

# The Robins

2022-23 Matchday Programme #23



**Hassocks v Crawley Down Gatwick**

Southern Combination League Premier Division

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#### FIRST TEAM

##### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

##### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

##### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

##### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

##### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

##### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

#### UNDER 23 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Runners up 2022

##### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

#### UNDER 18 TEAM

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

##### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

##### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

#### VETERANS TEAM

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

##### Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022





## Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for our penultimate Southern Combination League home game of the season

**Our friends from Crawley Down Gatwick are the visitors and we hope their players, management, committee and supporters enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.**

The Anvils arrive here in the thick of the promotion chase and will therefore provide another tough examination of where we stand at the end of an encouraging first season under the management of Westy.

But before we talk about first team matters, there are two massive midweek fixtures to bring to your attention and for which your support would be hugely appreciated.

On Wednesday evening, the Under 23s host Loxwood here at the Beacon in a 7:45pm kick off, when three points will secure our first ever league title at Under 23 level.

Admission prices are £3 for adults, £1 for concessions and free for under 16s for the chance to potentially see a little bit of club history made.

Then on Thursday night, the Under 18s travel to Newhaven in the semi finals of the League Cup.

The young Robins advanced all the way to the final four of the Sussex Dennis Probee Youth Cup, being the last Southern Combination side remaining in the competition.

They will be hoping to go one better in their other knockout competition and reach the final for the first time since 2018.

Kick off at the Trafalgar Ground is at 8pm and as far as we are aware, admission is free.

Our most recent first team match at the Beacon resulted in a close-fought 2-1 defeat at the hands of Crowborough Athletic and it was the same result a week ago at Bexhill United.

Whilst our form since the turn of the year has been excellent, we are now seeing that there is a gap in quality between the top half of the league and the bottom.

With seven of our final eight games coming against those above us in the standing, that has meant a challenging final month as we battle for a first top 10 finish since 2013-14.

The games do not get any easier either. On Monday morning, we travel to the Birchwood Ground to take on Steyning Town.

It will be the third meeting of the campaign between ourselves and the Barrowmen.

The previous two have been packed with incident; we squandered a 2-0 lead on Boxing Day to lost 3-2

in the final minute before eliminating Steyning from the quarter finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup last month on penalties.

Kick off is at 11am and despite the early start, both sides are sure to be riled up with the fixture having developed a little bit of needle in recent years.

We then travel to Lingfield next Saturday before our final game of the campaign on Saturday 22nd April at home to Eastbourne Town.

Following that, our End of Season presentation afternoon takes place on Sunday 7th May here at the Beacon.

All supporters are invited to attend as we toast and celebrate what could yet end up being a very memorable campaign with several chances to add silverware to the Beacon trophy cabinet.

Future fixtures are all listed in today's programme and we hope to see you supporting as many of the teams as possible over the coming weeks.

**Enjoy the game and thank you for your support,**

**Owen & Scott**



Today's Visitors >>>



Crawley Down Gatwick

## Anvils Factfile

**Founded** 1993

**Ground** The Haven

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**Instagram** @crawleydowngatwickfc

**Manager** James Day

**Top Scorer** Sam Clements, 14

## Club Honours

### Southern Combination League

Winners 2011

### SCFL Division One

Runners up 2016

### SCFL Division Two

Runners up 1996

### Peter Bentley League Cup

Runners up 2010

### Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2017

### Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 2012

### Mid Sussex League

Winners 1995

## With three weeks of the Southern Combination League season left to go, the Premier Division title race is still delicately poised with three teams in with a chance

One of those are our visitors this afternoon, Crawley Down Gatwick. The Anvils had a hectic summer with plenty of action of the transfer front, including ourselves swooping in to bring Phil Johnson, Harvey Blake and Will Broomfield back from the Haven.

Manager James Day made light of any departures, putting together a squad that gelled quickly and have subsequently spent virtually the entire campaign in the top three.

The Anvils led the league through much of the autumn and into the winter before being overtaken at the turn of the year by both Broadbridge Heath and Newhaven.

They are now the outsiders to lift the championship, but in a title race which has been one of the most thrilling for many years so far, do not discount the possibility of further twists and turns over the final few matches.

Down arrive here today seven points behind leaders Heath and three off the Dockers in second but with a game in hand.

After facing ourselves, Down also have a tough looking trip to Steyning Town a week today.

You write them off at your peril, however - many have already this season and yet they are still in the promotion mix.

What they will bring to the Beacon this afternoon is goals. Matches between Robins and Anvils have a well-earned reputation of being amongst the most entertaining on the Southern Combination League circuit.

90 goals have been plundered in 25 previous meetings, including 35 in the last 12. Amongst the more ridiculous scorelines are 6-4 and 5-3 victories for Hassocks.

If Down were to return to the Isthmian League for next season after nearly a decade, then we would certainly miss them and the fun they bring.

But for the season they have had against the odds, they deserve to be in with a shot of promotion.



## 10 Key Anvils Moments

**1993...** Crawley Down United and two other local sides merge to form Crawley Down Village

**1995...** win promotion to the Southern Combination League after lifting the Mid Sussex League title

**1996...** runners up in Division Two at the first attempt taking the Anvils into senior football for the first time

**1999...** they drop 'Village' from their name & finish 3rd in Division 1 but can't go up due to ground grading

**2007...** permission is finally granted to develop The Haven with floodlights, hard standing and seats

**2009...** reach the fourth round of the FA Vase and finish 3rd to win promotion to the Premier Division

**2011...** it's a double as the RUR Cup and Southern Combination title are lifted and promotion secured

**2014...** after a three season stay in the Isthmian League, Down are relegated

**2016...** back-to-back relegations see them slip back into Division One for one season before promotion

**2017...** reached the RUR Cup final where they lost to Newhaven

## Last 20 Seasons

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 11th

2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 9th

2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 12th

2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 11th

2015-16: Southern Combination One 2nd

2014-15: Southern Combination Premier 19th

2013-14: Isthmian South 23rd

2012-13: Isthmian South 13th

2011-12: Isthmian South 16th

2010-11: Southern Combination Premier 1st

2009-10: Southern Combination Premier 8th

2008-09: Southern Combination One 3rd

2007-08: Southern Combination One 6th

2006-07: Southern Combination One 16th

2005-06: Southern Combination One 5th

2004-05: Southern Combination One 10th

2003-04: Southern Combination One 11th

2002-03: Southern Combination One 15th

2001-02: Southern Combination One 11th

2000-01: Southern Combination One 16th

## The Robins' Record v Crawley Down Gatwick

**SCFL Premier** > Played 16 - Won 6 - Drawn 3 - Lost 7 - Scored 30 - Conceded 30

**Sussex Senior Cup** > Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 2

**RUR Charity Cup** > Played 5 - Won 4 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 9 - Conceded 4

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

**SCFL Supplementary Shield** > Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 6 - Conceded 4

**Total** > Played 25 - Won 12 - Drawn 4 - Lost 9 - Scored 48 - Conceded 42

## Previous 10 Meetings

2022-23 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 1-0 Hassocks

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-0 Crawley Down

2021-22 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 1-3 Hassocks

2021-22 RUR Cup: Hassocks 2-0 Crawley Down

2021-22 Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 0-2 Crawley Down

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Crawley Down 2-4 Hassocks

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Crawley Down 2-2 Hassocks

2019-20 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 3-2 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 2-5 Hassocks

2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Crawley Down

## Played for Both

**Games between ourselves and Crawley Down Gatwick have enjoyed extra spice in recent seasons because of the number of players who have switched between the clubs.**

Returning to the Beacon in the summer after stints with Down were **Phil Johnson, Harvey Blake** and **Will Broomfield**, although Jonno and Broomers are unlikely to feature today on account of one being injured and the other having run the Brighton Marathon last week.

Down on the other hand could name up to four former Robins in their squad for this afternoon.

Goalkeeper **Dave Carruthers**

spent the 2020-21 season with us after joining from Loxwood, playing seven times in the Covid-19 hit campaign.

In defence, right back **Louis Pittock** made nine appearances over the same period. Pittock signed from Newhaven and went onto play for Shoreham before ending up with Down in the current season.

Centre back **Mark Zydonik** signed for Hassocks in the summer and played six times at the start of the campaign, scoring once before returning to Broadbridge Heath.

His second spell with the Bears was short lived and now he finds himself an Anvil.

Midfielder **Harvey Enticknap** made 73 appearance for Hassocks after joining in 2018, registering four goals. He signed for Down in 2021.

Other players to have represented both clubs in recent times include **Charlie Pitcher**, who was our top scorer in 2020-21 and followed that up by winning the Anvils' golden boot last time out. He is now at Littlehampton Town via Burgess Hill.

Hassocks youth team product **Jake Lindsey** had a brief spell at Down last season whilst going back more than a decade, progressive winger **Lee Waterhouse** was a popular figure for Anvils and Robins.



# Robins left raging after refereeing decision extends goal drought

**After the feast comes the famine. Since scoring seven unanswered goals past Roffey on August Bank Holiday Monday, Hassocks have now failed to find the back of the net in 270 minutes of football.**

Their third successive blank was drawn in an unusually low-quality game away at Crawley Down Gatwick, settled in the final 10 minutes in favour of the Anvils when substitute Oli Leslie scrambled home the only goal.

Games between Down and the Robins are normally high-scoring, enthralling affairs.

The two clubs have swapped players frequently over the past few seasons and that has added to the intrigue.

Rather than footballing entertainment taking centre stage, the main talking point on this occasion focussed on a controversial piece of officiating early in the second half which left Hassocks incensed.

Leon Turner slipped in Pat Harding for a one-on-one with home goalkeeper Alex Bellingham, who produced a superb save low down to his right.

Ex-Anvil Phil Johnson latched onto the loose ball, only to be brought down by Bellingham.

No matter thought Hassocks when Jack Troak picked up the pieces, firing into the bottom corner of the empty net.

Then the assistant referee's flag went up for an offside against Troak. The Robins subsequently expected referee Ian Lane to point to the spot for the foul on Johnson, which had occurred prior to the offside.

Incredibly, Mr Lane concluded Bellingham had done nothing illegal when hauling to ground his former teammate and Troak's goal was chalked off.

Nothing worth mentioning occurred prior to that incident. The opening 45 minutes was a scrappy affair with neither side managing to string more than a couple of passes together.

Neither Alex Harris - making his 100th appearance for Hassocks - nor Bellingham had a save of any note to make.

The Robins got on top after the break via their wingers. Turner down the right was the best Hassocks player on the park with another positive performance of the sort that has made him a firm fan favourite already following his summer move from Croydon.

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Troak was his usual busy self on the opposite flank. If anyone was going to break Hassocks' scoring drought, then it looked likely to be either he or Johnson.

Shortly after the penalty offside incident and Johnson linked up beautifully with Lewis Westlake on the edge of the Down box.

The duo managed to work some space for Westlake to reach the by-line and his return pass found Johnson in a really good position. Unfortunately, Johnson's effort could not trouble Bellingham.

Down began to get a foothold in the game following that spell of Hassocks domination.

Home man-of-the-match Michael Belli hit the bar with an outrageous strike from distance.

A couple of crosses then flashed

across Harris' goal with Hassocks lucky that no red shirt was on hand to convert.

It began to feel as the second half wore on that the tie would either finish 0-0 or be decided by a scrambled goal from a set piece.

And so it proved. Hassocks ended up being their own worst enemy when conceding an unnecessary free kick in a wide area with seven minutes remaining.

The ball was delivered to the back post, from where it was nodded back across goal.

Having failed to win the first header, the Robins also passed up the opportunity to clear at the second, third and fourth attempt.

Eventually, Leslie made them pay when smashing home at the back post, just eight minutes after he had replaced Sam Clements.

Hassocks rang the changes after that to try and elicit a response but Down saw out the short time left pretty comfortably, leaving the Robins to reflect on a missed opportunity to claim at least a point.

They could have done it with it ahead of their next two Premier Division fixtures, tough matches against early league leaders Broadbridge Heath and current third place side Horsham YMCA.

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

**Subs:** Broomfield (Tighe 71), J Westlake (Harding 71), Frankland (Blake 86), S Smith (Turner 90), Wilkes (unused).



## Robins overcome injuries with Johnson and Czech downing Down

**The Sussex County League Division One season may only be nine games old, but already this meeting between Hassocks and Crawley Down Gatwick had a must-win feel about it.**

Hassocks came into the game with just one win to their name, leaving them fourth bottom at the start of play.

Down have endured an even more miserable start. Relegation from the Isthmian League at the end of last season meant a total rebuild of the playing staff over the summer.

Their new-look young squad has taken time to gel and they arrived at the Beacon as one of the three teams below Hassocks in the standings.

And that is where they remain for now. First half goals from Aaron Czech and Phil Johnson helped the Robins to a 2-1 success, giving Dave John hope that his charges have turned a corner.

It has been a case of one step forward, two steps back so far. The ship appeared to be steadying last weekend, when Hassocks eliminated Broadbridge Heath from the FA Vase for their first victory since several key players departed in late August and through September.

The Robins though followed that up with a disappointing Sussex Senior Cup exit at Division Two Bexhill United in midweek.

Hassocks will have happily traded a place in the second round of a competition they are never going to win for three precious league points, however.

The challenge now is to kick on and start climbing the table to ensure that the Robins stay clear of the relegation battle.

If that is to happen, John will know that his charges need to play better than they did here with this being more of a battling point than one earned by quality.

For large parts of the second half

in particular, the Hassocks defence had to soak up a remarkable amount of pressure.

The Robins rode their luck at times, although they were not helped by a succession of injuries which left them with little choice but to play on the counter.

Mercurial midfielder Mark Price lasted only 20 minutes of his first league start of the campaign.

Youth team defender Bradley Tighe came on for his debut with Alex Gathern reverting to centre back and Nick Pitcher pushing forward.

More problems were to follow when Nathan Miles limped off just before half time.

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With the reserves in Sussex Intermediate Cup action at Peche Hill Select, Hassocks were only able to name three subs - Tighe, Ellis Common and Phil Wickwar as backup goalkeeper. That meant right back Common taking over from Miles up front.

Common is one of the fastest players at Hassocks. Pairing him with the equally speedy Johnson is what led to the Robins sitting increasingly deep and trying to utilise the pace of their makeshift front two on the break.

Both Price and Miles were still on the pitch when Czech opened the scoring with 10 minutes on the clock.

A really nice passing move swept the ball from front to back and out towards Johnson drifting wide.

He fed Miles to switch left to Czech, cutting inside and letting loose a superb effort that left Down

goalkeeper Seb Boss clutching at thin air as it flew into the top corner.

Tighe underlined why he is so highly thought of by setting up the second Hassocks goal for Johnson just 10 minutes after coming on.

The teenager grabbed the ball and launched a quickly taken long throw over the top of a Down defence caught napping.

Johnson accelerated clear and finished past Boss at his near post to double the advantage.

Understandably, there was a fair amount of injury time to be played at the end of the first half and it was in the second additional minute when Down pulled one back.

Hassocks conceded a cheap penalty and although Sam Brock kept out the initial spot kick, Sam Cane was not to be denied and reacted quickest to fire home the rebound.

Scoring so close to the interval gave Down a very obvious boost in the second half.

The Robins meanwhile knew they could afford no further injuries and so their gameplan became all about defending the lead whilst trying to nick a third.

Johnson and Common did not see much of the ball as it became pretty much one-way traffic but for all their possession, Down were unable to find a way past a resilient Hassocks defence consisting of Tighe, Gathern, George Brown and Ashley Marsh.

Take away the elder statesman Marsh and the average age of the backline which finished the game was just 20. A good three points, all things considered.

**Hassocks:** Brock; Gathern, Marsh, Pitcher, G Brown; Stokes, Bant, Price, Czech; Johnson, Miles.

**Subs:** Tighe (Price 20), Common (Miles 40), P Wickwar (unused).





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# Century scoring Johnson wins March Player of the Month

**That Man Phil Johnson enjoyed himself in March. Four goals in five appearances took him onto 100 in Hassocks colours and earned him a second Player of the Month award in succession.**

Johnson won the accolade in February for his free scoring form and it showed no sign of abating in the penultimate month of the campaign before an untimely injury struck.

He notched the important second goal in March's opening fixture, a 2-0 win over struggling Loxwood when converting a Harvey Blake cross helped on by Alfie Loversidge and James Westlake.

A week later and Johnson claimed a brace in a convincing 3-0 win at AFC Varndeanians, moving onto 99 goals in the process.

The first was a clinical one-on-one rifled into the top corner after being played through by Leon Turner. The second was a penalty earned by the impressive Turner which Johnson duly converted with aplomb.

Johnson did not have to wait long to hit his century. Three days later and Hassocks went to Eastbourne United, where he struck after just 11 minutes.

Playing with the wind in their

favour, the Robins hit a long ball over the top which caught out the home defence.

Johnson showed great pace and tenacity to power his way through United centre backs Sam Cole and George Olulode before firing low and hard past former Hassocks goalkeeper James Broadbent.

The goal was wildly celebrated and made Johnson just the sixth man to score 100 for the Robins in senior football after Phil Gault, James Laing, Pat Harding, Anthony Hibbert and Robbie Kitchen.

Johnson was not the only player making history for Hassocks in March. Second place in Player of the Month went to goalkeeper James Shaw, who set a club record by keeping five consecutive clean sheets.

The run started against Peacehaven & Telscombe in February with further shutouts following last month against Saltdean United and Horsham YMCA.

In March, Shaw extended the mean streak to more than 270 minutes against Loxwood and then Horsham YMCA.

Agonisingly, he was just four minutes away from a sixth clean sheet in a row when Eastbourne

United plundered their late equaliser as the Robins had to settle for a point from a 1-1 draw at the Oval.

Shaw added another shutout to his collection a week later in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup third round against Steyning Town, which finished 0-0 after 90 minutes.

That was his hardest earned since joining Hassocks from Tooting & Mitcham in February, requiring a string of important stops to take the game to penalties.

In the resulting shootout, Shaw scored the Robins' fifth penalty and then saved Steyning's ninth from Charlie Robinson to send Hassocks into the quarter finals of the competition.

Third place for March Player of the Month was Turner, looking very much over the long-term injury which kept him out through most of the autumn.

He picked up two Bedlam Brewery Starman awards for his performances in the win at Varndeanians and the useful 2-2 draw against title chasing Newhaven on Non-League Day 2023.

Turner scored in both those matches, as well as claiming two assists for Johnson's brace in the Varndeanians victory.





## Available from the Robins Bar

Please drink responsibly and try to avoid falling into the stream on your way home. We are still saving up to have it piped and tarmacked over.





# Under 18s in a second big semi of the season

**For the second time this season, Hassocks Under 18s have a big semi final to look forward to after advancing to the last four of the Southern Combination League Under 18 Cup.**

The Robins will travel to Newhaven on Thursday night to take on a Dockers side they have struck up quite the rivalry with following an enthralling clash in the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup earlier in the season.

Hassocks hosted Newhaven in the quarter finals of that competition, eventually coming out on top in a ding-dong 3-2 victory through goals from George Gladding and an Oliver Goswamy brace.

That left the Robins as the last Southern Combination League side standing in the County Cup, where they bowed out to eventual winners Whitehawk 3-0.

The Dockers will therefore be out for revenge and that should make for quite the 90 minutes at the Trafalgar Ground and a stern test for a very young Hassocks side.

They are all local boys from Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill with several only 15-years-old.

Undoubtedly, the Robins have saved their best performances for knockout competitions, doing the club and themselves proud in their first season together as team.

Hassocks' run to the semi finals of the League Cup has not been easy. In the quarters, they had to withstand a lot of pressure away at Seaford Town, defending valiantly and picking their moments to play brilliantly on the counter attack in the second half.

A Will Varley header from a Oliver Parker-Williams cross gave the Robins a 1-0 lead going into half time.

Seaford threw everything they had at Hassocks after the break, the Badgers dominating possession and creating a number of good chances.

The Robins though weathered the storm, followed by Sam Fernley teeing up Varley for a magnificent volley to double the lead on 65 minutes. Varley then repaid the favour, sending Fernley clear to finish a one-on-one with aplomb for a 3-0 victory.

Hassocks had arguably faced tougher opposition in the round of 16 away to Eastbourne United, who had only lost one league game all season

and were vying for top spot in the East Division.

It was yet another tight affair and with the game 0-0 at half time, it could have gone either way.

But with United having a defender sent off just before the break for a second bookable offence, Hassocks dominated the second half and thoroughly deserved their 3 -0 victory.

Parker-Williams produced two clinical finishes and a superb Ewan Edwards header from a sumptuous Jack Duckett free kick secured the win. The whole team were excellent, but in particular 15-year-olds Ben Foster and Toby Munt. Unfortunately, Munt is currently ruled out for four weeks with an ankle injury.

In the second round, Hassocks overcame Selsey away from home via a 4-2 penalty shootout success.

The 90 minutes had finished level at 2-2 at the Seal Bay Resort Stadium, the Robins goals coming from Varley and Gladding.

Kick off on Thursday is at 8pm at the Trafalgar Ground. The players and management would be delighted if you could make the trip and give them your full support.

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**As the curtain comes down on the 2021-22 season, we are now asking fans to vote for their Supporters' Player of the Season.**

It has been a memorable first campaign under James Westlake with the Robins in contention for a top six finish and with a Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup quarter final still to come.

To cast your selection, simply tear off the voting slip below, write your top three and hand it to Owen behind the bar. Owen might even have a pen you can borrow. Thank you for voting and for your fantastic support this year.

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# Feisty affair goes way of Crows as battle for the top six takes another turn

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 28th March 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks 1-2 Crowborough Athletic**

**At the end of a feisty, full blooded 90 minutes of football it was visitors Crowborough Athletic who walked away from Hassocks with three precious points in the fight for a Southern Combination League top six finish.**

The Crows ran out 2-1 winners to move up to fourth in the Premier Division whilst Hassocks dropped to ninth as the season prepares to enter its final month.

And it looks as though the Robins will have to navigate their last five league matches and the remainder of their Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup campaign without the services of top scorer Phil Johnson.

The tackle which forced Johnson off at half time against Newhaven on Saturday was bad enough to necessitate a trip to A&E.

X-rays did not detect any serious damage, even though Johnson described the pain he is still in to the same leg he fractured in 2019 as being worse than when that break occurred.

Rest is for the time being the only remedy, leaving a frustrated Johnson to spectate from the sidelines whilst marooned on 199 career games for Hassocks. He deserves better.

Not that Johnson's teammates missed him too much in the opening five minutes. That was how long it took Hassocks to take the lead via a well worked goal from Josh Bradley.

A ball dropped invitingly for Mike Williamson 30 yards out. The temptation must have been there to have a crack on the volley, yet Williamson resisted it and instead played a perfect first-time pass right to Bradley.

There suddenly appeared a gap between Jack Mayhew and visiting captain Tom Boddy which Bradley was able to expertly drill a shot through from the edge of the box, picking out the bottom corner.

Two more good opportunities

came the Robins' way in the next five minutes, both again involving Bradley.

Pat Harding did really well to turn on a sixpence and cross from the by-line. Bradley collected on his chest and managed to get around Will Puffette. Crows goalkeeper Martin Grant was off his line quick enough to force Bradley into lifting his effort just a little too high over the bar.

Bradley then found Liam Benson, whose mazy run took him around four Crowborough defenders before a superb last ditch tackle from Puffette prevented a shot on goal.

Challenges began flying in after that, including an early booking for Bradley who slid away the legs of Rory Salter after an offside flag had halted a Crows attack.

It was from a marvellous 50-50 win by tall striker Jamie Wilkes that the next chance arrived for Hassocks on the 27 minute mark.

The rangy Wilkes and Ollie Hyland were both fully committed to reaching a loose ball. Wilkes came out on top but his intervention would not quite fall right for Harding, giving Puffette the chance to make another vital block.

Crowborough levelled the game six minutes later. Harvey Blake attempted to cut out a cross-field Crows pass by getting it under control, only to have possession pinched from him by Jacob Lambert who advanced to fire low and hard past James Shaw.

The visitors had barely threatened up until that point but the goal gave them renewed confidence and they ended the first half the better team.

An early offside flag left the Crowborough supporters gathered in the Maurice Boxall Stand incensed when Harry Forster went through and beat Shaw on the stroke of half time.

Having done his best to let the game flow despite its physicality in the opening 45 minutes, Mr Head reverted to a completely opposite



approach after the break with fouls and free kicks galore awarded.

In a way, this suited Hassocks as Jack Troak was having one of those days where every delivery he produced was dangerous.

The Robins though were unable to take advantage. The tone for that was set nine minutes after the restart, when three red shirts somehow contrived to defy all the known laws of geometry by diverting a Troak corner miles wide despite being stood a yard from goal.

Next, a Troak free kick was met with a good Alex Bygraves header striking the post. Benson could not quite force the rebound in from a tight angle.

Ironically, it was with a set piece of their own that Crowborough scored what proved to be the winner with 17 minutes left to play.

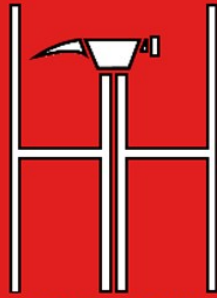
Lambert sent a straight free kick into the box from 35 yards out and the head of Harvey Killick beat the attempted punch of the advancing Shaw to head home.

There were plenty of set piece based opportunities for Hassocks to equalise after that. Benson headed a Troak free kick against the bar followed by a Troak corner leading to an almighty scramble in which Blake and Bygraves had efforts blocked.

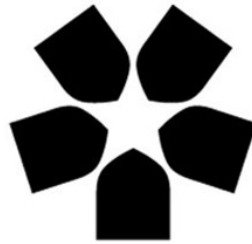
With the final free kick of the game, Troak went for goal himself. Just for a second, it looked like Grant might be caught out but the Crows goalkeeper did well to adjust his position and palm away from under the bar.

**Hassocks:** Shaw; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Troak; J Bradley, Williamson, Wilkes, L Turner; Harding, Benson.

**Subs:** Loversidge (Harding 77), J Westlake (Wilkes 77), S Smith, Bull, Brewer (unused).



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# Injury time Summerbell goal sees Hassocks sunk by Pirates

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 1st April 2023, The Beacon  
Bexhill United 2-1 Hassocks**

**Facing seven of the Southern Combination League Premier Division's top 10 in their final eight games of the season was always likely to make the run-in difficult for Hassocks.**

Quite how difficult was laid bare as the Robins went down 2-1 in the last minute at Bexhill United, suffering back-to-back defeats for the first time since December.

The Polegrove is never an easy place to go. The Pirates sailed through the previous campaign unbeaten at home and although they have lost five times this season on their own turf, all those defeats have been against sides above them in the table.

Hassocks were unable to trouble that statistics, making the trip to the east of the county two points and one place worse off in the standings.

With that gap extended to five points and Bexhill now up to seventh, the Robins' hopes of a top six finish are starting to diminish.

Still, to even be in with a shot of such a lofty position represents an excellent first season at the helm for James Westlake.

Taking points from Hassocks is now seen as a big thing. This was evidenced by the scenes of celebration amongst the players and fans of the Pirates come full time, and by the way in which Bexhill manager Ryan Light spoke about the Robins afterwards.

"It wasn't pretty, we knew it would be a scrap and we knew would have to play the long game as teams like Hassocks are not ones you can put to bed lightly," said Light.

The Robins were without injured top scorer Phil Johnson and winger Josh Bradley, two of their leading attacking lights since the turn of the year.

Johnson had missed the 2-1 midweek defeat at home to Crowborough Athletic in which Bradley had scored.

Alfie Loversidge taking over on the right flank from Bradley was the only change Westlake opted to make from the Crows game.

Hassocks were to be dealt a further blow to their forward repertoire when Leon Turner limped off injured eight minutes before half time.

His place was taken by Joe Bull, who struck the opening goal early in the second half with a quality effort from distance.

Oliver Hull was not convincing with his attempted clearing header from a Jack Troak delivery and that gave Alex Bygraves the opportunity to nod back to the edge of the area, where Raging Bull was lurking.

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The ball set up for him to drive a crisp left footed volley back through the crowded box and beyond unsuspected Bexhill goalkeeper Alex Zamani.

It was a difficult finish, as evidenced by the fact Bull hit the deck as it whistled home having stretched to connect. He celebrated whilst lying on his back, like an upside down tortoise.

That was the first moment of class following an opening 45 minutes lacking in much to write home about.

Neither James Shaw nor Zamani were particularly worked with Hassocks looking most dangerous down the right flank.

Loversidge embarked on a couple



of probing runs and he was ably supported on the overlap by Harvey Blake, the Robins' best player on the day.

As well as complimenting Hassocks, Light praised his own side's patience. "At 1-0 down, I was so impressed with our strength of character to not panic and stick to the game plan, and we got the rewards for that."

Yet for all the Pirates' patience, the two goals which turned the game around came via some poor defending from Hassocks, as was the case with both Crowborough goals four days earlier.

The equaliser arrived on 63 minutes. Zamani hit a long free kick 70 yards down the pitch to the edge of the Robins box.

All of Bradley Tighe, Jamie Wilkes and Mike Williamson converged to try and deal with it, resulting in the latter producing an unfortunate flicked header back towards his own goal.

That put Evan Archibald in and the veteran striker gleefully accepted the opportunity, coolly lobbing the ball as it bounced over the advancing Shaw.

In keeping with much of the preceding 90 minutes, the winning Bexhill goal in injury time was low on quality.

A scuffed corner barely had the required power to make it to the six yard box. Archibald reacted before anyone in red, darting to the neat post and scooping the ball over his own shoulder and into the box where Joe Summerbell darted in to head home from four yards.

**Hassocks:** Shaw; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Troak; Loversidge, Williamson, Wilkes, L Turner; Harding, Benson.

**Subs:** Bull (L Turner 38), Frankland (Loversidge 83).

# 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	175	Troak, Johnson ( <i>Won 6-5 pens</i> )
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	4-0	110	Benson (2), Johnson, Wilkes
<b>March</b>					
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	0-0	80	( <i>Won 9-8 pens</i> )
25/03 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	2-2	310	L.Turner, Benson
28/03 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP	1-2	132	J.Bradley
<b>April</b>					
01/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-2	144	Bull
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	40	1	41	7	117	30
Harvey Blake	39	1	40	1	106	4
Alex Bygraves	39	0	39	4	39	4
Joe Bull	25	12	37	2	131	9
Liam Benson	30	7	37	16	171	47
Phil Johnson	29	7	36	24	199	100
Mike Williamson	33	2	35	0	35	0
Jamie Wilkes	21	13	34	4	38	4
Pat Harding	17	15	32	2	233	139
Leon Turner	27	4	31	4	31	4
Bradley Tighe	25	6	31	0	169	0
James Westlake	18	6	24	0	252	31
Alex Harris	23	0	23	0	113	0
Sam Smith	12	10	22	1	36	3
Sam Rogers	7	9	16	0	16	0
Alfie Loversidge	8	7	15	0	76	11
James Shaw	12	0	12	0	12	0
Sam Cash	9	3	12	0	15	1
Tom Frankland	6	6	12	0	12	0
Lewis Westlake	10	0	10	0	112	12
Danny Reid	3	7	10	1	10	1
Josh Bradley	5	2	7	2	7	2
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
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	0	23	0
Tom Tennant	1	1	2	0	2	0
Arthur Rawlingson	0	2	2	0	42	1
Fraser Trigwell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sam Fernley	0	1	1	0	1	0



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# Robins closing in on North Division title after easily cutting down Oakmen

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Wednesday 5th April 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks U23s 4-1 Oakwood U23s**



**Three points from the final three games of the season will secure a first ever Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division title for Hassocks.**

The Robins moved a step closer to being crowned champions with a convincing 4-1 victory over bottom side Oakwood at the Beacon, opening up a 14 point lead at the top of the table.

Only two teams can now mathematically catch Hassocks. Roffey have five left to play, so they would need to win all their remaining matches and hope the Robins lose their final three.

Broadbridge Heath are 18 points behind with six games to complete. Again, they require a 100 percent record from this point in, Hassocks not to claim another point and would need to overturn a goal difference on 17.

All of which means the Robins could claim the title next week at home to Loxwood, a game which has been moved from Thursday night to Wednesday to avoid a clash with the Under 18s League Cup semi final away at Newhaven.

Kick off is at 7:45pm at the Beacon. The more support for the

Robins, the better as they aim to write a little bit of history with the club's maiden title at Under 23s level.

Oakwood arrived in Mid Sussex for the first meeting of the campaign between the sides bottom of the table having lost 14 out of 14 games.

The Robins were loathe to take them lightly, however. Neil Parker's side had not played for three weeks and their last outing was not exactly smooth sailing.

Hassocks trailed Lingfield 3-1 with the clock on 90 minutes before producing a remarkable late rally to walk away with a point from a 3-3 draw.

Such character is the stuff of champions - but if the Robins want the silverware to back that tag up, then they knew three points from Oakwood was a must.

The congested end to the season for all clubs meant Hassocks were unable to call upon any youth team players as the Under 18s were in action 24 hours later against Saltdean United.

That left Parker without the services of defender Ed Tobias, one of three changes from the point at Godstone Road.

JJ Minty was absent and Marshall Smith dropped to the bench. Coming in were George Mercer, Jude Wallis

and Luke Marshall, making just his second start of the campaign back from university for the Easter break.

Marshall certainly made the most of opportunity, getting on the scoresheet with a typically towering header from a set piece opportunity.

He was joined by another promising youngster in Phil Gault, who scored his fifth of the season from only five appearances to move level with Sam Geard and Charlie Broad in the race for the Robins golden boot.

Tom Frankland and substitute Jay Hudson completed the rout, with Hassocks even having the kind manners to provide Oakwood with their consolation via a Jack Thomas own goal.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell, Marshall, J Smith, W Tighe, Frankland, Mercer, Rogers, Geard, Hicks, Gault, Wallis.

**Subs:** M Smith, Hudson, Dersley.

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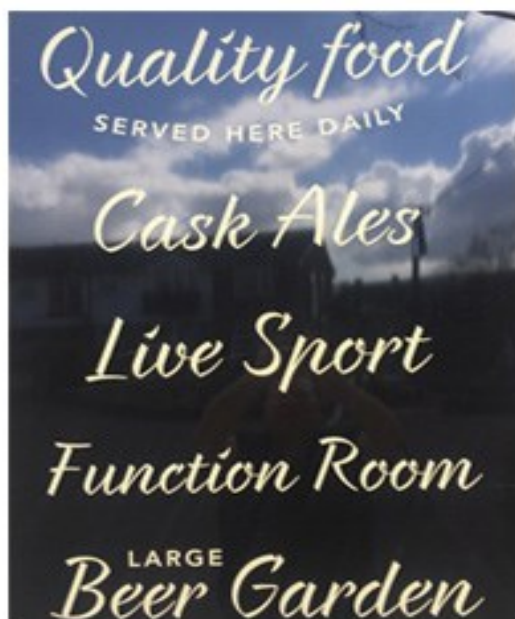
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# Under 23s Matches 2022-23

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	3-1	Gault, Geard, Mercer
16/03 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23	3-3	Frankland, Geard, Tobias
<b>April</b>				
05/04 - 19:45	Oakwood (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Gault, Frankland, Marshall, Hudson
12/04 - 19:45	Loxwood (H)	SCFL23		
19/04 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		
27/04 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		

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# Under 23s Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Rogers	18	0	18	1
Jack Smith	13	5	18	0
Wes Tighe	12	6	18	2
Ben Hicks	13	4	17	0
Marshall Smith	6	10	16	2
George Mercer	9	5	14	4
Sam Geard	13	0	13	5
Charlie Broad	8	3	11	5
Jude Wallis	7	3	10	3
Will Broomfield	9	0	9	2
Arthur Rawlingson	8	1	9	2
Callum Thompson	7	2	9	0
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
Phil Gault	5	0	5	5
JJ Minty	5	0	5	2
Dan Turner	5	0	5	1
Tom Frankland	4	1	5	3
Reece Clarke	1	4	5	0
Will Varley	1	4	5	0
Fraser Trigwell	4	0	4	0
Sam Arscott	3	1	4	0
Kobe Dersley	3	1	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	1	4	0
Alex Wintle	1	2	3	2
Jack Baden	2	0	2	0
Luke Marshall	2	0	2	1
Charlie Tuck	2	0	2	1
Lewis Westlake	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	1
Ed Tobias	1	1	2	1
Sam Dean	0	2	2	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	0	2	2	0
Liam Benson	1	0	1	0
Josh Bradley	1	0	1	0
Sam Cash	1	0	1	0
George Gladding	1	0	1	0
Archie Hill	1	0	1	0
Joe Southam	1	0	1	0
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Harry Carter	0	1	1	0
Oliver Steel	0	1	1	0
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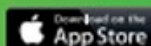
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# Young Robins beat Badgers to set up second semi final of the season

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Cup Quarter Final  
Sunday 2nd April 2023, The Crouch  
Seaford Town U18s 0-3 Hassocks U18s**



**Having reached the last four of the Sussex Bluefin Dennis Probee Youth Cup earlier in the season, Hassocks Under 18s secured another semi final spot in the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup with a 3-0 victory away at Seaford Town.**

The young Robins will now face a strong Newhaven side away from home on Thursday 13th April, kick off 8pm at the Trafalgar Ground.

Seaford had knocked out Central Division leaders and one of the favourites for the League Cup Burgess Hill Town in the previous round, so Hassocks knew they were in for a test at the Crouch.

However, a combination of resolute defending and clinical finishing proved to be the difference on the day.

The Robins took the lead after 25 minutes following great work by Oliver Parker-Williams to cross into the box, where Will Varley headed home.

With Jack Duckett pulling the strings in midfield, Hassocks created several more chances after that in what remained of the first half but were not able to convert any as they went into the break with a slender advantage.

The Badgers came out strongly in the second half and dominated possession.

It needed the Robins defence led by Sam Dean, George Gladding and Ed Tobias to hold firm, as they have done on several occasions this season.

Jack Thomas in goal has had a fine campaign between the sticks, including playing seven times for the Under 23s.

He underlined his potential with a fantastic save from a header on the hour as Seaford sought an equaliser. Hassocks were beginning to find out this game was far from won.

Despite seeing little of the ball, the Robins remained a threat on the counter, with 15-year-old Oliver Goswamy on the left causing constant problems for Seaford.

It was no surprise that when Hassocks doubled their advantage, it came from playing on the break.

There were 65 minutes on the clock when Sam Fernley found Varley, who unleashed a magnificent right footed volley to put the Robins 2-0 up. Some goal to score when under the cosh in a cup quarter final.

That seemed to suitably calm the

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nerves and Hassocks began to enjoy themselves - except for those struck down with cramp, of whom there were several after three weeks without any competitive football.

Not wanting to take any risks, the Robins introduced Ewan Edwards, Ben Foster and top scorer Alex Brewer.

Brewer has been held back in recent weeks on his return from injury, although he was named in the first team squad for the first time when an unused sub against Crowborough Athletic on Tuesday night.

Alex Wintle and Harry Goatcher showed no signs of cramp or fatigue, continuing to have a private race to see who could cover every blade of grass on the pitch first.

Despite the two goal deficit, Seaford to their credit never gave up. There was not much they could do

when Hassocks added the killer third in the final 10 minutes.

Varley outmuscled his opposite number on the half way line and repaid the earlier compliment of being teed up by Fernley with a clipped through ball.

The marauding Fernley went clear and beat the home goalkeeper one-on-one, despite the cries of the unmarked Brewer waiting for the square pass and a tap in.

It was game over another onto arch rivals Newhaven, who Hassocks overcame 3-2 in a very tight County Cup quarter final earlier in the season.

The Dockers will be after revenge and that should make for a superb evening of football and another good test for this Robins side, who have really thrived and done the club proud in knockout competitions this year.

With a number of 15-year-olds, they are amongst the youngest sides in the Southern Combination League but are having a fantastic first campaign together.

All are local boys from Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill and many have longstanding links with the Robins.

They would be delighted if you could make the trip to Newhaven next Thursday to give them your full support.

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

**Subs:** Brewer, Foster, Edwards (used).

# 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	1-3	Brewer
12/03 - 11:00	Eastbourne United (A)	U18LC3	3-0	Parker-Williams (2), Edwards
<b>April</b>				
02/04 - 11:00	Seaford Town (A)	U18LCQF	3-0	Varley (2), Fernley
06/04 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18	6-0	Brewer, Parker-Williams, Varley, Goswamy, Tobias, Edwards
09/04 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18		
13/04 - 20:00	Newhaven (A)	U18LC3F		
16/04 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18		
19/04 - 19:30	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18		
23/04 - 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	21	0	21	1
Jack Thomas	21	0	21	0
Ed Tobias	21	0	21	3
George Gladding	20	0	20	4
Alex Wintle	19	0	19	2
Sam Dean	16	3	19	0
Ben Foster	8	11	19	1
Alex Brewer	16	2	18	18
Toby Munt	15	0	15	2
Harry Goatcher	14	1	15	0
Oliver Goswamy	13	2	15	5
Will Varley	13	1	14	12
Oliver Parker-Williams	8	5	13	4
Ryan Goss	1	12	13	2
Ewan Edwards	0	9	9	2
Jack Duckett	7	0	7	2
Harry Carter	6	0	6	0
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	1	2	0
Will Matthews	0	1	1	0
Eden Thompson	0	1	1	0



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# Debutant Spooner earns depleted Robins valuable point against Saltdean

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division  
Sunday 2nd April 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks Ladies 1-1 Saltdean United Women

**Despite being without several first choice players, Hassocks Ladies managed a very credible 1-1 draw with a talented Saltdean United Development side at the Beacon.**

Those who were available performed superbly, along with two debutants, to help the Robins to a deserved share of the points against opponents who had beaten them 4-1 in the League Cup quarter finals in the previous meeting.

Saltdean started brightly and as early as the second minute, Hassocks skipper Claire Stevens had to be alert to affect a clearance.

The visitors then shot wide from a free kick and had another effort saved by the Robins' stand-in goalkeeper Ellie Moquet.

Hassocks responded and a great cross from one of the new players, Emily Spooner, found the head of Mia Pordage.

The Saltdean keeper made a brilliant save, but Pordage would have been denied anyway as the offside flag was up.

It quickly became clear that the Tigers number one was going to act as a sweeper keeper and was soon rushing out of her area to clear as Hassocks looked to break.

Both sides continued to attack as the game ebbed and flowed from one end to the other.

Stevens had to make a block before Moquet made two excellent saves in quick succession midway through the half.

The first saw her produce a brave block and the second was a great reaction stop from the rebound.

Hassocks went back on the attack and a superb pass from Spooner played in Tallie Bright for a shot well saved.

Although the Robins were battling well, Saltdean gradually began to get on top as half time approached.

Hassocks thought they had done enough to weather the storm, only for the Tigers to take the lead in the final minute before the break.

A high looping cross from Farrah Dorey found the top corner, meaning the sides headed off with Saltdean 1-0 ahead.

Robins manager Sean Perkins made a substitution early in the second half, introducing second debutant Alesha Simmons for Jess Gray.

There was also a tactical adjustment with Pordage being dropped back into midfield and Jemma Lindfield moving forward to join the attack.

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**“Considering the depleted side Hassocks had, this was a great performance from the Robins with Saltdean one of the form sides in the Premier Division since the turn of the year.”**

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The changes seemed to galvanise Hassocks, who achieved a much higher possession rate as a result.

Simmons was quickly into the action with some good play which enabled Laura Turner to test the Saltdean goalkeeper with a powerful long range drive.

Turner then had a chance to show her worth defensively when blocking an attempted cross.

Hassocks were rewarded for their dominance after the break with an equaliser on the hour mark.

The goal was remarkably similar to how Saltdean had taken the lead, a cross from Spooner evading the Tigers defence and goalkeeper to find its way into the top corner.

It was the least Hassocks deserved and Spooner was a worthy scorer for what was turning into a very impressive debut.



Spoooner came closest to finding a winner for the Robins in the remaining 30 minutes when going through one-on-one.

The Saltdean goalkeeper made an excellent save at the expense of a corner.

From the resulting set piece, Spooner delivered. Stevens met the corner but could not quite manage to get enough on the header, which went narrowly wide.

Considering the depleted side Hassocks had, this was a great performance from the Robins with Saltdean one of the form teams in the Premier Division since the turn of the year.

Defenders Jo Brown, Emma Flin and Stevens were well supported by wing backs Bright and Katie Read in restricting Saltdean to few chances.

This was true even in the first half, when the Tigers were on top in terms of possession.

Pordage and Turner helped turn things around after the break as they secured more of the ball in central midfield and Lindfield thrived showing her skill and experience further forward.

Spoooner and Simmons look to be excellent additions to the squad having been pitched into a tough debut game.

The Bedlam Brewery Star Player award lastly went to Moquet, who performed heroically with her three excellent first half saves proving vital to securing the point.

**Hassocks:** Moquet, Turner, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Bright, Spooner, Lindfield, Gray, Pordage, Read.

**Subs:** Simmons (used).

# 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 (A)	SCWLP	2-1	McFadden, Chappell
12/03 - 14:00	Shoreham (H)	SCWLP	0-1	
<b>April</b>				
02/04 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP	1-1	Spooner
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCWLP		
16/04 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (DH)	SCWLP		
<b>May</b>				
07/05 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP		
14/05 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCWLP		
28/05 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	SCWLP		
28/05 - 15:00	Bognor Regis Town (DH)	SCWLP		

# Ladies Appearances 2022-23

Player	2022-23 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Emma Flin	14	0	14	0
Jess Craig	13	0	13	9
Sarah Chappell	12	0	12	0
Mia Pordage	12	0	12	5
Claire Stevens	12	0	12	2
Holly Webb	12	0	12	0
Tallie Bright	11	0	11	2
Katherine Chappell	11	0	11	25
Kirsten Mair	11	0	11	8
Jodie Johanson	8	3	11	3
Jo Brown	10	0	10	1
Katie Read	5	5	10	1
Maddie Cannon	7	1	8	2
Shannon McFadden	4	4	8	1
Ellie Moquet	4	2	6	1
Jemma Lindfield	2	0	2	0
Laura Turner	2	0	2	0
Izzy Cloke	0	2	2	1
Jess Gray	1	1	2	0
Chloe John	1	0	1	0
Mel Sanchez	1	0	1	0
Emily Spooner	1	0	1	1
Hannah Harvey	0	1	1	0
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0



# Veterans back in action with professional win at Montpellier Villa

Mid Sussex League Veterans Division One  
Sunday 2nd April 2023, Falmer Sports Complex  
Montpelier Villa Vets 0-3 Hassocks Vets



## Eight months into the Mid Sussex Football League Veterans Division One season and Hassocks played their fixture.

It took the Robins to Falmer Sports Complex to face bottom of the table Montpellier Villa, where a 3-0 victory strengthened the sides hopes of finishing in second place behind Sidley United.

The Blues possess a 100 percent record and therefore seem unlikely to be caught.

If Hassocks can win their four remaining matches - yes, we really are only halfway through the campaign - then they may yet be best of the rest, although intriguingly the Robins are still to play Sidley.

That could be one interesting morning/afternoon/evening of football, if it ever gets arranged.

Hassocks last kicked a ball in anger on Sunday 5th February when winning 2-0 at Rotherfield.

The side that made the hour-long journey to the west of the county that day featured several new faces, with a number of regulars seemingly not fancying the trip.

A much pleasanter jaunt to the University of Sussex enticed some big names back, meaning there were a

frankly ridiculous nine changes from the Rotherfield victory.

Returning to the Hassocks XI were Paul Armstrong, Steve Spies, Mark Darbyshire, Brendan Leahy, Jonathan Bundy, Craig Beckwith, Andy Darby and Anthony Hibbert.

Joel Harding meanwhile made his first start of the campaign, no doubt very relieved to be doing something else with his Sunday other than watching Chelsea lose.

The scorer of both goals at Rotherfield, Adam Waller, was amongst the absentees.

Also dropping out for one reason or another were Steve Curtis, Neil Rumble, Nick Newman, Richard Thompson, John Webster, Che Williams, Richard Thomas and Anthony Humphries.

Waller and Williams missing the match meant that Hassocks lost their only two 100 percent appearance records, quite remarkable when you think that only four matches have been played.

The Robins were greeted by an exemplary 4G surface at Sussex University and suddenly it all made sense as to why Hibbert was out of winter hibernation.

Knowing that he would not get muddy, Hibbert was at his scheming best in midfield as Hassocks

ultimately gave a professional performance to overcome a Villa side who had won one and lost four of their five games prior to facing the Robins.

Forwards Bundy and Dave Juniper were both on the scoresheet, joined by Darby notching his first veterans goal for Hassocks.

The games will (probably) come thick and fast for the Robins now. They are next due to be in action against Lewes on Sunday 16th April, that game taking place on the 4G pitch next to the Dripping Pan at 4pm.

Lewes currently sit second in Division One and possess some big names from Sussex non-league football as you might expect, so it should be a good afternoon of football for all concerned.

**Hassocks:** J Harding, Beckwith, Spies, Leahy, Darbyshire, Darby, Hibbert, Williams, Armstrong, Juniper, Bundy.

**Subs:** None used.



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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>April</b>				
02/04 - 16:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	MSFLV1	3-0	Juniper, Bundy, Darby
16/04 - 16:00	Lewes (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	3	0	3	2
Craig Beckwith	3	0	3	1
Dave Juniper	3	0	3	2
Steve Spies	3	0	3	0
Jonathan Bundy	2	1	3	2
Andy Darby	2	0	2	1
Mark Darbyshire	2	0	2	0
Anthony Hibbert	2	0	2	0
Brendan Leahy	2	0	2	0
Nick Newman	2	0	2	0
Simon Shivnarain	2	0	2	0
Che Williams	2	0	2	0
Gavin Humphrey	1	1	2	0
Richard Thomas	1	1	2	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	0
Joel Harding	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	1
Anthony Humphries	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
Sam Cooper	0	1	1	0
Andy Short	0	1	1	0



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# On This Day...



## Young guns of Hassocks rack up six home wins in a row

**April 8th 2017:** A young Hassocks side made it six wins in a row at the Beacon with a convincing 4-1 victory over Worthing United to ease their lingering relegation worries

**You had to go back to the opening month of the 2012-13 season to find the last time Hassocks managed to string together six home victories in a row.**

The visit of Worthing United provided the opportunity to rack up their first half dozen since then and the Robins duly took it, running out convincing 4-1 winners to surely end any lingering fears of relegation.

The three points moved Hassocks past the magical 40 mark which normally guarantees safety.

Although this appears to be an unusual season in terms of the competitiveness of the teams in the bottom half, the Robins are now 10 points clear of AFC Uckfield Town in the final relegation spot with just four games remaining.

This was the fourth meeting between these two sides this season and no doubt United will be happy to see the back of the Robins having lost all four games, conceding 17 times along the way.

It hasn't been advisable to turn up late to games at the Beacon recently and that pearl of wisdom ran true once again, Hassocks flying out of the traps to score inside the opening 10 minutes for the third consecutive home game.

James Westlake was the scorer with Jack Rowe-Hurst the architect.

The latter's brilliant through ball sending the former through completely untracked from deep and he made no mistake, neatly slotting the one-on-one past Nathan Stroomberg.

The assist for the opener from Rowe-Hurst was impressive enough, but he managed to outdo himself when teeing up Gault to double the advantage with a spectacular reverse pass from which the Robins talisman finished off with a plomb.

In-between those goals both sides had other chances as the game ebbed and flowed.

Stroomberg denied James Westlake with an excellent stop while at the other end, Matt Hards hit an arching effort narrowly wide and James Broadbent demonstrated some good hands to hold onto a powerful Will Robinson header.

Robinson would not be denied for long however and he had his goal on the stroke of half time, some pleasing football through midfield from United eventually finding Callum Kealy out wide with his cross in being tucked away past Broadbent.

Conceding so close to the break can often turn a tie on its head but that that did not happen was largely due to substitute Liam Benson.

The striker had replaced Charlie Pitcher who was injured in a collision with Justin Gregory early on and he added Hassock's final two goals.

The first came just four minutes after the restart. Referee Nick Blogg had a key role in, playing an advantage after an Owen Callaghan foul.

The ball went through several more passing phases before Benson applied the finish for 3-1.

Benson then made it four just before the hour mark with a clinical finish after the ball began bouncing around the box like something from an out of control pinball machine.

Phil Wickwar was keen to highlight the youthful nature of his side afterwards with seven of the 14 players involved being under the age of 21.

"It's a decent result but what was more pleasing was the style with which we played to get it. We can't rest on our laurels though."

"Easter Weekend looks daunting with games against two of the top five in the space of 48 hours, including a local derby with Haywards Heath Town on Monday morning. That is as tough as it comes."

**Hassocks:** Broadbent; Tighe, Badger, Akehurst, Bant; J Westlake, L Westlake, Mills, Rowe-Hurst; Gault, Pitcher.

**Subs:** Death, Benson, Wilkins (used), Marsh, John (unused).

**Starman:** Liam Benson.

# Mid Sussex Times



# Around the League...



The end of March brought with it April showers and that meant a number of fixtures across the Southern Combination League falling foul of the weather last weekend. Here is our round up of the action that did take place whilst we were defeated at Bexhill United

**Five Premier Division games went ahead with Newhaven moving to within a point of leaders Broadbridge Heath, who were one of the postponements.**

The Dockers were 3-1 winners at **Horsham YMCA** thanks to two second half goals from the bench.

Tarun Rohilla put Newhaven 1-0 ahead with 16 minutes played. YM equalised through Luke Roberts on 24 minutes as the sides went into half time level.

Harry Reed made it 2-1 within 60 seconds of his 55th minute introduction and the three points were wrapped up right at the death by Harry Reed.

A Fletcher Holman hat-trick strengthened **Eastbourne Town's** hopes of a top four finish as they hammered **AFC Varndeanians** 5-0 at the Saffrons.

Alfie Peacock and James Waters were the other scorers as Vs suffered a sixth successive defeat in what is turning into a disappointing end to the campaign for them.

**Crowborough Athletic** were on the end of a surprise of 2-1 defeat at home to **Loxwood**, who took a step closer towards survival with three points from the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Harry Forster had given the Crows a 17th minute lead but they were ahead for just four minutes before Kaiden Hummertson

equalised.

It then fell to former Robin Jake Lindsey to hit the winner for Loxwood.

The Magpies finished the game with 10 men following a red card for Alex Plummer.

Jack Barnes scored a last minute equaliser for **Steyning Town** as they rescued a point from a 1-1 draw against **Little Common** at the Birchwood Ground.

Lewis Hole gave Common the lead but their task in holding on was made that much harder when Paul Feakins was given a straight red card.

Three games went ahead in Division One, the biggest of which saw **Shoreham** claim a very big three points from promotion rivals **Godalming Town** via a 2-1 victory.

Harry Heath gave the Musselmen an early lead cancelled out by James Mariner in a frantic opening 25 minutes.

Shoreham found a winner with 12 minutes remaining through Lee Garnham, leaving them five points clear at the top with nearest rivals **Dorking Wanderers B** having only two games left to play.

Wanderers required a 87th minute winner from Tommy Williams to overcome **Hailsham Town** at Meadowbank Stadium.

At the opposite end of the game,

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Jack Saunders had given the hosts a 1-0 lead inside of five minutes.

Will Ridgway levelled for Hailsham, who looked like they were going to make the long journey home with something to show for their efforts until the late drama.

At Culver Road, **Selsey** easily rolled over struggling **Montpelier Villa** with a 4-0 win which leaves their hosts deep in relegation trouble.

Shane Brazil scored twice for the Blues, joined on the scoresheet by Kai Thompson and Tom Blamire.

There were two matches in Division Two. **Worthing Town** came from 1-0 behind at half time to win 2-1 away at **Ferring**.

Matthew Searle's strike five minutes before the interval gave the hosts the lead. The game was turned around by Adam Banfield's 57th minute effort, followed by a 77th minute from Tom Donnelly.

**Southwater** ran out 3-0 winners away at **Brighton Electricity**. All the goals came in the second half, from Oli Moore, Luke Brodie and Clarke Byrne.

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### Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	34	24	6	4	84	29	78
Newhaven	34	23	5	6	112	25	74
<b>Crawley Down</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>71</b>
Eastbourne Town	34	19	8	7	56	23	65
Steyning Town	34	19	6	9	73	42	63
Crowborough Athletic	34	19	6	9	58	38	63
Bexhill United	34	20	2	12	63	44	62
Peacehaven & Tels	33	19	4	10	59	33	61
Eastbourne United	32	17	9	6	51	28	60
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>
Little Common	33	16	5	12	68	48	53
Horsham YMCA	34	10	7	17	44	60	37
Lingfield	34	10	4	20	57	77	34
AFC Varndeanians	34	9	6	19	48	79	33
Midhurst & Easebourne	32	9	5	18	53	74	32
AFC Uckfield Town	33	9	2	22	43	74	29
Loxwood	34	7	6	21	49	92	27
Saltdean United	33	6	3	24	25	99	21
Alfold	32	4	5	23	38	89	17
Roffey	33	3	5	25	37	112	14

### Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Newhaven	268	739	124
Peacehaven & Telscombe	240	452	132
Crowborough Athletic	227	678	127
Eastbourne Town	205	734	102
Bexhill United	186	360	147
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>101</b>
Eastbourne United	148	258	85
Broadbridge Heath	136	201	71
Steyning Town	121	334	72
Little Common	97	146	67
Horsham YMCA	96	249	30
Saltdean United	85	178	28
Alfold	76	114	57
AFC Uckfield Town	75	140	30
Lingfield	73	253	27
Loxwood	70	115	42
Midhurst & Easebourne	69	115	45
Roffey	69	129	30
AFC Varndeanians	64	112	35
<b>Crawley Down Gatwick</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>35</b>

### Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Bexhill United	WWWLWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWDDW
Broadbridge Heath	WWDDWW
Newhaven	WWWDDW
Peacehaven & Tels	WWWLWD
Crowborough Athletic	WLWWWL
Steyning Town	WDWWLD
Little Common	WWLLWD
Eastbourne United	DDLWDW
Roffey	LLWLWW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>WWDDLL</b>
<b>Crawley Down</b>	<b>LLDWWD</b>
AFC Uckfield Town	WLLLWL
Loxwood	LLLWLW
Horsham YMCA	LLLDWL
Lingfield	LLWLLL
Saltdean United	LLLLW
Alfold	DLLDLL
Midhurst & Easebourne	DLLLLL
Saltdean United	LLLLLL

### Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	27
<b>Phil Johnson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>24</b>
L Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	24
Jack Langford	Steyning Town	22
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	20
Lewis Hole	Little Common	20
Fletcher Holman	Eastbourne Town	17
<b>Lewis Croal</b>	<b>Crawley Down</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>
Tom Tolfrey	Horsham YM	15
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	15
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	15
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	15
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	14
<b>Sam Clements</b>	<b>Crawley Down</b>	<b>14</b>
Robin Deen	Peacehaven	14
Mark Goldson	Varndeanians	14
Max Thompson	Eastbourne Utd	13
<b>Rhys White</b>	<b>Crawley Down</b>	<b>13</b>
Harvey Burgess	AFC Uckfield	13

### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>
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	15	0	0	15	13	64	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
<b>Phil Gault</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>

### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burgess Hill Town	15	13	1	1	58	14	40
St Francis Rangers	13	11	2	0	31	11	35
Shoreham	15	8	2	5	41	28	26
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>
Worthing United	12	7	2	3	26	15	23
Saltdean United	15	7	2	6	39	38	23
AFC Varndeanians	18	6	1	11	29	40	19
Lancing	16	4	2	10	27	52	14
Steyning Town	17	2	1	14	25	71	7
Mile Oak	17	1	4	12	18	48	7

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jimmy Tasker	Saltdean	21
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>17</b>
Malik Mundoma	Burgess Hill	15
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	13
<b>Will Varley</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>12</b>
Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	10
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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
Shoreham	10	6	1	3	23	14	19
Bognor Regis Town	7	4	1	2	14	8	13
Saltdean United	13	3	3	7	15	35	12
Pagham	9	3	1	5	16	25	10
Burgess Hill Town	6	1	0	5	19	20	3

### Women's Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Katherine Chappell</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>21</b>
Mille Carter	Shoreham	11
<b>Jess Craig</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>10</b>
Farrah Dorey	Saltdean United	8
<b>Emily Spooner</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>8</b>
Amber Hazelwood	Shoreham	7

### Mid Sussex Veterans League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	6	6	0	0	21	6	18
Lewes	6	4	0	2	23	21	12
Seaford Town	4	3	0	1	20	7	9
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
AFC Varndeanians	5	3	0	2	19	15	9
Jarvis Brook	5	1	0	4	13	21	3
Montpelier Villa	6	1	0	5	8	26	3
Rotherfield	6	0	0	6	7	22	0

### Veterans Division One Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Daniel Horan	Lewes	6
Roger Ngwang	Lewes	5
Joe Keehan	Varndeanians	5
Nicky Stiles	Sidley United	5
Wes Tate	Sidley United	4
Dougal Flemming	Lewes	4
Jack Mockler	Seaford Town	4
Daniel Horan	Lewes	3



# Upcoming Fixtures >>>



## Steyning Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Monday 10th April 2023. 11:00am

Birchwood Ground, Shooting Field, Steyning, BN44 3RQ

Admission prices £6 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

**Easter Monday sees us making the short trip to Birchwood Ground to take on Steyning Town and you know what that means - yes, another important game against a top six rival but also the chance to win their famous meat raffle!**

### Steyning Town this season

Steyning have enjoyed a remarkably similar season to ourselves so far with a new manager overhauling a squad to turn the Barrowmen into surprise challenges for the top six. Kevin Green made the move to the Birchwood Ground from Montpelier Villa and currently has Steyning flying high in fifth position. They have won 19, drawn six and lost nine of their 34 matches so far. That leaves the Barrowmen chasing their highest league finish since they were the dominant side of Sussex football in the 1980s - a seriously impressive achievement for Green in his first season at the helm.

### Head-to-head

Meetings between ourselves and Steyning have been few and far between because of Town's spell in the Wessex League 1990s. 15 times the sides have faced off; five in the Premier Division, four in Division One, four in the Sussex Senior Cup and twice in the RUR Cup. We have won seven, drawn five and lost three, so there is never much in it.

### Last time we met

Less than a month has passed since we clashed at the Beacon in the third round of the RUR Cup. Nothing could separate the sides after 90 minutes in a surprisingly entertaining 0-0 draw, followed by the first 17 penalties of the subsequent shootout all being

scored before we eventually triumphed 9-8 from the spot.

### How to get to the Birchwood Ground

Make your way to the A283 Steyning bypass and continue on it once you reach the roundabout with Bramber Castle. Take the second left off the bypass onto Canons Way followed by an immediate right onto Henderson Walk. Following this road around to the right, turn right onto S Ash then left onto Farnefold Road. Follow this onto Middle Mead, turn left at the end onto the Shooting Field and you will find the ground a little way up on the right.

## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### Lingfield v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 15th April 2023. 3:00pm  
The Sports Pavilion, Godstone Road, Lingfield, RH7 6BT

**Our penultimate game of the season takes us over the Sussex border and into Surrey to face Lingfield at the Sports Pavilion for what will be our first visit to Godstone Road for a regular season game since the 2018-19 season**

#### Lingfield this season

Lingfield have seen some big hitting players leave over the past year or so, such as Sam Lemon and Sam Clements. Some might have expected them to struggle with those losses, but they have enjoyed a solid enough campaign spent almost entirely in mid table. This is made more impressive when you consider they have had to surrender home advantage on several occasions due to problems with the Godstone Road pitch requiring fixtures to be reversed to get them played. The Lingers are currently 13th in the standings.

#### Head-to-head

There have been 32 meetings

between ourselves and Lingfield in the past with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 14 wins to the Lingers' 10, leaving eight draws. Lingfield have been the dominant side in recent years. We have won just three of the past nine meetings - a 3-2 Peter Bentley League Cup win at the Beacon in the 2018-19 season, last January's away game and the FA Cup extra preliminary round clash at the Beacon in August.

#### Last time we met

A four goal thriller at the Beacon back in November with the spoils shared. Dennis Asante put the Lingers 1-0 ahead with just three minutes played before Liam Benson and Jack Troak

gave us a 2-1 advantage going into half time. The visitors equaliser came with 12 minutes remaining from Gus Ward.

#### How to get to the Sports Pavilion

Our 2021-22 away game at Lingfield was played at Church Road, Whyteleafe, 2020-21 lost to Covid-19 and 2019-20 switched to Steyning. To get to Godstone Road, head to Ardingly and join the B2028 through Turners Hill and Crawley Down. Cross the Dukes Head roundabout and continue following the road until you get into Lingfield. At the T Junction with Plaistow Street take a left onto the B2029 and the Sports Pavilion is on your right a little up the road.



### Hassocks v Eastbourne Town

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 22nd April 2023. 3:00pm  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

**The final match of the campaign brings Eastbourne Town to the Beacon. Town are very much in the race for fourth and will be looking for revenge having suffered a very rare defeat against the Robins at the Saffrons in February**

#### Eastbourne Town this season

Town bid farewell to one of the longest serving managers in the Premier when John Lambert stood down last summer, replaced by former Whitehawk boss Jude MacDonald. Under Lambert, Town had always been notoriously slow starters to the season before finding rhythm from autumn onwards. This time around it has taken until the winter for Town to start their normal climb up the standings but it has now started in earnest. Having been as low as 14th in November, they have been one of the form sides in the second half of the campaign, rising to fourth spot in the table with 19 wins, eight draws and seven defeats to

their name. A good first year at the helm for MacDonald.

#### Head-to-head

It is a fixture which Eastbourne Town tend to enjoy. Of the 40 previous matches, Town have won 24 with just 10 Hassocks wins and six draws along the way. Of those 10 fixtures we have won, just two have come in the past 16 years. Phil Gault scored twice in a shock 2-1 win at the Beacon towards the end of the 2016-17 season followed by our Valentine's Day trip to the Saffrons...

#### Last time we met

Phil Johnson scored the only goal of the game on a memorable evening as

we returned from Eastbourne Town with three points for the first time since 2006. Johnson struck early in the second half following beautiful link up play between wide men Alfie Loversidge and Leon Turner. The Robins defence then held firm in the face of a lot of pressure for a deserved and rare victory at the Saffrons.

#### Played for both

We currently have two former Town players in our squad. Sam Smith began his senior career at the Saffrons a decade ago whilst JJ Minty turned out for Town earlier in the season dual signed from Burgess Hill Town.

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Lingfield away  
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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**

March 2023

1st **Phil JOHNSON**  
2nd **James SHAW**  
3rd **Leon TURNER**

April 2023

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3rd



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# Most Games



# Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. Phil Gault	331	21	352	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	232	20	252	31
18. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
19. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
20. Pat Harding	200	33	233	139
21. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
22. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
23. Nathan Miles	156	55	211	74
24. Phil Johnson	163	36	199	100
25. Marc Rendall	150	33	183	37

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	352
2. James Laing	143	351
3. Pat Harding	139	233
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	100	199
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. Liam Benson	47	171
13. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
14. Joe Fernley	45	245
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	252
22. Jack Troak	30	117
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289







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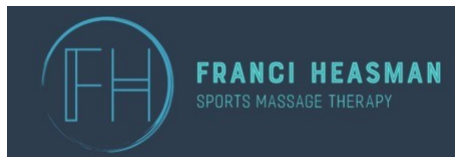
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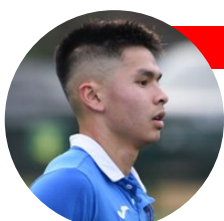
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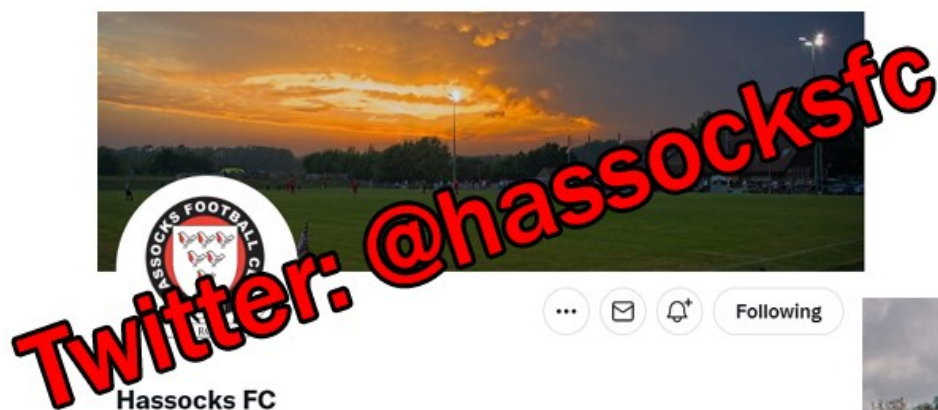
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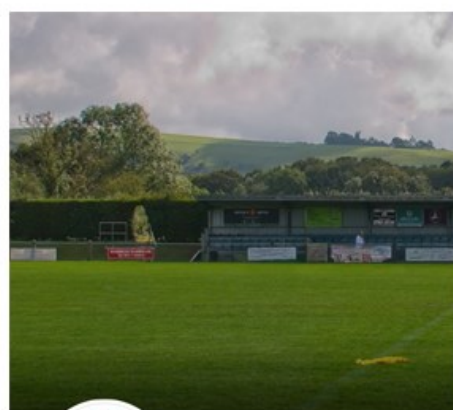


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### Next at the Beacon



**Eastbourne Town**  
 Saturday 22nd April. 3:00pm  
 Southern Combination League Premier Division



## CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK

Ben CHOWNEY	
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Josh BROWN	
Michael BELLI	
Shaun FINDLAY	
Billy WRAIGHT	
Michael WOOD	
Guy HARDING	
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### Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Uckfield Town v Alfold  
 Bexhill United v Roffey  
 Broadbridge Heath v AFC Uckfield Town  
 Crowborough v Midhurst & Easebourne  
 Eastbourne Town v Peacehave & Telscombe  
 Horsham YMCA v Little Common  
 Lingfield v Steyning Town  
 Loxwood v Saltdean United  
 Newhaven v Eastbourne United