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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 evening and welcome to the Beacon for our first home game in nearly four weeks with Horsham YMCA the visitors

We would like to start by welcoming the players, management, committee and supporters of YM to Mid Sussex and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

To say it has been a hectic time since we beat AFC Varndeanians 5-0 in our most recent outing here is something of an understatement.

Five first team matches have been played on the road in three different competitions.

And yet despite the challenges which come with playing so many games away from home, we remain in both the FA Vase and Peter Bentley League Cup and are flying high in third spot in the Premier Division.

It is fair to say that is a position even the biggest Hassocks Football Club optimist would never have imagined us occupying 10 games into the campaign.

That victory over Varndeanians was followed by a Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup second round exit at the hands of Selsey, arguably the only game so far in which we have not done ourselves justice.

What better way to bounce back though than by winning 5-4 away at Combined Counties Premier Division

North side Sheerwater in the FA Vase?

Victory there secured our place in the first round proper of the competition and a meeting with Bedfont Sports on Saturday 21st October.

Any support you can give in West London on that day - their ground is located at the end of Heathrow's south runway, which means there is constant entertainment even when the football is dull - will be greatly appreciated.

There was then a 5-1 win at Selsey in the Peter Bentley League Cup to set up a mouth watering third round home tie against Haywards Heath Town.

We do not have official confirmation yet as to when that game will take place, but it is looking likely to be Tuesday 31st October. Keep your eyes on our website and social media feeds for more news when we have it.

In the Premier Division, two very difficult away games were negotiated with six points the outcome.

A stunning 4-1 win at Little Common was followed by a gritty 1-0 success at the weekend over last season's Southern Combination

runners up, Crawley Down Gatwick.

With this evening being the first of two back-to-back home games, an impressive start to the season might have turned into a brilliant one by 5pm on Saturday.

It is AFC Uckfield Town at home that day and as always, we would love to see a big crowd packing out the Beacon as we look to maintain our lofty position.

There has been plenty of football played by our other teams over the past three-and-a-half weeks, with reports to follow in tonight's programme and the Uckfield edition at the weekend.

Finally, we would like to thank Jay Patel for all her hard work as physio following her decision to join Redhill.

Jay's work commitments have recently changed and being at a club much closer to home is a better fit for her currently.

She has been superb during her short time at the club and we wish her all the best for the future.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



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Horsham YMCA

The 2023-24 season could be a big year for Horsham YMCA regardless of what happens on the pitch, with a decision set to be made very soon over whether permission is granted to install a new 3G pitch at Gorings Mead

The likes of Newhaven, Lancing and Steyning Town have all shown how transformative an artificial surface is for a Southern Combination League club in terms of increasing revenue and ensuring games can go ahead no matter the weather.

Hoping to be next to follow their lead are YMCA. A planning application is with Horsham District Council, who deferred approving or rejecting the project last week until a November meeting.

Everyone at Hassocks wishes YM the best in the hope they get the green light.

On the pitch, YMCA are looking to build on a 2022-23 campaign in which they were safely positioned in mid table, never really threatening

the top half whilst at the same time being nowhere near the relegation battle.

It is been a case of slow and steady improvement under the management of club legend Dean Carden, who is now in his fourth season at the helm.

Like Hassocks in 2019-20 when the season being declared null and void potentially spared us from relegation, YM were grateful that 2020-21 went the same way as they were in the bottom three when the post-Christmas lockdown was introduced.

Carden's young squad learnt fast from that experience, leading to a 13th place finish in 2021-22 and 12th last time out.

YM arrive here this evening occupying 15th spot but having faced a pretty tough opening 10 games.

A look through their results suggests their lowly position is probably a false one.

YM have drawn with Haywards Heath Town and Newhaven, who are both expected to be in the title picture.

They also eliminated Eastbourne Town from the Sussex Senior Cup via a 3-2 win at the Saffrons and were only just defeated by Premier Division leaders Crowborough Athletic 2-1 at the weekend.

Tonight will therefore represent another tough test for the Robins as we look to maintain our excellent start.

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Top scorer Sekou Toure, 4

Club Honours

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Winners 2005, 2006

Runners up 2019

Southern Combination League Division One

Winners 1966, 1983

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 1967, 1968, 1982, 2002

Runners up 1973, 2009, 2018

Southern Combination League Division One Cup

Winners 1962, 1965

Runners up 1960, 1961, 1962

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 2001, 2014

10 Key YMCA Moments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last 20 Seasons

2022-23: Southern Combination One 12th

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 13th

2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 4th

2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2015-16: Southern Combination Premier 7th

2014-15: Southern Combination Premier 5th

2013-14: Southern Combination Premier 4th

2012-13: Southern Combination Premier 10th

2011-12: Southern Combination Premier 16th

2010-11: Isthmian South 22nd

2009-10: Isthmian South 11th

2008-09: Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2007-08: Isthmian South 21st

2006-07: Isthmian South 9th

2005-06: Southern Combination Premier 1st

2004-05: Southern Combination Premier 1st

2003-04: Southern Combination Premier 13th

2002-03: Southern Combination Premier 3rd

2001-02: Southern Combination Premier 10th

Played for Both

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

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

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

Phil Gault enjoyed a brief stay with YM in between moving from Hassocks to Haywards Heath Town in 2014 while **Phil Johnson** went the opposite way, playing one brief game for Heath before joining YM following

a spell with Burgess Hill Town.

Both Johnson and Gault have over 100 Hassocks goals to their name through multiple spells at the Beacon.

Johnson meanwhile averaged better than a goal every other game at Gorings Mead, scoring 53 times from 102 appearances.

Gault was not the only ex-Robin to end up at YM during the 2014-15 season.

Anthony Hibbert moved to Gorings Mead after a short spell at East Preston ended when Dom Di Paolo resigned as manager at the Lashmar.

Hibbert played over 400 games and scored more than 100 goals for the Robins.

He was soon joined at YM by defender **Alex Gathern**, who swapped a relegation battle with

Hassocks for a promotion push at Gorings Mead.

A few more players have represented both clubs in the past five seasons.

Hassocks signed defender **Dan Webster** from YM in the summer of 2018 whilst **Jake Lindsey** moved to Gorings Mead at the start of the 2019-20 campaign for a brief spell.

Webster only played a handful of games for us before moving to Oakwood. Lindsey's spell at YM was equally short lived.

Both Josh Tuck and Charlie Tuck have played for the Robins and YM. The most recent player to swap between the clubs is Ben Bacon, who returned to us for a third spell in the summer.

Bacon scored four times in 15 games last season for YMCA.

Robins v Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier >	Played 47 - Won 15 - Drawn 6 - Lost 26 - Scored 69 - Conceded 98
SCFL Division One >	Played 6 - Won 1 - Drawn 5 - Lost 0 - Scored 6 - Conceded 4
Division One Cup >	Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 1
RUR Charity Cup >	Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 2 - Conceded 3
FA Cup >	Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 2

Total > Played 56 - Won 18 - Drawn 11 - Lost 27 - Scored 83 - Conceded 108

Previous Meetings

2022-23

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-4 Hassocks

2021-22

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

2020-21

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-3 Hassocks

2019-20:

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-2 Hassocks

2018-19:

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-3 Horsham YMCA

2017-18:

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 6-0 Hassocks

2016-17

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 3-2 Hassocks

2015-16

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 4-1 Hassocks

2014-15

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 3-3 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-5 Horsham YMCA

2013-14

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Horsham YMCA

RUR Charity Cup: Horsham YMCA 3-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 5-0 Hassocks

FA Cup: Horsham YMCA 2-3 Hassocks

2012-13

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 5-0 Hassocks

2011-12

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 3-1 Hassocks

2008-09

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Horsham YMCA

2005-06

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-0 Hassocks

2004-05

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 5-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

2003-04

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 0-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 Horsham YMCA

2002-03

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-1 Hassocks

2001-02

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-4 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-0 Hassocks

2000-01

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Horsham YMCA

1999-00

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 1-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Horsham YMCA

1998-99

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-0 Hassocks

1997-98

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 6-1 Hassocks

1996-97

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-0 Horsham YMCA

1995-96

SCFL Premier: Horsham YMCA 2-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-2 Horsham YMCA

1994-95

SCFL One Cup: Horsham YMCA 1-0 Hassocks

SCFL One: Hassocks 1-1 Horsham YMCA

SCFL One: Horsham YMCA 1-1 Hassocks

1993-94

SCFL One: Hassocks 2-0 Horsham YMCA

SCFL One: Horsham YMCA 1-1 Hassocks

1992-93

SCFL One: Horsham YMCA 1-1 Hassocks

SCFL One: Hassocks 0-0 Horsham YMCA



Four goal victory over YM makes it five wins through February for Hassocks

With eight games crammed into four weeks, February had taken on the look of a pivotal month as Hassocks attempt to secure a top 10 Premier Division finish.

The Robins end it with five wins, one draw and one defeat. The trip to Eastbourne United was abandoned following a double leg break to opposition striker Tony Halsey and will now be replayed in March.

Hassocks saved the best of their victories for last, completing a first league double since the 2003-04 season over Horsham YMCA via a 4-0 win at the Beacon.

There was little indication of the comfortable scoreline which was to come during a first half which was pretty turgid for the most part.

Neither side kept the ball particularly well, the whistle seemed to blow for some sort of infringement every couple of minutes and good opportunities were at a premium throughout the opening 40 minutes.

Harvey Blake had a drive deflected behind for a corner early on and YM's leading marksman Tom Tolfrey dragged wide when James Shaw might have expected to be tested.

Mike Williamson and Leon Turner then linked up well down the left with the latter going for goal from a tight angle when perhaps he should have looked to lay back across.

The half hour mark brought two moments which very much summed up the lack of quality.

First, Tolfrey would have had a clear run at goal had he not elected to use his hand to knock the ball beyond Sam Smith in what resembled a basketball double dribble. Tolfrey was booked for his troubles.

Phil Johnson was then fouled in a good position some 25 yards out. Johnson took the resulting free kick himself with the ball last seen flying

over some houses in neighbouring Hurstpierpoint.

With five minutes remaining until the half, some football finally broke out.

Alfie Loversidge crossed to Liam Benson, whose excellent flicked header was met by an equally impressive tip over the bar at full stretch from Aaron Jeal.

The first meaningful effort of the match was followed 60 seconds later and this time, it resulted in Hassocks taking the lead.

Smith hit a long ball out of defence which Benson chased. With Jeal advancing to try and cut out the danger, Benson lobbed the ball over the YM goalkeeper and in at the opposite post for a superb finish.

The Robins just about deserved to go into the interval with the lead. They set about extending it with real vigour after the break, winning a flurry of corners.

James Westlake delivered from the left and it needed an outstanding piece of defending from Sam Henderson to prevent a tap in at the back post.

Jack Troak then swung one over from the right which neither Alex Bygraves nor Smith could turn past a mass of white shirts grouped together on the line.

Both the Hassocks and YM bench were increasingly amused by Troak appearing to be making a noise like an aeroplane as he ran up and down the left flank early in the second half.

YM's mood soon darkened however when the Robins doubled their advantage in controversial circumstances on 56 minutes.

Loversidge harried Hayden Neathey, eventually forcing the YM defender to ground and coming away with the ball. The visitors wanted a foul and it was a bit of a surprise when one was not forthcoming.

Loversidge took full advantage of referee Ian Lane finding in his favour by getting into the YM box and

squaring for Johnson to sweep home his traditional goal against his former club.

YM had to get on the front foot in the final half hour if they wanted to salvage anything from the game and that suited Hassocks, who were now content to play on the counter.

Shaw made a big save when turning over a Josh Neathey effort but he was otherwise protected well by Blake, Bygraves, Smith and Troak.

It was opposite number Jeal who ended the match the busier. A flying one handed stop denied Benson.

Jeal followed that up with a brilliant double save, keeping out Benson's initial effort from a teasing Loversidge cross and Johnson's close-range rebound.

There was nothing that Jeal could do when Benson added his second and the Robins' third with 13 minutes remaining, picking out the bottom corner with a low effort hit from outside the area.

The game was up by that point but Westlake was very vocal in telling his players he expected no let up.

That manifested itself in a fourth goal as proceedings entered injury time, created and finished by two substitutes.

Phil Gault dropped into midfield to collect the ball and played a pass into space for tall striker Jamie Wilkes to gallop onto.

The rangy Wilkes took possession 40 yards from goal, used his long gazelle-like legs to skip past two desperate YM challenges and drilled home a low shot from 20 yards via the left hand post to complete the rout.

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

Subs: Harding (Loversidge 76), Gault (Johnson 79), Wilkes (Westlake 82), Bull (Turner 87), Rogers (unused).



Palmer pounces and Simpson saves to give Robins victory over YM

Ben Palmer pounced and Jack Simpson saved as Hassocks signed off their home season with a 1-0 win over Horsham YMCA.

Palmer's first goal for the Robins decided this tie on 40 minutes but struggling YM would have left with a point to show for their efforts were it not for a superb Simpson penalty save midway though the second half.

The result leaves Hassocks in a strong position to secure their highest ever Sussex County League finish ahead of their final two engagements.

Mickey Jewell takes his side to St Francis Rangers on Monday morning for the Easter Mid Sussex Derby, followed by a trip to Chichester City on April 28th.

Jewell has already voiced his displeasure at there being a gap of 19 days between Hassocks' penultimate and last fixture of the campaign.

As for YM, this will be a campaign everyone at Gorings Mead will be keen to forget.

Relegation from the Ryman League has been followed by a second successive battle against the drop, although they should have just about enough to avoid ending up in Division Two for next season.

Hassocks gave a first senior start to youth team winger Luke Pearce, who acquitted himself well on the left side of midfield before making way for Phil Johnson just before the hour mark.

Probably the most notable event of a low key first half was assistant referee Gerald Miles pulling a muscle and being unable to continue.

An appeal was put out to the crowd for anyone with a refereeing qualification willing to take over.

As luck would have it, Brighton-based Football League referee Dave Phillips was watching and soon found himself swapping the relative comfort of the Maurice Boxall Stand for

running the line.

Phillips' next match was due to be in the slightly different surroundings of the Valley on Easter Monday, refereeing Charlton Athletic against Walsall in League One.

In terms of what happened on the field not involving injuries to officials, Simon Lockwood made good saves from Nathan Miles and Nathan Cooper prior to Hassocks taking the lead.

It was a scrappy goal in keeping with a scrappy encounter. James Westlake sent over a corner which Palmer sent towards goal with a close range header.

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Visiting defender Harry Lowe tried and failed to block on the line with his hand, earning a yellow card for his troubles.

Hassocks could have doubled their advantage on the stroke of half time. A good chance came the way of Phil Gault but the Robins' leading scorer fired wastefully over the bar.

YM surprised Hassocks somewhat by coming out all guns blazing immediately after the interval.

Just four minutes of the second half has passed when Dean Wright drew a fine stop from Simpson.

The rebound fell kindly to Wright who seemed destined to score until Simpson somehow kept the follow up out as well.

It was a remarkable double save which served as a precursor to the Hassocks goalkeeper's heroics from

the spot on 68 minutes.

Ashley Marsh was somewhat harshly adjudged to have fouled Tim Martin when the two players challenged for a high ball into the box.

Referee Leigh Crowhurst had little hesitation in awarding the penalty. Martin took, only to see Simpson plunge down to his left to claw the ball away.

Simpson's save seemed to both deflate YM and serve as a wake up call for Hassocks.

The Robins came on much the stronger side in the final 15, manufacturing several chances to settle the match.

Johnson caused real issues following his introduction, particularly in the way he linked up with Nathan Miles.

A good run down the left from Johnson teed up Miles for an effort flashed inches over from 15 yards.

Miles then had two shots well blocked by some last-gasp defending from YM before the game petered out, leaving Hassocks to come with three points thanks to the interventions of their goalkeeper and right back.

Hassocks: J Simpson; B Palmer, Faith, Marsh, Mayward; Westlake, N Cooper, Boddy, Pearce; Miles, Gault.

Subs: Hibbert (Cooper 53), Johnson (Pearce 55), Slaughter (Boddy 71).



Miles journeys back to Hassocks after six years

Six years after his most recent appearance for Hassocks, Nathan Miles will pull on a Robins shirt again after completing a move back to the Beacon from Shoreham.

The popular forward scored 74 goals in 211 appearances for Hassocks between 2009 and 2017, leaving him seventh in the all-time scorers list behind Phil Gault, Pat Harding, James Laing, Antony Hibbert, Robbie Kitchen and Phil Johnson.

Miles came through the youth system at the Beacon and was part of the Under 18s side who won the Southern Combination League Cup in 2008.

He made his first team debut in the following 2008-09 season with his first goal in Hassocks colours coming in 2009-10 in a 3-3 home draw against Crawley Down Gatwick.

Miles followed that up by netting as the Robins secured a rare win away at Arundel, hammering the Mullets 4-1 to secure Sussex County League Division One survival with six games still to spare.

Another two goals from 16 appearances followed during the 2010-11 campaign, leaving Miles on four from 38 matches going into 2011-12.

That proved to be a breakthrough year for the striker, who formed a

phenomenal partnership with Gault.

Between them, the duo plundered 52 goals in all competitions as Mickey Jewell led Hassocks to their highest ever league finish of fourth.

Miles contributed 18 to that total, including an incredible run of form through the autumn in which he scored 12 times from 13 appearances as part of a 16 game unbeaten run.

2012-13 proved to be even more prolific for Miles. He hit a career best of 26 and Gault contributed 33 as Hassocks finished the campaign just three goals shy of breaking a century in the league for the first time.

10 of Miles' 2012-13 goals came in the final 10 matches, including a four-goal haul in a 6-1 win over Crowborough Athletic.

There was a brace as part of a mesmerising display which gave Hassocks local bragging rights by beating St Francis Rangers 3-2 in the Mid Sussex Derby.

The goal return of Miles only told half the story, however. He also proved the perfect foil for Gault, creating plenty of the goals which helped his strike partner become the Robins highest ever scorer in February 2014.

Now with a reputation as one of the best forwards in Sussex, Miles turned down offers from other clubs to remain with Hassocks. That made him a firm fan favourite with the Beacon faithful.

The 2013-14 season saw Miles

begin to suffer with the injury problems which would blight him over the next few years.

He played 16 times but still managed to contribute eight goals. With Gault departing to Horsham YMCA, Miles and Johnson reformed their successful Under 18s partnership at first team level in 2014-15.

Miles scored seven times in 22 appearance and ably supported Johnson, whose 26 goals went a long way towards helping the Robins avoid relegation.

Further injuries restricted Miles to 11 games in 2015-16, 21 in 2016-17 and six in 2017-18. Those campaigns returned four, six and one goal respectively.

Miles scored for Hassocks for the final time in a 3-2 home defeat against Newhaven in August 2017 before stepping back from senior football.

He remained out of the game until a few weeks into the current campaign, when former Robins teammate Michael Death tempted Miles from semi-retirement to sign for Shoreham.

Miles played for the Musselmen in September as they were beaten 3-1 by Hassocks in what was his first appearance at the Beacon for six years.

There will now hopefully be many more to come. Welcome back, Nathan.

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Five star Hassocks bounce back by routing Varndeanians

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 16th September 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks 5-0 AFC Varndeanians**



Following their first Southern Combination League Premier Division defeat of the season against Eastbourne United a week earlier, the big question Hassocks faced was how would they respond to losing.

Last season, one reversal often transpired into a barren run of form. Not so this time around. The Robins did enough to squeeze past AFC Uckfield Town in the Sussex Senior Cup on Tuesday night before this dominant display and 5-0 victory over AFC Varndeanians at the Beacon.

Hassocks had the game won before half time, going into the break three goals to the good thanks to Sean Stephenson, Alex Fair and Alfie Loversidge.

Liam Benson added two more after the break and in truth, the winning margin could have been even bigger.

First though, the Robins had to weather a strong start from Varndeanians.

Toby Reeder bent a free kick from 25 yards just the wrong side of the post and the same player was inches wide with a powerful drive after Tom Frankland and Jamie Wilkes conspired to give away possession in a dangerous position.

There were half-hearted Hassocks penalty appeals between those two chances.

Wilkes glided with the ball from the middle of the park out to the left before dinking a cross to the back post.

Stephenson went to ground from what appeared to be a push in the back but referee Daniel Jeffrey waved play on.

An early tactical adjustment from James Westlake saw Hassocks switch their wingers, Stephenson swapping from left to right with Loversidge going the other way.

It did not take long for the change to pay off. Fair flicked an

aerial pass from Joe Bull into the path of Stephenson, who cut inside from his new flank to dance past three Varndeanians defenders and fire into the bottom corner.

Stephenson almost had a second shortly after. Again he drifted into the middle and drew a fine parry from Varndeanians goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins. Fair blasted the rebound over.

Further chances came for Hassocks. Loversidge could not quite convert a Stephenson cross flashed across the face of goal.

The Robins then won a frankly absurd six headers in a row to get the ball into the box, only for Fair to roll a left footed effort just wide when the ball eventually came out of the sky.

Hassocks finally doubled their advantage with five minutes of the first half remaining.

Mike Williamson picked the pocket of former Robin Sam Rogers in midfield, Benson worked the loose ball into a gap and Fair produced an outrageous finish from outside the area.

Wilkes was the architect of the third which came three minutes later. The tall striker won a header to set himself racing clear down that left flank he had been eerily drawn towards.

After leading the Varndeanians right back on a merry dance, the rangy Wilkes passed low and hard into the middle where Loversidge arrived to scoop the ball over Hawkins via a quite outrageous finish.

The second half continued in much the same manner as the first had finished with Hassocks well on top.

Alex Bygraves was unlucky to see a header drop onto the roof of the net and more Wilkes trickery paved the way for Stephenson to strike into the side netting.

It was in the final 20 that the Robins' leading scorer Benson came to the party with a 13 minute brace to complete the rout.

Raging Bull has racked up his fair share of assists from left back this season and he added another to his growing collection for the fourth.

Fraser Trigwell sent a pinpoint kick forward, Bull charged up the pitch to win the header and that put Benson in one-on-one.

Benson made no mistake, chipping Hawkins as the Varndeanians keeper dived at his feet in vain.

That sparked an action packed closing spell. A stretching Benson volley from a Frankland cross rolled just beyond the far post.

Substitute Kyle Woolven then played a reverse pass to put Loversidge in, only for Hawkins to make the save.

Woolven, Wilkes and Pat Harding all came close to adding to the scoreline, the latter seeing his header denied by a brilliant Hawkins save from point blank.

Varndeanians saw their best chance of the game come back off the post from a header, after which Benson wrapped up the scoring.

The lively Woolven spotted a gap to thread a pass into. Benson was still in this own half when he chased onto it, outstripping the Varndeanians defence and rounding Hawkins to roll into the empty net.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Frankland, Gunn, Bygraves, Bull; Loversidge, Wilkes, Williamson, Stephenson; Fair, Benson.

Subs: Woolven, Harding, Mundy, S Smith, L Westlake (used).

Below par Robins crash out of RUR at hands of Roffey

Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Second Round Tuesday 19th September 2023, Bartholomew Way Roffey 2-0 Hassocks

Exiting knockout competitions to lower division clubs is something Hassocks have specialised in over the years.

It turns out not even this Robins side currently flying high in third place in the Southern Combination Premier Division are immune to the trait.

A below par display saw Hassocks denied a place in the quarter finals of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup by Division One leaders Roffey, who ran out 2-0 winners at Bartholomew Way.

Judging by the starting XI named by James Westlake, the Robins knew this would be a tough evening.

Against both AFC Uckfield Town in the Sussex Senior Cup and AFC Varndeanians in the previous round of this competition, Westlake rotated his squad.

Those two outfits are Premier Division clubs like Hassocks. Despite Roffey being from the division below, the Robins went pretty much full strength.

The only changes from their weekend win over Varndeanians were enforced, Sean Stephenson and Alex Fair missing out to be replaced by Kyle Woolven and Pat Harding.

Harding and Woolven made bright starts and almost combined to give Hassocks the lead inside the opening few minutes.

Super Pat hung up a left wing cross which Jahobi Maher could only head clear as far as Woolven lurking on the edge of the area.

Woolven struck a low, powerful volley. Roffey goalkeeper Luis Correia appeared worried enough until the strike hit the unfortunate Alfie Loversidge and headed out towards the right flank.

It would have been considered a great block from Loversidge had it happened up the other end.

Speaking of the other end, that is where the Robins' misfortune spread

to next as a comical own goal gave Roffey the lead on five minutes.

Boars right back Jake Le Grange clipped a diagonal pass into the box towards target man Joao Andrade, battling with Alex Bygraves.

When neither Andrade nor Bygraves won the header as expected, Tom Frankland covering behind found himself caught by surprise that the cross was now coming towards him.

Frankland stuck out a leg in an attempt to clear, only to succeed in scooping the ball straight over the head of the helpless Fraser Trigwell.

The Robins lost their normal composure after that and Roffey could have been out of sight before half time.

Trigwell made an extraordinary double save, pushing away at full stretch a shot on the turn from outside the area by Andrade.

The Hassocks number one then somehow recovered, scrambling to his left to tip the follow up from Maher around the post.

Not that Trigwell got the credit he deserved for the second stop as a goal kick was strangely awarded.

Next Trigwell came through a crowd of bodies to punch an in-swinging corner away. The loose ball fell to Shaun Findlay but his effort was lifted inches over the bar.

Devon Fender and George Cousins dribbled shots from distance wide early in the second half.

Fender then managed to escape through a gap between Frankland and Matt Gunn.

Frankland to his credit did well to recover, forcing Fender just wide enough so that the angle became too tight for the Roffey forward to find the bottom corner when firing across Trigwell.

The Boars were awarded a free kick in a dangerous position with 72

minutes on the clock. Trigwell was



brave in coming through a crowd of players to punch clear at the expense of a corner, taking a whack from Findlay in the process.

Fender delivered said corner, substitute Bradley Tighe cleared back towards the Roffey wide man and he crossed again.

This time, Bygraves headed away. The ball bounced awkwardly in front of Ricardo Fernandes, hitting the arm of the brother of Manchester United's Bruno.

It was such a clear handball that Fernandes was visibly frustrated a promising opportunity was about to be brought to an end by the referee's whistle.

Except there was no whistle. Referee Richard Smallwood allowed play to continue, Jamie Wanstall picked up the pieces and fired into the bottom corner with his new pair of lurid orange boots to double Roffey's advantage.

The circumstances of the goal were undoubtedly questionable but only a brave man would suggest Roffey did not deserve it.

Hassocks at least finished with a flurry of three chances, even if the general feeling around the ground was their goose had been cooked by the second Boars goal.

All fell to Liam Benson. Correia made a good reaction save from a stretching volley, a looping header dropped just wide of the post and Findlay then got an important touch to divert a vicious drive off target.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Frankland, Gunn, Bygraves, Bull; Loversidge, Wilkes, Williamson, Harding; Woolven, Benson.

Subs: B Tighe, L Westlake, Munday, S Smith, J Nandhra (used).

Westlake ends injury nightmare by winning it at the death for Robins

**Isuzu FA Vase Second Qualifying Round
Saturday 23rd September 2023, Eastwood Leisure Centre
Sheerwater 4-5 Hassocks**



After two operations and 361 days out injured, there could not have been a more apt winning scorer for Hassocks in their Isuzu FA Vase second qualifying round tie away at Sheerwater than Lewis Westlake.

The Robins club captain has endured a nightmare year. False dawns and setbacks aplenty have littered the past 12 months leading up to the 89th minute at Eastwood Leisure Centre, when Westlake struck a glorious goal from a full 35 yards to finally decide a chaotic game of football 5-4 in favour of Hassocks.

That scoreline in itself looks absurd. It becomes even more so when you consider the Robins led 3-0 and 4-1, saw Matt Gunn sent off and then head coach James Westlake flashed a red card after the final whistle. And those two dismissals were the boring bits.

Given the carnage that was to unfold, it now seems strange that the first 15 minutes were so serene.

Mike Williamson won a header against a Sheerwater player twice his height to create a half chance for Hassocks and Adam Belahcene then made the perfect run to spring the Robins offside trap only to fire off target.

The first effort on target for either side arrived on 18 minutes and it led to Hassocks taking the lead. Alfie Loversidge hung up a cross into the box which Liam Benson leapt like the proverbial salmon to meet and head home.

Hassocks wanted a penalty on 20 minutes when a ball took a strange bounce off the 4G surface and hit a hand. Referee Andrew Tooley did not agree and waved play on, which was probably the right decision.

Also the right decision was Mr Tooley giving the Robins a spot kick six minutes later. Josh Mundy clipped a ball into the box and Jamie

Wilkes went to ground like a man saving his wicket for Mid Sussex Heathens in their T20 Plate Final at Hove County Ground the following day. Tall striker Wilkes enjoyed a good weekend as the Heathens went onto beat Middleton IIIs.

Benson was having an equally profitable time. His initial penalty was saved by Billy Wilson but he finished the rebound to double the advantage.

Eight minutes later and Hassocks made it three. Home captain Dale Burnham looked suspiciously like Derek Acorah but he clearly doesn't have a spirit guide as effective as the famous Liverpoolian medium.

Burnham would otherwise have known not to play a backpass latched onto by Loversidge, who rounded Billy Wilson and rolled into the empty net.

Going into half time and the conversation amongst the travelling support was that even Hassocks with their well known ability to veer from the sublime to the ridiculous could not blow a 3-0 lead in a game in which they looked in total and utter control.

Oh ye of little faith. Within two minutes of the restart, Sheerwater pulled one back. Michael Milne won a flick on and David Armarteifio provided the finish.

Hassocks in fairness responded in the best way possible by adding their fourth of the afternoon seven minutes later.

Williamson led a counter from a Sheerwater corner, dinking a ball into Sean Stephenson. The winger produced a flurry of stepovers and then fired beyond Wilson from what appeared an impossible angle.

Even in the context of such a madcap game, the next 10 minutes were wild. The Sheers scored on 56 through a brilliant Theo White distance strike and then again on 59.

At this point, the stadium announcer summed things up perfectly by popping over the tannoy with: "I can't keep up with who has scored, but it's now Sheerwater 3-4 Hassocks."

Anthony Ogbanufe was in fact the scorer with a header from a White cross. And it did not stay Sheerwater 3-4 Hassocks for long either.

Gunn was sent off on 62 and the Sheers levelled on 67, Obagnufe equalising with an obscene overhead kick which he set up himself. It would have been the goal of the game until Westlake was introduced to proceedings.

Hassocks brought on Pat Harding and Bradley Tighe in quick succession before Westlake, the steady flow of substitutions introducing a sense of normality to leave the prospect of penalties looming large.

And then with a minute of normal time remaining, Westlake picked the ball up in midfield. He had said whilst warming up that his new bleached blonde hair had drawn comparisons to Eminem and so if felt right that he picked out the top corner from eight miles out.

There was not enough time left for the Sheers to launch yet another comeback. Hassocks therefore moved into the first round proper of the competition for the first time since 2014.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Frankland, Gunn, Bygraves, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Stephenson; Wilkes; Benson.

Subs: B Tighe (Mundy 63), Harding (Stephenson 77), L Westlake (Wilkes 82), Blake, Fogden (unused).

Four-midable Benson fires Hassocks to Peter Bentley derby date

**Peter Bentley League Cup Second Round
Tuesday 26th September 2023, Seal Bay Stadium
Selsey 1-5 Hassocks**



There will be a Mid Sussex Derby in the third round of the Peter Bentley League Cup after Hassocks secured safe passage past Selsey to set up a home clash with Haywards Heath Town.

Liam Benson was the star of the show at the wonderfully named Seal Bay Stadium, scoring four of the goals in a 5-1 victory for the Robins.

Heath did their part too, winning 3-1 at Wick. The sides will now meet at the Beacon in October with a place in the quarter finals of the competition up for grabs.

With both teams currently ensconced in the top six of the Southern Combination Premier Division, it should be a cracker.

Fresh in Hassocks minds ahead of the long journey west would have been what happened seven days earlier in another cup tie against Division One opponents.

The Robins failed to do themselves justice in their Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup clash at Roffey, slipping on the proverbial banana skin and falling to a 2-0 defeat.

This looked on paper an equally tricky assignment. Selsey had finished in the playoff places last season and have retained much of that squad.

League form in the current campaign has not quite matched so far, but the Blues had already claimed the impressive scalps of higher division opponents Pagham and Tooting & Mitcham United in the Sussex Senior Cup and FA Vase respectively.

No doubt they would have fancied their chances of adding Hassocks to that list.

Thankfully for the Robins, they are in a rich vein of scoring form at the moment.

This was the third time in their

past four matches that they have hit five, having hammered AFC Varndeanians 5-0 before edging out Sheerwater 5-4 in a nine-goal FA Vase classic at the weekend.

James Westlake made four changes from XI who started that thriller against the Sheers.

The headlines were Under 18s left back Charlie Fogden making his full senior debut and a first start for over a year in midfield for Lewis Westlake.

Bradley Tighe and Super Pat Harding were the other players given opportunities with Tom Frankland, Joe Bull, Alfie Loversidge and Josh Mundy dropping out.

Hassocks took the lead with 15 minutes on the clock, Benson putting a well placed header beyond the reach of Selsey goalkeeper Jack Wyatt.

That set the tone for what was to come with all six goals on the night being notched from crossed into the box.

Benson doubled the advantage on the half hour mark via his second headed goal of the evening, ensuring the Robins went into the break 2-0 ahead.

Selsey made their first change of the evening on 60 minutes, introducing James Henton up front in place of Angel Harris.

It proved to be an inspired decision from manager Daren Pearce as within 180 seconds of his introduction, Henton pulled one back for the Blues after Shane Brazil crossed from the right.

Selsey had their tails up and nobody could blame any Hassocks supporters whose minds wandered to what happened against Sheerwater, when the Robins blew 3-0 and 4-1 leads to almost snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

But then came a moment of controversy which enabled Hassocks to restore their two-goal advantage

five minutes after Henton had struck.

One of the assistant referees flagged for an offside against Hassocks, only to then say he had made a mistake once the free kick had been awarded.

Man in the middle Adan Saige responded by giving the Robins an uncontested drop ball so that they could retake possession, leaving Selsey baffled.

And that bafflement instantly turned to anger as Hassocks immediately worked the ball out wide and crossed for Benson to complete his hat-trick.

The Blues were understandably miffed by this turn of events and Hassocks went onto score twice more in the final two minutes.

Benson added one to complete the first four-goal haul of his career and the other came from returning substitute Dan Turner, a 67th minute replacement for Matt Gunn.

It was the 2021-22 Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season double award winner's first senior appearance since returning from a year playing cricket in the southern hemisphere.

Hassocks: Trigwell; B Tighe, Gunn, Bygraves, Fogden; Stephenson, L Westlake, Williamson, Harding; Wilkes; Benson.

Subs: Turner (Gunn 67), Bull (Fogden 77), Mundy (Westlake 77), Woolven (Harding 77), Frankland (Tighe 83).

No stopping Robins as they run riot over Little Common

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 30th September 2023, Recreation Ground
Little Common 1-4 Hassocks**



How Hassocks occupy such a lofty place in the Southern Combination Premier Division has been explained in various quarters by a gentle set of opening fixtures.

But if the Robins rack up many more victories like this 4-1 win at Little Common, it will not be long before that reasoning wears thin.

Hassocks had not defeated Common since 1994. Just one place and two points separated the sides last season and it was the same gap in the current campaign prior to the Robins running riot at the Recreation Ground.

By whichever way you want to measure it, this was a statement from Hassocks. And whilst sterner tests lie ahead, on current form there are few opponents the Robins will fear facing.

Nor will many fancy taking on Hassocks all the while they cannot stop scoring.

Seven September fixtures have yielded 21 goals and Liam Benson leads the Premier Division scoring charts with 15 from 14 appearances.

Benson is just four goals away from equalling his best ever haul for a season and it is not even October yet.

Another player in fine fettle is Sean Stephenson. Hassocks have put the talents of the former Ipswich Town Under 18s defender to good use out wide, from where he opened the scoring against Common with 37 minutes on the clock.

It was Stephenson's third goal in six matches since joining the Robins from Newhaven.

Such are the options available to James Westlake in wide areas that he could afford to leave three players as good as Alex Fair, Kyle Woolven and Alfie Loversidge on the bench.

Hassocks were dealt a blow immediately after taking the lead

when Lewis Westlake left the action to be replaced by Josh Mundy.

Having spent the best part of a year out injured, the hope will be that Westlake's early departure was precautionary rather than anything related to the problems which have plagued him for the past 12 months.

Common were able to take advantage of the unexpected personnel change forced upon the Robins by equalising four minutes after Stephenson struck and three minutes after Westlake was removed.

Jamie Bunn provided the leveller with a well hit penalty kick, giving Fraser Trigwell no chance of keeping it out.

A goal so close to half time often can often turn a game around. Common certainly seemed buoyed by going in level, building on the undoubted confidence taken from their thrilling 3-2 Peter Bentley League Cup win over local rivals Bexhill United in midweek.

Hassocks therefore deserved a huge amount of credit for the way they started the second half.

They defended manfully to restrict Common to few chances. It was a Robins back four showing two changes from what has been the norm in recent weeks.

Harvey Blake came in at right back in place of Tom Frankland and Bradley Tighe took over in the middle from Matt Gunn, serving the first of a three game ban for his sending off in the 5-4 FA Vase win at Sheerwater a week ago.

Hassocks then became more of an attacking force, thanks largely to Pat Harding taking an ever increasingly prominent role.

Playing off the left behind Benson, Super Pat would end the afternoon as the Robins man-of-the-match and by making a little bit of Hassocks history.

But first came two goals in as

many minutes just before the hour mark to put the Robins firmly in control.

Benson of course provided one, his ninth of September as he was named Hassocks Player of the Month for the second time in succession.

The other saw Common put past their own goalkeeper, Tommy Scaale. The quick-fire nature in which the Robins had taken a two-goal lead left Common surprised and Hassocks with something to protect.

Prior to that point, the game had ebbed and flowed at a ferocious pace.

Hassocks showed exemplary game management to slow things down, take the sting out of the tie and snuff out any hopes of a Common comeback.

The icing on the cake was then provided by Harding added the fourth with 14 minutes left to play.

Super Pat finished with aplomb for his 144th goal in Hassocks colours, taking him above James Laing into second place in the Robins all-time scorers list behind only Phil Gault.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; Stephenson, L Westlake, Williamson, Harding; Wilkes; Benson.

Subs: Mundy (Westlake 37), Loversidge (Stephenson 58), Woolven (Harding 77), Fair (Wilkes 77), Fogden (Bull 87).

First Team Matches 2023-24

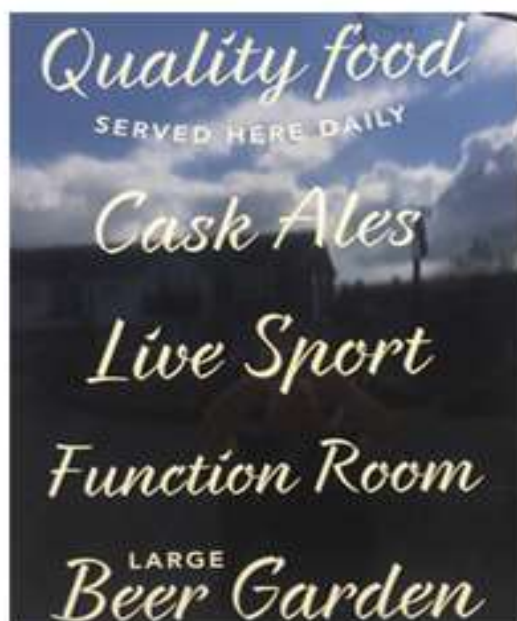
Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
29/07 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-1	232	OG
August					
01/08 - 19:30	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	3-0	82	Frankland, Benson, Harding
05/08 - 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP	1-1	135	Bull
08/08 - 19:45	Erith Town (A)	FACEPR	0-4	111	
12/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	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	3-1	101	Benson (3)
29/08 - 19:45	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP	3-1	265	Fair, Benson, Woolven
September					
09/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	0-3	211	
12/09 - 19:30	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SSC1	2-1	145	Bygraves, Loversidge
16/09 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	5-0	211	Stephenson, Fair, Loversidge, Benson (2)
19/09 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	RURC2	0-2	60	
23/09 - 15:00	Sheerwater (A)	FAVQ2	5-4		Benson (2), Loversidge, Stephenson, L.Westlake
26/09 - 19:45	Selsey (A)	PBLC2	5-1	121	Benson (4), D.Turner
30/09 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	4-1	96	Stephenson, Benson, OG, Harding
October					
07/10 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	1-0	86	Bull
10/10 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
17/10 - 19:30	East Grinstead Town (A)	SSC2			
14/10 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
21/10 - 15:00	Bedfont Sports (A)	FAV1			
28/10 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP			
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
Fraser Trigwell	17	0	17	0	18	0
Joe Bull	16	1	17	2	154	11
Pat Harding	13	4	17	3	255	144
Liam Benson	16	0	16	15	192	65
Alex Bygraves	16	0	16	1	60	5
Jamie Wilkes	14	2	16	0	56	4
Tom Frankland	11	4	15	2	27	2
Bradley Tighe	11	4	15	0	185	0
Kyle Woolven	5	9	14	3	14	3
Matt Gunn	13	0	13	0	13	0
Josh Mundy	7	6	13	0	13	0
Mike Williamson	11	1	12	0	51	0
Alfie Loversidge	7	5	12	3	91	14
Alex Fair	6	4	10	1	10	2
Sean Stephenson	6	1	7	3	7	3
Harvey Blake	5	1	6	0	118	4
Sam Geard	1	5	6	1	10	1
Lewis Westlake	2	3	5	1	118	11
James Westlake	4	0	4	0	261	31
Sam Smith	2	2	4	0	45	3
Jack Troak	3	0	3	0	125	31
Charlie Fogden	1	2	3	0	3	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
Josh Nandhra	0	1	1	0	1	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dan Turner	0	1	1	1	63	4

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Robins roll over Roffey to get back to winning ways

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 14th September 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 3-0 Roffey U23s**

Following two consecutive defeats after nearly going a year unbeaten in the Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division, Hassocks got back to winning ways against Roffey.

The Robins ran out comfortable 3-0 victors with probably the most pleasing aspect being a first clean sheet of the campaign for Jack Thomas and his defence.

This was a meeting between the sides who finished first and second last season, although Hassocks were a long way clear in winning the title by 16 points.

Early days it might be, but the North Division looks like it will be a much closer run thing this time around.

Broadbridge Heath and Lingfield inflicted those two aforementioned reversals on Hassocks, 4-1 and 6-1 respectively.

Both the Bears and the Lingers seem certain to be in championship contention.

So too Horsham YMCA, who have made a flying start. Hassocks host YM at the Beacon next Thursday night in what will be another stern test for Neil Parker and his players.

Parker made four changes from last week's heavy loss against Lingfield at the New Defence.

Billy Dove and Cavan Chedzey dropped down to the bench whilst Jack Smith missed out altogether.

Sam Smith was unavailable having started for the first team in their 2-1 Sussex Transport Senior Cup win away at AFC Uckfield Town 48 hours earlier.

Josh Mundy also played in that one, but with plenty of fuel left in the 18-year-old's tank he came in for an Under 23s debut to form a new-look midfield partnership alongside Lewis Westlake.

The Robins' club captain got more minutes under his belt as he continues to work his way back from a year out injured. So far, so good, with Westlake expected to be named in the senior squad for Saturday's home game with AFC Varndeanians.

Good news for him, bad news for the entertainment value of the Hassocks Twitter account if Westlake is no longer running it on matchdays.

The other two players coming into the side were the Nandhra brothers, Josh and Kian.

Their presence alongside Sam Fernley meant Hassocks started with three players from their Under 18s in



the XI.

Fernley provided one of the goals, opening his Under 23s account for the season in the process.

He was joined on the scoresheet by yet another one of the Under 18s contingent, Cavan Chedzey notching as a substitute.

Chedzey is enjoying quite the time of it for the Under 23s, this being a third goal in as many games for the former Hurstpierpoint youngster.

The ever reliable George Mercer was the third Robin to find the back of the net, who at the age of 21 was one of the oldest players in the side after Westlake and Dan Turner.

With three more Under 18s in Evan China, Ed Tobias and Alex Wintle joining Chedzey in coming off the bench, the future is looking very bright at the Beacon.

Hassocks: Thomas, W Tighe, Turner, McHale, Fernley, K Nandhra, L Westlake, Mundy, Mercer, J Nandhra, Geard.

Subs: Chedzey, China, Wintle, Dove, Tobias (used).



Hassocks halt high flying Horsham YMCA with five goal showing

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division
Thursday 21st September 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U23s 5-2 Horsham YMCA U23s**



At the end of a turbulent few days, Hassocks Under 23s delivered an excellent performance to beat Horsham YMCA 5-2 at the Beacon.

The Robins' saw head coach Neil Parker step down earlier in the week after 15 months in the job.

Parker became the first ever manager to lead a Hassocks Under 23s side to silverware, winning the North Division title in memorable campaign last time out. Everyone at the Beacon wishes him well for whatever is next for him in football.

The Robins acted quickly to replace Parker, putting together an interim coaching team which will see the side through the next month before a long term decision is made.

Included in the new setup are Phil Wickwar, who is now into his 27th different role since first arriving at the club as a teenager some 40-odd years ago.

Former Robins centre back Will Broomfield is also helping out, having assisted Parker in the past.

Broomfield's experience in matters such as being a ball playing, cultured defending and being able to walk down a set of stairs with a pint balanced on his head will no doubt

prove invaluable to what is one of the youngest Under 23s squads in the North Division.

A quick glance at the league table was indicative of the tough test Hassocks would face against YM, who sat third with only one defeat so far to their name.

Most notable was their goal scoring record. In just five matches, YM had scored 26 times.

Their previous two outings had resulted in a 7-0 win over Oakwood and an 11-0 victory at St Francis Rangers.

A Hassocks defence which had kept its first clean sheet of the season in last week's 3-0 win over Roffey looked set to be tested against YM.

The Robins made four changes from the side who had beaten the Boars. Bradley Tighe replaced younger brother Wes which hopefully did not lead to any arguments over the dinner table.

Sam Fernley and George Mercer were absent whilst Sam Geard has moved to Haywards Heath Town in search of first team football.

Joining the elder Tighe brother into coming into the side were Ben Hicks, Alex Wintle and Nathan Miles.

Yes, you have read that correctly.

And no, the world has not gone back to 2017.

Miles has rejoined the Robins from Shoreham and featured as one of the permitted overage players as he attempts to build up some fitness.

Hassocks wasted no time in setting about their task and led 4-0 within 37 minutes, catching YM completely by surprise.

The experienced Tom Tolfrey puled one back for the visitors on 42 and when Tariq Vincent made it 4-2 six minutes after the break, the question was could a comeback be on?

No was the answer as Hassocks added their fifth on 57 minutes to wrap the three points.

Josh Nandhra scored two of the Robins goals, brother Kian and Alex Winter one whilst YM also put through their own net.

Hassocks: Thomas, Hicks, Turner, B Tighe, McHale, K Nandhra, L Westlake, Mundy, Wintle, J Nandhra, Miles.

Subs: Chedzey, Parker-Williams, W Tighe, Dove, Durand (used).

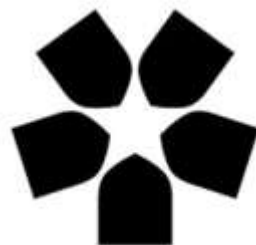


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Under 23s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
17/08 - 19:45	Redhill (A)	SCFL23	3-1	J.Nhandra, D.Turner, Mercer
24/08 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	4-2	Geard (2), Loversidge, Durand
31/08 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	1-4	Chedzey
September				
07/09 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23	1-6	Chedzey
14/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	3-0	Mercer, Chedzey, Fernley
21/09 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFL23	5-2	J.Nandhra (2), K.Nandhra, Wintle, OG
27/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	7-5	Miles (3), Duckett, S.Smith, Dove, Chedzey
October				
05/10 - 19:30	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL23	4-1	L.Turner, Bacon, Duckett, Durand
12/10 - 19:45	Lingfield (H)	SCFL23		
19/10 - 19:30	Bexhill United (A)	CU23C2		
26/10 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	U23LC1		

Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Noah McHale	6	2	8	0
Billy Dove	4	4	8	1
Jack Thomas	7	0	7	0
George Mercer	6	1	7	2
Sam Fernley	5	2	7	1
Ben Hicks	6	0	6	0
Dan Turner	6	0	6	1
Julian Durand	2	4	6	2
Wes Tighe	2	4	6	0
Sam Geard	5	0	5	2
Alex Wintle	2	3	5	1
Cavan Chedzey	1	4	5	4
Josh Nandhra	4	0	4	3
Kian Nandhra	3	1	4	1
Lewis Westlake	3	1	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	0	3	1
Nathan Miles	3	0	3	3
Jack Smith	2	1	3	0
Evan China	0	3	3	0
Kobe Dersley	2	0	2	0
Charlie Fogden	2	0	2	0
Jack Duckett	2	0	2	2
Josh Mundy	2	0	2	0
Sam Smith	2	0	2	1
George Gladding	1	1	2	0
Ben Bacon	1	0	1	1
Harvey Blake	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Will Lord	1	0	1	0
Bradley Tighe	1	0	1	0
Leon Turner	1	0	1	1
Kyle Woolven	1	0	1	0
Josh Akturk	0	1	1	0
Sam Dean	0	1	1	0
Jay Hudson	0	1	1	0
Ed Tobias	0	1	1	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	0	1	1	0

Hill hit Hassocks late to take all the points in seven goal thriller

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 17th September 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 3-4 Burgess Hill U18s**



A crazy and chaotic Mid Sussex Derby just about went the way of Burgess Hill Town Under 18s as they edged out Hassocks 4-3 at the Beacon.

Twice the Robins came from behind against last season's Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division runners up, only to be undone by a late goal which gave Hill local bragging rights.

Three games into the season and it is already pretty clear that watching this Hassocks side is going to be entertaining this season.

One week earlier and the Robins came out victorious in another high-scoring Mid Sussex Derby, against Haywards Heath Town on that occasion.

Hassocks thought they were on easy street until four second half goals from Heath ensured a final scoreline of 5-4 to the Robins.

All of which makes the opening day 6-1 win at home to Shoreham seems an oasis of calm in comparison.

Player rotation at Under 18s level is normally commonplace, so it was surprising to see Hassocks make just one change from that victory at Hanbury Park last Sunday.

Ben Foster dropped to the bench with Alex Brewer returning. Last season's leading scorer had missed the win over Haywards Heath having scored four of the six Robins goals against Shoreham.

That gave Hassocks a scary amount of firepower. Cavan Chedzey and Josh Nandhra have already found the back of the net for the Under 23s this season whilst Kian Nandhra has a first team appearance from the bench under his belt.

Burgess Hill though are also capable of scoring goals, as shown by the 6-0 hammering they dished out in their only previous league match against Haywards Heath at the Home Call Carpets Community Stadium two weeks ago.

It did not take Hill long to get into their stride, sauntering into a 2-0 lead with just 12 minutes played. At that point, a long morning looked in store for Hassocks.

But credit the Robins, who recovered from that nightmare start to go into the break level at 2-2.

Burgess Hill moved 3-2 ahead early in the second half. Hassocks levelled again as the game continued to ebb and flow in a superb advert for Under 18s football.

It looked like the Robins were

going to claim what would have been a very good point until Hill struck with five minutes remaining to move 4-3 ahead.

Despite throwing the kitchen sink at the visitors in what little time remained, Hassocks were unable to find a third leveller. A cruel defeat in the end.

Brewer provided two of the Robins goals with Chedzey the other. That was Chedzey's first for the Under 18s to go with three in three appearances for the Under 23s.

Burgess Hill had a brace score of their own as Billy Sale bagged a double. Dan Burbulis and Hugo Dalley were the other scorers.

Hassocks travel to Mile Oak next Sunday, where everyone will be hoping for a much more serene 90 minutes than the past two weeks.

What chance of that?

Hassocks: Bradley, Fogden, Tobias, Goswamy, Fernley, K Nandhra, Dean, China, J Nandhra, Chedzey, Brewer.

Subs: Munt, Hartley, Foster (used).

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Young Robins continue to rack up the goals putting five past Oak

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 24th September 2023, Mile Oak Recreation Ground
Mile Oak U18s 0-5 Hassocks U18s**



Having been involved in two high-scoring games decided by a single goal in the past fortnight, there was much less drama as Hassocks Under 18s headed to Mile Oak.

The Recreation Ground is always a difficult place to come, as evidenced by Oak having won two from two at home so far this season - including an impressive 4-2 win over reigning Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division champions St Francis Rangers.

Hassocks though made easy work of their visit, running out 5-0 winners to secure three points and a first clean sheet of the campaign for Theo Bradley and his defence.

The result got the Robins back to winning ways after the heartbreak of losing 4-3 to a late goal against Burgess Hill Town at the Beacon last Sunday.

A week before that and another ridiculous 90 minutes of football had seen the Robins edge out Haywards Heath Town 5-4 at Hanbury Park.

This Hassocks side are clearly going to score a lot of goals this season. If they can tighten up at the other end, then who knows how far this talented group can go?

The Robins made three changes from the side who had gone down to Burgess Hill the previous Sunday.

Ed Tobias, Evan China and Cavan Chedzey were all absent. Their places were taken by Ben Foster, George Gladding and Will Varley.

For Varley, it was a first start of the season. Having scored 14 goals from 19 appearances to finish just behind Alex Brewer in the Robins scoring charts last season, his return boosted the side's firepower even further.

Needless to say, Brewer was on target against Mile Oak with two goals, moving him onto eight from three appearances in the process.

Josh Nandhra also bagged a brace, completing a good 72 hours. Nandhra scored twice for his first goals for the Under 23s on Thursday night in their impressive 5-2 win over Horsham YMCA.

The other Robins player on the scoresheet was Oliver Goswamy. For him, a first of the campaign.

Attention now switches from Central Division action to the Sussex Dennis Probee Youth Cup next weekend.

Hassocks have been given a very tough draw away from home against a Crawley Down Gatwick outfit who

have won four out of four in all competitions so far this season.

Included in that impressive sequence of results are FA Youth Cup wins over Raynes Park Vale and Three Bridges.

With Down having scored 21 times at an average of more than five a game, entertaining seems likely to be in plentiful supply against an equally free scoring Hassocks side.

Kick off is at 11am and any support you can give the Robins as they look to embark on a County Cup run as a memorable as last season's adventure to the semi finals will be gratefully received.

Hassocks: Bradley, Fogden, Foster, Goswamy, Fernley, K Nandhra, Dean, Gladding, J Nandhra, Varley, Brewer.

Subs: Munt, Gabric, Hartley (used).



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Under 18s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
03/09 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	6-1	Brewer (4), Fernley, Hartley
10/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18	4-5	J.Nandhra (3), K.Nandhra, Fogden
17/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Brewer (2), Chedzey
24/09 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18	5-0	J.Nandhra (2), Brewer (2) Goswamy
October				
01/10 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	C18C2	2-9	K.Nandhra, J.Nandhra
08/10 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18	4-1	Chedzey, Fernley, Brewer, Hartley
15/10 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		
22/10 - 11:00	Roffey (A)	U18LC2		
29/10 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCFL18		
November				
05/11 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18		
12/11 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18		
19/11 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18		
26/11 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		

Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Theo Bradley	6	0	6	0
Sam Dean	6	0	6	0
Sam Fernley	6	0	6	2
Charlie Fogden	6	0	6	1
Will Hartley	1	5	6	2
Cavan Chedzey	5	0	5	2
Oliver Goswamy	5	0	5	1
Josh Nandhra	5	0	5	6
Kian Nandhra	5	0	5	2
Alex Brewer	4	1	5	9
Ben Foster	4	1	5	0
George Gladding	4	0	4	0
Toby Munt	1	3	4	0
Marko Gabric	0	4	4	0
Evan China	3	0	3	0
Ed Tobias	3	0	3	0
Harry Goatcher	1	0	1	0
Will Varley	1	0	1	0
Jack Wood	0	1	1	0

Veterans suffer heavy reversal to Rooks in opening game of season

Mid Sussex League Veterans East Division
Sunday 10th September 2023, Clayton Rec
Hassocks Veterans 1-5 Lewes Veterans

In the glamorous settings of Clayton Green Recreation Ground, another season got underway for Hassocks Veterans with a home match against Lewes.

There is another new format in place for Mid Sussex Veterans football this season, with two divisions split into East and West.

The Robins have just about fallen into the East Division, alongside Jarvis Brook, Lewes, Maresfield Village, Rotherfield, Seaford Town and Sidley United.

Some interesting geography seems to have been applied when dividing the teams.

Ardingly and East Court both found themselves in the West Division, despite being located further to the east than Hassocks.

That gives them a lot less travelling to do, whilst Steve Spies has to try and rally a side together for a trip to Sidley on a Sunday in the depths of winter.

Yes, Spiesy is back at the helm for what feels like his ninth different spell in charge of the Vets.

He has made a promise to himself to do it for only one season this time; the question is will he keep to that

vow?

It did not prove to be the start to the season Hassocks were hoping for as they were well beaten 5-1 by an impressive Rooks outfit.

The Beacon being unavailable was the reason for decamping a couple of hundred metres up the road to Clayton.

Things got off to a good start when it turned out the contractors working for Mid Sussex District Council had cut the grass but left the cuttings behind.

This meant that parts of the pitch had what were effectively mini haybales on them, despite the best efforts to clear the surface by Sussex Sunday League side Hassocks Fatboys who had played at Clayton in the morning.

Spiesy had been a used sub for the Fatboys whilst Mark Darbyshire started, meaning he went through two matches at the sprightly age of 41.

Amongst the other headline team news were debuts for new signings James Butcher and Chris Cook.

Ricky Betsworth also made his first appearances for the Robins from the bench.

Cook marked his Hassocks bow with the consolation goal in one of



the few positives to come from the afternoon.

Dan Horan scored twice for Lewes, along with Dougal Flemming, Jonathan Hebson and Edward Noel to move the Rooks to the top of the table after one round of matches.

Next up for Hassocks comes another tough test in the Sussex Veterans Cup in two weeks time against Patcham United.

Patcham have a number of big names from the Southern Combination League of yesteryear, including a certain Spencer Slaughter.

That game takes place under the lights at Hanbury Park on Monday 25th September with free admission.

Hassocks: Butcher, Waller, Newman, Spies, Darbyshire, Bundy, Wilson, Cook, Darby, Juniper, Gault.

Subs: Betsworth (used).



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Veterans Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
10/09 - 14:00	Lewes (H)	MSFLVE	1-5	Cook
24/09 - 14:00	Patcham United (H)	CVC1	6-2	Cook (3), Butler, Gault, Sullivan
October				
15/10 - 14:00	Roffey Hills Farm (H)	CVC2		
November				
12/11 - 14:00	Sidley United (A)	MSFLVE		
December				
10/12 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLVE		
January				
07/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLVE		

Veterans Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Chris Cook	2	0	2	4
Andy Darby	2	0	2	0
Phil Gault	2	0	2	1
Dave Juniper	2	0	2	0
Nick Newman	2	0	2	0
Andy Wilson	2	0	2	0
Paul Armstrong	1	0	1	0
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Jonathan Bundy	1	0	1	0
James Butcher	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
Rob Sayers	1	0	1	0
Steve Spies	1	0	1	0
Adam Waller	1	0	1	0
Scott Woolley	1	0	1	0
Ricky Betsworth	0	1	1	0
Dan Sullivan	0	1	1	1
Richard Thomas	0	1	1	0

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Villa victorious to send Robins out of Sussex Challenge Cup

Sussex Women's Challenge Cup First Round
Sunday 17th September 2023, Culver Road
Montpelier Villa Women 4-1 Hassocks Ladies



An excellent Montpelier Villa side proved too good for Hassocks Ladies in the Sussex Women's Challenge Cup, inflicting a 4-1 defeat on the Robins at Culver Road.

Hassocks actually started the brighter of the teams, applying some early pressure with Kirstin Mair and Emily Spooner prominent as the Robins had plenty of the ball early on.

The eighth minute saw Hassocks goalkeeper Ellie Moquet make a good block in amidst a goalmouth scramble.

Up the other end and Jess Craig shot just wide, after which Villa broke and Katie Read had to be alert to make an important clearance.

Montpelier began to assert their authority around the quarter hour mark. Craig was forced into a vital interception on 16 minutes, conceding a corner.

This led to another goalmouth scramble, from which Tora Barratt poked the ball home despite a valiant Moquet effort to keep it out.

Emma Flin made a good clearance to prevent Villa instantly doubling the lead. But otherwise, falling behind seemed to galvanise Hassocks and they enjoyed their best spell of the game.

Montpelier goalkeeper Hope Hawkins parried a dangerous Jodie Johanson cross but no red shirt was on hand to follow up the loose ball into what would have been an empty goal.

Hassocks captain Claire Stevens showed her pace by making a great saving tackle as a Villa forward appeared to be racing clear one-on-one with Moquet.

The Robins positivity after conceding was rewarded with a 29th minute equaliser.

Johanson found Emily Spooner, whose first time shot from distance

brilliantly caught out Hawkins by lobbing the Villa number one and nestling into the bottom corner.

Unfortunately, the joy at levelling the tie was short lived. Straight from kick off and Villa broke forward, resulting in a slightly lucky second goal.

An attempted clearance struck Barratt and she gleefully put the ball clinically beyond Moquet.

Hassocks responded by continuing to press in an attempt to find their second leveller of the afternoon.

"The Robins positivity after conceding was rewarded with a 29th minute equaliser. Johanson found Emily Spooner, whose first time shot from distance brilliantly caught out Hawkins by lobbing the Villa number one and nestling into the bottom corner."

A skilful passing move between Mair and Katherine Chappell earned a corner which came to nothing.

Stevens once again made a trademark important block before the Robins brought on Lola Moon.

Hassocks finished the half strongly with both Craig and Spooner having efforts on goal, although Jo Brown had to make an excellent just before the half ended with Montpelier leading 2-1.

There were two further changes for the Robins at the break. Johnson and Spooner were replaced by Tallie Bright and Steph Wingeatt, making her debut.

Villa made a positive start to the second half and Flin twice hat to cover in order to thwart dangerous situations. Moon then showed her skill with an effort saved.

The 58th minute saw Montpelier add their third, Georgia Egner going

on a run and finish to round off some impressive passing build up.

Bright embarked on a penetrating run herself but no Hassocks player was able to react to her cross into the box.

Jo Brown made a superb saving tackle when a forward went through on goal as the Robins threw numbers forward in an attempt to stay in the competition.

That though left them open at the back and Montpelier took advantage to add a break away fourth on 66 minutes through Saskia Taylor-Doyle.

Mair was brought back on with Moon making way and shortly after, Spooner was reintroduced in place of Mia Pordage, who had battled incredibly hard in midfield.

The changes could not turn the game around and Villa ended on the front foot.

Moquet had to make a sharp save and Stevens a last ditch tackle. In one final throw of the dice, Moon returned to the action in place of Mair but to no avail.

Montpelier forced Moquet into another impressive stop and Stevens had to use her pace to cover after a slightly wayward pass almost helped Villa to a fifth.

Despite this being a second 4-1 defeat in a row for the Robins, the players should remain positive.

There have been signs that Hassocks should be able to hold their own against several of the teams in the higher standard of London & South East Regional Division One South.

Hassocks: Moquet, Read, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Johanson, J Craig, Mair, Pordage, Spooner, K Chappell.

Subs: Moon, Bright, Wingeatt (used).

Injuries cost Robins dear in defeat against United

London & South East Women's League Division One
Sunday 24th September 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks Ladies 1-3 Eastbourne Utd Women



A 3-1 defeat at home to Eastbourne United only told half the story for Hassocks Ladies, who could be proud of their efforts given the circumstances.

The Robins started the match with a squad of just 12 thanks to four being unavailable.

Two injuries during the game further compounded matters and left Hassocks to play out the final 22 minutes with only 10 players.

United began the game on the front foot and saw an early shot saved by Robins goalkeeper Sarah Chappell.

Some good defending was immediately needed by Emma Flin and Katie Read at the expense of a United corner.

From this delivery, there was something of a goalmouth scramble ended when Chappell was grateful to grab the loose ball.

A United shot was narrowly wide next before Hassocks began to get into their stride.

Jess Craig produced an excellent turn and run and then Jodie Johanson and Jess Gray combined to earn the Robins a corner.

Gray next played a through ball which Lola Moon could not quite reach ahead of the United goalkeeper.

The game was by now flowing from end to end. Chappell made a smart save from a dangerous looking free kick but Hassocks were not to be outdone.

Craig played in Moon whose shot was well repelled by the visitor's number one.

Hassocks lost their first player to injury two minutes before half time when Emma Flin came off worse in an accidental collision.

Flin's place was taken by Ellie Moquet, who was soon into the action when having to make a timely

clearance before the half ended goalless.

United started brightly after the break, just as they had in the first half.

Tallie Bright headed off the line and Claire Stevens also needed to head clear.

The pressure though eventually told when United took the lead on 53 minutes.

Rebecca Relf crossed and substitute Shantelle Omar was on hand to power a header out of reach of Chappell.

United now had their tails up and went in search of a second. Stevens did well to cover a break, sending the ball out for a corner when the visitors would have fancied their chances of scoring.

Hassocks had several opportunities to clear once the corner came into the box but were unable to do so in another goalmouth scramble. Eventually, Jess King teed up Elanor McManus to slot home just three minutes after Omar struck.

Both King and McManus had come off the bench for United and with their opener having been provided by another replacement in Omar, the lack of substitutes available to Hassocks was by now taking an obvious toll.

To make matters worse, Craig suffered an injury on 68 minutes which significantly restricted her mobility.

Not wanting to leave her team down to 10, Craig bravely soldiered on.

This did though place an extra burden on Katherine Chappell in midfield, who was now having to effectively do the work of two players.

Chappell had previously been involved in a lot of the Robins' promising attacking moves, but obviously her ability to create was lessened in the circumstances.

Sarah Chappell had to make a good save as United pressed to try and take advantage and Stevens chased back to clear, injuring herself in the process.

Thankfully, Stevens recovered after some treatment and was able to see out the game.

Unfortunately, Craig could not and was eventually forced off on 73, leaving Hassocks to see out what remained of the 90 plus injury time with a player disadvantage.

Read made a superb clearance off the line but the pressure eventually told when United added their third through their Player of the Match, Georgia Townsend.

Playing at left back, Townsend was solid defensively and a constant threat going forward.

Hassocks refused to throw in the towel and duly got a consolation, which was the very least they deserved for their commitment.

Moon embarked on a great run and finish for a fine individual goal and an impressive way to open her account for the Robins.

Hassocks had one more chance late in the day from a Gray free kick but were unable to reduce the deficit further.

Despite the defeat, all 12 Hassocks players could be proud of their efforts. Ultimately, the Robins were undone by being short of several regulars and the subsequent injuries leaving the manager with no options to make any changes.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Read, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Johanson, J Craig, Gray, Bright, Moon, K Chappell.

Subs: Moquet (used).



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Ladies Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
10/09 - 14:00	Welling United (H)	LSE1S	1-4	K.Chappell
17/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SWSC	1-4	Spooner
24/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	LSE1S	1-3	Moon
October				
01/10 - 14:30	Hastings United (A)	LSE1S	2-3	K.Chappell, Mair
08/10 - 14:00	Herne Bay (H)	LSE1S	0-2	
15/10 - 14:00	Dartford Reserves (H)	LSE1S		
29/10 - 14:00	Newhaven (A)	LSE1S		
November				
05/11 - 14:00	Ashford United (H)	LSEC2		
12/11 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	LSE1S		
26/11 - 14:00	Bexhill United (H)	LSE1S		
December				
10/12 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	LSE1S		

Ladies Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katherine Chappell	4	0	4	2
Katie Read	4	0	4	0
Claire Stevens	4	0	4	0
Tallie Bright	3	1	4	0
Lola Moon	2	2	4	1
Ellie Moquet	2	2	4	0
Sarah Chappell	3	0	3	0
Jess Craig	3	0	3	0
Emma Flin	3	0	3	0
Jodie Johanson	3	0	3	0
Kirstin Mair	3	0	3	1
Jess Gray	2	1	3	0
Jo Brown	2	0	2	0
Mia Pordage	2	0	2	0
Emily Spooner	2	0	2	1
Holly Webb	2	0	2	0
Steph Wingeatt	0	2	2	0



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On This Day...



High flying Hawks given real fright by plucky Robins

October 10th 2009: County League title favourites Whitehawk came to the Beacon, where they were given a real fright by Hassocks before just about managing to leave with a 5-3 win

Hassocks gave the all-stars of big spending Whitehawk a mighty scare before succumbing to a 5-3 defeat in a hugely entertaining afternoon at the Beacon.

Neil Kane's brace inside the opening 20 minutes gave the home supporters in a sizable crowd of 160 hope of an upset against the Sussex County League leaders and title favourites.

The Hawks though showed that they have got fight to go with their considerable talents as they ground out a win despite playing the final 25 minutes with 10 men following Jay Lovett's dismissal for a professional foul.

Hassocks pushing their illustrious hosts so close was particularly impressive given that Dave John was without two of his most creative players.

Terry Gacias and Phil Gault were both missing through injury with Michael Bates and Kane coming into the starting line up.

Kane certainly made the most of the opportunity. He gave Hassocks the lead on 13 minutes when tapping in from close range and then doubled the advantage four minutes after converting an Arni Kublickas centre from an Anthony Hibbert pass.

Whitehawk were clearly flustered with the Robins completely in charge. It was harsh on Hassocks when the visitors pulled one back against the run of play on 21 minutes, Matt Geard being left with too much space on the edge of the box to place a pinpoint shot into the bottom corner.

That was a reminder for the Robins that they couldn't afford to give Whitehawk even a half chance.

Bates headed narrowly wide in a good response from Hassocks but they had not learned from the first Hawks goal as a comedy moment from the unfortunate Sol Bowra

gifted the visitors an equaliser on 32 minutes.

Bowra had two good opportunities to clear from the by-line but he just couldn't get his foot through, instead tripping over his own leg.

The ball scuffed its way to Josh Jones whose low cross was slotted home by Scott Kirkwood.

Whitehawk kept the ball well after that but it was Hassocks who had the best chance before the break.

Kane caused further havoc after drifting down the flank with Hibbert just unable to connect properly with the cross into the box.

The second half saw Whitehawk start brightly as Wes Tate continued to torment poor Bowra, escaping the attentions of the Hassocks defender to play in James Fraser.

Joel Harding had to be alert to parry well from the former Bristol Rovers midfielder.

There was nothing that Harding could do when Whitehawk took the lead on 51.

Lovett's 25 yarder took a wicked deflection off Ashley Marsh which left the Robins goalkeeper clutching at air.

Hassocks tempers became frayed after that as Spencer Slaughter and Bowra entered the book.

Fraser curled a shot wide and Harding saved well again, this time from Tate who had spun away from Bowra.

Jay Head sent a header over as Whitehawk continued their search for what would surely be a killer fourth.

On 66 minutes, Hassocks were gifted a lifeline thanks to Lovett. The ex-Brentford man felled Kane in the box and after a pretty unnecessary consultation with his linesman, referee Nick Brown pointed to the spot and sent Lovett for an early bath.

Hibbert duly sent Stuart Robinson

the wrong way with his kick and the Robins were level.

Hassocks now had 25 minutes against 10 men to either hold on or try and cause an almighty shock by pushing for a winner.

Unfortunately, they were unable to do either as Whitehawk responded by upping their game.

They did not waste a pass and took the lead within three minutes of Hibbert's equaliser.

Tate was able to break through the Robins defence and skipped around Harding before rolling into an empty net for 4-3.

John gave a welcome debut to former St Francis Rangers goal machine Sam Jeremiah in the final 10 minutes but he struggled to make much inroads.

Tate wrapped up victory for Whitehawk as the game entered injury time, outpacing Bowra before letting fly a shot which Harding got plenty on but couldn't keep out.

Whilst the outcome was disappointing for Hassocks, the Robins could certainly take heart with the way they competed and nobody in the crowd could have left unhappy with the afternoon's fare.

Hassocks: Harding; Jacques, Bowra, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Bates, Slaughter, Hibbert; Laing, Kane.

Subs: Jeremiah (Laing 78), Clark (Bates 54), I Simpson, Woods, Gander (unused).

Starman: Despite letting in five goals, it goes to Joel Harding.

Around the League...



Last Saturday saw a full programme across the top two divisions in the Southern Combination League and approaching the quarter mark of the season already, a better impression is being formed of who might end up where come April

Steyning Town are the only club in the Premier Division to maintain a 100 percent record after hammering **Little Common 7-1** at the Birchwood Ground.

Common had started the day above the Barrowmen in the table but that counted for nothing in a sign that Steyning will take some stopping this season.

It was 5-0 going into half time thanks to two Charlie Meehan goals and one apiece from Harry Shooman, Sam Remfry and Charlie Towing.

Remry added his second and the Barrowmen's sixth on 67 minutes and substitute Jack Langford made it seven with five minutes remaining. Sam Crutwell provided the Common consolation in injury time.

The current Premier Division leaders are **Peacehaven & Telscombe**, who enjoyed a straightforward 4-0 victory over **Horsham YMCA**.

George Cook, Harry Docherty, Billy Oliver and Lewis Croal were all on target for the Tye.

Our visitors this afternoon **AFC Vardeanians** were beaten 3-1 by **Crowborough Athletic**.

Lewis Unwin, John Sinclair and Rory Salter were the scorers for the Crows. Toby Reeder struck for Vardeanians.

Evan Archibald got the only goal of the game on the half hour mark to give **Eastbourne Town** a huge three points from a 1-0 victory away against **Haywards Heath Town**.

Six goals were scored at the Nest where **Loxwood** went down 4-2 at home to **Newhaven**.

Callum Edwards, Tyler Scrafton, Alfie Rogers and Lee Robinson were all on target for the Dockers.

Tristan Pereira and Matthew Hay responded for Loxwood, whose poor disciplinary record continued with a red card for Ethan Cumming.

Midhurst & Easebourne moved into the top half after seeing off **Crawley Down Gatwick 3-2** at the Rotherfield.

Lewis Gould gave Down a 13th minute lead cancelled out by Marcus Bedford.

Two goals in the space of eight second half minutes from Lewis Rustell and Lewis Hamilton then put Midhurst firmly in control before Anvils substitute Torran Sawle pulled another back for the visitors in the 90th minute.

The spoils were shared between **Lingfield** and **Pagham** in a 2-2 draw at the New Defence.

Haydn Dickinson and Jimmy Williams struck for Lingfield. Both the Lions' goals came in the first half from Jamie Carroll and Ronald Kardos.

Four goals in the final 18 minutes saw **Saltdean United** to a 4-1 home win over **AFC Uckfield Town** at Hill Park.

Josh Marshall scored twice along with Marley Amber and former Robin Alfie Edmeads in an excellent victory for the Tigers.

Toby Potter-Drake provided the goal for Uckfield, who ended the contest with nine men following red cards for Shane Harper and Charlie White.

The final game in the Premier Division saw **Shoreham** lose 4-0 at home to **Bexhill United**, bringing to an end Michael Death's time as Musselmen manager as he resigned afterwards.

James Stone scored a second half hat-trick to go with Jack Shonk's 22nd minute opener.

In Division One, **Roffey** lead the way as they seek an immediate return to the Premier Division following relegation last season.

George Cousins and Jahobi Maher goals gave the Boars a 2-0 victory

against **Worthing United**.

A brace from substitute Jacob Todman helped **Dorking Wanderers B** overcome a straight red card for Jay Richardson as they beat **Wick 3-0**. Sebastian Tauta-Caballero was the other scorer.

James Norman and Robert Parrott goals gave **Godalming Town** a 2-1 win at **Arundel** and **Montpelier Villa** continued their impressive start by winning 3-1 at **Forest Row**.

Former Hassocks defender Jack Baden opened the scoring, followed by goals from Gabriel Robinson and Tom Shelley. Matthew Feeney-Hill hit a 89th minute consolation for Frow.

Banstead Athletic saw off **Selsey 2-0** and **Mile Oak** were 3-1 winners at home to **Oakwood**.

Alfold beat **East Preston 3-1** at the Elliott Scott Group Stadium and two goals from Tyler Capon helped **Seaford Town** to overcome **Billingshurst 4-1** at the Crouch.

The game of the day in Division One came from the seven goal thriller between **Chessington & Hook United** and **Copthorne**.

Copthorne led 3-2 as late as the 92nd minute, only for Bailey Ellis and David Gabor to turn the match on its head and give Chessington a 4-3 victory.

Six Division Two clubs were in Sussex Intermediate Cup action, including two all-Southern Combination League ties.

Capel easily saw off **Brighton Electricity 9-0** at Withdean Stadium and **Ferring** were 4-1 winners against **Rottingdean Village**.

Rustington also made safe progress by beating TD Shipley 3-0 and **Storrington** advanced past Lavant on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

Upper Beeding meanwhile crashed out, going down 1-0 away at Bexhill AAC.



Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crowborough Athletic	12	9	2	1	29	12	29
Newhaven	12	7	4	1	34	16	25
Hassocks	10	8	1	1	26	9	25
Peacehaven & Tels	10	8	1	1	23	7	25
Eastbourne Town	12	8	1	3	20	11	25
Haywards Heath Town	11	7	2	2	39	13	23
Steyning Town	8	7	1	0	26	5	22
Little Common	13	6	2	5	18	29	20
Eastbourne United	10	5	3	2	18	15	18
Lingfield	12	4	5	3	22	20	17
Midhurst & Easebourne	12	4	4	4	21	24	16
Crawley Down Gatwick	12	4	0	8	25	22	12
Pagham	12	3	3	6	18	19	12
Saltdean United	13	2	3	8	16	25	9
Horsham YMCA	10	2	3	5	10	20	9
Bexhill United	11	2	2	7	19	28	8
AFC Uckfield Town	12	2	1	9	13	26	7
AFC Varndeanians	13	2	1	10	11	37	7
Loxwood	11	1	3	7	13	30	6
Shoreham	12	1	2	9	14	38	5

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath Town	251	2254	1649	614
Peacehaven & Telscombe	221	1988	1557	431
Newhaven	214	1710	1125	585
Steyning Town	205	2665	717	1948
Shoreham	191	1521	1147	374
Crowborough Athletic	180	1972	1319	653
Hassocks	175	1045	910	135
Bexhill United	158	790	486	304
Eastbourne Town	157	1420	1114	306
AFC Varndeanians	141	564	564	0
Little Common	137	1226	881	345
Eastbourne United	135	1481	869	612
Saltdean United	116	1160	871	289
Pagham	107	854	627	227
AFC Uckfield Town	86	768	497	271
Crawley Down Gatwick	83	657	441	216
Horsham YMCA	81	723	440	283
Midhurst & Easebourne	71	564	504	60
Loxwood	66	458	348	110
Lingfield	65	449	342	107

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Steyning Town	WWWWD
Newhaven	WWWWD
Haywards Heath Town	WWLWWW
Peacehaven & Tels	WWLWW
Hassocks	WWLWWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWWWL
Crowborough Athletic	LWDWWW
Lingfield	WDDWWL
Eastbourne United	WWWLLD
Midhurst & Easebourne	WWWLLD
Bexhill United	WWDLLD
Pagham	LDWWLD
Crawley Down Gatwick	LLWWLL
Little Common	LLWLLW
Saltdean United	WLLDLD
Loxwood	DWLLLL
Horsham YMCA	WDLLLL
Shoreham	LLLLDW
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLWL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLLLD

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Liam Benson	Hassocks	15
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	13
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	13
James Stone	Bexhill United	12
Charlie Meehan	Steyning Town	11
Hayden Skerry	Haywards Heath	11
Callum Barlow	Eastbourne Utd	9
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	9
Conor Wilford	Lingfield	9
Hayden Beaconsfield	Eastbourne Utd	8
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	8
Alex Patching	Shoreham	8
Callum Connor	Newhaven	7
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	7
Archie Goddard	Loxwood	7
Siph Mdlalose	Midhurst	7
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	7
Billy Oliver	Peacehaven	7
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	7
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	7

Under 23s

Under 18s

Ladies

Veterans



Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	7	6	1	0	32	8	19
Lingfield	8	6	0	2	32	17	18
Hassocks	8	6	0	2	28	21	18
Horsham YMCA	8	5	0	3	30	15	15
Horley Town	7	5	0	2	18	15	15
Steyning Town	7	2	1	4	13	18	7
Roffey	6	2	0	4	15	19	6
St Francis Rangers	7	2	0	5	9	29	6
Redhill	6	0	0	6	9	19	0
Oakwood	6	0	0	6	11	36	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	9
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	7
Wiktor Maznica	B'bridge Heath	6
Jamie Skipper	Horley Town	5
A Street-Williams	Horsham YM	5
Ashley Aderemi	Lingfield	4
Darrel Agyemang	Oakwood	4
Younis Ainine	Horsham YM	4
Harvey Burgess	Horsham YM	4
Cavan Chedzey	Hassocks	4

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancing	5	4	1	0	17	3	13
Burgess Hill Town	4	4	0	0	21	6	12
Hassocks	5	4	0	1	23	10	12
Saltdean United	5	2	1	2	12	11	7
Montpelier Villa	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Mile Oak	5	2	0	3	8	18	6
Haywards Heath Town	5	1	2	2	10	15	5
Shoreham	4	1	0	3	6	13	0
AFC Varndeanians	3	0	0	3	4	18	0
St Francis Rangers	5	0	0	5	9	17	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	9
Oliver Emery	Saltdean United	6
Josh Nandhra	Hassocks	6
Dillon Shrestha	St Francis	6
Dan Burbulis	Burgess Hill	5
Austin Potter	Burgess Hill	5
Adrian Nsue-Sha	Lancing	4
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	4
Malik Mundoma	Saltdean United	4
Jayden Orji	Lancing	4

London & South East Women's Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	7	7	0	0	23	4	21
Bromley	4	4	0	0	21	4	12
Dartford Reserves	7	3	2	2	15	10	11
Herne Bay	5	3	1	1	16	7	10
Eastbourne United	4	3	0	1	10	6	9
Hastings United	8	3	0	5	11	28	9
Bognor Regis Town	6	2	1	3	13	12	7
Welling United	6	2	1	3	9	14	7
Montpelier Villa	5	2	0	3	12	15	6
Steyning Town	5	1	0	4	5	15	3
Bexhill United	5	0	1	4	3	15	1
Hassocks	4	0	0	4	4	12	0

LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	8
Charlotte Lee	Bromley	7
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	5
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	5
Bethany Hull	Bromley	5
Elena Brock	Herne Bay	4
Kate Foster	Herne Bay	4
Katie Franks	Newhaven	4
Bryony Hart	Bromley	4
Emma Healy	Dartford	4
B Nicholson-Rogan	Hastings United	2
Aimee Ascott	Dartford	3

Mid Sussex Veterans East Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lewes	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Seaford Town	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Jarvis Brook	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Rotherfield	3	0	1	2	5	10	1
Maresfield Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidley United	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Hassocks	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Chris Cook	Hassocks	4
Jonathan Hebson	Lewes	4
Elliott Hughes	Rotherfield	3
Rob Gordon	Jarvis Brook	2
Dan Horan	Lewes	2
Steve Whittemore	Seaford Town	2
Elliott Butler	Hassocks	1

Upcoming **Fixtures** >>>



Hassocks v **AFC Uckfield Town**

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 14th October 2023, 3:00pm

The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY

Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

You wait three and a half weeks for a Hassocks home game and then come along at once. Four days after this evening's clash with Horsham YMCA and we welcome AFC Uckfield Town to the Beacon for more Premier Division action

AFC Uckfield Town this season

Steve Ives returned to the Oaks in the summer for a third spell in charge, taking over from Jonny Elwood, who led AFC Uckfield to 16th place in his one season in charge. From 12 games so far the Oakmen have won two, drawn one and lost nine to sit 17th in the Premier Division standings. Their three most recent games have yielded narrow one-goal defeats to promotion contenders Eastbourne Town and Newhaven followed by a decent home draw with Loxwood, highlighting that they will provide a sterner test than the league table might suggest.

Head-to-head

We have met AFC Uckfield on 22 previous occasions. Victories in the last three meetings have moved us ahead in the head-to-head with 12 wins 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. 83 having been plundered at an average of nearly four per game.

Last time we met

This will be the second game already this season between the Robins and the Oakmen. We visited Uckfield in the first round of the Sussex Senior Cup last month, running out 2-1

winners. Morgan Vale gave the hosts a fifth minute lead cancelled out by Alex Bygraves 14 minutes later. Penalties were looming large when Alfie Loversidge chose an opportune moment to score his first goal for nearly 18 months, winning it with just 60 seconds of normal time remaining.

Played for both

Tall striker Jamie Wilkes spent the 2021-22 season with AFC Uckfield between his first and second spells with the Robins. The rangy Wilkes played 34 times for the Oakmen, scoring twice. Other players to have turned out for both clubs in the past include Sam Cash, Andy Whittingham, James Broadbent, Matt Carruthers and Dan Barnard.

<<< **Upcoming Fixtures**



East Grinstead Town v Hassocks

Sussex Transport Senior Cup Second Round
Tuesday 17th October 2023, 7:30pm
OHOB Community Stadium, East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 3LS

The second round of the Sussex Transport Senior Cup provides the opportunity to test ourselves against Isthmian League opponents with a trip to the OHOB Community Stadium to take on East Grinstead Town

East Grinstead Town this season

East Grinstead are into their 10th season now as a Isthmian League club and well established at step four. The Wasps are safely tucked into mid table currently, sitting in 11th spot with two wins and four defeats from six matches. That leaves them level on points with reigning Southern Combination League champions Broadbridge Heath. To try and give some further context to where the Wasps stand in comparison to us, they beat Pagham 4-0 in the FA Cup at Nyetimber Lane in August.

Head-to-head

Before the Wasps won promotion out of the Southern Combination League at the end of the 2013-14 season, we

faced them 27 time in competitive action. Somewhat surprisingly, we are the dominant team in the fixture with 19 wins compared to 10 for East Grinstead, leaving seven draws.

Last time we met

We most recently faced East Grinstead Town in a competitive game on April Fool's Day 2014 - a Tuesday night trip to East Court, which finished 1-1. Kieron Pamment gave the Wasps the lead on 14 minutes with Mark Price levelling before half time via a brilliant opportunistic lob from 35 yards. Mickey Jewell used five of the Robins Under 18s squad who were about to be crowned Central Division champions, including goalkeeper Max

Collins who was the best Hassocks player on the night.

How to get to the OHOB Community Stadium

Head to Ardingly, joining the B2028 through Turners Hill and Crawley Down. Take the third exit at the Dukes Head roundabout following the A264 into East Grinstead. At Felbridge, turn right onto the A22 London Road and after crossing the railway line, throw a left onto the A264 Moat Road. It will turn into firstly Cranston Road and then Blackwell Road and after passing the junction with the B2110 Blackwell Hollow, take the immediate next right followed by a left down a country lane and onto the OHOB Stadium.



Bedfont Sports v Hassocks

Isuzu FA Vase First Round
Saturday 21st October 2023, 3:00pm
Bedfont Recreation Ground, Hatton Road, Feltham, London, TW14 9QS

For the first time in nine years, we are into the first round proper of the Isuzu FA Vase. The draw has not been particularly kind, providing a very tough test away at Combined Counties Premier North outfit Bedfont Sports

Who are Bedfont Sports?

Bedfont Sports are based in Feltham, just a stones throw from the southern runway at Heathrow Airport. The Eagles were only formed in 2002 to provide a Saturday side for the existing Bedfont Sunday League Club. Their growth since then has been spectacular as they have rattled through the Hounslow & District League, the Middlesex County League and the Combined Counties League, winning promotion to the Isthmian League in 2018 - just 16 years into their existence. Bedfont were relegated back into the Combined Counties at the end of last season in the only setback so far in what has otherwise been a remarkable journey through the football pyramid.

Bedfont Sports this season

The Eagles will be hoping for an immediate return to step four and have themselves decently positioned at this early stage in the season. They sit eighth in the table with four wins, two draws and two defeats from eight matches. That leaves them three points off a playoff spot with a game in hand and 10 behind leaders Rayners Lane having played two less matches.

Head-to-head

The sides have met just once before in the preliminary round of the FA Cup back in September 2020. Bedfont were an Isthmian club at the time and their superior quality told as they ran out 3-1 winners at the Recreation

Ground. Jordan Espirit scored twice for Sports along with Darryl Sanders. Our consolation came via Charlie Pitcher.

How to get to Bedfont Recreation Ground

Bedfont Recreation Ground is a smart little venue with a 4G pitch which holds 3,000 people. To get there, take the M23 followed by the M25 towards the M4, leaving at junction 13. From there, join the A30 before taking London Road at the Ashford Park roundabout. At the end of London Road, head across the roundabout onto Staines Road, take a left onto Hatton Road and the ground is some way up on your right.

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 **Liam BENSON**
Shoreham home **Matt GUNN**
Eastbourne United away **Matt GUNN**
AFC Uckfield Town away **Alfie LOVERSIDGE**
AFC Varndeanians home **Sean STEPHENSON**
Roffey away **Jamie WILKES**
Sheerwater away **Mike WILLIAMSON**
Selsey away **Liam BENSON**
Little Common away **Pat HARDING**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **Alex BYGRAVES**
Horsham YMCA home
AFC Uckfield Town home
East Grinstead Town away
Bedfont Sports away
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
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Midhurst & Easebourne away
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 **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Joe BULL**
3rd **Matt GUNN**

September 2023
1st **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Jamie WILKES**
3rd **Alfie LOVERSIDGE**

October 2023
1st
2nd
3rd

November 2023
1st
2nd
3rd

December 2023
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2024
1st
2nd
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	219	36	255	144
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. Liam Benson	147	45	192	65

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	352
2. Pat Harding	144	255
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. Liam Benson	65	192
10. Steve Hards	65	155
11. Mickey Turner	63	594
12. Dave Smith	53	260
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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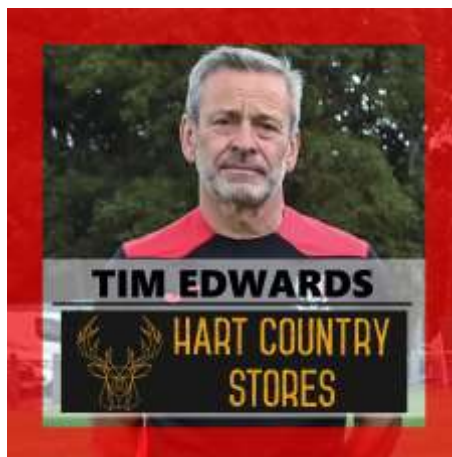


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Head Coach James Westlake

Assistants Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson

Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards

Physio Ash Cooper

Physio Phil Wickwar



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	Callum JARDIM
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Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 14th October 2023. 3:00pm

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