

The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #15



Hassocks v AFC Uckfield Town

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 play our first game of 2023 with AFC Uckfield Town the visitors

Firstly, we hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year and we wish you all a prosperous 2023.

2022 ended for us with Boxing Day defeat against Steyning Town in what proved to be a superb morning in every way other than the 3-2 defeat.

You have to go back at least 15 years - and possibly more than 20 - to find the last time we had a crowd of over 300 at the Beacon for a league game.

In the current financial climate, every penny we receive in admission or over the T Bar and Robins Bar (special congratulations to the chap who managed to put away a 5.9% Silver Rocket at midday) goes a long way, so the more people we have attending the better.

A number of those coming through the gate were first time visitors. Hopefully, they liked what they found and some will return again in future.

The football was certainly entertaining. Liam Benson and Harvey Blake had us 2-0 ahead at half time, only for the Barrowmen to turn the game around with three second half goals including a last

minute winner coming after young Joe Southam had gone off injured and Will Broomfield took over between the posts.

Defeat to Steyning made it three losses in a row and although disappointed not to have taken at least a point, the Barrowmen are not fourth in the table with hammerings of Broadbridge Heath and Newhaven under their belts for no reason.

December's results serve as a reminder that this is still a new management team and set of players and success after such upheaval is never instant; we still have a long way to go even with all the excitement and promise Westy and the players have delivered in the opening four months of the campaign.

The good news ahead of this afternoon is that games with AFC Uckfield Town always tend to be entertaining, high scoring affairs with only one previous draw. Apologies if we now witness a 0-0 draw.

Whatever the outcome, we extend a warm welcome to the players, management, supporters and committee of the Oakmen who have made the short journey to the Beacon this afternoon and hope they enjoy

their brief stay with us this afternoon.

Fixtures are set to come thick and fast through January with updated lists for the first team, ladies, Under 23s and Under 18s included in today's programme.

There is a double header at the Beacon tomorrow for anyone looking to spend a few hours out the house.

The Under 18s host St Francis Rangers in the County Cup at 11am and the Ladies are home to Bognor Regis Town at 2pm. Entry is free.

On Thursday night, the Under 23s will hope to play their first fixture since November when Loxwood are the visitors in a 7:45pm kick off.

Next Saturday sees the first team go to Eastbourne Town at 3pm. Our next first team fixture at the Beacon then follows on Tuesday 17th when Peacehaven & Telscombe are in town at 7:45pm.

Lastly, Monday morning's match away at Roffey which was lost to a waterlogged pitch will now take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th February.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game.

Owen & Scott



Today's Visitors >>>



AFC Uckfield Town

Oakmen Factfile

Founded 2014

Ground The Oaks

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Manager Jonny Elwood

Top scorer Ellis Wright, 6

Club Honours

SCFL Division One

Winners 2011

Runners up 2015

SCFL Division Two

Runners up 2000

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 2011

Peter Bentley League Cup

Runners up 2012, 2019

SCFL Division Two Cup

Runners up 1998, 2004

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Runners up 2007

AFC Uckfield Town are going through something of transitional season with a new manager and a new squad of young players finding their feet at this level

In a summer in which most of the Southern Combination League seemed to make a managerial change, it says much that the Oakmen made one of the most eye-catching appointments in the Premier Division.

Jonny Elwood arrived at the Oaks to become a number one or the first time in senior football having previously coached at Whitehawk, Tonbridge Angels and Crowborough Athletic whilst also run the EMC Academy across Kent and Sussex.

That gave Elwood a wealth of contacts which he put to good use, building a young but talented squad with the aim of playing an entertaining passing style of football.

Hassocks fans know only too well that using younger players can lead to inconsistent results; it took the Robins until the midway point of last season for their youthful squad to click and start delivering results.

Uckfield have experienced similar, although they have not been

troubled by the relegation battle and seem unlikely to be, as we were in 2021-22.

The Oakmen currently sit 15th with six wins, two draws and 10 defeats from their 18 games so far.

Remarkably, they are just two victories behind their entire total recorded last season with 20 games still to play.

Uckfield won only eight matches in 2021-22, finishing in 14th spot thanks to a league-leading 15 draws.

There remains every chance they will eclipse both that victory total and their finishing spot as they have games in hand on every other team in the Premier Division with exception of Little Common.

Win those and start delivering the sort of performances which saw them conquer Peacehaven & Telscombe 4-0, Lingfield 3-0 and take two points from Eastbourne Town and a top 10 finish could yet be achievable for Elwood and his players.

10 Key Oakmen Moments

1881... the original Uckfield Town are formed, eventually joining the Southern Combination in 1955
1966... 11 years later they are relegated to the Mid Sussex League, returning to the SCFL in 1996
1988... Uckfield gains a second side as Wealden are formed. They are accepted into the SCFL in 1998
2000... just two years after joining the SCFL, Wealden are promoted into senior football
2007... Wealden make it to the first round of the FA Vase; Uckfield are runners up in the Intermediate Cup
2010... Wealden change their name to AFC Uckfield for the 2010-11 season
2011... the name change pays instant dividends as they win Division One and reach the RUR Cup Final
2014... AFC Uckfield and Uckfield Town merge to become one club, AFC Uckfield Town
2015... the new club tastes success in its first season, winning promotion back to the Premier Division
2019... secure their highest ever finish of seventh in the Premier and reach the Peter Bentley Cup final

Last 20 Seasons

2020-21: Southern Combination Premier 14th
2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 7th
2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 14th
2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 18th
2015-16: Southern Combination Premier 15th
2014-15: Southern Combination One 2nd
2013-14: Southern Combination One 10th
2012-13: Southern Combination Premier 21st
2011-12: Southern Combination Premier 8th
2010-11: Southern Combination One 1st
2009-10: Southern Combination One 8th
2008-09: Southern Combination One 15th
2007-08: Southern Combination One 9th
2006-07: Southern Combination One 4th
2005-06: Southern Combination One 6th
2004-05: Southern Combination One 5th
2003-04: Southern Combination One 14th
2002-03: Southern Combination One 7th
2001-02: Southern Combination One 13th
2000-01: Southern Combination One 11th

The Robins' Record v AFC Uckfield Town

SCFL Premier > Played 16 - Won 8 - Drawn 1 - Lost 7 - Scored 32 - Conceded 28

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

Sussex Senior Cup > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 4 - Conceded 1

RUR Charity Cup > Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 4

Total > Played 20 - Won 10 - Drawn 1 - Lost 9 - Scored 41 - Conceded 36

Previous 10 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 1-2 Hassocks
2021-22 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 0-1 Hassocks
2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 AFC Uckfield Town
2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-4 AFC Uckfield Town
2018-19 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 4-0 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 AFC Uckfield Town
2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 AFC Uckfield Town
2017-18 SCFL Premier: AFC Uckfield Town 1-4 Hassocks
2017-18 RUR Cup: AFC Uckfield Town 4-2 Hassocks
2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 AFC Uckfield Town

Played for Both

Hassocks could include three former Oakmen in their squad for this afternoon's game, two of whom made the move from Uckfield in the summer.

The rangy **Jamie Wilkes** has made himself a firm fan favourite in his second spell at the Beacon as a hardworking tall striker, having spent the 2021-22 campaign at the Oaks.

Also in his second spell with us is **Sam Cash**, who spent two seasons with Uckfield between 2020 and 2022.

Cash has not put a foot wrong when called upon for the Robins in the current campaign although he has been badly hampered by injury.

Goalkeeper **Alex Harris**

meanwhile turned out for Uckfield towards the end of the 2018-19 campaign between his fourth and fifth spells with the Robins.

The list of former players to have represented both clubs is also extensive.

Harris is not the only goalkeeper to be a Robin and an Oakman; **James Broadbent** played for Hassocks in the 2016-17 campaign and has had two different spells with Uckfield.

Defender **Andy Whittingham** originally joined us in 2010 from Steyning Town, playing over 50 games before going onto enjoy spells with Seaford Town and Uckfield.

He returned to Hassocks midway

through 2019-20, going onto pass 100 appearances until leaving in the summer.

Harry Mills racked up 122 games for us between 2016 and 2020 before moving to Peacehaven & Telscombe and later Montpelier Villa. He played for the Oakmen earlier in his career.

One player has actually represented Hassocks, AFC Uckfield and Uckfield Town before the Uckfield sides merged in 2014.

Striker **Dan Barnard** joined us from the original Division Two Town in the 2010-11 campaign, scoring four times in 12 appearances.

He then went onto return to Uckfield, this time with the newly created AFC Uckfield Town.



Hot start from Hassocks helps to cut down the Oakmen

In 35 degree sunshine, Hassocks made a start almost as hot as the weather to saunter into a 2-0 lead inside of 12 minutes at AFC Uckfield Town.

And those two goals proved enough to give the Robins their first Southern Combination League win of the season, a 2-1 success achieved despite the difficult conditions at the Oaks.

Hassocks and Uckfield are both under new management for the current campaign.

James Westlake and his opposite number Jonny Elwood have set their stalls out early into the reigns as wanting their sides to play passing football.

On a day like this, conserving energy by letting the ball do the work becomes doubly important.

That was nigh-on impossible playing on a pitch suffering badly from the lack of rain.

It was dusty, bumpy and made controlling the football challenging. The game therefore became one decided by who adapted best to the conditions.

That turned out to be the Robins thanks to a willingness to be attritional, make the most of set pieces and clinically take the chances that came their way.

With tiredness and fatigue a guaranteed factor by the end thanks to the heat, Hassocks came flying out the traps.

The Robins' intention was clearly to try and catch Uckfield cold – or as cold as one can be when temperatures in Sussex are hotter than Greece – and secure an early lead, leaving their hosts with the difficult task of chasing the game as energy levels became seriously depleted.

It was a game plan that worked to a tee. Just five minutes had elapsed when Harvey Blake and Tom Frankland combined down the right

flank to earn Hassocks a corner.

Lewis Westlake sent over a pinpoint delivery into the penalty area, met by a downwards header from Mark Zydonik.

The ball crashed into the rock hard ground, bounced back up, hit the bottom of the cross bar and diverted downwards again to give former Broadbridge Heath defender Zydonik his first goal in Hassocks colours.

Things got even better for the Robins seven minutes later when Liam Benson showed real intelligence to double the advantage.

A defence splitting pass put Benson through. Rather than run towards the Uckfield goal and put his faith in the bobbly surface not conspiring to take the ball away from him, Benson cleverly took a shot on early.

Although former Hassocks number one James Broadbent did well to get a hand onto the surprise effort, Benson's strike had too much precision and power for the Oakmen captain to keep out of the bottom right corner of his goal.

The Robins were cruising but perhaps it had all been a little too easy.

That would explain why they took their foot off the pedal and allowed Uckfield back into the game.

A nice passing move down the right resulted in a cross into the Hassocks box.

Home midfielder James Pass produced an accomplished finish, making it very much game on after an action packed opening 25 minutes.

Things quietened down after that with neither side making many inroads until Benson had another opportunity just before half time.

The lively Jack Troak produced some of his trademark enterprising wing play, eventually crossing into the path of Benson.

A solid stop was required from

Broadbent to ensure the Robins led by only one going into the break.

Hassocks knew that Uckfield would throw the kitchen sink at them in the second half. It was back to the walls stuff for the most part.

To not concede despite being under so much pressure would have been a real positive for Westlake, and a sign of the progress the Robins are making after shipping 10 goals in their opening two matches.

Uckfield had two opportunities to take something from the tie. There was a defensive mix up which the Robins were fortunate their hosts could not capitalise on.

Then with five minutes remaining, Hassocks had an eagle eyed assistant referee to thank for ruling out an Oakmen equaliser.

Tyler Pearson's cross from the right was met by a bullet header from George Cook.

The flag was up though, decreeing that the ball had gone out of play for a goal kick before Pearson managed to deliver into the area.

That moment seemed to deflate Uckfield and things fizzled out in the closing stages, leaving Hassocks to reflect on an impressive win on the road against opponents suffering their first Premier Division defeat of the campaign.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Bygraves, Zydonik, Cash; L Westlake, J Westlake; Frankland, Bull, Troak; Benson.

Subs: Turner (Frankland 70).



Slaughter back with a brace but it is unconvincing from Hassocks

Their second half performance was far from convincing, but Hassocks still managed to come away from AFC Uckfield with a 3-1 victory which moved the Robins into fourth spot in County League Division One.

A first half brace from the returning Spencer Slaughter following an early Phil Gault strike were enough to see off a spirited young Uckfield side who made much more of a game of it than seemed possible with Hassocks leading 3-0 at the break.

The hosts have taken some fair beatings in recent weeks. Their previous two outings had seen seven and nine goals conceded following the departure of manager Kevin Laundon from the Oaks along with 18 players.

Hassocks looked eager to heap further misery on Uckfield and it did not take long for Gault to make his mark, opening the scoring with just seven minutes on the clock to move onto 97 goals for the Robins.

A Jamie Weston pass released Gault to finish after he had beaten the offside trap in an Uckfield defence marshalled by ex-Robins centre back Matt Carruthers and former Eastbourne United Association captain Lee Jules.

Both Carruthers and Jules had been recruited in midweek following the Oakmen's 9-2 drubbing at Sidley on Tuesday night and they helped their new club keep the score to one right up until the final five minutes of the half when Slaughter struck a quickfire double.

That is not to say that Hassocks had no chances. Anthony Hibbert, Dan Smith and Slaughter all fired good opportunities wide or over the bar.

Slaughter in particular looked sharp after his long injury layoff and he soon reminded the travelling

support of what he can bring to the party by scoring his first goal of the season followed two minutes later by his second.

First Slaughter made a strong run into the box and drilled home a low Smith cross at the back post on 40 minutes.

He then followed Gault in springing the Uckfield offside trap and beating James Broadbent with a cool effort slotted below the advancing Oakmen goalkeeper.

Hassocks had it relatively easy at the other end during the opening 45 minutes.

James Plumley was called into action only once, clawing away a fine 30 yard effort from George Callingham.

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Another rare attack saw Stuart Faith scramble clear a cross from the lively Charlie Shearing.

Neither Rob South nor Lee Bryant in the full back positions were particularly troubled throughout the afternoon.

Bryant in particular shone to take the Starman award just ahead of Slaughter, whose 83 minutes without any setback would have pleased manager Mickey Jewell.

Uckfield were improved after the break which should give their own management cause for optimism about the future.

Their new-look side were clearly

growing accustomed to playing with each other as the game wore on, helped by Hassocks sitting back too often and inviting the home side on.

The second half was only five minutes old when Uckfield reduced the deficit, Jamie Selby-Knight slotting home from 18 yards after Ashley Marsh failed to get quite enough purchase on a clearing header.

That gave the hosts renewed confidence and they soon set about trying to cause more problems for Hassocks.

Plumley had to be alert to palm away a Dan Waterman effort and the same player then blazed over on the angle when he should have at least hit the target.

Gault had the Robins' best chance of the second half, drawing a smart stop from Broadbent after more good work from Smith drifting into a wide position.

That proved to be Smith's last contribution as on the hour mark he made way for debutant Dan Wilmott, a new signing once of Three Bridges.

Hassocks were content to see out the game in the time that Wilmott was on the pitch, knowing that sterner tests lie on the horizon as they bid to maintain their position amongst the County League pacesetters.

Hassocks: Plumley; South, Faith, Marsh, Bryant; Westlake, Hibbert, Slaughter, Weston; Smith, Gault.

Subs: Wilmott (Smith 60), Miles (Slaughter 83), Collins (unused).

Starman: Good to see Spencer Slaughter back but just goes to Lee Bryant for a solid display at left back.



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Second half of season starts with action packed January

After a winless December, Hassocks will be hoping to get back on track when 2023 kicks off with five matches scheduled throughout January.

The opening game of the month due to take place away at Roffey on Monday 2nd January was lost to a waterlogged pitch at Bartholomew Way.

That fixture against the Boars has since been rearranged for Tuesday 7th February, kicking off at 7:30pm.

Drier weather will be needed if Hassocks are to complete their January fixtures without postponement, starting with this afternoon's clash against AFC Uckfield Town.

The Robins then visit Eastbourne Town on Saturday 14th January for what will be the third attempt to get the trip to the Saffrons played.

Hassocks had been due to visit the Sunshine Coast in November, only for the game to be rescheduled due to Town's continuing involvement in the FA Vase.

The match then fell foul of the

frozen weather which gripped Sussex in the middle of December, but paid to by a frozen pitch.

Hassocks had seen their home fixture with Peacehaven & Telscombe a week earlier also postponed because of the freezing temperatures.

The visit of the Tye to the Beacon will now take place on Tuesday 17th January at 7:45pm.

Hassocks were well beaten by Peacehaven on the opening day of the campaign, losing 3-0 at the Window Workshop Sports Park.

Four days later and Horsham YMCA come to the Beacon, giving the Robins back-to-back home fixtures.

Hassocks bucked their poor record against YM when the sides last met in September, winning 4-2 away from home for only their third league win at Gorings Mead this century.

The visit of YM is currently due to kick off at 3pm. This may change however to a 2pm start, so please keep your eyes on our social media channels and website for updates.

January is rounded off with a tough looking trip to Broadbridge Heath on Saturday 28th.

The Bears have vied with Crawley

Down Gatwick for leadership of the Premier Division for most of this campaign.

Kick off at the Countryside Stadium is 3pm and if it is anything like the 3-3 draw the sides shared at the Beacon earlier in the campaign, then it is not to be missed.

The Under 23s currently have just one January game scheduled. Neil Parker's side Loxwood here on Tuesday night at 7:45pm.

Two cup games are pencilled in for the Under 18s. They host St Francis Rangers in the Dennis Probee Youth Cup tomorrow morning at 11am followed by a trip to Selsey in the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup a week later.

The Ladies season meanwhile gathers pace. Having played six games so far this season, Hassocks are due to be in action four times in January.

Bognor Regis Town visit the Beacon tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. That is followed by a trip to Saltdean United on Sunday 15th, a home clash with Pagham on Sunday 22nd and the return game away at Bognor on Sunday 29th.

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The Burnham name has been associated with Hassocks Football Club through three generations having involvement in the Robins.

And the partnership now extends to sponsorship after Burnham Builders kindly offered to purchase tracksuits for Hassocks Under 18s 2022-23 squad.

Starting back in the 1980s, Tony Burnham senior was involved with the club when the Robins played home games at Adastra Park.

His son Mark Burnham made 231 appearances and scored 44 goals for Hassocks during the opening years at the Beacon as the Robins rose into and established themselves in the top division of the Southern Combination League for the first time.

Tony Burnham junior came through the juniors and youth system to follow his father into the first team, turning out 18 times and scoring once in the early 00s.

Tony junior most recently played

for the old Hassocks III team in the Mid Sussex Premier Division in the 2010-11 season, since when the Burnham's have kept tabs on the Robins both from afar and in person at the Beacon.

It is fantastic to see the Burnham's back supporting the club, this time through their building company.

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Hassocks Under 18s are enjoying an excellent season so far under new management, sitting second in the Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division table behind local rivals Burgess Hill Town.

The Robins have a young squad this year, so to occupy such a good

position at the turn of the year bodes well for their future with many players eligible for another two seasons of Under 18s football.

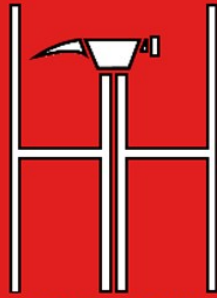
Hassocks also remain in two cup competitions with upcoming matches against St Francis Rangers in the Dennis Probee Youth Cup and a trip to Selsey to come in the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup.

Seen modelling the new tracksuits are Sam Fernley and Alex Brewer, both of whom are enjoying memorable first campaigns at the Beacon.

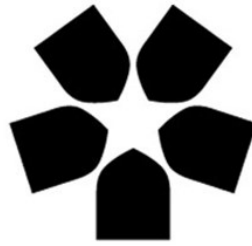
Fernley has already broken into the Under 23s, followed by making his senior debut in the 5-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup win away at Forest Row in October where he was involved in the fifth Hassocks goal.

Brewer meanwhile leads the Central Division scoring chart with 14 goals in 11 appearances.

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Five goal Boxing Day thriller goes the way of high flying Barrowmen in final minute

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Monday 26th December 2022, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-3 Steyning Town

Boxing Day at the Beacon was a tale of two halves as the most improved sides in the Southern Combination Premier Division this season played out a five goal thriller.

Hassocks and Steyning Town finished the previous campaign perilously close to the relegation zone in 16th and 17th place respectively but both have eyes firmly fixed on a top half finish this time around.

The Barrowmen might even consider themselves as dark horses for a championship tilt.

They made the short trip to Mid Sussex sitting pretty in fourth spot and having won their previous two matches 4-1 against title chasing duo Broadbridge Heath and Newhaven.

Not that Hassocks made paid too much attention to those impressive results in the opening 45 minutes.

The Robins sauntered into a 2-0 half time lead through Liam Benson and Harvey Blake in front of a crowd of more than 300, the biggest the Robins have pulled in for a league game in over 15 years.

Steyning though showed just why they occupy such a lofty position in the standings, completing an impressive comeback in the last minute to win 3-2 shortly after Hassocks goalkeeper Joe Southam had been forced off injured.

It did not take long for the drama to begin as the Robins took the lead in the opening minute.

Barrowmen defender Charlie Robinson was slack in attempting to play out from the back, gifting the ball to Benson who made no mistake with a low left footed effort to notch past one of his former clubs.

Steyning were surprised and Hassocks nearly had a second just three minutes later. Bradley Tighe's big switch from the left was volleyed into the box towards Pat Harding by Blake.

Harding showed excellent close control to turn on a sixpence, only to

see his shot blocked by the legs of Lucas Szendela-Goetzke in the Steyning goal at the expense of a corner.

Hassocks welcomed back Leon Turner from several months on the sidelines and he was a typical livewire down the right, none more so than when creating a good opportunity for Harding on the half hour.

Joe Bull released Turner down the flank and his low pull back fell to Harding via a deflection to hit a shot which clipped the outside of the post.

The Robins doubled their advantage six minutes before the break.

Blake intercepted a pass some 35 yards out and embarked on one of his trademark powerful runs, making it all the way to the edge of the Steyning box from where he slipped the ball through to Benson.

Now in one-on-one, Benson attempted to go around Szendela-Goetzke with the Barrowmen goalkeeper doing well to push the ball away from the feet of Benson.

The danger was far from over, however. Blake had continued his run and beat both Szendela-Goetzke and Robinson to the loose ball which he fired first time into the back of the net.

Steyning were forced into a change with two minutes of the first half remaining, Rob Clarke being replaced by top scorer Jack Langford.

Two further substitutions were made at the break by Barrowmen boss Kevin Green. Kevin Chalmers and Jonny Ruiz also entered the fray.

The gamble paid off as Chalmers and Langford had the game levelled just past the hour mark.

Chalmers was first on the scoresheet on 52 minutes, taking advantage of a mix up between Bull and Tighe to run through and beat Southam.

Langford struck on 61, collecting a knock from Max Howell and beating



the unsuspected Southam at his neat post via a low shot expertly placed between Bull, Tighe and Mike Williamson.

Both sides went in the hunt for a winner in the final half hour. Dom Johnson-Fisher twisted and turned his way past Alex Bygraves and Blake, only to be denied by an extraordinary reaction save by Southam low down to his left.

Langford lashed wide and Blake blocked from Johnson-Fisher. Blake then popped up at the other end, doing superbly to keep the ball in play on the by-line and finding substitute Sam Rogers whose shot deflected off Ryan Hallet and into the arms of the grateful Szendela-Goetzke.

There were four minutes of normal time to play when Southam had to be withdrawn after falling awkwardly to the ground when challenging Cal Chalmers for a high ball.

Defender Will Broomfield took over in goal after lengthy treatment to Southam, resulting in a significant amount of injury time.

Understandably given the circumstances, Hassocks were now hanging on for a point. Broomfield produced a fingertip save to get a Johnson-Fisher shot over the bar from a tight angle.

The resulting corner proved to be the Robins' downfall. Jack Barnes' delivery caught Bull on the near post and beat the despairing dive of Broomfield to give Steyning a 94th minute winner.

Hassocks: Southam; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; L Turner, Williamson, Wilkes, Troak; Harding, Benson.

Subs: Frankland (Turner 60), Rogers (Wilkes 67), Johnson (Harding 70), Broomfield (Southam 86), Minty (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	2-0	105	Benson (2)
19/11 - 14:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	2-2	101	Benson, Troak
26/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP	5-1	206	Harding, Wilkes, Benson, OG, Bygraves
December					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP	0-5	52	
06/12 - 19:45	Eastbourne Town (H)	SSC2	0-1	105	
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-3	305	Benson, Blake
January					
07/01 - 14:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
14/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
17/01 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (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			
07/02 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
11/02 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
18/02 - 14:00	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
Jack Troak	25	0	25	7	101	30
Harvey Blake	23	1	24	1	90	4
Liam Benson	20	4	24	12	158	43
Alex Bygraves	23	0	23	3	23	3
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	113	0
Joe Bull	20	3	23	0	117	7
Phil Johnson	15	7	22	13	185	89
Bradley Tighe	18	2	20	0	158	0
Mike Williamson	18	2	20	0	20	0
Jamie Wilkes	13	7	20	3	24	3
Leon Turner	15	3	18	2	18	2
Pat Harding	8	8	16	2	217	139
Sam Smith	4	10	14	1	28	3
Sam Rogers	6	7	13	0	13	0
Sam Cash	9	3	12	0	15	1
James Westlake	9	2	11	0	239	31
Tom Frankland	6	5	11	0	11	0
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Danny Reid	3	7	10	1	10	1
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Will Broomfield	3	3	6	0	94	4
JJ Minty	3	2	5	0	5	0
Joe Southam	3	0	3	0	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Tom Tennant	1	1	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
Phil Gault	0	1	1	0	346	190



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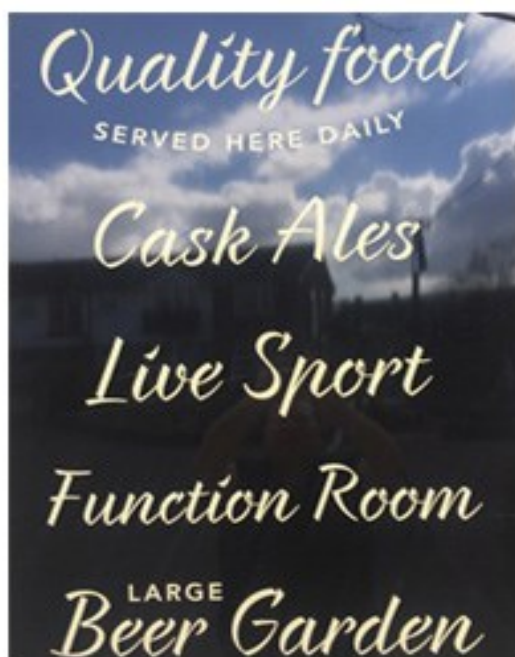
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Under 23s Matches 2022-23

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				
10/11 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	CU23C1	0-2	
January				
12/01 - 19:45	Loxwood (H)	SCFL23		

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Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	10	0	10	1
George Mercer	8	2	10	3
Jack Smith	5	5	10	0
Wes Tighe	5	5	10	0
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Ben Hicks	5	4	9	0
Charlie Broad	5	3	8	3
Marshall Smith	3	5	8	1
Callum Thompson	7	0	7	0
Kieran Dimelow	5	2	7	2
Danny Reid	6	0	6	4
Sam Smith	6	0	6	3
Sam Fernley	3	3	6	3
Will Broomfield	5	0	5	1
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Jack Thomas	4	0	4	0
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Will Varley	1	3	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Jude Wallis	2	1	3	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Alex Wintle	1	1	2	2
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
JJ Minty	1	0	1	0
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0
Harry Carter	0	1	1	0
Sam Dean	0	1	1	0
Tom Frankland	0	1	1	0
Oliver Steel	0	1	1	0



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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), Varley (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	Varley (2), Wintle, Brewer
November				
13/11 - 10:15	Lancing (A)	SCFL18	4-0	Brewer, Varley (2), Foster
20/11 - 10:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	2-2	Varley, Gladding
December				
04/12 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18	4-2	Varley, Brewer (2), Duckett
January				
08/01 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	CU18C1		
15/01 - 11:00	Selsey (A)	U18LC2		

Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Alex Brewer	11	0	11	14
Sam Fernley	11	0	11	0
Jack Thomas	11	0	11	0
Ed Tobias	11	0	11	1
Alex Wintle	11	0	11	1
George Gladding	10	0	10	1
Sam Dean	9	1	10	0
Ben Foster	1	8	9	1
Will Varley	7	1	8	8
Ryan Goss	1	7	8	2
Toby Munt	7	0	7	1
Oliver Goswamy	6	1	7	0
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
Jack Duckett	5	0	5	2
Oliver Steel	5	0	5	0
Harry Goatcher	4	1	5	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	2	3	5	0
Cam Mitchell	1	4	5	0
Ewan Edwards	0	5	5	0
Archie Hill	1	2	3	0
Joe Woodhouse	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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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	7-1	K.Chappell (3), Mair, Pordage, Bright (2)
January				
08/01 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (H)	SCWLP		
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
22/01 - 14:00	Pagham (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		
19/02 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	SCWLP		
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
March				
05/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
12/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
26/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katherine Chappell	6	0	6	21
Sarah Chappell	6	0	6	0
Jess Craig	6	0	6	8
Emma Flin	6	0	6	0
Kirsten Mair	6	0	6	5
Holly Webb	6	0	6	0
Mia Pordage	5	0	5	3
Claire Stevens	5	0	5	1
Jodie Johanson	3	2	5	1
Katie Read	2	3	5	1
Tallie Bright	4	0	4	2
Jo Brown	4	0	4	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

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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
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 Shivnarin	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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REMOVALS

On This Day...



Pattenden pounces to help Hawks end Robins cup run

January 7th 2005: Hassocks exited the John O'Hara League Cup at the quarter final stage in a 1-0 defeat against double-chasing Whitehawk at a very windy Beacon

Hassocks had their interest in cup competitions ended for another season by the Sussex County League's leading scorer.

Tommy Pattenden netted the only goal of the game as Whitehawk triumphed in a tight and tense John O'Hara quarter final at the Beacon which keeps their hopes of winning the double alive.

Chances were few and far between in a game badly hampered by a gale force wind blowing in from the Downs.

That meant the ball spent more time out of play than it did on the pitch, ruining what could have been an intriguing battle between the title chasing Hawks and a Hassocks side who were unbeaten at home against Sussex-based opponents this season.

The Robins worked extremely hard throughout and Dave John felt his side had done enough to earn another crack at a semi final spot in a replay at the Enclosed Ground.

Ultimately though, Whitehawk were better at managing the conditions over the whole 90 minutes rather than just in patches.

Hassocks meanwhile were guilty of playing too many long and wayward balls with the wind in their favour during the second half as their attempts to find an equaliser became increasingly desperate.

One could only feel sorry for home strikers Richard Thomas and Pat Harding, who were left chasing countless lost causes carried by the gale either out of play or through to Wayne Collins in the Hawks goal.

Most disappointing from a Hassocks point of view was that they appeared to have done the hard work, dealing exceptionally well against the wind in the first half.

Graham Beveridge, Matt Robbins and Anthony Hibbert asserted themselves with authority as a midfield three against their quality

Whitehawk counterparts.

At the back, young Ashley Marsh stood out with a man marking job on Pattenden and both Nick Newman and Chris Hewitt coped admirably judging balls over the top and on the ground despite the wind's best efforts to cause problems.

Whitehawk enjoyed the better chances before the interval, forcing two good opportunities to go into half time with the lead.

Terry Sargeant fired over from the angle and Joel Harding produced a fine fingertip save at full stretch to deny Pattenden when his cross from out on the right was nearly blown into the back of the Hassocks net.

The Robins struggled to create anything against a solid Hawks backline, Matt Robbins coming closest with a shot that was well over Collins' crossbar.

With the wind now in their favour, Hassocks opened the second half with a series of excellent chances.

Hibbert was a little too high after collecting a Beveridge pass and then Harding escaped down the right flank and cut into the box.

His left footed shot though had too much power and lift given the conditions, being carried a long way clear of the crossbar.

Hassocks created their best chance of the match on 58 minutes. Hibbert won the ball in midfield and played forward to Thomas, who produced the perfect layoff into the path of Robbins.

Without breaking stride, Robbins connected with a venomous shot from 12 yards out.

Most players and supporters thought it had gone in but unfortunately for Hassocks, it was the side netting which was left rippling as the ball flew agonisingly the wrong side of the post.

Three minutes later and Whitehawk grabbed what proved to

be the winner.

Sargeant crossed to the near post for Pattenden to thump an effort towards goal which was superbly blocked by the sliding Marsh in front of the diving Harding.

In amongst three bodies falling to the floor in close proximity, Pattenden somehow managed to toe the rebound into the now empty goal at the very same moment he hit the deck.

Hassocks huffed and puffed in the remaining half hour but chances were limited, not helped by their insistence in playing long ball up to Thomas and Harding.

On one of the rare instances the Robins did string together a passing move, Thomas should have equalised after turning Peter Birch in the box. The shot though was straight at Collins.

The wait for Hassocks to win a senior trophy therefore goes on and even if this might be considered a missed opportunity, it was not a performance to be overly downhearted with.

Whitehawk could end the season as County League champions and John O'Hara Cup winners and yet the Robins matched them in most departments, just lacking the guile or pass to open up a resilient defence.

Hassocks: J Harding; Low, Newman, Hewitt, Marsh, Thompson; Beveridge, Hibbert, Robbins; Thomas, P Harding.

Subs: Dawson (Low 83), Faith (Thomas 83), Stripp, S Fisk, Wickwar.

Around the League...



It was a Boxing Day to remember in the Southern Combination League with local derbies galore, bumper crowds and plenty of goals across both the Premier Division and Division One with most teams now reaching the halfway point of their league campaigns...

Newhaven against Peacehaven & Telscombe at the Trafalgar Ground pulled in an attendance of 739 and they witnessed the hosts edge out their rivals 3-2 in a game with plenty of twists and turns.

Callum Edwards give Peacehaven a 15th minute lead cancelled out 11 minutes later by Jack Meeres.

Premier Division top scorer Alfie Rogers ensured the Dockers went into half time 2-1 ahead with a 40th minute strike, followed by Robin Deen equalising on 73.

Parity was short lived as six minutes later, Rogers hit what proved to be the winner.

The Eastbourne Derby between **Eastbourne Town** and **Eastbourne United** was watched by another crowd of 700 plus with 734 seeing Town come from behind to win 2-1 at the Saffrons.

United led through Louis Veneti on 13 minutes, scoring against his former club.

Leon Greig equalised on the half hour mark, setting the stage for substitute Fletcher Holman to hit a 66th minute equaliser as Town continued their rise up the table.

Premier Division leaders **Crawley Down Gatwick** were made to work hard for three points away at struggling **Lingfield**.

Goals from Sam Clements and Guy Harding saw the Anvils to a 2-1 victory.

Lingfield's consolation came via Ferguson Ward whilst one man was dismissed from either side; Marc Pelling seeing red for Down and David Heaton for the Lingers.

There were five different players on target for **Broadbridge Heath** as they dismantled **Midhurst & Easebourne** 5-0 at the Countryside Stadium.

Jamie Chesworth struck in the

first half followed by second half goals from Charlie Parmiter, Alex Barbary, Ryan Brackpool and Sean Terry.

Bexhill United were 2-1 victors over **Little Common** in front of 360 at the Polegrove, a game decided by a 90th minute goal from Aaron Cook.

Common had taken a 28th minute lead via Louis Walker with James Stone levelling eight minutes before the break.

The Premier Division's bottom two picked up useful points. **Alfold** came away from **Loxwood** with a 2-2 draw thanks to Shay Matthews and Charlie Martin. Luca Page and Kaiden Hummerston were on target for the Magpies.

Roffey meanwhile drew 1-1 at **Horsham YMCA** on Tuesday evening.

George Cousins gave the Boars a half time lead cancelled out five minutes into the second half by Archie Goddard.

One other Premier Division fixture took place on Tuesday with 678 watching **Crowborough Athletic** beat **AFC Uckfield Town** 2-0 at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Ollie Hyland and Lucas Murrain got the goals for the Crows, who also had John Sinclair sent off.

Division One leaders **Shoreham** continued their relentless campaign with a 5-1 win away at **Mile Oak**.

Harry Heath helped himself to a hat-trick with Alex Fair and Ross Myers also netting. Harry Funnell provided the hosts with their consolation.

Robert Parrott and an own goal saw **Godalming Town** to a 2-1 victory over **Dorking Wanderers B**, who had Ben Aubrey on target.

Bottom side **Seaford Town** thought they had done enough to

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take a valuable point from **Hailsham Town** at the Crouch, only for Charlie Playford to score a 90th minute winner as the Stringers ran out 2-1 victors.

Connor Martin was the other player on target for Hailsham whilst Charlie Morley got the goal for Seaford.

Kieran Howard had a very enjoyable Boxing Day as his hat-trick helped **Arundel** to see off **Wick** 3-0 at Mill Road.

Four Division One games took place on Tuesday with **Chessington & Hook United** securing an eye catching 3-1 win at second placed **Epsom & Ewell**.

Epsom had taken a 26th minute lead through Jamie Byatt but goals from Aaron Cole-Bolt, Hakim Griffith and Fabian O'Brien completed a memorable morning for Chessington.

Wick strengthened their playoff hopes by running out easy 3-0 winners over **East Preston** at Crabtree Park. Zac Harris, Ben Gray and David Crouch were all on target.

There was late drama at Culver Road where **Montpelier Villa** beat **Worthing United** 2-1.

Villa took a 32nd minute lead through Harley Damarico but were reduced to 10 men with 20 minutes remaining after Jack Green saw red.

The Mavericks took advantage to equalise through Zyran Dier with seven left to play, only for Ramon Santos to find a 95th minute winner for Villa.

Last but by no means least, tenants **Forest Row** picked up a huge three points by beating landlords **Oakwood** 2-1 at Tinsley Lane.



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Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley Down Gatwick	20	16	0	4	47	17	48
Newhaven	21	14	3	4	69	21	45
Broadbridge Heath	19	14	2	3	48	18	44
Steyning Town	22	13	3	6	50	26	42
Peacehaven & Tels	20	12	2	6	40	21	38
Eastbourne United	21	11	5	5	30	19	38
Eastbourne Town	19	9	5	5	30	17	32
Bexhill United	19	10	1	8	33	29	31
Hassocks	19	9	3	7	40	31	30
Crowborough Athletic	19	8	6	5	26	23	30
Midhurst & Easebourne	21	9	2	10	41	45	29
Horsham YMCA	21	8	3	10	32	36	27
Little Common	17	7	4	6	35	23	25
AFC Varndeanians	20	7	4	9	33	40	25
AFC Uckfield Town	18	6	2	10	26	34	20
Lingfield	20	5	3	12	36	47	18
Loxwood	21	4	5	12	32	56	17
Saltdean United	21	5	2	14	18	65	17
Alfold	21	3	2	16	21	61	11
Roffey	21	0	3	18	17	75	3

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Newhaven	270	739	128
Peacehaven & Telscombe	235	372	132
Eastbourne Town	233	734	102
Bexhill United	204	301	147
Crowborough Athletic	169	224	127
Hassocks	162	305	101
Eastbourne United	154	258	89
Broadbridge Heath	139	201	85
Steyning Town	136	334	72
Horsham YMCA	110	249	62
Little Common	100	146	67
Saltdean United	82	178	28
AFC Uckfield Town	81	140	42
Loxwood	78	115	68
Midhurst & Easebourne	75	115	45
Alfold	69	81	57
Roffey	69	129	30
AFC Varndeanians	65	112	35
Lingfield	62	110	27
Crawley Down Gatwick	60	74	35

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWWW
Eastbourne Town	WDWWW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WWWLW
Steyning Town	LDWWW
Broadbridge Heath	WWWLLW
Little Common	WLWWWL
Newhaven	DWLDWW
Bexhill United	WLWLWL
Crowborough Athletic	LLDWDW
Eastbourne United	LWDDLW
Lingfield	WWLLDL
Loxwood	DDDLDW
Hassocks	LWDWLL
Alfold	WLLWLD
Midhurst & Easebourne	WDLWLL
AFC Varndeanians	WLDLDL
Horsham YMCA	LLWDDL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLDWLL
Roffey	LLLDL
Saltdean United	LLLLDL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	16
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	15
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	14
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	14
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	13
Lewis Hole	Little Common	13
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	13
Liam Benson	Hassocks	12
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	12
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	12
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	12
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	12
Harry Tremlett	Midhurst	11
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	10
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	10
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	10
Lewis Beebee	Saltdean United	9
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	9
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	9

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	10	7	1	2	26	15	22
Hassocks	9	7	0	2	24	9	21
Horley Town	11	6	2	3	32	23	20
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
Lingfield	9	4	0	5	22	22	12
St Francis Rangers	9	4	0	5	13	24	12
Horsham YMCA	9	3	2	4	22	22	11
Loxwood	9	2	0	7	16	24	6
Oakwood	8	0	0	8	6	32	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	14
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
Burgess Hill Town	9	7	1	0	31	7	22
Hassocks	11	6	2	3	32	14	20
St Francis Rangers	7	6	1	0	19	8	19
Saltdean United	9	4	2	3	24	25	14
AFC Varndeanians	9	4	1	4	25	27	13
Worthing United	7	4	0	3	16	12	12
Shoreham	8	2	2	4	20	21	8
Steinying Town	11	2	1	8	17	46	7
Lancing	9	1	2	6	15	28	5
Mile Oak	10	1	2	7	16	35	5

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	15
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	14
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	10
Will Varley	Hassocks	8
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	7
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	7
Joe Simpkin	Steinying Town	7
Samuel-Elie N'Cho	St Francis	6
Ossie O'Neill	Varndeanians	6
Brendan Hanley	Worthing Utd	6

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shoreham	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	13	2	6
Bognor Regis Town	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Burgess Hill Town	2	1	0	1	12	3	3
Seaford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	2	0	0	2	1	11	0
Saltdean United	3	0	0	3	3	22	0

Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	17
Jess Craig	Hassocks	9
Amber Beaven	Bognor Regis	6
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	6
Mille Carter	Shoreham	5
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	4
Tabitha Burrows	Saltdean Utd	4

Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	3	3	0	0	12	4	9
AFC Varndeanians	3	2	0	1	11	9	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
Wes Tate	Sidley United	3
David Murphy	Lewes	2
Dean Pugh	Sidley United	2
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	2
David Hannant	Varndeanians	2

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Eastbourne Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Saturday 14th January 2023. 3:00pm

The Saffrons, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1EA

Admission prices £7 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s go free

The FA Vase put paid to our scheduled November trip to the Saffrons before the freezing weather postponed last Saturday's visit. The next attempt to get the game played is now set for January 14th. Third time lucky?

Eastbourne Town this season

Town bid farewell to one of the longest serving managers in the Premier 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. This time around it has taken until the winter for Town to start their normal climb up the standings but it has now started in earnest. Having been as low as 14th when we were meant to go to the Saffrons in the middle of November, Town are now to seventh with nine wins, five draws and five defeats to their name.

Head-to-head

It is a fixture which Eastbourne Town tend to enjoy. Of the 39 previous matches, Town have won 24 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.

Last time we met

Town visited the Beacon in the Sussex Senior Cup at the start of December. Frankie Chappell scored the only goal of the game with 13 minutes played to send MacDonald's side through to the third round.

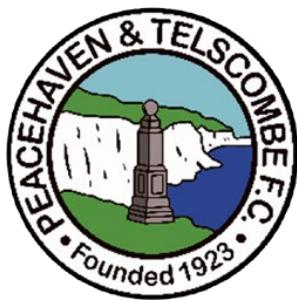
How to get to the Saffrons

The normal route to Eastbourne via the A27 and the A2770, following the road towards Eastbourne town centre. Turn right into The Goffs just before reaching the main station followed by an immediate left into Southfields Road. That is followed by another right into Dittons Road with the Saffrons on the left at the end of the road.

Played for both

We have two former Town players in our ranks who could face their former club. Sam Smith started his career at the Saffrons and JJ Minty had a brief spell with Town at the start of the current campaign.

<<< Upcoming Fixtures



Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 17th January 2023. 7:45pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

The big freeze in December put paid to our initial attempt to face the Tye, meaning that they now visit the Beacon under the lights in our first midweek fixture of 2023

Peacehaven this season

Peacehaven began in flying fashion, topping the early Premier Division table with four wins from four. Their cup form was equally impressive with progression in the FA Cup and FA Vase making it seven victories and one draw in their opening eight matches. At the end of September however the wheels came off slightly and the Tye lost four consecutive matches. Since recovering from that run, they have been one of the form teams in the league to motor back into title contention. A tough evening lies in store.

Head-to-head

It is not a fixture which has brought

us much joy. Peacehaven have won 22 of the 39 meetings with eight wins for us and nine draws. We can at least take solace from the fact this one is at the Beacon – trips to the Sports Park have been even more harrowing with only one previous league win down on the south coast in 12 attempts, coming under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 season when we went onto claim our highest ever Premier Division finish of fourth.

Last time we met

Significant rebuilds of football clubs often take time to gel and that was something Peacehaven hammered home in James Westlake's first game competitive game in charge of his

new-look Robins. Goals from Max Hollobone and a Callum Edwards brace secured a 3-0 victory for the Tye, setting them up for that impressive early season form.

Familiar faces

Bradley Bant swapped the Beacon for the Sports Park in the summer, as did Robins Under 23s regular Tom Jupp. The Tye can also call upon Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke in goal. He kept net for us in the 2017-18 season after switching to the Beacon from Lewes. We meanwhile have a couple of former Peacehaven players in our ranks with Alex Bygraves and Liam Benson both having plied their trade for at the Sports Park in recent years



Hassocks v Horsham YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 21st January 2023. 3:00pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

Back-to-back home games would normally provide cause for optimism when it comes to picking up points. We say normally, because the Peacehaven match is followed by the visit of another bogey side in Horsham YMCA

Horsham YMCA this season

Horsham YMCA began the season in impressive fashion, looking like they could secure their highest finish since Peter Buckland was in charge and had them regularly challenging towards the top of the table. They have fallen away since those early days to currently sit 12th but remain dangerous opponents for any side in the division thanks to the mix of a mean defence and strikers who know where the goal is. Former Dorking Wanderers goal machine Tom Tolfrey leads YM's scoring charts whilst ex-Robin Ben Bacon needs no introduction to Hassocks fans after enjoying spells at the Beacon in the 2016-17 and 2019-20 seasons.

Head-to-head

YM have been one of our most frequently faced opponents since we joined the Southern Combination League. There have been 54 games between the sides. YM have won 28 with 14 Hassocks wins and 13 draws. YM's dominance of the fixture stems largely from their strong record at Gorings Mead in the fixture; we have won just four times in the league there since 2000.

Last time we met

One of those rare successes away against YM came on our September visit. The hosts had kept seven clean sheets in 10 games whilst we had gone 270 minutes without a goal.

The form book ended up going out the window as we came away with a stunning 4-2 success. Phil Johnson led the charge against his former club, scoring twice with Leon Turner and Jack Troak also on the scoresheet. The YM consolations came from Archie Goddard and Bacon.

Played for both

Johnson and Bacon could both face their old clubs again and who would bet against them scoring? Johnson has a good record against YM whilst Bacon always seems to notch against us, including when infamously hitting all four goals when Saltdean United won 4-1 at the Beacon in 2018.

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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 **Joe BULL**
2nd **Phil JOHNSON**
3rd **Alex HARRIS**

November 2022

1st **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Harvey BLAKE**
3rd **Sam ROGERS**

December 2022

1st
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January 2023

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April 2023

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HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Most Games



Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Phil Gault	330	16	346	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	191	26	217	139
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Phil Johnson	149	36	185	89
25. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	346
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	139	217
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	89	185
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. Liam Benson	43	158
16. Matt Amos	38	81
17. Michael Death	38	112
18. Marc Rendall	37	183
19. Andy Burt	35	133
20. Luke Flomo	31	146
21. James Westlake	31	239
22. Jack Troak	30	101
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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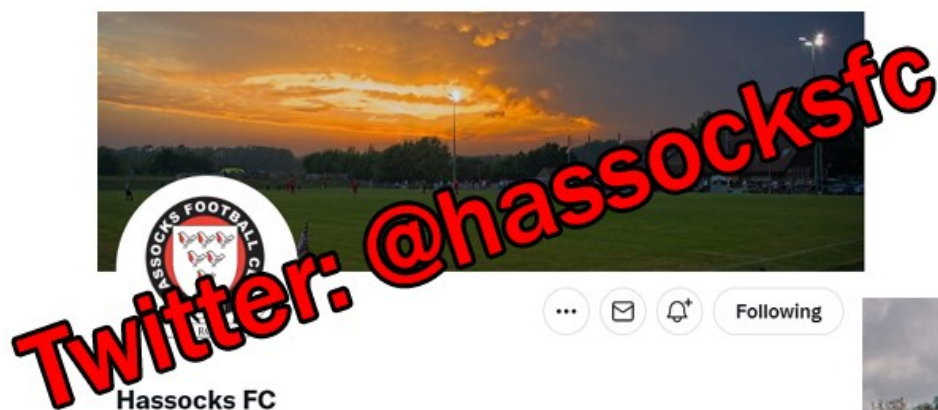
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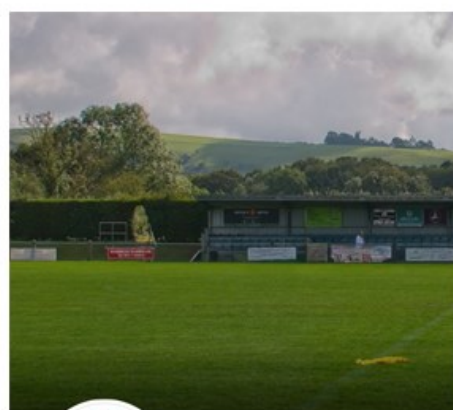


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Peacehaven & Telscombe
 Tuesday 17th January. 7:45pm
 Southern Combination League Premier Division



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Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Varndeanians v Roffey
 Bexhill United v Alfold
 Broadbridge Heath v Eastbourne United
 Crowborough Athletic v Steyning Town
 Eastbourne Town v Midhurst & Easebourne
 Horsham YMCA v Saltdean United
 Lingfield v Peacehaven & Telscombe
 Loxwood v Little Common
 Newhaven v Crawley Down Gatwick