

The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #10



Hassocks v Bexhill United

Southern Combination League Premier Division

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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Runners up 2022

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022



Welcome to the Beacon



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon as we start a busy but exciting run of November home matches

Today's visitors are Bexhill United and we would like to start by welcoming their fans, players, management and committee to the Beacon and thank them for making the long trip to Mid Sussex.

The Pirates currently sit one place and two points above us in the table and anybody who was here back in January when they ran out 4-1 victors will know just how dangerous opponents they are.

October has however provided a massive boost to everyone involved with the Robins, it becoming a month in which we proved we can compete with most teams in the Premier Division this season.

Newhaven ended the unbeaten run at the Trafalgar Ground on Saturday, despite playing for over an hour with only 10 men. That we are coming away from a trip to Newhaven disappointed to have lost is a sign though of the progress being made; in the not-so-distant past, defeat by a couple of goals to the Dockers would have been seen as a good result.

Another sign of progress is our ability to convincingly defeat teams from lower divisions, even when

resting some first choice players.

Take the trip to Forest Row last Wednesday for example. Hassocks do not do straightforward cup victories and yet here we were, progressing in the RUR Charity Cup by beating Forest Row 5-0 without ever getting out of second gear.

Phil Johnson helped himself to four of those goals as he hones in on the 100 mark. Jonno is now just 11 away from becoming only the sixth man to reach a century in senior football. The celebrations in the Hassocks Hotel that Saturday night could be quite something...

And if Jonno can reach the landmark before the end of March, there is a chance he will even have an extra hour of drinking to toast the milestone.

As you may have read on our website or in The Argus this week, we have reached agreement to move some of our home fixtures to 2pm through the winter months to avoid floodlight use.

If you missed the announcement, then there are further details elsewhere in today's programme.

Also in today's programme are confirmed fixtures for November for all of our teams. The firsts will play

four games out of four at the Beacon - with a fifth in the RUR Cup against Steyning Town to be added - and so your support will be very much appreciated in as many of those as you can make it along to.

As for our other sides, we have enjoyed quite a good time of it lately since the most recent first team home game against Eastbourne United.

The Under 23s picked up three league points at Loxwood to go top of the table followed by a 5-1 success at Chessington & Hook United which moved them into the third round of the League Cup.

The Under 18s drew with Shoreham 1-1 before beating Lancing 4-0 whilst the Ladies maintained their 100 percent start by hammering Seaford Town 6-0 at the Beacon.

Tomorrow afternoon sees the Veterans host Sidley United at 2pm. Admission is free so if you are at a loose end please do come down; it is never dull watching the stars of yesteryear (and Steve Spies) in action. Otherwise, see you here on Tuesday 15th against Eastbourne Town.

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



Today's Visitors >>>

Bexhill United

Pirates Factfile

Founded 2002
Ground The Polegrove
Website bexhillunited.com
Twitter @Bexhill_United
Manager Ryan Light
Top scorer Jack Shonk, 10

Club Honours

Southern Combination League
Winners 1957, 1966, 1967
Runners up 1969
SCFL Division One
Winners 1990
SCFL Division Two
Runners up 1986, 2005, 2008, 2010
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
Winners 1958, 1974
Peter Bentley League Cup
Winners 1956
SCFL Division Two Cup
Winners 2000, 2008
Sussex Intermediate Cup
Winners 2008

Last season saw Bexhill United in the Southern Combination League Premier Division for the first time in 30 years. It was a campaign to remember...

The Pirates had last played top flight football in the 1990-91 campaign, since when they have merged, bounced between Division One and Division Two and picked up their fair share of silverware in the lower levels.

Nobody was quite sure what to expect from Bexhill in the Premier Division, however.

The answer was going the entire season unbeaten at the Polegrove and securing a fourth place finish, proving just how strong Division One had been over the past few years - fellow promoted club Littlehampton Town won the treble and reached the FA Vase final.

Bexhill's biggest challenge for the 2022-23 season looked likely to be avoiding second season syndrome. Could they be such an effective outfit - especially at home - now that they were not so much of an unknown quality?

The Pirates started the season slowly but have begun to find their

stride in recent weeks. After losing two of their opening four league fixtures, Bexhill have now won 10 of their past 14 games in all competitions.

Of the matches they have not been successful in, one was against current table toppers Broadbridge Heath.

Another saw them draw with much-fancied Newhaven in the Peter Bentley League Cup before elimination on penalties.

Firing much of Bexhill's success is striker Jack Shonk, who sits on 10 goals in competitions at the time of writing.

Alongside the evergreen Evan Archibald, the Pirates possess two strikers who are proven scorers at this level. As we are finding out this season with Phil Johnson, Liam Benson and Pat Harding back at the Beacon, that can take you far.

How far when it comes to Bexhill? In a wide-open season, that is anyone's guess.

10 Key Pirates Moments

1923... Bexhill join the Southern Combination League under the name of Allen West
1956... now known as Bexhill Town Athletic, they lift the Peter Bentley Cup for their first senior silverware
1957... one year later their first league title arrives and that is followed next season by the RUR Cup
1967... win back-to-back Southern Combination League titles in the clubs best ever spell
1969... clubs splits with Bexhill Amateur Athletic Club going one way and the rest being named Bexhill Town
1985... drop into intermediate football for the first time with relegation into Division Two
1990... Division One winners, resulting in a one season stay in the top flight
2002... after 33 years, remerge with Bexhill Athletic, becoming Bexhill United
2008... runners up in Division Two as well as winning the Division Two Cup and Sussex Intermediate Cup
2021... return to the Premier Division, ending an absence of 30 years

Last 20 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 4th
2018-19: Southern Combination One 4th
2017-18: Southern Combination One 7th
2016-17: Southern Combination One 10th
2015-16: Southern Combination One 14th
2014-15: Southern Combination One 6th
2013-14: Southern Combination One 8th
2012-13: Southern Combination One 11th
2011-12: Southern Combination One 7th
2010-11: Southern Combination One 4th
2009-10: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2008-09: Southern Combination One 17th
2007-08: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2006-07: Southern Combination Two 11th
2005-06: Southern Combination One 17th
2004-05: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2003-04: Southern Combination Two 12th
2002-03: Southern Combination Two 10th
2001-02: Southern Combination Two 13th
2000-01: Southern Combination Two 11th

The Robins' Record v Bexhill United

SCFL Premier > Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 5

SCFL Division One > Played 4 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 2 - Scored 7 - Conceded 6

Sussex Senior Cup > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 6 - Conceded 2

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

Total > Played 10 - Won 3 - Drawn 2 - Lost 5 - Scored 18 - Conceded 16

Previous 10 Meetings

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Bexhill United

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

2018-19 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 3-2 Bexhill United

2016-17 Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 0-1 Bexhill United

2014-15 Sussex Senior Cup: Bexhill United 2-1 Hassocks

2008-09 Sussex Senior Cup: Bexhill United 0-5 Hassocks

1994-95 SCFL One: Hassocks 4-0 Bexhill Town

1994-95 SCFL One: Bexhill Town 2-2 Hassocks

1986-87 SCFL One: Bexhill Town 3-1 Hassocks

1986-87 SCFL One: Hassocks 0-1 Bexhill Town





Wind and injuries combine to leave luckless Robins pillaged by Pirates

Sometimes when your luck is out, it is really out. Both conditions and injuries went against Hassocks on an afternoon when they needed everything to go their way to stand a chance against an impressive Bexhill United outfit eyeing a late charge into the Southern Combination title picture.

First, there was the wind. A ghastly gale was blowing towards the Railway End of the Beacon at 2.55pm, resulting in Hassocks turning around to defend it in the first half when Jack Troak won the toss.

The Robins did the hard work, going into the interval only 1-0 behind. By the time the second half kicked off however, the wind had dropped markedly. Any advantage Hassocks had hoped to have with it behind them was gone.

Even more problematic were the injuries that the Robins picked up. Troak went at half time. The outstanding Dan Turner was then carried off after suffering excruciating shooting pains up his leg early in the second half with the score locked at 1-1 with Hassocks on top.

Fast forward 20 minutes and Bexhill had a 4-1 lead which they held until the end.

To complete a miserable day for the Robins, AFC Vardeanians won their second match of the season by beating Horsham YMCA 3-0. That cut the gap between Hassocks and the bottom two to seven points.

It took just 12 minutes for Bexhill to take the lead. Alex Harris made a decent stop from a 25 yard effort from Jack Shonk but when Hassocks could not clear their lines against the wind, the ball fell to Shonk again.

He made no mistake second time around, bending an exquisite effort into the far corner.

Evan Archibald should have doubled the advantage four minutes later when a Bexhill free kick from

just inside the Hassocks half was blown all the way to the penalty spot. Luckily for the hosts, Archibald put a header straight into the arms of Harris.

"We know about the wind, deal with it," shouted Robins head coach Brad Sweetman. His side duly listened, Bradley Tighe and Turner dropping off five yards and becoming more dominant in the air as a result.

Harris too attempted to take the sting out of the game, slowing things down to the point where referee Mark Gidman gave the Hassocks goalkeeper a talking to.

Never before can Mr Gidman have pulled up a player for time wasting after 18 minutes with their side 1-0 behind.

Hassocks grew into the game as the first half progressed. James Westlake had a deflected shot held by Pirates goalkeeper Dan Rose and an enterprising Troak run earned a free kick on the by-line from which Lewis Westlake's delivery caused problems before Rose gathered.

Harris made a big save on the 30 minute mark when the wind caused more issues.

Charlie Tuck misjudged the flight of the ball, an outrageous piece of skill from Ollie Hull further bamboozled the young Hassocks full back but Harris got a strong arm down quickly to block the Bexhill winger's driven effort.

Both Troak and the wind left proceedings at the interval. Hassocks made light of losing their captain initially at least as within 60 seconds of the restart, they equalised.

There was an instant impact for Troak's replacement Charlie Broad, the striker holding the ball up well before laying off to James Westlake.

Westlake swept a pass out to the left flank, Short ghosted past Connor Robertson and bent an unstoppable effort into the bottom corner.

Turner then departed, Arthur Rawlingson coming on at right back

with Tuck taking Turner's place alongside Tighe in the middle.

The Robins were incensed a couple of minutes later when Short again got the better of Robertson.

The Bexhill man appeared to catch Short in the face with an arm and although Hassocks got the free kick, there was no card forthcoming.

Their mood darkened when Bexhill retook the lead on the hour. A Joe Summerbell through ball did not look particularly dangerous, yet it found a way to send Shonk in one-on-one. Hassocks appealed for an offside that never was as Shonk finished.

Two minutes and it was deja vu. Summerbell again released Shonk and despite the commotion of Hassocks this time screaming for both an offside and a handball from Summerbell in the build up, Shonk was calmness personified to clinically complete his hat-trick.

The Robins were utterly at sea now. Bexhill added their fourth when Hassocks failed to deal with a delivery into the box, leaving Max Walsh free to fire into the corner.

Hassocks did at least rally after that to finish the stronger. Tighe went close with a header from a Lewis Westlake free kick, Broad had an effort blocked and Jack Baden was denied a first senior goal by a fine tip over at full stretch from Rose after a mazy run and cross from Short.

The final chance went to Bexhill, Shonk hitting a swerving, dipping effort from 30 yards against the bar. Four was harsh on Hassocks; five would have been cruel.

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

Subs: Broad (Troak 45), Rawlingson (Turner 51), Beebee (Loversidge 85), Marshall, Parker (unused).



Robins come from two down to sink Pirates in Peter Bentley Cup

At half time of Hassocks' Peter Bentley League Cup Second tie against Bexhill United, an all too familiar story was unfolding at the Beacon.

The Robins had been largely dominant in the first 45 minutes yet found themselves going into the break trailing 2-0 thanks to a combination of failing to take their chances and some suspect defending.

Normally, that is how things finish and everyone is left to wonder what might have been had Hassocks taken those opportunities or defended slightly better.

But not on this occasion. On this occasion, three goals in 20 second half minutes turned the game on its head as Hassocks came roaring back to win 3-2 and book a spot in the third round of the competition for the first time in three seasons.

The Robins began the tie brightly with Matt Berridge hitting a shot straight at Pirates goalkeeper Dan Rose, Phil Johnson seeing an effort blocked and Liam Benson curling just wide of the post after being teed up by James Littlejohn, all inside of the first 10 minutes.

It was from Bexhill's first raid into the Hassocks half that they took the lead. Josh Green was making his first appearance in four seasons for the first team in place of the suspended Alex Harris and he had done well to keep out Wayne Giles' effort but nobody in red could react quick enough to prevent Jamie Bunn from pillaging the rebound.

Undeterred, Hassocks went back on the attack with Johnson's pace in particular leaving United all at sea. The Robins striker was forging a particularly useful alliance with Harvey Blake who was cannon balling forward from right back at every opportunity.

Twice that duo linked up, the first time Blake slipping in Johnson who saw his effort brilliantly blocked by a

last ditch sliding tackle from Chris Rea and then another forward pass from Blake released Johnson who showed quick feet to get to the by-line but there was nobody there to turn his cross home.

Berridge and Littlejohn then danced the hempen to set up Ryan Collins. The midfielder was a nautical mile from goal but still released a crashing effort that flew just over Rose's crossbar.

At the other end, Nathan Lopez delivered an excellent cross straight onto the head of Giles but he put his free header wastefully over the bar.

That was a warning shot across the bow for Hassocks which they did not heed and five minutes before half time they found themselves 2-0 down.

There seemed to be nothing on when Giles received the ball way out on the left, from where he sent a cross-cum-shot which dropped over the head of Green and into the back of the net.

Only Giles will know if it was intentional but whatever the striker meant, his side were now in a commanding position going into the break and it could have been even better but for Dan Jacques deflecting a Lopez effort wide and Green making a big, bold claim after Giles attempted an outrageous overhead kick from the resulting corner.

Hassocks supporters could've been forgiven for fearing the worst at that point, especially as United have become something of a bogey side to the Robins in recent seasons having knocked them out at the same stage of the same competition last year and the first round of the Sussex Senior Cup two seasons before that.

Whatever Mark Dagleish said to his players at the break though had the desired effect and within 10 minutes of the restart they pulled one back.

The Bexhill dugout were incensed when Rea was booked for a

rapscallion tackle on Collins and they were still holding parley towards referee Alex Howard when Spencer Slaughter sent the resulting free kick into the box with the ball eventually falling to Littlejohn who smashed under the body of Rose for his first senior goal.

Blake flashed in a low cross which just evaded the onrushing Benson and Johnson and Benson was then too honest for his own good when he stayed on his feet and got a shot away after United captain Lewis McGuigan attempted to haul him down. Had Benson hit the deck, he would almost certainly have been awarded a penalty.

There were 20 minutes left when the equaliser did eventually arrive and it came from an unlikely source. Nobody could quite work out what Jacques was doing as the furthest man forward but the Robins were thanking the stars that he was as he was there to barrel home Johnson's cross at the far post.

Bexhill seemed to lose their heads at that but worse was to come for the visitors three minutes later.

A long ball over the top left Johnson in a foot race with McGuigan and the Hassocks striker was never going to lose that one, accelerating onto the ball at a rate of knots despite the flailing arms of the United captain doing everything possible to try and stop him.

Needless to say there was no stopping Johnson and he went through to slot the ball past Rose and ensure Hassocks sail into the next round.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Mills, Jacques, Badger; Berridge, Slaughter, Collins; Benson, Johnson, Littlejohn.

Subs: Spinks, Stokes (used), Wilkins, Broomfield, Enticknap (unused).



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2pm kick offs at the Beacon through British Winter Time

Games across the Southern Combination League are set to start earlier with rising energy prices biting non league football clubs across the country

Several of Hassocks' Saturday home games from the start of November to the end of March will kick off at 2pm in an attempt to ease the significant financial burden placed on the club by rising energy bills.

Earlier starts through the winter months will remove the need to turn the floodlights on during the second half of matches which kick off at 3pm, when there are reduced lighting conditions.

Since the alarming increase in the price of electricity, it has become increasingly expensive to use the floodlights.

Admission prices were increased marginally in the summer but that does not even scratch the surface of

the bills we are set face over the winter months.

Reducing floodlight use as much as possible will help save money at a time of real uncertainty, without the need to pass on costs to supporters by a further increase on the gate.

It has been agreed between Hassocks, the opposition and the Southern Combination League to move five games so far.

More may follow, whilst the Robins are also expecting fixtures away from home to kick off at 2pm at the request of their hosts.

Today's visit of Bexhill United to the Beacon is the first 2pm kick off. It will be followed by the Robins' home match with Lingfield on Saturday 19th November.

Hassocks' first Beacon fixture of

2023 against AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday 7th January will be a 2pm kick off, as will Loxwood at home on Saturday 4th March and Newhaven at home on Saturday 25th March.

Home fixture definitely remaining as 3pm kick offs are Saltdean United on Saturday 26th November and Crowborough Athletic on Saturday 18th March.

A decision is still be taken on the games against Peacehaven & Telscombe on Saturday 10th December, Horsham YMCA on Saturday 21st January, Alfold on Saturday 4th February and Little Common on Saturday 18th February.

Please keep an eye on the Hassocks website and social media channels for updated kick off times as and when games are confirmed.



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.



Minty joins from Burgess Hill to give Hassocks a fresh face

Hassocks have completed the signing of JJ Minty, who joins the Robins on dual-registration from Isthmian League South East side Burgess Hill Town.

The forward is highly thought of at the More Than Tyres Stadium. His move to the Beacon is aimed at providing senior experience as he attempts to break into Hill's first team squad.

He has already enjoyed one such loan spell this season, turning out 10 times for the Robins' fellow Southern Combination League Premier Division outfit Eastbourne Town.

Minty made seven starts and three substitute appearances at the Saffrons, netting twice.

His first goal in Town colours came on his debut when Jude MacDonald's side were 3-0 winners away at Roffey on the opening day of the campaign.

He followed that up by giving Town the lead away at Crawley Down Gatwick a little over two weeks later. The visitors went onto win 2-0 at the Haven.

Minty joined Burgess Hill in March from Eastbourne Borough, where he had played Under 18s football. His Hill debut came soon after his arrival at Leylands Park.

It did not take Minty long to make an impression with the Hillians. His long Rory Delap-esque throw helped Jay Lovett's side to a 1-0 win over Cray Valley Paper Mills on Easter Saturday, causing chaos in the home box and leading big defender Nathaniel Blanks to head past his own goalkeeper.

Minty has made two appearances for Hill so far this season, coming off the bench in the Isuzu FA Trophy away at Felixstowe & Walton United and the Velocity Cup first round

against Chichester City.

He made his Hassocks debut as a second half substitute in the 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup second round win at Forest Row.

Whilst Minty comes in through the door, Hassocks recently said goodbye to Charlie Tuck who has signed for Horsham YMCA.

Tuck joined the Robins from Shoreham before the Supplementary Shield competition which rounded off the Covid-19 interrupted 2020-21 season.

The defender went onto play six times at the end of that campaign. He made 15 appearances last season and two more in the current campaign before his transfer to the Herbert Direct Stadium, leaving with a total of 23 Hassocks appearances to his name.



Home is where the heart is for Hassocks in November

Home will be where the heart is for Hassocks in November with all four of their fixtures to be played at the Beacon.

Three Premier Division matches were already pencilled in. They are now joined by a home tie in the Sussex Senior Cup.

Today's visit of Bexhill United kicks things off. Our scheduled trip to Eastbourne Town on Saturday 12th November has been postponed due to our hosts' continued involvement in the FA Vase, where they will ironically meet this afternoon's opponents the Pirates at the Polegrove.

Not that the Robins have to wait long to face Town. Jude Macdonald brings his side to the Beacon on Tuesday 15th November in the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup.

Kick off is at 7:45pm in what will be the first ever meeting between the sides in the competition. The league trip to the Saffrons meanwhile has been rescheduled for Saturday 17th December.

Saturday 19th November sees Lingfield come to Mid Sussex in another 2pm kick off to avoid floodlight use.

It will be the Lingers' second visit of the season to the Beacon. The first came back in August, when a quite incredible own goal which chalked up over half a million views on Twitter from visiting defender Conor Wilford gave Hassocks a 1-0 win the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Former Robins head coach Brad Sweetman and a number of ex-Hassocks players return with Saltdean United on Saturday 26th in a 3pm kick off, rounding off November's first team fixtures.

Just as with Lingfield, it will be the second meeting of the campaign between the sides.

Last month saw a 2-2 draw in the Senior Cup with the Robins eventually triumphing 6-5 on penalties.

The Under 23s began their November against Oakwood 48 hours ago. If you wish to know the score in that one, please speak to Owen behind the bar.

There is Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup tie action here at the Beacon against West Division outfit Arundel on Thursday night with a 7:45pm kick off.

A run of three consecutive home matches is rounded off when

Chessington & Hook United visit on Thursday 17th for what will be the third meeting of the season already between the sides.

Neil Parker's team play their only away game of the month away at reigning North Division champions Broadbridge Heath on Thursday 24th.

The Under 18s play three times in November and in stark contrast to the first team, every game is away from home.

Tomorrow morning sees a long trip down to Selsey in the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup.

A week off is followed by Central Division matches at AFC Vardeanians on Sunday 20th November and Worthing United on Sunday 27th. All Under 18s games kick off at 11am.

The Ladies also spend the entire month on the road. They are at Pagham tomorrow afternoon followed by a trip to Seaford Town on Sunday 20th November.

Last but by no means least, the Veterans play their only November fixture tomorrow afternoon here at the Beacon against Sidley United. Kick off is at 2pm and admission is free.

Defences come out on top in entertaining stalemate between fifth and sixth

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 22nd October 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-0 Eastbourne United**

Nothing could separate the sides sitting sixth and fifth in the Southern Combination League Premier Division as Hassocks and Eastbourne United played out a 0-0 draw at the Beacon.

That scoreline normally tallies with a boring game of football. This was anything but that, with both sides racking up a series of chances to win it over an entertaining 90 minutes.

A draw though was ultimately the correct result. Hassocks enjoyed the better of the first half whilst United showed why they have spent the entire season in the top five so far by shading the second.

The Robins might have extended their winning run to four consecutive league matches had they been awarded the sixth minute penalty they felt they deserved.

Leon Turner broke through in the first chance of the game, only to be hacked down in the box by Sam Cole. Referee Ryan Calver waved away the appeals.

Next it was an assistant's flag which denied Hassocks on 12 minutes.

Turner played in Johnson who looked to have been onside as he raced clear, only for the linesman to disagree.

United produced their first opportunity with 17 minutes played, an Aaron Capon effort from the edge of the box needing an excellent block from the rangy Jamie Wilkes to prevent it troubling Alex Harris.

Seven minutes later and Johnson and Pat Harding linked up superbly. Harding had a shooting chance but it was too close to James Broadbent, the former Hassocks goalkeeper who has recently joined United having started the season at AFC Uckfield Town.

Turner was giving Ollie Black a real headache down the Robins right flank and it was he who fashioned the final two noteworthy Hassocks

chances in the first half.

A run past Black saw Turner slip Johnson away towards the by-line. Johnson's low cross was blocked for a corner which came to nothing.

That was on 28 minutes. 60 seconds later and Turner was back in possession, shifting inside from his flank and hitting a left footed shot across goal which required a sprawling save from Broadbent.

United threw some aerial balls into the box in the final five minutes before the break, causing Harris to make a good save from a Gary Ingram header.

That set the tone for a second half in which Harris and his back four faced something of a test.

Their clean sheet shows that they

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passed it, recording a third shutout in their past four Premier Division matches.

Alex Bygraves in particular was outstanding. Not only did he have to cope with losing centre back partner Bradley Tighe to the sin bin for 10 minutes midway through the second half, but he was playing just a couple of days after he and wife Natalie welcomed twins into the world.

There were two half chances for Hassocks within five minutes of the restart but after that it was largely United.

Harris made an excellent save when tipping over a Capon effort from close range on 54 minutes.

Just past the hour mark and the Robins sought to turn the tide, replacing Harding with Liam Benson.



Going down to 10 men within six minutes of Benson's introduction did not really help the forward's attempts to influence the game, although the sin bin should perhaps not have come as a surprise – Mr Calver also sent Tighe for time on the sidelines away at Horsham YMCA last season.

Harris produced another strong stop following a free kick in what was the only real chance United mustered whilst Hassocks were playing shorthanded as the Robins manned the trenches.

Tighe's return to the field meant Hassocks were happier to try and find a winner playing 11 v 11 and that opened the game up for the final 10 minutes.

United substitute Arron Hopkinson had a big chance brilliantly deflected over the bar by that man Bygraves with 86 minutes played.

From the resulting corner, the Robins were able to break and earn a free kick in a dangerous area.

Unfortunately, a poor delivery meant the situation was wasted. United subsequently launched a counter of their own, ended by Harvey Blake taking one for the team by wiping out Mason Creese to concede a necessary foul and enter Mr Calver's book.

One half-chance fell to either side in injury time, United forcing a decent opportunity scrambled away from a corner before Hassocks earned another free kick with seconds left to play which again came to nothing.

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

Subs: Benson (Harding 63), Cash, Reid, Broomfield, Rogers (unused).

Four goal Jonno feasts at Forest Row to send Robins through in RUR Cup

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Second Round
Wednesday 26th October 2022, Tinsley Lane
Forest Row 0-5 Hassocks



Phil Johnson enjoyed a first half feast against Forest Row, where his four goals paved the way for Hassocks to progress to round three of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

Johnson struck twice from open play and twice from the penalty spot to have the Robins home and dry inside of 45 minutes at Tinsley Lane.

A first senior goal from Danny Reid with eight minutes remaining completed a 5-0 success; the sort of straightforward result that many would have expected between a Hassocks side sitting sixth in the Southern Combination League Premier and Frow who currently prop up Division One.

The Robins though have a long and not-so-proud tradition of slipping on such banana skins.

Professionally putting away lower division opponents - especially when Hassocks gave several fringe players opportunities - feels like another important milestone in the James Westlake era.

It took Hassocks just seven minutes to open the scoring - and the Robins arguably should have been 2-0 up already.

Johnson headed over from a right wing Reid cross with two minutes played, followed by Benson repeating the trick when Jack Troak delivered from the opposite flank.

No matter. A quickly taken throw from Reid found Benson on the right, who managed to keep possession although fouled by the only Forest Row defender alert to the danger

With the assistant referee waving his flag for the free kick, man in the middle Konrad Kaminski played a good advantage which allowed Benson to cross.

Johnson collected the ball into the box and took a touch into space, from where he clinically found the bottom corner with a neat left footed finish.

Reid drew a good stop from the

Forest Row goalkeeper, followed by a clever free kick routine between Troak and Benson presenting Johnson with a one-on-one.

His first effort was saved, sparking a bit of a scramble involving Sam Rogers and Will Broomfield before the ball again fell to Johnson who dragged wide.

Forest Row were struggling to cope with some of Hassocks' passing football by this point. The hosts didn't fare better when the Robins went more direct, resulting in the second goal on 16 minutes.

Alex Harris picked out the run of Troak down the left with a great 70 yard kick from his hands down the pitch.

Troak pulled a pass back to Johnson who bent low and hard into the far corner despite the best efforts of two Frow players to block.

A rare foray forward from Forest Row saw Ollie Monnery trick and tease Harvey Blake, finding enough space to get a shot away which Broomfield had to divert behind for a corner.

Monnery then led Blake on a merry dance, only to lift his effort too high over Harris' crossbar.

Hassocks bounced back from that minor lull with Reid teeing up Johnson for a hat-trick chance well blocked on 35 minutes.

Johnson did not have long to wait to bag his treble. Sam Cash was sent flying as the resulting corner came into the box and then Benson hit the ground at the back post as he attempted to convert.

Two potential fouls in the space of three seconds saw Mr Kaminski point to the spot. Johnson calmly placed the ball into the back of the net.

Incredibly, Frow conceded another penalty from a corner in the second minute of first half stoppage time.

Johnson made a run from deep between two home defenders, one of

whom won the ball whilst the other appeared to catch Johnson in the head, causing him to go to ground.

No player in red appealed. There was total surprise amongst the Hassocks ranks and understandable fury from Forest Row when Mr Kaminski pointed to the spot.

Johnson converted again for his and the Robins' fourth of the evening.

With Johnson replaced at the break by debutant JJ Minty dual-signed from Burgess Hill Town, Reid became an increasingly influential figure in the second half after being moved into a more central position.

He played in Troak to hit a shot repelled at full stretch by the Frow goalkeeper and then went past three home defenders, only to be denied by another sprawling stop.

Reid got the goal his performance deserved late in the day. Hassocks looked increasingly youthful by this point with 16-year-old Sam Fernley - son of 90s Robins favourite Sean - marking his senior debut by being heavily involved in the Robins' fifth.

Cash clipped a ball up the left flank, Fernley advanced and crossed to Benson who touched the ball towards Reid.

Two Frow defenders were paying close attention, only to be taken out of the game by a clever Reid drag back which left the forward with the time and space needed to fire into the roof of the net from 12 yards.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, B Tighe, Broomfield, Cash; Reid, Williamson, Rogers, Troak; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Minty (Johnson 45), Wilkes (Rogers 63), Fernley (Troak 77), Bull, L Turner (unused).

Hassocks unable to sink 10 man Dockers in battle at the Trafalgar Ground

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 29th October 2022, The Trafalgar Ground
Newhaven 2-0 Hassocks



Three months into the 2022-23 Southern Combination League Premier Division season and Hassocks can be pretty pleased with their efforts, sitting sixth in the table with 23 points in the bag.

The trip to the Trafalgar Ground to take on one of the promotion favourites Newhaven however has to go down as a missed opportunity to make a real statement of intent.

A straight red card after 24 minutes for Bailie Rogers gave Hassocks more than an hour of playing shorthanded against the Dockers.

The score was locked at 0-0 at the time of Rogers' dismissal. By full time, goals from Alfie Rogers and Lee Robinson had fired Newhaven to a 2-0 success and up to second behind leaders Broadbridge Heath.

Clearly, there is something about games between Robins and Dockers at Fort Road which seem to benefit the side who has a man sent off.

Hassocks have only ever won once in a competitive game away at Newhaven. That came in February 2019 despite a red card for George Brown, Spencer Slaughter notching the only goal in a memorable 1-0 victory for Mark Dalglish's side.

Brown's crime that day was a spectacular example of kicking the ball away to waste time when already on a yellow card.

Once Hassocks headed back to Mid Sussex with all three points, it was something that you could look back on and laugh at.

Not so much Rogers' red. A quickly taken Jack Troak free kick looked to send Jamie Wilkes galloping into space down the left flank, only for Rogers to come sliding in once the ball had been played past him and wipe out the tall Hassocks striker.

Referee John Pike was not impressed with the lateness of it and so out came the red. It was a

decision that split the crowd and those on the pitch and not in the way you would expect; some Newhaven fans felt Mr Pike was right to send Rogers off whilst a couple of Hassocks players were surprised the punishment was so harsh.

It was one of the only incidents of note in a game which struggled to entertain.

That was not what a large crowd would have been expecting, seeing as Newhaven are the Premier Division's top scorers whilst Hassocks started the day with the third highest goals total.

The Robins hopes of adding to the 29 they have plundered so far took a blow in the fourth minute when Leon Turner had to be withdrawn.

Not many full backs have been able to handle the lively right winger this season.

On a pitch as big and flat as the new 3G surface at the Trafalgar Ground, Turner had the potential to cause plenty of problems for the Dockers.

His place was taken by Danny Reid, fresh from scoring his first senior goal in the 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup hammering of Forest Row on Wednesday night.

One half-chance per side was mustered before the red card. Alex Harris had to show exemplary handling when dealing with a Newhaven free kick into the box on eight minutes.

On 16, raging Joe Bull sent in a good delivery which Liam Benson headed wide when he really should have worked Jake Buss in the home goal.

Three minutes after Rogers headed for his early bath and a Troak lob beat Buss but not Jack Meeres, who cleared off the line.

That clearance looked even more important when Newhaven took the lead on 33. Alfie Rogers was seemingly determined to make up for

his brother's dismissal, picking the ball up in midfield and driving past three Hassocks challenges before beating Harris with a ferocious effort from outside the box.

The Robins failed to muster much of a response in what remained of the first half.

Newhaven enjoyed playing the ball around at the back between Buss, Meeres and their other central defender Henry Watson, easily navigating their way to the break with the lead intact.

Hassocks failed to fire after the interval too. Robinson almost made it 2-0 within five minutes of the restart, beating Harris to a through ball. The angle proved too tight and the Newhaven striker's effort rolled along the goal line and out for a throw.

Robinson though is usually good for a goal against the Robins. He duly doubled the advantage midway through the second half, controlling a long ball forward on his chest and lobbing the ball over Harris.

Reid was unfortunate to be sacrificed a few minutes later, the substitute being substituted as Hassocks introduced Pat Harding and went three up front.

The Robins did at least look a little more positive, forcing two chances in the final 10 once another attack-minded player in JJ Minty had also entered proceedings.

Benson fired over from close range and Johnson was denied by Buss making his first save of the afternoon in injury time.

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

Subs: Reid (Turner 04), Harding (Reid 69), Minty (Rogers 77), Cash, 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)	FACFPQ	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
September					
02/09 - 19:30	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	0-2	146	
06/09 - 19:45	AFC Varndeanians (H)	PBLC2	0-2	148	
17/09 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-1	72	
20/09 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	4-2	76	L.Turner, Johnson (2), Troak
24/09 - 15:00	Chessington & Hook (A)	FAVQ2	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	0-0	140	
26/10 - 19:45	Forest Row (A)	RURC2	5-0	??	Johnson (4), Reid
29/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP	0-2	201	
November					
05/11 - 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
12/11 - 19:45	Eastbourne Town (H)	SSC2			
19/11 - 14:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP			
26/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP			
29/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	RURC3			
December					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
10/12 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
17/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
January					
02/01 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
07/01 - 14:00	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 - 14:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
11/03 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
18/03 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
25/03 - 14:00	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	20	0	20	0	110	0
Jack Troak	19	0	19	6	95	29
Harvey Blake	18	1	19	0	85	3
Alex Bygraves	18	0	18	2	18	2
Liam Benson	14	4	18	7	152	38
Phil Johnson	14	4	18	13	181	89
Joe Bull	14	3	17	0	111	7
Leon Turner	14	3	17	2	17	2
Mike Williamson	15	1	16	0	16	0
Bradley Tighe	13	2	15	0	153	0
Jamie Wilkes	8	7	15	2	19	2
James Westlake	9	2	11	0	239	31
Sam Cash	8	3	11	0	14	1
Pat Harding	4	7	11	1	212	138
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Sam Smith	3	6	9	1	23	3
Danny Reid	2	5	7	1	7	1
Tom Frankland	4	3	7	0	7	0
Sam Rogers	3	4	7	0	7	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Will Broomfield	2	1	3	0	91	4
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
JJ Minty	0	2	2	0	2	0
Arthur Rawlinsong	0	2	2	0	42	1
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	62	11
Sam Fernley	0	1	1	0	1	0

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Robins return to top spot after doing enough to clip Magpies' wings

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 20th October 2022, The Nest
Loxwood U23s 1-2 Hassocks U23s**



There have been plenty of twists and turns already in the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division.

The latest saw Hassocks return to top spot through a combination of a hard-fought 2-1 win at Loxwood at and previous leaders Alfold suffering a 2-1 reversal against the Robins' Mid Sussex rivals St Francis Rangers.

Not that the full time score at the Nest between the Magpies and Hassocks told the entire story.

Loxwood ended the evening feeling a little aggrieved having created their fair share of chances, only to lose to a Robins outfit who are proving clinical at one end and difficult to break down at the other.

Lingfield found that out last week when Hassocks gave a thoroughly professional performance to win 2-0 at the Beacon.

And if Hassocks can keep finding ways to put victories on the board, then they will frustrate more opponents than just the Magpies and the Lingers over the remainder of the season.

Neil Parker came as close to naming an unchanged starting XI as you get in Under 23s football, making just one change from that victory

against Lingfield seven days earlier.

Reece Clarke missed the long journey north to the Sussex/Surrey border with his place taken by returning top scorer Danny Reid.

Reid was rested for the Lingers game on account of the fact that he had made his first senior start 48 hours earlier when Hassocks eliminated Saltdean United from the Sussex Senior Cup at the first round stage.

Also making his full Robins debut that evening was Sam Rogers. The former Broadbridge Heath Under 23s captain will have kept himself firmly in the senior frame by opening his account in Hassocks colours against Loxwood.

It was a good evening for players seeking opportunities in the first team, actually.

Will Broomfield has been kept out by the outstanding form of Bradley Tighe and Alex Bygraves so far but he provided a reminder of his quality by being the other Hassocks player on the scoresheet.

Loxwood top scorer Zain Beg claimed the Magpies' consolation in the 77th minute of an entertaining encounter in which both sides played some impressive football.

The three points will have been particularly enjoyed by Sam Smith

and Charlie Broad, who were both Loxwood players this time last year before making the move to the Beacon.

Smith joined the Robins in the autumn with Broad following in the first few weeks of 2022.

Hassocks will remain as North Division leaders for at least a fortnight as next Thursday sees the second round of Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup take place.

The Robins travel to inside the M25 to face Chessington & Hook United at Chalky Lane for the second time this season.

Hassocks will be hoping for a repeat of their 4-1 victory on that occasion, secured by goals from Sam Geard, Charlie Tuck and a George Mercer brace.

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

Subs: M Smith, Fernley, Varley (used).



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Young Robins answer the call to see Under 23s through in League Cup

**Southern Combination League Under 23 Cup Second Round
Thursday 27th October 2022, Chalky Lane
Chessington & Hook U23s 1-5 Hassocks U23s**



Hassocks Under 23s put their faith in youth to secure a spot in the third round of the Southern Combination Under 23 League Cup.

And that faith was fully justified as the Robins eased into the last eight with a 5-1 victory away against Chessington & Hook United.

Neil Parker took seven Under 18s players with him for the adventure to Chessington, making this one of the youngest squads to ever represent Hassocks at Under 23s level.

Five started. Two came off the bench. Four were debutants. And two of them scored four of the Robins' five goals at Chalky Lane

Where to begin? How about with the scorers. Sam Fernley's brace moved him onto three goals for the Under 23s this season from six appearances, capping a memorable 48 hours.

The 16-year-old midfielder had made his senior debut on Tuesday night as a second half substitute in the 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup second round win at Forest Row, playing a part in the final goal when his low cross found its way to Danny Reid who finished.

Alex Wintle was the other double scorer and one of the four debutants.

Two goals is not a bad way to mark your first Under 23s appearance.

George Gladding was the other completely new face in the starting XI with Oliver Steel and Sam Dean the two players making their debuts from the bench.

Archie Hill was handed a first start having played three times as a substitute last season, with the final Under 18s player involved being goalkeeper Jack Thomas.

Hassocks have won all three of the matches Thomas has played in since stepping up to cover for Callum Thompson who remains sidelined with a fractured shoulder.

The raft of youth players were drafted in as five changes were made from Neil Parker's XI which started last week's hard-fought 2-1 victory at Loxwood.

Will Broomfield, Sam Rogers and Reid were all excused on account of playing for the first team against Forest Row on Tuesday night.

Sam Smith and Charlie Broad were the other two absentees. Marshall Smith meanwhile was promoted from the bench.

Joining the Under 18s contingent in scoring at Chessington was Kieran Dimelow.

United found the back of the net in the opening 45 minutes through

Kieran Head with Hassocks coming off at half time with a 3-1 lead.

Having been beaten 4-1 at Chalky Lane by Hassocks in the North Division six weeks earlier, Chessington will probably have been hoping to see the back of the Robins.

No such luck; United will visit the Beacon on Thursday 17th November in the return league fixture as Hassocks look to maintain top spot in the North Division.

In the League Cup, victory over Chessington sets up a trip to West Division side East Preston in the third round of the competition. EP booked their place by winning 4-0 away at Mile Oak.

No date has been set for that tie yet. The Under 23s next game comes on Thursday night at home to Oakwood. Kick off is at 7:45pm.

Hassocks: Thomas, W Tighe, Gladding, Hill, J Smith, Hicks, Fernley, Dimelow, Mercer, M Smith, Wintle.

Subs: Rawlingson, Dean, Steel (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	2-1	Rogers, Broomfield
27/10 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	U23LC1	5-1	Fernley (2), Wintle (2), Dimelow
November				
03/11 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23		
10/11 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	CU23C1		
17/11 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (H)	SCFL23		
24/11 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	9	0	9	1
George Mercer	7	2	9	3
Jack Smith	4	5	9	0
Wes Tighe	4	5	9	0
Arthur Rawlingson	7	1	8	2
Ben Hicks	5	3	8	0
Callum Thompson	7	0	7	0
Charlie Broad	5	2	7	3
Marshall Smith	2	5	7	1
Danny Reid	6	0	6	4
Sam Smith	6	0	6	3
Kieran Dimelow	4	2	6	2
Sam Fernley	3	3	6	3
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Will Broomfield	4	0	4	1
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Jack Thomas	3	0	3	0
Jude Wallis	2	1	3	0
Will Varley	0	3	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Sam Cash	1	0	1	0
George Gladding	1	0	1	0
Archie Hill	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
Alex Wintle	1	0	1	2
Harry Carter	0	1	1	0
Sam Dean	0	1	1	0
Oliver Steel	0	1	1	0



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Rare draw for Robins in stalemate away at Shoreham

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 23rd October 2022, Middle Road
Shoreham U18s 1-1 Hassocks U18s**



The trip to Middle Road produced a pretty middling result for Hassocks Under 18s as they were involved in a rare draw, sharing the spoils 1-1 with Shoreham.

Prior to their trip south, Hassocks Under 18s had drawn just three matches since the start of their 2017-18 Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division title winning campaign.

Needless to say with such a record of games being decided one way or another, this was the Robins' first stalemate of the season.

It did at least extend their unbeaten run to three matches, following the 7-0 hammering of Mile Oak a fortnight ago and a 3-1 victory against AFC Varndeanians at the Beacon last Sunday.

The Robins' new-found consistency is no doubt coming in part from a settled starting XI, with just two changes needed from the side who saw off Varndeanians.

Harry Carter and Oliver Parker-Williams were unavailable with their places taken by Oliver Steel and Will Varley, who has recently broken into Neil Parker's Under 23s squad.

Hassocks were also pleased to welcome back one of last season's

Under 18s Joe Woodhouse for the first time in 2022-23. Woodhouse made his bow for the campaign from the bench.

Fixtures at youth team level with Shoreham are traditionally tight and as the final score from Middle Road shows, this occasion was no different.

Last season, only a Sam Geard

"Prior to their trip to Shoreham, Hassocks Under 18s had drawn just three matches since the start of their 2017-18 Southern Combination League Under 18 North Division title winning campaign."

penalty could separate the sides when Hassocks visited on the opening day of the campaign.

The return fixture at the Beacon in November was a seven-goal thriller, just about edged 4-3 by the Musselmen.

Geard again scored along with Carter and Archie Russell. Joe Dixon scored one for Shoreham but the ultimate match winner was Tom Bond, who hit a hat-trick.

The Musselmen can still count on Bond's services this season. And he continued his liking for scoring past Hassocks by grabbing the home side's goal.

For the Robins, it was top scorer Alex Brewer who notched to continue his superb campaign so far. Brewer now has 10 goals from only seven appearances, leading the Hassocks scoring charts by some distance.

The point keeps the Robins fifth in the Central Division table. Hassocks will face Lancing in their final October fixture at the Beacon next Sunday in an 11am kick off.

Admission is free and your support is as always very welcome.

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

Subs: Woodhouse, Edwards, Goss, Foster.



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 Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18	3-1	Munt, Brewer, Goss
23/10 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-1	Brewer
30/10 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18	4-0	
November				
06/11 - 11:00	Selsey (A)	U18LC1		
20/11 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18		
27/11 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18		
December				
11/12 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	CU18C2		

Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Alex Brewer	7	0	7	10
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
Sam Fernley	7	0	7	0
Jack Thomas	7	0	7	0
Ed Tobias	7	0	7	1
Alex Wintle	7	0	7	0
Sam Dean	6	0	6	0
George Gladding	6	0	6	0
Oliver Goswamy	4	1	5	0
Ryan Goss	0	6	6	2
Jack Duckett	4	0	4	1
Oliver Parker-Williams	2	2	4	0
Ben Foster	0	5	5	0
Will Varley	4	0	4	2
Cam Mitchell	1	2	3	0
Ewan Edwards	0	4	4	0
Toby Munt	3	0	3	1
Oliver Steel	3	0	3	0
Harry Goatcher	2	1	3	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
Joe Woodhouse	0	1	1	0

Robins maintain 100 percent start by hitting Seaford for six

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division
Sunday 23rd October 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 6-0 Seaford Town Ladies

In a more even game than Hassocks Ladies have experienced to date this season, they still excelled by recording a 6-0 league victory in their first home game of the campaign at the Beacon against a hardworking Seaford Town.

Despite the manager's plea that the Robins start at a higher tempo than in the previous weeks, the first few minutes were fairly even with Claire Stevens having to concede an early corner.

However, normal service was soon resumed and a Katherine Chappell shot was blocked in the 12th minute.

Four minutes later and a pinpoint Kirsten Mair corner led to a scramble. The ball was returned to Mair and her effort ended up going just wide of the post.

Yet another excellent Mair corner appeared to be going directly in but was cleared from virtually below the bar.

In the 20th minute Emma Flin had an effort just wide and soon thereafter an amazing goalmouth scramble was cleared.

Having been kept out for 29 minutes, Hassocks finally took the lead when Mair set up top scorer Chappell to finish neatly.

Seaford briefly threatened with two corners in succession. The first was headed clear by Stevens and the second needed a goalmouth clearance by Flin.

Katie Read then had to make a great tackle which not only stopped Seaford having an opportunity, but it also gave the Robins a chance to launch a counter attack.

The Seaford goalkeeper made a good claim from a Mair free kick and it looked like the sides would head into the interval with just the one goal separating them.

Hassocks though managed to

extend their lead just before half time by scoring their second.

A clever pass from Chappell gave Maddie Cannon the chance to slot home.

The manager made a change for the second half with Jodie Johanson replacing Holly Webb, who had performed admirably in midfield.

There was also a tactical adjustment. Cannon and Mia Pordage swapped positions with Pordage leading the attack and Cannon dropping back into midfield.

This switch almost paid instant dividends with Cannon and Pordage combining to set up Mair for a shot which needed to be well saved.

In the 57th minute, a Flin free kick was played to Chappell whose

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quick turn and shot rocketed home off the underside of the bar giving the keeper no chance, making it 3-0 to the Robins.

Read then showed a good turn of speed to cover a rare Seaford break away.

A minute later and a superb pass from Johanson enabled Pordage to round the keeper and score the fourth goal.

Pordage scored her second of the afternoon in the 71st minute, latching onto a clever Mair through to race clean through and make it 5-0 to Hassocks.

Webb was brought back on in place of Read who had fully contributed to a very organised



defence which had rarely been threatened.

Tallie Bright had worked tirelessly in midfield, no more so than when winning a corner out of nothing.

Although said corner was cleared, it eventually resulted in the Robins being awarded a free kick being in a dangerous central position 20 yards from goal.

Mair nonchalantly placed the kick into the top corner to round off the scoring with the sixth goal.

Hassocks then relaxed slightly and Seaford had two shots within a minute, one requiring a strong save by Sarah Chappell to preserve the clean sheet.

The Robins nearly scored a seventh but a brilliant save from the visiting goalkeeper denied an on target effort from Mair following an intricate move involving Johanson and Mair.

With a final score of 6-0, the performance showed the Hassocks players at their best against a team who would have been expected to make a closer match.

The Robins' midfielders and forwards always looked dangerous and there were many excellent passing moves.

The back three of Flin, Stevens and Read - and Webb when she entered the game for the second half - were calm and in control throughout the 90 minutes.

Hassocks are next in action on Sunday 6th November away at Pagham.

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

Subs: Johnanson (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	Pevensey & 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	6-0	K.Chappell (2), Cannon, Mair, Pordage (2)
November				
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
20/11 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
04/12 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
January				
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
22/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
29/01 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP		
February				
05/02 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLCQF		
12/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
March				
05/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
12/03 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
19/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP		
26/03 - 14:00	Bogor Regis Town (H)	SCWLP		
April				
02/04 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
23/04 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katherine Chappell	5	0	5	18
Sarah Chappell	5	0	5	0
Jess Craig	5	0	5	8
Emma Flin	5	0	5	0
Kirsten Mair	5	0	5	4
Holly Webb	5	0	5	0
Mia Pordage	4	0	4	3
Claire Stevens	4	0	4	0
Jodie Johanson	2	2	4	1
Katie Read	2	2	4	0
Tallie Bright	3	0	3	0
Joanne Brown	3	0	3	0
Maddie Cannon	3	0	3	2
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

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...



Hassocks unable to extinguish on-fire Pagham

November 5th 2016: The only fireworks at the Beacon came from Pagham, who extended their unbeaten record in the league to three months with an easy 3-0 win against the Robins

Pagham have not lost in the league since the opening day of the season and there was little chance of that record ending as they sauntered to a 3-0 victory over Hassocks at the Beacon.

The Robins have now faced all of the realistic title contenders bar Mid Sussex rivals Haywards Heath Town.

Pagham have easily been the best of the lot, a view shared by Hassocks boss Phil Wickwar.

"We stuck at it but no complaints – we were second best today. There is no shame in that against a team that good, the best we've faced this season."

Ever the optimist though, Wickwar added, "We could've done better with the soft second goal and for their third, we didn't think it was a foul and then the free kick took a deflection."

The fact that Hassocks goalkeeper James Broadbent was voted as the supporter's man of the match tells it's own story.

Broadbent made three outstanding saves in particular which helped keep the scoreline somewhat respectable.

Joe Shelley has lifted the Southern Combination League title in each of the past three seasons – with Horsham, Littlehampton Town and East Preston – and the talented journeyman midfielder opened the scoring with 12 minutes on the clock.

Hassocks' trials and tribulations in dealing with set pieces have been well documented but for once there was little blame that could be attached, Shelley rising to produce an absolute bullet header from a superb corner delivery.

With the Lions having conceded only nine goals in 13 league games coming into the tie, Hassocks faced an uphill struggle to get back into the game from that point, especially given that they were missing two of their in-form forwards in Nathan Miles and Ben Bacon.

And that struggle became an all but impossible task on 26 minutes when Kieron Pamment doubled Pagham's lead.

Bonfire Night is traditionally a time to give to charities and the Hassocks defence got in the spirit of generosity, deciding that rather than clear their lines they would give Pagham a couple of opportunities to get crosses in which they then would not effectively clear, eventually giving Pamment the chance to net.

Things looked to be getting even worse when Mark Price's body gave up on him on the half hour mark but the subsequent personnel and tactical reshuffle that followed belatedly got Hassocks going with James Westlake having a decent chance from which he could not find a finish.

Hassocks huffed and puffed at the start of the second half before the game was finally killed off.

A quick break saw a Pagham forward appear to trip over the ball rather than being fouled but a free kick was awarded which Scott Murfin fired home via a deflection from the wall for 3-0.

The Robins kept going despite what was clearly an insurmountable task and had a couple of opportunities to pull a goal back, Ashley Marsh rampaging forward from left back to produce an exquisite cross which Liam Benson should have finished and Jamie Hillwood blazing high, wide and handsome when well placed.

Whilst the result leaves Pagham as a clutch of teams challenging leaders Shoreham with seven points between the top four, it is even tighter at the bottom.

Hassocks are one of eight clubs separated by just three points from the relegation zone.

With a run of games against teams around them coming up, the Robins face a season defining period before Christmas in which they know they must escape the clutches of the bottom three.

Hassocks: Broadbent; Mills, Badger, Akehurst, Marsh; Hawkes; J Westlake, Bant; Price; Benson, Gault.

Subs: Death, Hillwood, Barnes (used), L Westlake, Pitcher (unused).

Starman: James Broadbent.

Mid Sussex Times

Around the League...



We are now more than a third of the way through the Southern Combination League season and it still remains pretty tight throughout the Premier Division table. Here is what happened around the league last weekend, when we were suffering our first defeat in seven at Newhaven

This afternoon's visitors Bexhill United came close to holding Premier Division leaders Broadbridge Heath to a draw at the Polegrove, suffering just a single-goal defeat.

Louis Evans' 49th minute strike proved enough to win it 1-0 for the Bears, who followed up by hammering Saltdean United 8-0 on Tuesday night.

Steyning Town had briefly topped the table after hosting **Peacehaven & Telscombe** at the Birchwood Ground on Friday night.

Free entry and no other games in Sussex attracted a huge crowd of 334, who were treated to a 1-1 draw.

Jack Barnes gave the Barrowmen a half time lead, cancelled out by Ross Barclay seven minutes after the interval.

Our former goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke was sent off for the Tye, but despite losing their number one Peacehaven managed to make the journey home with a point.

Crawley Down Gatwick enjoyed a routine 5-0 win at **Alfold**. Sam Clements scored twice for the Anvils along with Guy Harding and substitutes Nicky Sullivan and Oli Leslie.

Bottom club **Roffey** picked up their first point of the campaign, holding high-flying **Eastbourne United** to an impressive 0-0 draw at Bartholomew Way.

Sam Ellis hit a hat-trick for **Little Common** in their 4-2 win at **Midhurst & Easebourne**. Sam Crutwell scored the other goal for Common with the Stags netting via Harry Giles and Billy Connor.

James Waters and Louis Veneti fired **Eastbourne Town** to a 2-1 victory at the Saffrons over **Horsham YMCA**. Stan Hull claimed the consolation for YM.

An 85th minute strike from

substituted Owen Benfell gave **AFC Varndeanians** a 1-0 success at **Crowborough Athletic**.

Braces from Dennis Asante and Cameron Dobell saw **Lingfield** to a 5-1 win at home against **Loxwood**.

Conor Wilford was the other Lingers scorer with the Magpies goal coming in the 70th minute through George Cousins.

The final Premier Division game of the weekend saw **Saltdean United** run out 2-0 winners at home to **AFC Uckfield Town**. Marley Amber and Jamie Smith were the second half scorers at Hill Park.

Three goals in 11 minutes kept **Epsom & Ewell** top of Division One with a 3-1 home win over **Billingshurst**.

Jaevon Dyer, Josh Owen and Josh Alder notched for the hosts. Hurst scored their consolation in the 70th minute through Harry Smith.

David Crouch and Lukas Micevicius goals maintain **Wick** as Epsom's nearest pursuers, securing a 2-0 victory over **Forest Row**.

Shoreham remain in the promotion picture thanks to a 3-1 win away at **Oakwood**. Tom Shelley, Joel Sayers and Danny Jones scored for the Musselmen.

Arnold Suarombe had sent the sides into half time level with his 30th minute effort for the Oak.

Dorking Wanderers B were 2-0 victors at **Hailsham Town** through Ben Aubrey and Mark Soares.

Luke Beale and Jason Cotton gave **Godalming Town** a 2-0 win over **Seaford Town** whilst **Selsey** saw off **Montpelier Villa** by the same score at the High Street Ground.

Shane Brazil and Evan Harris scored in the 73rd and 85th minutes

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respectively, sparking a mad finish in which Mayckol Sabino pulled one back for Villa with three minutes remaining.

Two goals from Bradley Hunt and one from Kilment Tanev gave **Worthing United** a 3-1 win over **East Preston**, for whom Sean Culley netted.

There was one stalemate in Division One, **Arundel** and **Mile Oak** playing out a 1-1 draw at Mill Road. Liam Brady put the hosts ahead in the 10th minute with Andy McDowell equalising just past the half hour mark.

Division Two leaders **Jarvis Brook** were in Division Two Cup action against third placed **Capel**; not that you could tell the sides are so close in the standings with Brook running out 7-0 winners.

The other Cup games saw **St Francis Rangers** eliminated 5-4 at home to **Copthorne** and **Storrington** progress on penalties following a 2-2 draw away at **Rottingdean Village**.

In the bread and butter of league football, Conner Colcutt scored four times for **Charlwood** as they hammered **Upper Beeding** 5-0.

Ferring were 2-1 winners away at **Southwater** thanks to goals from Harry Gardner and Matthew Searle.

Toby Howard gave **Rustington** an early lead at **Bosham** but it was the Robins who were victorious, turning things around to win 2-1 thanks to an 87th minute winner from Graeme Dowden after Kieran Hartley had levelled.

The final game in Division Two finished 0-0 between **Brighton Electricity** and **Worthing Town**.



Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	14	11	2	1	35	10	35
Newhaven	14	10	1	3	44	11	31
Crawley Down Gatwick	14	10	0	4	31	13	30
Steyning Town	14	9	2	3	33	14	29
Eastbourne United	14	8	3	3	22	11	27
Bexhill United	14	8	1	5	28	21	25
Hassocks	14	7	2	5	29	20	23
Midhurst & Easebourne	14	7	1	6	30	27	22
Crowborough Athletic	14	6	4	4	19	16	22
Peacehaven & Tels	13	6	2	5	18	17	20
AFC Varndeanians	14	6	2	6	20	27	20
Little Common	14	5	4	5	24	19	19
Eastbourne Town	14	5	4	5	19	14	19
Horsham YMCA	14	6	1	7	21	23	19
Lingfield	16	5	2	9	29	37	17
AFC Uckfield Town	14	5	1	8	22	27	16
Saltdean United	15	5	1	9	12	42	16
Loxwood	13	3	1	9	18	32	10
Alfold	15	1	1	13	11	47	4
Roffey	14	0	1	13	9	46	1

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Peacehaven & Telscombe	247	372	132
Newhaven	215	319	128
Bexhill United	209	301	147
Eastbourne Town	175	231	132
Crowborough Athletic	172	224	127
Broadbridge Heath	148	201	85
Hassocks	148	204	110
Eastbourne United	138	186	89
Steyning Town	126	334	72
Little Common	106	146	84
Horsham YMCA	100	165	76
AFC Uckfield Town	81	140	42
Loxwood	78	96	68
Saltdean United	74	107	28
Midhurst & Easebourne	73	91	45
AFC Varndeanians	72	112	35
Alfold	68	81	57
Roffey	64	129	30
Crawley Down Gatwick	62	74	35
Lingfield	57	110	27

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Broadbridge Heath	DWWWWW
Steyning Town	WWWWD
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWLWW
Newhaven	WDLWWW
AFC Varndeanians	WLWLWW
Bexhill United	LWWWLW
Eastbourne United	WLWWD
Hassocks	DWWDL
Eastbourne Town	DWWLLW
Little Common	WDLWLW
Crowborough Athletic	DDWLWL
Saltdean United	LDLWWL
Lingfield	LLLLWW
Midhurst & Easebourne	LWWLLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LWWLLL
Horsham YMCA	LDLWLL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LLLLWD
Loxwood	WLLLLL
Alfold	WLLLLL
Roffey	LLLLLD

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	20
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	15
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	14
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	14
Max Thompson	E'bourne Utd	12
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	12
Lewis Hole	Little Common	10
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	10
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	9
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	9
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	9
Devon Fender	Loxwood	9
Rhys White	Crawley Down	8
Ben Cooksley	B'bridge Heath	8
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	8
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	8
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	8
Lewis Beebee	Saltdean United	7
Liam Benson	Hassocks	7
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	7

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	9	7	0	2	24	9	21
Alfold	9	6	1	2	22	14	19
Horley Town	8	5	2	1	26	12	17
Roffey	9	5	1	3	24	20	16
Broadbridge Heath	8	4	1	3	19	13	13
Chessington & Hook	9	4	1	4	22	22	13
St Francis Rangers	9	4	0	5	13	24	12
Horsham YMCA	9	3	2	4	22	22	11
Lingfield	8	3	0	5	17	20	9
Loxwood	8	2	0	6	14	21	6
Oakwood	8	0	0	8	6	32	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	12
Kieran Head	Chessington	10
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	8
Ben Remfry	Horley Town	6
Zain Beg	Loxwood	5
Cameron Cooke	Roffey	5
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Arnold Saurombe	Oakwood	5
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	5
Cameron Dobell	Lingfield	4

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Francis Rangers	7	6	1	0	19	8	19
Burgess Hill Town	6	5	1	0	22	6	16
Hassocks	8	4	1	3	22	10	13
Saltdean United	8	4	1	3	22	23	13
Worthing United	6	4	0	2	16	9	12
AFC Varndeanians	7	4	0	3	22	16	12
Shoreham	7	2	2	3	19	18	8
Lancing	8	1	2	5	15	24	5
Mile Oak	7	1	1	5	11	25	4
Steyning Town	8	0	1	7	10	39	1

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	14
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	10
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	6
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	6
Sam-Elie David N'Cho	St Francis	6
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	6
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	5
Max Keegan	Varndeanians	4
Liam Appleton	Worthing United	4
Tom Bond	Shoreham	4

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
Denne Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seaford Town	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Saltdean United	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	18
Jess Craig	Hassocks	9
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	6
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	5
Kirsten Mair	Hassocks	4
Tabitha Burrows	Saltdean United	3
Mille Carter	Shoreham	3

Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
AFC Varndeanians	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
Lewes	3	2	0	1	11	10	6
Seaford Town	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Jarvis Brook	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Hassocks	1	0	0	1	2	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	4
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	3
David Murphy	Lewes	2
Dean Pugh	Sidley United	2
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	2
David Hannant	Varndeanians	2
Simon Munday	Jarvis Brook	2

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Hassocks v Eastbourne Town

Sussex Senior Cup Second Round

Tuesday 15th November 2022, 7:45pm

The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY

Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

You have to go back to 2016 to find the last time Hassocks advanced to the third round of the Sussex Senior Cup. Looking to stop the Robins taking another step towards the Amex Stadium are Eastbourne Town

Eastbourne Town this season

Town bid farewell to one of the longest serving managers in the Premier Division when John Lambert stood down in the summer. He has been replaced by former Whitehawk boss Jude Macdonald. Under Lambert, Town had always been notoriously slow starters to the season before finding rhythm from autumn onwards and making a late charge into the title picture. That has not happened so far, although that will hardly come as a surprise following a summer of change at the Saffrons. Town sit 13th with five wins, four draws and five defeats to their name. Their best results have come in cup competitions, including reaching the first qualifying round of

the FA Cup, eliminating Newhaven from the RUR Cup and remaining in the FA Vase.

Head-to-head

It is a fixture which Eastbourne Town tend to enjoy. Of the 38 previous matches, Town have won 23 with just nine Hassocks wins and six draws along the way. Of those nine fixtures we have won, just one has come in the past 14 years. Phil Gault scored twice and James Broadbent saved a penalty in a shock 2-1 win at the Beacon towards the end of the 2016-17 season. Remarkably, this will be the first ever meeting in the Sussex Senior Cup between the clubs in the 40 years in which we have been entering the competition.

Last time we met

You have to go back to 2006 to find the last time we won at the Saffrons. There was little prospect of breaking that duck on our most recent visit in December, although the 5-2 scoreline was a little harsh. It was 2-1 going into half time, a Lewis Westlake cutting the deficit after Kevin Farragher and Arron Hopkinson had the hosts 2-0 ahead after 21 minutes. The Robins lost concentration in an eight minute spell just past the hour mark, allowing Town to score three more times through Kian Moynes, Louis Veneti and Hopkinson again to put the game beyond us. Sam Smith added a second consolation on his Hassocks debut against the club where he started his career.

<<< Upcoming Fixtures



Hassocks v Lingfield

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 19th November 2022. 2:00pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

Lingfield make their second visit to the Beacon of the campaign - and if it is anything like the Emirates FA Cup meeting between the sides in August, then fans of high-quality own goals will not want to miss it.

Lingfield this season

Lingfield have lost key players such as Sam Lemon and Sam Clements over the past year and yet they have still plundered their fair share of goals, racking up 29 - the same as us and the joint-fifth highest total in the Premier Division. Despite their scoring record, the Lingers sit 15th in the table, largely on account of the 37 they have conceded on their way to recording five wins, two draws and nine defeats so far. With Lingfield's liking for goal involvements at both ends of the pitch, there could be plenty of entertainment in store.

Head-to-head

There have been 31 meetings between ourselves and Lingfield in

the past with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 14 wins to the Lingers' 10, leaving seven draws. Lingfield have been the dominant side in recent years. We have won just three of the past nine meetings - a 3-2 Peter Bentley League Cup win at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season, January's away games and August's FA Cup clash. Perhaps a sign that the tide is turning back in our favour?

Last time we met

Ah yes, let's talk about that own goal then. 15 minutes had been played when Conor Wilford under no pressure hit a 25 yard aerial back pass from out on the right straight over his goalkeeper's head and into the back of the net. The magical

moment was captured on video by Your Instant Replay and racked up over half a million views on Twitter. It also proved to be the only goal of the game, sending Hassocks through to a preliminary round tie with Uxbridge.

Played for both

Not many individuals have turned out for both ourselves and the Lingers. Ben Bacon's quest to play for every team in the Southern Combination League has seen him have two spells at the Beacon and one with Lingfield. The only other representative of both clubs is Daley Clark. The striker moved to the Robins from Godstone Road in the summer of 2009. He would go onto play 40 times for us.



Hassocks v Saltdean United

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 26th November 2022. 3:00pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

If it feels like only yesterday that we last played Saltdean United, that is because it was... kind of. The Tigers make their second visit to the Beacon in the space of five weeks, this time in Premier Division action

Saltdean United this season

The Tigers saw manager Bryan O'Toole and virtually his entire first team squad depart in the summer after finishing runners up to Littlehampton Town in both the Premier Division title race and the RUR Cup. Our former head coach Brad Sweetman was tasked with rebuilding Saltdean, a task which looked so tough that many had the Tigers down as relegation favourites. Sweetman and a number of ex-Robins who followed him to Hill Park have defied those expectations so far, sitting 10 points clear of the bottom two with five wins from 15 matches, including impressive successes over Eastbourne Town and Lingfield.

Head-to-head

We have faced Saltdean on 32 occasions in the past, winning 12. The Tigers have 15 victories to their name, leaving just five draws. Three of those stalemates have come in the past four meetings, suggesting that this might be one to put on your pools' coupon. This was a fixture we used to dominate during the early 90s, winning six times in Division One and scoring 19 goals along the way. Not so much anymore; we are yet to beat the Tigers in any competition since their return to the top flight in 2017.

Last time we met?

There was plenty of drama in the Sussex Senior Cup last month. Jack

Troak put us 1-0 ahead, only for Saltdean to come fighting back through Lucas Tyrrell and Jesse Burbidge. It looked like the Tigers were going to progress until Phil Johnson struck an 81st minute equaliser, sending the game to penalties. Seven spot kicks out of 18 were missed but we eventually progressed, winning 6-5 from 12 yards.

Familiar faces?

How long have you got? Sweetman, Tyrrell, Jack Gardner, Lewis Beebee, Alfie Edmeads, Jacob Campbell, Jayden Dunkley, Louis Thwaites and Connor Ghosh has all played for Hassocks at one point or another.

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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 **Liam BENSON**

2nd **Joe BULL**

3rd **Mike WILLIAMSON**

October 2022

1st

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November 2022

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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. Pat Harding	188	24	212	138
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37
25. Phil Johnson	148	33	181	89

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	345
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	138	212
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	89	181
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	152
18. Marc Rendall	37	183
19. Andy Burt	35	133
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	239
22. Jack Troak	29	95
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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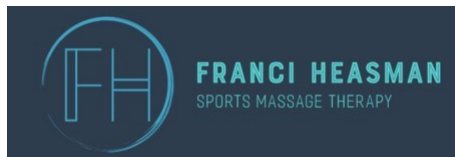
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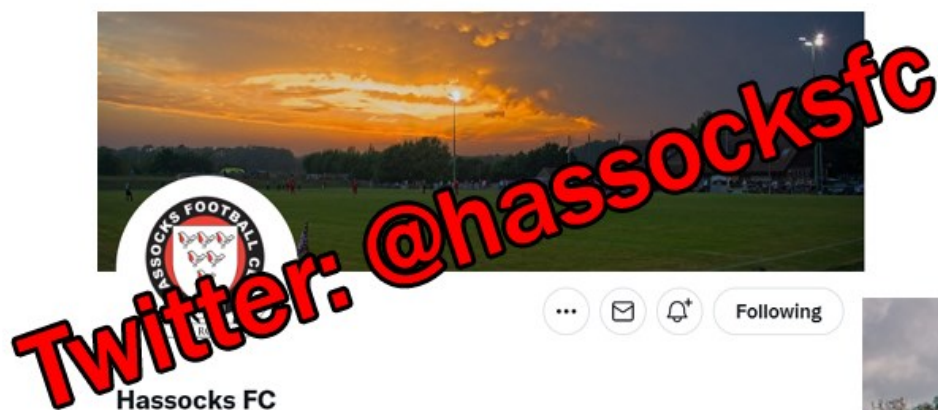
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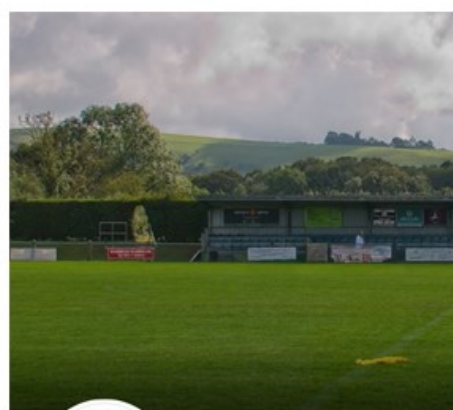


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