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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

Winners 2023

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

Runners up 2017

LADIES TEAM

Sussex County Women's Premier Division

Winners 2023



Welcome to the Beacon



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon this afternoon's Southern Combination clash with Midhurst & Easebourne

We would like to welcome the players, management, committee and supporters of Midhurst who have made the long journey to be with us today and hope you enjoy your stay in Mid Sussex.

With the majority of the Premier Division in FA Vase action this afternoon, this is an opportunity for us to get further points on the board as we look to continue what has been a very encouraging unbeaten start to the league season.

It has been important to make the most of the high number of home fixtures we have been given through August, especially with just one game out of seven in September to be played at the Beacon.

That is against AFC Varndeanians on Saturday 16th, so be sure to have it in your diary as chances to catch the Robins here will be few and far between in the coming weeks.

Included in our travels through September are cup games away at AFC Uckfield Town, Roffey and Selsey.

Further details about those matches are included elsewhere in today's programme.

We should also discover by the end of play today whether we travel

to Sheerwater or Clapton in the second qualifying round of the FA Vase.

Either looks like an away trip full of potential fun and frolics with the tie to take place on the weekend of September 26th.

Last Saturday saw us eke out a penalty shootout win over Varndeanians to advance in the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup.

Although by no means a classic, Westy made wholesale changes in the sort of tie we would have lost a year ago - as evidenced by Varndeanians knocking us out of the Peter Bentley Cup in similar circumstances.

That is a sign of the progress being made in terms of quality and squad depth, reasons to be very encouraged about what lies ahead in this campaign.

Optimism is not just restricted to the seniors. The Under 23s have made the perfect start to their defence of the North Division title, winning two games from two.

Thursday night saw them defeat a Horley Town side who had been one of their closest pursuers for the championship last season 4-2 at the Beacon.

Sam Geard scored twice to do his case for further first team inclusion no harm.

Alfie Loversidge was also on the scoresheet and there was a first goal in Hassocks colours for Julian Durand.

The Ladies had been due to kick off their London & South East Division One South season away at Bromley last Sunday, which would have meant the players travelling to Kent whilst the Women's World Cup Final was taking place.

Thankfully, commonsense eventually prevailed and the game was postponed to allow everyone to watch the Lionesses in action.

The Ladies will instead face Welling United here on Sunday September 10th in a 2pm kick off. As always, any support will be very welcome.

Finally, please remember that our next game with Shoreham has been moved from Monday morning to Tuesday night. See you back at the Beacon for that one.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



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It is fair to say that Hassocks did not enjoy their clashes with Midhurst & Easebourne last season. A seven-goal thriller at the Beacon edged 4-3 by the Stags was at least entertaining for the neutral. The return at the Rotherfield on the other hand...

Hassocks suffered their heaviest defeat of the campaign on an afternoon in which nothing went right.

The game was up before half time with Midhurst 3-0 ahead. To make matters worse, Robins goalkeeper Alex Harris limped off with an injury and we had to play out the entire second half with defender Will Broomfield between the sticks.

In fairness to Broomfield, there was little he could do about the final two goals for the hosts.

One of those days which we could only file under "forget about and move on." Something we did by enjoying a superb second half of the campaign which resulted in a top 10 finish.

Midhurst in contrast went the other way. They failed to win any of their 19 games which followed that hammering, ending the campaign in 13th spot.

The nine wins the Stags put on the board from their opening 19 matches meant they were safe from the drop before the halfway point of the season and that disappointing run post-Christmas did not do any serious damage.

That meant it was a case of job done. Survival had been the aim of the game for Midhurst in what was their first season in the Premier Division for 30 years and they ended up some 13 points clear of Alfold in the final relegation spot.

As for the current campaign,

Midhurst have made a promising start. Draws with Lingfield and Newhaven combined with a good win at Division One champions Shoreham leave them with five points on the board from a possible 12.

The Stags' cup form has been impressive too. They eliminated Southern Counties East Premier Division outfit Holmesdale away from home in the FA Cup and saw off Loxwood in the RUR Cup in midweek.

There is just one blot on their copybook - an 8-0 defeat to Haywards Heath Town on their previous visit to Mid Sussex 11 days ago.

Is there something about clubs from these parts and Midhurst which leads to high scoring encounters?

Stags Factfile

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Manager Andy Ewen

Top scorer Siphesihle Mdlalose, 4

Club Honours

Southern Combination League Division One

Runners up 2022

Southern Combination League Division Two

Winners 1995, 2003

Southern Combination League Division One Cup

Winners 1989, 2002

Southern Combination Division One Supplementary Shield

Winners 2021

Southern Combination League Division Two Cup

Winners 2003

West Sussex League Premier Division

Winners 1956, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1977, 1980, 2002

Malcolm Simmonds Cup

Winners 1960, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1980

Bareham Trophy

Winners 1971

10 Key Stags Moments

1946... club founded after a merger of Midhurst FC and Easebourne

1956... become one of the most dominant teams in the West Sussex League, lifting three titles in nine years

1977... a West Sussex League and Cup double sees the club apply for a place in the Southern Combination

1981... the Stags are finally offered a place in the SCFL, joining Division One

1982... secure promotion to the Premier Division at the first time of asking as Division One runners up

1989... win their first senior silverware, lifting the Division One Cup by beating Newhaven in the final

1994... successive relegations sees them tumble from Premier Division to Division Two

1999... relegated to the West Sussex League after finishing bottom of Division Two

2021... win the Southern Combination Division One Supplementary Shield competition

2022... a magnificent season culminates in winning the Division One cup and promotion through the playoffs

Last 20 Seasons

2022-23: Southern Combination Premier 17th

2021-22: Southern Combination One 2nd

2018-19: Southern Combination One 16th

2017-18: Southern Combination One 13th

2016-17: Southern Combination One 9th

2015-16: Southern Combination One 15th

2014-15: Southern Combination One 8th

2013-14: Southern Combination One 14th

2012-13: Southern Combination One 8th

2011-12: Southern Combination One 15th

2010-11: Southern Combination One 15th

2009-10: Southern Combination One 18th

2008-09: Southern Combination One 16th

2007-08: Southern Combination One 10th

2006-07: Southern Combination One 7th

2005-06: Southern Combination One 17th

2004-05: Southern Combination One 9th

2003-04: Southern Combination One 6th

2002-03: Southern Combination Two 1st

2001-02: West Sussex Premier 1st



Robins v Midhurst & Easebourne

SCFL Premier >	Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 3 - Conceded 8
SCFL Division One >	Played 2 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 12 - Conceded 1
Sussex Senior Cup >	Played 3 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 2 - Scored 4 - Conceded 5
RUR Charity Cup >	Played 3 - Won 2 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 5 - Conceded 4

Total > Played 10 - Won 5 - Drawn 0 - Lost 5 - Scored 24 - Conceded 18

Previous Meetings

2022-23

SCFL Premier: Midhurst 5-0 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-4 Midhurst

2020-21

Sussex Senior Cup: Midhurst 3-0 Hassocks

2016-17

RUR Charity Cup: Midhurst 1-2 Hassocks

2015-16

Sussex Senior Cup: Midhurst 1-3 Hassocks

2008-09

RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 2-1 Midhurst

1995-96

RUR Charity Cup: Midhurst 2-1 Hassocks

1993-94

SCFL Division One: Hassocks 6-0 Midhurst
SCFL Division One: Midhurst 1-6 Hassocks

1986-87

Sussex Senior Cup: Midhurst 3-1 Hassocks

Behind the Stats

Meetings between ourselves and Midhurst have been few and far between with more cup matches played between the two than league fixtures.

The clubs first faced off in the 1986-87 campaign when paired together in the Sussex Senior Cup.

The Stags were in the top flight of the Southern Combination League at the time and proved too good, running out 3-0 winners at the

Rotherfield.

By the time we met again seven years later, the Robins were on their rise to the top division whilst Midhurst were at the start of the decline which would eventually see them fall into the West Sussex League.

That was reflected in two big Hassocks wins, 6-0 here at the Beacon and 6-1 at the Rotherfield.

Until this afternoon, it is the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup

which has provided the greatest number of fixtures.

Three times the clubs have met in that competition, Hassocks edging the head-to-head by two victories to one.

Overall, both sides have five wins apiece. Three of Midhurst's victories have come in the past three fixtures, in which time they have plundered 12 goals.





Misery at Midhurst where Hassocks hammered in heavy defeat

One week after scoring five times past helpless Saltdean United in the space of 24 first half minutes, Hassocks found themselves on the other end of a hammering at the hands of Midhurst & Easebourne.

Everything that could go wrong went wrong for the Robins on their long trip west for a first league game at the Rotherfield in nearly 30 years.

They were three down at half time, lost goalkeeper Alex Harris to a toe injury just before the interval and shipped twice more after the break with defender Will Broomfield between the posts to sink to a 5-0 defeat.

This was not the start to a pivotal looking December that James Westlake would have been hoping for.

League matches with Midhurst, Peacehaven & Telscombe, Eastbourne Town and Steyning Town mean Hassocks face four opponents all vying for a top six spot along with themselves.

The Robins will also take on the yellow half of Eastbourne in the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup at the Beacon.

With the winners facing a home tie against Bexhill United in round three, Hassocks have a winnable route to the quarter finals – a stage they have only ever reached twice before and which offers the prospect of a meeting with one of the biggest clubs in the county.

It goes without saying that if Hassocks are to progress in the Senior Cup and maintain their challenge for a first top six finish in nearly a decade, then they will have to do much better than they managed against Midhurst.

Westlake made two changes from the side who had been so impressive against Saltdean seven days earlier.

Former Loxwood midfielder Tom Tennant came in for his full debut in place of Sam Rogers, who dropped to

the bench.

Tom Frankland made his first start since September following injury.

Frankland replaced the absent JJ Minty out on the right and his showing was one of the few bright spots from a Hassocks point of view.

Any away supporters arriving late would have missed the Robins' best moment of the match.

Three minutes had elapsed when a lovely passing move from right to left presented a shooting opportunity for Joe Bull charging forward from left back.

Bull though failed to trouble Midhurst goalkeeper Josh Bird with his effort flying wide of the upright.

“Hassocks were three down at half time, lost goalkeeper Alex Harris to a toe injury just before the interval and shipped twice more after the break with defender Will Broomfield between the posts to sink to a 5-0 defeat.

That represented a good start for Hassocks; but sadly, it was as good as it got.

Midhurst took the lead with 13 minutes played thanks to some poor defending from Hassocks.

Two home players were allowed free headers in the area, the second of which was put past Harris by the Stags' top scorer Harry Tremlett.

Hassocks had déjà vu 120 seconds later. A free kick was delivered into the box and again the Robins' marking was non-existent, leaving Dan Wood free to head home.

Midhurst scored their third five minutes before the break and it was another gift.

Harris passed the ball straight to

Tremlett, who subsequently hit a lob over the head of the stranded Hassocks number one to make it 3-0.

That was Harris' last contribution before hobbling off. With no substitute goalkeeper on the bench, it fell to Broomfield to don the gloves in the second half.

During the interval, the more optimistic of the Hassocks faithful recalled the August meeting of these two sides at the Beacon.

Midhurst had sauntered into an easy 3-0 lead, only for the Robins to come battling back.

Hassocks were within a Phil Johnson effort which rattled the woodwork of claiming a famous point from a 4-4 draw that night.

Striking early in the second half might have given the Robins a chance of worrying Midhurst.

Instead, it was the Stags who added their fourth just two minutes after the restart as the poor defending which had blighted Hassocks in the opening 45 showed no signs of abating.

Tremlett was again the scorer, completing his hat-trick. The Robins did at least show a little fight after that, managing to get through half an hour without conceding.

No prizes for guessing who added the fifth for Midhurst to complete the scoring with 13 minutes remaining. Tremlett had enjoyed a very fruitful afternoon and he left Broomfield with no chance to round off a four-goal haul.

Hassocks: Harris; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; Frankland, Tennant, Wilkes, Troak; Harding, Benson.

Subs: Broomfield (Harris 44), Johnson (Harding 58), Rogers (Tennant 58), S Smith (Frankland 71), Gault (unused).



New faces fire Hassocks past Midhurst and into round two of Senior Cup

For the second weekend in a row, Hassocks defeated Division One opponents with uncharacteristic ease as they progressed to the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup with a 3-1 success at Midhurst & Easebourne.

Although not as convincing as the previous Saturday's 5-1 victory over Lingfield in the Peter Bentley Cup, this represented another good days work for the Robins.

Midhurst might occupy a lowly place near the bottom of the Southern Combination League's second tier, but they were a well organised outfit who looked capable of causing the Robins a degree of problems.

Hassocks joint manager Phil Wickwar said afterwards this was exactly the sort of game Hassocks would have lost a year ago.

That is probably as good an indication as any as to how far this young squad have come since successfully battling their way out of relegation trouble last season.

The experience the side gained during that campaign as well as several shrewd additions means that the Robins now have enough strength in depth to talk about squad rotation and resting players.

That newfound quality was in evidence here – firstly by the fact that Ashley Marsh, Dan Jacques, Dan Stokes, Bradley Bant and Nick Pitcher were all missing and yet the Robins coped easily.

Secondly, a quick glance at the score sheet shows the names of three new arrivals in Josh Hawkes, Spencer Slaughter and Jonno Melia. Hassocks' work on the transfer front is clearly paying off.

Those goals – as well as Midhurst's consolation – all came in a frantic 25 minute period in the second half.

That was one of two ridiculous bursts in which all the action seemed to occur, the other coming in the opening 25 minutes of the first half.

Nathan Miles had two excellent chances to give Hassocks the lead inside the first quarter of an hour.

Miles just failed to connect to a cross after Jamie Hillwood got away down the left. He then turned and spun beautifully 10 yards out only to blaze over.

George Willett produced an excellent save to ensure the hosts did not punish the Robins for those misses.

A lull in proceedings following in the middle third of the game before things sparked into life as Hassocks took control without ever really hitting top gear.

Hawkes opened the scoring on the hour mark when he fired home with aplomb after a free kick was headed down.

Five minutes later and Slaughter embarked on a strong marauding run which was topped off by a neat finish.

That should have been that but Midhurst were gifted a potential way back into the tie on 75, a long hoof

from George Morris leading to Willett and a home striker getting in a right tangle.

The ball eventually ended up in the back of the net with the Hassocks goalkeeper clearly impeded.

Quite why the goal was allowed to stand was unfathomable, not just to the Hassocks bench but also the home dugout who burst into laughter at the decision.

That generous award spurred the hosts into thinking that a comeback was on, but those hopes were extinguished with five minutes left to play.

Substitute Melia raced clear and showed great composure to round the goalkeeper and finish.

A home game was what Wickwar fancied for his charges as a reward for this solid result.

"This afternoon was a tricky tie negotiated and that is what it is all about in the Senior Cup," Wickwar said afterwards.

"We are building a reasonable squad now and it is important to use everyone. There is still room for improvement from us yet."

Hassocks: Willett; Tighe, Barnes, Wallis, Akehurst; Price, Collins, Hawkes, Slaughter, Hillwood; Nathan Miles.

Subs: Melia (Slaughter), Kublickas (Hillwood), Booth (unused).

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Hassocks hit the road in three cup competitions

The Robins face away matches in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup, the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup and the Peter Bentley League Cup

There will be plenty of midweek cup action to come in September with Hassocks discovering their opponents in three knockout competitions.

The draw for the first round of the Sussex Transport Senior Cup took place on Saturday evening, giving the Robins a trip to AFC Uckfield Town.

Hassocks and the Oakmen have met once previously in the competition.

It came in the third round in the 2005-06 season, when AFC Uckfield were known as Wealden and playing in Division One of the Southern Combination League.

It ended up being a straightforward victory for the Robins. Two goals from Pat Harding, one from Graham Beveridge and an own goal secured a 4-1.

Hassocks would end up being eliminated from the competition at the quarter final stage after a brave performance at home to Horsham in which their Ryman League opponents needed extra time to progress to the semis.

The Robins will make the journey to the Oaks on Tuesday 12th September, kick off at 7:30pm.

A week later and Hassocks are on the road to Division One outfit Roffey in the second round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup, again kicking off at 7:30pm.

The Boars set up the tie by eliminating Montpelier Villa on Tuesday night. Hassocks meanwhile progressed when seeing off AFC Varndeanians on penalties at the weekend.

It will be the first time the Robins have faced Roffey in the RUR Cup. The three previous meetings at senior level between the clubs have come in the Premier Division and Peter Bentley League Cup.

Hassocks did a league double last season, winning 7-0 at the Beacon on August Bank Holiday Monday and 2-1 at Bartholomew Way in February.

The second of those Robins victories was harsh on Roffey, who had been much the better side as they eyed up their first win of the campaign.

They led 1-0 until the final six

minutes, after which Phil Johnson spared Hassocks blushes with two late goals.

Roffey had won that first Peter Bentley Cup clash 5-1 at the Beacon in September 2021.

Tuesday 26th September will see Hassocks enter the Peter Bentley Cup when they face Selsey for the first time since the 2014-15 campaign.

Despite the two clubs having both been in the Southern Combination League for over 40 years, they have only been paired together once before in the competition.

The Robins ran out 2-0 winners at the High Street Ground in November 2007 thanks to a Mark Sheriff brace.

The game has entered into Hassocks folklore for being the day when Dave John answered a phone call before the players set off to say Spencer Slaughter could not make it as he had been arrested the night before.

James Westlake will be hoping he is not the recipient of similar news when the Robins return to the wonderfully named Seal Bay Stadium in a 7:45pm kick off.



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Beacon attendances rose by 26 percent in 2022-23

Hassocks home crowds hit highest average on record in the 2022-23 season with two league matches pulling in over 300 for the first time in over 20 years

Hassocks enjoyed a 26 percent rise in attendances at the Beacon during the 2022-23, resulting in the Robins posting their highest average crowd since complete records began in the 2004-05 season.

The increase is based on the 2021-22 campaign when Hassocks averaged 130.

That in itself was a 17 percent rise on 2018-19 when the Southern Combination League Premier Division had last been played to a finish before two Covid-19 interrupted campaigns.

Hassocks played plenty of entertaining, free flowing football through the season just finished with James Westlake leading to the Robins to their first top 10 finish in nine years.

Two games attracted crowds in excess of 300, the first time such a number had been reached for a league game since Burgess Hill Town were in the Southern Combination League and the Mid Sussex Derby was one of the must-see matches in

Sussex non league football.

The visit of Steyning Town on Boxing Day pulled in 305. That high was then topped by the 310 who attended the Robins game against Newhaven.

A collection held that afternoon for the Hassocks Community Food Bank resulted in more than 300 donations in response to the Robins offering half-price entry to anyone who came armed with a tin.

Three further matches exceeded the 200 mark and all resulted in big wins with Hassocks beating Roffey 7-0, Saltdean United 5-1 and Eastbourne Town 4-1.

There were no attendances below three figures, again for the first time since records began.

The Robins' 26 percent rise was the third biggest in the Premier Division after Newhaven and Lingfield.

The Dockers saw their crowds jump by a staggering 98 percent as they topped the average attendance table.

Hassocks found themselves sixth. Also ahead of the Robins were

Peacehaven & Telscombe, Crowborough Athletic, Eastbourne Town and Bexhill United.

Attendances on the whole were up across the entire Premier Division. 13 of the 20 clubs reported a rise, including Lingfield whose 36 percent eclipsed Hassocks and saw them climb away from the bottom position they occupied in 2021-22.

With two well-supported clubs in Haywards Heath Town and Shoreham coming into the Premier Division for this season after relegation from the Isthmian League and promotion from Division One respectively, crowds should increase again across the league.

Hassocks will hope to play a part by continuing to grow their fanbase, attract even more people to the Beacon and post further record-breaking figures in 2023-24.

Thank you to everyone who attended a game at the Beacon last season for your fantastic support and your continued backing in the new campaign.



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Two penalty saves from Trigwell takes Hassocks through in RUR Cup

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup First Round
Saturday 19th August 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks 0-0 AFC Varndeanians



It was a case of job done for Hassocks in their Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup clash against AFC Varndeanians.

The Robins managed to successfully rotate their squad and secure safe passage to the second round of the competition, where they will travel to either Roffey or Montpellier Villa.

Fraser Trigwell ended up being the Hassocks hero. He made a couple of important interventions to keep Varndeanians at bay during 90 goalless minutes, followed by saving two penalties in the subsequent shootout as the Robins triumphed 5-4 from 12 yards.

Trigwell, Matt Gunn, Joe Bull, Josh Mundy and Liam Benson were the only survivors from Tuesday night's midweek win at Pagham.

James Westlake took the opportunity to rest Harvey Blake, Alex Bygraves, Tom Frankland, Jamie Wilkes, Pat Harding and Kyle Woolven.

In came Bradley Tighe, Sam Smith, Alfie Loversidge, Mike Williamson, Sam Geard and Alex Fair.

Hassocks knew from experience that making such wholesale changes is not without risk.

Westlake rested some big names in the Peter Bentley League Cup last season when Varndeanians provided the opposition at the Beacon.

On that occasion, the Robins were defeated 2-0. A year on and this Hassocks squad runs deeper. Westlake can make six changes and Hassocks can still get a result, although the head coach did admit afterwards that his side were nowhere near their best.

That made for a pretty turgid affair in which good chances were few and far between.

The first opportunity of the game summed up what was to come. Tighe was wearing the captain's armband with Bygraves watching from the

bench and seemed in particularly determined mood to score as skipper.

His charge forward from right back was picked out by Smith hitting a 70 yard pass up the pitch. The Varndeanians left back got stuck under the ball, leaving Tighe facing down goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins.

Tighe opted try and lob the bouncing ball first time over the head of Hawkins. This seemed bold and so it proved, the effort getting stuck in a tree behind the goal.

Two good chances came the way of Varndeanians in what proved to be an action packed lead up to half time.

Mundy surrendered possession to Max Vardy, whose shot Smith managed to get just enough of a head on to deflect over the bar.

No Hassocks player then picked up the run into the box of Oscar Pinnock. Luckily for the Robins, Pinnock headed wastefully over from a Lawrence Edwards cross.

Trigwell went long from the subsequent goal kick. Benson flicked on down the left and Fair crossed deep to the far post.

The ball did not fall kindly to Loversidge but once he had it under control, the young winger drew a good reaction save from Hawkins.

Varndeanians were not convincing in dealing with the resulting corner, failing to take two opportunities to clear.

That gave Fair the chance to work some space via a series of his trademark Cruyff Turns, leading Trammell Mthuzni on a merry dance before curling a shot easily held by Hawkins.

Hassocks had strong penalty appeals turned down in the final play prior to the break. Loversidge produced a delightful piece of skill to collect a long pass from Raging Bull, lobbing it over the head of a Varndeanians defender.

When said defender tried to recover the situation, he clumsily

caught the back of Loversidge's right leg to send the Robins wide man to the ground. Referee Ellis South waved play on.

Hopes that the entertainment value of those final 10 minutes of the first half would extend into the second were dashed pretty early on as the game struggled to reignite.

Bull took a corner short to Mundy whose whipped cross ended up being more of a shot, clipping the crossbar and bouncing behind.

Hawkins gathered a deflected effort and Wilkes blasted a shot from a promising position into orbit shortly after his introduction.

The tall striker was one of four replacements introduced by Westlake in an attempt to find a goal.

Harding, Frankland and Woolven also entered the fray. A foul on the latter as he attempted to run through after collecting a Wilkes pass resulted in Pinnock picking up his second yellow of the afternoon, leaving Varndeanians to finish with 10 men.

Just before that incident and Trigwell kept his side in it, saving brilliantly at the feet of Varndeanians substitute Marley Bigg.

Trigwell was equally impressive in the shootout, keeping out the second and sixth Varndeanians penalties with saves low down to his left.

Harding, Woolven, Bull, Frankland and Benson all converted for Hassocks. The only Robins player to miss was the rangy Wilkes.

Hassocks: Trigwell; B Tighe, Gunn, S Smith, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Fair; Geard, Benson.

Subs: Harding (Fair 58), Wilkes (Mundy 66), Woolven (Fair 66), Frankland (Loversidge 79), Bygraves (unused).

First Team Matches 2023-24

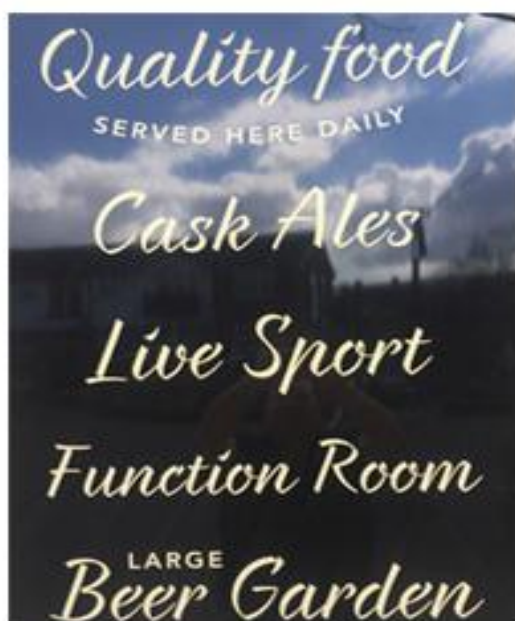
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
29/07 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-1	232	OG
August					
01/08 - 19:30	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	3-0	82	Frankland, Benson, Harding
05/08 - 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP	1-1	135	Bull
08/08 - 19:45	Erith Town (A)	FACEPR	0-4	111	
12/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	4-1	101	Woolven, Frankland, Benson, Geard
15/08 - 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFLP	2-1	76	Harding, Woolven
19/08 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	RURC1	0-0	105	<i>(Won 5-4 on pens)</i>
26/08 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP			
29/08 - 19:45	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP			
September					
09/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
12/09 - 19:30	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SSC1			
16/09 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP			
19/09 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	RURC2			
26/09 - 19:45	Selsey (A)	PBLC2			
30/09 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP			
October					
03/10 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
07/10 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP			
14/10 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
28/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)				
November					
04/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
11/11 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP			
18/11 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP			
25/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP			
December					
02/12 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
09/12 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
16/12 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFLP			
30/12 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP			
January					
06/01 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
20/01 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
27/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP			
February					
03/02 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP			
10/02 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP			
17/02 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
24/02 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
March					
02/03 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
09/03 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
23/03 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
30/03 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP			
April					
01/04 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFLP			
06/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
13/04 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
20/04 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			

First Team Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Liam Benson	7	0	7	2	183	52
Joe Bull	7	0	7	1	144	10
Fraser Trigwell	7	0	7	0	8	0
Jamie Wilkes	6	1	7	0	47	4
Pat Harding	5	2	7	2	245	143
Bradley Tighe	5	2	7	0	177	0
Kyle Woolven	3	4	7	2	7	2
Alex Bygraves	6	0	6	0	50	4
Matt Gunn	6	0	6	0	6	0
Tom Frankland	5	1	6	2	18	2
James Westlake	4	0	4	0	261	31
Harvey Blake	3	1	4	0	116	4
Josh Mundy	3	1	4	0	4	0
Jack Troak	3	0	3	0	125	31
Alex Fair	2	1	3	0	3	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	1	7	1
Alfie Loversidge	1	2	3	0	82	11
Sam Smith	2	0	2	0	43	3
Mike Williamson	1	1	2	0	41	0
Ben Bacon	0	2	2	0	48	17
Alex Brewer	0	2	2	0	5	1
Elliott Hanslow	0	2	2	0	2	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	1	0

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Robins win at Redhill to get title defence up and running

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 17th August 2023, Kiln Brow
Redhill U23s 1-3 Hassocks U23s**



Hassocks got their defence of the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division title off to the perfect start with a 3-1 victory at Redhill.

The Robins were unsure what to expect heading over the border into Surrey. This is the first time Redhill have entered an Under 23s team in the Southern Combination League.

That meant Neil Parker's players were the first Hassocks squad to pay a visit to Kiln Brow since January 2013.

Mickey Jewell's first team were beaten 3-1 on that occasion by a Lobsters outfit who ended the campaign promoted to the Isthmian League as runners up behind Peacehaven & Telscombe.

It has been something of a busy summer for Parker. Just five of the 14 players he used here were regulars last season, Hassocks having been forced into a rebuild with several players moving elsewhere in search of senior football.

Sam Rogers and Jude Wallis have both gone to AFC Vardeanians. Top scorer Phil Gault meanwhile retired, deciding that now he owned a coveted North Division winners medal, his Thursday nights could be better spent with his extensive red

wine collection.

Sam Fernley, Sam Geard, Ben Hicks, George Mercer and goalkeeper Jack Thomas all remain and started against Redhill.

Hassocks have also been boosted by 2021-22 first team Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season Dan Turner returning from playing cricket on the other side of the world.

23-year-old Turner was the oldest player on show for the Robins. Much of Hassocks' recruitment has been focussed on youngsters from Whitehawk and there were a host of those making their debuts at Redhill.

Billy Dove, Charlie Fogden and Josh Nandhra all started with Kian Nahdhra joining the action from the bench having made his senior debut in the 4-1 win over Lingfield at the weekend.

Alfie Loversidge was given the chance to get more minutes under his belt and the Hassocks XI was rounded off by former Burgess Hill Town Under 18s player Noah McHale.

Despite all the new faces, the Robins gelled quickly and played some excellent football.

The only criticism there could be of their performance was that it was not clinical enough.

Hassocks missed a glut of

opportunities which they may not get away with against other sides in the division.

Josh Nandhra marked his first appearance in Robins colours with a goal whilst Turner did likewise on his comeback.

The goal of the night came from George Mercer, scoring with a lovely free kick which gave the Redhill goalkeeper no chance.

Hassocks play their first home game of the campaign against Broadbridge Heath next Thursday in a match which pits the 2022-23 North Division winners against the 2021-22 champions.

The Bears will arrive at the Beacon full of confidence having opened their season with a huge 6-0 win away at Horley Town.

Hassocks: Thomas, Fogden, Turner, Dove, Hicks, Loversidge, Fernley, McHale, Mercer, Geard J Nandhra.

Subs: K Nandhra, Durand, Gladding (used).



Under 23s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
17/08 - 19:45	Redhill (A)	SCFL23	3-1	J.Nhandra, Turner, Mercer
24/08 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	4-2	Geard, Loversidge, Durand
31/08 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
September				
07/09 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23		
14/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23		
21/09 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23		
28/09 - 19:45	Oawkwood (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Billy Dove	1	0	1	0
Sam Fernley	1	0	1	0
Charlie Fogden	1	0	1	0
Sam Geard	1	0	1	0
Ben Hicks	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0
Noah McHale	1	0	1	0
George Mercer	1	0	1	1
Josh Nandhra	1	0	1	1
Jack Thomas	1	0	1	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	1
Julian Durand	0	1	1	0
George Gladding	0	1	1	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0



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Under 18s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
03/09 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18		
10/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18		
17/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18		

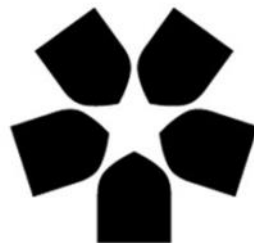
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Veterans Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
10/09 - 14:00	Lewes (H)	MSFLVE		
24/09 - 14:00	Patcham United (H)	CVC1		
October				
01/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	MSFLVE		
15/10 - 14:00	Maresfield Village (A)	MSFLVE		
November				
12/11 - 14:00	Sidley United (A)	MSFLVE		
26/11 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Wanderers (A)	MSFLVE		
December				
10/12 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLVE		
January				
07/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLVE		

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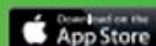
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Ladies Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
10/09 - 14:00	Welling United (H)	LSE1S		
17/09 - 14:00	Bexhill United (A)	LSE1S		
24/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	LSE1S		
October				
08/10 - 14:00	Herne Bay (H)	LSE1S		
29/10 - 14:00	Newhaven (A)	LSE1S		
November				
05/11 - 14:00	Ashford United (H)	LSEC2		



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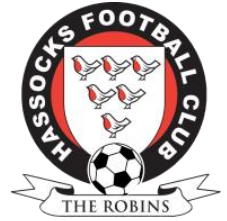
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On This Day...



Lobsters firepower proves too hot for Hassocks

August 26th 2008: Hassocks gave a good account of themselves against a quality Redhill outfit whose firepower ultimately proved too much for John Suter's Robins

Four minutes were all that stood between Hassocks and what would have been a hugely impressive point against a slick and powerful Redhill unit.

Twice the hosts had led at Kiln Brown and twice the Robins had pegged them back thanks to Matt Amos' first goals of the season.

That looked like it would be enough to secure to a share of the spoils until Andrew Dalhouse fired home from 25 yards right at the death to give the Lobsters what was undoubtedly a deserved three points.

Hassocks won't come up against many sides as good as this. If Redhill can keep this squad together, they'll surely be in the shake up come the end of the season.

The Robins meanwhile remain a work in progress under John Suter and with so many new players settling in, nobody really knows what to expect from them.

They certainly couldn't have any complaints about this result. Redhill missed a penalty and hit the woodwork on two occasions in the space of five crazy minutes that opened the second half, a sign that they should have won the game more comfortably than they did.

Hassocks though deserve credit for their staying power as despite being outplayed, they were never truly out of the game.

Redhill's lively front pairing of Dalhouse and Tony Reid were a constant threat all evening and that made for a baptism of fire for 18-year-old centre back Nick Pitcher, a member of last season's Youth League Cup winning squad who was handed his debut by Suter in the absence of Matt Percival.

Paul Williams in the Hassocks goal denied Reid twice in the first half, once low down to his right and then by superbly tipping away a free kick

to his left.

Peter Barkley fired over, Dalhouse hit the side netting after bulldozing his way past Pitcher and Ashley Marsh and Aaron Murphy shot straight at Williams after a jinking run.

Hassocks were pretty much a non-entity in terms of an attacking force in the first half but all that changed as the second half began in an absolute frenzy.

Redhill took the lead within 60 seconds of the restart, Reid slamming home from close range after Williams had parried a Murphy cross.

"Redhill missed a penalty and hit the woodwork on two occasions in the space of five crazy minutes that opened the second half, a sign that they should have won the game more comfortably than they did."

Less than a minute later and Pete Lear hauled down Dalhouse in the box and a penalty was awarded.

Dalhouse took the kick himself but Williams was more than equal to it, using his feet to superbly deny the Redhill forward.

Inspired by that, Hassocks went up the other and equalised with what was their first meaningful effort on goal all evening.

Michael Bates was the architect, marking his first appearance under Suter with a pinpoint cross onto the head of his fellow teenager Amos who headed home.

Redhill kept the ball from the restart, fashioning two quick opportunities for Reid who hit the inside of the post and then crashed an effort against the bar.

Hassocks rode their luck after that five minutes of madness and it came as little surprise when Redhill retook the lead in the 69th minute, Teddy Ansell bundling the ball in after Dalhouse had headed a Murphy centre back across the box.

The Robins wouldn't lie down though and again they found a way back.

This time, it was substitute Laurence Robinson's 79th minute cross which evaded Spencer Slaughter, Ali Russell and two home defenders but not Amos who slotted past Shannon Ruth to restore parity.

Amos could have given Hassocks an undeserved lead but his flicked effort went just wide before Dalhouse's piledriver sealed it on 86.

But even then Amos had a chance to snatch a point with a goal bound effort deep into stoppage time which was desperately blocked by Jon Hogg.

Hassocks: P Williams; Bates, Pitcher, Marsh, Lear, Thompson; Hibbert, White, Slaughter; A Russell, Amos.

Subs: Robinson (Bates), Fitzgerald, Laing, McKenzie (unused).

Around the League...



There were nine Southern Combination League Premier Division matches held on Tuesday 15th August with some surprising results and big scores racked up, whilst at the same time the first round of the Peter Bentley League Cup got underway

The big game of the night was at the Trafalgar Ground, where last season's runners up Crawley Down Gatwick visited the side they pipped to second spot Newhaven.

And it was the Dockers who came out on top, winning 4-2 in a fixture which more than lived up to the hype.

Newhaven were 3-0 ahead going into half time through two goals from Callum Connor and one by Robbie Keith.

Lewis Gould pulled one back for the Anvils five minutes after the interval but Alfie Rogers ended any hopes of a Down comeback by adding a fourth 10 minutes from time.

The final goal of the game was Down's second consolation from substitute Ben Connolly.

A phenomenal first half from **Haywards Heath Town** saw them score eight times in 45 minutes to beat this afternoon's visitors **Midhurst & Easebourne** 8-0 at Hanbury Park.

Charlie Pitcher hit a hat-trick with Dan Cadman, Darius Goldsmith and Hayden Skerry completing the rout.

The victory made it two wins from two for Heath, who are now finding their stride after a stuttering start.

Steyning Town maintained their 100 percent record with an easy 4-0 win away at **Loxwood**.

Mark Goldson scored twice, Lloyd Francis once and substitute Joe Radley-Martin once.

The Magpies could at least console themselves with the fact they only had two bookings having racked up an impressive number of cards in their previous four matches.

Both **Eastbourne Town** and **AFC Varndeanians** scored an own goal in their meeting at the Oval.

It looked like it would finish 1-1

as a result until Nathan Hover struck in the 87th minute to win it for Town.

Sam Ellis scored the only goal of the game for **Little Common** as they came away from **AFC Uckfield Town** with all three points from a 1-0 victory.

Hill Park saw some very late drama where **Eastbourne United** scored twice in injury time to beat **Saltdean United** 2-1.

Connor Martin had given the Tigers a 27th minute lead but both sides would go onto finish with 10 men after Edward Bradley was sent off for Saltdean and Callum Barlow saw red for the visitors.

Eastbourne United went onto win it, netting through Tigana Quebe and Hayden Beaconsfield in the 92nd and 95th minutes respectively.

It was the same 2-1 scoreline but much less drama at Middle Road where **Shoreham** saw their winless start continue via defeat against **Horsham YMCA**.

Harry Law and Callum Jardin were on target for YM. Josh Gould pulled one back for Shoreham but it was too little, too late and a disappointing evening was completed when Finley Carter-Millar was sent off.

The Premier Division's final game took place at the New Defence where both the goals came inside five first half minutes.

Billy Oliver put **Peacehaven & Telscombe** ahead on 30 minutes, only for Conor Wilford to level for **Lingfield** on 35 as the sides shared a 1-1 draw.

12 sides from Division One were in Peter Bentley League Cup first round action.

Easily the most eye catching result came in a local derby at the Lashmar where **East Preston** hosted **Arundel**.

Joe Kinsman put the hosts 1-0 ahead with seven minutes on the

clock, only for the Mullets to run riot and dish out a 6-1 hammering.

Steve Herbert and Hayden Hunter both scored doubles with Daegan Walsh and Matthew Storm adding to EP's misery.

Oakwood took their impressive Division One form into the Peter Bentley, ensuring that **Copthorne's** first ever game in the competition ended in defeat.

Darrel Agyemang scored in the fourth and sixth minutes followed by Josh Alder in the 29th and 73rd to wrap up an easy win for the hosts at Tinsley Lane.

Penalties were required at Chalky Lane to decide **Chessington & Hook United** would progress at the expense of **Godalming Town**.

David Gabor gave Chessington the lead, James Mariner levelled within 60 seconds and so the tie went to spot kicks where United triumphed 4-2.

Alfold against **Forest Row** was also decided from 12 yards, Fold winning 4-2 on penalties following a 2-2 draw over 90 minutes.

Matt Feeney-Hole scored twice for Frow with the Alfold goals coming from Ben Hughes and Mervin Louis.

Selsey came from behind to beat **Worthing United** 2-1, meaning we now travel to the Seal Bay Stadium in the second round next month.

United led through a Dan Hill strike on 30 minutes. Kye Hartt levelled before half time with Evan Harris adding what proved to be the winner on the hour mark.

Finally, **Mile Oak** enjoyed an excellent 2-1 win away at **Billingshurst**.

The Oak goals came from Jack Marriott and Alex Masters.



Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crowborough Athletic	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Hassocks	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Steyning Town	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Little Common	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
Haywards Heath Town	4	2	2	0	13	4	8
Eastbourne United	4	2	2	0	8	4	8
Peacehaven & Tels	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
AFC Uckfield Town	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
Newhaven	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Horsham YMCA	4	1	2	1	4	6	5
Midhurst	4	1	2	1	5	11	5
Eastbourne Town	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
AFC Varndeanians	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Pagham	4	1	0	3	4	5	3
Lingfield	4	0	3	1	6	9	3
Crawley Down Gatwick	4	1	0	3	5	8	3
Saltdean United	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Shoreham	4	0	1	3	3	7	1
Loxwood	4	0	1	3	1	10	1
Bexhill United	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath Town	277	832	548	284
Crowborough Athletic	188	565	374	191
Steyning Town	181	545	359	185
Shoreham	181	544	359	185
Newhaven	175	525	164	361
Peacehaven & Tels	173	520	344	176
Eastbourne Town	161	485	337	176
Hassocks	156	468	333	135
Eastbourne United	142	426	328	98
Bexhill United	130	261	156	105
Saltdean United	122	489	278	211
Pagham	115	216	216	
Little Common	108	216	216	
Horsham YMCA	101	202	202	
Crawley Down Gatwick	95	286	70	216
AFC Uckfield Town	93	281	281	
Lingfield	80	240	133	107
Loxwood	77	155	155	
Midhurst	65	130	130	
AFC Varndeanians	52	52	52	

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Crowborough Athletic	WWWD
Hassocks	DWWW
Steyning Town	WWW
Little Common	WWW
Haywards Heath Town	DDWW
Eastbourne United	DWDW
Peacehaven & Tels	WWD
AFC Uckfield Town	WLWL
Newhaven	DDW
Horsham YMCA	DDLW
Midhurst	DWDL
Eastbourne Town	DLLW
AFC Varndeanians	LDLWL
Pagham	LWLL
Lingfield	DDLD
Crawley Down Gatwick	WLLL
Saltdean United	LWLL
Shoreham	LLDL
Loxwood	LLDL
Bexhill United	LLL

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	5
Callum Connor	Newhaven	4
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	4
Sipheshile Mdalose	Midhurst	4
Billy Oliver	Peacehaven	4
Charlie Pitcher	Haywards Heath	4
Ian Robinson	Newhaven	4
Hayden Skerry	Haywards Heath	4
James Stone	Bexhill United	4
Conor Wilford	Lingfield	4
Callum Barlow	Eastbourne Utd	3
Lewis Croal	Peacehaven	3
Callum Edwards	Newhaven	3
Harry Forster	Crowborough	3
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	3
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	3
Charlie Playford	AFC Uckfield	3
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	3
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	3
Ellis Wright	AFC Uckfield	3

Under 23s

Under 18s

Ladies

Veterans



Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Lingfield	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Hassocks	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Oakwood	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Redhill	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Horley Town	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Zac Young	B'bridge Heath	3
Alfie Barnes	St Francis	2
Wiktor Maznica	B'bridge Heath	2
Jack Lazarus	Lingfield	2
Ashley Aderemi	Lingfield	1
Darrel Agyemang	Oakwood	1
Harvey Burgess	Horsham YMCA	1
Cameron Cooke	Roffey	1
Mohammed Djabali	Oakwood	1
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	1

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haywards Heath Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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London & South East Women's Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montpelier Villa	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Newhaven	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Dartford Reserves	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Bexhill United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bognor Regis Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bromley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herne Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Hastings United	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Welling United	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	2
Emma Healy	Dartford Res	2
Charlotte Carter	Newhaven	1
Hannah Cleary	Dartford Res	1
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	1
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	1
Daisy Meehan	Steyning Town	1
Jessica Mead	Newhaven	1
Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	1
Ruby Warden	Montpelier Villa	1
Faye Williams	Hastings United	1

Mid Sussex Veterans East Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarvis Brook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maresfield Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rotherfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seaford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidley United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Hassocks v Shoreham

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 29th August 2023, 7:45pm
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

Our first home midweek game under the lights so far this season sees former Hassocks striker Michael Death bring his reigning Division One champions Shoreham to the Beacon

Shoreham last season

Shoreham ended a four season absence from the Premier Division by winning promotion as Division One champions last time out under the management of former Hassocks striker Michael Death. In the process, the Musselmen went over a calendar year unbeaten in the league from January 2022 to January 2023, providing the foundations to lift the title by six points from Dorking Wanderers B with a record of 21 wins, eight draws and just three defeats from 32 matches. Shoreham are yet to win from any of their seven games so far this season with a league record reading three defeats and a draw against Eastbourne United from four outings.

Head-to-head

Despite the fact we have not played each other for four seasons, there have been 51 meetings between the clubs. We have won 22, Shoreham 18 with 11 draws; such an even record showing there is rarely anything between the clubs. The only competition in senior football we are yet to play each other in is the FA Vase.

Last time we met

Shoreham were all-but relegated when they visited Hassocks for the final game played at the Beacon of the 2018-19 season whilst we were safely positioned in mid table. Not that any of that mattered as the Musselmen stormed to a 5-0 victory.

Mohammed Diallo scored four of the goals with the other coming from Martin Mutungi.

Familiar faces

The game will represent Death's first return to the Beacon as a manager. He played 112 games between 2015 and 2018 for the Robins, scoring 38 goals to sit 17th on the all time scorer's list in senior football. Our recent signing of Alex Fair will give the winger an early opportunity to take on the side he helped to win Division One last season, whilst young goalkeeper Joe Southam has signed for Shoreham this season having spent part of last season dual-signed with us from Burgess Hill Town.

<<< Upcoming Fixtures



Eastbourne United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 9th September 2023, 3:00pm
The Oval, Channel View Road, Eastbourne, BN22 7LN
Admission prices £8 adults, £5 concessions

With Steyning Town still in the FA Cup, our next game after Tuesday night's clash with Shoreham takes us to the Sunshine Coast to face Eastbourne United on Saturday 9th September

Eastbourne United last season

Eastbourne United enjoyed their best season since their 2008-09 Southern Combination League title win, finishing in fourth spot last time out. They conceded only 32 goals, the joint-fewest in the division alongside runners up Crawley Down Gatwick. Their six defeats meanwhile was a total bettered only by champions Broadbridge Heath on five. Had United managed to turn some of their 12 draws into victories, then they would have been very much in the championship picture. That provides an obvious area for Anthony Storey to improve upon this time around in his third campaign since taking over at the Oval.

Head-to-head

The Robins just about lead the head-to-head with 18 wins to United's 14, leaving 14 draws from the 46 meetings between the clubs. Our record is helped hugely by the fact that we seemed to love visiting the Oval in the 2010s, winning on all six visits we made even though we only finished above United in the Premier Division standings once in that time. Such happy times away at United are fast fading to memory with our last four trips ending in three defeats and a draw.

Last time we met

Phil Johnson scored his 100th goal for the Robins in our March visit to the Oval but it was not quite enough for

victory. Johnson struck with 11 minutes played and we led right up until four minutes before time when Gary Ingram equalised. Not only did that deny us three points, but it also ended a club-record run of five consecutive clean sheets recorded by James Shaw and his defence.

How to get to The Oval

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



AFC Uckfield Town v Hassocks

Sussex Transport Senior Cup First Round
Tuesday 12th September 2023, 7:30pm
The Oaks, Eastbourne Road, Uckfield, TN22 5QL
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

Attention switches to the Sussex Transport Senior Cup in which we make the short hop along the A272 to face fellow Premier Division outfit AFC Uckfield Town in the first round of the competition at the Oaks

AFC Uckfield Town last season

It was a season of transition for the Oaks as new manager Jonny Elwood brought in a number of young players with a determination to play good football. As is usually the case with youthful teams, results were somewhat inconsistent and that resulted in a 16th place finish. Despite the lowly position, Uckfield had no concerns over relegation and finished 11 points clear of the bottom two. The summer has though brought a change in boss with the man Elwood replaced, Steve Ives, returning to the Oaks for a third spell. Ives has led Uckfield to three wins from seven in all competitions in the current campaign. They have defeated AFC Varndeanians and

Horsham YMCA in the league and eliminated Saltdean United from the Peter Bentley League Cup.

Head-to-head

We have met AFC Uckfield on 21 previous occasions. Last season's double moved us ahead in the head-to-head with 11 wins compared to the Oaks' nine, leaving only one draw between the sides. That was a 2-2 thriller at the Beacon in August 2021. It might not be a game to put on your coupon, but it is one which normally delivers goals. 80 having been plundered at an average of nearly four per game.

Last time we met

It was a routine Robins win in the

face game of 2023 at the Beacon back in January. Goals from Liam Benson, JJ Minty and Joe Bull secured a 3-0 victory, just reward for James Westlake naming all three of his senior strikers - Benson, Johnson and Pat Harding - in the same starting XI for the first time.

How to get to the Oaks

Take the A272 followed by the A26 towards Uckfield before joining the B2102 into the town itself. Turn right at the t-junction, past the railway station and follow the road down the high street. When the fork is reached, take the left hand option down Eastbourne Road with the ground being on the left by the Rajditt Restaurant.

Robins Awards 2023-24



Starman Awards

Eastbourne Town home **Jack TROAK**
Loxwood away **Joe BULL**
Erith Town home **Joe BULL**
Lingfield home **Josh MUNDY**
Pagham away **Kyle WOOLVEN**
AFC Varndeanians home **Fraser TRIGWELL**
Midhurst & Easebourne home
Shoreham home
Steyning Town away
Eastbourne United away
AFC Uckfield Town away
AFC Varndeanians home
Roffey away
Selsey away
Little Common away
Horsham YMCA home
Crawley Down Gatwick away
AFC Uckfield Town home
Newhaven away
Peacehaven & Telscombe home
Crowborough Athletic away
Eastbourne Town away
Saltdean United home
Bexhill United away
Loxwood home
Lingfield away
Haywards Heath Town home
Shoreham away
AFC Varndeanians away
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Eastbourne United home
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Horsham YMCA away
Haywards Heath Town away
Bexhill United home
Saltdean United away
Newhaven home



Player of the Month

August 2023

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2023

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2023

1st

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3rd

November 2023

1st

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3rd

December 2023

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2nd

3rd

January 2024

1st

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3rd

February 2024

1st

2nd

3rd

March 2024

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2024

1st

2nd

3rd

HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Most



Most

Games

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. James Westlake	241	20	261	31
17. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
18. Pat Harding	211	34	245	143
19. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
20. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
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. Pat Harding	143	245
3. James Laing	143	351
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	52	183
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. Jack Troak	31	125
21. Luke Flomo	31	146
22. James Westlake	31	261
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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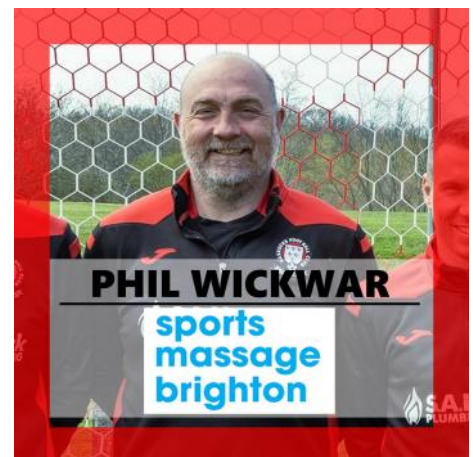
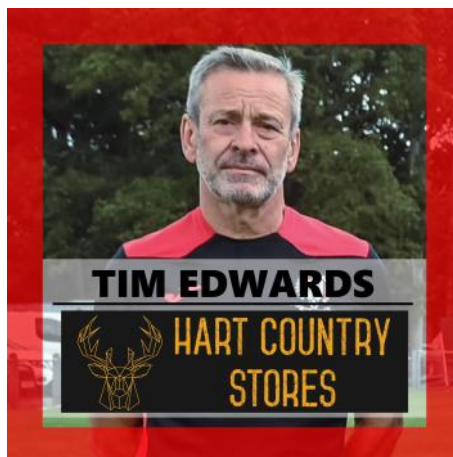
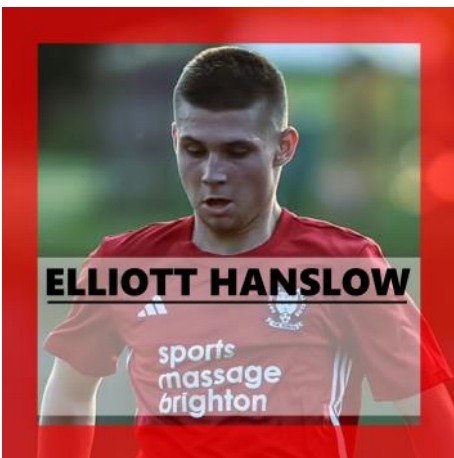
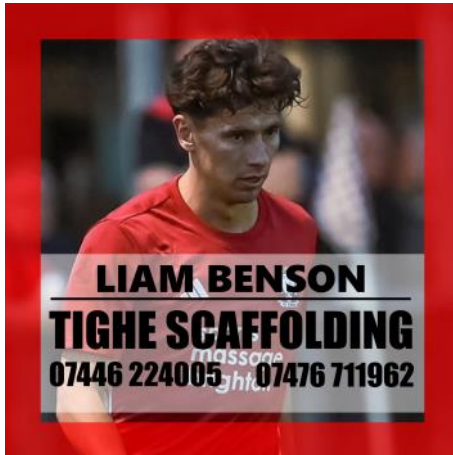
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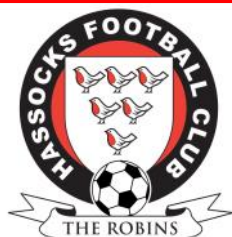
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Alex BYGRAVES	
Bradley TIGHE	
Matt GUNN	
Sam SMITH	
Mike WILLIAMSON	
James WESTLAKE	
Josh MUNDY	
Jamie WILKES	
Tom FRANKLAND	
Elliott HANSLOW	
Alfie LOVERSIDGE	
Alex FAIR	
Kyle WOOLVEN	
Pat HARDING	
Ben BACON	
Liam BENSON	
Alex BREWER	

Head Coach James Westlake

Assistants Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson

Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards

Physio Jay Patel

Physio Ash Cooper

Physio Phil Wickwar

Next at the Beacon



Shoreham

Southern Combination Premier Division
Tuesday 29th August 2023. 7:45pm



MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE

	Josh BIRD
	Ricardo MENDONCA
	Lawson BRIGHT
	Charlie OSBOURNE
	Harry TREMLETT
	Duncan BROWN
	Harry GILES
	Lewis HAMILTON
	Marcus BEDFORD
	James LIDDIARD
	Jordan WARREN
	Kieran CARTER
	Billy CONNOR
	Ollie HERRING
	Lewis HYDE
	Siph MDALOSE
	Lewis RUSTELL
	Matt ROWLAND
	Adam WILLIAMS
	Will YATES

Referee

John Kane

Assistants

Paul John &
Peter Coleman

Manager Justin Jones

Assistant Paul Etteridge

Assistant Lawrence Edwards

Physio Dave Bridges

Match Secretary Martin Waner

Today's other Premier Division games

Crawley Down Gatwick v Peacehaven

Today's FA Vase games

AFC Uckfield Town v Staplehurst Monarchs

Croydon v Shoreham

Horsham YMCA v Faversham Town

Loxwood v East Preston

Steyning Town v Oakwood

Sutton Athletic v Pagham

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