

# The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #19



## Hassocks v Horsham YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division

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#### FIRST TEAM

##### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

##### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

##### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

##### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

##### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

##### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

#### UNDER 23 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Runners up 2022

##### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

#### UNDER 18 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

##### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

#### VETERANS TEAM

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022



## Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon as we round off a frantic February with our eighth game of the month

**Four wins, one draw, one defeat and one abandonment represents a good set of results from such a busy period where the players have been tested by playing every Tuesday and every Saturday for the past four weeks.**

Another three points this evening would complete the month nicely, as well as rewriting the record books by securing a very rare league double over visitors Horsham YMCA.

We extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee and supporters of YM and hope they enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex this evening.

February has already seen one rare feat achieved with Saturday's victory at Saltdean United meaning we won both league matches against the Tigers for the first time since the 1994-95 season.

Most pleasingly was that victory was secured in circumstances where a draw would probably have been the outcome earlier in the campaign.

There have been a number of examples of matches where we have been the dominant side, only to miss countless opportunities on the way to a stalemate or defeat.

As the clock ticked into the 75th

minute at Hill Park, it looked like another frustrating result and dropped points were going to be on the cards.

That was until Jack Troak and Leon Turner combined twice down the left in the space of six minutes, creating an own goal and one for Phil Johnson.

A 2-0 win was in the bag and the 2-1 defeat here against Little Common a fortnight ago and all those squandered opportunities that came with it could be banished to memory.

Victory at Saltdean had been preceded four days earlier by a decent point from a 0-0 draw against FA Vase quarter finalists Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Clearcut chances were few and far between on an evening which again served to underline the progress being made this season since the Tye swept us away 3-0 at the Window Workshop Sports Park on the opening day.

Last Thursday night saw the Under 23s rack up their biggest win of the campaign so far, hammering local rivals St Francis Rangers 8-0 at Colwell Road.

Lord Gault and JJ Minty scored two apiece with an own goal, Will

Broomfield, Jude Wallis and Sam Geard completing the rout.

Neil Parker's side continue their title challenge here on Thursday, against Horsham YMCA. Kick off is at 7:45pm for anyone who fancies another round of Robins v YM.

The Under 18s were defeated 4-3 by unbeaten Central Division leaders Burgess Hill Town on Sunday with goals coming from Toby Munt and an Alex Brewer brace.

They though have bigger fish to fry with their Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup semi final against Whitehawk confirmed for this Sunday at 11am.

It would be fantastic to see as many supporters as possible here to cheer on the Young Robins as they attempt to become just the second Hassocks Under 18s side to reach the County Cup final.

Before then, the first team are back here on Saturday in a 2pm kick off against Loxwood.

**Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game,**

**Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



**Horsham YMCA**

## YM Factfile

**Founded** 1898

**Ground** Herbert Direct Stadium

**Website** horshamymcafc.co.uk

**Twitter** @horshamymcafc

**Instagram** @horshamymcafc

**Manager** Dean Carden

**Top scorer** Tom Tolfrey, 14

## Club Honours

### **Southern Combination League**

Winners 2005, 2006

Runners up 2019

### **SCFL Division One**

Winners 1966, 1983

### **Sussex RUR Charity Cup**

Winners 2001, 2014

### **Peter Bentley League Cup**

Winners 1967, 1968, 1982, 2002

Runners up 1973, 2009, 2018

### **SCFL Division One Cup**

Winners 1962, 1995

Runners up 1960, 1961, 1962

## Slow and steady improvement appears to be the aim of the game for Horsham YMCA at the moment in their third season under the management of Dean Carden

A club legend with more than 500 appearances for YM to his name, Carden took over from Peter Buckland in the summer of 2020.

He faced a big rebuild job after a number of players who had helped YM consistently challenge towards the top of the Southern Combination League departed Gorings Mead at the same time.

Like us in 2019-20, YM were glad to see the 2020-21 campaign curtailed by lockdown as they were in the bottom three at the time as Carden's new-look squad of young players took time to adapt to the demands of Premier Division football.

Since that reprieve from a potential relegation battle, YM have begun making progress up the league standings.

They finished last season safely positioned in mid table, sitting 13th and a long way clear of the bottom three.

Further progress should be possible by the end of the current campaign. At the time of writing,

they are 12th and with this being one of the tightest Premier Divisions we have seen in recent times, YN could yet break into the top 10 come the end of April.

That is especially true if they can rediscover the form of the opening few months which had them as high as third and with the best defensive record in the league.

When we went to Gorings Mead in September, YM had recorded seven clean sheets in 10 games and were to ship a Premier Division goal at home.

Our 4-2 success came as something of a surprise then, especially as it was only our fourth win at YM since the turn of the century.

The 55-game history of this fixture has been largely dominated by today's visitors, marking this out as another tough afternoon at the office as we look to maintain our own position in amongst the top 10.

## 10 Key YM Moments

**1929...** YMCA move to their current Gorings Mead home ground

**1959...** join the Southern Combination League and seven years later, win promotion to the top flight

**1967...** win their first Peter Bentley League Cup, successfully defending the trophy the following season

**1982...** relegated to Division One. They bounce back immediately though, winning the title the next year

**1999...** YM embark on their best ever FA Cup run as they get to within one win of the first round proper

**2001...** shock Burgess Hill Town to win the RUR Cup, sparking a golden period at Gorings Mead

**2005...** lift their first ever Southern Combination title but are denied promotion due to ground grading

**2006...** defend the title and with Gorings Mead upgraded, move up to the Isthmian League

**2008...** relegated back to the SCFL but win promotion again at the first attempt for another 2 year spell

**2014...** lift their most recent silverware by beating East Preston in the RUR Cup final

## Last 20 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 13th

2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 4th

2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2015-16: Southern Combination Premier 7th

2014-15: Southern Combination Premier 5th

2013-14: Southern Combination Premier 4th

2012-13: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2011-12: Southern Combination Premier 16th

2010-11: Isthmian South 22nd

2009-10: Isthmian South 11th

2008-09: Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2007-08: Isthmian South 21st

2006-07: Isthmian South 9th

2005-06: Southern Combination Premier 1st

2004-05: Southern Combination Premier 1st

2003-04: Southern Combination Premier 13th

2002-03: Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2001-02: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2000-01: Southern Combination Premier 5th

## The Robins' Record v Horsham YMCA

**SCFL Premier** > Played 46 - Won 14 - Drawn 6 - Lost 26 - Scored 65 - Conceded 98

**SCFL Division One** > Played 6 - Won 1 - Drawn 5 - Lost 0 - Scored 6 - Conceded 4

**SCFL Division One Cup** > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

**RUR Charity Cup** > Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3

**FA Cup** > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 2

**Total** > Played 55 - Won 17 - Drawn 11 - Lost 27 - Scored 79 - Conceded 108

## Previous 10 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-4 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

2020-21 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-3 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Horsham YMCA

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-1 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-3 Horsham YMCA

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Horsham YMCA

2017-18 SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 6-0 Hassocks

## Played for Both

**Since John Suter's brief spell in charge of Hassocks at the start of the 2008-09 season, there have been a huge number of players to represent both clubs.**

Suter brought a whole host of names from Gorings Mead to the Beacon with him including **Glen Woodburn, Matt Percival, Matt Russell, Ali Russell** and **James Bird**.

Matt Russell was the stand out performer, scoring four times in eight games for Hassocks before following Suter to Worthing United like most of the YM contingent.

**Phil Gault** enjoyed a brief stay with YM in between moving from

Hassocks to Haywards Heath Town in 2014 while **Phil Johnson** went the opposite way, playing one brief game for Heath before joining YM following a spell with Burgess Hill Town.

Johnson could line up for Hassocks against YM today. Visiting boss Dean Carden meanwhile has an ex-Robin in his current squad; **Ben Bacon** who always seems to score against us.

2014-15 was a bad time for the Robins in terms of players ending up at YM. **Anthony Hibbert** moved to Gorings Mead following a short spell at East Preston ended when Dom Di Paolo resigned as manager at the Lashmar.

Hibbert played over 400 games and scored more than 100 goals for the Robins. He was soon joined to YM by defender **Alex Gathern**.

Two more players have represented both clubs in the past five seasons; Hassocks having signed defender **Dan Webster** from YM in the summer of 2018 whilst **Jake Lindsey** moved to Gorings Mead at the start of the 2019-20 campaign for a brief spell.

Webster only played a handful of games for us before moving to Oakwood whilst Lindsey's spell at YM was equally short lived. He can now be found at Loxwood via Crawley Down and Haywards Heath.



# Four goals in an hour ends drought and makes for a fun stay at YMCA

**Before Hassocks arrived at the Herbert Direct Stadium, Horsham YMCA had seven clean sheets from 10 games in all competitions to their name.**

They were yet to concede a home goal in the Southern Combination League.

The Robins in contrast had gone more than 270 minutes without scoring, a run stretching back almost a month to August Bank Holiday Monday.

Three defeats in a row had been the result of this famine in front of goal.

Seasoned Hassocks observers would not have been surprised by what their club famous for its Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde ability of veering from the good to the bad and back again did next.

Four goals plundered in little over an hour gave the Robins a superb 4-2 win over a side who had began the evening sat third in the Premier Division table.

Not only that, but it was just the fourth league victory Hassocks have recorded away at YMCA since the turn of the millennium. Some style for the Robins to end their scoring drought in.

Hassocks started well and might have had a penalty within the opening five minutes.

Phil Johnson was brought down in a wide position perilously close to the edge of the area.

The assistant referee seemed to believe it was inside the box. Referee Paddy O'Reilly did not agree however and instead awarded a free kick which the Robins made little of.

YM took the lead on 13 minutes against the run of play. A Robins throw was won in the air by Harry Law.

The ball fell to Archie Goodard who hit a looping volley on the turn from 25 yards over the head of the stranded Alex Harris.

That goal started a breathless

period of end-to-end football. Four minutes later and Hassocks equalised, Lewis Westlake and Jack Troak combining to release Raging Joe Bull on an overlap from left back.

Bull crossed low and hard and after a series of ricochets in the box, the ball was eventually fired into the back of the YM net by Leon Turner.

Hassocks took the lead seven minutes later with a goal born out of determination from the men in blue and man-of-the-match Mike Williamson in particular.

The Robins won three 50-50 challenges in quick succession, eventually leading possession to Troak out on the left.

His deep cross was met by an unreal diving header 18 yards out from Johnson, giving Aaron Jeal no chance.

The confidence those two goals gave Hassocks was obvious. Another great cross from Troak required Jeal to make a good stop after ex-Robin Josh Tuck nearly turned the ball past his own goalkeeper.

Turner then cut inside and unleashed an effort from 25 yards which whistled just the wrong side of the post.

A tight but correct offside decision went against Troak on 36 minutes followed 120 seconds later by Hassocks adding their third.

Williamson won possession when a YM passing move broke down. He and midfield partner Westlake managed to find Benson, whose left footed cross was volleyed home by Johnson from eight yards.

YM were incensed as they felt Johnson had used a hand. Neither referee nor assistant spotted anything untoward and so Johnson had his second goal of the evening against his former club.

The hosts nearly pulled one back on the stroke of half time. Harris was relieved to see a cross-shot smack against the upright before being cleared away by Alex Bygraves.

It was a warning sign Hassocks should have paid more attention to. Within five minutes of the restart, YM cut Hassocks' lead to one via another former Robin, Ben Bacon.

Tuck launched a long ball forward flicked on by Bacon. Goddard did superbly to latch onto the flick, beat three challenges from Robins players and return the ball to Bacon who converted on the slide.

Captain Westlake was forced off injured on the hour mark. Head coach and brother James Westlake was bold in his replacement, throwing on tall striker Jamie Wilkes.

Hassocks wanted a fourth rather than sitting back and attempting to hold onto their one-goal lead.

The plan worked to perfection when the Robins scored again on 79 minutes.

A through ball sent Johnson away and he was hauled down by Jeal, leading Mr O'Reilly to point to the spot. YM were again left fuming with the officials, believing Johnson to have been offside.

A lengthy delay ensured whilst protests were lodged. Despite the commotion, Troak confidently beat Jeal from 12 yards with a penalty nearly as cool as the all-blue suit – think Trigger when he falls through the bar in Only Fools & Horses – Troak turned up to Gorings Mead wearing.

An already fiery game became more ill-tempered following Troak's spot kick. That suited Hassocks, especially when Bacon entered the sin bin with five minutes remaining – time which the Robins easily navigated for a famous win.

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

**Subs:** Wilkes (L Westlake 60), Harding (Benson 75), Frankland (Turner 85), Broomfield, J Westlake (unused).



## Ingham goal earns Robins vital point in battle for top four finish

**With both Hassocks and Horsham YMCA missing their top scorers for their fourth clash of the season, it came as little surprise there was a distinct lack of cutting edge as the sides played out a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.**

The sixth-placed Robins were without 30 goal Phil Gault through injury whilst fifth-placed YM were denied the services of 28 goal Nick Sullivan after he was called away to work on what looked an important day in the battle for a top four finish.

Visiting boss Peter Buckland said afterwards he felt his side would have "won comfortably" had Sullivan, Leroy Hyett or Craig Grantham been available.

But who knows what might have happened if Mickey Jewell had a full squad of his own to choose from?

The absence of Gault was just the tip of the iceberg for the Robins, whose two most recent outings had ended in heavy losses at Crowborough Athletic and Newhaven for a side ravaged by fitness issues.

With the Under 18s playing in the League Cup final the following day against Chichester City, Jewell opted to leave George Brown and Aaron Czech as unused substitutes.

Dan Stokes was only a late introduction from the bench whilst Jake Booth and Max Collins were left out altogether.

All five teenagers have impressed in the first team this season but especially in recent weeks, stepping up alongside a plethora of reserve players because of the depth of the injury crisis.

The return of Nathan Miles and Nathan Cooper in place of Hugo Whitehouse and Zak Dove does at least suggest that the Robins may now be over the worst.

To fill the void left by Gault, Jewell gave another opportunity to development side top scorer Michael Gould, who is averaging a goal a

game in the Mid Sussex Championship and made his full debut in defeat at Newhaven on Wednesday night.

Hassocks had lost their two previous meetings with YM, back-to-back games in November which ended in a 3-2 elimination from the Sussex RUR Charity Cup three days after a 5-0 hammering in Division One.

The first match of the season between the sides came in August and saw the Robins win 3-2 at Gorings Mead in the FA Cup.

That came as something of a surprise with Hassocks having beaten YM just twice in their past 11 encounters and only once at Gorings Mead in 13 years.

Given their historical struggles against YM, the Robins were no doubt more pleased than their visitors by the outcome here.

Hassocks had the better of a first half in which the game ebbed and flowed, taking a deserved 1-0 lead into the interval.

Jamie Ingham has enjoyed an excellent first season back in senior football for six years and it was his third goal of the campaign which put the Robins ahead with six minutes of the half remaining.

Ingham showed excellent strength to outmuscle YM defender Adam O'Carroll and finish past goalkeeper Simon Lockwood with aplomb.

YM had started with midfielder Brad Curtis operating as a lone striker.

Buckland changed tact at the break, switching to 4-4-2 and pushing another midfielder Liam Hunter up alongside Curtis.

That gave the Hassocks backline of Alex Gathern, Ashley Marsh, Nick Pitcher and Matt O'Brien more to think about in the second half.

O'Brien was making his first start at left back in the absence of Tom Davess.

He equipped himself well, continuing the impressive form he has shown for the reserves following a summer switch from Haywards Heath Town.

The second half was only four minutes old when YM's change had an impact.

Hunter and Curtis combined to win a corner on 49 minutes which was swung over and headed home by captain Ashley Dugdale.

For all Buckland's post-game talk about how his side would have cantered into the sunset with three points with a recognised striker, their biggest problem seemed to be delivering crosses too close to Hassocks goalkeeper Josh Green.

Perhaps they wondered whether the 17-year-old who plays understudy to Collins in the Robins youth team would have the confidence to dominate his box.

The answer to that question was a resounding yes. Green was superb in claiming the plethora of balls pumped into the area, helping to relieve pressure on his defence.

One goal conceded after shipping seven in the previous two against Newhaven and Crowborough was particularly pleasing and Hassocks might have even nicked all three points right at the death.

Stuart Brown has developed something of a reputation for scoring straight from corners with three such goals to his name this season.

Brown nearly repeated his party trick with an inswinging delivery which cannoned off Lockwoods' crossbar in the final minute.

**Hassocks:** Green; Gathern, Pitcher, Marsh, O'Brien; Jacques, Cooper, Ingham, S Brown; Gould, Miles.

**Subs:** Stokes (used), G Brown, Czech, Price (unused).



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## Robins in the hunt for silverware as season enters a massive March

**Following eight games in four weeks through frantic February, Hassocks face a much less manic March as they look to secure a first top 10 Southern Combination Premier Division finish since the 2013-14 season.**

The month begins with an intriguing home game against Loxwood on Saturday 4th March, pitting James Westlake and a number of his players against their former club.

Hassocks won 2-0 at the Nest earlier in the season via goals from Phil Johnson and Pat Harding, whose brilliant late strike was his first in Robins colours since returning from Burgess Hill Town.

The shortest away trip of the season follows on Saturday 11th to face AFC Varndeanians at Withdean Stadium.

It will be the third meeting of the campaign between Hassocks and Vs. Both previous matches took place at the Beacon.

The Robins were 2-0 victors in

October's Premier Division clash at the Beacon whilst Varndeanians won by the same scoreline in the Peter Bentley League Cup a month earlier.

Hassocks travel to the Oval on Tuesday 14th March for their clash with Eastbourne United, rearranged from February after a serious leg break to home striker Tony Halsey resulted in abandonment with the score at 0-0.

Two home games round off March. Crowborough Athletic are the visitors on Saturday 18th at 3pm and Premier Division leaders Newhaven come to the Beacon on Saturday 25th in a 2pm kick off.

The Under 23s will play every Thursday through March, completing five of their remaining seven fixtures as they hunt a first North Division title.

Horsham YMCA visit the Beacon on Thursday 2nd followed by another home match against Oakwood on Thursday 9th.

The Robins make the trip to Lingfield on Thursday 16th. Loxwood come to Mid Sussex on Thursday 23rd and Hassocks face the return

match at Oakwood on Thursday 30th.

For the Under 18s, all eyes will be on their big semi in the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup on Sunday 5th March.

Whitehawk will visit the Beacon in an 11am kick off as Hassocks look to make it through to the final of the County Cup for the first time since 2002.

The Young Robins are currently scheduled just one other fixture in March, welcoming Eastbourne United on Sunday 12th in the third round of the League Cup.

There are three matches for the Ladies, who remain unbeaten so far in the Sussex County Women's League Premier Division.

Hassocks visit Shoreham on Sunday 5th March at 2pm. They then host the same opponents a week later at the Beacon on Sunday 12th before travelling to Bognor Regis Town on Sunday 26th.

The veterans will play once in March, visiting the University of Sussex on Sunday 19th to take on Montpellier Villa. Kick off is 2pm.

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# Defences come out on top in stalemate between Hassocks and Peacehaven

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**  
**Tuesday 21st February 2023, The Beacon**  
**Hassocks 0-0 Peacehaven & Telscombe**



**Clear cut chances were at a premium as Hassocks played out a 0-0 draw with FA Vase quarter finalists Peacehaven & Telscombe.**

The Tye showed the qualities which have taken them to within two wins of Wembley on a run including two penalty shootout victories.

They were supremely organised, difficult to break down and kept possession as well as any side to have visited the Beacon this season.

Pleasingly for James Westlake, his Robins matched Peacehaven in the defensive stakes to continue their improvement at that end of the pitch.

This was Hassocks' fourth clean sheet from seven matches since the turn of the year. It was well deserved for the way they shackled the Tye's 28 goal strike force of Callum Edwards and Max Hollobone.

Much of the entertainment on the night came from James Shaw and former Robins number one Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke, although it had little do with their respective shutouts.

The crowd were left most amused by the two goalkeepers as early as the 11th minute. Shaw did well to punch clear under pressure before going down clutching his face, ensuring referee Mark Gidman had to stop play for a head injury with Peacehaven in possession.

Stroomberg-Clarke came striding out of his box to tell Mr Gidman not to let Shaw make it all about him.

Somewhere in amongst all the nonsense, Hassocks assistant manager Tom Hughes earned a talking to from Mr Gidman. Good going with less than a quarter of an hour on the clock.

Hassocks had created a decent opportunity six minutes earlier. Jack Troak played a pass inside whilst shouting "Man on Michael" despite the ball going to James Westlake rather than Mike Williamson.

Westlake was not perturbed,

stepping inside to drive a rising effort just over the bar.

There were half-hearted Peacehaven appeals for a penalty on 18 minutes when Edwards fell over the ball in the box under pressure from Troak.

Mr Gidman was not to be fooled and waved play on, only to have to stop the game 20 seconds later.

A bone crunching tackle by Drew Matthews left Phil Johnson in a heap in the centre circle as Hassocks looked to break. Matthews received a yellow card for his troubles.

The half hour mark brought a long ball over the top which looked like it might catch Peacehaven out as Westlake ran through.

Stroomberg-Clarke however was alert to snuff out the danger, collecting right on the edge of the box where he and Westlake had a pretty innocuous collision which sent the Hassocks player-manager to the ground.

The six foot plus Peacehaven goalkeeper tried to convince Mr Gidman that he had been rugby tackled by the diminutive Westlake, which again was very much enjoyed by those watching.

From there, Stroomberg-Clarke sent a long ball down the pitch which Hassocks won.

The Robins were lightning quick to counter and Johnson found himself with a sight of goal.

Matthews made an outstanding block when Johnson went to pull the trigger. The ball spun up into the air and fell invitingly for Liam Benson to attempt a first time volley.

It was not the most convincing of strikes but that meant it almost caught Stroomberg-Clarke by surprise as he dived late to his right to claw the ball around the post.

Shaw had to make a smart reaction save on the stroke of half time when Edwards drove from halfway to the edge of the Hassocks box, getting a decent hand behind a

powerful effort which he then grabbed at the second attempt.

The second half was slow to get going but once it did, Peacehaven enjoyed the better of it as the Robins began sitting deeper and deeper.

Ross Barclay demonstrated a foot made of silk to pluck the ball out of the air and hit a volley on the turn. Shaw plunged low to his left to save at the expense of a corner.

That was on 68 minutes. On 72, Williamson threw himself in front of a Curtis Ford effort to deflect it onto the outside of the post in a superb piece of defending.

Hassocks belatedly managed their one opportunity of the second half with three minutes remaining.

A clever back heel released Harvey Blake into enough space on the edge of the box to get a shot away which rose over the bar.

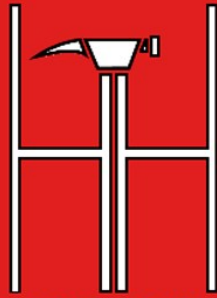
The Robins seemed content to take a point by now, summed up when Shaw gathered a loose ball and then proceeded to pin roll with it in his arms approximately 15 yards across his area to run down the clock. Nobody was entirely sure whether such a move was illegal or not.

And not to be outdone, Stroomberg-Clarke had a fine and very loud rant when the full time whistle blew about how Peacehaven kept keeping clean sheets but could not score at the other end, cheered ironically by the home support.

In reality, that did a disservice to Hassocks whose performance warranted a point.

**Hassocks:** Shaw; Blake, Tighe, Bygraves, Troak; L Turner, Williamson, J Westlake, Bull; Johnson, Benson.

**Subs:** Loversidge (Bull 64), Harding (Benson 70), Wilkes (Turner 89), S Smith, Rogers (unused).



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# Troak helps Hassocks find two goals in final 15 minutes to tame the Tigers

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**  
**Saturday 25th February 2023, Hill Park**  
**Saltdean United 0-2 Hassocks**



**For 75 minutes at Hill Park, it looked like Hassocks were going to suffer from that dreaded word frustration against Saltdean United.**

The score was locked at 0-0 despite the Robins being the dominant side, particularly in the second half following the introduction of livewire substitute Jack Troak.

Countless opportunities had gone begging and the travelling support were beginning to wonder if this was to be another of those days - and there have been quite a few this season - where Hassocks were going to rue their wastefulness.

But then the Robins found two goals in the final quarter of an hour, both of which were the result of brilliant link up play down the left flank from Leon Turner and Troak to secure a first league double over Saltdean since the 1994-95 season.

The first arrived on 76 minutes, just as the Tigers and former Hassocks head coach Brad Sweetman must have thought their luck was in and they were going to claim a big point in their battle against relegation.

Turner fed the overlapping Troak to pull a pass back to Phil Johnson who fired past Josh James to finally open the scoring.

Six minutes later and the Robins made the game safe. Again Turner released Troak to set up a second which appeared to have been turned in by a Saltdean defender.

The dubious goals panel will have to rule whether it goes down as an own goal or to Troak.

James Westlake's team selection laid bare his intention to attack opponents who his side had stuck five goals past in 24 first half minutes at the Beacon in November.

Johnson, Liam Benson and Pat Harding all started together for just the second time this season.

Westlake also introduced tall striker Jamie Wilkes into midfield.

Bradley Tighe was unavailable as he and his partner had welcomed a baby girl into the world earlier in the morning.

Sam Smith took Tighe's place alongside Alex Bygraves at centre back.

Saltdean meanwhile could count upon six ex-Robins in their line up with Sweetman having recruited heavily from Hassocks following his summer switch to Hill Park.

Arthur Rawlingson and Danny Reid have recently moved from the Beacon to Saltdean and they joined fellow former Hassocks players Alfie Edmeads, Josh Tuck, Lewis Beebee and Connor Ghosh in the Tigers XI.

The Robins nearly made the perfect start when Joe Bull sported James off his line and went for goal from 35 yards inside of 60 seconds. James though recovered the situation well.

Other than that, the opening exchanges were quite placid. It needed a Johnson half chance created by Harvey Blake down the right to spark things into life on 28 minutes, followed by Johnson heading a brilliant Westlake delivery over the bar from six yards.

The 35th minute saw Harding slide in Johnson to fire over. Turner then did everything right by beating two Saltdean defenders with his potent combination of pace and skill, only to drag his shot wide.

Given how Hassocks had finished the first half, Saltdean were relieved when the break arrived to bring them some respite.

Any hopes that the 15 minute interval would derail the Robins' momentum were quickly dashed as Hassocks were instantly on the front foot as soon as the action resumed.

Three minutes after the restart and Johnson headed a pinpoint Blake cross straight at James.

Saltdean were put even more under the cosh when the Robins replaced Bull with Troak on 54

minutes to overload the left side with attacking threat.

Just past the hour mark and Smith had a header cleared off the line, sparking pandemonium in the Saltdean box.

No Hassocks player was able to capitalise and put the ball into the net.

Another big chance came the way of Johnson's head from a Westlake free kick.

Two minutes later and a headed opportunity went to someone other than Johnson.

The outcome however was the same, this time Harding nodding straight at the thankful James.

Hassocks finally opened the scoring six minutes after that missed Harding chance.

The relief in the away camp was obvious and even though you sensed one goal would be enough, the second was very welcome.

Scoring twice in quick succession seemed to push the Robins on to find more in the final 10.

A cleverly worked free kick put Westlake in one-on-one. For once, poor finishing was not to blame as James made an outstanding save to deny the Hassocks head coach.

Saltdean mustered their best chance of the game with two minutes remaining.

It fell to Edmeads, denied a goal against his old club by James Shaw making a fine stop in what was the Hassocks goalkeepers only real action of the afternoon.

**Hassocks:** Shaw; Blake, S Smith, Bygraves, Troak; L Turner, Wilkes, J Westlake; Johnson, Benson, Harding.

**Subs:** Troak (Bull 54), Gault (Benson 71), Loversidge (Harding 76), Rogers (Johnson 93), Broomfield (unused).

# First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
<b>July</b>					
30/07 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	0-3	153	
<b>August</b>					
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
<b>September</b>					
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
<b>October</b>					
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	
<b>November</b>					
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
<b>December</b>					
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
<b>January</b>					
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
<b>February</b>					
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	1-2	120	Johnson
21/02 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP	0-0	140	
25/02 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	2-0	79	Johnson, OG
28/02 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
<b>March</b>					
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			
<b>April</b>					
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	32	1	33	7	109	30
Harvey Blake	31	1	32	1	98	4
Alex Bygraves	31	0	31	3	31	3
Joe Bull	25	6	31	1	125	8
Phil Johnson	23	7	30	19	193	95
Liam Benson	23	6	29	13	163	44
Mike Williamson	25	2	27	0	27	0
Bradley Tighe	22	4	26	0	164	0
Jamie Wilkes	17	9	26	3	30	3
Pat Harding	14	10	24	2	225	139
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	113	0
Leon Turner	19	4	23	2	23	2
James Westlake	14	5	19	0	247	31
Sam Smith	7	10	17	1	31	3
Sam Rogers	7	9	16	0	16	0
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
Alfie Loversidge	3	5	8	0	69	11
JJ Minty	5	2	7	1	7	1
Will Broomfield	4	3	7	0	95	4
James Shaw	6	0	6	0	6	0
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Phil Gault	1	5	6	0	351	190
Joe Southam	5	0	5	0	5	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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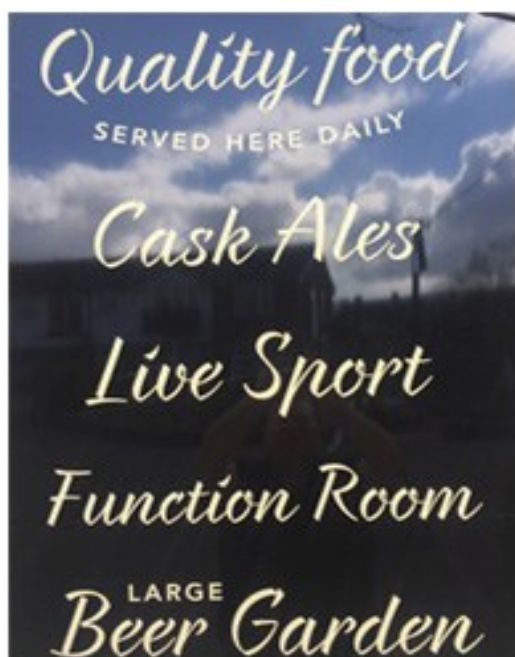
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# Under 23s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
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
<b>September</b>				
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	
<b>October</b>				
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
<b>November</b>				
10/11 - 19:45	Arundel (H)	CU23C1	0-2	
<b>January</b>				
26/01 - 19:45	Chessington & Hook (H)	SCFL23	2-0	Gault, Geard
<b>February</b>				
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	3-1	Frankland, Wallis, W.Tighe
23/02 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23	8-0	Gault (2), Broomfield, Minty (2), Geard, Wallis, OG
<b>March</b>				
02/03 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23		
09/03 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23		
16/03 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23		
23/03 - 19:45	Loxwood (H)	SCFL23		
30/03 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		

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# Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	15	0	15	1
Jack Smith	10	5	15	0
Wes Tighe	9	6	15	2
Ben Hicks	10	4	14	0
Marshall Smith	5	8	13	2
Charlie Broad	8	3	11	5
George Mercer	8	3	11	3
Sam Geard	10	0	10	3
Will Broomfield	9	0	9	2
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Callum Thompson	7	2	9	0
Sam Smith	8	0	8	3
Jude Wallis	5	3	8	3
Sam Fernley	3	5	8	3
Jack Thomas	7	0	7	0
Kieran Dimelow	5	2	7	2
Danny Reid	6	0	6	4
Lewis Fairley	5	0	5	1
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Will Varley	1	4	5	0
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	1	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
JJ Minty	3	0	3	2
Alex Wintle	1	2	3	2
Jack Baden	2	0	2	0
Phil Gault	2	0	2	3
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Lewis Westlake	2	0	2	0
Tom Frankland	1	1	2	1
Liam Benson	1	0	1	0
Sam Cash	1	0	1	0
George Gladding	1	0	1	0
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Ed Tobias	0	1	1	0
James Westlake	0	1	1	0

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# Robins twice come from behind to book first big semi in County Cup for 21 years

Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup Quarter Final  
Sunday 18th February 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks U18s 3-2 Newhaven U18s



## The Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup adventure goes on for Hassocks Under 18s with the Robins into the semi finals of the competition for just the second time ever.

They twice came from behind to defeat a strong Newhaven side 3-2 at the Beacon, making this their best run in the competition since 2002 when arguably the best youth side in Hassocks history lifted the trophy.

Standing between the Robins and Culver Road will be either Arundel or Whitehawk, who meet in their quarter final next Sunday.

The winners will then travel to the Beacon on Sunday 5th March in an 11am kick off.

Admission to the game will be free and any support you can give the young Robins as they attempt to make a bit of history would be very much appreciated.

Newhaven are renowned for the strength of their Under 23s and Under 18s sides and so Hassocks knew they would have to be at their very best if they were to see off the challenge of their Southern Combination League East Division opponents.

The Dockers sit seventh of 10 teams in the table but that does not

tell the full picture as they have only completed seven league matches so far, the lowest in the division by some distance.

If they were to win the five games they have in hand on leaders Bexhill United, then Newhaven would be three points clear at the top.

There is every chance the Dockers could make a charge into the title picture over the next two months.

Hassocks made one change from their 1-1 Central Division draw at Worthing United, welcoming back second top goal scorer Will Varley in place of Max Ward.

The Robins remained without leading scorer Alex Brewer, whose absence in recent weeks has been felt with Hassocks winning one of their four matches since the turn of the year.

That came against Worthing United in the previous round of this competition.

The Robins had drawn their other three games, advancing on penalties past St Francis Rangers in round two and beating Selsey on spot kicks in the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup.

There was no need for a tense and nervy shootout on this occasion, although it did look at times like

penalties might be needed as both sides traded blows in a thoroughly entertaining cup tie which ebbed, flowed and could have gone either way.

Hassocks showed remarkable resilience in levelling the game twice. Oliver Goswamy claimed a brace with the other goal coming from George Gladding.

The Robins will warm up for their big semi with a local derby next Sunday against Central Division leaders Burgess Hill Town, who are unbeaten and have dropped just two points all season.

That game will take place at the Burgess Hill Academy - better known as Oakmeeds to most of us - with an 11am kick off.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Foster, Gladding, Tobias, Fernley, Goswamy, Wintle, Munt, Goatcher, Varley, Parker-Williams.

**Subs:** Dean (used).

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# Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 11:00	Steyning 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
<b>October</b>				
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
<b>November</b>				
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
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18	4-2	Varley, Brewer (2), Duckett
<b>January</b>				
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> )
<b>February</b>				
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	3-2	Goswamy (2), Gladding
26/02 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	3-4	Brewer (2), Munt
<b>March</b>				
05/03 - 11:00	Whitehawk (H)	CU18CSF		
12/03 - 11:00	Eastbourne United (A)	U18LC3		
26/03 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18		
<b>April</b>				
02/04 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		
09/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18		
16/04 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
30/04 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		



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# Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Fernley	16	0	16	0
Jack Thomas	16	0	16	0
Ed Tobias	16	0	16	2
George Gladding	15	0	15	4
Alex Wintle	15	0	15	2
Sam Dean	11	3	14	0
Ben Foster	6	8	14	1
Alex Brewer	13	0	13	14
Toby Munt	12	0	12	1
Oliver Goswamy	10	1	11	4
Ryan Goss	1	10	11	2
Harry Goatcher	9	1	10	0
Will Varley	9	1	10	9
Oliver Parker-Williams	4	4	8	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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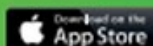
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# Robins see off leaders Shoreham to soar back into top spot

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division  
Sunday 19th February 2023, Middle Road  
Shoreham Women 1-3 Hassocks Ladies



**On a bright and sunny day, Hassocks Ladies returned to winning ways and the top of the Sussex County Women's League Premier Division table.**

A 3-1 win away at Shoreham enabled the Robins to leapfrog their hosts into first place, showing that there would be no hangover after their League Cup quarter final exit at the hands of Saltdean United Development Squad.

Shoreham started brightly and Hassocks skipper Claire Stevens had to block an early effort on goal as the home side set about showing why they headed the standings.

Next it needed a magnificent double save from Sarah Chappell to keep Shoreham out.

Chappell first blocked an effort from a forward running through on goal before reacting brilliantly to tip the follow up shot around the post at full stretch.

The resulting corner looked like it might cause problems until Chappell came and punched away with Holly Webb completing the clearance.

Hassocks gradually got into their stride after Shoreham's good start and a flowing move involving Kirsten Mair and Webb was ended by a shot from Katherine Chappell needing to be saved by the home goalkeeper.

The Robins had the ball in the back of the net in the 12th minute, only for the assistant referee's flag to go up as the through ball by Mair had found Chappell just in an offside position.

Hassocks had another chance soon after when Mia Pordage was thwarted by an excellent block by Shoreham's number one.

The game continued to ebb and flow with another cool piece of defending required by Webb to shepherd the ball back to keeper Chappell.

Fellow defenders Emma Flin,

Stevens and Brown all had to make telling interceptions as Shoreham looked dangerous on the break.

Hassocks manager Sean Perkins reacted by making a tactical switch in the 33rd minute, introducing Maddie Cannon into the action.

More good defending was needed from Brown and Stevens at the expense of a corner with Chappell again punching away another accurate deliver.

Just when it looked like the first half would end goalless, Hassocks opened the scoring in the fourth minute of time added on.

A Mair cross from the left found Chappell who calmly found the net to

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**"After the disappointment of the cup exit to Saltdean, the Hassocks players could all be proud of their performance against a very strong and skillful Shoreham side."**

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give the Robins the lead going into the break.

The second half started with keeper Chappell anticipating a through ball and gathering before the forward could reach it.

Hassocks responded and a Mair pass released Jodie Johanson whose dangerous looking cross almost found the onrushing forwards.

The Robins were now forcing the pace - especially Jess Craig, who was bossing the central midfield area with her control and passing range.

However, despite Hassocks' control, Shoreham managed to find an equaliser in controversial circumstances.

Stevens clearly had her shirt pulled, but this surprisingly not seen by the referee as Palisa Chipendo levelled the tie.

Although disappointed, Hassocks reasserted themselves and good play

by Pordage and Tallie Bright presented Johanson with a chance volleyed just wide.

Substitute Shannon McFadden was introduced and immediately imposed herself in midfield.

Hassocks retook the lead in the 69th minute when a corner by Mair was met by Stevens who forced the ball home from close range.

Shoreham looked dangerous with their direct tactic of through balls but defenders Flin, Stevens and Brown were coping well and managing to restrict Shoreham to few chances.

The Robins meanwhile knew a third goal would kill the game off. A Chappell shot was blocked and then a superb first time volleyed effort from outside the penalty area by Bright had to be foiled by a diving save.

Hassocks made the game safe with eight minutes remaining. Chappell's cross found Mair who calmly beat the keeper to give the Robins a two-goal cushion.

Katie Read was brought on for the final few minutes to help see the match out and McFadden had a shot blocked with almost the last kick of the game to deny the Robins a fourth.

After the disappointment of the cup exit to Saltdean, the Hassocks players could all be proud of their performance against a very strong and skilful Shoreham side.

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

**Subs:** Cannon, McFadden, Read (used),



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# Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensey & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (3), Mair
<b>October</b>				
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)
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP	7-1	K.Chappell (3), Mair, Pordage, Bright (2)
<b>January</b>				
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
<b>February</b>				
05/02 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLCQF	1-4	Johanson
19/02 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP	3-1	K.Chappell, Stevens, Mair
26/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	5-4	Pordage, K.Chappell, Johanson, Mair, J.Craig
<b>March</b>				
05/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	SCWLP		
12/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP		
26/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP		
<b>April</b>				
02/04 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
<b>May</b>				
05/05 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		

# Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sarah Chappell	10	0	10	0
Jess Craig	10	0	10	8
Emma Flin	10	0	10	0
Holly Webb	10	0	10	0
Katherine Chappell	9	0	9	23
Kirsten Mair	9	0	9	7
Claire Stevens	9	0	9	2
Jo Brown	8	0	8	1
Mia Pordage	8	0	8	4
Jodie Johanson	5	3	8	2
Katie Read	3	5	8	1
Tallie Bright	7	0	7	2
Maddie Cannon	5	1	6	2
Shannon McFadden	3	3	6	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



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# Veterans Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 14:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	MSFLV1	2-3	P.Harding, Armstrong
<b>January</b>				
08/01 - 11:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLV1	5-2	Armstrong, Juniper, Bundy, Waller, Beckwith
<b>February</b>				
05/02 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLV1	2-0	Waller (2)
<b>March</b>				
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...



## Depleted Robins fall short in bid for Senior Cup history

**February 28th 2009:** Hassocks hosted fellow Division One side Shoreham in the quarter finals of the Sussex Senior Cup, looking to make it through to the final four for the first time ever

**Down to the barest of bones, it was little surprise that Hassocks were unable to advance to the semi finals of the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in their history.**

Dave John's depleted side were beaten 1-0 by fellow County League Division One outfit Shoreham at the Beacon, who also eliminated the Robins from the FA Cup earlier in the season by the same scoreline.

This clash had been hastily arranged with Hassocks only booking their quarter final spot by beating Chichester City 1-0 on Tuesday night.

The Robins had been knocked out of the competition by Bognor Regis Town in round two but when it came to light that the Rocks had played an ineligible player, Hassocks were reinstated.

John was delighted by the news, although not for reasons like landing a plum money spinning draw with one of the big clubs in Sussex football.

Playing back-to-back Senior Cup ties meant Jack Simpson and Ashley Marsh missing only one league game in the battle to retain Division One status as part of their three game suspensions, incurred for controversial red cards in the abandoned match against Selsey last month.

With Simpson's normal deputy Phil Wickwar ruled out with flu, Hassocks handed a senior debut to 19-year-old reserve team goalkeeper Jason Gander.

One had to feel for Gander as he conceded what proved to be the only goal of the game after just five minutes to a strike he could do absolutely nothing about.

Dean Smith will surely not hit a better shot in his life, sending the ball over the head of the helpless Gander to pick out the top corner from a full 30 yards.

Gander did some good things after that and he was certainly busier than opposite number Michael Hunter.

Neither goalkeeper could claim to be overworked however in what was a game of few chances where defences came out on top.

Stuart Faith was stand-in skipper in the absence of Marsh and he led by example alongside the rugged Sol Bowra, again underlining his potential.

The back three of Faith, Bowra and Ian Simpson were well protected by the prominent Spencer Slaughter, doing a disciplined and mature job in the holding midfield role.

Going forward, Hassocks did not manage to create an opportunity in the first half.

In fact, it was very much a repeat of the fortunate midweek win over Chi as only in the final quarter hour did the Robins do any sort of threatening.

Their first chance came with 12 minutes remaining. It was a good one too, Slaughter finding Aaron Walsh in the middle.

Walsh produced an excellent first touch with his chest to move away from a Shoreham defender.

Unfortunately, the finish could not match that piece of control as the former Lindfield striker put his effort well off target.

That finish aside, Walsh deserved credit for the way he put himself about as a lone striker with both service and support limited.

The rookie offered hope that something might happen in spite of the significant gap between himself and James Laing, the experienced half of the strike partnership playing much deeper than normal.

After waiting so long for a sniff of goal, Hassocks conjured up another opportunity three minutes after Walsh's miss.

Big defender Ian Simpson met an Anthony Hibbert free kick with a towering header which had Hunter beaten but crashed against the bar.

The loose ball bounced down into the box but unfortunately Laing could not capitalise on the rebound.

John was limited when it came to trying to impact the game from the bench.

Jamie Buckett was feeling under the weather and so remained unused. Also unused was veteran midfielder Graham Beveridge, who came out of retirement for the day just so Hassocks had three substitutes.

The one change Hassocks did make was forced. Richard Thompson twinged his back and was withdrawn at half time as a precaution.

Ian Dawson switched from right wing back to left with Dan Jacques coming on.

Jacques offered a different threat down the right and put in some testing crosses as part of the improved second half showing from the hosts.

Hassocks could have done with Laurence Robinson but in another sign of the Robins' priorities, John told the young striker to take the weekend off and not travel back from university in Kent. Robinson has been struggling in recent weeks with a knee issue.

**Hassocks:** Gander; Dawson, Bowra, Faith, I Simpson, Thompson; Hibbert, Slaughter, A Williams; Laing, Walsh.

**Subs:** Jacques (Thompson 45), Buckett, Beveridge (unused).

**Starman:** Aaron Walsh.

# Around the League...



If you were at our home game with Little Common on Saturday 18th February, you may still be wondering quite how we lost. Here is what was happening around the rest of the Southern Combination League whilst the Green Lane Boys were busy making off with three points...

**First met third at the Countryside Stadium, where leaders Crawley Down Gatwick suffered a 5-0 hammering at the hands of Broadbridge Heath.**

The Bears sauntered into a 3-0 lead inside the first half. Sam Lemon scored twice with a Jamie Chesworth strike sandwiched between.

Charlie Parmiter and Jamie Taylor added to Down's misery in the second half whilst a red card for former Robin Harvey Enticknap did little to improve the mood of the away contingent.

Second placed **Newhaven** racked up the biggest win in the Premier Division so far this season, hammering hapless **Roffey** 11-0 at the Trafalgar Ground.

Lucas Franzen-Jones scored four to continue his impressive form since returning to the Dockers from Haywards Heath Town.

There was a hat-trick for Callum Connor and one goal apiece from Lee Robinson, Josh Gould, Charlie Bennett and substitute Tyler Srafton.

**Eastbourne United** eased their way to a 4-1 success away at **AFC Varndeanians**.

George Taggart scored twice in the first half along with Charlie Ball to give United a 3-0 lead going into the break.

Gary Ingram made it four with the second half just five minutes old before Mark Goldson found a consolation for Vs.

Goals from Ryan Hallett and Jack Langford secured a 2-0 win for **Steyning Town** at **Bexhill United** with ex-Hassocks player Nathan Cooper making his debut for the Barrowmen after signing from Whitehawk.

Leon Greig and Tyler Capon were the second half scorers as **Eastbourne Town** saw off

**Saltdean United** 2-0 at the Saffrons.

Tonight's visitors **Horsham YMCA**

were undone by Ryan Warwick's first goal for **Peacehaven & Telscombe** as the Tye picked up a 1-0 win from their visit to the Herbert Direct Stadium.

Two goals at either end of the game between **Crowborough Athletic** and **Alfold** settled things 2-0 in favour of the hosts at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Danny Powell struck in the first minute and Tom Pearson in the 90th to give the Crows all three points.

**Lingfield** continued their improving form by hammering **Midhurst & Easebourne** 4-1 at Godstone Road.

Richard Wetton scored twice for the Lingers with Stephen Hodge and Naseem James also on target. The Stags' consolation came via Marcus Bedford.

The Premier Division's final game saw a big win for **Loxwood** in the battle to avoid relegation as they saw off **AFC Uckfield Town** 3-1 at the Nest.

All the Magpies goals came in the first half through Kaiden Hummerston, Jake Lindsey and Jay Popham. Gabriel Odunaike responded for the Oakmen.

Division One leaders **Shoreham** extended their unbeaten record to 22 matches with a 1-1 draw at **Arundel**.

Harry Heath gave the Musselmen the lead on 66 minutes, cancelled out by a Carl Brown strike on 81.

**Dorking Wanderers B** continue to be Shoreham's nearest rivals and they closed the gap to the top by hammering **Montpelier Villa** 5-1 at Meadowbank.

Villa had gone into half time 1-0 ahead through Ramon Santos. The second 45 minutes was a totally

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different story however as Wanderers rained in five goals via Tyrese Ayeni, Dan Berry, Ben Aubrey, Tyrese Johnson and Sebastian Tautacaballero.

Jason Cotton scored twice from the bench in a 5-0 win for **Godalming Town** at **Forest Row**.

**East Preston** also relied on their bench as both goals in their 2-0 win at **Hailsham Town** came from substitutes Kristian Harding and Andy O'Driscoll.

Jack Stenning netted in the 80th and 85th minutes for **Mile Oak** in a 2-0 win over **Chessington & Hook United** and **Billingshurst** were 2-1 victors at **Worthing United**.

There was a big win in the battle to avoid relegation for **Seaford Town** who defeated **Selsey** 2-1 at the Crouch thanks to goals from Reece Edwards and Fahmi Janegdi.

Three games were played in Division Two. **Southwater** came from behind to run out 3-1 winners at **St Francis Rangers**, Max Fitzsimmons, Dean Wright and Max Groves overturning Ragnall Appiah's opener for Rangers.

**Rottingdean Village** defeated **Capel** 3-0 and **Ferring** were 2-0 winners at home to struggling **Upper Beeding**.

In the Sussex Intermediate Cup, **Bosham** advanced thanks to a 3-1 win over Rotherfield and **Jarvis Brook** were 5-1 winners over **Rustington**.

**Storrington** saw their time in the competition come to a close after losing 2-1 at home to runaway Mid Sussex Premier Division leaders Hollington United.



## Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

### Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	30	21	3	6	103	29	66
Crawley Down Gatwick	29	21	0	8	60	27	63
Broadbridge Heath	27	19	4	4	68	24	61
Steyning Town	29	17	4	8	60	35	55
Eastbourne Town	29	16	6	7	43	22	54
Crowborough Athletic	29	16	6	7	50	32	54
Eastbourne United	27	15	7	5	42	23	52
Bexhill United	29	16	2	11	49	39	50
Peacehaven & Tels.	27	15	3	9	50	31	48
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>46</b>
Little Common	26	12	4	10	54	42	40
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>
AFC Varndeanians	28	9	6	13	47	64	33
Midhurst & Easebourne	29	9	5	15	52	64	32
Lingfield	28	9	4	15	53	60	31
AFC Uckfield Town	28	8	2	18	35	62	26
Loxwood	27	5	6	16	42	71	21
Saltdean United	29	5	3	21	22	85	18
Alfold	29	4	4	21	35	83	16
Roffey	29	0	5	24	26	106	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
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>101</b>
Eastbourne United	148	258	85
Broadbridge Heath	133	201	71
Steyning Town	123	334	72
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>30</b>
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
Newhaven	LWWWWW
Crowborough Athletic	WWLWWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWLWW
Broadbridge Heath	DDWWWW
Eastbourne United	WWWWD
Steyning Town	WDWLWW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>WWWLDW</b>
Bexhill United	LWWWLW
Little Common	LWWWLW
Lingfield	WLDWWL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLWWDL
Crawley Down Gatwick	LLWWLL
AFC Uckfield Town	WLLLLL
Loxwood	LLLLWD
AFC Varndeanians	DLWLLL
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>DDLLDL</b>
Midhurst & Easebourne	DLLDLL
Alfold	LDLDDL
Roffey	LDLLLL
Saltdean United	LLLLLL

### Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	23
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	19
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	18
Lewis Hole	Little Common	16
Lewis Croal	Crawley Down	16
<b>Phil Johnson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tom Tolfrey</b>	<b>Horsham YM</b>	<b>15</b>
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	15
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	14
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	13
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	13
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	13
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	13
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	13
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	13
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	12
Rhys White	Crawley Down	12
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	12

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>
Horley Town	14	7	3	4	39	28	24
Alfold	12	7	2	3	30	20	23
Broadbridge Heath	11	7	1	3	34	13	22
Roffey	12	7	1	4	34	27	22
Lingfield	12	6	1	5	36	26	19
Chessington & Hook Utd	13	5	1	7	26	30	16
<b>Horsham YMCA</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>
St Francis Rangers	12	4	1	7	15	41	13
Loxwood	10	2	0	8	16	30	6
Oakwood	12	0	0	12	7	50	0

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

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

### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	12	11	1	0	55	11	34
St Francis Rangers	10	8	2	0	23	9	26
Shoreham	13	7	2	4	33	25	23
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
Saltdean United	11	6	2	3	34	28	20
Worthing United	10	6	1	3	22	13	19
AFC Varndeanians	15	6	1	8	29	33	19
Lancing	14	3	2	9	24	48	11
Steinyng Town	16	2	1	13	24	64	7
Mile Oak	16	1	3	12	17	47	6

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	20
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>14</b>
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	14
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	12
Joe Simpkin	Steinyng Town	10
<b>Will Varley</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	8
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	8
Tomas Bond	Shoreham	7
Vincent De Janon	Mile Oak	7

### Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
Shoreham	8	5	1	2	21	12	16
Pagham	6	3	0	3	13	18	9
Bognor Regis Town	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Saltdean United	10	2	1	7	12	32	7
Burgess Hill Town	5	1	0	4	19	20	3

### Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Katherine Chappell</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>19</b>
Mille Carter	Shoreham	11
<b>Jess Craig</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	7
Amber Beaven	Bognor Regis	6
Jemma Lindfield	Burgess Hill	5

### Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	6	6	0	0	21	6	18
AFC Varndeanians	5	3	0	2	19	15	9
Lewes	5	3	0	2	18	17	9
Seaford Town	3	2	0	1	14	4	6
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Jarvis Brook	4	1	0	3	9	16	3
Rotherfield	4	0	0	4	2	12	0
Montpelier Villa	4	0	0	4	4	21	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 >>>



## Hassoeks v Loxwood

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 4th March 2023. 2:00pm  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £7 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s go free

**Our second home game of the week brings Loxwood to the Beacon on Saturday. The meeting with the Magpies will be packed with intrigues due to the numerous links between the clubs**

### Loxwood this season

Having finished in the bottom two last season, Loxwood will be hoping to avoid the nervy fate of waiting to see if ground gradings and the FA forcing clubs into sideways moves across leagues can save them from relegation this time around. They currently sit 17th in the table, five points above Alfold and 16 clear of Roffey with two games in hand on both. Two of their five Premier Division wins have come since the start of 2023, suggesting the Magpies are improving and will be difficult opponents.

### Head-to-head

The sides first clashed in the 2014-15 season when Loxwood secured

promotion to the Premier Division for the first time. Since then, there have been 15 meetings, all of which have come in the bread and butter of league football. We have only ever beaten the Magpies on three occasions in that time; a 4-0 win at the Nest in September 2018, a 6-2 success at the Beacon a year later and...

### Last time we met

... October's 2-0 success away from home. Phil Johnson scored on the stroke of half time with Pat Harding wrapping up the three points with an absolute stunner in the 89th minute, his first goal since returning to the Robins from Burgess Hill Town.

### Familiar faces

How long have you got? James Westlake has put his time working as assistant manager at Loxwood to good use and since he and Spencer Slaughter re-joined the Robins in October 2021, there has been a steady stream of players swap the Nest for the Beacon. Those in our current squad to have played for the Magpies include Lewis Westlake, Sam Smith, Leon Turner, Tom Frankland, Josh Bradley and Charlie Broad. Loxwood have an ex-Robins of their own in striker Jake Lindsey who came through our Under 18s in the treble winning side of 2017-18.



# <<< Upcoming Fixtures



## AFC Varndeanians v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 11th March 2023. 3:00pm  
Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane, Brighton, BN1 5JD  
Admission prices £6 adults, £3 concessions, £1 under 16s

**Our simplest away journey of the season takes place on Saturday 11th March with a short hop over Clayton Hill and down the A23 to Withdean Stadium where we will face AFC Varndeanians**

### AFC Varndeanians this season

Varndeanians had the ultimate season of two halves in 2021-22, failing to win any of their opening 25 games in all competitions. The return to Withdean Stadium of Ryan Gayler as manager sparked a remarkable turnaround and from a hopeless position at the foot of the table in mid-December, they were one of the form sides in the second half of the campaign to eventually finish outside of the bottom two. This campaign has been far less dramatic with Varndeanians spending most of it safely tucked into mid table. They currently sit 13th wine having won nine, drawn six and lost 13 of their 28 games so far.

### Head-to-head

Last season was the first time we met in competitive football at senior level. There have now been four matches between the sides with two wins apiece. Our old third team used to cross swords with Vs far more regularly when they were known as Old Varndeanians during their Mid Sussex Football League days in the 2000s. The most famous clash came when Simon Maskell's side pulled off a shock by winning the Montgomery Cup on penalties in 2004. A young Robins side included an 18-year-old Ashley Marsh, a 16-year-old Sam Fisk and a 62-year-old Robbie Kitchen.

### Last time we met

Tall striker Jamie Wilkes and Phil Johnson got the goals in a 2-0 Hassocks win at the Beacon back in October. That meeting came one month after Varndeanians had eliminated us by the same scoreline from the Peter Bentley League Cup.

### How to get to Withdean Stadium

Straight over Clayton Hill, down the A23 and into Brighton. The ground is well posted from London Road as you head into Brighton, but just in case you miss the signs, turn right opposite Withdean Park and head up Tongdean Lane. Parking is then available immediately in front of you.



## Eastbourne United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 14th March 2023. 7:45pm  
The Oval, Channel View Road, Eastbourne, BN22 7LN  
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

**A double leg break to United striker Tony Halsey saw our visit to the Oval on February 18th abandoned after 28 minutes. The rearranged tie gives us a Tuesday night trip to the Sunshine Coast**

### Eastbourne United this season

Anthony Storey was appointed as United boss following a slow start to the 2021-22 season and there has been no looking back from there really. United climbed from the fringes of the relegation battle to a final finishing position of fifth, their highest since being crowned champions in 2008-09. They have continued in that vein this season, sitting seventh in the table with 15 wins, seven draws and just five defeats from 23 games. Not only are they difficult to beat, but they are also difficult to score past. Their goals against total of 23 is the second lowest in the division behind local rivals Eastbourne Town.

### Head-to-head

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

### Last time we met

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

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

### How to get to The Oval

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

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## Bedlam Brewery Hassocks Starman

Peacehaven & Telscombe away **Alex BYGRAVES**  
Midhurst & Easebourne home **Harvey BLAKE**  
Lingfield home **Sam CASH**  
AFC Uckfield Town away **Joe BULL**  
Alfold away **Liam BENSON**  
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Crawley Down Gatwick away **Leon TURNER**  
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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 being played

February 2023

1st  
2nd  
3rd

March 2023

1st  
2nd  
3rd

April 2023

1st  
2nd  
3rd



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# HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

# Most Games



# Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. Phil Gault	331	20	351	190
8. James Laing	298	53	351	143
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. James Westlake	228	19	247	31
18. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
19. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
20. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
21. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
22. Pat Harding	197	28	225	139
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Phil Johnson	157	36	193	95
25. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37


	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	351
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	139	225
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	95	193
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	163
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	247
22. Jack Troak	30	109
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





**HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB**

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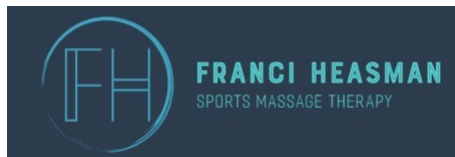
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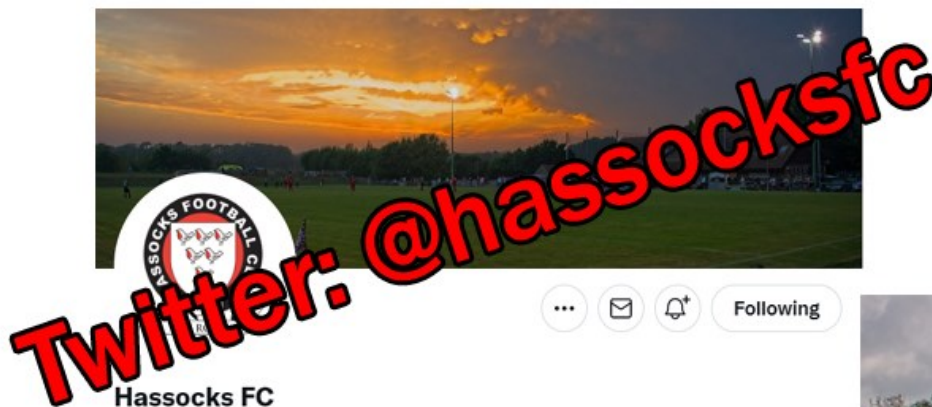
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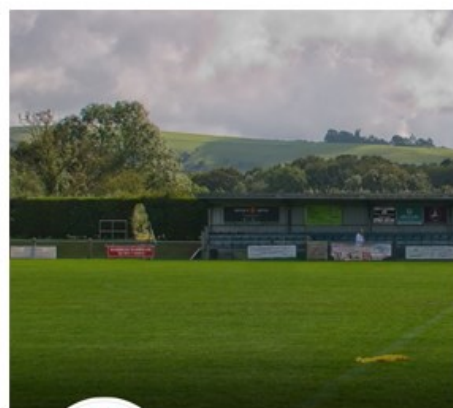


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### Next at the Beacon



**Loxwood**  
 Saturday 4th March. 2:00pm  
 Southern Combination League Premier Division



## HORSHAM YMCA

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**Manager** Dean Carden  
**Assistant** Andy Howard  
**Assistant** Gareth Neathey  
**Assistant** Ryan King  
**Goalkeeper Coach** Brad Curtis

### Today's other Premier Division games

Broadbridge Heath v AFC Varndeanians  
 Lingfield v Little Common  
 Peacehaven & Telscombe v Loxwood