

# The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #8



**Hassocks v Saltdean United**

Sussex Senior Cup First Round

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### HONOURS

#### 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 this hastily arranged Sussex Senior Cup tie against Saltdean United

**Having delayed the drawing for the first round of the competition until Saturday 1st October, the Sussex FA then rather helpfully told clubs that ties had to be arranged and played within 10 days.**

The result is a fixture organised with next-to-no notice. Thankfully, we are not operating at a time when rising energy costs mean that we need to publicise games as much as possible to get as many people through the gates to try and pay the bills incurred.

Otherwise, the Sussex FA's lack of consideration for its clubs at step five of the non-league pyramid and below would look really out-of-touch and inconsiderate.

Anyway, here we are. One half of your programme editing team sitting with a lovely bottle of red (a nice Argentinian Malbec) spending their birthday writing a programme for a match we only received official confirmation of late last week.

It is an intriguing game too, pitting ourselves for the first time against our former head coach Brad Sweetman and a large number of ex-Robins who followed Brad to Hill Park in the summer.

Brad did a fine job at the Hassocks helm last season, securing Premier Division survival and taking us to our first Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup semi final in a decade.

He will always be warmly received here for those efforts, as well as the time and work he put into managing the Under 18s through one of their most successful periods ever between 2017 and 2021.

As well as welcoming Brad, his players, the fans and officials of Saltdean, we would also like to congratulate our visitors on the fantastic news that their redevelopment of Hill Park has been granted planning permission.

A new clubhouse, stand and artificial pitch are set to go in, providing a platform for both Saltdean's men's and women's sections to progress up the pyramid. What an exciting time to be a Tiger.

It is also a pretty exciting time to be a Robin too. This weekend saw three victories out of three, including the first team moving to within five points of top spot in the Premier Division.

Saturday's 2-0 win over AFC Vardneanians was the result of a professional performance, avenging

our Peter Bentley League Cup exit against the same opponents at the start of September.

On Sunday morning, the Under 18s ran out 7-0 winners at Mile Oak. The Ladies followed that up by booking a League Cup quarter final spot with a 9-1 victory at AFC Uckfield Town.

Combined with a 6-2 win at Horsham YMCA on Thursday night for the Under 23s, you had a perfect run of results for all our sides.

There are numerous opportunities to see if that form can continue this week here at the Beacon. Thursday night sees the Under 23s host Lingfield in a 7:45pm kick off.

That is followed by a double header on Sunday, the Under 18s welcoming AFC Vardneanians at 11am followed by the Ladies playing Saltdean United. Admission to both games is free.

Our next first team fixture here is on Saturday 22nd October against Eastbourne United. Any support you can give any of the teams is as always very much appreciated.

**Thank you for your support,**

**Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



Saltdean United

## Tigers Factfile

**Founded** 1966

**Ground** Hill Park

**Website** saltdeanfc.co.uk

**Twitter** @saltdeanfc

**Instagram** @saltdean\_tigers

**Manager** Brad Sweetman

**Top scorer** Lewis Beebee, 7

## Club Honours

### Southern Combination League

Runners up 1999, 2022

### SCFL Division One

Winners 1996, 2017

### SCFL Division Two

Winners 1989

Runners up 2012

### Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2000

### SCFL Division Two Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2006

### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 1996, 2000, 2022

### Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 1997

## There will be familiar faces at the Beacon this evening in the colours of Saltdean with ex-Robins head coach Brad Sweetman charged with rebuilding the Tigers

Sweetman was appointed in the summer following the resignation of Bryan O'Toole, whose departure sparked the mass exodus of the squad who had finished runners up to Littlehampton Town in both the Southern Combination League and the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

As the result of such upheaval, Saltdean were widely tipped for relegation this season - just like how Sweetman and his young Hassocks side were written off in 2021-22.

And just as happened at the Beacon, Sweetman and co are defying the predictions.

They sit six points clear of the Premier Division's bottom two with an eye catching win over Eastbourne Town their most impressive result so far.

Amongst the former Hassocks players who we could face today are Jack Gardner, Alfie Edmeads, Louis Thwaites, Lucas Tyrrell, Jayden Dunkley, Jacob Campbell and the

Tigers' seven-goal top scorer Lewis Beebee.

The majority of those youngsters were not born on the one and only occasion that we have faced Saltdean before in the Sussex Senior Cup.

That came in the 2001-02 season, when the Robins won an eight-goal thriller 5-3 at Hill Park in the first round of the competition.

Dave John's side went onto beat the Tigers' local rivals Peacehaven & Telscombe, landing the plum tie of Brighton & Hove Albion Reserves in round three.

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

Having exited the Peter Bentley Cup and the FA Vase at the earliest possible opportunity this season, the Robins will be hoping that the Senior Cup in 2022-23 can provide similar memories to 21 years ago.



## 10 Key Tigers Moments

**1966...** Saltdean United are formed and join the Brighton League where they rise through the divisions

**1984...** after securing their ground at Hill Park, they join the Southern Combination League in Division Two

**1989...** lift the Division Two title to secure promotion to senior football for the first time

**1996...** the start of the clubs 'Golden Years' as they are promoted as Division One champions

**1997...** embark on a memorable run to the Sussex Senior Cup Final, where they lose to St Leonards

**1999...** finish second in the league & a season later win the Peter Bentley Cup

**2007...** two relegation in five years drop the Tigers from Premier Division into Division Two

**2012...** win promotion back into Division One as well as the Vernon Wentworth Cup

**2017...** Division One champions, bringing top flight football back to Hill Park for the first time in 15 years

**2022...** runners up to Littlehampton Town in both the Southern Combination League and RUR Cup

## Last 18 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 8th

2016-17, Southern Combination One 1st

2015-16, Southern Combination One 17th

2014-15, Southern Combination One 13th

2013-14, Southern Combination One 13th

2012-13, Southern Combination One 18th

2011-12, Southern Combination Two 2nd

2010-11, Southern Combination Two 5th

2009-10, Southern Combination Two 8th

2008-09, Southern Combination Two 7th

2007-08, Southern Combination Two 9th

2006-07, Southern Combination One 18th

2005-06, Southern Combination One 16th

2004-05, Southern Combination One 15th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 13th

2002-03, Southern Combination One 5th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 20th

2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 16th

## The Robins' Record v Saltdean United

**SCFL Premier** > Played 19 - Won 4 - Drawn 3 - Lost 12 - Scored 17 - Conceded 42

**SCFL Division One** > Played 6 - Won 6 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 19 - Conceded 4

**SCFL Division Two** > Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8

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

**Sussex Senior Cup** > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 3

**Total** > Played 31 - Won 12 - Drawn 4 - Lost 15 - Scored 46 - Conceded 57

## Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Saltdean United

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 6-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 4-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Saltdean United

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Saltdean United

2001-02 SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks

2001-02 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-2 Saltdean United

2001-02 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-3 Saltdean Utd

## Played for Both

**The number of links between the clubs have obviously jumped significantly this summer, but even before Brad Sweetman and his ex-Robins made Hill Park their new home there were plenty of players to have turned out for both through the years.**

**James Broadbent** was number one goalkeeper for Saltdean last season as the Tigers finished runners up in both the Southern Combination League and RUR Charity Cup.

Broadbent spent the 2016-17 campaign as a Robin, playing a huge role in helping us avoid relegation on his way to winning a clean sweep of Players' Player, Managers' Player and

Supporters' Player of the Season awards.

Another goalkeeper to have turned out for both clubs is **Nathan Stroomborg**, who played 21 times for Hassocks in the 2017-18 season.

Stroomborg spent the following season with Saltdean before establishing himself at number one at Lewes.

Striker **Ben Bacon** has enjoyed two spells with Hassocks and one with the Tigers, coming back to haunt us by scoring all four goals as Saltdean won 4-1 on their August Bank Holiday Monday visit to the Beacon in 2018.

Striker **Dan Smith** played for the

Tigers in amongst his three spells with Hassocks between 2010 and 2013. His overall record for the Robins stood at 27 goals in 63 games with an even more impressive strike rate at Hill Park when Saltdean were a Division Two outfit.

**Stuart Brown** moved to Hill Park for first team football from the Beacon midway through the 2014-15 season, when our former reserve team boss **Scott Osborne** was part of the Saltdean management team.

Also with the Tigers at that time was **Jamie Bucket** whilst former Hassocks Under 18s captain **Terry Gacias** had a brief spell with Saltdean in the early 2010s.



# Christmas miracle as Hassocks take point from leaders Saltdean

**Ever the optimists, one Hassocks fan turned to another in the Clubhouse before kick off as the Robins hosted Southern Combination League Premier Division leaders and said: "This could be worse than the cricket."**

Christmas though is the season for miracles. England desperately need one in Australia.

Hassocks got one in Mid Sussex, drawing 1-1 with an outstanding Tigers side who had walloped them 6-0 earlier in the campaign.

You could understand the pessimism amongst the home support. Saltdean arrived having put nine unanswered goals past East Preston seven days earlier.

They then went and eliminated Conference South side Eastbourne Borough from the Sussex Senior Cup in midweek.

Tigers manager Bryan O'Toole has built a squad that reads like a who's who of recent Southern Combination title winners and right now, they are playing at the peak of their powers as those previous two results evidence.

Hassocks meanwhile are ravaged by injury and illness to key players. Josh Short and Dan Turner were the latest notable omissions, joining long-term absentees like Andy Whittingham, Bradley Bant, Lucas Tyrrell, Jack Gardner and Spencer Slaughter on the missing list.

Brad Sweetman opted to replace Turner and Short with experience, turning to Jordan Badger and Jack Troak.

Both have endured stop-start campaigns and were making only their fifth and third starts of the season respectively.

Saltdean had flown out of the traps on their way to scoring six goals last time these sides met, opening the scoring inside of 120 seconds on that balmy August evening at Hill Park.

It took them a little longer to get

going on this occasion. 15 minutes had elapsed when Trevor McCreadie – so often a thorn in Hassocks' side during his Haywards Heath Town days – latched onto a ball over the top.

Alex Harris was quick off his line and did well to shut the danger down, resulting in McCreadie lifting his effort over the bar.

Hassocks registered their first chance shortly after. Sam Smith was making his home debut and he had a good sight 25 yards out but his effort lacked the required power to trouble former Hassocks favourite James Broadbent in the Tigers goal.

Saltdean took the lead on 20 minutes via an elegant strike from Tom Caplin.

Hassocks were unable to clear their lines and Caplin needed no second invitation when the ball fell to him 22 yards out, driving a clinical effort into the bottom corner.

The Robins were dealt a blow seven minutes later when Smith limped out of the action, adding to their injury woes.

Joe Bull seemed the obvious replacement but Sweetman instead opted to bring Josh Hawkes on up front.

Hawkes has been in good scoring form recently for the Under 23s, but he cannot have been asked to lead the line many times in his senior career – as the look on his face of a man whose Christmases had all come at once eluded to.

It turned out to be an inspired decision and on the stroke of half time, Hawkes was denied what appeared a stonewall penalty.

Arthur Rawlingson went charging forward from right back to deliver the perfect cross which Hawkes looked set to get his chin on until he was clumsily tripped by a Saltdean defender. Remarkably, referee Ian Moore waved play on.

Undeterred, Hassocks continued to take the game to their visitors at

the start of the second half. A quick counter inside the opening five minutes ended with Troak whistling a half volley over.

The Robins got the goal they deserved a few minutes later. Troak had a shot blocked but the ball fell kindly to Alfie Loversidge who slammed home from eight yards out for his eighth goal of the season.

Jack Baden was the next Hassocks player to depart injured, Charlie Tuck coming on at left back in a straight swap. It did not take Tuck long to make an impression.

A Badger slip let in McCreadie and the Robins looked bang in trouble until Tuck appeared from nowhere, producing one of the best tackles that the Beacon has seen in many years to snuff out the danger.

Saltdean continued to pour forward in the final 15 minutes and it was all hands on deck for Hassocks.

The Tigers had the ball in the net with five of normal time left to play but a tight offside call correctly went the Robins' way.

Harris repelled a Saltdean header with a fine save before Hassocks made their final change, the tireless Lewis Westlake making way for Luke Marshall as another defender was chucked on to try and help preserve the point.

Hassocks got there after what must have felt like an endless amount of time added on.

The reaction of the players at the end told its own story about what a big result this was. Move over Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the wee donkey – there is a new Christmas miracle in town.

**Hassocks:** Harris; Rawlingson, Badger, B Tighe, Baden; Wallis, J Westlake, L Westlake, Troak; Loversidge, S Smith.

**Subs:** Hawkes (Smith 28), Tuck (Baden 57), Marshall (L Westlake 89), Bull, Parker (unused).



# Spinks strike earns point but it could have been more for Robins

**On a big night in the Southern Combination League Premier Division relegation battle, nothing could separate Saltdean United and Hassocks as they played out a 1-1 draw at a freezing Hill Park.**

This was a game that neither side could afford to lose. Both sides got their wish in that regard, but by full time they could also both have laid justifiable claims to being worthy of three points.

The hosts had more of the ball but were only able to force Charlie Pugh into one meaningful save.

Hassocks by contrast had to defend for their lives at times and yet managed to miss three glorious chances to add to Alex Spinks' first half volley. It was a strange evening.

An important one, too. Saltdean and Hassocks weren't the only sides in the bottom six meeting as some 27 miles to west, 16th placed East Preston were hosting 18th placed Pagham at the Lashmar.

That went the way of the visitors as Pagham made it three wins in a row to climb out of the relegation zone for the first time this season.

The Lions are now four points clear of Hassocks having played a game more.

The gap between the Robins and EP is down to five with Hassocks having three games in hand.

Saltdean stay eight ahead having played twice more whilst Lingfield's 3-0 defeat at Lancing dropped them to 18th, two points better off than the Robins.

There will no doubt be plenty more twists and turns to come in what is shaping up to be an intriguing fight to avoid the drop into Division One.

Should Hassocks be successful in doing so, then they will look back on this as a valuable point.

Little of note happened in the opening 15 minutes, save for the crowd admiring Hassocks' cheery

new yellow away kit and taking in the surprise return of James Westlake to first team duty.

Westlake has spent the past couple of months combining appearances for the Under 23s with his running commitments and this was his first game of senior football since December 2018.

It took just 26 minutes for Westlake to make his mark as he played a part in the Hassocks goal.

Some neat play down the right between Westlake, Dan Stokes and Liam Benson earned a throw which Dan Turner came forward to launch into the box.

Turner's trebuchet caused chaos and with Saltdean unable to effectively clear their lines, Spinks was on hand to crash a crisp volley past home goalkeeper Billy Collings.

A timely moment for the Hassocks captain to score his first for the club. Saltdean had gone ahead eight minutes earlier through Dan Perry, scoring his 27th of the season after taking advantage of some slack marking to glance home a Jack Walters cross.

22 of Perry's total were scored for Eastbourne Town earlier in the season.

Convincing one of the Premier Division's leading strikers to swap a title chase at the Saffrons for a relegation battle at Hill Park was an extraordinary piece of transfer business from the Saltdean hierarchy and one which could go a long way towards ensuring their survival.

Hassocks know only too well what a difference a talismanic marksman can make, given that they've had to do without the services of Phil Johnson for most of this season thanks to a succession of injuries.

You would certainly have backed the Robins to get all three points had Johnson been playing here with the opportunities that they created.

Three of those chances should have led to goals. There were two

minutes of the first half remaining when Benson sprung the offside trap with a perfectly timed run to latch onto Jack Troak's through ball, but his effort was too close to Collings.

Midway through the second half and Westlake drew an excellent stop from Collings.

The loose ball fell to Benson who looked certain to roll into an empty net, only for some desperate defending from the hosts to scramble it behind for a corner.

Then in the 89th minute, Westlake had a near-identical one-on-one to Benson's first half effort kept out by Collings after the Saltdean defence misjudged Jack Troak's ball over the top.

At the other end, Pugh's only real save came on 70 minutes when Perry brilliantly played in home captain Harry Shooman but his effort from six yards out, front and centre was somehow repelled by Hassocks' young number one.

Perry himself put a free header over shortly afterwards when the Saltdean right back hung a cross up to the back post, but other than that Pugh had a largely quiet evening save for expertly gathering a couple of set piece deliveries.

His unemployment was largely down to the efforts of his defenders. For all Saltdean's possession, they struggled to find a way past Hassocks' two best players on the night – Turner who headed everything and Will Broomfield who turned into a one-man blocking machine.

**Hassocks:** Pugh; Blake, Turner, Broomfield, Troak; Stokes, Westlake, Spinks, Enticknap, Littlejohn; Benson.

**Subs:** Hillwood (Spinks).





# Hassocks in the Senior Cup

Hassocks first entered the Sussex Senior Cup in the 1981/82 season. Since then, it's been a competition that has delivered some big wins, some great memories and plenty of "what might have been" moments...

**The furthest that the Robins have gone in the competition is the quarter finals, a stage we reached in three seasons out of four in the middle of the 00's.**

Two of those adventures were ended by clubs from higher divisions in memorable encounters at the Beacon; the other was arguably a great opportunity missed, although nobody felt like that at the time.

Our first appearance in the last eight came in the 2005-06 season against a Horsham side who were enjoying a golden period of their own.

Horsham had pretty much the same squad that would go on to reach the second round of the FA Cup two years later where they

would take League One side Swansea City to a replay.

On this occasion though it was them who were nearly victims of a giant killing as despite the two divisions difference between Robins and Hornets, the visitors required extra time to see off plucky Hassocks.

Mickey Turner and Richard Thomas scored for us but Horsham had just about enough quality to win 3-2 in extra time.

The Hornets would go on to make the final that year, going down 3-1 to Lewes at Priory Lane five months later.

The following season and we again made the quarter finals, this time receiving the plum draw that

everybody wants from the competition - Brighton and Hove Albion at home.

The Seagulls bought an experienced line up to a Beacon that was packed out by over 300 intrigued spectators and none of them could deny that the men in red were harshly done by in going down 2-0.

The most controversial moment came in the first half when Brighton captain Richard Carpenter slapped Mark Sherriff in the face right in front of the referee.

Incredibly, the official described it as "a friendly slap" and therefore deemed it worthy of only a yellow card, infuriating home connections.

Hassocks might have fancied their chances against 10 men but with 11,



the Albion's professionals had the fitness edge and that was enough to see them squeak through thanks to goals from Nathan Elder and Doug Loft.

Our most recent run to the quarter finals came two seasons after that clash with the Albion with Shoreham the visitors to the Beacon in the 2008-09 campaign.

The Robins were in the midst of a desperate battle against relegation at the time. Dave John wasn't backwards in coming forwards by saying that the only reason he was glad to be in the last eight was because it was another fixture which meant Jack Simpson and Spencer Slaughter could get one-match bans out the way without impacting on his side's survival bid!

Looking back though, this was a real opportunity to reach the final four against a fellow Southern Combination League side which Hassocks were unable to take, going down 1-0 at the Beacon.

That bought to an end one of the more interesting runs in the competition for the club.

It should have finished against Conference South outfit Bognor Regis Town in the second round stage, but the Rocks played an ineligible player in their 5-2 extra time win and so we were put through.

Chichester City came to the Beacon in round three and a goalkeeping crisis meant that Chi's 58-year-old manager Adie Girdler had to play himself in goal.

Girdler was only beaten by an own goal as lucky Hassocks progressed 1-0 to set up their quarter final tie with the Musselmen.

The third round has been the exit point of the competition for us on seven occasions and always to clubs from outside of the Southern Combination League.

It was at that stage where we suffered our heaviest Senior Cup defeat, being beaten 8-1 by Brighton in the 2001-02 season when then-Albion boss Peter Taylor decided to send a near-full strength side to the Beacon.

In the 1996-97 campaign we went out to St Leonards Stamco with a 4-1 home defeat, Bognor Regis were 4-2 winners in Mid Sussex in 2000-01 and Pat Harding returned to the Beacon in 2007-08 with Eastbourne Borough,

scoring past brother Joel in a comfortable 5-0 win for a side who would go onto win promotion to the Conference Premier at the end of that season.

There was another meeting with Horsham in 2010-11 with the Hornets winning 4-2, Eastbourne Borough again accounted for us two year's later by winning 2-0 at Priory Lane and our most recent adventure to the third round stage came in the 2016-17 season when Southern Counties East League outfit Crowborough Athletic won 1-0 at the Beacon.

Given our long-established reputation as a side who frequently fall to opponents from lower divisions in cup games, the Robins have a surprisingly good record when it comes to avoiding upsets in the Senior Cup.

Just twice in 34 years in the competition have we fallen to a side below us in the footballing pyramid.

The first of those was a 3-2 home defeat to Seaford Town at the second round stage in the 2004-05 campaign and the most recent, a 3-0 defeat at Midhurst & Easebourne in the 2020-21 season when Johnsy paid the price for naming a second-string side at the Rotherfield.

Our biggest Sussex Senior Cup win came in the 2002-03 season when Shinewater Association were hammered 6-1 in the first round stage, while there has been a 5-0 victory over Newhaven in 1982-83 and 5-1 wins over Steyning Town in a 2010-11 first round replay - the original tie had ended a 1-1 at the Shooting Field - and away at Storrington in 2012-13.

Our ridiculous 6-4 victory over Arundel in 2019 set a record for the Robins' highest scoring game in the competition and nobody who was at Mill Road that night is ever likely to forget that extraordinary evening.

Hassocks were eliminated by Lancing in round two that season, the Lancers very much enjoying themselves whenever they are paired with us.

In the 2011-12 season, they inflicted a 6-1 defeat on Mickey Jewell's Robins, which remains our heaviest defeat in the competition to a Southern Combination League Club.

## "5-1, even Marshy scored"

**Hassocks' 5-1 win at Storrington in November 2012 was memorable not just for the ease with which Mickey Jewell's team swatted aside the Swans, but also for the identity of one of the scorers.**

Whilst James Westlake, Anthony Hibbert and Dan Smith were all regulars when it came to finding the back of the net, the name of Ashley Marsh wasn't exactly one that you associated with goal-scoring feats.

In fact, since his debut eight years and over 300 games previously, Marsh had only managed to find the back of the net on one other occasion and that had come in his debut season in 2004.



The Hassocks captain owed his first goal for nearly a decade to a friendly linesman who ruled that the ball had crossed the line despite the best efforts of a Swans' defender to hack it clear.

That sparked wild scenes of jubilation mixed with disbelief with half an hour played at Storrington Rec.

Marsh's goal was the second of the evening and proved to be pivotal, coming as it did at the end of a period of Storrington pressure and providing a platform for Hassocks to go onto win the game from.

There was not quite such a long wait for his next strike as Marsh goals proved to be like London Buses— you wait eight years for one to come along, and then two do at once.

Fast forward three months and he was at it again, scoring against Chichester in a 3-2 league victory.

Still, they proved to be very much collector's items - by the time Marsh retired four years later, he had managed just one more goal to take his career tally to four in 525 games for the club.



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# Robins at the races to vanquish cup conquerors Vardeanians

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 8th October 2022, The Beacon  
Hassocks 2-0 AFC Vardeanians**



**There is a real feelgood factor around Hassocks at the moment both on and off the pitch. On Saturday evening, the Beacon hosted its first race night since Covid-19.**

A few hours earlier and the Robins had galloped to within five points of top spot in the Southern Combination League Premier Division thanks to a 2-0 win over AFC Vardeanians.

Goals in either half from Jamie Wilkes and Phil Johnson avenged elimination by the same scoreline against the same opponents from the Peter Bentley League Cup a little over four weeks ago.

Defeat in that previous meeting with Vardeanians only told half the story, however. Head coach James Westlake used the break from league action to rest players and despite the changes, Hassocks still should have won.

The Robins were in the midst of a period where they dominated games, fashioned countless opportunities but could not put the ball in the back of the net for love nor money. Vardeanians in contrast netted with their two shots on target.

Hassocks have since found their scoring boots. The most pleasing thing being that goals are now starting to come from multiple sources across the front line.

Wilkes is one such example. He had to wait patiently for an opportunity following his summer move back to the Beacon from AFC Uckfield Town.

He was afforded his first start in that Peter Bentley Cup game against Vardeanians. A good showing opened the door and he is now becoming highly influential in the starting XI.

Wilkes was heavily involved in the first real opportunity mustered by either side, which arrived on the 20 minute mark.

The tall striker used his rangy

frame to embark on a driving gallop through the Vardeanians defence before slipping a pass to Johnson who blazed over.

Prior to that, Hassocks had two half-chances. Vardeanians goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins dallied in possession a second too long but Liam Benson was unable to get a convincing shot away after stealing the ball.

A Harvey Blake cross then found Johnson for a wayward header at the far post.

It was with 30 minutes played that Wilkes opened the scoring. Brad Tighe delivered a free kick into the box from just inside the Vardeanians half.

A blue-shirted defender produced a rather impressive improvised back heel volley clearance. From it, the ball dropped invitingly to Wilkes rushing into the area.

He slammed first-time without breaking stride through a crowd of players and past unsuspecting Vardeanians goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins.

Aside from Wilkes, Hassocks were also getting a lot of joy out of Jack Troak down the left, wearing the captain's armband in the absence of Lewis Westlake and Alex Bygraves.

Before the goal, Troak flashed a dangerous ball across goal which a Hassocks player really should have been on the end of for the simplest of tap-ins.

Immediately after the Robins take the lead and Troak rode a couple of tackles and cut inside, only for his effort to drift agonisingly wide of the post.

Hassocks came out for the second half clearly determined to make a fast start. The outstanding Mike Williamson broke through midfield within two minutes of the restart, squaring to Benson who was just unable to provide the finishing touch.

Three minutes later and the Robins doubled their advantage.

Hassocks will be hard-pushed to score a goal involving better interplay in the build up this season.

Leon Turner and Benson combined to carve apart the Vardeanians defence, leaving Turner to square and Johnson to convert from five yards.

The hour mark nearly brought a third for Hassocks. Another driving run from Williamson released Benson.

His cut back found Turner, whose shot was deflected behind for a corner. The set piece came to nothing.

A better free kick delivery from Joe Bull caused Vardeanians problems as the game entered the final 10 minutes.

Sam Smith - who enjoyed an excellent first start since August in place of Bygraves at centre back - headed back across goal to Johnson.

Somehow, Johnson missed from all of three yards before his blushes were spared by the offside flag going up.

Troak forced Hawkins into a good save low down to his right from a direct free kick in the final minute, after which Alex Harris was called into action for the only time of note all afternoon.

Hassocks were unable to effectively clear their lines, leading to Mark Goldson getting a shot away.

Although straight at Harris, the Robins goalkeeper still had to show some smart handling to hold the effort.

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

**Subs:** Harding (Benson 66), Reid (Turner 76), Rawlison (Johnson 89), Rogers (Wilkes 90), 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)	FACPO	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	2-0	125	Wilkes, Johnson
11/10 - 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 Harris	15	0	15	0	105	0
Harvey Blake	14	1	15	0	81	3
Alex Bygraves	14	0	14	2	14	2
Jack Troak	14	0	14	4	90	27
Leon Turner	11	2	13	2	13	2
Liam Benson	10	3	13	6	146	37
Joe Bull	10	3	13	0	106	7
Phil Johnson	10	3	13	7	175	83
Mike Williamson	11	1	12	0	12	0
Bradley Tighe	9	2	11	0	149	0
James Westlake	9	2	11	0	239	31
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Jamie Wilkes	5	5	10	2	14	2
Sam Cash	6	3	9	0	12	1
Tom Frankland	4	3	7	0	7	0
Pat Harding	2	5	7	1	208	138
Sam Smith	2	5	7	1	20	3
Danny Reid	0	4	4	0	4	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Sam Rogers	0	4	4	0	4	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Will Broomfield	1	1	2	0	90	4
Arthur Rawlingson	0	2	2	0	42	1
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	62	11

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# Hassocks have no answer to home hammering at the hands of Horley

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Thursday 29th September 2022, The Beacon  
**Hassocks U23s 0-3 Horley Town U23s**



**Having conceded just two goals in their opening five matches of the 2022-23 season, Hassocks Under 23s shipped three in 90 minutes against an impressive Horley Town outfit at the Beacon.**

The Clarets are fielding an Under 23s back in the Southern Combination League this season after a year's absence caused by the FA moving their senior side back to the Combined Counties.

Based on what we saw on this evening, Horley have a serious chance of marking their return by claiming the championship come the end of the campaign.

Hassocks knew they were going to be in for a challenging evening. Horley always provide tough opposition no matter what level.

Those whose Robins memories stretch back 18 months would also recall what happened the last time these two teams met in Under 23s football.

Hassocks needed a victory at the New Defence to secure a place in the semi finals of the Supplementary Shield competition, held throughout April and May 2021 after the second Covid-19 lockdown was lifted.

Things did not go entirely to plan

that night as Horley hammered the Robins 5-1.

All six goals were in fact score by the Clarets as they had the good grace to put through their own net four minutes before half time, giving Hassocks their consolation.

Horley went onto be eliminated in the final four on the lottery of penalties by eventual champions Chichester City.

Had that tie not gone to dreaded spot kicks, it is fair to assume that the Clarets would have gone onto beat Pagham in the final.

Back to the present day and Horley arrived in Mid Sussex two points behind Hassocks in the table, having won three, drawn one and lost one of their five matches so far.

That defeat came against reigning champions Broadbridge Heath, who the Robins had beaten 2-0 three weeks earlier.

Horley's draw was a 3-3 thriller with Roffey. The Boars were another opponent Hassocks picked up three points from via a 1-0 win on the opening day.

The Robins made limited changes from the previous week's 4-1 win away at Chessington & Hook United.

First team left back Sam Cash was given a start as he looks to get minutes in the bank having been

ruled out for most of September through injury and lively forward Danny Reid came straight back into the starting XI.

Will Broomfield and Sam Geard were the two players who dropped out.

The star of the show was Horley's Tommy McKenna who scored two of his sides three goals.

Also on the scoresheet was Josh Rapson, haunting Hassocks again having scored twice in the heavy defeat the Robins suffered the last time these sides met in that Supplementary Shield match.

Hassocks huffed and puffed but were unable to find a way through the Horley goalkeeper and defence on their way to a second defeat of the season.

The Robins will look to bounce back next Thursday when they travel to Horsham YMCA for a 7:30pm kick off.

**Hassocks:** Thompson, Rawlingson, Tuck, D Turner, Cash, Arscott, Rogers, Fairley, Mercer, Reid, Broad.

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





# 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	6-2	Reid (2), Broad (2), Dimelow, Rawlingson
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	7	0	7	2
Sam Rogers	7	0	7	0
Callum Thompson	7	0	7	0
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
George Mercer	4	2	6	2
Jack Smith	1	5	6	0
Wes Tighe	1	5	6	0
Danny Reid	5	0	5	4
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Charlie Broad	3	2	5	2
Ben Hicks	2	3	5	0
Marshall Smith	1	3	4	1
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Sam Smith	4	0	4	3
Sam Fernley	2	2	4	1
Reece Clarke	0	4	4	0
Will Broomfield	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Jude Wallis	2	0	2	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	2	3	1
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
Harry Carter	0	1	1	0
Will Varley	0	1	1	0

# Mid Sussex Times

# Hassocks are improving even as leaders

## Hill edge local derby

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division**  
**Sunday 2nd October 2022, The Beacon**  
**Hassocks U18s 2-3 Burgess Hill Town U18s**



**It is three defeats in a row now for Hassocks Under 18s. The Robins though gave a good account of themselves against Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division leaders Burgess Hill Town.**

The Hillians proved just a little too good as they ran out 3-2 winners at the Beacon in an enthralling local derby featuring good football and a competitive spirit.

Hill arrived having scored 11 goals in three matches. They are a young side packed full of talent and Hassocks knew they would have their work cut out trying to get a result.

The Robins could be pleased with their morning's work then, which should stand them in good stead going into a very busy October.

Weather dependent, Hassocks will play four more league fixtures between now and the end of the month.

By that point, they will have completed eight of their 18 Central Division matches.

It is a month that looks pivotal in deciding where this season goes for a young Robins team.

Changes have been kept to a minimal from game-to-game so far

this season by Hassocks and they stuck to that theme again, making just two from the side who had lost a fiery derby against other local rivals St Francis Rangers a week earlier.

Sam Dean had missed the trip to Colwell Road but he was restored straight into the starting XI, taking the place of Charlie Smith.

Oliver Steel made his Hassocks debut, coming in for Will Varley. Neither Varley or Smith were on the bench.

Both Hassocks goals came from Alex Brewer. The Robins marksman had failed to score for the first time this season in the 2-1 defeat at Colwell Road last Sunday.

His brace here more than made up for it. Hill had conceded just once in their opening three games.

Such a mean defence combined with a free-flowing attack means they should expect to do very well this season.

Hassocks will always have a chance of taking points as long as Brewer keeps scoring. He is now on five for the season from four outings.

On this occasion however, the Robins could not keep enough out at the other end.

Hill forward Malik Mundoma scored his sixth of the campaign and he was joined on the scoresheet by

Archie Eaton and Joe Overy.

Hassocks are giving plenty of young players the opportunity to stake a claim for more regular involvement from the bench.

This week's debutant was Ewan Edwards. The Robins would also have been cheered by the presence amongst the substitutes of Oliver Parker-Williams, who made his second appearance of the season.

Hassocks will look to get back to winning ways when making the short trip over the South Downs to Mile Oak on Sunday.

It will be the Robins' first meeting with Oak at Under 18s level for several years. Any support will be welcome as always, with kick off 11am at Chalky Road.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Dean, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Wintle, Carter, Goswamy, Duckett, Steel, Brewer.

**Subs:** Parker-Williams, Goss, Foster, Edwards (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	7-0	
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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# Relentless Robins rack up another big win to maintain unbeaten start

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division  
Sunday 2nd October 2022, Horsham Sports Ground  
Denne Park 1-8 Hassocks Ladies

**Despite several key players being unavailable, Hassocks Ladies continued their unbeaten start to the season with an 8-1 victory over Denne Park in the Sussex County Women's Premier Division.**

The game got off to a quick start with the in-form Katherine Chappell having an early shot saved as she looked to add to the eight goals she already has from just two games so far.

Chappell was not to be denied for too long, slotting home a seventh minute opener after a headed pass from Shannon McFadden.

Mel Sanchez was one of three players who would make their Robins debut on the day.

She came close to opening her account, shooting narrowly over following a clever pass from Jess Craig.

Hassocks managed to add a second in the 14th minute through the exact same link up as their opener. Chappell was again assisted by McFadden.

Chappell nearly had a quick-fire hat-trick, only to be denied by the post within a couple of minutes of scoring the second.

Unfortunately, Sanchez had to be withdrawn midway through the first half. On came Izzy Cloke, the second debutant.

The Robins' third goal arrived on the half hour mark. No prizes for guessing who the scorer was, Chappell wrapping up her hat-trick after intercepting a goal kick and finishing clinically.

Denne Park briefly threatened after that, forcing the alert Sarah Chappell into a rare save.

Hassocks responded by scoring a fourth. A Kirsten Mair corner was headed down by Claire Stevens and Cloke found the net, marking her first appearance with a goal just 14

minutes after coming on.

Denne Park kept plugging away and had another effort on Chappell's goal with a speculative shot from distance just going wide.

The Robins reasserted control as the half came to a close. The Denne Park goalkeeper made a good save from Craig before Hassocks scored their fifth four minutes before the break.

A passing move through Chappell and McFadden created an opportunity for Ellie Moquet to score her second goal in Hassocks colours.

The Robins made some changes at half time. Sarah Chappell came out of goal to play on the right wing, swapping places with Moquet who had picked up a slight knock.

Sarah Chappell soon made an impact out on pitch, winning a corner from which Emma Flin narrowly lobbed over.

There was a disappointing moment on the hour mark when Chloe John's return to the side was brought to an early end when she was substituted with a knee injury.

John had shown her usual determination and strength in her 60 minutes on the pitch.

Her place was taken by the third player making her Robins debut, Hannah Harvey.

Sarah Chappell claimed an assist midway through the second half when she found a lot of space on the right. Her cross was perfect for Mair to convert, putting Hassocks 6-0 ahead.

Denne Park grabbed their consolation goal with an expertly taken free kick from Hannah Osborne which gave Moquet no chance, making the score 6-1.

Moquet's long kicks can be a real asset when she plays in goal. She put one to good use, sending Mair clear to narrowly miss the target.

The hosts briefly threatened again but some expert covering from Flin averted the danger.



Hassocks pushed Holly Webb further forward to try and help regain control.

She soon linked up with Sarah Chappell, who forced another corner which Stevens headed just over the bar.

Katherine Chappell had been a little quiet in the second half, much to the relief of the hosts.

That was until the final 15 minutes when she had one of those golden spells in which she is unstoppable for opponents.

A twisting run and defence splitting pass from Chappell set up Mair to score the Robins' seventh.

Chappell then rounded off the scoring in the 89th minute with her fourth and Hassocks' eighth. It came from another mazy run followed by a cool finish.

Having produced such a dominant performance, every Hassocks player should be pleased with their efforts.

Webb and Moquet - before her spell in goal - both performed well in midfield, supporting both the defence and attack.

The debutants all contributed, the forwards looked dangerous every time they attacked and the defence - despite the game being fairly one sided - looked assured and in control throughout.

**Hassocks:** S Chappell, Stevens, Mair, Flin, John, Webb, J Craig, Moquet, Sanchez, McFadden, K Chappell.

**Subs:** Cloke, Harvey (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	Pevensey & 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	9-1	J.Craig (4), K.Chappell (4), Pordage
16/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (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		
12/03 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		

# Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katherine Chappell	4	0	4	16
Sarah Chappell	4	0	4	0
Jess Craig	4	0	4	8
Emma Flin	4	0	4	0
Kirsten Mair	4	0	4	3
Holly Webb	4	0	4	0
Joanne Brown	3	0	3	0
Mia Pordage	3	0	3	1
Claire Stevens	3	0	3	0
Jodie Johanson	2	1	3	1
Katie Read	1	2	3	0
Tallie Bright	2	0	2	0
Maddie Cannon	2	0	2	1
Shannon McFadden	1	1	2	0
Ellie Moquet	1	1	2	1
Izzy Cloke	0	2	2	1
Chloe John	1	0	1	0
Mel Sanchez	1	0	1	0
Hannah Harvey	0	1	1	0



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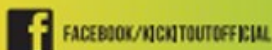
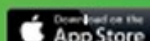
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# Keehan hat-trick and mean Vs defence send Hassocks to opening game defeat

Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One  
Wednesday 5th October 2022, The Beacon  
**Hassocks Vets 2-3 AFC Varndeanians Vets**



**The task facing Hassocks Veterans in adding more silverware to last season's Fred Pretty Plate was laid bare in their opening game of the season.**

AFC Varndeanians were the visitors to the Beacon for the first match of the Robins' Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One campaign.

Underneath the Wednesday night lights, Varndeanians ran out 3-2 winners thanks to a sensational hat-trick from Joe Keehan.

The Robins had won every Mid Sussex League game they played last season on their way to lifting the Plate against Seaford Town in May's final.

A new format for the 2022-23 campaign has seen the Veterans League split into three divisions. Hassocks have been placed in the top division, against some of the best vets sides in the county.

It looks like being a very competitive league, featuring the likes of Lewes, Sidley United and Seaford.

Hassocks were able to name a strong XI against Varndeanians, consisting largely of last season's successful side.

There were two Veterans debutants. Mark Darbyshire brought his unique "dog chasing a balloon" style of play into the team for the first time and he was joined by Craig Beckwith.

Hassocks also gave a first appearance to Gavin Humphrey from the bench.

The Robins knew the threat posed by Keehan only too well. He once cost Rushden & Diamonds a rumoured £18,000, which is approximately £18,000 more than any member of the Hassocks squad had fetched.

There is probably a joke to be made here about Steve Spies scoring 18,000 own goals in his career but we are going to be kinder to Spies in Veterans reports this season, so let's not go there after just one game of the campaign.

Keehan was predictably impressive but so too were the Varndeanians defence as they stood strong in the face of a lot of Hassocks pressure.

The Robins goals came from Paul Armstrong and Pat Harding. Super Pat had been rewarded for scoring for the first team on Saturday away at Loxwood with promotion to the Veterans and he duly justified that decision and the faith of the

management.

It quite probably set some sort of Hassocks club record too; there cannot have been many other players to have scored for the firsts and Vets in the same week? Answers on a postcard, please.

The Robins are next scheduled to be in action against Sidley United on Sunday 6th November at the Beacon.

Sidley will be out for revenge having been eliminated by Hassocks in the quarter finals of last season's Fred Pretty Plate, so that is a game not to be missed.

Veterans fixtures are however subject to change at very short notice.

Your best bet to find out where you can catch the stars of yesteryear playing next is by keeping an eye on the Hassocks social media profiles.

**Hassocks:** Sayers, Waller, Beckwith, Spies, Darbyshire, Curtis, Hibbert, Armstrong, Butler, Shivnarain, P Harding.

**Subs:** Bundy, Humphrey (used).



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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	P.Harding, Armstrong
<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		

# Veterans Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Paul Armstrong	1	0	1	1
Craig Beckwith	1	0	1	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	0
Steve Curtis	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	1
Anthony Hibbert	1	0	1	0
Rob Sayers	1	0	1	0
Simon Shivnarain	1	0	1	0
Steve Spies	1	0	1	0
Adam Waller	1	0	1	0
Jonathan Bundy	0	1	1	0
Gavin Humphrey	0	1	1	0



**John Broomfield**  
REMOVALS

# On This Day...



## Death double defeats Billingshurst in action-packed RUR tie

**October 11th 2016:** A first ever meeting in senior football between Hassocks and Billingshurst had it all - goals, cards and missed penalties as the Robins ran out 3-0 winners

### **The third round of the Sussex RUR Charity Cup beckons for Hassocks after they dispatched Division One outfit Billingshurst in a ridiculously entertaining encounter at the Beacon.**

This was the first ever senior meeting between the two sides, and it had everything. Three goals all scored by Hassocks, one apiece disallowed for either side, three red cards, seven further booking and two missed penalties.

Michael Death in particular had an interesting evening. He scored twice and missed both of those spot kicks to be denied a first hat-trick for the Robins.

Josh Hawkes meanwhile was the home player to see red alongside dismissals for Ryan Carse and Jake Chadwick of Billingshurst.

An action packed opening half hour saw plenty of chances for Hassocks.

Death, Hawkes, Bradley Bant and Ben Bacon all went close before Hassocks did put the ball in the back of the net only to see it chalked off for a foul on Tom Betts in the Hurst goal.

In between the plethora of chances, Ashley Marsh picked up a quite surreal booking for dissent from referee Tobias Pinesmith when he appeared to actually be berating his

own team mates in typical Marsh style rather than the match officials.

Death's opener arrived with 29 minutes played and Billingshurst could feel hard done by.

Nobody in the ground seemed to be able to give a satisfactory answer as to why Hassocks had been awarded a free kick in a dangerous position, but Death didn't care for the woes of the visitors, driving the set piece into the bottom right hand corner.

Next it was Billingshurst's turn to see a goal ruled out and this was frankly a terrible decision.

Jordan Badger was the hapless Hassocks defender who scored past his own goalkeeper James Broadbent, only for Mr Pinesmith to pull things back and award a free kick to Hurst on the edge of the box just as the ball crossed the goal line.

That free kick was duly chipped harmlessly into the arms of Broadbent while Mr Pinesmith's unwarranted desire to halt play every five minutes meant a ridiculous amount of added on time at the end of the first half.

Into the second half and there were more cards being flashed than the Royal Mail processes at Christmas before the first two reds arrived just after the hour mark.

Hawkes and Chadwick were the

players to go, being sent for an early bath after a coming together that appeared more like a dance from Strictly Come Dancing than anything approaching violent conduct.

The Robins dealt with going down to 10 far better than their visitors and were awarded their first penalty of the game when debutant from the bench Elliot Dollner went down in the box, only for Betts to save Death's spot kick.

Carse then saw red for a heavy foul on James Westlake, leaving the game to be Hassocks' to kill off. They duly did that when substitute Luke Akehurst rolled in Miles who dropped a shoulder, left his marker for dead and finished with great aplomb.

Westlake was then fouled in the box with Death again stepping up. He picked the same side with the same result as Betts again saved, much to the joy of the visitors bench.

Death did have a last laugh of sorts however, adding his second and the Robins third with five minutes left to set up a tie away at Midhurst & Easebourne in round three.

**Hassocks:** Broadbent; Mills, Barnes, Badger, Marsh; Hawkes; J Westlake, Bant; Bacon; Miles, Death.

**Subs:** Akehurst, L Westlake, Dollner (used), Avram, Benson (unused).

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# Around the League...



Whilst Hassocks were busy beating AFC Varndeanians at the weekend, both the Southern Combination Premier Division and Division One were getting new leaders on a day of twists, turns and some surprising results from around the league...

**The Premier Division has new leaders as Crawley Down Gatwick moved into top spot following a 3-1 win over Little Common.**

Rhys White scored an eight-minute hat-trick for the Anvils either side of half time after Sammy Bunn had given Common a ninth minute lead at the Haven.

Down replace **Newhaven** at the summit, who dropped to third after losing 1-0 at home to **Broadbridge Heath**.

Louis Evans scored the only goal of the game to give the Bears three points, lifting them above the Dockers and into second.

There were seven yellow cards flashed at the Trafalgar Ground and one red, Newhaven finishing with 10 after Alex Plummer's 55th minute sending off.

Jordan Stallibrass scored twice and James Liddiard once for **Midhurst & Easebourne** as they heaped more misery on **Peacehaven & Telscombe** by winning 3-0 at the Rotherfield.

Tonight's visitors **Saltdean United** were beaten 6-0 at home by rampant **Stevington**.

Jack Langford and Nathan Da Costa claimed braces for the Barrowmen with Josh Bradley and Dominic Fisher-Johnson also on target.

**Eastbourne United** had to work hard for a 1-0 win away at **Alfold** with Simon Johnson scoring whilst **Crowborough Athletic** beat **Horsham YMCA** 2-0 at the Herbert Direct Stadium.

Lucas Murrain and a first Crows goal for Joao Andrade doing the damage.

**Eastbourne Town** appear to be recovering from their slow start to the campaign, winning 4-1 away at **Loxwood**.

Tyler Capon scored twice for Town. Leon Greig and James Waters were also on target.

**Roffey** remain winless at the foot of the table, although they are at least now scoring goals.

Leon Khan netted a consolation in a 3-1 defeat at **AFC Uckfield Town**. The Oakmen had George Cook and a Harvey Burgess double to thank for their three points.

The final game in the Premier Division saw **Bexhill United** edge a five-goal thriller 3-2 against **Lingfield** at the Polegrove.

Sam Scott, Jack Shonk and James Stone scored for the Pirates. Cameron Dobell and Tyrone Magala-Bryan notched in response.

A 2-0 win for **Epsom & Ewell** over **Hailsham Town** moved the Salts to the top of Division One. Jaevon Dyer and Jubril Adamson got the goals.

Previous leaders **Selsey** were beaten 2-1 at home by **Godalming Town**.

The Blues had led through Shan Brazil, only for Godalming to turn things around via Luke Beale and Sam Boutwood. Liam Bush saw red for Selsey.

There was a big win for **Shoreham**, who hammered **Billingshurst** 8-2 at Middle Road.

Four of the Musselmen's goals came in the final five minutes. Ross Myers scored on 85, Danny Jones on 88 and Harry Heath on 90 and 92.

Heath's late double completed a hat-trick, whilst Myers and Jones had also been on target earlier along with Marcus Richmond. Tallon Baker and Tom Edwards replied for Hurst.

**Wick** got back on track by beating **Oakwood** 4-2 at Crabtree Park.

James Thurgar got two of the

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Wick goals, the others coming from Zac Harris and Sam Connolly. Jake Gadd and Darrel Agyemang responded for the Oaks.

Goals in either half from Ben Aubrey and Eddy Angoua secured a 2-0 win for **Dorking Wanderers B** at home to **Seaford Town** whilst **Forest Row** were beaten 3-1 at home by **Arundel**.

**Montpelier Villa** moved off the bottom of the table thanks to a 2-1 home win over **East Preston** and there was late drama at Chalky Lane where a 94th minute equaliser earned visitors **Worthing United** a 2-2 draw against **Chessington & Hook United**.

The top two met in Division Two. Leaders **Jarvis Brook** eked out a 1-0 win over **Charlwood** through a first half goal from Liam Edwards.

Capel climbed into second spot thanks to a 7-3 win over **Ferring**. George Cumming, Lloyd Jermy and Harvey Mewis all scored braces, joining Matthew Evans on the scoresheet.

**Worthing Town** and **Storrington** played out a 1-1 draw and it was the same score between reigning champions **Rustington** and **Southwater**.

Early leaders **Rottingdean Village** continue to slide down the table, their latest defeat being a 5-1 hammering by **Bosham**.

**Copthorne** won 4-2 away at **Brighton Electricity** with the final game in the division finishing 2-2 between **St Francis Rangers** and **Upper Beeding**.

Kristian Harding hit a 90th minute equaliser for the visitors to Colwell Road.





## Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

### Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley Down Gatwick	11	8	0	3	22	10	24
Broadbridge Heath	10	7	2	1	20	10	23
Newhaven	11	7	1	3	33	8	22
Steyning Town	11	7	1	3	27	13	22
Midhurst & Easebourne	11	7	1	3	24	14	22
Eastbourne United	11	7	1	3	20	11	22
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
Bexhill United	11	6	1	4	25	19	19
Crowborough Athletic	11	5	4	2	15	12	19
Eastbourne Town	11	4	4	3	17	9	16
AFC Uckfield Town	11	5	1	5	22	20	16
Horsham YMCA	11	5	1	5	17	17	16
Peacehaven & Tels	11	5	1	5	15	16	16
Little Common	11	3	4	4	15	14	13
Lingfield	12	3	2	7	17	28	11
AFC Varndeanians	10	3	2	5	9	21	11
Loxwood	10	3	1	6	16	22	10
<b>Saltdean United</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>
Alfold	12	1	1	10	9	32	4
Roffey	11	0	0	11	6	39	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
AFC Varndeanians	82	112	67
Loxwood	80	96	68
<b>Saltdean United</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>28</b>
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
Steyning Town	WWWWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWWWW
Broadbridge Heath	WWWDDW
Newhaven	WWWWDL
Midhurst & Easebourne	LWWLWW
Bexhill United	WWLLWW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>LLWDWW</b>
Eastbourne United	DLWWLW
Crowborough Athletic	WLDDDW
AFC Uckfield Town	WLLLWW
Eastbourne Town	LDLDWW
Little Common	LWLWDL
Lingfield	WLDWLL
AFC Varndeanians	DWLLWL
<b>Saltdean United</b>	<b>WWLLDL</b>
Horsham YMCA	WLLLDL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	DWLLLL
Loxwood	LLLLWLL
Alfold	LLLLWLL
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	11
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	11
Devon Fender	Loxwood	9
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	9
Rhys White	Crawley Down	8
<b>Lewis Beebee</b>	<b>Saltdean</b>	<b>7</b>
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	7
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	7
<b>Phil Johnson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	7
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
Harvey Burgess	AFC Uckfield	6
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	6
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	6
Harry Tremlett	Crowborough	6
Richard Wetton	Lingfield	6

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	7	5	1	1	18	10	16
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
Horley Town	7	4	2	1	23	11	14
Roffey	7	4	1	2	20	17	13
Horsham YMCA	8	3	2	3	21	19	11
Broadbridge Heath	6	3	1	2	13	11	10
Lingfield	7	3	0	4	17	18	9
St Francis Rangers	8	3	0	5	11	23	9
Chessington & Hook	7	2	1	4	16	21	7
Loxwood	6	2	0	4	13	15	6
Oakwood	6	0	0	6	5	23	0

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	8
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	7
Kieran Head	Chessington	6
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
Archie Saurombe	Oakwood	5
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Zain Beg	Loxwood	4
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	4
<b>Danny Reid</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>4</b>
Conan Torpey	Lingfield	4
Josh Arkwright	Horley Town	3

### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	5	5	0	0	19	3	15
St Francis Rangers	4	4	0	0	12	5	12
AFC Varndeanians	4	3	0	1	16	6	9
Worthing United	5	3	0	2	11	9	9
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Saltdean United</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>
Shoreham	5	2	0	3	15	14	6
Lancing	5	1	2	2	13	16	5
Mile Oak	5	0	1	4	6	20	1
Steyning Town	5	0	1	4	9	27	1

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Jimmy Tasker</b>	<b>Saltdean</b>	<b>7</b>
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	6
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
Joe Simpkin	Steyning 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
<b>Saltdean United</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
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>16</b>
<b>Jess Craig</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Tabitha Burrows</b>	<b>Saltdean</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Kirsten Mair</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>
Emma Biffi	Pagham	2
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	2

### 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>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</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
Joe Keehan	Varndeanians	3
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	3
David Murphy	Lewes	2
Dean Pugh	Sidley United	2
<b>Paul Armstrong</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>
Carl Berwick	Jarvis Brook	1
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	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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Alfold away **Liam BENSON**  
Uxbridge home **Bradley TIGHE**  
Roffey home **Phil JOHNSON**  
Little Common away **Lewis WESTLAKE**  
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Horsham YMCA away **Mike WILLIAMSON**  
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Crowborough Athletic away  
Eastbourne United home  
Forest Row away  
Newhaven 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

3rd

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	22	208	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	208
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	83	176
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	147
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	90
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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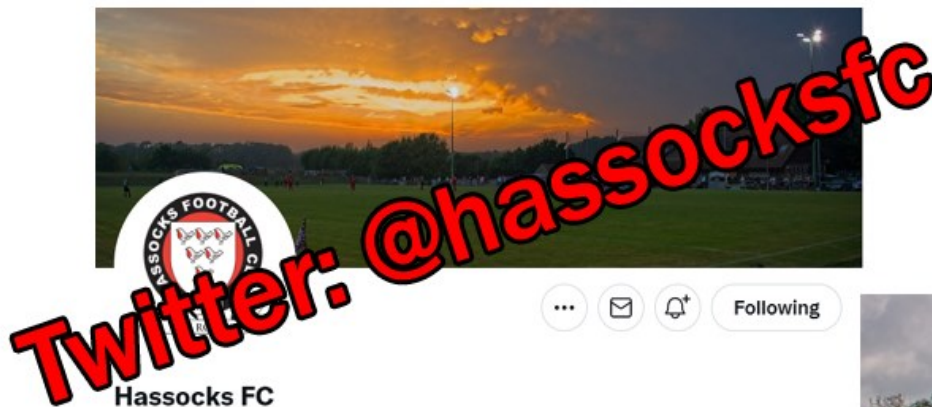
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### Today's other Senior Cup games

Crawley Down Gatwick v Wick  
 Crowborough Athletic v Hailsham Town  
 East Preston v AFC Uckfield Town  
 Loxwood v Eastbourne United  
 Midhurst & Easebourne v Selsey  
 Newhaven v Mile Oak  
 Oakwood v Bexhill United  
 Peacehaven & Tels v Broadbridge Heath  
 Seaford Town v Eastbourne Town  
 Steyning Town v Pagham