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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Runners up 2022

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022



Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon as frantic February continues with a Premier Division fixture against Little Common

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and fans of Little Common who have made the long trip to Mid Sussex today and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Common enjoyed a fine comeback win over Loxwood in midweek, leaving the Nest with a 3-2 victory having trailed 3-2 at half time.

That means this afternoon should be a clash between two sides high in confidence as we have won our past three games in succession.

The run started here a fortnight ago when a professional performance saw off a much-improved Alfold outfit 2-0.

Westy had been busy on the transfer front in the week leading up to that game, bringing in Josh Bradley from Steyning Town and James Shaw from Tooting & Mitcham United.

Both had an instant impact. Bradley scored a debut goal with our second after an Alfold player had put through his own net whilst Shaw claimed a debut clean sheet.

Three days later we went to Roffey where in freezing conditions it looked for the most part like we were

about to become the first side to lose a game against the Boars this season.

Good sides find a way to win when playing badly, however. And that is exactly what happened at Bartholomew Way, where Phil Johnson goals in the 87th and 94th minutes completed a something of a smash-and-grab.

There was nothing fortuitous about our Tuesday night win at Eastbourne Town; yes, you read that right - a win at Eastbourne Town.

A determined defensive performance coupled with another Jonno goal gave us a first victory at the Saffrons since 2006 - so long ago that Stuart Faith got the goal in the days when he was a box-to-box midfielder.

Given the context of our terrible record away against Town and them being one of the most in-form teams in Sussex coming into the game, it probably ranks as our most impressive result of the campaign.

The trip to Eastbourne United a few days earlier unfortunately had to be abandoned after 24 minutes following a terrible double leg break suffered by home striker Tony Halsey.

United have set up a fundraiser to help Tony through a tough period

where he will not be able to work and there are details of how you can donate elsewhere in today's programme.

There is a lot of football coming up over the remainder of February, starting tomorrow when the Under 18s have a huge quarter final in the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup against Newhaven.

Victory will send our Young Robins into the semis of the County Cup for only the second time ever.

Kick off is at 11am and admission to the Beacon is free. It would be great to see as many people here as possible supporting Sean Fernley and his players as they go in search of history.

We then have first team action on Tuesday night against Peacehaven & Telscombe, offering a chance to test ourselves against the latest Sussex side to enjoy themselves in the FA Vase and who now stand just two wins from Wembley.

That is an evening not to be missed.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Today's Visitors >>>



Little Common

Common Factfile

Founded 1966

Nickname Green Lane Boys

Ground Little Common Recreation Ground

Website littlecommonfc.co.uk

Twitter @littlecommonfc

Instagram @littlecommonfc

Manager Russell Eldridge

Top Scorer Lewis Hole, 15

Club Honours

SCFL Division One

Winners 2018

SCFL Division Two

Runners up 2009

SCFL Division One Cup

Runners up 1979

East Sussex League

Winners 1978, 2005

East Sussex League Division 1

Winners 1973

East Sussex League Division 2

Winners 1972

When it comes to climbing the leagues to establish yourself in the Southern Combination Premier Division, few clubs have managed it quite like today's visitors

Over the past 20 years, Little Common have worked their way from the East Sussex Premier Division to reach the top flight of the Southern Combination for the first time in their history.

Plenty of clubs have enjoyed similarly impressive rises but most fall away again; few have gone onto establish themselves as part of the furniture in quite the same fashion as Common.

This is their fifth season at this level, although only two of the previous four have been completed thanks to Covid-19 lockdowns.

Common finished in 16th place in that 2018-19 campaign, their debut Premier Division season.

In the two years which suffered curtailment, they were a long way clear of relegation.

2021-22 meanwhile saw a 10th place finish, their best on record along with returning to their Recreation Ground home after five years of ground sharing with Eastbourne United at the Oval.

The reason behind the move was Green Lane did not meeting the requirements for step five football.

An incredible amount of hard work went on behind the scenes to secure permission and develop the facilities over the half a decade they spent in Eastbourne, the sort of process which again has been a death knell for other clubs.

The Common committee and the club's volunteers deserve to see their side thriving for that level of dedication.

Most pleasing no doubt is that Common are thriving and with a team of local players, the majority of whom have been together since Russell Eldridge led them to the Division One title in 2018.

Eldridge and his squad certainly seem to have our number with no Hassocks wins in this fixture since Common entered the Premier Division.

We face a very tough ask this afternoon in the quest for four victories in a row.

10 Key Common Moments

1966... former as Albion United, they enter two youth teams in local Hastings League

1972... now playing in the East Sussex League, Albion win the Division Two title

1973... a year later and the Division One title follows with promotion to the Premier Division

1978... Albion are crowned East Sussex League champions to win promotion to the SCFL

1979... they finish fifth in their first SCFL season and reach the Division One Cup final

1986... Albion United are renamed as Little Common Albion

1995... consecutive relegations take Common from Division One back to the East Sussex League

2005... win their second East Sussex League title to return to the Southern Combination League

2009... a runners up finish in Division Two sees them earn promotion to Division One

2018... crowned Division One champions to be promoted to the top flight for the first ever time

Last 16 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 16th

2017-18: Southern Combination One 1st

2016-17: Southern Combination One 2nd

2015-16: Southern Combination One 7th

2014-15: Southern Combination One 7th

2013-14: Southern Combination One 4th

2012-13: Southern Combination One 3rd

2011-12: Southern Combination One 16th

2010-11: Southern Combination One 13th

2009-10: Southern Combination One 4th

2008-09: Southern Combination Two 2nd

2007-08: Southern Combination Two 6th

2006-07: Southern Combination Two 3rd

2005-06: Southern Combination Two 9th

2004-05: East Sussex Premier 1st

The Robins' Record v Little Common

SCFL Premier > Played 5 - Won 0 - Drawn 2 - Lost 3 - Scored 5 - Conceded 12

SCFL Division One > Played 8 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 4 - Scored 13 - Conceded 15

RUR Charity Cup > Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 5

SCFL Division One Cup > Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 1 - Conceded 1

Total... Played 16 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 7 Scored 24 Conceded 33

Previous 10 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: Little Common 2-0 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Little Common 2-2 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Little Common

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Little Common 4-2 Hassocks

2012-13 RUR Cup: Hassocks 5-5 Little Common

1993-94 SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Little Common

1993-94 SCFL One: Little Common 3-1 Hassocks

1992-93 SCFL One: Hassocks 2-3 Little Common

1992-93 SCFL One: Little Common 1-4 Hassocks





Hassocks left wondering how they lost under the Little Common lights

Nobody measures xG in the Southern Combination League. Which is just as well, because Hassocks would have been thoroughly depressed by expected goals compared to the actual outcome from their trip to Little Common.

The Robins were miles the better side. They played some excellent football. The only thing letting them down was their finishing.

Chance after chance went begging. It was in stark contrast to Hassocks' last outing, a clinical display which put seven past Roffey on Bank Holiday Monday.

Little Common meanwhile managed two efforts on target all evening.

Both went in, sending Hassocks to a 2-0 defeat and ending their hopes of winning four Premier Division matches in a row for the first time since 2018.

Unsurprisingly, James Westlake made no changes from the starting XI who hit that baker's half dozen against the Boars.

Fast stars have been a theme of the Westlake Era so far. Hassocks took the lead inside five minutes in each of those victories over Roffey, Alfold and AFC Uckfield Town.

The Robins nearly added another early goal here. Three minutes had elapsed when an aggressive press won Hassocks possession in midfield.

Head coach Westlake threaded in Leon Turner, only for the winger to see his shot repelled by Common goalkeeper Matt Cruttwell.

That stop looked even more important when Common took the lead three minutes later.

Sam Ellis escaped down the left channel and his pull back was swept in from close range by Lewis Hole.

It would be another 71 minutes before Common mustered another opportunity. They would score that one, too.

In between, Hassocks produced a

catalogue of misses which ranged from the unfortunate to the downright bizarre.

The first came just three further minutes from Common taking the lead.

Lewis Westlake swung over a corner which found its way to Sam Cash at the back post, who somehow contrived to miss from four yards out.

A bobble did Phil Johnson just as he was about to pull the trigger with Hassocks' next chance, the ball flying over from 20 yards after skipping up unexpectedly.

Then it was the turn of the woodwork to get in the way. Some brilliant passing football released Mike Williamson gliding into a wide position.

He played a visionary pass into James Westlake to hit a rasping effort. It beat Cruttwell but not the crossbar, which was left shaking for sometime after.

Williamson was a little too high with an effort from 20 yards after enterprising play from Troak on the half hour mark.

Home player-manager Russell Eldridge became one of three Common players to enter the book for clever fouls to stop Hassocks breaking.

Johnson had skinned Eldridge on halfway and was looking to break when Eldridge tried to swap shirts with him, leaving referee Perry Hart no choice but to flash a yellow.

Two minutes later and Hassocks should have made more of the opportunity presented by a poor back header from Adam Smith intended for Cruttwell.

Turner intercepted and had passing options in the middle. Instead, he took the decision to shoot from a tight angle with the resulting shot failing to trouble the Common goal.

The lively Turner did better with his next opportunity, cutting inside

and hitting a crisp shot which required a good stop from Cruttwell.

Jamie Bunn was shown a yellow for two swipes at the lively Harvey Blake just before the break as Hassocks continued to cause problems right up until the half time whistle.

Four minutes into the second half and Johnson skipped around Eldridge, who dared not foul for fear of a second yellow.

Johnson's luck was clearly not in however as again, a divot skipped the ball up as he was about to shoot, sending the effort from 18 yards flying over the bar.

The hour mark saw Blake miss at the back post from four yards with a rebound after Turner had blazed through the Common defence.

Johnny Walker picked up the third Common booking of the night for a cynical trip, followed by Cash hitting a weak effort from 23 yards.

A rare foray forward from Common brought them their first corner of the night on 77 minutes.

When Lewis Parsons stole a gap to head home and double the hosts' advantage, you knew it was not going to be Hassocks' evening. If that had not already been apparent.

The Robins to their credit kept going. They mustered a couple more chances, the best of which needed a desperate goal line clearance from Parsons amidst a scramble.

The loose ball fell straight to substitute Joe Bull, who was making his 100th Hassocks appearance. Bull could not mark the milestone with a goal, firing wide. It was just one of those nights for the Robins.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, Bygraves, B Tighe, Cash; J Westlake, Williamson, L Westlake; L Turner, Johnson, Troak.

Subs: Benson (J Westlake 73), Bull (Turner 80), Wilkes, S Smith, Broomfield (unused).



Robins recover twice to deny Common a winning homecoming

For the first time in over four years, Little Common played a league game at their Recreation Ground. Hassocks were not the most obliging of party guests, twice coming from behind to secure a 2-2 draw and deny the Green Lane Boys a win on their long-awaited homecoming.

The last time Common had taken to their own patch for Southern Combination action was April 2017, spending nearly half-a-decade ground sharing 12 miles away at Eastbourne United's Oval due to the Recreation Ground not having the required grading to host Premier Division football.

An intrigued crowd of 184 turned out to check out the improved facilities – including two new stands – delivered thanks to the hard work of everyone behind the scenes at Common.

Those in attendance were suitably impressed by both the upgrades and the football, an entertaining 90 minutes that ebbed and flowed.

Common were determined to give their fans something to celebrate on their return but Hassocks have developed a mean streak in recent months.

This was undoubtedly a game the Robins would have lost in the autumn; not now though, a run of four wins, four draws and two defeats from their last 10 matches instilling new belief and confidence in Brad Sweetman's team that they can compete with most teams in the league.

Despite having gone through a gruelling 120 minutes on a heavy pitch when eliminating Crawley Down Gatwick from the RUR Cup in extra time on Tuesday night, Sweetman limited his changes with only two from the side who saw off the Anvils.

Of those, Charlie Tuck had played all but the opening half hour against Down after replacing Arthur Rawlingson, who had only suitably

recovered from his midweek knock to sit on the bench here.

The other change saw the evergreen Phil Gault available for his first start since November at the expense of young Jude Wallis.

Hassocks had expected a strong start from Common and they were duly swamped from the off by the hosts, eventually leading to a 13th minute opener.

Sam Ellis swung over a corner and the Robins' marking was poor, leaving Common top scorer Lewis Hole to head unmarked past Alex Harris.

Hassocks had to weather more of the storm before they could make an impression on the game, Johnny Walker with a long distance effort nearly as strong as his namesake's whiskey being followed by a similar drive from Liam Ward which had Harris a little concerned.

The Robins' first venture into the Common half came when Josh Short worked himself into a decent position, only to drill a low one across the area that was well held by home goalkeeper Matt Cruttwell.

Captain Jack Troak was next to threaten. Alfie Loversidge and James Westlake built an opportunity for Troak to scamper down the left but his shot was just wide of the post.

Hassocks' first equaliser of the afternoon arrived on 26 minutes. James Westlake did well to get possession to Gault just inside the Common area.

Gault had his back to goal but he turned on a sixpence, curling an effort out of the reach of Cruttwell to nestle in the bottom corner via the upright.

Things tapered off a little after that, hardly a surprise given the breakneck speed that the opening 30 minutes had been played at.

Normal service was however resumed at the start of the second half when both sides had opportunities to take the lead inside

the first seven minutes.

Hassocks were first to go close, Short heading a Loversidge delivery wide.

Common were not so wasteful, new signing Freddie Warren capitalising on a mistake in the Robins defence to square across goal for Hole to sidefoot home his second and restore the hosts' lead.

Common should have added a third almost straight from the restart. They regained possession and headed up field through Sam Ellis.

Amazingly, nobody in claret and blue could get on the end of Ellis' fizzed cross which only needed a touch to send it past Harris.

Hassocks punished that by equalising again with 13 minutes left to play.

Short picked up possession in midfield and drove at the Common defence.

As they backed off, the space opened up for him to hit a low effort from 25 yards which found the bottom corner.

Common finished the stronger – hardly a surprise given the tiredness Hassocks must have been feeling following their Tuesday night exertions – but the visitors stayed strong in the face of a number of hopeful balls tossed into the box, Dan Turner heading clear anything that came his way.

There was one late scare when Common might have been awarded a penalty.

Half-hearted appeals from home connections told their own story about that, with the draw being the correct outcome in the end.

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

Subs: Beebee (Gault 67), Bull, Rawlingson, Wallis, Parker (unused).



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Hassocks bring in Bradley from the Barrowmen

Hassocks have completed the signing of versatile forward Josh Bradley from fellow Southern Combination League Premier Division side Steyning Town.

Tall, pacey, good in the air and with an eye for goal, Bradley is capable of playing as a striker or anywhere across the midfield.

Robins head coach James Westlake knows Bradley from their time together at Loxwood in the 2020-21 season.

Bradley was part of the Magpies side managed by former Hassocks favourite Spencer Slaughter and assisted by Westlake who made it all the way to the Supplementary Shield final, where they were beaten on penalties by Isthmian League-bound Lancing.

He scored three times in 13 appearance for Loxwood in that Covid-hit campaign after Slaughter convinced him to make the move to Plaistow Road from Newhaven.

Bradley had been a part of the Dockers Under 23s squad in 2019-20, playing six times and scoring twice. He went onto net once in four appearances in the first team at Newhaven.

When Slaughter and Westlake left Loxwood in September 2021, Bradley moved to Steyning along with current Hassocks club captain Lewis Westlake.

He played an integral role in helping the Steyning avoid relegation last season, top scoring with 13 goals from 39 matches as Gerry Murphy's side finished 17th in the table.

Included in that haul was the Barrowmen equaliser when Hassocks were held to a 1-1 draw at the Birchwood Ground on Easter Saturday, a scorching hot day best remembered for Bradley Tighe's dad winning the famous Steyning meant raffle.

Bradley continued to be a regular for the Barrowmen in 2022-23 under Kevin Green prior to his switch to the Beacon.

He has has made 20 appearances in a much-improved Steyning side who currently occupy fourth spot in the Premier Division, contributing three goals to the cause.

The Robins have also completed the signing of Jack Baden from Hailsham Town, who returns to the Beacon for a third spell.

Baden established himself as first team left back last season, playing 28 times before switching to the Beaconsfield in the summer.

He made his first appearance back in Hassocks colours at the end of January, playing for the Under 23s in their 2-0 home win over Chessington & Hook United.

Arthur Rawlingson meanwhile has left the Robins to reunite with Brad Sweetman at Saltdean United.

Rawlingson made 40 appearances as Sweetman's first choice right back for last season but had found playing time limited in 2022-23, playing only twice from the bench for the first team.

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Robins game at Eastbourne United abandoned after 24 minutes

Serious injury to United's debutant striker Tony Halsey causes game to be abandoned with the scores locked at 0-0

Hassocks saw their trip to Eastbourne United last Saturday abandoned after home striker Tony Halsey suffered a serious leg injury with 24 minutes on the clock.

An ambulance was called and Tony taken to hospital after an hour wait on the damp pitch in which he could not be moved.

He was attended to by both medical teams from United and Hassocks, whilst Robins captain Alex Bygraves remained with Tony until the paramedics arrived.

It has since been confirmed that Tony suffered a double leg break of

his tibia and fibula on what was his United debut after joining from Sutton Common Rovers.

Tony and his fiancée had just celebrated the arrival of a baby eight days earlier, so the injury has come at a particularly bad time as a new father.

With Tony set to be off work for some time, a GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family cope with no income whilst he recovers following an operation.

Hassocks' players and management have contributed to the fund already.

If any Robins fans would like to donate, then here is the link to do so – [https://www.gofundme.com/f/tony-](https://www.gofundme.com/f/tony-halsey)

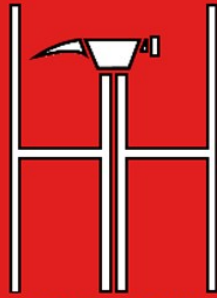
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The score was locked at 0-0 at the time of the abandonment following a relatively even opening spell.

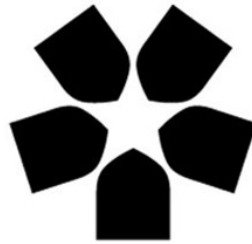
United's best chance saw a tame free kick collected at the second attempt by James Shaw in the Robins goal on eight minutes.

60 seconds later and Hassocks came close when Jack Troak put in a brilliant cross which had to be turned behind by a home defender with Phil Johnson lurking. The resulting corner unfortunately came to nothing.

The rearranged game will take place at the Oval on Tuesday 14th March, kicking off at 7:45pm.



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Hassocks kick off frantic February with three points against Alfold

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 4th February 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-0 Alfold**



With eight games crammed into the next four weeks, February looks set to be crucial in deciding how high up the Southern Combination League Premier Division table Hassocks finish in James Westlake's first season in charge.

The Robins got the month off to a good start, winning 2-0 at the Beacon against an Alfold side who have shown a lot of improvement since the November appointment of Jordan Clark as their new manager.

They arrived in Mid Sussex in buoyant mood having won 7-3 against Roffey a week earlier, moving to within three points of climbing above Saltdean United and out of the bottom two.

Hassocks needed to give a professional performance in what was a potential banana skin and that is exactly what they did, edging the first half before establishing dominance in the second.

The Robins had been busy on the transfer front in the days leading up to the game, with Westlake bringing in goalkeeper James Shaw from Tooting & Mitcham United and forward Josh Bradley from Steyning Town.

Both came straight into the starting XI and both had a big impact, Shaw showing exemplary handling on his way to keeping a clean sheet and Bradley marking his debut with the Robins' second goal of the afternoon.

The first half was a very tight affair. Hassocks started brightly with Bradley releasing Phil Johnson down the channel to fire a dangerous cross into the box which nobody could connect with.

More good work from Bradley saw him link up with raging Joe Bull to earn the Robins a corner which came to nothing.

Johnson and Pat Harding then combined nicely for a third early opportunity minutes later but the

latter could not get his finish right.

A strong charge down the right from Bradley set up another Hassocks attack which required a George Craig intervention to prevent the hosts making the most of it.

Bradley followed that up by showing the defensive side of his game, getting back to make a great recovery tackle as Alfold broke.

That was a warning for the Robins over what Alfold could do, particularly on the counter where they posed a real threat. They grew into the game as the half wore on with captain Harry Cole becoming an increasingly influential figure with a virtuoso midfield display.

Cole was at the heart of Alfold's best chance of the opening 45 minutes, an opportunity which fell to Andrew Demby inside the six yard box. Fortunately for Hassocks, Demby lifted his effort over the bar.

Westlake hit the post direct from a corner shortly before the Hassocks opener arrived two minutes prior to the break.

Sustained pressure on the Alfold goal led to the ball finding its way to Jack Troak on the left hand side of the penalty area.

Troak did fantastically to take on and beat his man, creating the space in which to flash a ball across the face of goal. The luckless Finn Bishop diverted past his own goalkeeper Drew Churchwell and into the back of the net.

Hassocks just about deserved their lead but they came off knowing that there was a lot more work to be done. The Robins have been guilty of sloppy starts and poor second halves in certain games this season.

That was not the case here as they quickly took control with Bradley doubling the lead on 53 minutes via a potential goal of the season contender.

A brilliant sweeping move played out at breakneck speed down the left involving Harding, Johnson and Troak

gave Troak the opportunity to cross.

His ball in was pinpoint, finding Bradley ghosting in from the right wing to arrive at the far post and rise highest, heading powerfully past Churchwell.

Seven minutes later and another good chance came the way of Hassocks. Westlake sent a lovely free kick over the head of Shay Matthews to again release Troak.

A teasing cross came in from Troak although this time it was slightly ahead of Johnson, who took the interesting approach of trying to punch the ball into the net.

Johnson was subsequently booked by referee Ian Homewood, who found himself having to deal with a fair amount of nonsense over the course of the game.

As early as the seventh minute, Mr Homewood had to get his yellow out when Alfold's Callum Kilkenny produced a quite spectacular dive.

Shaw also entered the book with 13 left to play after Mr Homewood had seen enough of his attempts at time wasting, followed by a surreal conversation between the two in which Shaw tried to plead innocent.

Hassocks rang the changes throughout the final 25 minutes, giving runouts from the bench to Alfie Loversidge, Jamie Wilkes, Phil Gault and Sam Rogers.

Loversidge and Gault had chances to add a third but were unable to beat Churchwell whilst Alfold saw their best spell of pressure on the Hassocks goal ended when Shaw was big and brave in collecting a corner.

Hassocks: Shaw; Blake, Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; J Bradley, Williamson, J Westlake, Troak; Johnson, Harding.

Subs: Loversidge (Harding 69), Wilkes (Westlake 74), Gault (Johnson 80), Rogers (Bradley 90), Broomfield (unused).

Roffey rue Johnson after his late double wins it for Robins

Southern Combination League Premier Division Tuesday 7th February 2023, Bartholomew Way Roffey 1-2 Hassocks

Three minutes. That was all that stood between Roffey and a first Southern Combination League win of the season at the 26th attempt.

The Boars led 1-0 through Kelvin Lucas' first half opener and had dug in doggedly to frustrate Hassocks whilst playing with 10 men following a controversial 47th minute red card for Morgan Prill.

It looked like the Bartholomew Way crowd were going to finally be rewarded for their loyalty in what has proven to be an incredibly difficult debut season in the Premier Season.

But then Phil Johnson came to the party. Two goals in the space of seven minutes from the Robins' top scorer turned the game on its head, leaving Roffey shellshocked as the visitors snatched a 2-1 victory from the jaws of defeat.

Neutrals and kinder hearted Hassocks fans would have found it hard not to feel sorry for the home support.

James Westlake and his players however had little sympathy, largely because of the timewasting and gamesmanship Roffey had deployed in their desperate search for that elusive maiden victory.

It took a long while for proceedings to heat up on a freezing cold night. The opening five minutes resembled the animal football match in Bedknobs and Broomsticks, where the two goalkeepers just send the ball from one end to the other over the heads of every outfield player.

James Shaw would kick down to opposite number Jasper Sheik who would send back to Shaw who would... well, you get the picture.

Some actual passing eventually broke out on 11 minutes when Mike Williamson and tall striker Jamie Wilkes worked a chance for Jack Troak which was dragged wide.

A rare Roffey foray forward saw Shaw make a smart double save before the offside flag went up.

Hassocks were forced into a change on the half hour when Joe Bull was withdrawn after taking a whack in a late challenge. Troak took over from Bull at left back with Leon Turner entering proceedings out wide.

Seven minutes later and Roffey took the lead. The goal came when a Hassocks corner went awry and the Boars were able to break forward at speed.

Ricardo Fernandes hit a through ball perfectly weighted for Lucas to just collect ahead of Shaw, who was by that point a good 25 yards off his line.

Lucas nipped around the Hassocks goalkeeper and advanced to roll into the empty net. In fairness to Shaw, he did well not to bring Lucas down and avoid the certain red card which would have come with it.

Hassocks responded to falling behind with their best spell of the first half.

Josh Bradley blazed a good chance to equalise over the bar 60 seconds after Lucas struck and Turner placed an effort too close to Sheik two minutes before the break.

Prill clattered into Bradley two minutes after the restart and although the collision was nasty, it appeared as though Prill had slipped on a surface becoming frosty rather than it being a malicious tackle.

It therefore came as a surprise when referee Harry Wood opted to send Prill for an early bath.

Roffey now had 43 minutes to negotiate with only 10 men. Sitting in two deep banks of four, they were well organised and it looked for the most part like Hassocks were going to fail to break them down.

The Robins had to wait half an hour from the red card until their first real chance of the second half.

When Johnson fired that over from a good position eight yards out and Bradley Tighe could only find the side netting when attacking a ball in



at the far post, it began to feel like it was going to be one of those nights for the Hassocks.

That was until the 87th minute. Troak found himself attacking the by-line and pulling a low cross into the box.

Substitute Pat Harding collected and showed all his experience, holding the ball up and drawing a foul which led Mr Wood to award a penalty.

Sheik did his best to put Johnson off by standing on the spot, rearranging his socks and speaking a fair amount of claptrap.

Johnson was nonplussed by it all and after a bit of a delay in taking the penalty, he smashed the ball into the very top corner to level things up.

By his normal standards, Johnson had endured a quiet game up to that point. Sheik though had now poked the bear with his antics and that spelt bad news for Roffey.

There were 94 minutes on the clock when Turner collected inside his own half and ran 70 yards forward before slipping the ball through to Johnson.

The angle initially appeared too tight but that did not matter to Johnson, who drilled a brilliant effort across Sheik and into the far corner.

Roffey appealed for offside and although it looked tight, there was no flag forthcoming. Harsh on the hosts, but credit Hassocks for finding a way to win.

Hassocks: Shaw; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; J Bradley, Williamson, Wilkes, Troak; Johnson, Gault.

Subs: L Turner (Bull 30), J Westlake (Wilkes 66), Harding (Gault 72), Loversidge (Bradley 72), Broomfield (unused).

First Hassocks win at Eastbourne Town in 17 years proves perfect Valentine's gift

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 14th February 2023, The Saffrons
Eastbourne Town 0-1 Hassocks**

Forget overpriced cards and flowers that die within a couple of days. Hassocks gave their fans a proper Valentine's present by winning away at Eastbourne Town for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

Phil Johnson struck early in the second half to decide the game 1-0 in favour of the visitors, 17 years and six days on from the Robins' last success at the Saffrons.

Stuart Faith scored on that occasion as Hassocks won by the same scoreline whilst Pat Harding remarkably was in the starting XI for both victories despite the passage of approaching two decades.

What made this result even more impressive than the scarcity of Hassocks victories in this part of the world was that Town came into the game as one of the most in-form teams in the county.

The Robins had been originally due to visit the Saffrons in the middle of November when Town sat 14th in the Premier Division.

Three postponements caused by the FA Vase, freezing temperatures and a waterlogged pitch meant that by the time the sides did finally meet on the most romantic day of the year, Jude MacDonald's side had climbed to fifth place.

A run of only three defeats from Town's past 23 matches against Southern Combination opponents included a 1-0 Sussex Senior Cup victory at the Beacon in December.

Having hit the woodwork three times, Hassocks felt hard done by that evening.

There was no repeat this time around. Johnson clinically despatched one of the three opportunities the Robins fashioned.

At the other end, Hassocks were well organised and resolute in restricting Town to even fewer chances to make it three clean sheets from five matches since the turn of the year.

The game went off at breakneck speed. Neither side proved particularly adept at keeping the ball in the opening 15 minutes, meaning things ebbed and flowed readily from end-to-end.

Jack Troak flashed an early cross into the box which just eluded Johnson at the back post with only three minutes played.

Eight minutes later and James Westlake turned over possession and fed Johnson, who managed to find the room to get a shot off despite being a tight spot.

Home goalkeeper Chris Winterton proved equal to it, making a fine stop low down to his left.

James Shaw made a similarly impressive stop diving the opposite way with 17 minutes on the clock from the lively Aaron Capon.

Town's number nine had looked to be their main threat in the early exchanges.

He was soon though marked out of the game by Sam Smith, promoted into the Hassocks starting XI against his former club at centre back alongside Alex Bygraves.

Capon managed to escape the attentions of Smith only once more, meeting a probing left wing cross from Ollie Davies with a header on the half hour mark which luckily for the Robins was not converted.

That proved to be it in terms of opportunities for Town. Hassocks ended the first half stronger.

A typically mazy run forward at pace from Leon Turner earned a corner which came to nothing.

Westlake then squandered a glorious chance to give his side the lead seconds before the interval.

The Hassocks head coach found himself in a fantastic position with only Winterton to beat but he placed his shot too close to the Town goalkeeper, who made a fine save.

The second half was just two minutes old when Hassocks found what proved to be the only goal of



the game.

A Town attack broke down and once the Robins managed to release their two young and speedy wingers Turner and Alfie Loversidge on the counter, the hosts looked in trouble.

Turner and Loversidge combined beautifully to slice through the home defence, presenting Johnson with a chance which he finished with aplomb to give Winterton no chance.

The Robins top scorer moved onto 17 for the season and 93 career goals for Hassocks in the process. The race to reach 100 before the end of the campaign is very much on.

MacDonald responded to seeing Town fall behind by making three substitutions in the space of four minutes and the following 20 minutes or so became almost as frantic as the start of the game.

No matter what Town tried however, they could find no way through a Hassocks side now set up with two deep lying banks of four and looking to again utilise Turner and Loversidge on the break.

If anything, it was the Robins who looked more likely to add a second when counter attacking than Town did trying to force an equaliser.

There were though no further goals and Hassocks left with a famous 1-0 win. Not a bad way to spend a Valentine's Day.

Hassocks: Shaw; Blake, S Smith, Bygraves, Troak; Loversidge, Williamson, J Westlake, L Turner; Johnson, Harding.

Subs: Benson (Johnson 70), Wilkes (Harding 74), Bull (Turner 84), B Tighe (Westlake 94), Rogers (unused).

First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
August					
02/08 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-4	162	Bygraves, Troak, Benson
06/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	FACEP	1-0	124	OG
13/08 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	2-1	46	Zydonik, Benson
16/08 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFLP	3-0	57	L.Turner, Benson, Zydonik
20/08 - 15:00	Uxbridge (H)	FACFPQ	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
September					
02/09 - 19:30	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	0-2	146	
06/09 - 19:45	AFC Varndeanians (H)	PBLC2	0-2	148	
17/09 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	0-1	72	
20/09 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP	4-2	76	L.Turner, Johnson (2), Troak
24/09 - 15:00	Chessington & Hook (A)	FAVQ2	1-2	113	Benson
27/09 - 15:00	Broadridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	3-3	110	Benson (2), Troak
October					
01/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	2-0	96	Johnson, Harding
08/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	2-0	125	Wilkes, Johnson
11/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	SSC1	2-2 AET	175	Troak, Johnson
15/10 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP	3-2	165	Troak, Johnson, Benson
22/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	0-0	140	
26/10 - 19:45	Forest Row (A)	RURC2	5-0	??	Johnson (4), Reid
29/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP	0-2	201	
November					
05/11 - 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP	2-0	105	Benson (2)
19/11 - 14:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	2-2	101	Benson, Troak
26/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP	5-1	206	Harding, Wilkes, Benson, OG, Bygraves
December					
03/12 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP	0-5	52	
06/12 - 19:45	Eastbourne Town (H)	SSC2	0-1	105	
26/12 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-3	305	Benson, Blake
January					
07/01 - 14:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	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	2-0	180	OG, Bradley
07/02 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFLP	2-1	63	Johnson (2)
14/02 - 19:30	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	1-0	98	Johnson
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			
14/03 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
18/03 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
25/03 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			
April					
01/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
08/04 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
10/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP			
15/04 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
22/04 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP			

First Team Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jack Troak	30	0	30	7	106	30
Harvey Blake	28	1	29	1	95	4
Alex Bygraves	28	0	28	3	28	3
Joe Bull	23	5	28	1	122	8
Phil Johnson	20	7	27	17	190	93
Liam Benson	21	5	26	13	160	44
Mike Williamson	23	2	25	0	25	0
Bradley Tighe	21	4	25	0	163	0
Jamie Wilkes	16	8	24	3	28	3
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	113	0
Pat Harding	12	9	21	2	222	139
Leon Turner	16	4	20	2	20	2
James Westlake	11	5	16	0	244	31
Sam Rogers	7	8	15	0	15	0
Sam Smith	5	10	15	1	29	3
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
Alfie Loversidge	2	3	5	0	66	11
Phil Gault	1	4	5	0	350	190
James Shaw	3	0	3	0	3	0
Josh Bradley	2	0	2	0	2	1
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
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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Hassocks beat the Boars to move four points clear at the top of the table

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 2nd February 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 4-1 Roffey U23s**



Hassocks Under 23s opened up a four point gap at the top of the Southern Combination League North Division thanks to an excellent 4-1 victory at home to Roffey.

The Boars arrived at the Beacon on the periphery of the title race, sitting fourth in the table some eight points behind Hassocks but with a game in hand.

With Alfold in League Cup action against Arundel, the Robins knew that a win over the Boars would put a bit of breathing space between themselves and the team who begun the evening in second place.

Hassocks were not the only side to take advantage of Alfold's inactivity in the North Division; a 4-0 win for Horley Town over bottom club Oakwood moved the Clarets above Fold to take over as the Robins' nearest pursuers.

Neil Parker and his players knew they would be in for a tough evening based on what happened when the sides met on the opening day of the campaign.

A single Danny Reid goal decided that clash 1-0 in favour of Hassocks at Bartholomew Way.

After three months of pretty much interrupted fixtures through August, September and October, the Robins

had an 11 week break thanks to freezing temperatures and wet weather until returning to action last week with a 2-0 win at home to Chessington & Hook United.

Hassocks were understandably rusty in that game. They looked much better against Roffey having shaken some of the cobwebs, delivering with an improved performance alongside one of the most impressive results of their season so far.

The Robins made two changes from their victory over Chessington. Club captain Lewis Westlake returned for his first competitive football since a September injury in the first team's 4-2 win at Horsham YMCA.

He took over in midfield from fellow long-term injury absentee Alfie Loversidge, who is being eased back in slowly having been on the shelf for even longer than Westlake.

Loversidge was given minutes from the bench here with Hassocks careful not to overwork him following six months out with a problem incurred away at Peacehaven & Telscombe in July.

The other change saw Phil Gault replaced by Sam Smith, who joined Charlie Broad in attack.

Broad was on target with his fourth of the season alongside Wes

Tighe opening his account for the campaign.

The other two Hassocks goals came from the bench as Marshall Smith and Jude Wallis rounded off a comfortable victory for the Robins.

Hassocks were able to give Callum Thompson a run out from the bench for his first minutes since suffering a nasty shoulder dislocation and fracture in the final three minutes of the Under 23s 6-2 win at Horsham YMCA in early October.

The Robins will be hoping to see more of their talented goalkeeper before he moves to Point University in the United States on a football scholarship.

Cameron Cooke scored the consolation goal for Roffey, whose disappointing evening was rounded off with a late red card for substitute Will Hoskins.

Hassocks: Thomas, W Tighe, Broomfield, Baden, J Smith, L Westlake, Rogers, Geard, Hicks, S Smith, Broad.

Subs: Loversidge, M Smith, Wallis, Thompson (used).



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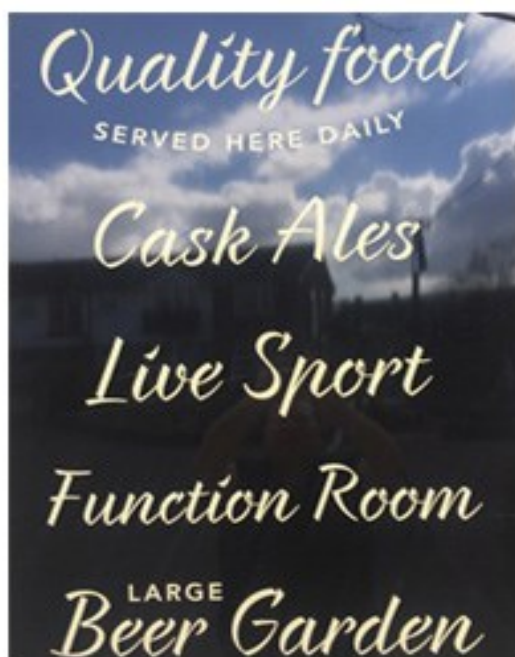
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Under 23s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
18/08 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23	1-0	Reid
25/08 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23	6-0	S.Smith (2), Rawlingson, D.Turner, Fairley, Fernley
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Alfold (A)	SCFL23	1-2	M.Smith
08/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Reid, S.Smith
15/09 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFL23	4-1	Mercer (2), Geard, Tuck
29/09 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	0-3	
October				
06/10 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	6-2	Reid (2), Broad (2), Dimelow, Rawlingson
13/10 - 19:45	Lingfield (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Broad, Mercer
20/10 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23	2-1	Rogers, Broomfield
27/10 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (A)	U23LC2	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	4-1	Broad, W.Tighe, M.Smith, Wallis
09/02 - 19:30	East Preston (A)	U23LC3	1-1	Broad (<i>Lost 4-2 pens</i>)
16/02 - 19:30	Horley Town (A)	SCFL23		
23/02 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23		

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Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	13	0	13	1
Jack Smith	8	5	13	0
Wes Tighe	7	6	13	1
Ben Hicks	8	4	12	0
Charlie Broad	8	3	11	5
Marshall Smith	3	8	11	2
George Mercer	8	2	10	3
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Callum Thompson	7	2	9	0
Sam Geard	8	0	8	2
Kieran Dimelow	5	2	7	2
Sam Smith	8	0	8	3
Will Broomfield	7	0	7	1
Jack Thomas	7	0	7	0
Danny Reid	6	0	6	4
Sam Fernley	3	3	6	3
Jude Wallis	3	3	6	1
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	1	4	0
Will Varley	1	3	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Jack Baden	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Lewis Westlake	2	0	2	0
Alex Wintle	1	1	2	2
Liam Benson	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

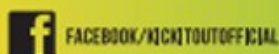
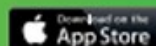
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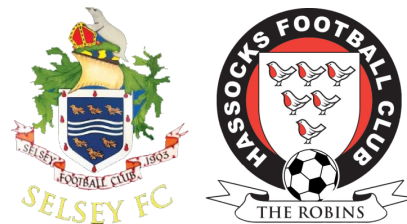


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Hassocks spot on for second week running to make more cup progress

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Cup Second Round
Sunday 29th January 2023, Seal Bay Resort Stadium
Selsey U18s 2-2 Hassocks U18s**



Hassocks Under 18s are becoming rather fond of a penalty shootout win. For the second game running, they progressed to the next stage of a knockout competition from 12 yards following a 2-2 draw.

Two weeks ago, it was local rivals St Francis Rangers who had been eliminated from the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup second round at the Beacon.

Goals from Alex Wintle and Oliver Goswamy sent the tie to spot kicks, where the Robins scored four compared to Rangers' two.

That set up a third round meeting with Worthing United which takes place at the Beacon next Sunday.

The Mavericks pulled off one of the shocks of County Cup so far by beating Burgess Hill Town.

On this occasion, the competition was the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup and the opponents were West Division side Selsey.

And once again, the shootout finished 4-2 to Hassocks. Success at the Seal Bay Resort Stadium gives the Robins a third round tie away at Eastbourne United of the East Division.

Selsey sit in mid table of the West

Division and Hassocks were not sure what to make of their opponents, other than knowing it was going to be a very long trip for a Sunday morning.

Needless to say, those players who made themselves available were all looking forward to getting up at the crack of dawn - especially those who had been in the pub the night before - and they arrived down in Selsey in good spirits.

The Robins were forced into four changes from the team who had beaten Rangers, including being without both goal getters from a fortnight earlier.

Goswamy and Wintle were missing, as was top goal scorer Alex Brewer. Cam Mitchell was the fourth player absent.

The lack of bodies opened up the opportunity for Hassocks to give debuts to two new faces.

Max Ward and Matt Mongardini were handed their first starts for the Robins, the latter having spent the entire campaign so far out injured.

Also returning were Sam Dean and Will Varley. With nine goals from nine appearances coming into the Selsey game, Varley's presence did at least make up for the absence of 14-goal Brewer.

Varley maintained his goal-per-

game ratio by striking against the Blues. He was joined on the scoresheet by George Gladding, netting his second of the campaign.

Selsey's first arrived with 26 minutes on the clock from Ronnie Marwood.

Their second came very late in the day, substitute Zane Williams beating Jack Thomas with just two minutes of normal time remaining to send the game to penalties.

Often, it is the team who scores so close to the final whistle who go onto win on penalties with the momentum firmly behind them.

Not so here. Hassocks deserve a huge amount of credit for the way they kept their heads up and remained calm going into the shootout to book their trip to the Oval in the next round.

Hassocks: Thomas, Foster, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Ward, Mongardini, Munt, Dean, Goatcher, Varley.

Subs: Edwards (used).

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Robins into County Cup last eight after mauling the Mavericks

**Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup Third Round
Sunday 4th February 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 4-0 Worthing United U18s**

The Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup has not provided much joy for Hassocks Under 18s since the Robins lifted the trophy for the one and only time in 2022.

Just once in the intervening 21 years had Hassocks gone as far as the quarter finals in the county competition.

That was the treble winning side of 2017-18, whose memorable run to the last eight saw them eliminate Eastbourne Borough and Worthing before falling to Chichester City.

The class of 2023 have now matched that achievement after beating Worthing United 4-0 at the Beacon to set up a quarter final home tie against Newhaven on Sunday 19th February.

Newhaven sit sixth in the Southern Combination League Under 18 East Division but their County Cup conquests indicate what a difficult tie it will be for Hassocks, the Dockers having already knocked out Three Bridges and Little Common.

Worthing United arrived at the Beacon with a seriously impressive scalp of their own, shocking Burgess Hill Town in the previous round to deny Hassocks a second Mid Sussex

Derby in a row in the competition after the Robins knocked out St Francis Rangers on penalties.

Spot kicks were also required when Hassocks made progress in the League Cup from the long journey down to Selsey last weekend.

The Robins made three changes from the side who came away from the wonderfully named Seal Bay Resort Stadium with a place in round three of that competition.

Max Ward, Matt Mongardini and Will Varley were all missing. Varley's absence was a particular blow with him averaging a goal a game so far this season.

Hassocks were at least able to welcome back 14-goal top scorer Alex Brewer. He came into the starting XI alongside the returning Oliver Goswamy and Alex Wintle.

Having lost 2-1 against United when the sides met in the Central Division at the Beacon back in September, the Robins expected a tough morning to lie in store.

Hassocks though were superb, blowing away the visitors via goals from Goswamy, George Gladding, Ed Tobias and substitute Oliver Parker-Williams.

Jack Thomas and his defence recorded a first clean sheet since the 4-0 win over Lancing in November,



completing a perfect morning for the Robins.

Hassocks were also boosted by the news that Shoreham had beaten AFC Varndeanians in the league, strengthening the Robins' grip on third place in the standings.

Next week sees Hassocks return to Central Division action for the first time in 2023 before that massive quarter final with Newhaven.

The Robins will take on very familiar opponents as they make the trip to the Robert Albon Memorial Ground to face United for the second Sunday running.

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

Subs: Parker-Williams, Goss (used).



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)	CU18C2	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)	CU18C3	4-0	Goswamy, Gladding, Tobias, Parker-Williams
12/02 - 11:00	Worthing United (A)	SCFL18	1-1	Mongardini
19/02 - 11:00	Newhaven (H)	CU18CQF		
26/02 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
March				
05/03 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		
12/03 - 11:00	Eastbourne United (A)	U18LC3		
19/03 - 11:00	Steyping Town(A)	SCFL18		
26/03 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18		
April				
02/04 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		
16/04 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		



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Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Fernley	15	0	15	0
Jack Thomas	15	0	15	0
Ed Tobias	15	0	15	2
Alex Wintle	14	0	14	2
George Gladding	14	0	14	3
Alex Brewer	13	0	13	14
Sam Dean	11	2	13	0
Ben Foster	5	8	13	1
Toby Munt	11	0	11	1
Ryan Goss	1	10	11	2
Oliver Goswamy	9	1	10	2
Harry Goatcher	8	1	9	0
Will Varley	8	1	9	9
Oliver Parker-Williams	3	4	7	1
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
Archie Hill	1	2	3	0
Max Ward	2	0	2	0
Matt Mongardini	1	1	2	1
Joe Woodhouse	0	2	2	0
Charlie Smith	1	0	1	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0



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Robins first defeat comes to improved Tigers in League Cup quarters

**Sussex County Women's League Cup Quarter Final
Sunday 5th February 2023, Hill Park
Saltdean United Women 4-1 Hassocks Ladies**



For the first time this season, Hassocks Ladies were defeated as their eight game unbeaten start was ended in the quarter finals of the Sussex County Women's League Cup via a 4-1 loss at the hands of Saltdean United Development.

The Tigers are vastly improved from the team Hassocks faced in both their opening game of the campaign and their most recent fixture three weeks ago and they proved too strong for the Robins at Hill Park.

It was fairly even in the early exchanges. Saltdean had a shot saved by Sarah Chappell whilst an attack at the other end from the Robins saw Maddie Cannon cross but Katherine Chappell just unable to reach.

Hassocks were awarded a sixth minute free kick which looked to be in a promising position, only for the home goalkeeper to comfortably gather Kirsten Mair's effort.

Saltdean should probably have taken the lead in the 10th minute after a mix up in the Robins defence.

Holly Webb though had read the danger and was excellently positioned to clear off the line.

The Tigers gradually asserted themselves more and more as the half went on.

Both Jo Brown and Claire Stevens had to make telling interceptions to prevent dangerous situations from developing.

Another Saltdean shot was just over the bar before Hassocks responded, forcing a corner which came to nothing.

The Tigers broke down the other end, winning a free kick which had to be headed away by Stevens once delivered into a testing area of the Hassocks box.

It looked like the sides were going to go into the break locked at 0-0

which would have been a fair reflection on the game up until that point.

Unfortunately though, the Robins gifted Saltdean a 38th minute lead when a home forward picked up a loose clearance and calmly slotted the ball home.

Falling behind in such circumstances was harsh on Hassocks, especially their midfield three of Cannon, Jess Craig and Shannon McFadden, who had competed well against an organised and talented group of Tigers players.

Still, the Robins felt confident that they could get back into the match. Saltdean though started the second half very brightly and it became clear Hassocks were going to need to

"The Robins scored their consolation via an excellent individual goal from Jodie Johanson, cutting in from the right and hitting a powerful effort which gave the Saltdean number one no chance."

withstand a lot of early pressure.

An early shot was blocked, a cross cleared by Stevens and another good Tigers move cut out by solid defending from Emma Flin.

Chappell had to make a save high up and was then quickly off her line to gather a through ball.

The Robins made a change on 55 minutes with Jodie Johanson replacing Holly Webb and Mia Pordage dropping back into midfield.

Having thought they had weathered the Saltdean storm, Hassocks made another defensive error which led to the Tigers doubling their lead.

A shot back pass was seized upon and slotted convincingly past Chappell, allowing Saltdean to move

2-0 ahead.

Craig had a fine effort well saved by the Tigers goalkeeper, after which the hosts broke and made it 3-0.

Hassocks to their credit did not give up and pulled one back in the 71st minute.

It was an excellent individual goal from Johanson, cutting in from the right and hitting a powerful effort which gave the Saltdean number one no chance.

The Robins were back in it and knew that if they could force another goal, they could make the closing stages interesting.

The tie was though ultimately settled with 78 minutes played when Saltdean scored a fourth.

Hassocks kept going and Johanson won a corner which the Tigers goalkeeper gathered at the second attempt.

Brown and Stevens both had to make important interceptions with Saltdean ending the game playing on the counter and Chappell pulled off an important double save, keeping an initial effort out and then blocking the follow up.

Although losing 4-1 was a disappointing result, Hassocks could feel proud of their efforts against opponents who on this form have every chance of winning the cup.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Stevens, Brown, Mair, Flin, Cannon, Webb, J Craig, McFadden, Pordage, K Chappell.

Subs: Johanson (Webb 69).

Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensy & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (3), Mair
October				
02/10 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP	8-1	K.Chappell (4), Cloke, Moquet, Mair (2)
09/10 - 14:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCWLC2	9-1	J.Craig (4), K.Chappell (4), Pordage
16/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP	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	1-4	Johanson
19/02 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
March				
12/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	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		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sarah Chappell	9	0	9	0
Jess Craig	9	0	9	8
Emma Flin	9	0	9	0
Holly Webb	9	0	9	0
Katherine Chappell	8	0	8	22
Kirsten Mair	8	0	8	6
Claire Stevens	8	0	8	1
Jo Brown	7	0	7	1
Mia Pordage	7	0	7	4
Jodie Johanson	4	3	7	2
Katie Read	3	4	7	1
Tallie Bright	6	0	6	2
Maddie Cannon	5	0	5	2
Shannon McFadden	3	2	5	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

Brace from Waller wins it for much changed Hassocks away at Rotherfield

Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One
Sunday 5th February 2023, Rotherfield Sports Club
Rotherfield Veterans 0-2 Hassocks Veterans

Two goals from Adam Waller made the trip to Rotherfield worth it for Hassocks Veterans as they returned from the west of the county with a 2-0 win.

Waller struck in either half in a team that included several new faces; it was almost as if a number of regulars did not fancy the long journey.

Rotherfield had lost both their Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One matches so far whilst the Robins had gone down to AFC Varndeanians in October before beating Jarvis Brook at the start of January following a 14 week break between fixtures.

In contrast to more than three months without a game, a mere four weeks separated that victory over Brook and this clash with Rotherfield.

Perhaps that was the problem rather than the hour journey, not enough recovery time for those older members of the squad?

In no particular order, those missing from the Jarvis Brook game were Craig Beckwith, Steve Spies, Brendan Leahy, Paul Armstrong, Simon Shivnarain and Jonathan Bundy from the starting XI.

Substitute Sam Cooper was not available either, presenting

something of a selection headache.

To solve the problem of eight absentees, Hassocks gave debuts to Andy Darby, Neil Rumble and John Webster.

Che Williams and Mr 7/10 Richard Thompson both made their first starts of the season whilst Richard Thomas was promoted from bench duties.

Having Thompson and Thomas in the same team presented a potential problem for whoever was filling out the team sheet; or at least it would if you were a member of the Hassocks management team of 2010.

There is a little-known tale of when the Robins went to Blackfield & Langley in the FA Vase with Thomas in their squad and Thompson at home.

Unfortunately for Thomas, this caused an incredible amount of confusion to the point where Thompson was incorrectly named on the bench.

Vice Head was therefore not able to come on, meaning he had spent his Saturday making a four-hour round trip to Southampton for absolutely no reason.

Thankfully, there was no repeat this time and not only were Thomas and Thompson both successfully able



to take part, but they played big parts in securing the three points.

Along with the three full debutants, Hassocks also introduced Andy Short from the bench for his first appearance for the club.

The Robins next game is scheduled in for Sunday 19th March at Sussex University against Montpellier Villa.

Fixtures in the Mid Sussex Veterans League are notoriously sprung with very short notice, however - so if you do want to check out the stars of yesteryear, keep an eye on the Hassocks social media channels as a game may suddenly be slotted in from nowhere.

Hassocks: Curtis, Waller, Rumble, Newman, Thompson, Webster, Williams, Humphrey, Williams, Thomas, Juniper.

Subs: Short (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	2-0	Waller (2)
March				
19/03 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	MSFLV1		

Veterans Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Steve Curtis	3	0	3	0
Adam Waller	3	0	3	3
Paul Armstrong	2	0	2	2
Craig Beckwith	2	0	2	1
Dave Juniper	2	0	2	1
Nick Newman	2	0	2	0
Simon Shivnarain	2	0	2	0
Steve Spies	2	0	2	0
Jonathan Bundy	1	1	2	1
Gavin Humphrey	1	1	2	0
Richard Thomas	1	1	2	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	0
Andy Darby	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	1
Anthony Hibbert	1	0	1	0
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
Brendan Leahy	1	0	1	0
Neil Rumble	1	0	1	0
Rob Sayers	1	0	1	0
Richard Thompson	1	0	1	0
John Webster	1	0	1	0
Che Williams	1	0	1	0
Sam Cooper	0	1	1	0
Andy Short	0	1	1	0



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On This Day...



Gault goal gets Robins back to winning ways

February 18th 2012: Hassocks returned to winning ways in their quest for a highest ever County League finish with a 1-0 win over Sidley United in horrific conditions at the Beacon

Thoroughly unpleasant conditions coupled with an enforced two week break meant it was never likely to be a classic as Hassocks returned to action at home against Sidley United.

But both sides deserve credit for trying to play football despite their rustiness and the strong, cold wind and driving rain which never relented across the 90 minutes.

The Robins were the happier of the teams come full time as Phil Gault's 24th goal of the season secured an important three points in the quest for a highest ever Sussex County League finish.

Over the 90 minutes, Hassocks probably had the better chances. Sidley though could point to two one-on-ones for number nine Lewis Hole as a reason why they deserved to make the long journey back home with something to show for their efforts.

The first occasion saw Hole brilliantly thwarted by Jack Simpson. Hole put the second chance well wide after the Robins defence stopped chasing back when the assistant referee put his flag up presumably for offside, only to then immediately lower it.

Hassocks were incensed by the incident and whilst it was a strange and unhelpful piece of officiating, the Robins had committed the cardinal sin of not playing to the whistle. They were fortunate to get away with it.

Playing against the wind in the first half, it took some time for Hassocks to get going.

Sidley's Scott MacDonald should perhaps have done better with the first chance of the game, latching onto a diagonal ball over the top which caught Ashley Marsh and Stuart Faith out only to fail to test Simpson sufficiently.

Hassocks worked their way into the game and new signing from

Shoreham soon tested visiting goalkeeper Josh Willis with a well struck volley.

The rebound fell invitingly to Nathan Miles but a great block from a Sidley defender prevented him converting.

Boddy was having a good game out on the right and he was unlucky to see a 37th minute shot hit the base of the post with Willis routed to the spot.

Between those two Boddy opportunities, Alan McMinigal went desperately close for Sidley with a swerving volley from a Marsh headed clearance which was caught in the wind.

Five minutes before the break and Kieran O'Callaghan should have marked his first outing for six weeks with a goal.

James Westlake did fantastically well to find Miles whose cross beat a defender to find O'Callaghan but he could only place his shot straight at Willis.

Sidley obviously decided at half time that the best form of defence when faced with the wind was attack as they flew out of the traps at the start of the second 45.

Hassocks were grateful that Simpson was alert from the off as the Robins number one had to make a superb stop within seconds of the restart.

After withstanding 10 minutes of pressure, Hassocks gradually took control.

Miles was a whisker away from connecting with a Gault cross before the Robins took the lead with 65 on the clock.

A somewhat harsh free kick went against Sidley and it was a decision which proved doubly expensive when Hassocks scored from the set piece.

Chris Maynard drilled a flat ball into the box which Gault met a clever glancing header having timed his run

to perfection, justifying his decision to soldier on despite a heavy cold.

Gault would probably not have started had Hassocks not been missing four regulars, including his fellow striker Phil Johnson who was away for the weekend.

The other absentees were the holidaying Anthony Hibbert and suspended full backs Rob South and Ben Palmer, whose bans led Mickey Jewell to move Westlake to right back.

Miles was again just millimetres away from connecting with a Gault centre as the game entered its closing stages amid an unnecessary flurry of cards.

Young referee Matthew Lee generally had a good match until then. Two yellow cards to Sidley were followed by Mr Lee evening things up with bookings for Miles for continuing after the whistle had blown.

Mr Lee then took Nathan Cooper's name for kicking the ball away, even though Cooper had not been the guilty party.

The one time the referee should have shown a card late on he chose not to, Sidley's Steve Morris temporarily losing his head in stoppage time and kicking out at Marsh.

Morris was already on a yellow and although a red card would have been a disappointing end to a game played in a good spirit for the most part, there was no reason not to make the obvious decision.

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

Subs: Pitcher (Boddy 73), Pearce (Weston 86), I Simpson (unused).

Around the League...



February began in the Southern Combination League with a full fixture list across the top two divisions on Saturday 4th, when there were yet more twists and turns in one of the most interesting Premier Division title races we have been treated to for many a season

Leaders Crawley Down Gatwick saw their long winning streak ended as they were beaten 1-0 away at Eastbourne Town.

Leon Greig scored the only goal of the game on the stroke of half time at the Saffrons to move Town into the top five for the first time this season.

That allowed **Newhaven** to close the gap at the top of the table with a convincing 6-1 win over **AFC Uckfield Town** at the Saffrons.

Charlie Bennett set the Dockers on their way by opening the scoring as early as the third minute.

Lee Robinson and Lucas Franzen-Jones both claimed doubles with the final Newhaven goal coming in injury time from substitute Demais Ramsis.

Third place **Broadbridge Heath** were held to a surprise 2-2 draw at the Countryside Stadium by bottom of the table **Roffey**.

Mason Doughty gave Heath a 20th minute lead but goals from Morgan Prill and Kelvin Lucas looked like they were going to provide the Boars with their first win of the campaign.

That was until the 82nd minute, when Doughty struck again to ensure the Bears took a point.

Second half goals from Charlie Yeates and Alfie Headland gave 10 man **Eastbourne United** a 2-0 victory away at **Lingfield**.

The visitors had seen Callum Smith shown a straight red card on 35 minutes.

In-form **Crowborough Athletic** picked up the most eye catching result of the day as they hammered **Peacehaven & Telscombe** 4-1 at the Community Stadium.

Harvey Killick gave the Crows the lead with Robin Deen equalising in the fourth minute of first half stoppage time.

Crowborough though went

berserk after the break, scoring three times within 15 minutes of the restart via Harry Forster and a Tom Pearson brace.

Steining Town eased to a 4-1 victory away at **Loxwood**. Dominic Johnson-Fisher, Marc Lida and substitutes Grant Radmore and Faris Khallouqi all scored for the Barrowmen. Loxwood's consolation came from Luca Page.

Evan Archibald and James Stone got the goals as **Bexhill United** ran out 2-0 winners at home to **Saltdean United** whilst our visitors this afternoon **Little Common** had a big 6-1 win at home to **AFC Vardeanians**.

Sam Cruttwell scored twice for Common, along with James Miriam-Batchelor, Lewis Parsons, Jamie Bunn and Lewis Hole. The Vs consolation was netted by Mark Goldson.

The final Premier Division game of the day was an ill-tempered affair which finished 1-1 between **Horsham YMCA** and **Midhurst & Easebourne**.

Archie Goodard gave YM a lead which was cancelled out by Jordan Stallibrass in the first half.

Hayden Neathey saw red for YM with the Stags having both Harry Tremlett and Harry Giles sent off amongst a total of seven yellow cards spread across both sides.

Division One leaders **Shoreham** remain unbeaten this season under the management of former Hassocks striker Michael Death following a 3-2 win at **Worthing United**.

Dan Hills gave United the lead with Marcus Richmond equalising to leave the game level at the break.

A Tom Shelley goal just past the hour mark looked like it would be enough for the Musselmen to win 2-1, only for Joe Kinsman to level the

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game with four minutes remaining.

Shoreham though were not done and Danny Jones struck in the 96th minute to secure a memorable Adur derby win for the visitors.

Epsom & Ewell lost further ground in the promotion race, beaten 2-1 at home by **Oakwood**.

Adil Raman and Darrell Agyemang got the goals for the visitors. Athan Smith-Joseph was the Salts consolation scorer whilst there were unsavoury scenes as Aaron Bogle was sent off for confronting one of his own team's fans.

Mile Oak picked up a useful point from a 1-1 draw at **Dorking Wanderers B** and it was the same score at the Seal Bay Resort Stadium where **Selsey** were held by **Wick**.

Forest Row did their survival chances a world of good by beating **East Preston** 2-1.

Fellow strugglers **Seaford Town** also enjoyed a 2-1 victory away at **Billingshurst** with the last game in the division seeing Carl Brown hit an 86th minute winner as **Arundel** won 2-1 at home to **Hailsham Town**.

In Division Two, **Capel** beat **Brighton Electricity** 6-1, **Bosham** were 3-0 winners against **Upper Beeding**, **Southwater** won 3-0 at **Worthing Town** and **St Francis Rangers** saw off **Charlwood** 2-0.

Rustington, **Storrington** and **Jarvis Brook** all made safe progress through the Sussex Intermediate Cup with **Rottingdean Village** and **Ferring** exiting the competition.

Finally, **Copthorne** enjoyed a 1-0 win over Crawley Devils in the quarter finals of the Sussex Intermediate Cup.



Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley Down Gatwick	27	21	0	6	60	21	63
Newhaven	27	18	3	6	86	27	57
Broadbridge Heath	24	16	4	4	55	23	52
Steyning Town	27	15	4	8	56	34	49
Eastbourne Town	27	14	6	7	39	21	48
Eastbourne United	24	14	5	5	35	19	47
Bexhill United	27	15	2	10	48	37	47
Crowborough Athletic	26	13	6	7	43	31	45
Peacehaven & Tels.	24	14	2	8	49	28	44
Hassocks	24	13	3	8	49	34	42
Little Common	23	10	4	9	48	34	34
AFC Varndeanians	25	9	6	10	45	55	33
Horsham YMCA	25	9	5	11	39	45	32
Midhurst & Easebourne	27	9	5	13	49	57	32
Lingfield	26	8	4	14	47	56	28
AFC Uckfield Town	26	7	2	17	32	58	23
Saltdean United	26	5	3	18	21	77	18
Loxwood	25	4	5	16	37	68	17
Alfold	27	4	4	19	34	79	16
Roffey	27	0	5	22	26	94	5

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Newhaven	264	739	124
Crowborough Athletic	230	678	127
Peacehaven & Telscombe	229	372	132
Eastbourne Town	218	734	102
Bexhill United	197	360	147
Hassocks	164	305	101
Eastbourne United	148	258	85
Broadbridge Heath	133	201	71
Steyning Town	123	334	72
Horsham YMCA	97	249	30
Little Common	97	146	67
Saltdean United	86	178	28
AFC Uckfield Town	75	140	30
Lingfield	75	253	27
Alfold	73	114	57
Loxwood	73	115	42
Midhurst & Easebourne	72	115	45
Roffey	69	129	30
AFC Varndeanians	63	112	35
Crawley Down Gatwick	63	74	35

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Eastbourne United	LDWWWW
Newhaven	LWWLWW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWLLWW
Crowborough Athletic	LWWWL
Hassocks	LWLWWW
Bexhill United	LDLWWW
Eastbourne Town	WLWWWL
Broadbridge Heath	WWLDDW
Lingfield	WLWDLW
Steyning Town	WLWDWL
Little Common	LLWLWW
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LWLWLW
AFC Varndeanians	LDWDLW
Horsham YMCA	DLWDDL
Alfold	LWLDDL
Loxwood	DWLLLL
Midhurst & Easebourne	LDDLLD
AFC Uckfield Town	LLWLLL
Roffey	DLLDLL
Saltdean United	LLDLLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	18
Lewis Croal	B'bridge Heath	16
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	16
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	16
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YMCA	15
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	15
Lewis Hole	Little Common	15
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	14
Liam Benson	Hassocks	13
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	13
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	13
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	13
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	13
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	13
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	12
Rhys White	Crawley Down	12
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	11
Harry Tremlett	Midhurst	11
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	11

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	11	9	0	2	30	10	27
Horley Town	12	7	2	3	36	23	23
Alfold	11	7	2	2	28	17	23
Broadbridge Heath	10	6	1	3	32	13	19
Roffey	10	5	1	4	25	24	16
Lingfield	10	5	0	5	31	22	15
Horsham YMCA	10	4	2	4	25	22	14
Chessington & Hook Utd	11	4	1	6	22	27	13
St Francis Rangers	11	4	1	6	15	33	13
Loxwood	10	2	0	8	16	30	6
Oakwood	10	0	0	10	6	45	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	14
Kieran Head	Chessington	10
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	8
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	8
Ben Remfry	Loxwood	7
Cameron Cooke	Roffey	6
Zain Beg	Loxwood	5
Charlie Broad	Hassocks	5
Sam Coxon	Horsham YMCA	5
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	5
Arnold Saurombe	Oakwood	5

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	10	9	1	0	46	8	28
St Francis Rangers	8	7	1	0	19	8	22
Hassocks	12	6	3	3	33	15	21
AFC Varndeanians	13	6	1	6	29	28	19
Saltdean United	10	5	2	3	28	26	17
Shoreham	11	5	2	4	24	22	17
Worthing United	8	4	1	3	17	13	13
Lancing	12	3	2	7	21	37	11
Steyning Town	14	2	1	11	21	56	7
Mile Oak	14	1	2	11	17	42	5

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	19
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	14
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	13
Will Varley	Hassocks	9
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	9
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	7
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	7
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	7
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	6
Ossie O'Neill	Varndeanians	6

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shoreham	6	4	1	1	15	6	13
Hassocks	4	3	1	0	17	5	10
Pagham	5	3	0	2	9	13	9
Bognor Regis Town	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Saltdean United	10	2	1	7	12	32	7
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
Mille Carter	Shoreham	10
Jess Craig	Hassocks	9
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	7
Amber Beaven	Bognor Regis	6
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	5
Farrah Dorey	Saltdean United	5

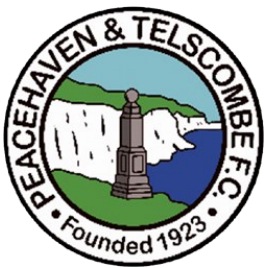
Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	5	5	0	0	20	6	15
AFC Varndeanians	5	3	0	2	19	15	9
Lewes	5	3	0	2	18	17	9
Hassocks	3	2	0	1	9	5	6
Seaford Town	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Jarvis Brook	4	1	0	3	9	16	3
Rotherfield	3	0	0	3	2	11	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	5
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	5
Wes Tate	Sidley United	4
Dougal Flemming	Lewes	4
Simon Munday	Jarvis Brook	3
Daniel Horan	Lewes	3
Dean Pugh	Sidley United	3

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Tuesday 21st February 2023. 7:45pm

The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY

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

We are back at the Beacon on Tuesday night taking on Peacehaven & Telscombe, a side who have taken the baton from Littlehampton Town as the Southern Combination League's FA Vase specialists

Peacehaven this season

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

Head-to-head

It is not a fixture which has brought us much joy. Peacehaven have won 22 of the 39 meetings with eight wins for us and nine draws. We can at least take solace from the fact this one is at the Beacon – trips to the Sports Park have been even more harrowing with only one previous league win down on the south coast in 12 attempts, coming under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 season when we went onto claim our highest ever Premier Division finish of fourth.

Last time we met

Peacehaven got their season off the to perfect start on the opening day of the campaign with a convincing win over a Robins side being managed by

James Westlake for the first time Goals from Max Hollobone and a Callum Edwards brace secured a 3-0 victory for the Tye, setting them up for that impressive early season form.

Familiar faces

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

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Saltdean United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 25th February 2023. 2:00pm
Hill Park, Coombe Vale, Saltdean, BN2 8HJ
Admission prices £5 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

Next Saturday sees our third and final meeting of the season with Saltdean United, our former head coach Brad Sweetman and the host of Robins now plying their trade at Hill Park as we head south to take on the Tigers

Saltdean United this season

Having finished Premier Division runners up to Littlehampton Town last season, manager Bryan O'Toole and his entire squad left Hill Park to leave Saltdean facing a challenging rebuild. The man tasked with the charge was our former head coach Brad Sweetman, taking a number of the young players who did such a sterling job of keeping us in the top flight last season. After such turmoil, avoiding the bottom two was the aim for the Tigers this season and they have managed that so far, although the improving form of Alfold and Loxwood will be a cause for concern. The Tigers currently sit 17th, two points clear of the relegation zone.

Head-to-head

We have faced Saltdean on 33 occasions in the past, winning 13. The Tigers have 15 victories to their name, leaving just five draws. Three of those stalemates have come in the past five meetings. This was a fixture we used to dominate during the early 90s, winning six times in Division One and scoring 19 goals along the way. That has not been the case in recent seasons; November's win was our first since the Tigers won promotion back to the Premier Division in 2017.

Last time we met

We ran riot, scoring five times in the space of 24 first half minutes to hammer Saltdean 5-1 when they

visited the Beacon three months ago. Pat Harding got the party started with tall striker Jamie Wilkes, Liam Benson, an own goal and Alex Bygraves adding to the rout before the half hour park. With the game won, we took our foot off the pedal in the second half and the Tigers pulled one back via Mitch Hewens late on.

How to get to Hill Park

Take the A259 coast road towards Eastbourne from Brighton. Immediately before Saltdean Lido, take a left into Arundel Drive, following it around the park and up into the Saltdean estate. Hill Park is at the end of the road.



Hassocks v Horsham YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 28th February 2023. 7:45pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £7 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s go free

Frantic February is rounded off with the visit of Horsham YMCA to the Beacon, presenting us with a rare opportunity to complete a league double over YM having won at Gorings Mead earlier in the campaign

Horsham YMCA this season

Horsham YMCA kicked off the season looking like they could secure their highest finish since Peter Buckland was in charge and had them regularly challenging towards the top of the table. They have fallen away since those early days to currently sit 13th but remain dangerous opponents for any side in the division thanks to the mix of a mean defence and strikers who know where the goal is. Former Dorking Wanderers goal machine Tom Tolfrey leads YM's scoring charts whilst ex-Robin Ben Bacon needs no introduction to Hassocks fans after enjoying spells at the Beacon in the 2016-17 and 2019-20 seasons.

Head-to-head

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

Last time we met

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

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

Played for both

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

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AFC Uckfield Town away **Joe BULL**
Alfold away **Liam BENSON**
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Hassocks Player of the Month 2022-23

August 2022

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

September 2022

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

October 2022

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

November 2022

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

December 2022

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

January 2023 not awarded due to only two matches

February 2023

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3rd

March 2023

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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. Phil Gault	331	19	350	190
9. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
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. James Westlake	225	19	244	31
19. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
20. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
21. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
22. Pat Harding	195	27	222	139
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Phil Johnson	154	36	190	93
25. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	350
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	139	222
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	93	190
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	160
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	244
22. Jack Troak	30	106
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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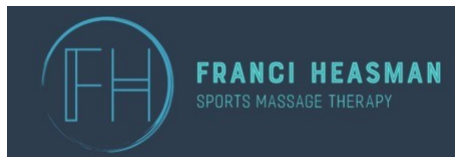
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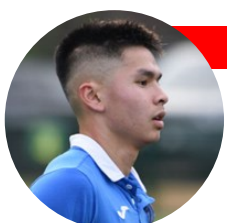
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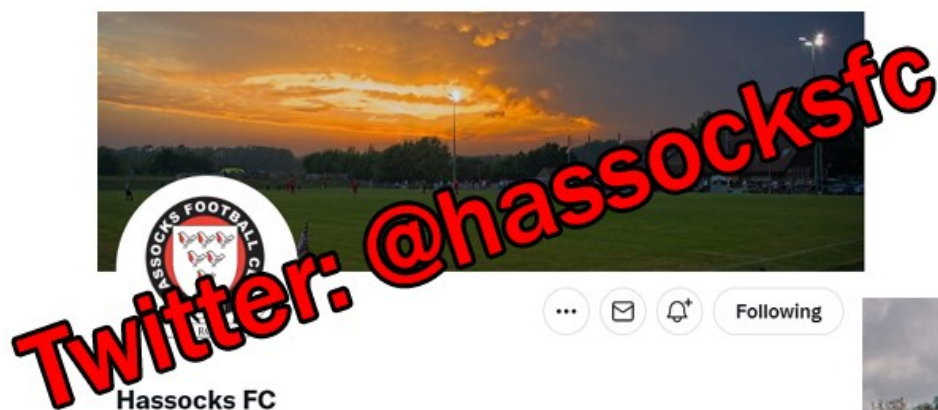
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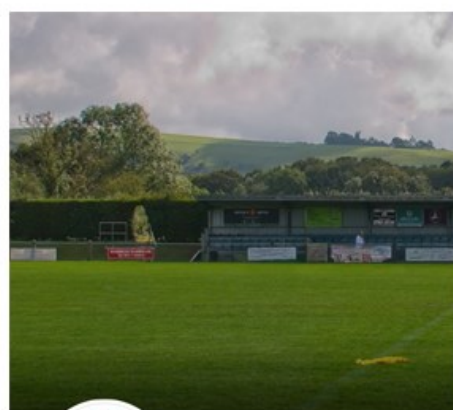


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 Tuesday 21st February. 7:45pm
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