steyning Town	196	132	77
<b>AFC Varndeanians</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>67</b>
Loxwood	80	96	68
Saltdean United	77	107	28
Midhurst & Easebourne	73	91	45
AFC Uckfield Town	71	103	42
Lingfield	70	110	37
Roffey	69	129	30
Alfold	68	81	57
Crawley Down Gatwick	61	74	35

### Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Newhaven	WWWWD
Steyning Town	LWWWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWWWWW
Broadbridge Heath	WWWWD
Midhurst & Easebourne	WLWWLW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>WLLWDW</b>
Little Common	WLWLWD
Eastbourne United	WDLWWL
Saltdean United	WWWLLD
AFC Uckfield Town	WWLLLW
Crowborough Athletic	WWLDDD
Lingfield	LWLDWL
Peacehaven & Tels	WLDWLL
Horsham YMCA	WWLLLD
<b>AFC Varndeanians</b>	<b>LDWLLW</b>
Eastbourne Town	DLDLDW
Loxwood	WLLLWL
Bexhill United	LLWWLL
Alfold	LLLLWL
Roffey	LLLLLL

### Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	14
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	12
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	12
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	11
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	10
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	9
Devon Fender	Loxwood	9
Lewis Beebee	Saltdean United	7
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	7
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	7
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	7
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	6
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	6
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	6
<b>Phil Johnson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
Harry Tremlett	Crowborough	6
Richard Wetton	Lingfield	6
Lewis Hole	Little Common	5
Rhys White	Crawley Down	5

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	6	5	0	1	17	9	15
Horley Town	6	4	1	1	22	10	13
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
Horsham YMCA	7	3	2	2	18	13	11
Roffey	6	3	1	2	18	16	10
Broadbridge Heath	6	3	1	2	13	11	10
Lingfield	6	3	0	3	17	16	9
St Francis Rangers	7	3	0	4	10	21	9
Loxwood	6	2	0	4	13	15	6
Chessington & Hook	6	1	1	4	13	21	4
Oakwood	6	0	0	6	5	23+	0

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	7
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	4
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	4
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	4
Conan Torpey	Lingfield	4
Kieran Head	Chessington	4
Josh Arkwright	Horley Town	3
Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	3
Zain Beg	Loxwood	3
Samuel David N'Cho	St Francis	3

### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	4	4	0	0	14	3	12
St Francis Rangers	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
<b>AFC Varndeanians</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Saltdean United	4	2	0	2	10	12	6
Shoreham	4	2	0	2	12	10	6
Worthing United	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Lancing	4	1	2	1	12	13	5
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
Mile Oak	4	0	1	3	6	13	1
Steyping Town	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean United	7
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	6
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
Joe Simpkin	Steyping Town	5
Brandon Hanley	Worthing United	4
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	4
Tomas Bond	Shoreham	3
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	3
George Hemming	Lancing	3
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	3

### Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Burgess Hill Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Pagham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Seaford Town	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Saltdean United	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
Denne Park	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

### Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Katherine Chappell</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Jess Craig</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Kirsten Mair</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
Emma Biffi	Pagham	2
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	2
Tabitha Burrows	Saltdean Untied	1

### Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lewes	2	2	0	0	11	4	6
Sidley United	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Jarvis Brook	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
<b>AFC Varndeanians</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Seaford Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Montpelier Villa	2	0	0	2	3	10	0
Rotherfield	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

### Veterans Division One Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Roger Ngwang	Lewes	4
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	3
David Murphy	Lewes	2
Dean Pugh	Sidley United	2
Carl Berwick	Jarvis Brook	1
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	1
James Fox	Montpelier Villa	1
Gareth Gutteridge	Lewes	1

# Upcoming Fixtures >>>



## **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 are handily sat in 10th position at the time of writing with four wins, four draws and two defeats. The Crows' most impressive result of the campaign so far being a 1-0 win over Eastbourne United at the Crowborough Community Stadium back in August, followed closely by holding leaders Newhaven.

### **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.



## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### Hassocks v Eastbourne United

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 22nd October  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

**Eastbourne United had been due to visit the Beacon on Saturday 10th September, a game postponed out of respect following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Instead, they now come to Mid Sussex in two weeks time**

#### Eastbourne United this season

United endured a slow start to 2021-22 until the appointment of former AFC Uckfield Town boss Anthony Storey in October. An influx of former Oakmen players followed, helping lift United from the fringes of the relegation battle to a final finishing position of fifth, their highest since being crowned champions in 2008-09. They have continued in that vein so far in the current campaign and were the early league leaders at one point. At the time of writing, United sit fifth with six wins and one draw from 10 games so far. The good news for us is that two of their three Premier Division defeats have come in their past four matches.

#### Head-to-head

The Robins dominate the head-to-head with 18 wins to United's 14 and 12 draws in our 44 meetings. That record is helped hugely by the fact that we used to love visiting the Oval for reasons that nobody could ever really understand. We won six times in a row there between 2010 and 2019 despite only finishing above United twice in that period, although that run has been dampened somewhat by defeats on our last three visits to the Sunshine Coast.

#### Last time we met

A January trip to the Oval resulted in 90 minutes of turgid football lacking in any real quality. One of the only moments worth writing about

provided the game's single goal, scored by United captain Charlie Ball. Conjuring something out of nothing, Ball hit an unstoppable effort from 25 yards which Alex Harris could only watch rocket into the top corner.

#### Links between the clubs?

Jack Troak played for United earlier in his career as a young player at Lewes after the Rooks decided they wanted the lively left winger to experience of senior football. Goalkeeper James Broadbent won a clean sweep of Players' Player, Supporters' Player and Managers' Player of the Season at the Beacon after signing from United for 2016-17 and current Eastbourne Town women's manager Zak Dove turned out for both clubs.



### Forest Row v Hassocks

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Second Round  
Wednesday 26th October 2022, 7:45pm  
Tinsley Lane, Crawley, RH10 8AT

**Our Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup campaign gets underway in the second round stage with a trip to Tinsley Lane to face Forest Row, for what will be our first ever meeting in senior football against Frow**

#### Forest Row this season

This is Forest Row's second season in the Southern Combination League following their promotion up two levels from the Mid Sussex Premier in the summer of 2021. Their first campaign in Division One went well, culminating in an 11th placed finish. Frow have suffered from second season syndrome of sorts so far and currently sit 17th with only Montpelier Villa below them. Defying their lowly position is the fact their sole league win was a stunning 4-1 success over promotion hopefuls Seaford Town. They also have a Peter Bentley League Cup victory against landlords Oakwood under their belts before a 5-0 elimination at the hands of Lingfield in the second round.

#### Head-to-head

As mentioned, this will be our first ever meeting at senior level with Frow. The old Hassocks IIIs faced Forest Row in the Mid Sussex League between 2006 and 2011. Their head-to-head reads eight matches, three wins, two draws, three defeats, 16 scored and 13 conceded. Remarkably, Phil Wickwar is responsible for two of those goals. Such an impressive record might give Westy something to ponder ahead of the trip to Tinsley Lane...

#### Last time we played at Tinsley Lane

Frow might be new opponents but Tinsley Lane is not a new ground. We used to play there on a frequent

basis against Oakwood, although our last visit was as long ago as April 2009. It was not a good one either; a 1-0 defeat against hosts who would be relegated a few weeks later.

#### How to get to Tinsley Lane

Take the A23/M23, come off at Junction 10 and head towards Crawley on the A2011. At the first roundabout, go all the way around to the fourth exit for Gatwick Road and Manor Royal. Take the second exit at the next roundabout, continuing on Gatwick Road. Tinsley Lane will be on your right, between the Kia showroom and the next roundabout. Take the first left onto Kenmara Court and the ground is at the end of the road.

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## Bedlam Brewery Hassocks Starman

Peacehaven & Telscombe away **Alex BYGRAVES**  
Midhurst & Easebourne home **Harvey BLAKE**  
Lingfield home **Sam CASH**  
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Crawley Down Gatwick away **Leon TURNER**  
Horsham YMCA away **Mike WILLIAMSON**  
Chessington & Hook United away **Jamie WILKES**  
Broadbridge Heath home **Liam BENSON**  
Loxwood away **Bradley TIGHE**  
AFC Varndeanians home  
Saltdean United home  
Crowborough Athletic away  
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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

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November 2022

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December 2022

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January 2023

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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	223	16	239	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	186	21	207	138
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	138	207
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	82	175
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. Liam Benson	37	146
18. Marc Rendall	37	183
19. Andy Burt	35	133
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	239
22. Dan Smith	27	63
23. Jack Troak	27	89
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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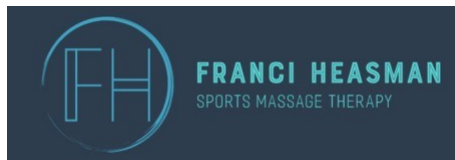
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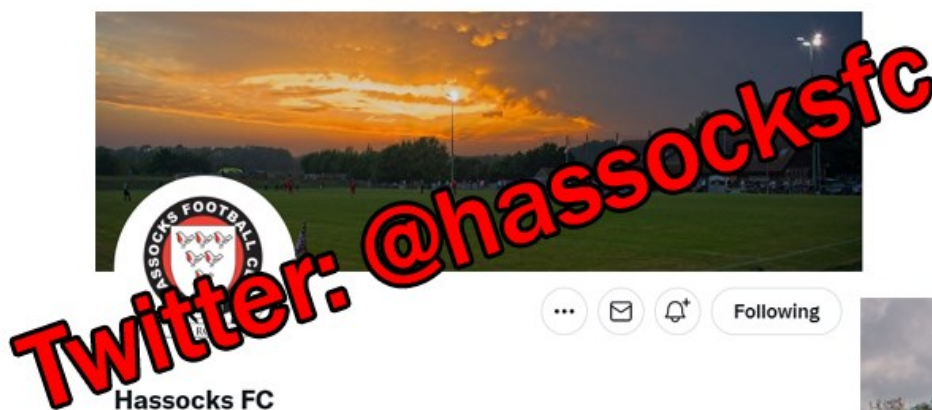
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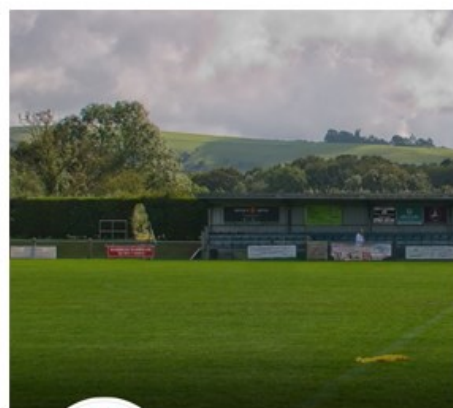


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### Next at the Beacon



**Saltdean United**  
 Tuesday 12th October. 7:45pm  
 Sussex Senior Cup First Round



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### Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Uckfield Town v Roffey  
 Alfold v Eastbourne United  
 Bexhill United v Lingfield  
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