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Hassocks v Steyning Town

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Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

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



for tonight's RUR Charity Cup third round clash with Steyning Town

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and supporters of Steyning and hope they enjoy their second stay with us of the season.

This evening kicks off a run of three successive home matches which strong with their first team striker will have a major bearing on what happens going into the final month of the campaign.

Our sequence of four victories and five clean sheets in a row ended at Eastbourne United last week in a 1-1 draw and whilst that impressive form may have not resulted in the movement up the table we perhaps deserve - just one place climbed from 10th these past weeks - it does mean that we are within touching distance of one of the highest finishes in the club's history.

Saturday sees us host title challenging Newhaven in a 2pm kick off, followed by the visit of Crowborough Athletic to the Beacon a twice with Ewan Edwards notching week tonight.

That one is hastily rearranged from Saturday, when the heavy rain of last week caught up with the pitch.

It would be fantastic to see as many of you here as possible to support the team at the start of a

pivotal final six weeks of the season.

Speaking of support, thank you to everyone who came along to watch the Under 18s a little over weeks ago in their Dennis Probee Youth Cup semi final against Whitehawk.

The Hawks proved a little too Toby Reeder plundering a hat-trick as our Young Robins suffered a 3-1 defeat.

Sean Fernley's side however did themselves proud in being the last Southern Combination League side standing in the competition.

With the majority of the players aged between 15 and 17 and with at least another season of youth football, the future looks bright for our famous conveyor belt of talent.

They could yet lift a trophy this season after advancing to the quarter finals of the League Cup 11 days ago via a 3-0 win at Eastbourne United.

Oliver Parker-Williams scored his first goal for the club to complete the convincing victory.

Several Under 18s have made the step up to the Under 23s this season, who continue to top the North Division table after their 3-1 win over Horsham YMCA three Thursdays ago.

Lord Gault, Sam Geard and George Mercer were the scorers.

The Under 23s followed that up with a dramatic 3-3 draw at Lingfield on Thursday night.

Trailing 3-1 going into stoppage time, there was late excitement as two goals rescued a point.

The Ladies suffered their first defeat in the league this season last Sunday, going down 1-0 at home to Shoreham.

That result came after a 2-1 win over the same opponents a week earlier at Middle Road. Katherine Chappell and Shannon McFadden got the goals.

As already mentioned, Newhaven are the visitors this Saturday when we will be hosting a collection for the Hassocks Community Food Bank.

Anyone who brings an item along will be offered reduced admission of £4 adults and £2 concessions.

The Food Bank has been in desperate need of stock since the turn of the year, so please do try and support in any way you can this weekend.

Enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



Barrowmen Factfile

Founded 1892 **Ground** Birchwood Ground Website steyningtownfc.co.uk **Twitter** @SteyningTown **Instagram** @stevningtownfc Manager Kevin Green **Top scorer** Jack Langford, 21

Club Honours

Southern Combination League Winners 1985, 1986 **SCFL Division One** Winners 1978 Runners up 2019 **SCFL Division Two** Runners up 2002 **Sussex Senior Cup** Winners 1986, 1989 **Sussex RUR Charity Cup** Winners 1981, 1985 **Peter Bentley League Cup** Winners 1979, 1984, 1986 Runners up 1978, 1980, 1985 **SCFL Division One Cup** Winners 1966, 2019

Runners up 1967, 2006

Hassocks and Steyning Town are enjoying remarkable similar seasons with much improved fortunes following managerial changes in the summer

Where Hassocks finished 16th last season, handed the managerial reigns to James Westlake and are now challenging for a top six spot, Steyning had to find a replacement for long-standing boss Gerry Murphy. Boxing Day.

Murphy had done an outstanding iob at the Birchwood Ground, leading only in the 94th minute 3-2 in favour the Barrowmen back to the top division of the Southern Combination League for the first time in nearly 30 years and then keeping them there.

His decision to retire from management in the summer saw Steyning turn to Montpelier Villa manager Kevin Green, a shrewd move which so far has the Barrowmen scaling heights not really seen since they were one of the most dominant clubs in Sussex nonleague football during the 1980s.

Steyning arrive here sitting fifth in the Premier Division, three points and four places higher up the standings than ourselves.

Anyone glancing at the league table would therefore conclude that there should not be much to

separate the sides this evening, when a place in the last eight of the RUR Cup is on the line.

And that is backed up by what happened the last time we met on

A mighty tight affair was decided of the Barrowmen - and when we had lost goalkeeper Joe Southam to injury, leaving defender Will Broomfield to don the gloves for the closing stages.

If tonight is anywhere near as exciting as that, then we should be in for a treat.

Which would be in keeping with Hassocks against Steyning games of the past.

Although not really a local derby, enough players have switched between the clubs over the past 13 years to give the fixture a little bit of

Throw in the prospect of a realistic chance of silverware for both sides and there is plenty on the line under the Beacon floodlights.

10 Key Barrowmen Moments

1892... founded in 1982, Steyning join the West Sussex Football League four years later **1934...** lift their first silverware, winning the Brighton District League Division 2 title **1964...** finish ruppers up in the Brighton League

1964... finish runners up in the Brighton League, earning promotion to the Southern Combination 1978... lift the SCFL Division One title, earning promotion to the top flight for the first time 1985... win their first SCFL title and embark on a memorable run to the quarter finals of the FA Vase 1986... a year later and they retain the SCFL title, adding the League Cup & Sussex Senior Cup to the haul 1986... leave the SCFL to join the Wessex League. A spell in the Combined Counties follows

1993... return to the SCFL being placed in Division One, where they spend five of the next 23 seasons **2015...** a new 3G pitch is installed at Town's Shooting Field home

2019... win promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in 33 years

Last 20 Seasons

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

The Robins' Record v Steyning Town

SCFL Premier > Played 5 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 2 - Scored 8 - Conceded 8 **SCFL Division One** > Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1 **Sussex Senior Cup** > Played 4 - Won 2 - Drawn 1 - Lost 1 - Scored 10 - Conceded 5 **RUR Charity Cup** > Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1

Total > Played 14 - Won 7 - Drawn 4 - Lost 3 - Scored 28 - Conceded 15

Previous 10 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Steyning Town 2021-22 SCFL Premier: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks 2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-0 Steyning Town 2020-21 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Steyning Town 2019-20 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Steyning Town

2015-16 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 3-1 Hassocks 2013-14 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 0-3 Hassocks 2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-1 Steyning Town 2010-11 Sussex Senior Cup: Steyning Town 1-1 Hassocks 1994-95 RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 3-1 Steyning Town

Played for Both

There has been a constant flow of players between Hassocks and Steyning Town over the past decade or so.

It began when former Barrowmen manager **Mark Dalgleish** left the Birchwood Ground to become Mickey Jewell's Hassocks assistant in the summer of 2010.

Goalkeeper Mike Abbott, defenders Andy Whittingham and Sam Goodridge and midfielder Lee Waterhouse were amongst those to follow Dalgleish to the Beacon.

The 2013-14 campaign saw striker **Craig Knowles** switch Steyning for Hassocks.

In that same season, Jewell signed **Alex Gathern** from Burgess

Hill Town.

Gathern went onto play 21 times for the Robins before joining Horsham YMCA and Shoreham.

He then signed for Steyning and helped his hometown club to promotion to the Premier Division in 2019 and the Division One Cup.

Gathern eventually became captain of the Barrowen and is now the Under 23s manager after having to retire through injury last season.

Three current Hassocks players have previously had spells with Stevning.

Liam Benson spent a month at the Birchwood Ground at the start of the 2019-20 campaign, **Lewis Westlake** was with the Barrowmen after leaving Loxwood last season and **Josh Bradley** joined us from Steyning in February.

Other notable names to play for both include The Wizard **Jamie Weston**, who turned out over 100 times for Hassocks between 2010 and 2013 and spent the second half of the 2019-20 season with Steyning.

Ben Bacon has played for both sides in a couple of spells as part of his quest to play for every single club in Sussex.

Last but by no means least, **John Suter** joins Dalgleish in having
managed the two clubs, taking
charge at Steyning in the 2013-14
campaign five years after his ill-fated
spell here at the Beacon.

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Five goal Boxing Day thriller goes way of Barrowmen in last minute

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

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

The Barrowmen might even consider themselves as dark horses for a championship tilt. They made the short trip to Mid Sussex sitting pretty in fourth spot and having won their previous two matches 4-1 against title chasing duo Broadbridge Heath and Newhaven.

Not that Hassocks made paid too much attention to those impressive results in the opening 45 minutes. The Robins sauntered into a 2-0 half time lead through Liam Benson and Harvey Blake in front of a crowd of more than 300, the biggest the Robins have pulled in for a league game in over 15 years.

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

It did not take long for the drama to begin as the Robins took the lead in the opening minute. Barrowmen defender Charlie Robinson was slack in attempting to play out from the back, gifting the ball to Benson who made no mistake with a low left footed effort to notch past one of his former clubs.

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

Harding showed excellent close control to turn on a sixpence, only to see his shot blocked by the legs of Lucas Szendela-Goetzke in the Steyning goal at the expense of a

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

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

The Robins doubled their advantage six minutes before the break. Blake intercepted a pass some 35 yards out and embarked on one of his trademark powerful runs, making it all the way to the edge of the Steyning box from where he slipped the ball through to Benson.

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

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

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

Two further substitutions were made at the break by Barrowmen boss Kevin Green. Kevin Chalmers and Jonny Ruiz also entered the fray. The gamble paid off as Chalmers and Langford had the game levelled just past the hour mark.

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

Langford struck on 61, collecting a knock from Max Howell and beating the unsighted Southam at his neat

post via a low shot expertly placed between Bull, Tighe and Mike Williamson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subs: Frankland (Turner 60), Rogers (Wilkes 67), Johnson (Harding 70), Broomfield (Southam 86), Minty (unused).





Enticknap and Stokes strike to see off nine-man Steyning

Two red cards, three goals and plenty of controversy made for an entertaining afternoon at the **Beacon where Hassocks and** Steyning Town met in a league fixture for the first time in 25

The Robins ended up winning 2-1, 19th in the table beating eighth in something of an upset – although whether Hassocks would have won had Steyning managed to keep their discipline is up for debate.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men with eight minutes of the first half remaining when Mayckol Sabino decided to rake his studs down the back of Will Broomfield after a firm but fair challenge.

Broomfield certainly made the most of the situation, but you can't kick out at an opponent like Sabino did.

The away support were incensed by the red but most tellingly, Steyning captain and former Hassocks defender Alex Gathern could be heard berating Sabino for his stupidity as the striker trudged off.

It was another ex-Hasssocks player who picked up the Barrowmen's other red card, although what Jamie Weston did to deserve the first sending off of his career remained a mystery.

His first yellow was for an innocuous trip out on the right in the first half. The second came in front of to rifle home at the back post. the home dugout late in the second half.

Weston said afterwards that he wasn't even sure what it was for and given that he's one of the nicest men in football, it's hard to believe that he could have said anything untoward, nor were either of his tackles worthy of bookings.

To compound Steyning's misery, Jamie Brotherton then lost his head and talked himself into a spell in the sin bin, leaving the visitors to try and find an equaliser with only eight

players on the pitch in the final 10 minutes.

That Steyning had more of the ball and were still creating chances despite a three man disadvantage suggests that, had they not had players kicking out and mouthing off, this could have been a very different afternoon.

The biggest question at half time was where were the goals going to come from for Hassocks to take advantage of their numerical superiority?

Phil Johnson's nightmare season has lurched back into the treatment room again as he is out for an indefinite period with an ankle ligament problem.

Ben Bacon has departed for Three Bridges and Blagomir Mastagarkov's brief Hassocks career already looks to be over.

Liam Benson ploughed a lonely furrow up top but chances were few and far between.

In the end, it was two midfielders who struck to give the Robins the perfect response to the previous week's 7-0 hammering at the hands of Eastbourne Town.

Harvey Enticknap scored the first on the hour mark after James Littlejohn danced away down the left and delivered a low cross.

Steyning had chances to clear, but two defenders both passed up the opportunity which left Enticknap

The Barrowmen almost levelled straight from kick off when Rob Clark smashed the crossbar with Charlie Pugh well beaten.

Dan Stokes added the hosts' second nine minutes later when Steyning tried to play their way out of their own box, only to gift possession to Hassocks.

A few swift passes later and the ball was switched to the other side of the area where Stokes was lurking to make it 2-0 via a heavy deflection.

Steyning pulled one back on 75

with the goal of the game, a sweeping passing move which Conor Bull finished with aplomb.

That looked like it would set up a nervy last 15 minutes. Weston's dismissal and Brotherton's 10 minutes off the pitch reduced the threat slightly, but the relief at the final whistle among the home contingent was still palpable.

Before Sabino's early bath, Pugh had been forced into two good saves low down from Bull while Littlejohn and Stokes had both flashed in crosses which Benson couldn't quite get on the end of.

The outstanding Dan Turner broke up a couple more dangerous looking Steyning attacks and he also tested Conor Kelly with a towering header from a Littlejohn set piece.

Broomfield had a similar second half chance superbly repelled by Kelly and Pugh had to be alert to turn away Josh Maher's effort three minutes prior to Enticknap's opener.

The strangest moment of a strange afternoon though was reserved for Harry Mills, who picked up a ridiculous booking for jumping on Kelly for a piggyback as the Steyning goalkeeper was about to launch a kick down pitch.

Mills quite rightly picked up a deserved booking, much to the amusement of a home bench which featured Phil Wickwar as substitute goalkeeper; Wickwar also having provided the keeping backup in the previous league meeting between the sides back in 1995.

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

Subs: Mills, Galbraith-Gibbons (used), O'Leary, Jacques, Wickwar (unused).

Robins in the RUR



Hassocks first entered the Sussex RUR Charity Cup in 1981. We take a look back at the Robins' attempts over the past 38 years to make it the first ever piece of senior silverware to enter the Beacon's trophy cabinet...

Everybody knows the fact – Hassocks have never reached a senior cup final, let alone lifted a trophy in their 114 year history.

The Sussex RUR Charity Cup is the one that has provided the Robins with the best opportunity to do so – not that that is saying much, admittedly – as we have reached the semi-finals of the competition on four occasions.

The most recent came last year, when we were beaten 2-0 by a Littlehampton Town side who were on their way to a treble of Southern Combination League title, Peter Bentley League Cup and RUR Cup.

To reach the final four, we had beaten Montpelier Villa 5-0 in our first ever meeting in senior football.

An impressive 2-1 extra time win over Crawley Down Gatwick followed thanks to two goals from Jack Troak before we beat Seaford Town at the Crouch in the quarter finals –Troak scoring both again as he became the star of the Robins' memorable run which caught the imagination of the entire village.

Our most disappointing semi final

exit came a decade earlier in the 2011-12 campaign, we were beaten 3 -1 by lowly Selsey at Culver Road.

A 5-2 victory in the league at the High Street Ground had been recorded a month previously and the Robins went into the tie the favourites despite being without the services of the talismanic Phil Gault.

But there could be little complaint about the score on the day as Mickey Jewell's side simply didn't turn up and the chance of a first ever cup final went begging.

It had been a straight forward cup run up until that point with victories against Mile Oak, East Grinstead Town and Southwick paving the way to heartache in the last four.

If that illustrated just what a favourable draw can do for a cup run, then Hassocks' semi-final defeat in the 1999-00 season was an indication of how it can work the other way, when we met all-conquering Burgess Hill Town.

Mile Oak, Arundel and Lancing had all been vanquished on route to the meeting with the Robins' arch

rivals of the time and although formbooks and class can go out the window when it comes to a local derby, Hassocks proved to be no match for the Hillians who ran out 4-1 winners.

The first time we reached an RUR Cup semi came in the 1993-94 campaign and it was the closest Hassocks have ever come to clearing the hurdle to actually making a final as we went down only in extra time 2 -0 to the Lions of Pagham

That was not an easy run to reach the last four either with victories over Wick, Southwick, Lancing and Whitehawk all being gained along the way.

In the mid 00's, Hassocks were remarkably consistent in bowing out of the competition at the quarter final stage with four last eight exits in a row – 2005-06 to Shoreham, 2006-07 to Whitehawk, 2007-08 to Rye United and 2008-09 to Three Bridges.

There have been five other quarter final exits, to Burgess Hill the year before that semi heartache at the hands of the Hillians, to Selsey in 1994-95, Pagham in 1992-93 and

Southwick in 1981-82 – the first season we entered the competition.

Haywards Heath Town were responsible for our most recent last eight elimination when they won 3-0 at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season, on route to defeat in the final against Peacehaven & Telscombe.

It was a similar story in the quarter finals in 2016-17 when the Robins were eliminated away at Crawley Down Gatwick, who ended up finishing as runners up to Newhaven.

Round three only came into existence for the 2000-01 competition when the preliminary round was removed, and it has been the Robins' exiting point on three occasions, most recently in 2013-14 via a 3-2 defeat away at Horsham YMCA.

Hassocks crashed out at the stage in back-to-back campaigns in 2000-01 and 2001-02 to Selsey and Southwick respectively.

And as for the aforementioned preliminary round? Hassocks only ever had one dalliance with it.

That came in the 1993-94 season, a 3-2 win over Wick.

As for the second round, that was the stage we exited at in 2019-20, losing 3-0 at home to Pagham before the competition took a two-season break due to Covid.

In 2017-18, we somehow blew a 2-0 lead with 15 minutes remaining to lose 4-2 in extra time away at AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks were also eliminated from the competition at that stage in

both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons via heavy home defeats, 5-1 against Eastbourne Town and 5-0 against Littlehampton Town.

Given the Robins well documented ability to make hard work and more often than not lose to teams from a lower division, Hassocks have been knocked out of the RUR Cup a surprisingly low number of times by sides from lower down the pyramid.

The most recent of those did come in the second round, a penalty shootout defeat to Division One outfit Little Common in 2012-13 after an astonishing 5-5 draw.

Round two also accounted for Hassocks' exits in 2010-11 to Sidley United and 2009-10 when Dave John's side were eliminated by Selsev.

Selsey again eliminated the Robins at that stage in 2004-05, which followed hot on the heels of second round defeats to Pagham the previous year and Burgess Hill before that.

Other exits came against Shoreham in 1997-98, Midhurst & Easebourne in 1995-96 which represented another rare shock, Sidley in 1986-87 and Whitehawk in 1982-83.

Hassocks have been on a remarkable run of receiving byes in the competition to the point where we hadn't actually competed in the first round for 17 years between beating Worthing United 6-3 in the 2016-17 season and defeating Mile Oak in the 1999-00 season.

The Robins have only bowed out of the competition three times at the first round stage – to Langney Sports in 1996-97, Ringmer in 1984-85 and Peacehaven & Telscombe in 1983-84.

That exit to the Tye remains one of only two games in the competition that Hassocks have been involved in that required a replay, a 1-1 draw at Adastra Park being followed by a 1-0 defeat away from home.

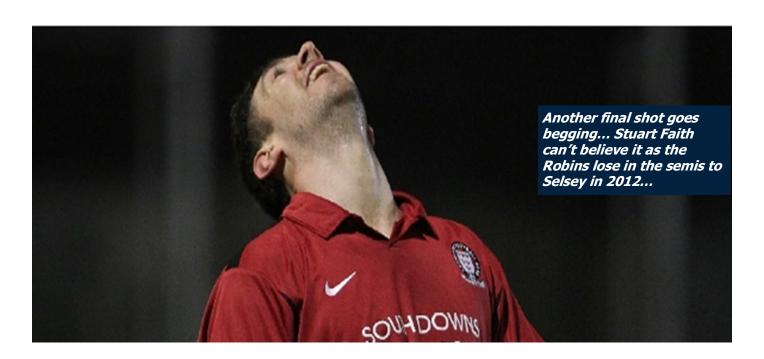
The other came two seasons previously when another 1-1 draw at Adastra necessitated a second game, this time Hassocks triumphing 5-3 in a thriller away at Hastings Town.

Six games have gone to extra time and Hassocks have won four of them, the only blemishes being that 1994 semi-final defeat to Pagham and the exit four seasons ago against AFC Uckfield Town.

The extra time wins have seen the Robins defeat Ringmer 4-3 in 1982-83, Worthing United 4-2 in 1995-96 Ringmer again in 2005-06 2-1 and Crawley Down last season.

Aside from the Little Common penalty defeat, Hassocks have only had one other shoot out in the competition which was in 2007-08 when Arundel were beaten 4-1 after a 2-2 draw in normal time.

Hassocks' biggest victory in the competition also represents one of their biggest ever victories in senior football, a 9-0 hammering dished out to the now defunct Shinewater Association in 2000-01. The Robins heaviest RUR defeat is that 5-0 loss to Littlehampton Town from 2014.





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Six goal Johnson takes **February Player of the Month**

Phil Johnson could not stop scoring in February with his six goals in seven games earning him his first Hassocks Player of the Month award of the season.

With so many fixtures crammed into four weeks thanks to the freezing and wet weather of November, December and January, February always looked like a pivotal month as the Robins seek their first top 10 finish for nine years.

16 points from a possible 21 represented a superb return with Johnson's hot streak at the heart of Hassocks' impressive form.

Johnson opened his February account in the second game of the month. The Robins had been woeful, trailing bottom of the table and winless Roffey 1-0 with two minutes of normal time remaining at Bartholomew Way.

Hassocks were handed a lifeline from the penalty spot and despite Boars goalkeeper Jasper Sheik rearranging his socks and talking an impressive amount of claptrap in an attempt to put Johnson off, the spot kick was clinically despatched.

Sheik had now poked the bear with his antics which was bad news for Roffey. In the fourth minute of injury time, Johnson latched onto a

Leon Turner through ball and drilled a Pat Harding, Anthony Hibbert and brilliant effort across Sheik and into the far corner from an impossibly tight angle to win the game for the Robins.

Hassocks went from being lucky to take three points from the Premier Division's basement side to securing their first away win at Eastbourne Town in 17 years a week later.

Johnson scored the only goal at the Saffrons, coming two minutes into the second half after Turner and Alfie Loversidge combined to launch a counter attack.

Goal number four of February for Johnson proved to be just a consolation as Hassocks fell to their only defeat of the month, a 2-1 reversal at home to Little Common.

After failing to find the net in a 0-0 draw against FA Vase Quarter Finalists Peacehaven & Telscombe, normal service was resumed when Johnson set the Robins on their way to a 2-0 win at Saltdean United.

He then added his sixth goal in the 4-0 win over former club Horsham YMCA at the Beacon, moving onto 97 Hassocks goals in the process.

Three more between now and the end of the campaign will see Johnson become the sixth man to hit a century in senior football for the Robins after Phil Gault, James Laing,

Robbie Kitchen.

Second place in February Player of the Month went to Sam Smith for his performances at the heart of the Hassocks defence.

Smith came into the starting XI away at Eastbourne Town, the club he began his career with nearly a decade ago. He enjoyed a superb evening at the Saffrons, marking the lively Aaron Capon out of the game in helping the Robins to a clean sheet.

That was one of five shutouts Hassocks recorded through February. Smith played a part in two of the others kept against Saltdean and YM.

The latter of those games saw Smith take the Bedlam Brewery Starman award for his work in nullifying the threat of 15-goal Tom Tolfrey.

Unlike Samson, Jack Troak has not lost any of his powers since chopping his hair off and he took third place in February Player of the

Troak's versatility has been put to good use with deployment him at both left back and on the wing throughout the February.

His most important contribution of the month came at Saltdean, where he set up both goals after being summoned from the bench early in the second half.









Westlake hails Robins defensive foundations

James Westlake spoke to Steve Bone from the Mid Sussex Times about the Robins' recent good form, keeping clean sheets for fun and how high his side can finish

Hassocks head coach James Westlake has hailed the defensive foundations which are underpinning his sides quest for a first top 10 finish in nine years.

The clean sheet recorded in their 2-0 win over Loxwood made it four shutouts in a row, something no Robins side has achieved for more than two decades.

Hassocks have won six of their past eight matches and although that has not translated to much movement up the Southern Combination League Premier Division from 10th spot, the Robins are now within five points of fourth with a game in hand.

"We are pleased with the progress we have made, certainly since the turn of the year," said Westlake when asked to sum up his side's excellent form.

"It was a frustrating December for us which saw results not quite go our way and a number of postponements."

"Credit has to go to the players for the results and performances in

what has been an extremely busy start to the year."

"There is a real togetherness amongst the group, which we knew would help us to be successful this season."

And what of Hassocks' mean streak at the back? "Setting ourselves a foundation to keep clean sheets has been massive as we know we have the quality going forward to win us games of football."

"The signing of James Shaw has been huge for the club and the squad. His ability to organise, communicate and take the pressure off the defensive unit has certainly coincided with our recent run of clean sheets and results."

"This foundation and ability to keep clean sheets has allowed the likes of Phil Johnson, Liam Benson, Leon Turner and others to go and be expansive in other areas."

Hassocks have nine Premier Division games left to play and remain in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

There had been some doubt about whether the County FA would

cancel that competition with only two rounds completed so far, but it now seems likely to continue. Hassocks host Steyning Town in round three.

Asked if finishing in the top six was the dream, Westlake refused to give anything away about what he and his players are aiming for over the final two months of the season.

"Our recent form has put us in a fantastic position. We have a tough end to the season but we are looking forward to the challenge."

"As a group, we want to finish as high as we possibly can and will give the final nine games of the season a real go."

Having made such an impression in his first campaign at the helm, Hassocks fans will rightly be excited about where their club is going under Westlake.

The head coach is not thinking about the summer or next year yet. "We want to make sure we have a really strong end to the season, see where we finish in the league and then we will start to have a think about next season. Momentum is key."







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Blake breaks 100 games for Hassocks

Popular right back Harvey Blake made his entry into the **Hassocks 100 Club after** passing a century of games in the 2-0 win over Loxwood at the Beacon.

Blake marked the occasion with the sort of typical swashbuckling performance which has delighted Robins fans in his three seasons at the club and tormented opposition left backs.

It was Blake's good work in skipping around Shane Saunders and whipping in a dangerous low cross from the right which teed up Phil Johnson at the back post for the second goal against the Magpies.

Blake might have even scored himself, coming close on two opportunities to adding to the four goals he has netted over his two spells with Hassocks.

Mark Dalgleish first brought Blake to the Beacon in the summer of 2018 from Mid Sussex League side Sporting Lindfield.

Blake made the step up to senior football look easy and had soon established himself as one of the first names on Dalgleish's team sheet as Hassocks finished 12th in the 2018-19 campaign, their highest placing of the past eight years.

With 40 appearances that season, Blake's game time was only bettered by Liam Benson. It was a superb first year at Southern Combination level.

few bright spots in a dismal 2019-20 season.

He played 27 times and scored twice before the first Covid lockdown brought the campaign to an early conclusion.

The second of those goals was one of the best strikes the Beacon had seen for many years.

It came in a surprise 2-0 win over Pagham. Blake picked the ball up deep inside his own half, charged 30 yards up the pitch and picked out the top corner from 25 yards out.

Blake departed for Crawley Down Gatwick along with Johnson in the summer of 2020. He turned out 54 times for the Anvils over the course of two seasons before returning to Hassocks as James Westlake's fifth signing of last summer.

Of the Robins' 36 matches to date, Blake has started 34 and come off the bench in one, underlining his importance to the Robins.

It is not just Blake's contribution Blake would go onto be one of the on-the-pitch which makes him a fan favourite, either.

> He has been known to help out around the Beacon in other roles, including running the Robins Bar when injured and doing an excellent job in drawing the half time raffle to ensure Dave John won every prize.

Blake and Johnson will no doubt celebrate the milestone with one pint or 10 in the Hassocks Hotel - if they haven't already.

Congratulations, Harvey - here is to the next 100.







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Robins supporting Hassocks Food Bank on Non League Day

Bring a donation for the Hassocks Community Food Bank to Saturday's Non-League Day game with title chasing Newhaven and watch the match for reduced admission

Hassocks will be using Non-League Day 2023 and their home game with Newhaven to support the Hassocks Community Food Bank.

Non-League Day is held annually on a weekend where the Premier League and Championship are put on hold due to an international break, helping to put the focus on grassroots football.

It normally attracts big crowds to matches with the Robins opting to combine the appeal of the Day with the opportunity to support those struggling in the local area.

Any supporter who brings a donation for the Food Bank can watch the match against the title chasing Dockers for reduced admission.

Adults with an item will pay £4 and concessions £2, down from the normal prices of £7 and £3 respectively.

The Food Bank are in need of sugar, microwave puddings, oil,

sweetcorn, clothes washing liquid, soup, toothbrushes and ketchup ahead of the Newhaven game.

Items will be collected at the turnstiles and then sent to the Food Bank. Now is a particularly crucial time at the end of a long, hard winter when many more people in Hassocks and the surrounding areas relying on the service.

As for the football, Non-League Day pits two of the in-form teams in the Southern Combination League Premier Division against each other.

Hassocks are unbeaten in seven league matches, winning five and drawing two. The Robins have just set a club record of five clean sheets in a row and are eyeing up their first top six finish in over a decade.

Newhaven meanwhile were within one game of promotion to the Isthmian League last season, losing out in the playoff final against Lancing.

The Docks are aiming to go one better this time around by securing

the automatic promotion which comes with being crowed Southern Combination champions.

They sit two points behind leaders Broadbridge Heath with six games left to play in what is shaping up to be one of the closest-run title battles the league has seen for many years.

Hassocks and Newhaven also met on Non-League Day a year ago at the Trafalgar Ground.

A bumper attendance of 287 saw the Robins pull off a huge shock, drawing 1-1 to all-but end Newhaven's hopes of catching eventual champions Littlehampton Town.

Lucas Franzen-Jones gave the Dockers a 43rd minute lead, cancelled out just two minutes later by Jack Troak.

Kick off at the Beacon this time around is at 2pm. The Robins Bar and T Bar will be open serving alcohol and hot food and drink respectively and entry if free for all under 16s.



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Second half goals and another clean sheet give Robins victory in battle of the birds

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 4th March 2023, The Beacon Hassocks 2-0 Loxwood

Another win and a fourth clean sheet in a row means Hassocks are moving almost unnoticed into the ever tightening battle for a Southern Combination League Premier Division top six finish.

Second half goals from Alex Bygraves and the in-form Phil Johnson secured a rare 2-0 success over Loxwood at the Beacon, opponents who they had only defeated at home once before.

The Robins remain 10th in the table but are now just four points behind Steyning Town in fifth and with a game in hand on most of the six teams separating them from the Barrowmen.

And Hassocks should expect to make progress up the standards all the while they keep recording shutouts.

You have to go back more than 20 years to find the last time the Robins went on such a mean streak of not conceding.

The difference James Shaw has made since his arrival from Tooting & Mitcham last month cannot be understated, especially in terms of the organisation he has brought to the Hassocks backline.

To secure this latest clean sheet, Hassocks had to withstand a lot of Loxwood pressure during a first half in which the visitors were the better team.

Kieron Joseph should have done better with a back post header from a free kick early on which he needed to get on target at the very least.

There was precious little else to report from the opening 20 minutes until opportunities at either end came almost from nowhere in the same passage of play.

Jack Troak's attempted back header to Shaw lacked the required power and when ex-Robin Jake Lindsey got their first to round the Hassocks goalkeeper, Loxwood looked certain to score. That was until a remarkable piece of defending from Sam Smith, coming from nowhere to get back and produce a stretching block which kept out Lindsey's effort.

From there, Troak collected the loose ball and hit a long pass forwards. Liam Benson beat Brendan Millborrow in the air with a flick on which sent Leon Turner racing into the box.

Millborrow showed a decent turn of foot to catch up with the speedy Turner before using both hands to push the winger in the back and to the ground.

With no official close enough to the action, Hassocks found themselves missing out on one of the most blatant penalties you will see.

Chances began to come after that. Alfie Loversidge placed a weak effort straight at Loxwood goalkeeper Jordan Brown and Magpies left back Shane Saunders joined an attack to bend a high shot just wide of Shaw's post.

Harvey Blake had a couple of opportunities to mark his 100th Hassocks appearance with a goal, being denied twice by Brown.

A crunching Benson tackle then turned over possession, James Westlake fed Johnson but again Brown stayed big and made the save.

Loxwood started the second half strongly. Callum Dowdell tried his luck from 30 yards with the ball last seen hurtling towards the 16.02 Southern service to Brighton.

Jay Popham was much closer with a free kick which skimmed the top of the net with Shaw scrambling before the Magpies had strong penalty appeals of their own turned down.

A miscommunication between Troak and Westlake allowed Lindsey to nip between the two and take the ball.

In his attempts to retrieve the situation, Troak appeared to trip Lindsey. Unlike with Hassocks' first half spot kick claims, referee Paul





Ransome had a perfect view of this one and waved played on.

That proved to be a crucial moment in the course of the game as the Robins took the lead shortly after.

Westlake swung a corner into a dangerous area at the back post where Bygraves arrived to power a towering header past Brown.

Loxwood almost equalised immediately from a corner of their own. Lindsey delivered and substitute Terrell Joseph did everything right with his header, only to see Mike Williamson clear off the line.

The second Hassocks goal arrived eight minutes after the first and was well crafted.

Blake skipped around Saunders after a throw was returned to him by Pat Harding and crossed low and hard.

Loversidge got a deft touch at the front post, Westlake in the middle of the box dummied and it was left for Johnson to tap in his seventh goal from his past seven appearances to double the advantage.

Loxwood seemed deflated after that and the final 20 minutes was dominated by the Robins searching for a third.

Westlake was too high from a Troak cross and Brown produced further good saves from a Turner one -on-one, a close range Johnson header meeting a lovely delivery from Joe Bull and a Josh Bradley piledriver.

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

Subs: Harding (Benson 57), J Bradley (Loversidge 64), Bull (Turner 78), Wilkes (Johnson 87), B Tighe (unused).

Hassocks victorious at Varndeanians for four wins and five clean sheets in a row

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 11th March 2023, Withdean Stadium AFC Varndeanians 0-3 Hassocks

There is no stopping Phil Johnson at the moment. Two **goals at Withdean Stadium made** only change = Westlake made from it 10 from his past 10 appearances, 23 for the season and 99 in a Hassocks shirt as the Robins ran out 3-0 winners over AFC Varndeanians.

At the other end, James Westlake's side recorded a fifth clean sheet in a row.

James Shaw and his defence have condemned the keeper of the statistics to an evening pouring through the annals to see if that is a club record; the likely answer being yes.

Shaw remained relatively untroubled against a Varndeanians side with not an awful lot to play for over the remaining eight games of the season.

The Vs are already destined to finish in lower mid table, currently 16 points clear of the two relegation spots and the same number behind Little Common in 11th.

Nobody connected with Varndeanians will mind that, especially after the dramas of last season when they failed to win any of their opening 25 matches and yet managed to avoid the drop following a stunning turnaround post-Christmas.

Hassocks were one of the sides who fell victims to the Vs during that greatest of great escapes, losing 1-0 at Withdean in February.

The Robins showed very early on there was going to be no repeat this time around, taking the lead with the first attack of the game on two minutes.

Josh Bradley took a snapshot which home goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins could only parry.

The ball fell kindly to Leon Turner to strike home at the start of a manof-the-match performance down the left.

Bradley on the other flank meanwhile was making his first start

since completing a four-match ban. He replaced Alfie Loversidge in the last week's 2-0 win over Loxwood.

The former Stevning Town man certainly made the most of the opportunity, being at the heart of a lot of the good stuff Hassocks did to threaten a Varndeanians defence including ex-Robins favourite Luke Akehurst.

Hassocks almost added a second before the clock had even reached five minutes.

"Job done for Hassocks, who know sterner tests lie ahead. But when Johnson cannot stop scoring and with a defence which has now not been breached for more than 450 minutes, no other team in the league will fancy playing them either."

Liam Benson flashed a ball across goal which defender Sam Smith could not quite get on the end of. The Robins were wasting no time in laying bare their attacking intent.

Not content with creating chances for Hassocks, Bradley momentarily decided he wanted to help out Varndeanians too on 21 minutes.

An attempted back pass to Shaw was way too short, forcing the Hassocks number one into his only meaningful save of the afternoon to deny Mark Goldson.

Five minutes later and Hassocks doubled their advantage. Turner slid in Johnson and with the red-hot form the Robins' leading scorer is in, there was only going to be one outcome as he went one-on-one with Hawkins.

Johnson rifled home with aplomb and you sensed Hassocks were already on easy street with half hour yet to be completed.

The Robins performance





subsequently became professional more than spectacular.

Nobody could blame Hassocks for easing up and saving themselves for the challenges ahead.

Their next six Premier Division matches are against teams above them in the table and they have a Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup third round tie with fifth placed Stevning Town slotted in for Tuesday 21st March.

With a potentially season-defining next few weeks to come, it is little wonder Westlake is keeping his cards close to his chest about where he and his players are aiming to finish the campaign.

Just before half time and Bradley came close to scoring one of the goals of the season, hitting a strike on the volley without breaking stride which flew just wide.

The second half was all Hassocks in terms of possession although chances from open play were few and far between.

So much so that the Robins third and Johnson's second came from a 69th minute penalty.

Job done for Hassocks, who know sterner tests lie ahead. But when Johnson cannot stop scoring and with a defence which has now not been breached for more than 450 minutes. no other team in the league will fancy playing them either.

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

Subs: Loversidge (Turner 72). Harding (Johnson 74), Wilkes (Williamson 80), Bull (Bradley 82).

Johnson joins the 100 Club but Hassocks have to settle for point at United

Southern Combination League Premier Division Tuesday 14th March 2023, The Oval **Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks**

The goals keep coming for Phil Johnson but his 100th in Hassocks colours was not quite enough to secure victory at Eastbourne United.

Johnson struck with 11 minutes played at the Oval, joining an elite club which now extends to six Robins to score a century in senior football.

Hassocks were then four minutes shy of making it six clean sheets in a row and claiming a big three points in the battle for the top six when Gary Ingram became the first opponent to beat James Shaw in more than 450 minutes of football.

This was a game lacking in quality, thanks largely to a strong wind blowing from one end to the other which increased in prominence as the 90 minutes went on.

Hassocks had it behind their backs in the first half and although it played a part in Johnson's opener, it was not so much a factor that United were unable to get the ball out of their own half.

That was the case as the game progressed beyond the hour mark, leaving Hassocks penned in as United laid siege to the Robins goal.

Ultimately, the draw was the right result. James Westlake was certainly pleased with the outcome, agreeing with the assessment that this was the sort of encounter his side probably would have lost before Christmas.

Westlake said afterwards: "Although we are disappointed to concede for the first time in six games, to come here and get a point really shows how far we have progressed since the turn of the year."

Both teams started brightly, looking to get on the front foot and make something happen.

It was Hassocks who struck first. A long ball over the top was carried by the wind over the top, catching the United defence out.

Johnson showed great tenacity to power his way through the home

centre backs Sam Cole and George Olulode, getting himself in one-onone with former Robins number one James Broadbent.

As good a goalkeeper as Broadbent is, there was only going to be one outcome with Johnson in his current hot streak.

The Robins' leading scorer clinically slid the ball to the right of Broadbent for his 24th of the campaign, joining Phil Gault, James Laing, Pat Harding, Anthony Hibbert and Robbie Kitchen in the 100 Club.

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United gradually grew into the game but Hassocks remained relatively untroubled apart from one moment just before half time.

A break down the right resulted in Ingram delivering a dangerous cross.

Hassocks partially cleared but United regained possession, returning the ball back into the area.

It dropped invitingly for Aaron Capon to strike a volley which most of the Oval thought was destined for the back of the net.

Shaw though got the most important of fingers onto the effort, doing just enough to tip it onto the bar and ensure Hassocks went into the break with the lead.

The Robins knew they were facing a difficult task defending the hurricane in the second half. Nobody though could have predicted how difficult it would become by the end.

That Hassocks limited United's chances despite it being all one-way





traffic was testament to Shaw, his back four and the midfield in front.

Cross after cross was thrown into the box, where Shaw needed to be at his confident and commanding best.

Likewise, Sam Smith and Alex Bygraves became heading machines. On one of the rare occasions when United did find a way through, Smith came to Hassocks' rescue with an utterly outrageous goal line clearance.

Just when it looked like the Robins were going to survive the onslaught to record what would have been easily the most impressive shutout of their club-record run, Ingram struck with 86 minutes on the clock.

United won a free kick on the edge of the box which they clipped towards the back post.

An almighty pile up ensured as both white and red shirts tried to judge where the wind was going to take the delivery.

Eventually, it dropped somewhere in the mele. Ingram was on hand to fire a scrappy effort which seemed to pass through a number of Hassocks legs on its way to beating the despairing Shaw.

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

Subs: Bull (Turner 56), Benson (Johnson 78), Wilkes (Williamson 82), B Tighe (Loversidge 90).

First Team Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July	Орропенез	Comp	1 ^	Acc	Scorers
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)	FACPQ	1-3	148	Johnson
29/08 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP	7-0	204	Troak, Johnson (2), OG, Bygraves, S.Smith, Wilkes
September	L'illa Command (A)	CCELD	0.0	1.10	
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 76	L Turner Johnson (2) Treak
20/09 - 19:30 24/09 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A) Chessington & Hook (A)	SCFLP FAVQ2	4-2 1-2	76 113	L.Turner, Johnson (2), Troak Benson
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October	broadriage ricatii (11)	JCI LI	3 3	110	Delison (2), Troak
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 (À)	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	Danasa Blaka
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	broadbridge ricatif (A)	JCI LI	1 2	101	Johnson
04/02 - 14:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP	2-0	180	OG, Bradley
	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	4-0	110	Benson (2), Johnson, Wilkes
March					
04/03 - 14:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	2-0	110	Bygraves, Johnson
11/03 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP	3-0	50	L.Turner, Johnson (2)
14/03 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	155	Johnson
21/03 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	RURC3			
25/03 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			
28/03 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
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01/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
08/04 - 15:00 10/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H) Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP SCFLP			
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First Team Appearances 2022-23

		2022-23	Hassocks Career			
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jack Troak	36	1	37	7	113	30
Harvey Blake	35	1	36	1	102	4
Alex Bygraves	35	0	35	4	35	4
Joe Bull	25	10	35	1	129	8
Phil Johnson	27	7	34	24	197	100
Liam Benson	26	7	33	15	167	46
Mike Williamson	29	2	31	0	31	0
Jamie Wilkes	17	13	30	4	34	4
Bradley Tighe	22	6	28	0	166	0
Pat Harding	15	13	28	2	229	139
Leon Turner	23	4	27	3	27	3
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	113	0
James Westlake	18	5	23	0	251	31
Sam Smith	11	10	21	1	35	3
Sam Rogers	7	9	16	0	16	0
Sam Cash	9	3	12	0	15	1
Alfie Loversidge	6	6	12	0	73	11
Tom Frankland	6	5	11	0	11	0
James Shaw	10	0	10	0	10	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
Phil Gault	1	6	7	0	352	190
Mark Zydonik	5	1	6	2	6	2
Joe Southam	5	0	5	0	5	0
Josh Bradley	3	1	4	0	4	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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Rampant Robins make it league wins in a row with victory over YM

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division Thursday 2nd March 2023, The Beacon Hassocks U23s 3-1 Horsham YMCA U23s

It is eight Southern
Combination League Under 23
North Division wins in a row
now for Hassocks with their
latest conquest being
Horsham YMCA at the
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The Robins ran out 3-1 to extend their lead at the top of the table to 11 points. The increased gap came through second placed Horley Town losing to Broadbridge Heath, who have subsequently taken over as the closest pursuers to the Robins.

Heath have played two games in hand and Hassocks must still go the Countryside Stadium to take on the reigning champions with that fixture to take place at some point in April.

Also to come in April is a home meeting with Alfold in fourth but who, like the Bears, have two games in hand.

The Robins may have a sizeable lead for now, but there are going to be plenty of twists and turns to come.

Hassocks never used to have a particularly good record against YM so to win this one relatively comfortably was a good result for Neil Parker and his side.

The Robins made two changes from their easy 8-0 win in last week's

Mid Sussex Derby away at St Francis Rangers.

Josh Bradley was available after completing a four game ban and the Robins took the opportunity to get minutes into his legs before the first team's home clash with Loxwood at the Beacon.

Another first team winger also came in with Tom Frankland handed a start after missing several weeks of action.

That duo replaced Will Broomfield and Marshall Smith. The former was unavailable, the latter dropped to the bench.

Smith was joined there by two members of the Under 18s squad. Sam Dean made his second appearance for the Under 23s whilst there was a debut for Oliver Parker-Williams.

Hassocks were otherwise without any of their Young Robins with the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup semi final against Whitehawk at the weekend taking preference.

It was a player at the other end of the age spectrum who was one of the Robins scorers in what was a fast and frantic 90 minutes of football.

Phil Gault notched his fourth goal in three Under 23s appearances so far this season.

Lord Gault was joined on the





scoresheet by Sam Geard and substitute George Mercer.

YM's consolation came via Luke Roberts. The visitors created a number of other chances and on another day, the scoreline could easily have been 5-5.

Victory completed a 48 hour double for Hassocks against YM, following up on Tuesday night's 4-0 first team win over the same opponents.

Next up for the Under 23s is another home game next Thursday night against bottom of the table Oakwood. Kick off is at 7:45pm.

Hassocks: Trigwell, Wallis, J Smith, W Tighe, Frankland, Minty, Rogers, Geard, Hicks, Gault, J Bradley.

Subs: Mercer, M Smith, Dean, Parker -Williams (used).

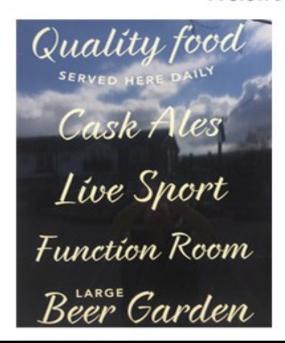


Under 23s Matches 2022-23

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	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
March				
02/03 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	3-1	Gault, Geard, Mercer
16/03 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23	3-3	Frankland, Geard, Tobias
30/03 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		
April				
06/04 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23		
13/04 - 19:45	Loxwood (H)	SCFL23		
27/04 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
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Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

		2022-2	3 Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	17	0	17	1
Jack Smith	12	5	17	0
Wes Tighe	11	6	17	2
Ben Hicks	12	4	16	0
Marshall Smith	6	9	15	2
George Mercer	8	5	13	4
Sam Geard	12	0	12	5
Charlie Broad	8	3	11	5
Will Broomfield	9	0	9	2
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Callum Thompson	7	2	9	0
Jude Wallis	6	3	9	3
Sam Fernley	3	6	9	3
Sam Smith ´	8	0	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
JJ Minty	5	0	5	2
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Will Varley	1	4	5	0
Phil Gault	4	0	4	4
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Tom Frankland	3	1	4	2
Alfie Loversidge	3	1	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	0	3	0
Fraser Trigwell	3	Ō	3	0
Alex Wintle	1	2	3	2
Jack Baden	2	0	2	0
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Lewis Westlake	2	0	2	0
Ed Tobias	1	1	2	1
Sam Dean	0	2	2	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	0	2	2	0
Liam Benson	1	0	1	Ō
Josh Bradley	1	0	1	Ō
Sam Cash	1	Ö	1	Ö
George Gladding	1	0	- 1	0
Archie Hill	1	Ö	1	Ö
Jay Hudson	1	0	1	Ö
Luke Marshall	1	Ö	ī	Ŏ
Joe Southam	1	0	1	Ŏ
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	Ŏ
Harry Carter	0	1	1	Ŏ
Oliver Steel	0	1	1	Õ
James Westlake	0	1	1	Õ
James Westare	0	•	±	5

Under 18s Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
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
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 (Won 4-2 pens)
29/01 - 11:00	Selsey (A)	U18LC2	2-2	Varley, Gladding (Won 4-2 pens)
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	3-2	Goswamy (2), Gladding
26/02 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18	3-4	Brewer (2), Munt
March				
05/03 - 11:00	Whitehawk (H)	CU18CSF	1-3	Brewer
12/03 - 11:00	Eastbourne United (A)	U18LC3	3-0	Parker-Williams (2), Edwards
23/03 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		
26/03 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18		
April				
09/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18		
16/04 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
30/04 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		



Under 18s Appearances 2022-23

		2022-23	3 Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Fernley	19	0	19	0
Jack Thomas	19	0	19	0
Ed Tobias	19	0	19	2
George Gladding	18	0	18	4
Alex Wintle	18	0	18	2
Sam Dean	14	3	17	0
Ben Foster	7	10	17	1
Alex Brewer	15	1	16	17
Toby Munt	15	0	15	2
Harry Goatcher	12	1	13	0
Oliver Goswamy	11	2	13	4
Will Varley	11	1	12	9
Ryan Goss	1	11	12	2
Oliver Parker-Williams	6	5	11	3
Ewan Edwards	0	7	7	1
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
Jack Duckett	6	0	6	2
Cam Mitchell	2	4	6	0
Oliver Steel	5	0	5	0
Archie Hill	1	2	3	0
Matt Mongardini	1	2	3	1
Max Ward	2	0	2	0
Joe Woodhouse	0	2	2	0
Charlie Smith	1	0	1	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0



Ladies Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September	• •	-		
04/09 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP	6-1	K.Chappell (3), Cannon, J.Craig, Johanson
18/09 - 14:00	Pevensey & Westham (A)	SCWLC1	9-0	K.Chappell (5), J.Craig (3), Mair
October				
02/10 - 14:00	Denne Park (A)	SCWLP	8-1	K.Chappell (4), Cloke, Moquet, Mair (2)
09/10 - 14:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCWLC2	9-1	J.Craig (4), K.Chappell (4), Pordage
16/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP	6-0	K.Chappell (2), Cannon, Mair, Pordage (2)
November	5 1 (1)			14 Cl
06/11 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP	7-1	K.Chappell (3), Mair, Pordage, Bright (2)
January	D D : T (1)	661411.5	2.2	KC II M C D I
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	Calledonia United (A)	CCM// COE	1 1	Johannen
05/02 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLCQF SCWLP	1-4 3-1	Johanson K Channell Stayona Mair
19/02 - 14:00 26/02 - 14:00	Shoreham (A) Pagham (H)	SCWLP	5-1 5-4	K.Chappell, Stevens, Mair Pordage, K.Chappell, Johanson, Mair, J.Craig
March	ragnam (m)	SCWLF	J- T	Fordage, R.Chappell, Johanson, Mail, J.Chaig
05/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (A)	SCWLP	2-1	McFadden, Chappell
12/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	SCWLP	0-1	псі адаст, спаррен
26/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP	0 1	
26/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (DH)	SCWLP		
April	Dog.io. regio romi (Dr.)	30112.		
02/04 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (DH)	SCWLP		
May	2 ,			
05/05 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
14/05 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2022-23

		2022-23	3 Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Jess Craig	13	0	13	9
Emma Flin	13	0	13	0
Sarah Chappell	12	0	12	0
Holly Webb	12	0	12	0
Katherine Chappell	11	0	11	25
Kirsten Mair	11	0	11	8
Mia Pordage	11	0	11	5
Claire Stevens	11	0	11	2
Jodie Johanson	8	3	11	3
Tallie Bright	10	0	10	2
Jo Brown	9	0	9	1
Katie Read	4	5	9	1
Shannon McFadden	4	4	8	1
Maddie Cannon	7	1	8	2
Ellie Moquet	3	2	5	1
Izzy Cloke	0	2	2	1
Chloe John	1	0	1	0
Jemma Lindfield	1	0	1	0
Mel Sanchez	1	0	1	0
Laura Turner	1	0	1	0
Jessica Gray	0	1	1	0
Hannah Harvey	0	1	1	0

Veterans Matches 2022-23

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
October				
02/10 - 14:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	MSFLV1	2-3	P.Harding, Armstrong
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)
April	()			
02/04 - 16:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	MSFLV1		

Veterans Appearances 2022-23

		2022-23	3 Season	
Player	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



On This Day...





Classy Golds underline title credentials by hitting Hassocks for six

March 21st 2015: Hassocks hosted title chasing Littlehampton Town at the Beacon, soon finding out why the Golds were one of the favourites for the 2014-15 County League title

If the visit of Littlehampton Town to the Beacon was anything to go by, then the Sussex County League title will be heading to the Sportsfield come the end of the season.

Five second half goals secured a 6-1 victory for the Golds - the exact same hammering they had dished out to Hassocks in the December meeting of the sides down on the Arun coast.

That defeat proved to be the final game of Dave John's third spell in charge of the Robins.

Hassocks have improved markedly in the intervening three months under Mark Dalgleish and Phil Wickwar to pull six points clear of the relegation zone, but they were deservedly well beaten here.

It would have been a tough ask to take anything from this game even with a full a strength squad available.

To be without Mark Price, Dan Jacques, Ellis Common, Ryan Collins and the suspended Ashley Marsh added to the difficulty of an already daunting task.

Having said that, Hassocks were well in the game at half time. Bradley Bant hit a stunning distance strike midway through the opening 45 minutes to cancel out a Joe Shelley header which had given Littlehampton the lead inside of 120 seconds.

Another big crowd at the Beacon could have been forgiven for fearing the worse after Shelley struck so early.

The Robins though defended really well with Tom Barnes and Rowan Wallis in particular impressing at the heart of the Hassocks defence - there was certainly no sign of what was about to occur after the break.

Miles did not appear for the second half as the back trouble which has plagued his season reared its ugly head again.

Tom Davess came on in place of Miles, taking over wide on the left with Jamie Hillwood pushed up front alongside Phil Johnson.

Even before Miles had been withdrawn, the feeling in the Clubhouse during the interval amongst the home faithful was that their side would be in trouble if Littlehampton went through the additional gears everyone knew them to possess.

The Golds did not take long to set about that task. Having scored within 60 seconds of the first half, Littlehampton repeated the trick at the beginning of the second.

George Landais was the scorer, making it 2-1 to the visitors. Whereas Hassocks steadied themselves and came back after falling behind initially, this time the floodgates opened.

There was an element of fortune to the Golds' third which arrived five

minutes after Landais had put them back into the lead.

A Darren Boswell cross from the left took a massive deflection off young Bradley Tighe to defy George Willett.

So big was the redirect off Tighe that it was registered as an own goal rather than belonging to Boswell.

The final three goals all came in the last 20 minutes. Former St Francis Rangers man Kieron Pamment rivalled Bant's earlier equaliser in the breath taking stakes with a brilliant effort from distance which had Willett clutching at air.

Scott Packer got onto the scoresheet with the fifth before Gaskin rounded things off with his second and Littlehampton's sixth of the afternoon.

Wickwar said afterwards that it was a disappointing result, but at the same time he accepted his team had been beaten by opponents he described as easily the best visitors to the Beacon in the bread and butter of County League football this season.

Hassocks: Willett; Tighe, Barnes, Wallis, Pawson; Stokes, Pitcher, Bant, Hillwood; Miles, Johnson.

Subs: Davess (Miles 45), Benson (Pitcher 75), P Wickwar (unused)

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Around the League...

There were some big games at the top of the Southern Premier Division whilst we were busy beating Loxwood 2-0 here at the Beacon on Saturday 4th March, with Newhaven and Broadbridge Heath pulling clear of Crawley Down Gatwick in the title race...



Newhaven edged out this Crowborough Athletic 3-2 at the Trafalgar Ground to hold onto top spot in the standings.

Harvey Killick gave the Crows the lead but goals from Henry Watson and Lee Robinson ensured that the hosts went into half time with a 2-1 advantage.

Tom Pearson then levelled the tie early in the second half before Ian Robinson scored what proved to be the winner on the hour mark.

Broadbridge Heath enjoyed a much less dramatic victory, running out 1-0 winners in a local derby away against **Horsham YMCA**.

Ryan Brackpool scored the only goal of the game with 47 minutes on the clock at the Herbert Direct Stadium.

Crawley Down Gatwick's faltering form continued as they were held 1-1 by **Eastbourne United** at the Haven.

George Taggart put United into a short lived lead in the 53rd minute, followed by Down's equaliser on 61.

Fletcher Holman hit a hat-trick for **Eastbourne Town** as the continued their march up the standings by climbing into fourth place with a 4-0 hammering of **Lingfield**.

The other Town goal at the Saffrons came via substitute Adam Davidson with 10 left to play.

Second-bottom **Alfold** claimed a good point from a 3-3 draw at home to this evening's visitors **Steyning Town,** although it could have been even more with the Barrowmen needing a 91st minute equaliser to avoid defeat.

That came from Jack Barnes, his second goal of the afternoon. Nathan Da Costa had scorer earlier for Steyning with the Alfold goals coming from Javaan Campbell and two for Callum Kilkenny.

Max Hollobone was on target for

Peacehaven & Telscombe as they warmed up for their FA Vase quarter final with a 1-0 win away

at AFC Uckfield Town.

It was the same scoreline at the Polegrove where **Bexhill United** defeated **AFC Varndeanians** 1-0. Tom Vickers with the Pirates goal.

Little Common had a big 5-0 win at **Saltdean United**. All the goals came inside an hour; two from Alvin Scott and singles from Lewis Parsons, Freddie Warren and Jamie Bunn.

A strange set of circumstances meant that the final Premier Division game of the day between **Midhurst & Easebourne** did not go ahead.

Several weeks earlier, Midhurst had asked Roffey if they could rearrange the tie due to a player's wedding; Roffey said no and lo and behold, there was no power or water at the Rotherfield so the game could not go ahead.

Into Division One where **Epsom & Ewell** closed the gap to Shoreham at the top of the table with victory away at **Selsey.**

Four days earlier and Selsey had become the first side to defeat Shoreham in the league this season but they were unable to pull off another scalp, going down 3-2 at the Seal Bay Resort Stadium.

Oliver Thompson and Athan Smith
-Joseph had the Salts 2-0 ahead, only
for two goals in as many minutes
from James Henton and Cian GriffinTilley to pull Selsey level.

Craig Duffell.

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That set the stage for a tense final quarter hour, where Epsom won it in the 90th minute through Javeon Dyer.

Two goals from Kurt Greenaway and one from Jason Cotton gave **Godalming Town** a 3-0 home win over **Montpelier Villa** and there was a 1-0 win for **Billingshurst** over

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Mile Oak through Sam Bull's 67th minute strike.

Zac Harris scored twice as **Wick** won 2-0 at **Seaford Town** in a game featuring 10 yellow cards.

Dan Hills gave **Worthing United** a 1-0 home victory over

Chessington & Hook United whilst there were two useful results for sides in the relegation battle.

Oakwood had two Sam Cane goals to thank for their 2-1 success against a **Arundel** side for whom Harry Russell scored the consolation.

Forest Row meanwhile drew 1-1 at **Hailsham Town.** Frow took a 60th minute lead through Sean Banks cancelled out on 74 by Jack Edge.

There was Sussex Intermediate Cup action for two Division Two sides. **Jarvis Brook** won 3-0 away at Ringmer but **Bosham** went down 2-1 against Punnetts Town.

In the league, **Storrington** picked up an impressive 5-2 victory away at **Capel.**

Adam Lampont scored twice for the Swans, joined on the scoresheet by Declan Jenkins, Magic Sibanda and substitute Jordan Suter. Both Capel goals were from substitute Craig Duffell.

Ferring beat Rottingdean
Village 4-0, Southwater edged out
Upper Beeding 2-1 and there was a
0-0 draw between Rustington and
St Francis Rangers.



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Tables. Form. Goals. Attendances

Southern Combin	atio	n Pre	mier	Div	isior	ı Tab	le
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	32	22	6	4	77	26	72
Newhaven	32	22	4	6	107	32	70
Crawley Down Gatwick	31	22	1	8	63	29	67
Eastbourne Town	32	18	7	7	51	23	61
Steyning Town	31	18	5	8	68	38	59
Peacehaven & Tels.	30	18	3	9	57	31	57
Eastbourne United	31	16	9	6	47	27	57
Crowborough Ath	31	17	6	8	54	35	57
Hassocks	31	17	5	9	62	37	56
Bexhill United	31	18	2	11	54	40	56
Little Common	31	15	4	12	63	46	49
Lingfield	32	10	4	18	56	70	34
Horsham YMCA	31	9	6	16	41	56	33
AFC Varndeanians	31	9	6	16	41	56	33
Midhurst & Easebourne	29	9	5	15	52	64	32
AFC Uckfield Town	31	8	2	21	38	69	26
Loxwood	31	5	6	20	22	95	21
Saltdean United	31	5	3	23	22	95	18
Alfold	31	4	5	22	38	88	17
Roffey	30	1	5	24	39	108	8

Alfold	31	4	5	22	38	88	17				
Roffey	30	1	5	24	39	108	8				
Premier Division Attendances											
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Newhaven			8		39	12	4				
Crowborough Athletic		23			78	12					
Peacehaven & Telscombe	9	22			72	132					
Eastbourne Town		21		734		102					
Bexhill United			97	360		147					
Hassocks		16		305		101					
Eastbourne United			18	258		85					
Broadbridge Heath		13)1	71					
Steyning Town		12			34	72					
Horsham YMCA		9			19	30					
Little Common		9			1 6	67					
Saltdean United		8			78	28					
AFC Uckfield Town		7			10	30					
Lingfield		7			53	27					
Alfold		7			14	57					
Loxwood		7			15	42					
Midhurst & Easebourne		7			15	45					
Roffey		6	9	12	29	30)				

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Premier Division Top Scorers						
Player	Club	Gls				
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27				
Phil Johnson	Hassocks	24				
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	23				
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	21				
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	20				
Lewis Hole	Little Common	17				
Lewis Croal	Crawley Down	16				
Liam Benson	Hassocks	15				
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YM	15				
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	15				
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	15				
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	15				
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	14				
Sam Clements	Crawley Down	14				
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	14				
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	13				
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	13				
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	13				
Rhys White	Crawley Down	13				
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	12				

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hassocks	14	12	1	1	46	13	37
Roffey	13	8	2	3	36	27	26
Horley Town	13	7	2	4	38	26	23
Broadbridge Heath	12	7	1	4	36	17	22
Lingfield	11	5	2	4	36	25	17
Horsham YMCA	12	5	1	6	24	23	16
Chessington & Hook Utd	12	5	1	6	24	23	16
St Francis Rangers	11	3	1	7	12	29	10
Loxwood	10	3	0	7	19	31	9
Oakwood	14	0	0	14	12	60	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers						
Player	Club	Gls				
Tommy McKenna	Horley Town	13				
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	12				
Kieran Head	Chessington	10				
Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	8				
Cameron Cooke	Roffey	8				
Ben Remfry	Loxwood	7				
Zain Beg	Loxwood	7				
Archie Goddard	Horsham YMCA	7				
Radomir Petkov	Loxwood	6				
Charlie Broad	Hassocks	5				

Southern Combination	on Un	der 1	8 Cei	ntral [Divisi	on Ta	ble
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	13	12	1	0	57	12	37
St Francis Rangers	12	10	2	0	29	10	32
Saltdean United	14	7	2	5	39	32	23
Shoreham	14	7	2	5	34	27	23
Worthing United	11	7	1	3	25	14	22
Hassocks	13	6	3	4	36	19	21
AFC Varndeanians	17	6	1	10	29	40	19
Lancing	16	4	2	10	27	52	14
Steyning 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	21				
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	16				
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	15				
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	13				
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	10				
Will Varley	Hassocks	9				
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	9				
Ricardo Silva	St Francis	9				
Liam Appleton	Worthing United	8				
Brendan Hanley	Worthing United	8				

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hassocks	8	6	1	1	27	12	19
Shoreham	10	6	1	3	23	14	19
Saltdean United	12	3	2	7	14	34	11
Pagham	7	3	1	3	15	20	10
Bognor Regis Town	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Burgess Hill Town	6	1	0	5	19	20	3

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Chappell	Hassocks	21
Mille Carter	Shoreham	11
Jess Craig	Hassocks	10
Emily Spooner	Burgess Hill	7
Farrah Dorey	Saltdean United	7
Amber Hazelwood	Shoreham	7

Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Sidley United	6	6	0	0	21	6	18
Seaford Town	4	3	0	1	20	7	9
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
Jarvis Brook	4	1	0	3	9	16	3
Montpelier Villa	5	1	0	4	8	23	3
Rotherfield	6	0	0	6	7	22	0

	Veterans Division One Top Scorers							
S	Player	Club	Gls					
3	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 Newhaven

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 25th March 2023. 2:00pm The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY Admission prices £7 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s go free

Our home game with Newhaven falls on Non League Day and to mark the occasion, we are holding a collection for Hassocks Food Bank. Bring along an item and adults can watch the game for £4 and concessions £2.

Newhaven this season

Newhaven were within one game of promotion to the Isthmian League in 2021-22, losing the promotion/ relegation playoff to Lancing in May. Their aim this season has to be winning the title and the automatic promotion which comes with it. The Dockers made a bit of a slow start understandable if they were suffering a hangover from last season's exertion - but have been slowly creeping into championship contention since the beginning of October. They hit top spot for the first time last month and are currently second, two points behind Broadbridge Heath. The next four weeks looks like being one of the closest title races we have had for

some time.

Head-to-head

It feels like we have been playing Newhaven forever, but the reality is that there have been just 19 meetings between the clubs. The fixture only become a regular staple when the Dockers won promotion to the Premier Division in 2013 and since then, it has not brought much joy. We have won just four times compared to Newhaven's 12 with three draws.

Last time we met

We went to Newhaven on Halloween weekend and although it was not a horror show, a 24th minute red card for the Dockers' Ballie Rogers meant a 2-0 defeat at the Trafalgar Ground had to go down as a missed opportunity. The score was 0-0 when Rogers headed for his very early bath but we were unable to take advantage of it. Instead, goals from Alfie Rogers and Lee Robinson with his annual strike against the Robins condemned us to defeat.

Played for both

Newhaven forward Charlie Bennett played twice for us in the 2017-18 season after signing on dual registration from Burgess Hill Town.

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Hassocks v Crowborough Athletic

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

Crowborough Athletic make their first trip to the Beacon since the 2016-17 season on Tuesday night, renewing a fixture that used to throw up some fantastic battles during their previous spell in the Southern Combination

Crowborough Athletic this season

After eight seasons spent in the South East Counties League, Crowborough were moved back to the Southern Combination by the FA in the summer. With the South East Counties considered a stronger league than our own, the theory went that the Crows could make guite the impression on their return. They took a little while to warm to the task but since Christmas have been one of the Last time we met Premier Division's form teams, moving to within two points of Steyning Town in fifth with a game in hand. A top six finish seems there for the taking, making their visit to the Beacon a very difficult game for us.

Head-to-head

We were regular opponents before the Crows found themselves moved into the Kent-based league, 26 previous matches have resulted in 14 Hassocks wins, nine Crowborough victories and three draws. Our good record was helped by an unbeaten six Played for both game spell including five successive wins between 2010 and 2014 under the management of Mickey Jewell.

We came away with three points from the Crowborough Community Stadium after triumphing in a 3-2 thriller back in October. Jack Troak and Phil Johnson had the Robins 2-0 ahead inside of 20 minutes, only for

John Sinclair and Lucas Murrain to strike twice in the space of eight minutes to level the tie at 2-2. The scoring was not done there, Liam Benson finding what proved to be the winner on the stroke of half time.

Links between Hassocks and Crowborough are few and far between. The only player of note to have represented both clubs is Michael Death, who moved to the Beacon from Crowborough early in the 2015-16 season. Death went onto score 38 goals in 112 appearances for the Robins and can now be found managing Division One leaders Shoreham.



Bexhill United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 1st April 2023. 3:00pm The Polegrove, Brockley Road, Bexhill, TN39 3DN Admission prices £6 adults, £4 concessions, £1 under 18s

April begins with one of our longest away trips of the season down to Bexhill United. It is another tough assignment away against opponents with a formidable home record and one of the finest main stands in the country

Bexhill United this season

Bexhill enjoyed a magnificent first campaign in the Premier Division for the best part of 30 years last time out. They went the entire season unbeaten at the Polegrove playing in front of some huge attendances and finished in fourth spot, the highest ever finish in their history. A slow start to 2022-23 led to suggestions that second-season syndrome might be creeping in but they have recovered from and look on course for a top 10 placing at the very least. At the time of writing, the Pirates are eighth in the table with 18 wins, two draws and 11 defeats. With ourselves having only drawn on four occasions. this is a game you probably do not

want on your coupon.

Head-to-head

This will be the 13th meeting between ourselves and Bexhill. The first four came in Division One when Bexhill were known as Bexhill Town. We then met in four cup matches before the Pirates won promotion to the Premier Division with three more meetings following. The Pirates lead the head-to-head with five wins to Hassocks' four, leaving three draws.

Last time we met

The weather was utterly horrific when Bexhill visited the Beacon back in November. Not that Liam Benson was particularly bothered as his two

goals secured a 2-0 win. The first came on 62 minutes and the second as the game was about to enter injury time.

How to get to the Polegrove?

Head to Eastbourne and follow the A27 until it becomes the A259 at Pevensey. Continue following the A259, taking the third exit at the Little Common roundabout. Take the third right after that onto Birkdale and follow the road before turning right into Westcourt Drive. Pass over the railway line, then take another right onto Cooden Drive and the third right after that will take you onto Brockley Road where you will find the around.



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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 Phil JOHNSON 2nd Sam SMITH 3rd Jack TROAK

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Most

Games

Goals

		Starts	Sub	Total	Goals			Goals	Games
1.	Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63	1.	Phil Gault	190	352
2.	Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4	2.	James Laing	143	351
3.	Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22	3.	Pat Harding	139	229
4.	Ashley Low	445	30	475	14	4.	Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5.	Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124	5.	Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6.	Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14	6.	Phil Johnson	100	197
7.	Phil Gault	331	21	352	190	7.	Nathan Miles	74	211
8.	James Laing	298	53	351	143	8.	Neil Smith	68	242
9.	Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3	9.	Steve Hards	65	155
10.	Joel Harding	340	0	340	0	10.	Mickey Turner	63	594
11.	Paul John	329	0	329	0	11.	Dave Smith	53	260
12.	Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11	12.		47	293
13.	Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123	13.	Liam Benson	46	167
14.	Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47	14.	Joe Fernley	45	245
15.	Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22	15.	Mark Burnham	44	231
16.	Dave Smith	203	57	260	53	16.	Matt Amos	38	81
17.	James Westlake	232	19	251	31	17.	Michael Death	38	112
18.	Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45	18.	Marc Rendall	37	183
19.	Neil Smith	232	10	242	68	19.	Andy Burt	35	133
20.	Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9	20.	Luke Flomo	31	146
21.	Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44	21.	James Westlake	31	251
22.	Pat Harding	198	31	229	139	22.	Jack Troak	30	113
23.	Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74	23.	Dan Smith	27	63
24.	Phil Johnson	161	36	197	100	24.	Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25.	Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37	25.	Stuart Faith	22	289





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Newhaven

Saturday 25th March. 2:00pm Southern Combination League Premier Division



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