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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 today's Premier Division top six clash with Eastbourne United

Sounds good, doesn't it? Premier Division top six clash. It has been some time since we have been able to write those words, but here we now are after an excellent run of form through October so far.

Eastbourne United are today's visitors. We would like to welcome their players, supporters and officials to the Beacon.

We know they will pose a stern test. Anthony Storey's side have been challenging towards the head of the table for the entire season so far and in a year in which there is no standout favourite for the title, United might well fancy their chances of winning a first championship since 2009.

But confidence is high at the minute around Hassocks which hopefully counts for something today.

Crowborough Athletic had lost only two Southern Combination League games before we went to the Community Stadium last weekend and triumphed 3-2.

It should have been a huge three points celebrated in style. Events towards the end of the game overshadowed the result however, when a Crowborough fan collapsed.

When the call went out for medical help, Brad Tighe ran the length of the pitch to assist. He helped the supporter, arranged for an ambulance to arrive much quicker than the Crows were initially told and remained with the fan long after final whistle.

Brad was an absolute star and everyone here at Hassocks is quite rightly very proud of him. Crowborough have passed on their thanks too with the best news of all being that the supporter in question was released on Sunday with a referral to a seizure clinic.

In contrast to the Crowborough performance, our last home game here was a bit of a disappointing showing against Saltdean United in the Sussex Senior Cup.

That being said, we eventually got the job done to progress to round two on penalties. Getting into the hat was all that mattered and the evening provided a good opportunity for Westy to give game time to those who have not featured much in recent works, so an all-round success in the end.

The Under 23s were 2-0 victors over Lingfield last Thursday night. They were in action 48 hours ago

against Loxwood, so if you would like to know the result in that one then please speak to Owen behind the bar.

The Under 18s two most recent matches have seen big wins against Mile Oak and AFC Varndeanians. They travel to Shoreham tomorrow before hosting Lancing at the Beacon a week on Sunday.

There is football here tomorrow afternoon when the Ladies play their first home game of the season.

Seaford Town are the visitors and it would be great to have some support for the team. They are absolutely flying at the moment, having won four games out of four with 32 goals scored. Kick off is at 2pm and admission is free.

Beyond the end of October, we do not have any notice yet of further Under 23s and Under 18s fixtures. As always, keep an eye on the website and social media channels for updates when we have them.

Our next first team game here is on Saturday 5th November against Bexhill United. Hopefully, an opportunity to cheer the Robins to even greater heights.

**Thank you for your support,
Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



Eastbourne United

United Factfile

Founded 1896

Ground The Oval

Website eastbourneunitedafc.com

Twitter @eastbourneafc

Instagram @eastbourneafc

Manager Anthony Storey

Top scorer Max Thompson, 12

Club Honours

Southern Combination League

Winners 1955, 1956, 2009

Southern Combination One

Winners 2014

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1960, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1969

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1956, 2009

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1951, 1952

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1966, 1969

Fifth meets sixth today at the Beacon. Whilst Hassocks have risen to such dizzy heights in recent weeks, Eastbourne United have been there since day one...

That is a consequence of them being one of the most consistent sides in the Premier Division for over a year now.

You can trace it back to the moment that former AFC Uckfield Town manager Anthony Storey was appointed to the Oval hotseat in September 2021.

United had endured a difficult start to the 2021-22 campaign before Storey's arrival, winning only two of 11 matches in all competitions.

Defeat at Newhaven marked his first game in charge. But that was followed by a 7-0 thrashing of Lingfield, a 4-0 win over Loxwood and a 4-2 victory against Horsham YMCA.

United eventually finished last season in fifth place in the Premier Division, their highest position since winning the Southern Combination League title in 2009.

They have continued in that vein so far in the current campaign and

were the early league leaders at one point.

Their record of eight wins, one draw and three defeats from 12 matches leaves them three points ahead of ourselves in the table.

As we approach a third of the campaign being played, still no club is yet to grab the bull by the horns at the top. Unlike in recent seasons, there are not one or two teams who are clearly the ones going to battle it out for the title.

For a side like United, that presents a real opportunity. The 11 goals they have conceded is a total only bettered by Broadbridge Heath and Crawley Down Gatwick.

At the other end, in Max Thompson they possess a centre forward who is scoring at a rate of over one goal every two games.

A mean defence and a striker that knows where the back of the net is. It is the sort of combination that can take you very far in the Southern Combination League.

10 Key United Moments

1921... known as Eastbourne Royal Engineers Old Comrades, they join the Southern Combination League

1946... Eastbourne Comrades FC – the fifth of seven names the club have used – move to the Oval

1955... United lift their first Southern Combination title, successfully defending it the next year

1963... they leave the Southern Combination League for the Athenian League

1977... another change of leagues, this time with a move to the Isthmian League

1991... after 28 years, United return to the Southern Combination League

2003... Eastbourne United merge with Shinewater Association to become Eastbourne United Association

2009... complete a league and cup double, lifting the Southern Combination title and the Sussex RUR Cup

2011... United are relegated into Division One of the Southern Combination League

2014... the Division One title is lifted and there is best ever run to the semi finals of the FA Vase

Last 20 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 5th
2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 18th
2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 16th
2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 10th
2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 12th
2013-14, Southern Combination One 1st
2012-13, Southern Combination One 4th
2011-12, Southern Combination One 6th
2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 20th
2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 6th
2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 1st
2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 11th
2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 7th
2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 14th
2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 5th
2003-04, Southern Combination One 3rd
2002-03, Southern Combination One 8th
2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 19th
2000-01, Southern Combination Premier 11th

The Robins' Record v Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier > Played 36 - Won 12 - Drawn 10 - Lost 14 - Scored 52 - Conceded 54

SCFL Division One > Played 6 - Won 5 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 17 - Conceded 8

Sussex Senior Cup > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 1

FA Cup > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1

FA Vase > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 4 - Conceded 2

Total > Played 46 - Won 20 - Drawn 12 - Lost 14 - Scored 85 - Conceded 66

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-0 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Eastbourne United

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-0 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 4-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 Eastbourne United

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

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

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-2 Hassocks

2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

Played for Both

Players who have turned out for Hassocks and Eastbourne United are few and far between - and yet two could be on show here this afternoon.

In the red corner, **Jack Troak** had a spell with United before he arrived at the Beacon in the summer of 2019 from Lewes.

Over the past four seasons, Troak has become one of the most popular and important players at the club.

He is fast closing in on 100 appearances and sits 22nd in the list of all-time scorers in senior football with 29 goals.

Troak's numbers would be even higher had he not missed most of the

first half of last season with a hernia. It was no coincidence that the Robins' turnaround in form from November onwards came when Troak was fit and firing on all cylinders.

If Troak is to add to his tally today, then he will need to find a way past former Robins goalkeeper **James Broadbent**.

Broadbent spent the 2016-17 season with us, proving a big hit by winning a clean sweep of Players' Player, Managers' Player and Supporter's Player of the Season awards.

United had been his previous club before moving to the Beacon. After leaving us in the summer of 2017,

Broadbent went onto play for Shoreham, Whitehawk, Peacehaven & Telscombe, Saltdean United and AFC Uckfield Town.

He started the current campaign at the Oaks and played when we won 2-1 at Uckfield back in August before returning to the Oval earlier in the month.

Midfielder **Zak Dove** played 11 times for Hassocks and scored once in the 2013-14 season. Like Troak, we signed Dove from Lewes.

He spent three years at Eastbourne United between 2015 and 2018 and has since become manager of Eastbourne Town Women.



Blast from Ball sends Hassocks to their first defeat of 2022

Eastbourne United has not been the happiest of hunting grounds for Hassocks in recent times and their 2022 visit went to form as they suffered a 1-0 reversal at the Oval.

There was a time when trips to this part of the world used to mean a guaranteed three points for the Robins.

Between 2010 and 2019, they won on six consecutive visits to United, a run of form made all the more extraordinary by the fact that Hassocks finished below United in all but two of those seasons.

The Robins though have now lost on their three most recent games against United at the Oval, this latest defeat ending their impressive unbeaten start to the new year.

Home captain Charlie Ball scored the only goal of the game midway through the first half with one of the few moments of quality in a pretty turgid affair.

Good football was in short supply as both sides seemed determined to go long, making it an attritional 90 minutes in stark contrast to the entertainment Hassocks have been involved with serving up since the start of December.

Injuries and unavailability have meant that Brad Sweetman has rarely been able to name an unchanged starting XI so far this season.

He was treated to that luxury at the Oval, selecting the same line up who had spoiled Little Common's homecoming party a week earlier when holding the Green Lane Boys to a draw in their first league game at the Recreation Ground for four years.

Changes now seem likely for next week's visit of Bexhill United. Bradley Tighe had an excellent personal performance brought to a premature ending when he departed with an ankle injury to be replaced by Arthur Rawlingson whilst there were also decent cameos from the bench from

Joe Bull and debutant Charlie Broad.

Young Broad in particular looks an intriguing signing. Yet another acquisition with Loxwood links, his senior bow for the Robins came less than 48 hours after he had scored twice for the Under 23s in a 3-2 win over Horsham YMCA which took the Robins development squad top of the North Division.

The closest either side came to opening the scoring before Ball struck was when Tigana Quebe fancied a crack from distance but his effort from outside the area did not bother Alex Harris in the slightest.

More troubling to Harris was Ball's excellent strike from 25 yards which whistled into the back of the net to give United the lead with 27 minutes on the clock.

There was little the Robins number one could do as Ball conjured something out of nothing.

The 122 in attendance – including a decent number of travelling Hassocks supporters – were no doubt hoping that Ball's moment of magic might spark the game into life.

Unfortunately, that was not the case and neither side were able to string more than four or five passes together.

Hassocks did lots of huffing and puffing and nobody could fault their work rate.

Phil Hawkins in the United goal was rarely troubled despite James and Lewis Westlake and Josh Short's attempts to make something happen.

The hosts meanwhile really should have gone into the interval with a two goal advantage, squandering a gilt-edged opportunity in first half stoppage time.

Harris got in a bit of a mess when attempting to gather Jack Murphy's corner, the loose ball falling to Harvey Mapstone who seemed to be caught by surprise at the chance unfolding to him as he somehow fired over.

United registered the first chance

of the second half 10 minutes after the restart, Harris doing better to hold a shot after Brett Patton broke clear.

The lively Max Thompson went through one-on-one, only to put his effort off target.

That seemed to frustrate the United player and two minutes later he picked up a booking for a quite unnecessary foul.

Ball nearly had his second of the afternoon when meeting a Quebe cross with a powerful header that Harris repelled and the Hassocks goalkeeper again denied the same player with five minutes remaining.

Even when an astonishing eight minutes of injury time was played owing to several stoppages including for Tighe's departure, Hassocks were unable to force an opportunity as they finished the game with only 10 men on the pitch.

Their frustration had manifested itself just before the end of the 90 when the usually calm Lewis Westlake found his way into the sin bin.

You could excuse the Robins an off day though following a run of four wins, four draws and two defeats in their last 10 outings, pulling themselves 10 points clear of the bottom two in the process.

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

Subs: Rawlingson (Tighe), Broad (Gault), Bull (Loversidge), Wallis (unused).



Gault double ends United resistance to help Hassocks reach the magic 40

The first target Hassocks set themselves every season is reaching the magical 40 point mark which guarantees County League Division One survival for another year.

Rarely do the Robins achieve the tally before the final weekend of January, as they now have thanks to a 2-1 home win over bottom side Eastbourne United Association.

For Mickey Jewell to have secured safety with three months of the campaign still to run is a sign of the progress being made at the Beacon under his management. The question now turns to how high can Hassocks finish?

If they want to come close to eclipsing the club's best ever position of sixth set in the 2006-07, then they will need to play better this.

The one moment of quality was the winning goal from Phil Gault with 10 minutes remaining, a superb distance strike curled with power and precision from a full 30 yards.

It hit the underside of the bar and bounced down over the line, giving Gault his second of the afternoon and finally breaking the plucky resistance of a young United side.

The visitors were obviously buoyed by their first win of the campaign, which arrived when beating Crowborough last weekend.

Hassocks also came into the tie in good spirits. The Robins had an enjoyed an excellent 2-1 victory at Rye United in midweek.

Following it up with three more points against Eastbourne United made it successive league wins for the Hassocks for the first time since the end of September.

This was United's second visit to the Beacon this season. They are much changed from the side hammered 7-1 in the FA Cup back in August.

There is a new man in the dugout, Paul Daubeney, and he has put his faith in youth as United seek

to build for next season in Division Two. Relegation looks a certainty at barring a miracle or a sparing by the ground grading gods.

The inexperience and naivety of United showed during the opening 20 minutes when the Robins could and should have been out of sight.

Hassocks start positively. Gault headed over from an Elliott Butler freekick inside 30 seconds, Nathan Miles saw an effort cleared off the line and Kieran O'Callaghan put a free header over the bar from a set Butler corner.

Spencer Slaughter and Lee Waterhouse combined well to play in Neil Kane, but his lack of match fitness was evident when shooting tamely at Grant Fitzgerald in the United goal.

Jamie Weston was getting a lot of joy down the left flank and he exchanged neat passes with Kane before laying off to Miles who fired over the bar.

The Robins became increasingly frustrated as the half wore on about the stop-start nature of the game. United players were consistently going down a little too easily for treatment, disrupting the hosts' flow.

Referee Barrie Small did not help matters by blowing up for fouls which he appeared to be the only person present seeing, leaving players and supporters alike totally baffled.

It looked like United slowing the game would enable them to get into half time level until Hassocks scored a goal of supreme simplicity six minutes before the break.

Unsurprisingly, it came from another Butler delivery. This time, he whipped over a free kick with that trusty left foot of his. Gault rose unchallenged at the far post to beat Fitzgerald with a header perfectly powered out of the reach of the visiting goalkeeper.

United had been non-existent as an attacking threat, leaving Jack Simpson a virtual spectator. Simpson

and Hassocks though had a nasty shock with the second half only two minutes old.

A rare foray forward earned United a corner and when the ball in was flicked on inadvertently by a red head, it fell invitingly for burly United defender Dave Smart to volley home crisply from 12 yards and shock the Beacon.

That knocked Hassocks' confidence. They had lots of possession but their build up play became pedestrian and predictable.

Dan Smith replaced Kane on the hour as Jewell sought to change things up. The big striker had an immediate impact as he met a Rob South cross with a header straight at Fitzgerald.

Smith was then denied what looked a blatant penalty when he took the ball around Fitzgerald, who in turn bundled Smith over. Mr Small waved away the claims.

Next came an acrobatic overhead kick which was just over the bar as a reinvigorated Robins began to press and United were left hanging on.

Eventually, Hassocks got their goal thanks to Gault's piece of magic. Smith tucked in the rebound when the ball came back off the bar and bounced down, but there was no doubt it was Gault's goal.

Hassocks survived a late scare when Adam Daubeney fired over in injury time as the Robins failed to clear a corner, after which the final whistle went.

The relief around the Beacon was there for all to see. The three points maintains Hassocks' position in the top five.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Butler; Waterhouse, Miles, Gault, Slaughter, Weston; Kane

Subs: Smith (Kane 60), Hibbert (Miles 77), Hudson, R Wickwar (unused).



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Benson bangs in the goals to win September Player of the Month

Three goals from four starts was enough to see the in-form Liam Benson named as Hassocks September Player of the Month.

The importance of the striker's hot streak is underlined by the fact the Robins failed to score in their opening three games of September before Benson found his shooting boots.

Blanks were drawn away at Little Common and Crawley Down Gatwick in the Premier Division with a 2-0 Peter Bentley League Cup elimination at the hands of AFC Varndeanians sandwiched in between.

Benson notched in the 2-1 FA Vase exit at Chessington & Hook United with a clinical finish on 50 minutes to give Hassocks the lead. Unfortunately, the hosts came back to win a roller coaster tie.

He then scored a brace as the Robins held second-place Broadbridge Heath to a 3-3 draw in a hugely entertaining game under the Beacon lights.

Benson showed a poacher's instinct for his first, following in a Jack Troak strike from the edge of the box.

When it proved too hot for Heath goalkeeper Liam Matthews to hold, Benson was on hand to gobble up the rebound and make the score 1-1.

His second goal arrived with seven minutes remaining, just 60 seconds after the Bears had moved 3-2 ahead.

Leon Turner won possession and produced the perfect cross for Benson to meet with a powerful header. It gave Matthews no chance and earned the Robins a deserved share of the spoils.

Second place in Player of the Month went to Raging Joe Bull, who underwent something of a reinvention during September after taking over from the injured Sam Cash at left back.

Bull passed a century of appearances for Hassocks at the end of August, the majority of which had seen him play as a forward.

He took to his new role to a duck like water however, making himself undroppable from the AFC Varndeanians cup game onwards.

It has been quite the sight watching Bull charging forward from full back down one flank in tandem with the equally attack-minded Harvey Blake down the other.

In third place was Mike Williamson, who showed the sort of form that made him one of the first names on the team sheet in one of the most successful sides in Lancing history.

Williamson's best game of September came in the 4-2 win at Horsham YMCA.

He was an easy choice for Bedlam Brewery Starman with a midfield performance full of industry, helping the Robins to put four goals past a side who came into the clash at the Herbert Direct Stadium with seven clean sheets in 10 matches to their name.



Available from the Robins Bar

Please drink responsibly and try to avoid falling into the stream on your way home. We are still saving up to have it piped and tarmacked over.

Penalty drama sees Hassocks scrape into Sussex Senior Cup second round

Sussex Senior Cup First Round

Tuesday 11th October 2022, The Beacon

Hassocks 2-2 Saltdean United



By the skin of their teeth, Hassocks moved into the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time since 2019 after eliminating Saltdean United on penalties.

As late as the 81st minute, it looked like ex-Robins head coach Brad Sweetman was going to mark his return to the Beacon by eliminating his former club from the competition.

The Tigers deservedly led 2-1 with Hassocks having delivered a really poor performance by the recent high standards which have seen them move to within five points of top spot in the Premier Division.

Then the Robins found a fortunate equaliser to force a shoot out. Substitute Phil Johnson hit an effort which took such a heavy deflection off a Saltdean player that it could feasibly have gone down as an own goal.

Lady luck continued to shine on the Robins into the lottery of penalties. A roller coaster shoot out saw 16 spot kicks taken, Hassocks missing two and Saltdean three to give the hosts a 6-5 victory.

Just like in the Peter Bentley League Cup last month, James Westlake used the break from league action as a chance to ring changes.

Danny Reid and Sam Rogers were both rewarded for some excellent Under 23s performances with their first senior starts for Hassocks.

Pat Harding got a first 90 minutes under his belt since breaking three ribs in pre-season. Sam Cash made his first start since August following injury and Alex Bygraves returned after missing the weekend win over AFC Varndeanians.

Dropping to the bench were Johnson, Harvey Blake, Bradley Tighe, Jamie Wilkes and Leon Turner.

Hassocks might point to the unfamiliarity in their starting XI as a reason for their below par showing, although there was no indication of

what was to come during an opening 15 minutes in which the Robins started well.

Alex Harris had to be alert inside of 60 seconds to make a smart save but after that, it was all Hassocks.

Rogers and Mike Williamson combined to release Reid who fired an effort straight down the throat of Saltdean goalkeeper Josh James.

The opening goal arrived with 12 minutes played. Raging Joe Bull delivered a corner to the front post where Jack Troak timed his run perfectly to arrive and volley home.

Hassocks continued to press. A searching ball out of defence from Sam Smith released Liam Benson down the flank. His cross was met by a Harding effort just over the bar.

Troak should have doubled the advantage when another good right wing delivery from Bull looked destined to find him at the far post. Instead, the ball sailed straight past Troak and out of play.

It was a goal out of nothing which hauled Saltdean level on 24 minutes. There did not seem much on when former Hassocks wide man Lucas Tyrrell had possession 30 yards away from goal and out towards wing.

Tyrrell though spotted Harris off his line and hit a clean strike which flew over the head of the goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

Conceding seemed to rock Hassocks. Their dominance dried up and the remaining 65 minutes became a game of few chances at either end.

The Tigers came closest to moving into the lead before the break, drawing an important stop out of Harris from a free header at the far post.

Seven minutes into the second half and Saltdean took the lead through Jesse Burbidge. Westlake responded by making a double change on the hour mark, Wilkes and Turner replacing Rogers and Reid.

A rare moment of quality from the

Robins arrived two minutes later as they put the ball in the back of the net via a sweeping move, only for it to be disallowed in peculiar circumstances.

The assistant referee spotted an offside nobody else had, one it seemed that referee Owen Lawrence was willing to overrule as he allowed play to continue for an eternity after the flag was initially raised.

It was only once Hassocks finished the play by scoring that Mr Lawrence blew for offside, having not seen his assistant's flag in the air.

Johnson replaced Benson on 71 minutes, not long after Benson had fired high from the edge of the box.

Nine minutes after his introduction and Johnson was booked. 60 seconds later and he produced the equaliser with the help of that wicked deflection.

That shook the Robins back to life and they finished the game strongly. Turner's run caused a scramble in the box which nobody in red could convert.

Bull hit a free kick high, wide and not particularly handsome. A second yellow card for Ross Smith left Saltdean to negotiate the final three minutes with only 10 men and then tall striker Wilkes missed from a couple of yards when it looked easier to score right at the death.

Hassocks missed their first penalty which looked ominous. The Robins though held their nerve, recovered and will now be hoping for a money-spinning draw with one of the big boys of Sussex football in the next round.

Hassocks: Harris; Cash, S Smith, Bygraves, Bull; Reid, Williamson, Rogers, Troak; Harding, Benson.

Subs: Wilkes (Rogers 59), L Turner (Reid 59), Johnson (Benson 72), Blake, B Tighe (unused).

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Hassocks down Crows to win four in a row and move into Premier Division top six

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 15th October 2022, Community Stadium Crowborough Athletic 2-3 Hassocks



Crowborough Athletic had only lost two Southern Combination League games all season before Hassocks made their first visit to the Crowborough Community Stadium since 2014.

Inflicting defeat number three on their hosts was arguably the best result of the Robins' season so far, a 3-2 win being their third in a row and pushing them into the top six of the Premier Division.

All five goals came in a ridiculously entertaining first half, the tone for which was set when Jack Troak opened the scoring with seven minutes on the clock.

A loose Crowborough pass from out on the right drifted aimlessly into the middle of the pitch, which Troak came inside from his left flank to collect.

With space opening up in front of him, Troak hit one from 35 yards out. It did not look like it would cause Crows goalkeeper Cameron Hall much strife until Harrison Mayhew extended a long leg and deflected the shot into the opposite corner to which it had originally been travelling.

Crowborough mustered two half chances in response. Alex Harris held a snapshot low down to his left from Mayhew following a corner and it needed a lunging block from Mike Williamson to force the ball wide of the post when Harry Forster glided into the box.

Up the other end and Alex Bygraves headed just over from a dangerous Bradley Tighe free kick delivered from deep.

Leon Turner then skipped past three Crowborough players down the right, cutting back to Troak who skied his shot.

Hassocks doubled their lead on 18 minutes from the spot. Raging Joe Bull initiated a great switch from left back to Turner out on the right flank.

Turner's clever flick released Harvey Blake on the overlap and

when Blake was hacked down as he galloped into the area by Harry London, a penalty was the only outcome.

Taking duty fell to Phil Johnson and the Robins' top scorer made no mistake, sending Hall the wrong way.

Hassocks remained 2-0 ahead up until the 27th minute. By the 35th minute, Crowborough were level as the Robins defence fell alarmingly asleep.

The Crows pulled one back when a throw found the unmarked London. He dinked a ball over the top of the static Robins back four, who had failed to notice John Sinclair ghosting in around the back.

Sinclair was left with the simple task of collecting London's pass and beating Harris from a matter of yards whilst Hassocks appealed hopefully for an offside.

Crowborough had their tails up now and the next eight minutes was all theirs. London tested Harris' handling from distance before going down in the box under a hand in the back from Bull.

Referee Martyn Milligan ruled the contact minimal and Hassocks escaped. There was another let off when Lucas Murrain showed good strength to work an opening for Harvey Killick who shot into the side netting.

With the Robins goal leading a charmed life, it came as little surprise when the equaliser did arrive.

Leo Vowles played a low ball into a dangerous area from right back, Forster rode a couple of half-hearted challenges before slipping a sideways pass to Murrain to apply the finish.

Hassocks deserve a lot of credit for what happened next. Not only did they manage to halt the Crows' momentum, but they retook the lead at a crucial time two minutes before the break.

Turner and Blake linked up down the right again with the latter making the by-line and pulling back for Liam

Benson to convert on the stretch from close range.

The Robins were only too aware of the threat Crowborough posed after the hosts' earlier rally and so the second half became all about game management.

Hassocks absorbed pressure and were clever running the clock down in what was a really clever 45 minutes of football.

Crowborough's best chances of claiming a point came towards the end. Forster volleyed wide from a Murrain flick and Harry Brown had a stooping effort brilliantly headed away by Blake.

That was the last of the on-pitch action much attention was paid to. A medical emergency in the 87th minute involving a Crows supporter who had collapsed saw a call over the tannoy for anyone with first aid training to help.

Tighe was one of the first on the scene, running the length of the pitch to assist and arranging for an ambulance to be sent to the Community Stadium far more quickly than the original waiting time of two hours.

The game was restarted when the spectator regained consciousness and the final 10 minutes played in front of a subdued, almost silent crowd. The full time whistle was greeted with little celebration.

Tighe returned to further support the fan after the game, who was released from hospital the following day. Three points for Hassocks, but a reminder there are more important things in life than football.

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

Subs: Harding (Johnson 74), S Smith (Turner 88), Cash, Rogers, Broomfield (unused).

First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
August					
02/08 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-4	162	Bygraves, Troak, Benson
06/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	FACEP	1-0	124	OG
13/08 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	2-1	46	Zydonik, Benson
16/08 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	3-0	57	L.Turner, Benson, Zydonik
20/08 - 15:00	Uxbridge (H)	FACQPQ	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
September					
02/09 - 19:30	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	0-2	146	
06/09 - 19:45	AFC Varndeanians (H)	PBLC2	0-2	148	
17/09 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-1	72	
20/09 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	4-2	76	L.Turner, Johnson (2), Troak
24/09 - 15:00	Chessington & Hook (A)	FAVQ2	1-2	113	Benson
27/09 - 15:00	Broadridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	3-3	110	Benson (2), Troak
October					
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	2-2 AET	175	Troak, Johnson
15/10 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP	3-2	165	Troak, Johnson, Benson
22/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
26/10 - 19:45	Forest Row (A)	RURC2			
29/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP			
November					
05/11 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
12/11 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
19/11 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP			
26/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP			
December					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
10/12 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
January					
02/01 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
07/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
21/01 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
28/01 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP			
February					
04/02 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP			
11/02 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
18/02 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
25/02 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
March					
04/03 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
11/03 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
18/03 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
25/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			
April					
01/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
08/04 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
10/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP			
15/04 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
22/04 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP			

First Team Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alex Harris	17	0	17	0	107	0
Alex Bygraves	16	0	16	2	16	2
Jack Troak	16	0	16	6	92	29
Harvey Blake	15	1	16	0	82	3
Liam Benson	12	3	15	7	149	38
Joe Bull	12	3	15	0	109	7
Leon Turner	12	3	15	2	15	2
Phil Johnson	11	4	15	9	178	85
Mike Williamson	13	1	14	0	14	0
Bradley Tighe	10	2	12	0	150	0
Jamie Wilkes	6	6	12	2	16	2
James Westlake	9	2	11	0	239	31
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Sam Cash	7	3	10	0	13	1
Pat Harding	3	6	9	1	210	138
Sam Smith	3	6	9	1	23	3
Danny Reid	1	4	5	0	5	0
Tom Frankland	4	3	7	0	7	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Sam Rogers	1	4	5	0	5	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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Reid and Broad grab braces but goalkeeper injury mars Hassocks hitting YMCA for six

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 6th October 2022, Herbert Direct Stadium
Horsham YMCA U23s 2-6 Hassocks U23s**

A big win away at Horsham YMCA for Hassocks Under 23s was overshadowed by a nasty injury suffered by goalkeeper Callum Thompson towards the end of the game.

There were three minutes remaining when Thompson dislocated and fractured his shoulder.

He required lengthy treatment, including from one of the parents of a YM player who had been watching in the crowd - the true spirit of non-league football.

Everyone at Hassocks would like to thank the person in question for their assistance throughout the incident.

And Thompson putting his body on the line for the Robins clearly impressed as a day later, Linda Stringer sponsored him for the season.

Not that we are suggesting players should dislocate body parts so the club bank balance can gain £40...

Thompson will be a big loss over the coming weeks. Hassocks have kept three clean sheets in seven games so far with him between the sticks.

Combine such a good defensive record with plenty of options in

attack and you can see why the Robins have enjoyed a flying start to the campaign.

The six goals they plundered at the Herbert Direct Stadium was the second time they have hit a half-dozen in 2022-23. Local rivals St Francis Rangers were also hit for six last month.

Sam Smith scored a brace on that occasion. He returned as one of five changes from the Hassocks side defeated 3-0 by Horley Town a week earlier, the Robins second and biggest loss of the campaign.

Kieran Dimelow came in for his first start of the season, promoted from the bench along with Jack Smith and Wes Tighe. Ben Hicks was the other new face as Neil Parker shuffled his pack.

Dan Turner has departed for a winter playing cricket in New Zealand and Charlie Tuck looks set to complete a move from Hassocks to YM. Sam Arscott, Lewis Fairley and Sam Cash were the other changes.

Three Under 18s players were given run outs from the bench. Sam Fernley has been an Under 23s regular this season and he was joined by fellow youth team players Harry Carter and Will Varley.

Both were making their Under 23s debuts as the player pathway at the



Beacon continues to bring through new talent.

In the scoring stakes, two Hassocks players claimed doubles. Charlie Broad opened his account for the season in style with two goals and Danny Reid joined him in the brace club as he continues to knock on the first team door.

Dimelow and Arthur Rawlingson were the other scorers for the Robins.

YM had a debutant on target in Zac Bignell with top scorer Sam Coxon claiming the hosts' other consolation.

Victory lifts Hassocks back into second spot in the North Division, above last Thursday night's vanquishers Horley.

The Clarets drew 1-1 with leaders Alfold with nothing able to separate the sides who had been the top two before kick off at the New Defence.

Hassocks: Thompson, Rawlingson, S Smith, W Tighe, J Smith, Hicks, Rogers, Dimelow, Mercer, Reid, Broad.

Subs: Fernley, Carter, Clarke, Varley (used).



Robins at the races with win and clean sheet over handy Lingfield outfit

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 13th October 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 2-0 Lingfield U23s**



Hassocks Under 23s were at the races with a win and a clean sheet in their first ever meeting with Lingfield.

The Robins triumphed 2-0 against opponents new to the Southern Combination League North Division for this season to maintain the pressure on Alfold at the top of the table.

Lingfield proved themselves handy opponents and created more than enough chances to take something from the game.

Hassocks could therefore be very pleased at overcoming such a hurdle and taking the three points. The Lingers will cause plenty of problems for the rest of the North Division this season.

The Robins came into the game with the bit between their teeth having beaten Horsham YMCA 6-2 at the Herbert Direct Stadium a week earlier.

The only blemish on that evening was the dislocated shoulder suffered by Callum Thompson, the Robins goalkeeper who has been in excellent form so far this season.

His place in the starting XI against Lingfield was taken by Under 18s number one Jack Thomas, making his Under 23s debut.

A shutout was not a bad way for Thomas to mark it, giving him a second clean sheet in the space of five days to go with the one secured when the youth team beat Mile Oak 7-0 on Sunday.

There are opportunities for players at every level to progress at the Beacon right now.

Just ask Danny Reid and Sam Rogers, who were handed full first team debuts in the Sussex Senior Cup against Saltdean United 48 hours before the Lingers visited Mid Sussex.

Reid missed Under 23 duty as a result but Rogers maintained his place as an ever-present in Neil Parker's midfield.

Sam Smith too turned out for the Under 23s having also started for the firsts in the penalty shoot out win over the Tigers.

In terms of changes, Parker made three from the trip to YM. Thompson being replaced by Thomas was obviously one.

Will Broomfield was handed more game time in place of Arthur Rawlingson and Reece Clarke took over from top scorer Reid.

Having scored twice at YMCA, Charlie Broad continued where he had left off by finding the back of the net for his third of the campaign.

Joining Broad on the scoresheet

was George Mercer, also getting his third of the season.

Actually, make that Mercer's third goal in four matches having previously gone three seasons and 20 games without scoring.

Hassocks had to dig in at times and that was reflected in yellow cards for Broomfield (a classic of the genre), Wes Tighe and substitute Jude Wallis.

Next up for the Robins is a trip to Loxwood next Thursday. Hassocks also now know their opponents in the first round of the League Cup, with the draw having given them a lovely journey inside of the M25 to Chessington & Hook United.

The Robins reached the semi finals of the competition last season. A repeat of last month's 4-1 win at Chalky Lane in the league would be a good way to get a similarly memorable cup run going.

Hassocks: Thomas, W Tighe, S Smith, Broomfield, J Smith, Hicks, Rogers, Dimelow, Mercer, Clarke, Broad.

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



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Under 23s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
18/08 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23	1-0	Reid
25/08 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	6-0	S.Smith (2), Rawlingson, D.Turner, Fairley, Fernley
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFL23	1-2	M.Smith
08/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Reid, S.Smith
15/09 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFL23	4-1	Mercer (2), Geard, Tuck
29/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	0-3	
October				
06/10 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	6-2	Reid (2), Broad (2), Dimelow, Rawlingson
13/10 - 19:45	Lingfield (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Broad, Mercer
20/10 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23		
27/10 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	U23LC1		
November				
11/11 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	CU23C1		

Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	8	0	8	0
Arthur Rawlingson	7	0	7	2
Callum Thompson	7	0	7	0
George Mercer	5	2	7	3
Jack Smith	2	5	7	0
Wes Tighe	2	5	7	0
Charlie Broad	4	2	6	3
Ben Hicks	3	3	6	0
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Danny Reid	5	0	5	4
Sam Smith	5	0	5	3
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Marshall Smith	1	4	5	1
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Kieran Dimelow	2	2	4	1
Sam Fernley	2	2	4	1
Will Broomfield	3	0	3	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Jude Wallis	2	1	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Will Varley	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
Jack Thomas	1	0	1	0
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0
Harry Carter	0	1	1	0

Seventh heaven for Hassocks in return to winning ways at Mile Oak

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 9th October 2022, Mile Oak Recreation Ground
Mile Oak U18s 0-7 Hassocks U18s**



Having been regular opponents at youth team level for many years, this was the first time that Hassocks Under 18s had faced Mile Oak in a Southern Combination League game since the 2017-18 season.

And after winning 7-0 at the Recreation Ground, the Robins will no doubt be hoping it is not another six seasons before they make the short hop over the South Downs to face Oak again.

That last campaign that the clubs shared a division saw Hassocks win their historic treble of North Division title, League Cup and Champions of Champions playoff.

The Robins have never managed to get back to those dizzy heights, although there is a lot of potential in what is a very young squad for the 2022-23 season.

Hassocks had underlined that when beating Steyning Town on the opening day, but three consecutive defeats against Worthing United and in Mid Sussex Derbies to St Francis Rangers and Burgess Hill Town had derailed things lately.

This was a brilliant way for the Robins to get back on track. The goals were shared around the time in

a clinical performance, resulting in a biggest win since December 2020 when Crawley Down Gatwick were hammered 8-0 in the final match before the second Covid-19 lockdown.

Hassocks stuck by-and-large with the side who suffered a close-fought 3-2 defeat to Central Division leaders Burgess Hill Town last time out.

There were two changes as Oliver Goswamy and Jack Duckett were absent. Will Varley returned having missed the game with Hill whilst there was a Robins debut for Toby Munt.

It proved to be a very good week for Varley. He made his Under 23s debut on Thursday night, coming off the bench in the 6-2 victory away at Horsham YMCA, along with fellow Under 18s teammate Harry Carter also making his bow for Neil Parker's side.

Varley then followed that up with two goals against Mile Oak, his first in Robins colours.

Whilst Varley was opening his account, Alex Brewer doesn't seem to be able to stop scoring.

He helped himself to a sensational hat-trick, moving onto eight goals in five matches in the process. Brewer now tops the North Division scoring charts.

Ed Tobias opened his account for the club whilst last season's top scorer Oliver Parker-Williams completed the rout with the seventh goal from the bench.

The Robins continue to utilise their large squad, having given debuts to players in every game so far this season.

Joining Munt in making a first appearance for the club was Harry Goatcher, introduced as a substitute.

Hassocks next face AFC Vardeanians at the Beacon. Kick off is 11am and any support is welcome as always. Entrance is free.

Hassocks: Thomas, Dean, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Wintle, Carter, Munt, Varley, Steel, Brewer.

Subs: Parker-Williams, Edwards, Goatcher (used).



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Victory over Vs gives Robins back-to-back wins for first time this season

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 16th October 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 3-1 AFC Varndeanians U18s**



For the first time this season, Hassocks Under 18s achieved back-to-back victories by beating AFC Varndeanians 3-1 at the Beacon.

The Robins faced a sterner examination than in last week's 7-0 win away at Mile Oak.

It was one though that they passed with flying colours, climbing to fifth in the Southern Combination League Central Division table in the process.

Varndeanians had finished bottom of the table last season but they showed signs of improvement towards the end of the campaign, including when beating Hassocks 2-1 at the Beacon in December.

The Vs have continued that into this season. They arrived at the Beacon having lost only once all season, an opening day reversal away at Lancing.

Hassocks inflicted defeat number two on Varndeanians via a combination of impressive football and hard work.

If they can maintain those levels over the coming weeks, then there is no reason why they cannot make further inroads up the standings.

A number of the squad are taking confidence from involvement with the

Under 23s.

Harry Carter and Will Varley were both involved in last week's 6-2 win at Horsham YMCA for the development side, which Varley then followed up by scoring twice against Oak when back on Under 18s duty 72 hours later.

The latest player to receive the call from Neil Parker was goalkeeper Jack Thomas for Thursday night's game against Lingfield.

He made his Under 23s debut in place of regular number one Callum Thompson after Thompson suffered a fractured and dislocated shoulder in that win over YMCA.

It was a good experience for Thomas, who kept a clean sheet as Hassocks ran out 2-0 winners to keep the pressure on at the top of the North Division.

Back to matters against Varndeanians. Hassocks understandably kept changes to a minimum after racking up such a big score against Mile Oak the previous Sunday.

Oliver Parker-Williams was promoted from the bench after scoring his first goal of the campaign at the Recreation Ground.

Harry Goatcher joined him in the XI, making his first start for the Robins following his debut as a

substitute against Oak. Varley and Oliver Steel were the two players who dropped out.

Top scorer Alex Brewer continued his hot streak in front of goal, grabbing his ninth of the season.

All the while Brewer remains in such good form and Thomas and his defence can maintain the recent stubborn streak they have discovered, Hassocks will fancy their chances of winning matches.

Toby Munt scored his first goal for Hassocks with Ryan Goss adding the other. Goss is proving a useful option off the bench, this being his second goal from five sub appearances. Max Keegan claimed the consolation for Varndeanians.

Hassocks now head to Shoreham next Sunday looking to make it three wins in a row. Kick off is 11am at Middle Road.

Hassocks: Thomas, Dean, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Wintle, Carter, Munt, Goatcher, Parker-Williams, Brewer.

Subs: Goss, Goswamy, Foster, Mitchell (used).

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Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
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
October				
02/10 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	2-3	Brewer (2)
09/10 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18	7-0	Brewer (3), Wintle (2), Tobias, Parker-Williams
16/10 - 11:00	AFC Vardeanians (H)	SCFL18	3-1	Munt, Brewer, Goss
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	6	0	6	9
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
Sam Fernley	6	0	6	0
Jack Thomas	6	0	6	0
Ed Tobias	6	0	6	1
Alex Wintle	6	0	6	0
Sam Dean	5	0	5	0
George Gladding	5	0	5	0
Oliver Goswamy	4	1	5	0
Ryan Goss	0	5	5	2
Jack Duckett	4	0	4	1
Oliver Parker-Williams	2	2	4	0
Ben Foster	0	4	4	0
Will Varley	3	0	3	2
Cam Mitchell	1	2	3	0
Ewan Edwards	0	3	3	0
Toby Munt	2	0	2	1
Oliver Steel	2	0	2	0
Harry Goatcher	1	1	2	0
Archie Hill	0	2	2	0
Charlie Smith	1	0	1	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0



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Hassocks hit nine for a second time to book League Cup quarter final spot

**Sussex County Women's League Cup Second Round
Sunday 9th October 2022, Victoria Pleasure Ground
AFC Uckfield Town Ladies 1-9 Hassocks Ladies**

With yet another relentless display, Hassocks Ladies advanced to the quarter finals of the Sussex County Women's League Cup thanks to a 9-1 win away at AFC Uckfield Town.

There was no indication of the scoreline to come in a frantic start where the hosts had a couple of chances.

Holly Webb had to be alert to clear a dangerous situation and then Claire Stevens needed treatment after a crunching tackle.

The Robins soon got into their stride and the Uckfield goalkeeper did well to gather from the onrushing Katherine Chappell after a Mia Pordage through ball.

Pordage was available after returning from university for the weekend.

Also back from university was Jodie Johanson, who won a corner in the 10th minute.

Kirsten Mair delivered with her trademark pinpoint accuracy, allowing Jess Craig to open the scoring.

Uckfield responded well to going behind. They forced a scramble in the Hassocks goalmouth which the Robins survived before regaining control and forcing the home goalkeeper into another good stop from a Emma Flin free kick.

A superb move involving Craig and Mair resulted in a shot over the bar from Chappell.

The 16th minute brought a similarly excellent passage of play, ending with a foul of Chappell in the Uckfield box after a Johanson pass. Chappell despatched the penalty to double the lead.

Hassocks scored their third shortly after. Johanson won a corner which produced another scramble ended by Craig heading home.

The Robins continued to press. Pordage had a shot saved and Tallie

Bright came close when hitting the bar.

It was against the run of play when Uckfield pulled one back. Jenny Drury fired a superbly struck free kick into the top corner from 30 yards which gave Hassocks goalkeeper Sarah Chappell no chance.

The Robins hit back immediately. Johanson went close, after which Chappell completed her hat-trick with goals in the 36th and 38th minutes, making it 5-1.

A penetrating run from Stevens next released Johanson to shoot wide before Craig claimed the second Hassocks hat-trick of the afternoon, scoring just prior to the break as the first half finished with the Robins 6-1 ahead.

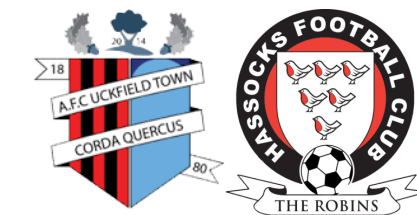
"Although the Robins were expected to win playing a team from a lower division, the players all demonstrated the right attitude. They treated their opponents with respect whilst also being ruthless in their goal scoring."

Hassocks made one change at half time. Johanson was replaced by Katie Read who immediately made her mark, playing a pass to Chappell for a shot well stopped.

A brilliant run by Mair gave another chance to Chappell who dragged her shot wide and Stevens produced a penetrating pass enabling Chappell to have another effort, also narrowly wide.

Defender Jo Brown ventured forward to win a corner, from which Hassocks scored their seventh.

The corner was taken short and well-worked, enabling Mair to cross from a better angle to give Craig an easy header at the far post for her



fourth goal.

Hassocks added their eighth on 72 minutes when Chappell moved onto four after yet another brilliant Mair corner.

Izzy Cloke was introduced from the bench in the 72nd minute and was soon linking up with fellow substitute Read as they combined to set up the ninth.

Read won the ball and Cloke produced a clever flick towards goal, ending with Pordage finding the net.

Webb - who had been steadfast in defence all game - had a chance late on to show her attacking skills with a great through ball to earn Hassocks a corner.

The Robins mustered one more effort, a Pordage shot being well saved before the final whistle blew on a fine 9-1 victory for Hassocks.

Although the Robins were expected to win playing a team from a lower division, the players all demonstrated the right attitude.

Hassocks treated their opponents - who never stopped trying - with respect whilst also being ruthless in their goal scoring. Overall, it was another excellent performance.

The Robins now have a week off before playing their first league game of the season at the Beacon on Sunday 23rd October. Seaford Town are the visitors for a 2pm kick off and admission is free.

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

Subs: Read, Cloke (used).

Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensy & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (3), Mair
October				
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		
November				
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
13/11 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
20/11 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
04/12 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
11/12 - 14:00	Denne Park (H)	SCWLP		
January				
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
22/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
February				
05/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
12/02 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP		
19/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
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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Veterans Matches 2022-23

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

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



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On This Day...



Scrappy victory back at the Beacon good enough for Jewell

October 22nd 2011: Hassocks played their first home league game since August Bank Holiday Monday, continuing their climb up the County League table by beating Crowborough 2-1.

A run of seven successive County League away games over the past eight weeks had seen Hassocks victorious at Division One's top three clubs.

Their return to the Beacon could not quite match those heights, but Mickey Jewell was nonetheless happy with another three points secured by beating Crowborough Athletic 2-1.

"Not very pretty," was how Jewell described it. The Robins could be forgiven for a scrappy, workmanlike success given the midweek effort that went into becoming the first team this season to beat runaway leaders Pagham.

Two wins in four days have also been achieved without Spencer Slaughter, Anthony Hibbert and Phil Johnson - although Slaughter did come on as late substitute against the Crows despite carrying an injury.

Kieran O'Callaghan was the key to Hassocks success. He gave an outstanding performance in that all-important holding midfield role in front of the back four, especially in the second half when Crowborough dominated possession.

Rarely did the Crows look like hurting Hassocks, however. Ashley Marsh and Stuart Faith in the centre of defence were solid and Jack Simpson was excellent, only being beaten by a controversial penalty late on.

The Robins could have been home and dry within five minutes. Silky skills from Phil Gault brought an early chance and then Nathan Miles went clear through but a weak finish enabled Crowborough goalkeeper Ben Head to save with his legs.

Miles did at least make instant amends when opening the scoring from the resulting corner.

Chris Maynard delivered a vicious inswinger which Miles got a glancing touch to ahead of Head to divert into

the net. It was the first of many times that Head was found wanting from crosses into the box.

Miles and Gault combined to excellent effect down right hand channel but debutant Lee Cooper was just beaten to the ball into the box at the near post.

Cooper is a former Brighton & Hove Albion youth team defender signed from Southern League Bedford Town.

"Kieran O'Callaghan was the key to Hassocks success. He gave an outstanding performance in that all-important holding midfield role in front of the back four, especially in the second half when Crowborough dominated possession."

He came straight into the team wide on the left and despite saying afterwards that he felt a little lost in a more advanced position that he is used to, he still marked his first appearance in Hassocks colours with what proved to be the winning goal.

It came right on the stroke of half time. Gault played Cooper in and he cut inside his marker before hitting a right footed shot which Head could only help in.

Hassocks' conversion of chances has not been good enough this season, so they would have been happy to go in with a 2-0 lead from only five real opportunities.

Indeed, after the Robins' initial flurry it was Crowborough who were the better side.

Simpson was severely tested by former St Francis Rangers player Jake Forward, having to make an extraordinary save at full stretch.

The Hassocks number one was then fortunate not to concede a

penalty. An ungainly and marginally late challenge left Tom Saunders needing lengthy treatment.

When Nathan Milroy hit a post and Marsh was forced into an impressive block from the rebound, there could be little argument that the Robins goal was leading a charmed life.

Cooper's debut strike came out of the blue after all that and at the perfect time.

Hassocks seemed content to sit back in the second half - much more so than they would have been had they gone into the interval just one ahead.

Crowborough have a healthy goal tally for the season so far but they never seriously threatened a comeback until that soft spot kick awarded with five minutes remaining.

Hassocks were first incensed when Harry Thompson was not flagged offside as he latched onto a ball over the top.

The Robins were further angered when Thompson stopped in his tracks upon entering the box, causing a minor collision with the chasing Andy Whittingham who could not check his momentum.

Thompson went to ground but not even his teammates had the heart to appeal. It was astonishing then when the penalty was awarded, leaving Saunders to blast the spot kick into the roof of the net.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, Faith, Maynard; J Westlake, O'Callaghan, Weston, L Cooper; Miles, Gault.

Subs: Whittingham (Copper 60), Slaughter (Miles 77), Kane, B Palmer (unused).

Starman: Kieran O'Callaghan.

Around the League...



The twists and turns continue to come towards the top of the Premier Division as we head towards a third of the season being played. Here is our round up of all the action that took place last weekend, whilst we were busy winning 3-2 away at Crowborough Athletic...

Broadbridge Heath continue to lead the way in the Premier Division after picking up a big three points via a 3-0 win at home to **Eastbourne Town**.

The form team right now are **Steyning Town** who have climbed into second after winning 10 games in a row in all competitions.

Their Saturday victims were **AFC Uckfield Town**, who they hammered 4-0 at the Birchwood Ground.

Jack Langford scored a hat-trick for the Barrowmen with the other goal coming from substitute Dominic Johnson-Fisher.

Second half goals at the Window Workshop Stadium from Henry Blackmore and Jack Pettett helped **Peacehaven & Telscombe** to an impressive 2-0 win over **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Newhaven edged a five-goal thriller with **Lingfield**, winning 3-2 at Godstone Road.

Lee Robinson, Alfie Rogers and Jack Meeres scored for the Dockers with Conor Wilford and Dennis Asante getting the hosts' goals.

This afternoon's visitors **Eastbourne United** were 2-0 victors against **Midhurst & Easebourne** via first half efforts from Sam Cole and Gary Ingram.

The Stags ended the game with 10 men after Jordan Stallibrass picked up two yellow cards.

Bexhill United continue to climb the table with their latest three points delivered via a 2-1 win away at **Loxwood**.

Evan Archibald and Jamie Thoroughgood were on target for the Pirates. Loxwood's consolation came in the second half from Callum Dowdell.

A Lewis Hole hat-trick helped **Little Common** to the biggest win of the day in the Premier Division as

they hammered **Alfold** 5-1 at the Recreation Ground.

Also netting for Common were Jamie Bunn and Sam Crutwell. Harry Sutton scored for Fold.

Horsham YMCA ran out 2-0 winners at Withdean Stadium against **AFC Varndeanians**.

Tom Tolfrey put YM ahead just past the hour mark with substitute Sekou Toure confirming the three points in the third minute of injury time.

Bottom club **Roffey** came as close to a first point as they have managed so far, suffering a single goal defeat to **Saltdean United**.

Owen Smith gave the Boars a second minute lead. The advantage lasted 25 minutes until Connor Ghosh levelled, followed by Will Berry scoring the Tigers' winner midway through the second half.

There was a bit of a surprise at the top of Division where runaway leaders **Epsom & Ewell** were held to a 0-0 draw away at second-bottom **Montpelier Villa**.

Selsey had started the day in second spot but they too failed to win, sharing the spoils with **Mile Oak** in a 2-2 draw at the Recreation Ground.

Oak had led 2-0 at half time through former Hassocks forward Michael Gould and Harry Funnell.

The hosts ended the game with 10 men thanks to Jack Jeffrey seeing red with Selsey's comeback involving a Corey Burns brace, including an 84th minute equaliser.

An 88th minute strike from Zac Harris allowed **Wick** to take advantage of Selsey only drawing as they won 1-0 at **Godalming Town** to move into second.

Matthew Storm scored twice for **East Preston** but still ended up on

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the losing side as EP went down 4-2 at home to **Shoreham**.

Harry Heath, Levi Martin, Marcus Richmond and Alex Fair were on target for the Musselmen, with the last two of those goals coming in the final 10 minutes at the Lashmar.

Steve Herbert got the only goal in **Arundel** 1-0 **Dorking Wanderers B** whilst an ill-tempered game between **Hailsham Town** and **Chessington & Hook United** ended 2-1 to the Stringers at the Beaconsfield.

Charlie Playford score twice for Hailsham, Bailey Ellis notched for United with Connor Martin seeing red for the hosts and Jerry Antwi being sent off for Chessington.

Oakwood defeated **Worthing United** 2-0 and **Billingshurst** and **Forest Row** played out a 3-3 draw settled as late as the 97th minute when Jamie Robinson struck a late, late equaliser for Hurst.

In Division Two, **Jarvis Brook** extended their lead at the top after hammering **Brighton Electricity** 7-2 at Limekiln.

Capel in second were held to a 4-4 draw at home by an **Upper Beeding** side who appear to have turned the corner after a tricky start to the season.

Rustington beat **Ferring** 5-2, **Bosham** defeated **Cophorne** 2-1, **Southwater** saw off **Rottingdean Village** by the same score and nothing could separate **Sturington** and **St Francis Rangers** who played out a 0-0 draw.

That stalemate was in stark contrast to the highest scoring game of the afternoon, **Charlwood** winning 7-4 away at **Worthing Town**.



Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	12	9	2	1	26	10	29
Steyning Town	13	9	1	3	32	13	28
Crawley Down Gatwick	13	9	0	4	26	13	27
Newhaven	12	8	1	3	36	10	25
Eastbourne United	12	8	1	3	22	11	25
Hassocks	12	7	1	4	29	18	22
Midhurst & Easebourne	12	7	1	4	24	16	22
Bexhill United	12	7	1	4	27	20	22
Crowborough Athletic	13	6	4	3	19	15	22
Peacehaven & Tels	12	6	1	5	17	16	19
Horsham YMCA	13	6	1	6	20	21	19
Eastbourne Town	13	4	4	5	17	13	16
Little Common	13	4	4	5	20	17	16
AFC Uckfield Town	12	5	1	6	22	24	16
AFC Varndeanians	12	4	2	6	12	23	14
Saltdean United	13	4	1	8	10	34	13
Lingfield	14	3	2	9	19	34	11
Loxwood	12	3	1	8	17	27	10
Alfold	13	1	1	11	10	36	4
Roffey	12	0	0	12	7	41	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
Hassocks	159	204	110
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
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
Steyning Town	WWWWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWLW
Broadbridge Heath	WDDWWW
Newhaven	WWWDLW
Hassocks	LWDWWW
Midhurst & Easebourne	WWLWWL
Eastbourne United	LWWLWW
Bexhill United	WLLWWW
Crowborough Athletic	DDDWLW
Eastbourne Town	LDWWLL
Little Common	LWDLWL
Saltdean United	WLLDLW
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLWWL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLLLLLW
AFC Varndeanians	LLWLWL
Lingfield	DWLLLL
Horsham YMCA	LLDLWL
Loxwood	LWLLLL
Alfold	LLWLLL
Roffey	LLLLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	14
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	14
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	14
Lewis Croas	B'bridge Heath	13
Max Thompson	E'bourne Utd	12
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	12
Devon Fender	Loxwood	9
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	9
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	9
Lewis Hole	Little Common	8
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	8
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	8
Rhys White	Crawley Down	8
Lewis Beebee	Saltdean United	7
Liam Benson	Hassocks	7
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	7
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	7
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	7
Harvey Burgess	AFC Uckfield	6
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	6

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	8	6	1	1	21	12	19
Hassocks	8	6	0	2	22	8	18
Horley Town	8	5	2	1	26	12	17
Broadbridge Heath	7	4	1	2	19	11	13
Roffey	8	4	1	3	22	20	13
Horsham YMCA	9	3	2	4	22	22	11
Chessington & Hook	8	3	1	4	19	21	10
Lingfield	8	3	0	5	17	20	9
St Francis Rangers	8	3	0	5	11	23	9
Loxwood	7	2	0	5	13	19	6
Oakwood	7	0	0	7	5	29	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	9
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	8
Kieran Head	Chessington	8
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
Arnold Saurombe	Oakwood	5
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Tyler Simmonds	B'bridge Heath	5
Zain Beg	Loxwood	4
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	4
Danny Reid	Hassocks	4
Conan Torpey	Lingfield	4

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	6	5	1	0	22	6	16
St Francis Rangers	5	5	0	0	14	6	15
Worthing United	6	4	0	2	16	9	12
AFC Varndeanians	5	3	0	2	11	9	9
Hassocks	6	3	0	3	17	9	9
Saltdean United	6	3	0	3	14	18	9
Shoreham	6	2	1	3	18	17	7
Lancing	6	1	2	3	14	18	5
Mile Oak	6	0	1	5	7	24	1
Steyning Town	6	0	1	5	9	32	1

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	9
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	8
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	6
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	6
Sam-Elie David N'Cho	St Francis	6
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	5
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	5
Max Keegan	Varndeanians	4
Liam Appleton	Worthing United	3
Tom Bond	Shoreham	3

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	14	2	6
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
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	16
Jess Craig	Hassocks	9
Tabitha Burrows	Saltdean	3
Kirsten Mair	Hassocks	3
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
AFC Varndeanians	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
Jarvis Brook	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Hassocks	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
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
Paul Armstrong	Hassocks	1
Carl Berwick	Jarvis Brook	1
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	1

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



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 bottom of the table. 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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Newhaven v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 29th October 2022, 3:00pm
Trafalgar Ground, Fort Road, Newhaven, BN9 9EL

We make our first visit to the Trafalgar Ground since the installation of Newhaven's new artificial pitch, which the Dockers will be hoping can help them go one better than last season's playoff defeat

Newhaven this season

Newhaven were within one game of promotion to the Isthmian League in 2021-22, losing the promotion/relegation playoff to Lancing in May. Their aim this season has to be winning the title and the automatic promotion which comes with it. The Dockers made a bit of a slow start but have come good in recent weeks, currently sitting fourth in the table with the highest goals for tally of 36 thanks to an insane amount of firepower.

Head-to-head

It feels like we have been playing Newhaven forever, but the reality is that there have only been 18 meetings between the clubs. The

fixture only become a regular staple when the Dockers won promotion to the Premier Division in 2013 and since then, it has not brought much joy. We have won just four times compared to Newhaven's 11 with three draws. We are at least unbeaten on our last visits to Fort Road, winning 1-0 in February 2019 followed by a 1-1 draw last season.

Last time we met

That aforementioned draw, which all but ended the Dockers' hopes of staying in touch with Littlehampton and Saltdean United in the title race. Both goals came within the space of two minutes near the end of the first half via a couple of ridiculous referring decisions. Newhaven took

the lead when a superb Lee Robinson dive earned a free kick which Lucas Franzen-Jones bundled home. An even worse piece of acting from Jack Baden redressed the balance, earning us a penalty which Jack Troak stuck away for the equaliser.

How to get to the Trafalgar Ground

Take the A259 coast road into Newhaven, where you will join a one way system on Lewes Road. Follow it all the way around until you have nearly done a complete loop before taking a left onto South Road, which in turn becomes Fort Road with the ground on your right opposite the Marina.



Hassocks v Bexhill United

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 5th November 2022, 3:00pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

Remember, remember, the fifth of November... as the date that Pirates sail into Hassocks. Our next home game is against a Bexhill United side trying to prove that last season's record-breaking campaign was no fluke

Bexhill United this season

Bexhill enjoyed a magnificent first campaign in the Premier Division for the best part of 30 years last time out. They went the entire season unbeaten at the Polegrove playing in front of some huge attendances and finished in fourth spot, the highest ever finish in their history. A slow start to 2022-23 led to suggestions that second-season syndrome might be creeping in but they have recovered from that and have begun to climb back towards the top six in recent weeks. Five wins from their past seven league games leaves Bexhill in eighth spot in the table at the time of writing, level on points with ourselves. With Jack Shonk and the evergreen Evan Archibald leading

their attack, they will provide yet another stern test of just how far we might be able to go this season.

Head-to-head

This will be the 11th meeting between ourselves and Bexhill. Of the previous nine, the first four came in Division One when Bexhill were known as Bexhill Town. The four matches after that took place in cup competitions with the newly formed Bexhill United, a result of a 2002 merger between Town and Bexhill AAC. Finally, last season saw two Premier Division meetings. The Pirates lead the head-to-head with five wins to Hassocks' three, leaving three draws.

Last time we met?

Bexhill left the Beacon with a 4-1 win in January but that did not really tell the story of what had happened. We defended a really strong wind in the first half, doing fantastically to turn around trailing only 1-0 to a Shonk effort. A strong start to the second half saw Josh Short equalise and we were well on top up until the outstanding Dan Turner limped off on the hour mark. The Pirates took full advantage of Turner's absence from the Hassocks backline by running amok with three goals in 10 minutes. Shonk claimed two to complete his hat-trick with the other from Max Walsh.

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AFC Varndeanians home **Harvey BLAKE**
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 **Mike WILLIAMSON**
Saltdean United **Alex HARRIS**
Crowborough Athletic away **Jack TROAK**
Eastbourne United home
Forest Row away
Newhaven away
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Horsham YMCA home
Broadbridge Heath away
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Eastbourne United away
Little Common home
Saltdean United away
Loxwood home
AFC Varndeanians away
Crowborough Athletic home
Newhaven home
Bexhill United away
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Steyning Town away
Lingfield away
Eastbourne Town home

Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

1st **Alex BYGRAVES**

2nd **Harvey BLAKE**

3rd **Leon TURNER**

September 2022

1st **Liam BENSON**

2nd **Joe BULL**

3rd **Mike WILLIAMSON**

October 2022

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2022

1st

2nd

3rd

December 2022

1st

2nd

3rd

January 2023

1st

2nd

3rd

February 2023

1st

2nd

3rd

March 2023

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2023

1st

2nd

3rd



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Most Games



Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Phil Gault	330	15	345	190
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
16. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
17. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
18. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
19. James Westlake	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	187	23	210	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	85	178
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	38	149
18. Marc Rendall	37	183
19. Andy Burt	35	133
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	239
22. Jack Troak	29	92
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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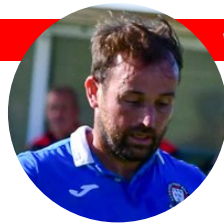


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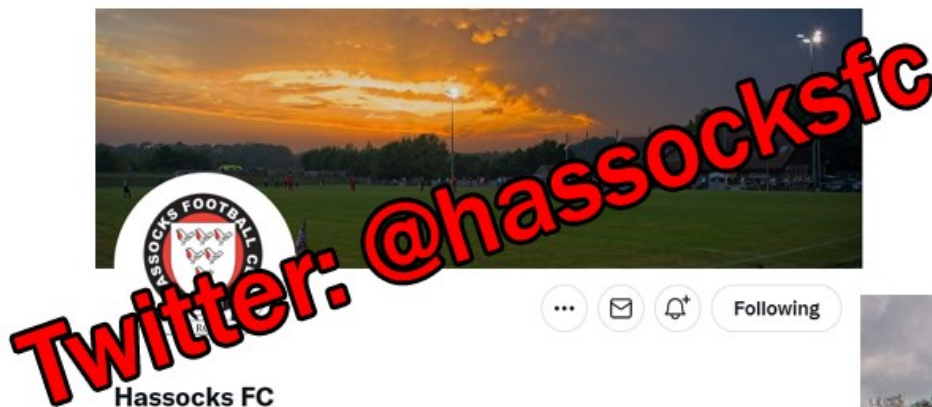
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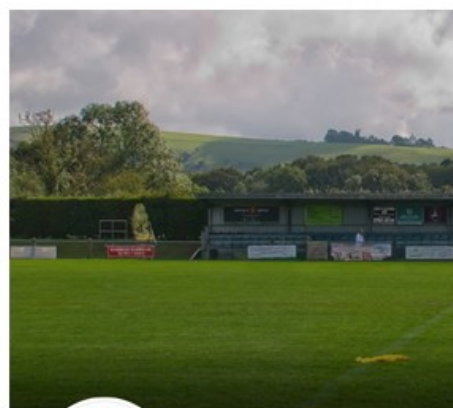


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Head Coach James Westlake
Assistants Phil Gault & Tom Hughes
Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards
Physio Ash Cooper
Physio Phil Wickwar

Next at the Beacon



Bexhill United

Saturday 5th November. 3:00pm
 Southern Combination Premier Division



EASTBOURNE UNITED

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Regan SMITH	
Reggie STOCKING	
Gene BEST	

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Coach Dom Crese
Physio Jake Ramsdan

Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Varndeanians v Midhurst & Easebourne
 Lingfield v Roffey
 Newhaven v Alfold

Today's FA Vase games

Crowborough Athletic v Eversley & California
 Eastbourne Town v Brook House
 Erith Town v Crawley Down Gatwick
 Horndean v Bexhill United
 Little Common v Milton United