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Hassocks v Alfold

Southern Combination League Premier Division

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Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

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Winners 1975

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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 kick off a hectic run of February fixtures starting today against Alfold

We would like to welcome the players management, committee and fans of Alfold and hope they enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex.

Today represents our first home game in over a month thanks to the freezing weather of January with matches against Peacehaven & Telscombe and Horsham YMCA both postponed.

Those two fixtures have been rearranged for Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th February respectively; but don't worry if you are struggling to keep up with where and when we are in action this month as a full list is provided in this afternoon's programme.

Plenty had happened since our last home game here against AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday 7th January, which ended up being an excellent start to 2023.

Goals from JJ Minty, Liam Benson and Joe Bull secured a 3-0 victory in a much improved performance from the Boxing Day meeting with Steyning Town.

We then had an enforced break of three weeks off before last Saturday's 2-1 defeat away at Broadbridge Heath.

Both sides looked a little rusty at the Countryside Stadium. We still managed to give a good account of ourselves however with positives to take in worrying opponents who are sure to be right in the title mix at the end of the season.

There has been a lot of football played by our other teams this past month, which is remarkable really given how other matches had been lost to the weather.

24 hours after the men had beaten Uckfield and the ladies picked up a 3-2 home win over Bognor Regis Town.

Katherine Chappell continued her astonishing form with a 22nd goal of the season from seven appearances. She was joined on the scoresheet by Kirsten Mair and Mia Pordage.

A week later and they went to Saltdean United. Missing four regulars and with a bare 11, they could be very pleased to come away with a 1-1 draw. Jo Brown scored the only goal of the game, her first for the club.

On the same day that the ladies saw off Bognor, the Veterans were 5-2 winners over Jarvis Brook. Five different players were on target; Paul Armstrong, Dave Juniper, Jonathan Bundy, Craig Beckwith and Adam

Waller to secure a first win of the season.

The Under 18s kicked off their 2023 against St Francis Rangers in the Dennis Probee Sussex Under 18 Cup on Sunday 15th January in a game switched from Colwell Road to the Beacon. It finished 2-2 after extra time with Sean Fernley's young Robins progressing 4-3 on penalties.

2-2 was also the score last Sunday in the League Cup down at Selsey, followed by more penalty drama as we eliminated the Blues 4-2 on spot kicks.

The Under 23s have only played once since the turn of the year, when goals from Phil Gault and Sam Geard saw off Chessington & Hook United 2-0 at the Beacon last Thursday night.

Our next first time game here is in two weeks time against Little Common, kicking off at 2pm.

Before then, the Under 18s host Worthing United tomorrow at 11am, the Under 23s are at East Preston on Thursday and next Sunday sees the Under 18s host Saltdean United and the Ladies in local derby action against Burgess Hill Town.

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Today's Visitors >>>



Alfold

Fold Factfile

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Twitter @Alfold_Fc

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Manager Jordan Clark

Top scorer Charlie Martin, 7

Club Honours

SCFL Division One

Winners 2019

West Sussex Football League

Winners 2003

WSFL Division One

Runners up 2001

WSFL Division Two

Winners 1981, 1994

Runners up 2013

WSFL Division Four

Winners 1989

WSFL Centenary Cup

Runners up 2003

Surrey County Junior Cup

Winners 1988

Alfold and Roffey have been the Premier Division's bottom two for almost the entire season - but new managers have given both hope of escaping the mire

Alfold took the shrewd decision to appoint Dorking Wanderers director of football Jordan Clark in November.

Clark has been instrumental in the remarkable rise of Wanderers into the National League, working full time at Meadowbank with a range of responsibilities including overseeing their academy and managing the B Team in Division One of the Southern Combination League.

He wasted no time in making his mark at Fold, bringing in several new faces to mix with the impressive young players already at the Elliott Scott Group Stadium in the Under 18s and Under 23s.

Hassocks are only too aware of the talent Alfold possess; our Under 23s have swapped leadership of the North Division frequently with Fold throughout the season so far whilst last year, they eliminated us from the League Cup at the semi final stage on their way to winning the competition.

10 of Alfold's 14 points have

been collected since Clark's arrival, including wins over Saltdean United, AFC Uckfield Town and a 7-3 victory over Roffey last weekend, who themselves have been improving massively since just before Christmas.

Hammering the Boars in such spectacular style means Alfold will arrive here today full of confidence, whilst also having shown the rest of the Premier Division that they have goals in them.

The victory took them to within three points of Saltdean in a relegation battle which is now shaping up to be almost as tight as the title race at the top of the table.

Having been playing park football in West Sussex Division Two North as recently as 2013, Alfold were never going to give up their Premier Division status earned by climbing five divisions in six years.

They will provide dangerous opponents this afternoon for the Robins to start a busy February against.

10 Key Fold Moments

1920... formed as Loxwood & Alfold FC, playing in the Rudgwick & District League

1928... Loxwood and Alfold split into two separate clubs, creating a rivalry which still exists to this day

1954... a trophy-laden season sees them lift the Horsham League title, League Cup and District Cup

1971... win their first silverware as a West Sussex League club with the Tony Kopp Cup

1988... lift the Surrey County Lower Junior Cup for the first time in their history

2003... crowned West Sussex League champions and finish runners up in the Centenary Cup

2015... secure promotion to Division Two of the Southern Combination League

2018... a fourth placed finish is enough to see 'Fold promoted to Division One and senior football

2018... significant improvements are carried out at Alfold Rec with a 50 seat stand and floodlights installed

2019... win the Division One title to secure promotion to the Premier Division

Last 8 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 15th

2018-19: Southern Combination One 1st

2017-18: Southern Combination Two 4th

2016-17: Southern Combination Two 14th

2015-16: Southern Combination Two 13th

2014-15: West Sussex League Championship 6th

2013-14: West Sussex League Championship 9th

2012-13: West Sussex League Two North 2nd

The Robins' Record v Alfold

SCFL Premier > Played 4 - Won 3 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 7 - Conceded 4

Total > **Played 4 - Won 3 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 7 - Conceded 4**

Previous 4 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: Alfold 0-3 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Alfold 0-1 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Alfold

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Alfold 3-1 Hassocks





Three nil win gives Robins three points and three wins in a row

The long Tuesday night trip to deepest, darkest Surrey proved worth it for Hassocks as they came away from Alfold with all three points via a superb 3-0 win to make it three victories in a row.

There were three different scorers and had Leon Turner opened his Hassocks account 120 seconds earlier, we would also be talking about a goal after three minutes. Three was the magic number.

Fast starts have become the Robins' calling card this week. They were 2-0 ahead inside of 12 minutes in their 2-1 win at AFC Uckfield Town on Saturday and found themselves with the same advantage after 15 minutes on a beautiful evening at the Elliot Scott Group Stadium.

The heavy rain of earlier in the day put some much needed zip onto the playing surface.

It did not take the Robins long to take the lead via a really well worked passing move. Lewis Westlake released Turner down the right. His low pass into the box was laid off to James Westlake by Liam Benson.

Turner had continued his run inside, head coach Westlake threaded the ball through a gap back to his winger who bent an effort in from a tight angle for his first Robins goal.

Alfold appealed for an offside but it was not remotely close. The hosts did benefit from several friendly flags from the assistant referee as the first half wore on however, with both Mark Zydonik and Benson seeing very tight calls go against them.

It was the in-form Benson who doubled the advantage with a quarter of an hour played.

Joel Mann and Damien Fortune in the Alfold back line were having one of those evenings where everything that could go wrong, did go wrong.

The worst piece of misfortune was suffered by Fortune after he stumbled in possession when last

man.

Benson ruthlessly took advantage, running clear with the ball and clinically beating Sebastian Jacovides in the Alfold goal.

Mann was next to suffer a mishap, missing his header from a long Alex Bygraves pass forward.

Benson again found himself clear but this time Fortune produced a magnificent saving block after covering a lot of ground.

Alfold came into the game more as an attacking force in the final 15 minutes of the first half.

Charlie Martin managed to escape Bygraves to work the space for a sight of goal. Alex Harris did well to get down to his right quickly and hold Martin's shot.

Kelvin Lucas then sped past Sam Cash and delivered a low cross into the Hassocks box. From six yards out, Martin fired over the goal, the fence and the trees in what was a major let off for the Robins.

Half time gave Hassocks the chance they needed to regroup, once they recovered from locking themselves out of their changing room.

The crowd making their way to the Clubhouse seemed to enjoy Robins assistant manager Tom Hughes appearing from the player's tunnel and shouting at the Hassocks substitutes warming up on the pitch "Who's got the key?!"

Benson had two good chances in the space of as many minutes early in the second half to score what would have been a killer third.

A strong save from Jacovides repelled a one-on-one from a difficult angle after Jack Troak had slipped Benson in.

Karim Elmellas became the latest Alfold player to produce a heavy touch under pressure from Benson.

That enabled Benson to again race towards Jacovides but this time the Hassocks forward cleared the bar with his shot.

Rampaging Joe Bull was replaced by tall striker Jamie Wilkes on 63 as Hassocks sought to test the hosts with a different threat.

It did not take the rangy Wilkes long to get involved. He had strong penalty claims controversially dismissed by referee Ian Homewood after a clumsy Mann challenge in the area.

A series of decisions from Mr Homewood followed that frustrated Hassocks, culminating in Zydonik entering the sin bin.

The Hassocks defender was caught in the face by the flailing arm of Louie Rand. When Zydonik expressed his disappointment at there being no punishment for Rand, Mr Homewood sent him to the sidelines for 10 minutes.

Hassocks had to weather a bit of a storm playing a man short. Not long into the sin bin and Westlake sacrificed Turner for Bradley Tighe to bolster the back line.

Zydonik could not have asked for a better first touch following his return to action as it was he who headed home the Robins' third.

Lewis Westlake delivered a corner which Zydonik rose highest to meet, powering home from inside the six yard box.

Alfold knew the game was up and Hassocks might have even added two more in the final five minutes.

A Phil Johnson cross was inches away from the gangling leg of Wilkes and Harvey Blake then hit a volley into orbit in a piece of play he later claimed was a deliberate bit of time wasting.

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

Subs: Wilkes (Bull 63), Johnson (Benson 71), Tighe (Turner 76), Rogers (J Westlake 91), Rawlingson (Zydonik 93).



Late drama at the Beacon as Gault wins it from the spot

Where do you even begin with what happened between Hassocks and Alfold at the Beacon?

Two red cards for the visitors, Hassocks losing three players to injury and then a penalty in the final seconds from Phil Gault saved, retaken and scored at the second attempt ended up earning the Robins a much-needed 2-1 victory on a day of ridiculous drama.

The first of those injuries arrived before the game had even kicked off, Hassocks losing top scorer Alfie Loversidge in the warm up.

His place was taken by youth team winger Louis Thwaites, thrust in for a full debut.

Surprisingly, Hassocks were not at all impacted by the disruption as they flew out of the traps, taking the lead with only two minutes on the clock.

For the second game running following the 5-0 midweek win over Montpellier Villa, Lewis Westlake scored a superb effort from distance after pressing a roll out from Alfold goalkeeper Andrew Osei and chipping in from 24 yards.

Unfortunately for Westlake, that was the end of his afternoon as he left proceedings minutes later as the Robins' second injury.

Lucas Tyrrell then joined him after a nasty collision with Osei. Both players were entitled to go for the ball, it was just unfortunate that Tyrrell came off worse and had to be helped from the field.

Jordan Badger and Josh Hawkes are both feeling their way back to match fitness, so they probably could have done without playing for well over an hour once Westlake and Tyrrell departed.

Hassocks did well to cope with the chaos in their ranks and although they struggled to create too many first half opportunities, they crucially kept Alfold at bay for the most part.

On the one occasion where the

visitors had a sight of goal, Alex Harris pulled off one of the best saves the Beacon has seen for a very long time.

It looked to all the world like Sam Lemon was going to score from point blank range but somehow, Harris managed to stick out a strong hand and turn the effort over the bar.

The second half took a while to heat up, sparking into life when Alfold equalised with 63 minutes on the clock. It was an excellent goal from Lemon, cutting inside from the left channel and bending a sweet effort into the top corner.

That led to a brief period of Alfold domination, during which the visitors looked the most likely winners.

Hassocks were again indebted to Harris when he pushed another effort from close range over the bar, this time from Kelvin Lucas.

Harris' heroics suddenly seemed to inspire the Robins and they ended the game back on top, led by the driving runs of Jack Troak who had taken over from the hard working Thwaites.

Osei was called into action when he managed to get his leg onto Josh Short's effort from six yards out, just doing enough to see the ball trickle wide of the post after good link up between Gault and James Westlake.

Alfold were reduced to 10 men when Mitch Clark made a lazy trip on Short in the middle of the park to pick up a second booking.

Dan Turner then met a beautiful free kick delivered into the box from out wide with a towering header which beat Osei.

Not one Alfold player appealed for offside as Turner had come from at least 10 yards on.

The linesman though concluded that somebody in red had strayed and so the goal was controversially chalked off.

The game was by now entering its final five minutes and it looked like Hassocks' chance of winning it had

gone.

Alfold were content to sit back and take a point, as you might expect given their numerical disadvantage and that they are in the midst of a poor run of form.

Short though had other ideas and in the fourth minute of time added on, he embarked on a mesmerising run, jinking past three players and into the penalty area.

Osei came charging off his line and unlike that first half challenge on Tyrrell, got his timing all wrong as he completely missed the ball and wiped Short out.

A penalty was the only outcome but Osei redeemed himself with a superb full length save to his left to push Gault's spot kick onto the post.

The linesman who had spotted that offside which nobody else witnessed minutes earlier this time saw that Osei had left his line to make the stop and so Gault was given a second bite of the cherry.

A deathly hush descended from everyone except Osei, who did his best to put Gault off.

The veteran was not going to make the same mistake twice however and he scored with the last kick of the game to give Hassocks back-to-back wins for the first time under Brad Sweetman.

Whilst the Robins players celebrated with their young supporters behind the goal, Osei managed to talk himself into a red card for dissent after the full time whistle for continuing his protest against the retake far too vehemently for referee Joshua Langley-Fineing's liking.

Hassocks: Harris; Rawlingson, Turner, B Tighe, Bant; Tyrrell, L Westlake, J Westlake, Thwaites; Short, Gault.

Subs: Badger, Hawkes, Troak (used), Loversidge, Parker (unused).



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Benson adds December Player of the Month to his growing collection

It is turning into quite the 2022-23 season for Liam Benson, who picked up his third Hassocks Player of the Month award of the campaign in December.

The striker was also victorious in September and November. No player has ever been named Player of the Month four times in a single campaign before, giving Benson a little bit of history to aim at between now and April.

Results wise, it was something of a disappointing month for Hassocks. Two games lost to the freezing weather meant the Robins only completed three matches, all of which ended in defeat.

Having drawn blanks in a 5-0 hammering away at Midhurst & Easebourne and when exiting the Sussex Senior Cup by losing 1-0 at home to Eastbourne Town, the two goals Hassocks scored in December both came on Boxing Day against Steyning Town.

Benson was named Bedlam Brewery Starman in that game with the Barrowmen where he gave the Robins a first minute lead.

Steyning defender Charlie Robinson was caught trying to play out from the back by Benson, who latched onto a loose pass and made no mistake with a low left footed effort to notch against one of his former clubs.

Benson was then heavily involved in the second Hassocks goal. He drew a good save from Barrowmen goalkeeper Lucas Szendela-Goetzke after being played in one-on-one by Harvey Blake.

The loose ball from Szendela-Goetzke's interception fell to Blake continuing his run into the box to smash home and double the advantage.

Unfortunately, Hassocks surrendered their two goal lead in the second half as Steyning battled back to win 3-2 via a 94th minute Jack Barnes goal after Robins goalkeeper Joe Southam was taken off injured.

Second place in December Player of the Month goes to Pat Harding, whose burgeoning partnership with Benson meant that Hassocks top scorer Phil Johnson started every league game on the bench in December.

The veteran proved an ideal foil

for Benson with clever approach play and lots of willing running.

It was the introduction of Super Pat in the Eastbourne Town match which led the Robins to enjoy their best spell, dominating a final 20 minutes in which they did everything but put the ball in the back of the net.

Harding's place in the top three is the first time he has been involved in a Hassocks Player of the Month award since his summer return to the Robins from Burgess Hill Town.

He missed the opening month of the campaign after breaking three ribs in pre-season but is now firmly up-to-speed and showing his quality - not that the Beacon faithful need much reminding of what Super Pat brings to the table.

For the second month running, young Sam Rogers took third place. After beginning the season in the Under 23s, the midfielder had established himself in the first team squad over the past few months.

His best performance came against Eastbourne Town, where he ran the midfield against quality opponents with a showing which belied his years.

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Hassocks face eight games through a frantic February

Strap yourselves in for a busy February. Having played only eight games since the start of November due to the weather playing havoc with the Southern Combination League, Hassocks will now face eight matches crammed into the space of four weeks.

The Robins' first two fixtures come against the Premier Division's bottom two clubs, although both have shown signs of improvement in recent months since pre-Christmas manager changes.

Alfold are the visitors to the Beacon this afternoon followed by Hassocks making the trip to Roffey on Tuesday night for a 7:30pm kick off.

It will be the Robins' first ever visit to Bartholomew Way for a competitive fixture.

Hassocks won the earlier meeting at the Beacon 7-0 on Bank Holiday Monday with the Boars being much-changed since that day following the appointment of new boss Jack Munday.

The Robins will then visit the Sunshine Coast twice in the space of 72 hours. Eastbourne United away lies in wait on Saturday 11th with

Valentine's Day spent at Eastbourne Town on Tuesday 14th.

Kick off is at 7:30pm for those Hassocks fans planning to treat their lucky partners to a night at the Saffrons.

Back-to-back home games follow against Little Common on Saturday 18th starting at 2pm and Peacehaven & Telscombe on Tuesday 21st.

Hassocks lost to both Common and the Tye away from home in the opening two months of the campaign.

Saturday 25th will see the Robins reunited with former head coach Brad Sweetman and a whole host of ex-players who have followed him to Saltdean United over the past six months.

That one gets underway at 3pm at Hill Park and will be the third meeting of the campaign between the clubs.

The Robins triumphed 5-1 in November's league game with the Sussex Senior Cup clash between the sides a month earlier ending in a 2-2 draw after 90 minutes. Hassocks went onto progress to round two on penalties.

February is rounded off with game eight, the rearranged fixture with

Horsham YMCA on Tuesday 28th at 7:45pm.

Hassocks won a six-goal thriller 4-2 at the Herbert Direct Stadium in September, only their fourth league win at Gorings Mead this century.

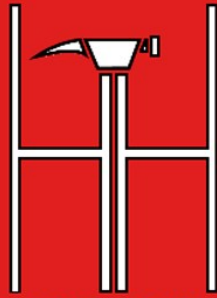
There are currently two Under 23s games scheduled for February. Roffey were due to visit the Beacon on Thursday night with a trip to East Preston in the League Cup on Thursday 9th. Kick off is 7:30pm at the Lashmar for that one.

The Under 18s host Worthing United at home tomorrow in the second round of the Dennis Probee Youth Cup followed by a home Central Division fixture against Saltdean on Sunday 19th. Both start at 11am.

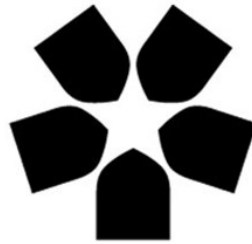
A League Cup quarter final kicks off February for the Ladies tomorrow away at Saltdean.

The Robins then have three consecutive home games, hosting Burgess Hill Town on Sunday 12th, Shoreham on Sunday 19th and Pagham on Sunday 26th all at 2pm.

And last but by no means least, the Veterans travel to Rotherfield tomorrow for their one February fixture.



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Thompson signs scholarship with Point University Skyhawks

Hassocks Under 23s goalkeeper Callum Thompson is headed to the United States after signing a scholarship with Point University.

The teenager will move to West Point, Georgia in 2023 and combine studying with playing for the Skyhawks soccer programme.

Thompson joined the Robins in the summer having spent last season playing for a combination of Sutton Common Rovers, Redhill and Loxwood.

Thompson had caught the eye of Hassocks head coach James Westlake when Westlake was assistant to Spencer Slaughter at Loxwood.

Westlake subsequently brought Thompson to the Beacon after a brief dalliance with AFC Vardeanians.

He was immediately installed as number one by Neil Parker in the Under 23s whilst also providing competition for Alex Harris in the first team.

Thompson started the opening seven games of the Under 23s season before suffering a nasty shoulder dislocation and fracture in the final three minutes of a 6-2 win at Horsham YMCA in early October.

Before injury struck and caused an enforced break in his season, Thompson had impressed with his shot stopping ability and speed and agility between the posts.

He kept three clean sheets against Roffey, St Francis Rangers and reigning Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division champions Broadbridge Heath.

Five of the seven games Thompson played in were won as the Robins made a strong start a campaign in which they have not dropped out of the top three so far.

All three shutouts recorded by Thompson came in Hassocks victories whilst he also tasted success away at Chessington & Hook United and in the YM game where he was injured.

"Congratulations Callum, exciting times ahead. Looking forward to getting you back between the sticks for Hassocks before your depart," Westlake tweeted after Soccer Assist revealed the news that Thompson had signed with Point.

Former Robins midfielder Slaughter also had words of encouragement for his former player, saying: "Fantastic news Cal. You'll achieve great things mate and wishing you all the best young man.

It is a good time for Thompson to join Point. The Skyhawks are currently enjoying their most successful ever period, winning the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament championship in 2021 to qualify for the NAIA Nationals which determine the college soccer champions in the US.

Everyone at Hassocks wishes Callum the best for when he jets off on his new adventure.

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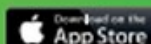
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Bold Robins go on the attack to which AFC Uckfield have no answer

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 7th January 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks 3-0 AFC Uckfield Town

Three consecutive defeats through December were banished to memory as Hassocks kicked off 2023 with a comfortable win over AFC Uckfield Town.

The Robins ran out 3-0 victors at a windy Beacon, justifying a bold XI from James Westlake which screamed attack, attack, attack.

For the first time this season, Westlake named his three principal strikers in the same starting line up.

Liam Benson and Pat Harding were joined by the recalled Phil Johnson, who has spent the last three league matches on the bench.

Jack Troak was used in a more defensive role on the left but that did little to inhibit his natural inclination to get forward and the inclusion of JJ Minty offered a goal threat from midfield.

In fact, everywhere you looked there were goal threats. The Beacon faithful were certainly excited by the brashness of it all with a notable buzz amongst the crowd before kick off.

It took time however for the positive selection to bear the fruit. The opening 20 minutes were pretty uneventful with neither side managing to create a noteworthy opportunity.

And when the Robins did open the scoring with the first meaningful attack of the afternoon midway through the first half, it was via a goal made by a recalled defender rather than any of their attacking heavyweights.

Will Broomfield has had to wait patiently for playing time this season thanks to the form of Alex Bygraves and Bradley Tighe.

Indeed, his two most recent substitute appearances have come in goal after injuries to Alex Harris at Midhurst & Easebourne and Joe Southam in the Boxing Day defeat to Steyning Town.

Shipping three second half goals against the Barrowmen saw

Broomfield come into side in place of Tighe and he made the most of the opportunity with a composed display alongside the equally excellent Bygraves.

Broomfield's assist came when he was quickest to react after Uckfield goalkeeper Connor Manderson made a brave save at the feet of Minty, pushing the ball away to the right.

Having come forward to join the attack, Broomfield was faster than a whippet to latch onto the loose ball ahead of Manderson, sweeping a low cross back to the waiting Minty who fired into the empty net from a matter of yards.

Hassocks should have doubled the lead on 37 minutes. Harvey Blake embarked on a dancing run down the right followed by a pinpoint cross which Benson headed wide.

Uckfield had done little to trouble the home defence and you sensed that a second goal for the Robins would kill the tie.

After plenty of huffing and puffing at the start of the second half, it eventually arrived with 66 minutes played.

Mike Williamson sent a free kick into the box. Broomfield had been left totally unmarked but contrived to completely miss the ball at an admittedly awkward height between head and knee.

Not that it mattered. Sam Rogers had made a darting run to the far post and he was able to hook across the goal line for Benson to bundle home.

That moved Benson onto 13 for the season, pulling him level with Johnson at the top of the scoring charts.

There was no opportunity for Johnson to add to his own total as he made way for Phil Gault three minutes later, part of a double change which also saw Westlake introduce himself into midfield in place of Rogers.

A runout of over 20 minutes was



the most game time assistant head coach Gault has enjoyed for over a year and he put it to good use by creating the Robins' third and final goal in injury time.

Gault collected possession from a short throw routine near the Uckfield by-line, turned his man and delivered the perfect cross hung up towards the back post.

A darting run from Joe Bull saw him escape the attentions of Alfie Dennis to power home a header from eight yards.

It was Bull's first goal of the season and came just 10 minutes after he had come off the bench to take over from Minty.

Uckfield defender George Cook saw red with seconds remaining to complete a busy day for referee Brendan Jones, who booked seven Hassocks players.

Johnson, Bygraves, Troak, Westlake, Rogers, Williamson and Broomfield were the guilty parties, leaving the Robins likely to find themselves in hot water with the Sussex County FA - the only negative on an otherwise super start to the new year.

Hassocks: Southam; Blake, Broomfield, Bygraves, Troak; Minty, Williamson, Rogers, Harding; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Gault (Johnson 69), J Westlake (Rogers 69), Bull (Minty 80), B Tighe (Harding 88), Harris (unused).



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Defeat at high-flying Bears in first game for three weeks harsh on spirited Hassocks

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 28th January 2023, Countryside Stadium
Broadbridge Heath 2-1 Hassocks**



Having gone three weeks without a competitive game, Hassocks could not have faced a much tougher return to Southern Combination League action than a trip to high-flying Broadbridge Heath.

And the Bears showed why they have lost only three times and not dropped out of the Premier Division's top four all season, resisting a spirited second half Hassocks performance to secure a 2-1 victory at the Countryside Stadium.

Speaking afterwards, James Westlake felt his side worthy of a draw.

His disappointment at coming away with nothing was however countenanced by the knowledge that Hassocks should pick up plenty of points through a manic February if they continue to play like this.

The Robins face eight fixtures crammed into four weeks which will have a huge say on how high up the table they finish in Westlake's first year at the helm.

To help his squad through the busy period, Westlake is hoping to add two new faces by the time Alföld arrive at the Beacon next Saturday.

Hassocks have also been boosted by the return of Alfie Loversidge after long-term injury which, to throw in a favourite football cliché, will be akin to a new signing.

Loversidge's introduction from the bench at half time was his first action bar two runouts for the Under 23s since the 3-0 defeat away at Peacehaven & Telscombe on the opening day of the campaign.

He wasted little time in reminding everyone of the talents that made him one of the stars of last season, being central to most of the good stuff Hassocks did as they attempted to overturn the two goal lead Heath had taken just before half time.

The Bears' first came on 36 minutes when Ryan Brackpool met a pinpoint corner with a bullet near

post header giving Joe Southam no chance of keeping it out.

Young Southam then fumbled a shot from the edge of the box which allowed the onrushing Charlie Parmiter to put the loose ball into the empty net three minutes before the break.

Those goals came something out of the blue. The opening half hour had very much looked like a game between two sides who had not played a massive amount of football since the turn of the year with no chances worthy of note being created.

The second half though was a different story. Hassocks were clearly fired up by whatever Westlake had said at the interval and with Loversidge on the pitch, they looked more much progressive in attacking areas.

Loversidge's first involvement came within 30 seconds of the restart.

Raging Joe Bull went on a charge down the left ended with a cross into the box which found Loversidge in acres of space.

The chance though had come too quickly off the bench for the young midfielder, whose rustiness was evidenced when he put his shot straight at Heath goalkeeper Alfie Hadfield.

Creating their first good opportunity of the match seemed to give Hassocks confidence and helped set the tone for the remainder of a half in which the Robins pushed and pushed.

Two more changes helped to intensify the momentum Hassocks were building, Westlake introducing himself into the action along with assistant head coach Phil Gault.

Hassocks got the goal they deserved on 79 minutes. Loversidge embarked on a really good run into the box, where despite being clattered by a number of Heath defenders he managed to remain

upright.

That was until Hadfield came rushing from his line with enough contact finally being made on Loversidge to convince referee Oliver Westgate to point to the spot.

Despite a delay in the taking of the penalty, Phil Johnson kept a cool head and slotted the ball under the body of Hadfield for his 14th goal of the season.

Sensing an equaliser within their grasp and wanting the game to restart as soon as possible, several Hassocks players went to retrieve the ball which Hadfield had grabbed and was now refusing to let go off.

This resulted in handbags at dawn and a melee in the goal during which Hadfield pushed Westlake into the side netting, receiving a red card from Mr Westgate for his troubles.

Hassocks now had 10 minutes of plus stoppage time in which to find a leveller against a Heath outfit down to 10 men and with an outfield player having taken over between the sticks.

It very much looked like game on. Heath though to their credit used the red card in the right way, refocussing and battening down the hatches.

The Robins did plenty of huffing and puffing but could find no way through in the time remaining, leaving them to return home empty handed.

Hassocks: Southam; Blake, Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; Minty, Williamson, Wilkes, Troak; Johnson, Harding.

Subs: Loversidge, J Westlake, Gault (used).

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	3-0	170	Minty, Benson, Bull
28/01 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP	1-2	101	Johnson
February					
04/02 - 14:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP			
07/02 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
11/02 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
14/02 - 19:30	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
18/02 - 14:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
21/02 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
25/02 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
28/02 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	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			Goals	Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games		Games	Goals
Jack Troak	27	0	27	7	103	30
Harvey Blake	25	1	26	1	92	4
Alex Bygraves	25	0	25	3	25	3
Liam Benson	21	4	25	13	159	44
Joe Bull	21	4	25	1	119	8
Phil Johnson	17	7	24	14	187	90
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	23	0
Mike Williamson	20	2	22	0	22	0
Bradley Tighe	19	3	22	0	160	0
Jamie Wilkes	14	7	21	3	25	3
Leon Turner	15	3	18	2	18	2
Pat Harding	10	8	18	2	219	139
Sam Rogers	7	7	14	0	14	0
Sam Smith	4	10	14	1	28	3
James Westlake	9	4	13	0	241	31
Sam Cash	9	3	12	0	15	1
Tom Frankland	6	5	11	0	11	0
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Danny Reid	3	7	10	1	10	1
JJ Minty	5	2	7	1	7	1
Will Broomfield	4	3	7	0	95	4
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Joe Southam	5	0	5	0	5	0
Phil Gault	0	3	3	0	348	190
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	1	2	0	63	11
Tom Tennant	1	1	2	0	2	0
Arthur Rawlingson	0	2	2	0	42	1
Sam Fernley	0	1	1	0	1	0



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Lord Gault and returning Geard give Hassocks three points on return to action

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 26th January 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 2-0 Chessington & Hook U23s**



It had been a long 11 weeks since Hassocks Under 23s last took to the pitch thanks to rain, snow, frost... you name a type of weather and it had caused a postponement.

Fortunately, the near-three months without a game does not seem to have impacted too much on the Robins based on the comfortable manner with which they saw off Chessington & Hook United 2-0 at the Beacon.

Hassocks had sat second in the Southern Combination League North Division when they last completed a competitive 90 minutes and this three points took them back to the summit above Alfold.

Two points separate the sides who have both played 11 times. Horley Town lurk a further two points behind and Roffey and Broadbridge Heath in fourth and fifth both have games in hand, meaning an intriguing title battle is on the cards in the second half of the campaign.

Hassocks might have gone a long time without football but that does not mean that the management team have been idle with moves made on the transfer front.

Some familiar faces have returned to bolster the squad with two involved in the win over Chessington.

Last season's first team left back Jack Baden has returned to the Beacon after moving to Hailsham

Town in the summer and Sam Geard is back after a brief spell at Montpellier Villa.

Geard started the season with the Robins, playing five times and scoring once before 11 games in Southern Combination League Division One with Villa.

He marked his first game back in Hassocks colours with the second goal of the game after Phil Gault had opened the scoring.

Yes, Lord Gault pulled on an Under 23s shirt for the first time this season, meaning he is just a veterans game away from again completing the full set of first team, Under 23s and vets appearances in a single campaign.

Baden, Geard and Gault were part of six changes from the Hassocks XI who had been eliminated from the League Cup by Arundel in that most recent November fixture.

Alfie Loversidge made his second Under 23s start of an injury-hit campaign. He has not been seen in the first team since limping off early on in the opening day defeat at Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Charlie Broad and Ben Hicks also returned with JJ Minty, Kieran Dimelow, George Mercer and Will Varley absentees whilst Marshall Smith dropped down to the bench.

Arthur Rawlingson meanwhile has moved to Saltdean United to reunite with former Hassocks head coach

Brad Sweetman.

Everyone at the Beacon wishes Rawlingson well and thanks him for his 18 months at the Beacon.

Current Hassocks head coach James Westlake joined Smith and Jude Wallis on the bench, with all three receiving second half runouts.

Hassocks were already 2-0 ahead by that point having scored both their goals in the opening 45 minutes.

A slide rule pass from Broad played in Gault for the first and his touch into space and clinical one-on-one finish into the top corner of the Chessington goal deserved a well-earned Thursday night bottle of Malbec when he returned to his stately home.

Gault was also involved in the second, striking a low free kick from 22 yards into the wall. The ball fell kindly to Geard, making no mistake with a powerful low drive sending a difficult bouncing ball into the bottom left corner.

Hassocks: Thomas, W Tighe, Broomfield, Baden, J Smith, Loversidge, Rogers, Geard, Hicks, Gault, Broad.

Subs: J Westlake, Wallis, M Smith (used).

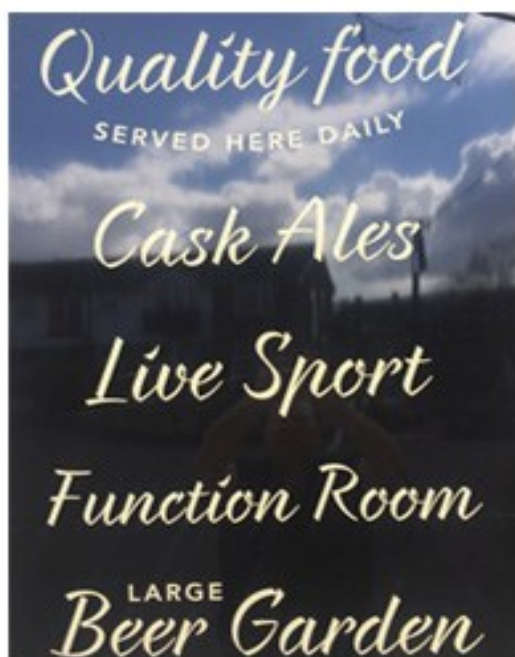
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Under 23s Matches 2022-23

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				
10/11 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	CU23C1	0-2	
January				
26/01 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Gault, Geard
February				
02/02 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23		
09/02 - 19:30	East Preston (A)	U23LC2		

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Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	11	0	11	1
Jack Smith	6	5	11	0
Wes Tighe	6	5	11	0
George Mercer	8	2	10	3
Ben Hicks	6	4	10	0
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Charlie Broad	6	3	9	3
Marshall Smith	3	6	9	1
Callum Thompson	7	0	7	0
Kieran Dimelow	5	2	7	2
Will Broomfield	6	0	6	1
Sam Geard	6	0	6	2
Danny Reid	6	0	6	4
Sam Smith	6	0	6	3
Sam Fernley	3	3	6	3
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Jack Thomas	5	0	5	0
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Jude Wallis	2	2	4	0
Will Varley	1	3	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Alfie Loversidge	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Alex Wintle	1	1	2	2
Jack Baden	1	0	1	0
Sam Cash	1	0	1	0
Phil Gault	1	0	1	1
George Gladding	1	0	1	0
Archie Hill	1	0	1	0
Jay Hudson	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
James Westlake	0	1	1	0



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Robins progress on penalties with derby day win in Dennis Probee Cup

**Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup Second Round
Sunday 15th January 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 2-2 St Francis Rangers U18s**



After three postponements, Hassocks and St Francis Rangers were finally able to get their Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup second round tie played at the fourth attempt thanks to some flexibility in venues.

The draw had originally given Hassocks a home game but when the tie was cancelled twice at the Beacon, it switched to Colwell Road as per Sussex County FA Cup competition rules.

A waterlogged pitch last Sunday at St Francis caused yet another postponement and when an early pitch inspection ruled Colwell Road again unplayable on the morning of the game, Rangers surrendered home advantage and agreed to play the match at the Beacon.

This turned out to be good news for Hassocks, who progressed via penalties following an entertaining 2-2 draw after 90 minutes against their local rivals.

A tight game always looked on the cards with the Robins sitting second in the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division and Rangers one point and one place behind in third.

St Francis though have four

games in hand; win them all and they would overhaul not only Hassocks but move level on points with long-term leaders and the other Mid Sussex side in the division, Burgess Hill Town.

With neither team having played a competitive game since December 4th - although the Robins had enjoyed a friendly runout away at Newhaven on the new Trafalgar Ground 3G earlier in January - there was a worry that rustiness might impact on the contest.

Those fears did not last long as Hassocks were soon into their groove, carrying on where they had left off when beating Mile Oak 4-2 in their most recent Central Division action.

The Robins made three changes from that victory. In came Oliver Goswamy, Harry Goatcher and Cameron Mitchell, who had impressed from the bench against Oak.

Dropping out were Jack Duckett, Oliver Steel and Will Varley, the Robins' second-top scorer with eight goals in eight games.

Hassocks coped admirably without Varley. Alex Wintle and Goswamy found the back of the net to take the tie to spot kicks.

The shootout played out at the

railway end of the ground. Hassocks saw their first penalty brilliantly kept out by the Rangers goalkeeper low down to his left but the Robins were spot on after that with every player remarkably picking out the top corner.

Jack Thomas saved the second Rangers spot kick and when the visitors dragged their third wide, a successful Hassocks conversion saw the Robins through 4-2 from 12 yards.

Round three will bring either Worthing United or Burgess Hill Town to the Beacon in February. Before then, there is further knockout football to come in the Robins' next game, a League Cup tie at Selsey in two week's time.

Hassocks: Thomas, Foster, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Mitchell, Wintle, Munt, Goswamy, Goatcher, Brewer.

Subs: Goss, Dean (used).

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Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
04/09 - 11:00	Steyping Town (H)	SCFL18	3-1	Brewer (2), Duckett
18/09 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	SCFL18	1-2	Brewer
25/09 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	1-2	Goss
October				
02/10 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	2-3	Brewer (2)
09/10 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18	7-0	Brewer (3), 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				
15/01 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	CU18C1	2-2	Wintle, Goswamy (<i>Won 4-2 pens</i>)
29/01 - 11:00	Selsey (A)	U18LC2	2-2	Varley, Gladding (<i>Won 4-2 pens</i>)
February				
05/02 - 11:00	Worthing United (H)	CUC8C2		
19/02 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		

Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Fernley	13	0	13	0
Jack Thomas	13	0	13	0
Ed Tobias	13	0	13	1
Alex Brewer	12	0	12	14
Alex Wintle	12	0	12	2
George Gladding	12	0	12	2
Sam Dean	10	2	12	0
Ben Foster	3	8	11	1
Toby Munt	9	0	9	1
Will Varley	8	1	9	9
Ryan Goss	1	8	9	2
Oliver Goswamy	7	1	8	1
Harry Goatcher	6	1	7	0
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
Cam Mitchell	2	4	6	0
Ewan Edwards	0	6	6	0
Jack Duckett	5	0	5	2
Oliver Steel	5	0	5	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	2	3	5	0
Archie Hill	1	2	3	0
Joe Woodhouse	0	2	2	0
Matthew Mongardini	1	0	1	0
Charlie Smith	1	0	1	0
Max Ward	1	0	1	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0

Comeback win rocks Bognor and maintains Robins 100 percent start

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division
Sunday 8th January 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 3-2 Bognor Regis Town Women



The 100 percent record goes on for Hassocks Ladies as they maintained their perfect start to the season with a hard fought 3-2 victory over a very skilful Bognor Regis Town side.

After a lengthy period of nine weeks since their most recent competitive match, Hassocks understandably looked somewhat rusty in the opening minutes at a wet and windy Beacon.

Bognor in contrast began the game well, taking the lead with an unstoppable shot in the fifth minute which gave Robins goalkeeper Sarah Chappell no chance.

The next few minutes continued in the same vein. Bognor again went close, followed shortly by Claire Stevens having to make a last gasp tackle to thwart another effort on goal from the visitors.

Hassocks gradually got into their stride after their slow start, coming more into the game even though Holly Webb had to go off injured. Shannon McFadden was introduced in place of Webb.

Despite Hassocks' improvement, Bognor continued to look dangerous and were awarded a free kick in the 20th minute.

It was well struck, hitting the post and with an alert forward slotting home the rebound, the Robins had a 2-0 lead.

To their credit, Hassocks were not downhearted and set about battling back.

Jodie Johanson was frequently involved on the right-hand side and the especially-busy Tallie Bright on the left embarked on a mazy run and shot which was saved.

Bright had another effort deflected for a corner and Jess Craig played a through ball which was only just too hard, running through to the Bognor goalkeeper.

The lively Bright had yet another

effort cleared off the line before Hassocks got themselves back into the game.

A through ball from Kirsten Mair found top scorer Katherine Chappell who calmly beat the keeper with a well-placed shot into the corner for her 22nd of the season from just seven matches.

With the weather now really threatening and conditions very dark, Hassocks had to defend well in the final few minutes of the half to go in at the break trailing by only one.

Thankfully, the weather improved slightly by the time the second half started.

Hassocks manager Sean Perkins changed formation with Katie Read going into a back four and Mia Pordage moving further forward.

Before the change had a chance to make a difference, Bognor were awarded a 49th minute penalty after a foul in the box.

In a moment that massively affected the outcome of the match, player-of-the-match Chappell dived and superbly saved the well-struck penalty.

The danger was not over and Chappell did brilliantly to recover and divert the follow up for a corner, completing a truly magnificent double save.

That galvanised Hassocks and they responded by winning a corner. The Robins failed to make much of it and a big clearance gave Bognor the chance of a breakaway which Emma Flin had to defend well to avert the danger.

Bognor's speedy forwards looked really dangerous on the counter and after another quick break keeper Chappell had to narrow the angle and force a visiting player to shoot wide.

Hassocks continued to fight with midfielders Craig and McFadden looking strong and combining well.

In the 77th minute, the Robins were awarded a free kick about 30 yards from goal.

Kirsten Mair is always dangerous in these types of situations as Bognor found to their cost with the ball sent straight into the corner to level the game.

Bognor responded by going on the attack in an attempt to retake the lead and Stevens had to make another good clearance.

Hassocks completed their comeback with the winner in the 82nd minute.

A pinpoint accurate pass from Mair put enabled Pordage to round the Bognor goalkeeper and slot the ball home.

Bognor were even more determined now with eight minutes remaining in which to find an equaliser.

A magnificent last-ditch tackle from Jo Brown saved a situation when Bognor looked certain to score before a final effort from a free kick in a dangerous position was comfortably saved by Chappell.

Hassocks had to make a last-minute substitution when Ellie Moquet replaced Katie Read who had suffered a knock on the head after bravely winning the ball in the air.

The final whistle went soon afterwards, confirming a result being a brilliant 3-2 victory for the Robins.

It was the first real test of this Hassocks side after a series of fairly one-sided games earlier in the season and after a long layoff, every one of the players can be proud of their efforts which contributed to an excellent result.

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

Subs: McFadden, Read, Moquet (used).

Brown bags a good point for Hassocks down to the bare bones

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division
Sunday 15th January 2023, Hill Park
Saltdean United Women 1-1 Hassocks Ladies



Although Hassocks Ladies lost their 100 percent record, the Robins could still be pleased with their efforts in a 1-1 draw against much-improved Saltdean United Development Squad.

Hassocks arrived at Hill Park without four regulars and having to start the match with just 11 available players to face a new-look Tigers side fresh from beating Burgess Hill Town for their first league win of the season last weekend.

On an extremely windy morning, the Robins had conditions in their favour in the first half.

Saltdean though started brightly with Emma Flin having to cut out an early dangerous looking through ball.

Hassocks goalkeeper Sarah Chappell then had to save a shot before the Robins responded with their first opportunity of the game, a Tallie Bright effort saved after good work by Holly Webb.

Maddie Cannon put the ball in the net for Hassocks in the seventh minute but was clearly offside.

The game continued to flow from end to end with Chappell having to save another effort on goal before a Jess Craig shot was kept out by the Saltdean goalkeeper.

Hassocks came close to taking the lead in the 14th minute with pressure being applied by Tallie Bright and Maddie Cannon but the ball was scrambled away by the hosts.

The Robins did not have to wait much longer to open the scoring. Two minutes later and a corner from Ellie Moquet was played back to the taker.

Moquet's cross at the second time of asking was fumbled by the Tigers goalkeeper, allowing Jo Brown to find the net for her first ever Hassocks goal.

Saltdean came back at the Robins and Claire Stevens had to cover, conceding a corner which came to

nothing.

Bright blocked an attempt on goal and a great run and cross by Brown just lacked a teammate to apply the finishing touch and convert as the game continued to be a fairly even contest.

A 31st minute Hassocks free kick was countered quickly by the Tigers, resulting in a dangerous breakaway which Stevens had to use her speed to cover and clear.

Stevens was involved in an attacking sense in the 35th minute, playing a dangerous looking through ball which looked threatening until the strong wind allowed it to go all the way through to the Saltdean goalkeeper.

Hassocks manager Sean Perkins made a tactical change nine minutes before half time, moving Brown into the back four and pushing Moquet further forward.

Moquet immediately had an effort on goal from a Cannon pass which sparked a frantic finish to the first half.

Emma Flin made an important break and then at the other end Jess Craig executed a smart turn and shot which needed to be saved at the expense of a corner.

The Robins again played the corner short before Moquest crossed. Craig met the ball in with a firm header well stopped.

A fairly even first half ended with Hassocks in the lead but knowing they would be up against it in the second half defending the wind which was showing no sign of abating.

The Robins defence had to be alert to the threat and Katie Read - having recovered from her knock on the head the previous week - was particularly prominent against a lively threat coming down the Saltdean left.

Stevens produced more good covering followed by a dangerous Tigers cross being missed by everyone.

Hassocks had a couple of injury

scares when Holly Webb had to be treated after a clash of heads.

Shannon McFaddon followed by going down and also needing treatment having demonstrated her skill and strength in midfield throughout the game so far.

Both were okay to continue, playing their parts in what was turning out to be an absorbing contest.

Chappell made an important stop in the 56th minute and 13 minutes later, Saltdean passed up a great chance to equaliser when the forward decided to cut back inside instead of going for a goal with a shot.

That miss did not prove costly however as two minutes later, Dani Jacobs forced the ball home from close range for the equaliser.

The momentum was all with Saltdean now as they continued with the wind in their favour and the ability to make several changes from the bench.

Hassocks though held firm even with a bare 11 and indeed nearly found a winner themselves when a typically mazy run from Jess Craig was halted by some top defender.

Skipper Stevens was alert twice in the final minutes, firstly conceding a corner and then blocking an effort on goal to ensure it finished 1-1.

Considering how much Saltdean had improved since the meeting between the sides on the opening day of season and the number of Hassocks players unavailable, this was definitely a point gained rather than two points lost for the Robins.

With no substitutes on hand, the players can be proud of their efforts in very difficult circumstances.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Stevens, Brown, Read, Flin, Bright, Webb, J Craig, McFadden, Cannon, Moquet.



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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	3-2	K.Chappell, Mair, Pordage
15/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	1-1	Brown
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		
April				
02/04 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
23/04 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sarah Chappell	8	0	8	0
Jess Craig	8	0	8	8
Emma Flin	8	0	8	0
Holly Webb	8	0	8	0
Katherine Chappell	7	0	7	22
Kirsten Mair	7	0	7	6
Claire Stevens	7	0	7	1
Katie Read	3	4	7	1
Tallie Bright	6	0	6	2
Jo Brown	6	0	6	1
Mia Pordage	6	0	6	4
Jodie Johanson	4	2	6	1
Maddie Cannon	4	0	4	2
Shannon McFadden	2	2	4	0
Ellie Moquet	2	2	4	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

First game in over 14 weeks ends in five star performance from Hassocks

Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One
Sunday 8th January 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks Veterans 5-2 Jarvis Brook Veterans



A miracle to end all miracles - for only the second time this season, Hassocks Veterans took to the field for a competitive game.

And it proved to be a worthwhile experience with the Robins getting their first victory of the campaign under their belts, beating Jarvis Brook 5-2.

You have to go all the way back to October 5th to find the last time Hassocks kicked a ball in anger.

AFC Varndeanians visited the Beacon and despite goals from Pat Harding and Paul Armstrong, the Robins found themselves on the end of a 3-2 defeat.

A hat-trick from Joe Keehan did for Hassocks; hardly a surprise given he once cost Rushden & Diamonds a rumoured £18,000 <insert joke about Steve Spies here>.

Since that evening, the Robins have seen every Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One game postponed because of weather.

The one weekend when they could have beaten mother nature and somebody decided it would be a good idea to arrange a Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup game for 4pm in Seaford on the same day England were playing Senegal in the

second round of the World Cup at 7pm.

Who could have predicted that Hassocks would not be able to raise a side in such circumstances, withdrawing from the competition as a result?

Jarvis Brook had been put in a similar position, conceding their own County Cup tie to Mile Oak as players surprisingly wanted to watch the Three Lions in action.

Brook had at least managed to complete two league games. A win over Rotherfield in their first match of the season was followed by a 5-2 defeat against Varndeanians.

Just the one goal from Keehan on that occasion, who once cost Rushden & Diamonds a rumoured £18,000 <insert another joke about Steve Spies here>.

Hassocks made five changes from the side who had lost to Varndeanians the best part of 14 weeks earlier.

As a result of only scoring once for the Veterans last time out, Pat Harding was dropped to the first team for the weekend.

Anthony Hibbert is in winter hibernation and Elliott Butler was ruled out with a tight hamstring. Butler attempted to loosen the

problem the following day by going on a 5km run which ended with him locked out the house for four hours as he had no house keys with him. Should have just played football...

Other absentees were Mark Darbyshire and Rob Sayers. Coming into the XI were in no particular order Dave Juniper, Jonathan Bundy, Brendan Leahy, Nick Newman and Gavin Humphrey.

Bundy and Juniper both marked their first starts of the season with goals. Armstrong made it two from two with Adam Waller and Craig Beckwith opening his Hassocks account to round off the scoring.

Goals in either half from Daniel Berwick and Simon Munday provided the Brook consolations.

Hassocks have a lot less of a wait than 14 weeks for their next match. The Robins are scheduled to go to Rotherfield on Sunday 22nd January.

Hassocks: Curtis, Waller, Beckwith, Spies, Newman, Leahy, Armstrong, Humphrey, Shivnarain, Bundy, Juniper.

Subs: Thomas, Cooper (used).

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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 - 11:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLV1	5-2	Armstrong, Juniper, Bundy, Waller, Beckwith
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	2	0	2	2
Craig Beckwith	2	0	2	1
Steve Curtis	2	0	2	0
Simon Shivnarain	2	0	2	0
Steve Spies	2	0	2	0
Adam Waller	2	0	2	1
Jonathan Bundy	1	1	2	1
Gavin Humphrey	1	1	2	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	1
Anthony Hibbert	1	0	1	0
Dave Juniper	1	0	1	1
Brendan Leahy	1	0	1	0
Nick Newman	1	0	1	0
Rob Sayers	1	0	1	0
Sam Cooper	0	1	1	0
Richard Thomas	0	1	1	0



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On This Day...



Spinks strike earns point but it could have been more

February 4th 2020: Hassocks and Saltdean United met on a freezing cold Tuesday evening at Hill Park for a fixture that looked pivotal in the battle to avoid relegation into Division One

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lions are now four points clear of Hassocks having played a game more. The gap between the Robins and EP is down to five with Hassocks having three game in hand.

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

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

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

Little of note happened in the opening 15 minutes, save for the

crowd admiring Hassocks' cheery new yellow away kit and taking in the surprise return of James Westlake to first team duty.

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

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

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

Turner's trebuchet caused chaos and with Saltdean unable to effectively clear their lines, Spinks was on hand to crash a crisp volley past home goalkeeper Billy Collings. A timely moment for the Hassocks captain to score his first for the club.

Saltdean had gone ahead eight minutes earlier through Dan Perry, scoring his 27th of the season after taking advantage of some slack marking to glance home a Jack Walters cross.

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

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

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

You would certainly have backed the Robins to get all three points had Johnson been playing here with the

opportunities that they created.

Three of those chances should have led to goals. There were two minutes of the first half remaining when Benson sprung the offside trap with a perfectly timed run to latch onto Jack Troak's through ball, but his effort was too close to Collings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subs: Hillwood (Spinks).

Around the League...



After three weeks worth of postponements due to rain and freezing weather, the Southern Combination League finally resumed with something resembling a normal fixture list last weekend as Crawley Down Gatwick extended their lead at the top of the Premier Division

We start our roundup though in the FA Vase, where Peacehaven & Telscombe moved a step closer to Wembley thanks to a superb 2-0 win away at Egham Town.

Jack Pettett gave the Tye the lead with 20 on the clock. Top scorer Callum Edwards went onto wrap up victory in the 92nd minute.

In the league, **Crawley Down Gatwick** faced third-bottom **Saltdean United** at the Haven, who made the hosts work hard for their 2-0 victory which extended their lead at the top over Newhaven to five points.

Goals in the 47th minute from Guy Harding and the 87th minute from former Hassocks defender Mark Zydonic got the Anvils over the line.

Newhaven meanwhile were undone by two second half goals from Harvey Mapstone as they went down 2-0 away at **Bexhill United**.

Anthony Storey tasted victory over his old club as his **Eastbourne United** side were 2-0 winners against **AFC Uckfield Town** at the Oval.

Goals from Simon Johnson and Charlie Ball secured the three points for the United.

An own goal denied **Midhurst & Easebourne** victory against **Steyning Town** as they instead had to settle for a 1-1 draw. Jordan Stallibrass struck for the Stags.

The fine form of **Crowborough Athletic** continued as they saw off **Eastbourne Town** 2-0 at the Community Stadium in front of the day's biggest crowd of 333.

Leo Vowles scored twice for the Crows in the space of 10 first half minutes.

Horsham YMCA scored three times in the first 34 minutes of their clash against **Loxwood** to secure a comfortable 3-1 victory.

Josh Neathey bagged a brace and Tom Tolfrey was the other YM player

on target.

The Magpies consolation came via substitute Jay Popham after Terrell Joseph had been sent off.

There was also a red card at Withdean Stadium where Alfie Mitchell saw red for **AFC Vardeanians**.

Vs drew 1-1 with **Lingfield**. Finley Agnihotri had given the hosts the lead before Dennis Asante levelled for the Lingers.

The game of the day in the Premier Division involved this afternoon's visitors **Alfold**, who beat **Roffey** 7-3 in a 10-goal thriller.

On target for Fold were Tyrese Sutherland, Emmanuel Katundu, Andrew Demby, Owen Cranmer-Flynn, Charlie Martin and brace scoring Ben Hughes.

The Boars consolations were notched by Ricardo Fernandes, George Cousins and Joao Andrade.

In Division One, leaders **Shoreham** maintained their unbeaten record by winning 2-1 at home against **Chessington & Hook United**.

Marcus Richmond and Harry Heath put the Musselmen into a 2-0 half time lead and although Jemelle Golding pulled one back for Chessington, they could not force an equaliser as it finished 2-1 to the hosts.

Two late goals at the Seal Bay Resort Stadium saw **Selsey** to a 3-1 win over **Forest Row**.

An own goal from Frow and one in the right end by George Hollah left the game carefully balanced 1-1 as late as the 79th minute.

That was until Ryan Morey struck and Akil Alleyne followed suit four minutes later to strengthen the Blues playoff push.

An 86th minute equaliser from

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substitute Abdul Kamara earned **Mile Oak** a fine 2-2 draw against high-flying **Godalming Town**.

There were two own goals, one per side. Kurt Greenaway was the scorer, netting in the 53rd minute for Town.

Worthing United left it late to take three points from their trip to **Seaford Town**, where an 87th minute effort from Marcus Puddephatt proved to be the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win for the Mavericks.

Seven goals were shared in the division's final game, where **Billingshurst** surprised fourth placed Wick by running out 4-3 victors.

Division Two leaders **Jarvis Brook** maintained top spot thanks to a third minute goal from Victor Penfold giving them a 1-0 win at **Upper Beeding**.

Mark Pulling, Dan Sullivan and Toby Funnell scored for **Copthorne** in their 3-2 win at **Capel** while Luke Brodie got the only goal of the game for **Southwater** in their 1-0 victory at home to **Charlwood**.

St Francis Rangers were beaten 2-1 at Colwell Road by **Rottingdean Village** and **Storrington** came from 1-0 behind to defeat **Ferring** 3-1 at the Recreation Ground.

Tom Donnelly scored twice along with Kai Porter in a 3-0 **Worthing Town** victory over **Bosham** with the final game of the day seeing reigning champions **Rustington** overcome **Brighton Electricity** 2-1.



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Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley Down Gatwick	23	19	0	4	52	18	57
Newhaven	25	16	3	6	75	25	51
Broadbridge Heath	21	15	2	4	50	20	47
Steyning Town	25	14	4	7	52	31	46
Eastbourne United	23	13	5	5	33	19	44
Peacehaven & Tels.	22	13	2	7	45	24	41
Eastbourne Town	23	11	6	6	35	20	39
Bexhill United	23	12	2	9	41	35	38
Crowborough Athletic	22	10	6	6	35	20	36
Hassocks	21	10	3	8	44	33	33
Horsham YMCA	23	9	4	10	38	40	31
Midhurst & Easebourne	23	9	3	11	42	47	30
AFC Varndeanians	23	8	6	9	41	47	30
Little Common	19	7	4	8	36	28	25
Lingfield	24	7	4	13	43	54	25
AFC Uckfield Town	23	7	2	14	31	47	23
Saltdean United	23	5	3	15	21	70	18
Loxwood	23	4	5	14	34	61	17
Alfold	23	4	2	17	29	68	14
Roffey	24	0	4	20	23	86	4

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWWWWW
Crowborough Athletic	DWWLWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWDDL
Steyning Town	WWWLWD
Newhaven	WWLWWL
Peacehaven & Tels	WWLWLW
Eastbourne United	DDLWWWW
Little Common	WWWLLL
Broadbridge Heath	WLLWWL
Horsham YMCA	WDDLWD
Lingfield	DLWLWD
Hassocks	DWLLWL
Bexhill United	LWDLWL
Alfold	LWLDLW
AFC Varndeanians	LDLDWD
Loxwood	DLDWLL
Midhurst & Easebourne	LWLLLD
Roffey	DLDDLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLLLW
Saltdean United	LLDLLD

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Newhaven	274	739	128
Peacehaven & Telscombe	229	372	132
Eastbourne Town	225	734	102
Crowborough Athletic	223	678	127
Bexhill United	214	360	147
Hassocks	163	305	101
Eastbourne United	148	258	85
Broadbridge Heath	139	201	85
Steyning Town	123	334	72
Horsham YMCA	110	249	62
Little Common	100	146	67
Saltdean United	82	178	28
AFC Uckfield Town	77	140	30
Loxwood	75	115	42
Midhurst & Easebourne	72	115	45
Roffey	71	129	30
Alfold	69	81	57
AFC Varndeanians	64	112	35
Crawley Down Gatwick	61	74	35
Lingfield	60	110	27

Premier Division Top Scorers

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

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	10	8	0	2	26	9	24
Alfold	10	7	1	2	26	15	22
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	10	4	1	5	22	24	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	7
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
AFC Varndeanians	11	6	1	4	29	27	19
Saltdean United	9	4	2	3	24	25	14
Worthing United	7	4	0	3	16	12	12
Shoreham	9	3	2	4	22	22	11
Lancing	10	2	2	6	20	31	8
Steyning Town	13	2	1	10	20	52	7
Mile Oak	12	1	2	9	17	40	5

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	15
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	14
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	11
Will Varley	Hassocks	9
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	8
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	7
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	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	5	4	1	0	15	5	13
Hassocks	4	3	1	0	17	5	10
Bognor Regis Town	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Pagham	4	2	0	2	8	13	6
Saltdean United	9	1	1	7	10	31	4
Burgess Hill Town	4	1	0	3	16	15	3
Seaford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	18
Jess Craig	Hassocks	9
Mille Carter	Shoreham	7
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	7
Amber Beaven	Bognor Regis	6
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	5
Kirsten Mair	Hassocks	4

Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	4	4	0	0	15	5	12
AFC Varndeanians	4	3	0	1	15	9	9
Lewes	4	2	0	2	12	13	6
Seaford Town	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Hassocks	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Jarvis Brook	3	1	0	2	8	11	3
Rotherfield	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
Montpelier Villa	3	0	0	3	3	14	0

Veterans Division One Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Roger Ngwang	Lewes	5
Joe Keehan	Varndeanians	4
Wes Tate	Sidley United	4
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	3
Simon Munday	Jarvis Brook	3
Paul Armstrong	Hassocks	2
Dean Chamberlain	Jarvis Brook	2
David Hannant	Varndeanians	2

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Roffey v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Monday 2nd January 2023. 11:00am
Bartholomew Way, Horsham, RH12 5JL

Our first trip to Bartholomew Way for a competitive game comes with Roffey occupying the bottom spot they have spent all season in - but a managerial change and some improved performances have given hope of a great escape

Roffey this season

Last season's Division One title winning manager Andy Lampard taking a break from football followed by Roffey's attempts to replace him attracted a lot of unwanted publicity and struggle on the pitch at the start of the season. Jack Munday is the latest man in the hotseat having been appointed last month and he has managed to coax back some of Lampard's squad, which may yet give them a shot at escaping the bottom two. They are still yet to win a league game, but draws with Loxwood, Eastbourne United, Horsham YMCA and AFC Varndeanians offer encouragement.

Head-to-head

There have been just two previous games between ourselves and Roffey. The Boars won 5-1 here in the Peter Bentley League Cup in September 2021, a result that did not come as a great surprise even though Roffey were a division below us at the time. Our Bank Holiday August meeting was a much pleasanter experience ending in a 7-0 victory.

Last time we met

It was 4-0 before half time in that clash at the Beacon five months ago. A Phil Johnson double, an own goal and an early Jack Troak effort had us in total command. We took our foot off the gas in the second half but still managed to add another three in the

final 10 minutes through Alex Bygraves, Sam Smith and tall striker Jamie Wilkes.

How to get to Bartholomew Way

It is quite a straightforward journey to the Theatre of Trees; take the A23 to the Pease Pottage turnoff and then follow the A264 towards Horsham. At the fourth roundabout for Rusper, take the first exit on Rusper Road for Roffey. Turn left at the next roundabout onto Lemmington Way and another left when you reach the end of the road to join Bartholomew Way. The ground is at the end of the road, where you can enjoy a drink on their infamous wooden patio.

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Eastbourne United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 11th February 2023. 2:00pm
The Oval, Channel View Road, Eastbourne, BN22 7LN
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

We hope you like trips to Eastbourne! We visit the Sunshine Coast twice in the space of 72 hours, the first game coming against Eastbourne United at the Oval - a venue we used to like visiting but not so much in recent times

Eastbourne United this season

Anthony Storey was appointed as United boss following a slow start to the 2021-22 season and there has been no looking back from there really. United climbed from the fringes of the relegation battle to a final finishing position of fifth, their highest since being crowned champions in 2008-09. They have continued in that vein this season, sitting fifth in the table with 13 wins, five draws and five defeats from 23 games. A title charge is probably off the cards with Crawley Down 13 points ahead but they will fancy their chances of bettering last year's finish.

Head-to-head

The Robins just about lead the head-

to-head with 18 wins to United's 14, leaving 13 draws from the 45 meetings between the clubs. Our record is helped hugely by the fact that we seemed to love visiting the Oval in the 2010s, winning on all six visits we made even though we only finished above United in the Premier Division standings once in that time. Such happy times away against United are fast fading to memory with our last three trips ending in defeat.

Last time we met

It was one of the more entertaining 0-0 draws you will see as both sides racked up and missed a glut of opportunities to come away with

three points. The Robins felt they should have been awarded a sixth minute penalty when Leon Turner was scythed down which could have led to a very different afternoon but ultimately the spoils being shared was the right result.

How to get to The Oval

Take the A27 to Eastbourne, joining the A22 when you reach the Sunshine Coast. Follow that until you reach the second roundabout, turning left onto Lottbridge Drive. Turn right onto the A259 when you hit the roundabout by Homebase, then turn right into Channel View Road with The Oval a little further down on the right.



Eastbourne Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 14th February 2023. 7:30pm
The Saffrons, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1EA
Admission prices £7 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s go free

Nothing quite says Happy Valentine's Day like a Tuesday night in Eastbourne, does it? The Robins will spend the most romantic day of the year at the Saffrons in what will be the fourth attempt to get this game played

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, 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 originally meant to go to the Saffrons in the middle of November, Town are now to seventh with 11 wins, six draws and six 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 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.

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Uxbridge home **Bradley TIGHE**
Roffey home **Phil JOHNSON**
Little Common away **Lewis WESTLAKE**
AFC Varndeanians home **Harvey BLAKE**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **Leon TURNER**
Horsham YMCA away **Mike WILLIAMSON**
Chessington & Hook United away **Jamie WILKES**
Broadbridge Heath home **Liam BENSON**
Loxwood away **Bradley TIGHE**
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Saltdean United **Alex HARRIS**
Crowborough Athletic away **Jack TROAK**
Eastbourne United home **Alex BYGRAVES**
Forest Row away **Phil JOHNSON**
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Eastbourne Town home

Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

1st **Alex BYGRAVES**
2nd **Harvey BLAKE**
3rd **Leon TURNER**

September 2022

1st **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Joe BULL**
3rd **Mike WILLIAMSON**

October 2022

1st **Joe BULL**
2nd **Phil JOHNSON**
3rd **Alex HARRIS**

November 2022

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

December 2022

1st **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Pat HARDING**
3rd **Sam ROGERS**

January 2023 not awarded due to only two matches

February 2023

1st
2nd
3rd

March 2023

1st
2nd
3rd

April 2023

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2nd
3rd



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Most Games



Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. James Laing	298	53	351	143
8. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
9. Phil Gault	330	18	348	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	18	241	31
20. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
21. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
22. Pat Harding	193	26	219	139
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Phil Johnson	151	36	187	90
25. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	348
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	139	219
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	90	187
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. Liam Benson	44	159
15. Mark Burnham	44	231
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	241
22. Jack Troak	30	103
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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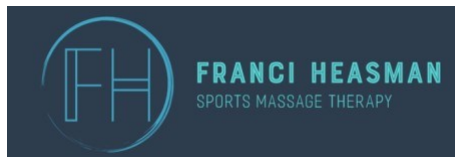
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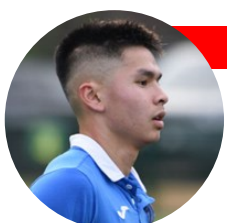
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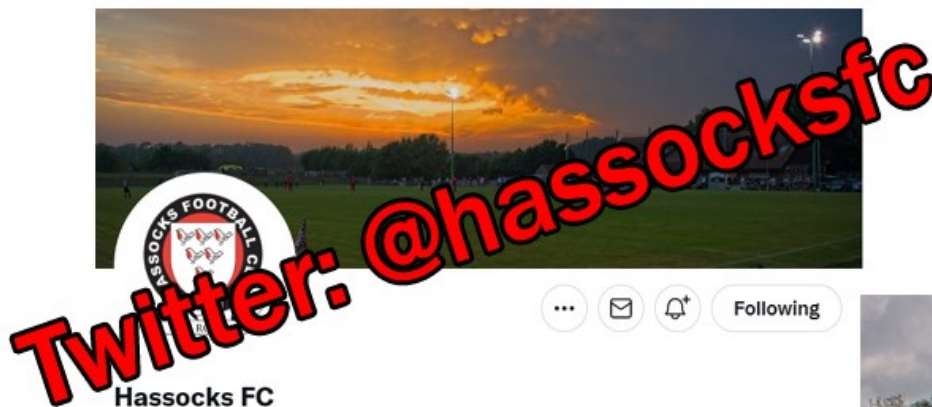
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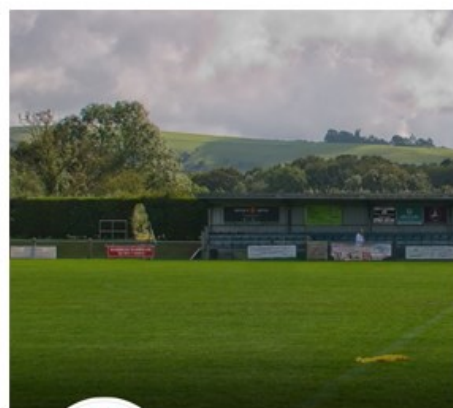
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Little Common

Saturday 18th February. 2:00pm
 Southern Combination League Premier Division



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Today's other Premier Division games

Bexhill United v Saltdean United
 Broadbridge Heath v Roffey
 Crowborough Athletic v Peacehaven & Tels
 Eastbourne Town v Crawley Down Gatwick
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