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Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

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



Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Mid Sussex Derby match in the Peter Bentley League Cup

We extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee and supporters of our neighbours Haywards Heath Town and hope they enjoy their stay with us tonight.

It has been another busy run of away matches with our past three games all taking place on the road since a 1-1 draw here with AFC Uckfield Town a little over a fortnight ago.

Two of those fixtures saw us in knockout action with tough ties in the Sussex Senior Cup against East Grinstead Town followed by a trip to Bedfont Sports in the FA Vase.

Unfortunately, both games ended in defeat - not completely unexpected league matches. given East Grinstead are an Isthmian League side and up until this summer, Bedfont had been a step four club as well.

The trip to Newhaven at the weekend looked equally daunting. The Trafalgar Ground has never been the happiest of hunting grounds with just one Robins victory there since we joined the Southern Combination League 40 years ago.

To come away with a point was therefore an excellent result which keeps us nicely positioned in the top six still with a third of the season now first win since promotion to the played - who would have predicted that in the summer?!

The fixture list begins to relent a little as we head into November. We currently play five times next month compared to the seven or eight matches crammed into August, September and October.

It is testament to Westy and the players that we remain so high in the table despite the relentless schedule; no doubt they will be happy for the respite coming up.

Away from first team matters, the Under 23s continue to lead the way at the top of the North Division having completed 50 percent of their

They are next in action on Thursday night away at Bexhill United in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup - fingers crossed the game is not called off at 5.30pm with most of the squad having nearly completed the long trip to the Polegrove, as was the case 12 days ago.

The Under 18s have had no wasted journeys as there past two matches have been called off with 24 hours notice due to wet weather.

The Ladies have beaten the rain but still remain on the hunt for their London & South East Regional League.

An unfortunate 2-1 defeat at home to Dartford last Sunday was followed by a 4-0 reversal at Division One South leaders Newhaven on Sunday.

There is plenty of football coming up at the Beacon over the next few weeks, starting with this Saturday when Peacehaven & Telscombe are the visitors.

Please note the earlier kick off time of 2pm. This is to try and help us reduce energy costs by not needing to use the floodlights.

We have agreed several other early starts through the winter months with kick off times detailed elsewhere in the programme.

Finally, tonight's game goes straight to penalties if the scores are level after 90 minutes. The winners will face either Midhurst & Easebourne or Dorking Wanderers B in the quarter finals.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott









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Following their surprise relegation from the Isthmian League last season, Haywards Heath Town are eyeing up an immediate return to step four under the management of former Hassocks player Naim Rouane

Rouane took over from Jay Lovett earlier in October after the latter accepted a full time position with Eastbourne Borough.

Already a popular figure around Hanbury Park having previously captained the Blues to the Southern Combination League title, Rouane is a shrewd appointment who last managed at this level when having Lancing top of the Premier Division before lockdown curtailed the 2019-20 campaign.

Heath are well placed for a promotion tilt, sitting 7th in the table with seven wins, two draws and four defeats from 13 league matches. That leaves them five points behind ourselves in the standings.

What Heath have in abundance is

goals. Their total of 34 lags only the top three of Crowborough Athletic, Steyning Town and Newhaven.

Eight of those Bluebells goals came in an extraordinary 45 minutes of football against Midhurst & Easebourne back in August.

Ex-Robin Charlie Pitcher provided a half-hour hat-trick and he is one of a number of players who could come up against their former club this evening, as is normally the case when Dave John had not long swapped it comes to a Mid Sussex Derby.

Heath can also call upon George Brown, Mark Zydonik, JJ Minty, Max Blencowe and Sam Geard, all of whom have played for Hassocks at some point over the past four seasons.

Conversely, Mike Williamson, Alex

Bygraves, Liam Benson, James Westlake and Lewis Westlake are amongst the current Robins squad to have spells at Hanbury Park under their belts.

You have to go back to a time a long way before any of those individuals became involved with either club to find the last time we were victorious in this fixture.

It was the 1992-93 season and Hanbury Park for Hassocks when we ran out 2-0 winners here at the Beacon.

A win tonight would be quite the result. But whatever the outcome, it should be a cracker.

Bluebells Factfile

Founded 1888
Ground Hanbury Park
Website hhtfc.co.uk
Twitter @HHTFC
Instagram @hhtfcofficial
Manager Naim Rouane
Top scorer Hayden Skerry, 15

Club Honours

Southern Combination League

Winners 1950, 1951, 1970, 2018

Runners up 1975, 2017

Southern Combination League Division One

Winners 2016 Runners up 1986

Southern Combination League Division Two

Runners up 2002, 2013

Sussex Senior Cup

Winners 1958

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Winners 1944, 1967, 1975, 1976

Runners up 1928, 1942, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1968, 2019

Peter Bentley League Cup

Winners 2018 Runners up 2017

10 Key Bluebells Moments

1931... after dominating the Mid Sussex League through the 1920s, Heath move to the Brighton League **1932...** lift the Brighton League title with a 100% record, earning promotion to the SCFL

1950... lift their first of three Southern Combination League titles

1952... take up residency at Hanbury Park, moving to the Metropolitan League at the same time

1962... return to the Southern Combination League, winning their most recent league title eight years later **1981...** relegated into Division One for the first time in the clubs history

1993... back-to-back relegations leave Heath in Division 2, where they spend 17 of the next 23 seasons 2016... two promotions in three seasons including winning Division One return them to top flight 2017... lift the Southern Combination League title to earn a first ever promotion to the Isthmian League 2022... secure highest league finish of fourth in step four but are relegated a year later

Last 20 Seasons

2022-23: Isthmian Division One South East 18th 2021-22: Isthmian Division One South East 4th 2018-19: Isthmian Division One South East 5th 2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 1st 2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 2nd 2015-16: Southern Combination One 1st 2014-15: Southern Combination One 9th 2013-14: Southern Combination One 5th 2012-13: Southern Combination Two 2nd 2011-12: Southern Combination Two 15th 2010-11: Southern Combination Two 8th 2009-10: Southern Combination Two 3rd 2008-09: Southern Combination Two 3rd 2007-08: Southern Combination Two 3rd 2006-07: Southern Combination Two 6th 2005-06: Southern Combination Two 8th 2004-05: Southern Combination Two 12th 2003-04: Southern Combination One 18th 2002-03: Southern Combination Two 2nd 2001-02: Southern Combination Two 6th

Robins v Haywards Heath Town

SCFL Premier > Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 4 - Scored 2 - Conceded 15
SCFL Division One > Played 4 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 1 - Scored 3 - Conceded 4
RUR Charity Cup > Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3

Total > Played 9 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 6 - Scored 5 - Conceded 22

Previous Meetings

2018-19

RUR Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town

2017-18

SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town 5-0 Hassocks SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Haywards Heath Town

2016-17

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Haywards Heath Town SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town 4-1 Hassocks

1992-93

SCFL One: Hassocks 2-0 Haywards Heath Town SCFL One: Haywards Heath Town 0-0 Hassocks

1985-86

SCFL One: Haywards Heath Town 1-1 Hassocks SCFL One: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town





Hassocks bow out of cup but it is not all easy for Heath

The Sussex Principal RUR
Charity Cup delivered an early
Christmas present of an
unexpected Mid Sussex derby for
the season as Hassocks played
host to Haywards Heath Town in
the quarter finals of the
competition.

When Heath won promotion to the Bostik League at the end of last season, it looked like it would be sometime before we saw them taking on the Robins again.

But the Sussex FA's decision to invite them to compete in this season's RUR Cup despite the competition being normally reserved for step five and six clubs made it a tantalising prospect.

The draw had the teams meeting in the quarter finals and both played their parts by advancing to the last eight, Hassocks by defeating Crawley Down Gatwick and Seaford Town and Heath by eliminating Bexhill United and Lancing.

Shaun Saunders side's 10-0 victory over the Lancers in the previous round made particularly ominous reading for the Robins.

Many were predicting a similar cakewalk at the Beacon, especially given the 33 places that separate the two in the non-league pyramid.

Yet the casual observer would not have known such a gulf existed. Heath were largely frustrated until opening the scoring in the 67th minute and hey did not look sure of their spot in the last four until adding a third five minutes from time.

Mark Dalgleish set the Robins up in a 4-5-1 formation which was clearly designed to frustrate the visitors, but Heath did a good enough job of that themselves as they struggled in possession in the opening 30 minutes.

It was from one such moment that the first chance arrived, some loose play resulting in Heath captain Nathan Cooper having to upend his former team mate Phil Johnson 30 yards out from goal.

Spencer Slaughter took the resulting free-kick quickly, releasing Jake Lindsey whose effort was fumbled away by Mark Fox in the Heath goal.

Fox was more impressive when next called into action, collecting a high James Westlake cross under pressure from Johnson after more good work from Lindsey.

It took Heath until the final 10 minutes of the first half to create a meaningful chance.

Callum Saunders delivered a dangerous cross to the back post where Max Miller appeared to be pushed in the back by Harvey Blake. Referee Martyn Milligan said no foul.

Minutes later and Mr Milligan had no doubt that Saunders had been bought down in a crunching challenge by Jordan Badger.

Neither did the Heath bench, instantly replacing their top scorer with Alex Laing as a precaution.

From that free kick, Karl Akehurst headed over and then Josh Green showed a strong hand to turn a Miller corner over the bar as Heath upped the pressure before the break.

The temperature dropped noticeably in the stands at the start of the second half just as the action on the pitch was heating up.

Andy Whittingham clattered into Josh Spinks to earn a booking and then substitute Melford Simpson and Spencer Slaughter got involved with each other off the ball.

Saunders had turned to Simpson at the break to replace Dalhouse. That was a sign of how well Hassocks had done up until that point. Simpson was soon causing his usual chaos, teeing up Laing on two occasions.

The first drew a good save from Green and the second needed a brilliant last ditch tackle from Blake as Laing was about to pull the trigger.

Heath took the lead on 67 minutes and it was not without

controversy.

Miller appeared to knock the ball to the ground with his hand as he drove into the Hassocks box before squaring to Laing, whose effort was deflected onto the bar by Harry Mills.

Chaos ensued until the ball found its way to the edge of the area where Byron Napper came charging in to hit a stonking volley low and hard through the crowd and into the bottom corner.

That was the cue for Hassocks to have their best period of the game. Within a minute of going behind, Whittingham should have levelled things up but he could not connect with a Lindsey cross.

Johnson then saw a low effort turned away by Fox and from the resulting corner, Badger headed over when front and centre of the goal.

Despite being ahead, Heath were getting frustrated by this point and a fantastic screeching argument between Laing and one of his defenders from a full 70 yards drew sarcastic cheers from the home faithful gathered in front of the Clubhouse.

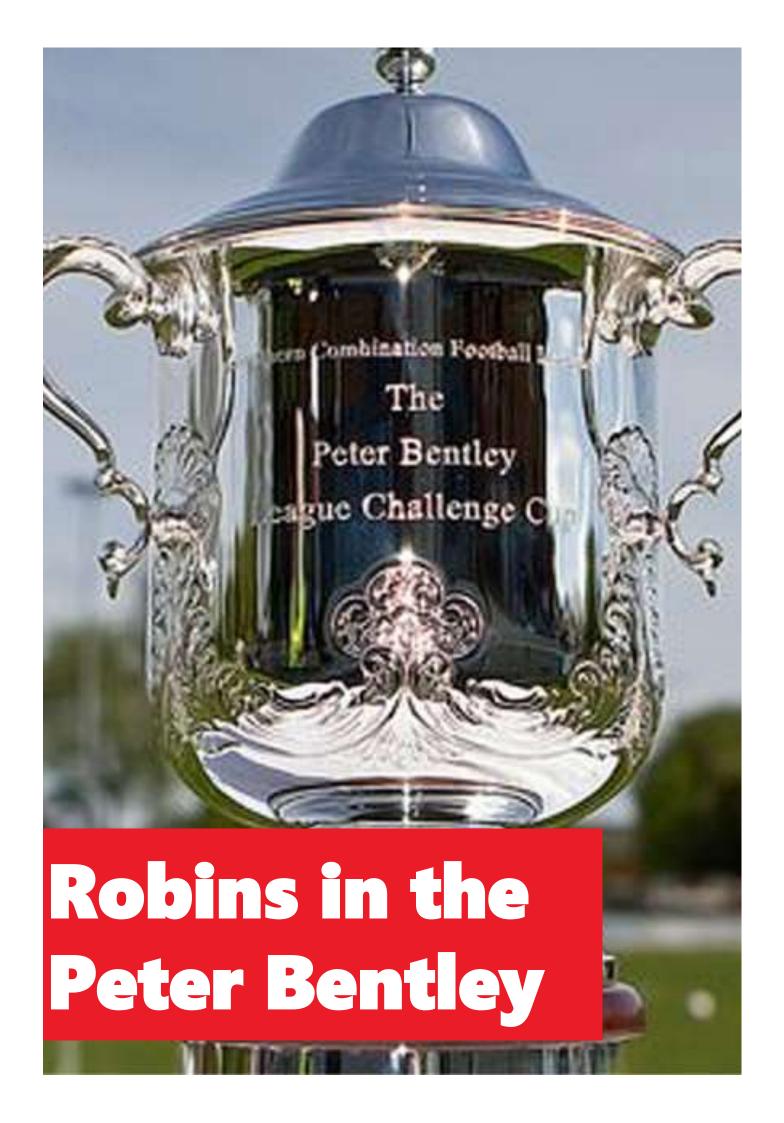
Unfortunately for Hassocks, Heath gathered their composure after that and Simpson made it 2-0 on 77 after collecting a Miller cross and firing low and hard past Green.

Hassocks kept pressing and only a superb block from Spinks denied Liam Benson after he had rounded Fox before Heath finally made the game safe with five minutes to play.

Simpson may have the build of a boxer but he displayed the feet of a ballerina to dance past Mills and square to Miller who was left with a tap in.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Mills, Broomfield, Badger; Lindsey, Slaughter, J Westlake, Stokes, Whittingham; Johnson.

Subs: Benson, Bull, Jacques (used), Wilkins, Enticknap (unused).



Hassocks have never really covered themselves in much glory in the Peter Bentley League Cup, going right the way back to when we first entered the tournament in 1985.

It actually took 10 years from that debut in the competition against Peacehaven & Telscombe for us to taste victory for the first time.

Sure, there was a spell in Southern Combination League Division Two in that decade in which we were unable to enter the Peter Bentley, but even so that was a remarkable long time to wait for a first win.

The Tye, Whitehawk, Oakwood, Hailsham Town and Portfield were amongst the clubs who eliminated us before that maiden victory arrived in the 1995-96 campaign.

It came away at Bosham 3-1, setting us up for elimination in the next round against Langney Sports in the days before they became Eastbourne Borough.

We were quick learners, however, and just one year after getting the monkey of the first win off our backs, we went all the way to the semifinals.

Sidley were seen off in the second round, Mile Oak in round three and an almighty upset followed against the great Saltdean United side of the late 90s in the quarter finals.

That set up a last four showdown with Wick, another of the period's big names.

Unfortunately, there was to be no repeat of the previous round's heroics against the Tigers and we fell to a heavy 5-0 defeat in a tie played at the neutral venue of Old Barn Way, Southwick.

That remains the heaviest defeat we have suffered in the Peter Bentley Cup to date.

The 1996-97 campaign remains the only time we have reached the semi finals

There have been several runs to the quarter final since, the most recent of which came in the 2015-16 season.

A controversial 7:15pm kick off at Culver Road meant a mad dash down to Sussex County FA made even more chaotic by a traffic nightmare caused by Brighton hosting Sheffield Wednesday at the Amex on the same evening.

The lack of preparation clearly did not help, but even so were well outclassed 4-0 by a Lancing side who would go onto lift the trophy.

Included in that Lancers squad were current Hassocks players Mike Williamson and Alex Bygraves, whilst two former Robins in goalkeeper Josh Green and right back Jake Mills also played starring roles.

Lingfield and Crawley Down Gatwick were seen off on route to that quarter final, with both sides playing in Southern Combination Division One at the time.

We wasted a glorious chance to make the semi-finals in the 2012-13 season when one of the finest sides in the club's history fell in the last eight.

That defeat came 1-0 away at Division One side Littlehampton Town and it owed a lot to a spectacular show of goalkeeping from Jonathan Hendrick.

"We were quick learners in the competition, however. Just one season after picking up our maiden Peter Bentley Cup win a decade after first entering the competition, we embarked on a memorable run all the way to the semi finals."

Before that 2012-13 season, we had been on another barren run of form in the competition, failing to win in five seasons since the 2007-08 campaign.

We suffered some chastening defeats in that time, most notably going down 2-1 away at Division One strugglers Southwick in 2011.

Just 15 paying customers bothered to turn up at Old Barn Way, making it comfortably the lowest attendance any Hassocks side have ever played in front of in senior football.

Another defeat to lower league opposition came in 2008, when John Suter's side faced Rustington for the first and so far only time in a competitive game so far, losing 2-1 away from home.

We ended up making the quarter finals in the 2007-08 season before falling to Ringmer.

The previous season may have been the Robins' second-best ever on record after Dave John's side achieved a sixth-place finish in the league, but we still could not get beyond round two of the League Cup after losing 1-0 at home to Sidley United.

It was on our way to another quarter final defeat in 2005-06 that we racked up our biggest win in the competition, hammering Crawley Down 6-0 at the Beacon.

That came in the second round with goals from Super Pat Harding, Stuart Faith, Ian Dawson and a hattrick from midfield from Anthony Hibbert.

In the third round, we went onto chalk up the notable scalp of title chasing Eastbourne Town.

That was the last season that replays were used in the competition. After a 1-1 draw at the Beacon, Johnsy's boys went down to the Saffrons and triumphed 3-1 through two goals from Super Pat and one from Robbins.

The quarter final draw paired us with Crowborough Athletic, who were a real bogey side for the Robins back then - and so it proved again, the Crows running out 2-1 winners at the Beacon.

Until our 5-1 win at Selsey in the previous round this season, you had to go back to before Covid to find our last win in the competition.

A crazy evening of football in September 2018 saw us squeeze past Bexhill United 3-2 at the Beacon.

The Pirates led 2-0 at the break, only for Mark Dalgleish's Robins to complete a magnificent second half comeback through goals from James Littlejohn, the enigmatic Dan Jacques and Phil Johnson. Lingfield knocked us out in the following round.

2019-20 saw us bow out in the second round via a 4-2 home defeat to Langney Wanderers whilst the 2021-22 campaign brought a chastening 5-1 home defeat against lower division Roffey.







Every Hassocks result in the Peter Bentley Cup

1985-86

1st round: Peacehaven & Telscombe 3-2 Hassocks

1986-87

1st round: Whitehawk 1-0 Hassocks

1992-93

1st round: Oakwood 1-1 Hassocks 1st round replay: Hassocks 2-3 Oakwood

1993-94

2nd round: Hassocks 2-3 Hailsham Town

1994-95

1st round: Portfield 2-1 Hassocks

1995-96

1st round: Bosham 1-3 Hassocks

2nd round: Langney Sports 3-2 Hassocks

1996-97

2nd round: Hassocks 2-0 Sidley United 3rd round: Hassocks 6-0 Mile Oak

Quarter final: Saltdean United 0-6 Hassocks

Semi final: Wick 5-0 Hassocks

1997-98

2nd round: East Preston 5-2 Hassocks

1998-99

2nd round: Crowborough Athletic 0-2 Hassocks

3rd round: Sidlesham 2-0 Hassocks

1999-00

1st round: Wick 2-1 Hassocks

2000-01

2nd round: Hassocks 1-0 Westfield

3rd round: Broadbridge Heath 1-0 Hassocks

2001-02

2nd round: Hassocks 2-0 Worthing United 3rd round: Three Bridges 5-0 Hassocks

2002-03

2nd round: Wealden 1-2 Hassocks 3rd round: Selsey 2-1 Hassocks

2003-04

1st round: Hassocks 1-1 Littlehampton Town 1sr round replay: Littlehampton Town 3-0 Hassocks

2004-05

2nd round: Lancing 2-6 Hassocks 3rd round: Hassocks 2-0 Seaford Quarter final: Hassocks 0-1 Whitehawk

2005-06

2nd round: Hassocks 6-0 Crawley Down 3rd round: Hassocks 1-1 Eastbourne Town 3rd round replay: Eastbourne Town 1-3 Hassocks

Quarter final: Shoreham 2-1 Hassocks

2006-07

2nd round: Hassocks 0-1 Sidley United

2007-08

2nd round: Broadbridge Heath 0-5 Hassocks

3rd round: Selsey 0-2 Hassocks Quarter final: Hassocks 0-1 Ringmer

2008-09

2nd round: Rustington 2-1 Hassocks

2009-10

2nd round: Hassocks 1-2 Seaford Town

2010-11

2nd round: Rye United 2-0 Hassocks

2011-12

2nd round: Southwick 2-1 Hassocks

2012-13

2nd round: Hassocks 3-2 Broadbridge Heath

3rd round: Redhill 0-2 Hassocks

Quarter final: Littlehampton Town 1-0 Hassocks

2013-14

2nd round: East Grinstead Town 2-1 Hassocks

2014-15

2nd round: Shoreham 3-1 Hassocks

2015-16

2nd round: Hassocks 5-1 Lingfield

3rd round: Crawley Down Gatwick 2-3 Hassocks

Quarter final: Lancing 4-0 Hassocks

2016-17

2nd round: AFC Uckfield Town 2-1 Hassocks

2017-18

2nd round: Hassocks 0-1 Bexhill United

2018-19

2nd round: Hassocks 3-2 Bexhill United 3rd round: Hassocks 0-3 Lingfield

2019-20

2nd round: Hassocks 0-2 Langney Wanderers

2021-22

2nd round: Hassocks 1-5 Roffey

2022-23

2nd round: Hassocks 0-2 AFC Varndeanians

2023-24

2nd round: Selsey 1-5 Hassocks









Available from the Robins Bar

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

Robins goal laden run comes to an end as they can find no way past YM

Southern Combination League Premier Division Tuesday 10th October 2023, The Beacon Hassocks 0-0 Horsham YMCA

Those fans who have followed Hassocks on the road through a run of five consecutive away games have been feasting on goals.

The Robins racked up 15 during their four week nomadic existence away from the Beacon, leaving much anticipation at what they might deliver back on home soil against Horsham YMCA.

Of course, the answer to that was a first 0-0 draw of the campaign. If that sounds like a complaint, then it isn't; a second clean sheet in a row was a big positive for Hassocks.

The point meanwhile lifted the Robins into second spot in the table, three behind leaders Crowborough Athletic with a game in hand. These are good times indeed for Hassocks.

In terms of clear cut chances, the first half was a non-event. Neither Fraser Trigwell nor his opposite number Aaron Jeal had a serious save to make.

Partly, that was down to lack of invention. But on the rare occasions somebody did get a sight of goal, woeful finishing played its part in the paucity of entertainment.

Some decent football up the left from YM created the first chance of the night.

Callum Jardim was released on a charge forward, whipping a lovely first time cross into a dangerous gap between Bradley Tighe and Trigwell.

Arriving in the middle was the normally reliable Tom Tolfrey. On this occasion, the former Dorking Wanderers goal machine could only volley wide.

That was a let off for Hassocks. Not long after and YM were breathing a sigh of relief of their own when Harvey Blake hooked a ball over the top for Liam Benson to latch onto.

Benson timed his run off the shoulder of the last man to perfection, only to stumble at the

crucial moment as he prepared to shoot.

The result was an off balance effort lifted just over the cross bar. Had Benson kept his footing, he surely would have scored.

Next came a YM free kick launched long into the Hassocks box. Tighe reacted quickly to head away Hayden Neathey's flick on, only for the loose ball to fall towards Ashley Dugdale.

As the YM skipper was about to pull the trigger, Alfie Loversidge arrived on the scene just in the nick of time to put in a brave sliding challenge which put Dugdale off enough into shooting wide.

There were half-hearted appeals from the Robins for a penalty just before half time.

Fair swept the ball out to Blake, whose cross into the box was close to Benson when the Robins' leading scorer went to ground under what might have been a push from Isiaq Araba. Referee Luke Chapman was nonplussed.

What had so far been quite a serene game sparked into life following an atrocious tackle on Mike Williamson two minutes into the second half.

Loversidge nicked possession off Mitch Clark and as Williamson was about to collect the loose ball, Dean Lovegrove came sliding in.

Lovegrove had two feet off the ground, both of which ended up wrapped around the standing leg of Williamson.

Having been wiped out, the normally placid Williamson was quickly to his feet and letting Lovegrove know exactly what he thought of the challenge. Somehow, Lovegrove escaped with just a booking.

Headed chances came and went for YM top scorer Sekou Toure at one end and Benson at the other,





followed by a nice free kick routine causing havoc in the visitors' penalty area.

Substitute Stephenson laid off to Blake, who skipped past Lovergrove to make the by-line and cross low and hard into the box. Benson was almost on the end of it.

YM half-cleared as far as Loversidge and his return pass deflected back to Blake, whose low effort nearly caught Jeal out coming through a crowd of bodies.

The YM goalkeeper eventually managed to grab it at the second attempt with another Hassocks replacement in Jamie Wilkes lurking.

Wilkes was next to go close. Two trademark Cruyff Turns from Fair flummoxed a couple of YM defenders and put the tall striker in but he lifted over the bar after Jeal did well to narrow the angle.

Hassocks were ending strongly with just the finishing touch lacking. Stephenson flashed wide after cutting in from the right and Woolven let one go from distance held by Jeal.

Not even the introduction of two players with over 200 Hassocks career goals between them could help find a breakthrough.

Pat Harding scooped a Blake cross over from close range. The other prolific Robin in question entering the fray alongside Super Pat was Nathan Miles, making his first Hassocks appearance for six years after re-joining from Shoreham.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Woolven; Fair; Benson.

Subs: Harding, Wilkes, Stephenson, Miles (used).

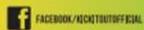
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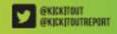


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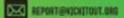














10 man Hassocks wasteful in frustrating draw with Oakmen

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 14th October 2023, The Beacon Hassocks 1-1 AFC Uckfield Town

For the second home game in succession, Hassocks found themselves having to settle for a point from a game in which they created enough opportunities to win comfortably.

AFC Uckfield Town scored with their only shot on target, which arrived after less than 60 seconds. To say it was nightmare start for the Robins would be an understatement.

Alex Fair levelled the tie just before half time and 1-1 was how it finished, frustratingly from the point of view of the hosts.

Squandered opportunities were not the only problem for Hassocks, either. They saw captain Alex Bygraves shown a straight red card on the hour mark, meaning he now misses three games.

A significant number of another bumper Beacon crowd were still in the Clubhouse when Zac Bignell struck to give the Oakmen their first minute lead.

Uckfield goalkeeper Charlie Holmwood drilled a huge punt of a free kick 70 yards up the pitch which nobody in red was able to deal with.

Still, the angle looked impossible when the ball eventually dropped for Bignell virtually on the by-line.

Somehow though, he drilled a volley through the tightest of gaps between Fraser Trigwell and his near post which flashed across the face of goal and hit the far post to divert in.

It was some finish from Bignell, even if questions could be asked of the Hassocks defence.

Trigwell was barely troubled after that. Uckfield were largely restricted to pot shots from distance on the rare occasions they did get forward.

Hassocks in contrast began to take control. Pat Harding hooked a ball over the top for Liam Benson to chase but the Robins leading scorer could only fire high, wide and handsome. A Joe Bull corner broke to Harding at the edge of the box for an effort deflected by an Uckfield head back out wide.

That gave Sean Stephenson a chance to deliver again with Uckfield winger Ali Rainford almost glancing in for an own goal.

Stephenson took the resulting corner from the other side and found the unmarked Jamie Wilkes. The tall striker though could only head over against his former club.

From their next corner worked short between Bull and Stephenson, Bygraves found the back of the net with a header controversially ruled out for offside.

The reaction of those home supporters stood directly behind the flagging assistant referee told it all; shaking heads all round.

Bygraves next turned creator, feeding a brilliant ball up the pitch bettered by an incredible first touch from Benson.

Having opened up a lot of space for a shot with that piece of control, Benson saw his rasping volley superbly kept out by Holmwood.

That was the start of a busy period for the visiting custodian. Fair showed trademark quick feet to step inside and curl one from 25 yards which required safe handling from Holmwood.

Fair then split the defence to find the clever run of Harding. Super Pat did everything right yet somehow Holmwood got a leg to the shot, doing enough to divert the ball towards the covering Leon Wright to clear off the line.

Harvey Blake drilled just wide following a surge up the right flank before the Robins finally found their equaliser with three minutes of the first half remaining.

Fair has carved out a reputation for spectacular goals in a short Hassocks career so far but here he





showed his aerial prowess, meeting a Bull corner with a powerful header guided between Holmwood and Cameron Wootton guarding the post.

The second half continued in the same fashion as the first. Mike Williamson played a ball over the top which Toby Potter-Drake somewhat bizarrely decided to leather 30 yards up into the air towards his own goal.

Benson gave chase, meeting the dropping ball inside the six yard box with a header which he could only place straight at the grateful Holmwood.

Bradley Tighe was denied his long -awaited first Robins goal by an outrageous Holmwood save from close range from yet another dangerous Stephenson corner.

Stephenson then blasted over with a stretching volley from a Benson cross.

Even after Bygraves was dismissed for a lunging challenge on Charlie White, Hassocks remained on top despite their numerical disadvantage.

Holmwood saved from substitute Alfie Loversidge, who then broke clear and flashed a low ball across goal which Benson was inches from converting.

When Tighe put a header from a Bull corner over from close range in the final 10 minutes, you sensed it was not going to be the Robins' day.

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

Subs: Loversidge, Frankland, Miles (used).



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Much changed Robins suffer second half Senior Cup sting by Wasps

Sussex Transport Senior Cup Second Round Tuesday 17th October 2023, OHOB Community Stadium East Grinstead Town 3-1 Hassocks

When Hassocks were paired with to easily deal with any crosses into **Isthmian League South East side** the box. **East Grinstead Town in the** Sussex Transport Senior Cup, James Westlake said it was a good opportunity for the Robins to test themselves against opponents from a division above.

Even though the Robins were beaten 3-1 at the OHOB Community Stadium, Westlake will have been encouraged by what he saw.

With three big games to come against Bedfont Sports in the FA Vase, Newhaven in the league and Haywards Heath Town in the Peter Bentley League Cup, Hassocks rested several key players.

Yet despite making seven changes, they proved more than a match for an experienced East Grinstead outfit in the first half before the Wasps quality ultimately told late on.

Amongst the more eye catching selection decisions taken by Westlake were Dan Turner and Nathan Miles coming in for their first starts of the season.

Turner was last seen in the XI back in April 2022, at the end of a campaign in which he won both Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season awards.

He has since spent a year the other side of the world playing cricket. Miles meanwhile was starting for Hassocks for the first time since his retirement in the autumn of 2017.

In the absence of Alex Bygraves, Lewis Westlake, Jack Troak and Bradley Tighe, Mike Williamson captained the Robins for the first time.

East Grinstead had a clear game plan involving working the ball down the flanks to their dangerous wide men Max Walsh and Chris Alhassan.

Yet in many ways, this suited Hassocks. Turner and his centre back partner Matt Gunn used their height

At the other end, it was Alex Fair who looked most likely to make something happen for the Robins.

Twice early on he went for speculative efforts from over 40 yards in an attempt to catch out Wasps goalkeeper Matte Pierson, who was taking sweeper-keeper to a

It was once Fair got much closer to Pierson that he managed to give Hassocks the lead.

27 minutes had elapsed when Fair dispossessed Matt Weaire on the edge of the Wasps' box as the hosts attempted to play out from the back.

Fair duly bore down on goal and slotted the ball calmly underneath the onrushing Pierson to stun the home

The goal seemed to help the Robins grow in confidence and they played some delightful football to be the more dangerous side in what remained of the first half.

That meant whilst East Grinstead had plenty of possession, it was Hassocks who looked the more likely to score.

The best chance the Robins had of doubling their lead came five minutes before the break.

A long throw landed at the feet of Miles but he could not quite get a good enough connection to his shot on the turn, allowing Pierson to save.

It was a moment of luck which gave the Wasps their equaliser on 67 minutes.

A corner was swung over and in amongst a mass of bodies trying to clear, the unfortunate Fair got the final touch to head past Fraser Trigwell for an own goal.

The next four minutes were pretty chaotic, to say the least. Kyle Woolven went through one-on-one, only to see his effort kept out superbly by Pierson.





Then on 71, East Grinstead took the lead. The dangerous Walsh cut in from his flank and drilled a shot through a crowd of bodies from outside the box.

With Trigwell unsighted, the ball nestled into the bottom corner to complete a quickfire turnaround for the Wasps.

Undeterred, Hassocks kept coming forward and the final 20 minutes resembled a proper bloodand-thunder cup tie.

Westlake threw in three attackers from the bench, introducing top scorer Liam Benson, tall striker Jamie Wilkes and Sean Stephenson.

The latter came within millimetres of sending the tie to penalties with only 60 seconds of the 90 remaining.

A cross came in which Stephenson got a good connection onto with a glancing header, only to see it drift agonisingly wide of the post.

East Grinstead made the most of the reprieve by putting the game beyond doubt in injury time to book their spot in the third round.

Walsh was again the scorer, latching onto a perfectly weighted through ball which he slotted beyond Trigwell.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Frankland, Turner, Gunn, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Woolven; Fair, Miles.

Subs: Benson, Wilkes, Stephenson (used), Harding, Blake (unused).



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Hassocks FA Vase bid grounded in shadow of Heathrow Airport

Isuzu FA Vase First Round
Saturday 21st October 2023, Bedfont Recreation Ground
Bedfont Sports 2-0 Hassocks

Bedfont Recreation Ground is located at the western end of Heathrow Airport's southern runway and it was here that Hassocks saw their Isuzu FA Vase campaign grounded for another year.

Having taken flight to the first round proper of the competition for the first time in nine years, the Robins were beaten 2-0 by Combined Counties Premier Division North promotion hopefuls Bedfont Sports.

Even in defeat, Hassocks made a good impression on the locals. The Middlesex FA's roving reporter described the Robins as "a very good, skilful attacking side."

Words of praise indeed for James Westlake and his players; it was not so long ago that any cup clash with opponents from stronger leagues outside of the Southern Combination were met with fear and trepidation.

Hassocks set out to dominate possession from the off and after some initial midfield skirmishes, created the first two openings of the game.

Joe Bull came forward from left back to deliver a dangerous cross into Sports' box which needed home captain Max Webb to clear behind for a corner.

The Robins then worked a chance for Jamie Wilkes on the edge of the box. Sports goalkeeper Harry Poole proved equal to the snapshot on the turn from the tall Hassocks striker, blocking with his legs.

It was somewhat against the run of play that the Eagles took the lead with 12 minutes played from the penalty spot.

Aston Greaver was brought down in the box as he attempted to round Fraser Trigwell, leading referee Thomas Murray to point to the spot. Mark Bitmead emphatically converted from 12 yards.

Undeterred by the setback,

Hassocks were straight back onto the front foot.

The Robins had a lot of the ball without ever really doing much with it, except for a Mike Williamson drive from 25 yards comfortably held by Poole.

A rare foray forward from Sports saw Jared Myers hit a cross-shot from the ring wing.

Hassocks were grateful that neither no red and black shirt was present to add the final touch and that the ball flew just wide of the upright at the other side.

The Robins best first half opportunity to equalise saw Harvey Blake strike the bar from an acute angle on 24 minutes after overlapping Tom Frankland.

Both Blake and Frankland were looking dangerous down the right. Frankland too posed a threat from set pieces throughout, most notably when forcing Poole into palming a direct free kick over the bar at full stetch in what was an excellent piece of goalkeeping.

Sports came on strong in the final five minutes of the half and Bradley Tighe was required to produce two timely interventions.

Myers made a lot of ground before cutting inside from the left, only to be stopped by a perfectly timed sliding tackle from Tighe.

Jack Beadle then broke into the Hassocks box. Thankfully, Tighe had watched out and knew Beadle was about as he again stole the ball for the Robins at a crucial moment.

The second half went off at a quicker speed than Concorde. Myers set up Beadle but an unusual bounce off the 3G pitch saw him fire over the bar.

Poole kept out a raging Bull effort from 18 yards low down and the Eagles goalkeeper was then worked up high by a Sean Stephenson shot.

A fine team goal gave Sports their





second of the afternoon on 52 minutes. Josh Eatwell gobbled up ground in midfield to find the lively Greaver down the right.

Not wanting to risk another crash landing with Trigwell, Greaver slotted the ball underneath the Hassocks goalkeeper rather than attempting to go around as he had in the first half.

Getting the ball out wide looked like being the best route to pulling a goal back for Hassocks after that.

Stephenson earned a free kick which Frankland delivered onto the head of Tighe.

Poole looked worried but the ball was inches too high. Tighe's mission to score his first Hassocks goal before his impeding 200th appearance for the club goes on.

As the Robins began to throw more and more bodies forward in the closing stages, Bedfont found a lot of space to take off into on the counter.

Myers almost made it three with an angled drive blocked by a strong arm from Trigwell.

From the resulting corner, Stefan Langley went under the radar to meet Eatwell's corner with a free header narrowly off target.

One last chance came the way of Hassocks when a long ball over the top from Matt Gunn sought out Liam Benson, only for Poole to come sooaring confidently from his line to clear the danger.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Gunn, Bull; Frankland, Wilkes, Williamson, Stephenson; Fair, Benson.

Subs: Harding (Frankland 65), Mundy (Tighe 65), Smith (Bull 86), Loversidge, Fatela (unused).

First Team Matches 2023-24

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| Date & Time July | Opponents | Comp | F-A | Att | Scorers |
| 29/07 - 15:00 | Eastbourne Town (H) | SCFLP | 1-1 | 232 | OG |
| August | Edsessume Town (11) | JCI 21 | | 252 | |
| 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 | (Won 5-4 on pens) |
| 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 | ` , | SCFLP | 0-3 | 211 | |
| 12/09 - 19:30 | | 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 | Developed (2) Leaves de Charles and I Weetlebe |
| 23/09 - 15:00 | Sheerwater (A) | FAVQ2 | 5-4 | 121 | Benson (2), Loversidge, Stephenson, L.Westlake |
| 26/09 - 19:45 | Selsey (A) | PBLC2 | 5-1 4-1 | 121 | Benson (4), D.Turner |
| 30/09 - 15:00 October | Little Common (A) | SCFLP | 4-1 | 96 | Stephenson, Benson, OG, Harding |
| 07/10 - 15:00 | Crawley Down Gatwick (A) | SCFLP | 1-0 | 86 | Bull |
| 10/10 - 19:45 | Horsham YMCA (H) | SCFLP | 0-0 | 162 | Dali |
| 14/10 - 15:00 | AFC Uckfield Town (H) | SCFLP | 1-1 | 262 | Fair |
| 17/10 - 19:30 | East Grinstead Town (A) | SSC2 | 1-3 | 202 | Fair |
| 21/10 - 15:00 | Bedfont Sports (A) | FAV1 | 0-2 | | · - · · |
| 28/10 - 15:00 | Newhaven (A) | SCFLP | 1-1 | 264 | Harding |
| 31/10 - 19:45 | Haywards Heath Town (H) | PBLC3 | | | , and the second |
| November | , | | | | |
| 04/11 - 14:00 | Peacehaven & Tels. (H) | SCFLP | | | |
| 11/11 - 15:00 | Crowborough Athletic (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| 18/11 - 15:00 | Eastbourne Town (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| 25/11 - 14:00 | Saltdean United (H) | SCFLP | | | |
| 28/11 - 19:45 | Steyning Town (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| December | Devil Heited (A) | CCELD | | | |
| 02/12 - 15:00 | Bexhill United (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| 09/12 - 15:00 16/12 - 15:00 | Loxwood (H) | SCFLP | | | |
| 26/12 - 11:00 | Haywards Heath Town (H) | SCFLP SCFLP | | | |
| 30/12 - 15:00 | Shoreham (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| January | Shoreham (A) | JCI LI | | | |
| 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 Hoath Town (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| 06/04 - 11:00 06/04 - 15:00 | Haywards Heath Town (A) Bexhill United (H) | SCFLP | | | |
| 13/04 - 15:00 | Saltdean United (A) | SCFLP | | | |
| 20/04 - 15:00 | Newhaven (H) | SCFLP | | | |
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First Team Appearances 2023-24

| | | 2023-24 | Hassocks Career | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Player | Starts | Used Sub | Games | Goals | Games | Goals |
| Fraser Trigwell | 21 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| Joe Bull | 20 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 158 | 11 |
| Liam Benson | 19 | 1 | 20 | 15 | 196 | 65 |
| Jamie Wilkes | 17 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 60 | 4 |
| Pat Harding | 15 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 258 | 145 |
| Alex Bygraves | 18 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 62 | 5 |
| Bradley Tighe | 14 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 188 | 0 |
| Tom Frankland | 13 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 30 | 2 |
| Matt Gunn | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Mike Williamson | 15 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Josh Mundy | 9 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Kyle Woolven | 6 | 10 | 16 | 4 | 16 | 4 |
| Alfie Loversidge | 8 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 94 | 14 |
| Alex Fair | 9 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| Sean Stephenson | 9 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 3 |
| Harvey Blake | 9 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 122 | 4 |
| Sam Smith | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 47 | 3 |
| Sam Geard | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| Lewis Westlake | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 118 | 11 |
| James Westlake | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 261 | 31 |
| Jack Troak | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 125 | 31 |
| Charlie Fogden | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Nathan Miles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 214 | 74 |
| Dan Turner | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 64 | 4 |
| 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 |



Four different scorers send Hassocks to derby day victory

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division Thursday 5th October 2023, Colwell Road St Francis U23s 1-4 Hassocks U23s

Four different players were on the scoresheet as Hassocks Under 23s came away with a 4-1 victory from the short trip to face local rivals St Francis Rangers at Colwell Road.

This was a welcome return to the sort of routine victory that underpinned the Robins winning the Southern Combination Under 23 North Division title last season, rather than the total chaos that was the previous week's 7-5 win at Oakwood.

Not even a late change of day could throw the Robins. Having originally been scheduled to make the trip to the Hospital on the Friday, Rangers asked for the tie to be brought forward by 24 hours to Thursday night at short notice.

There were a few intriguing team selections made by Hassocks. Ben Bacon played his first football for two months, a farewell of sorts from the Beacon as he looks set to complete a move to Shoreham in the next few days.

Bacon has struggled for first team football with James Westlake's first team in such free-scoring form.

He has though continued to contribute off the pitch, running

training sessions through his Your Peak Performance coaching business.

Everyone at the Beacon will wish Bacon well as he heads to Middle Road.

And as a parting gift, he even managed to get on the scoresheet against the Rangers.

Another interesting name in the starting XI who joined Bacon in bagging a goal was Leon Turner.

The winger earned a reputation as one of the most exciting players in the Southern Combination League last season with his performances for Hassocks.

Ultimately, this secured a move to Isthmian League South East side Littlehampton Town.

But with starting opportunities at the Sportsfield limited, Turner turned out for the Robins Under 23s as he looks to get some game time under his belt.

Along with Bacon and Turner coming in, there were four other changes making to make it six in total from the victory against Oakwood eight days earlier.

Josh and Kian Nandhra returned against the club they were registered with last season before swapping the Hospital for the Beacon.

George Mercer was promoted into





the starting XI and Jack Thomas returned in goal in place of Jayden Dunkley.

The others missing were Sam Smith and Harvey Blake, now back in first team contention having used the trip to Tinsley Road to get minutes under their belts.

Billy Dove dropped down to the bench along with Under 18s team duo Sam Fernley and Alex Wintle.

Joining Bacon and Turner on the scoresheet, youth team striker Jack Duckett made it two goals in as many appearances for the Under 23s.

The fourth and final Hassocks goal came from substitute Julie Durand with his first since an early red card in the 4-1 defeat at Broadbridge Heath last month.

Rudi Robertson claimed the Rangers consolation in the 85th minute, denying Thomas and his defence what would have been their second clean sheet of the campaign.

Hassocks: Thomas, Hicks, D Turner, Mercer, McHale, K Nandhra, Miles, Duckett, L Turner, J Nandhra, Bacon.

Subs: Durand, Fernley, Wintle, W Tighe, Dove (used).



Three goals from the bench deliver Robins revenge on Lingfield

Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division Thursday 12th October 2023, The Beacon Hassocks U23s 5-1 Lingfield U23s

Five weeks ago, Hassocks Under 23s suffered their heaviest defeat for many years when being thrashed 6-1 away at Lingfield.

Not only did the Robins extract revenge on Lingfield when the sides met in the return match at the Beacon, but they almost repaired the damage to their goal difference too.

An excellent 5-1 victory saw three goals come from the bench as Hassocks showed off their increasing squad depth, moving to the top of the Southern Combination League North Division in the process.

Keeping so many good players happy is going to be quite the challenge for the Robins' interim management team, who continue to do an excellent job following the departure of Neil Parker last month.

Having made six changes between the 7-5 win over Oakwood and last week's 4-1 success at St Francis Rangers, this time there were four adjustments to the starting XI from victory at Colwell Road.

Ben Bacon has completed his move to Shoreham and Nathan Miles was rested on account of him starting for the first team in Tuesday night's 3 -1 Sussex Senior Cup exit at East Grinstead Town.

Neither Kian or Josh Nandhra were available either having tormented their former club Rangers seven days earlier, much to the befuddlement of home boss Del Tobias.

Coming into the side were teenagers Sam Fernley, Alex Wintle and Oliver Parker-Williams.

The fourth new face was a surprising and welcome return for Jack Troak, playing his first football since fracturing his collarbone in the FA Cup extra preliminary round against Erith Town at the Beacon back in August.

Heavy rain throughout Thursday evening left the Beacon surface fast and slick and that suited Hassocks, who zipped the ball around brilliantly at times.

When the Robins were not passing, they were able to use the pace and directness of Troak and Leon Turner down the flanks to cause Lingfield all kinds of problems.

It was a far cry from the performance and result against the same opponents at the New Defence earlier in the campaign.

Turner made it two goals from two games since his return from Littlehampton Town, whilst Under





18s striker Jack Duckett is in an equally hot streak of form. His goal was third in as many games for the Under 23s.

Notching as substitutes were Billy Dover, Julian Durand and Micael Fatela.

Hassocks have been waiting some time for Fatela to receive international clearance but the patience will have been justified if his exciting cameo here was anything to go by.

The visitors' goal also came from a substitute, Ashley Aderemi providing the Lingfield consolation.

Hassocks now take a break from league action with their next assignment in the Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup away at Bexhill United.

Hassocks: Thomas, Hicks, D Turner, Mercer, McHale, Fernley, Wintle, Duckett, L Turner, Troak, Parker-Williams.

Subs: Durand, Fatela, Dove, J Smith, W Tighe (used).

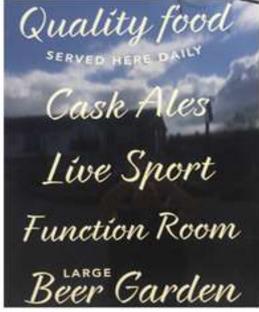


Under 23s Matches 2023-24

| Date & Time | Opponents | Comp | F-A | Scorers |
|---------------|------------------------|--------|-----|--|
| August | | | | |
| 17/08 - 19:45 | Redhill (A) | SCFL23 | 3-1 | J.Nhandra, 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 | Fernley, Chedzey, Mercer |
| 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 | 5-1 | L.Turner, Duckett, Fatela, Durand, Dove |
| 26/10 - 19:45 | Oakwood (A) | U23LC1 | 3-1 | Durand (2), Fatela |
| November | . , | | | |
| 02/11 - 19:30 | Bexhill United (A) | CU23C2 | | |
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Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

| | | 2023-24 Season | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| Player | Starts | Used Sub | Games | Goals | | | |
| Noah McHale | 8 | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Billy Dove | 4 | 6 | 10 | 2 | | | |
| Jack Thomas | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| George Mercer | 8 | 1 | 9 | 2 | | | |
| Sam Fernley | 7 | 2 | 9 | 1 | | | |
| Ben Hicks | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Dan Turner | 8 | 0 | 8 | 1 | | | |
| Julian Durand | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| Wes Tighe | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Alex Wintle | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | | | |
| Sam Geard | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | | | |
| Jack Smith | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Cavan Chedzey | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | | |
| Jack Duckett | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| George Gladding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Oliver Parker-Williams | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Evan China | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Kobe Dersley | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Charlie Fogden | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Josh Mundy | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Sam Smith | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Leon Turner | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Micael Fatela | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Jack Troak | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 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 | | | |



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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 | 4-1 | Chedzey (2), Hartley, China |
| 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 | | |
| December | . , | | | |
| 03/12 - 11:00 | Saltdean United (H) | SCFL18 | | |
| 10/12 - 11:00 | Roffey (A) | U18LC2 | | |
| 17/12 - 11:00 | St Francis Rangers (H) | SCFL18 | | |
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Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

| | | 2023-24 | Season | |
|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| Player | Starts | Used Sub | Games | Goals |
| Theo Bradley | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Sam Dean | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Sam Fernley | 7 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Charlie Fogden | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Will Hartley | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Cavan Chedzey | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Oliver Goswamy | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Josh Nandhra | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Kian Nandhra | 6 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| George Gladding | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Alex Brewer | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Ben Foster | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Toby Munt | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Marko Gabric | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Evan China | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Ed Tobias | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Harry Goatcher | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Will Varley | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Leo Charman | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ben Murray | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jack Wood | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Cook hits hat-trick to help Robins past Patcham in County Cup

Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup First Round Monday 25th September 2023, The Beacon Hassocks Veterans 6-2 Patcham United

For their second game of the season, Hassocks Veterans were in Monday Night Football action hosting Patcham United in the Sussex Veterans Challenge Cup

With the quality available to their Sussex Sunday League Premier Veterans Division opponents, the Robins could be very pleased to progress to the second round of the competition thanks to a 6-2 victory.

United arrived in Haywards Heath with a starting XI containing the likes of Carl Dunk, Josh Jones and Wes Millis - all names who have caused Hassocks plenty of Southern Combination League pain down the years.

They even had former Chelsea, Charlton Athletic and Bolton Wanderers defender Antony Barness. He has played more than 100 times at Premier League level.

A far different claim to fame than Robins boss Steve Spies, who once scored two own goals, gave away a penalty and got sent off in a Hassocks III game against Wisdom Sports before going on a pub crawl with the opposition afterwards.

Spiesy was unable to cause that level of carnage here on account of

being ruled out with a broken toe.

That was one of five changes from the Hassocks side who had been well beaten 5-1 by Lewes at Clayton Recreation Ground two weeks ago.

James Butcher, Adam Waller, Mark Darbyshire and Jonathan Bundy were the other four players missing, presumably because they all had better things to be doing with their Monday evening. EastEnders is particularly gripping at the moment, don't you think?

Coming into the side were Elliott Butler, Anthony Humphries, Rob Sayers, Scott Woolley and Republic of Ireland Under 21 international Paul Armstrong.

Butler marked his first start of the campaign with a goal and Phil Gault also got off the mark for the campaign.

The undoubted star of the show was Chris Cook, however. The new signing plundered a lovely hat-trick to move onto four goals in two appearances for the Robins since his summer arrival.

Last but not least, there was a debut goal for Dan Sullivan from the bench.

Spiesy has pulled off quite the coup in attracting the former





Horsham YMCA midfielder to the Beacon for veterans football.

Whilst Hassocks introduced Sullivan and Richard Thomas from the bench, United could call upon celebrity jockey Mattie Batchelor to make an appearance.

Batchelor famously won the 2011 Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on popular chase Carruthers on the same November after that Thomas scored in a 2-1 Mid Sussex Senior Cup second round win for Hassocks Reserves over Forest.

Bizarrely for a vets game, there were yellow cards flashed to both Armstrong and Sayers.

United's consolation goals came from Jones and James Rhodes, whilst Hassocks will face Roffey Hill Farm in the next round of the competition.

Hassocks: Woolley, Armstrong, Newman, Humphries, Armstrong, Sayers, Wilson, Cook, Darby, Juniper, Gault.

Subs: Sullivan, Thomas (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 | 13-0 | Gault (5), Cook (4), Maynard, Sayers, Bundy, Cooper |
| November | | | | |
| 12/11 - 14:00 | Sidley United (A) | MSFLVE | | |
| 26/11 - 14:00 | Mile Oak (A) | CVCQF | | |
| December | | | | |
| 10/12 - 14:00 | Rotherfield (A) | MSFLVE | | |
| January | | | | |
| 07/01 - 14:00 | Jarvis Brook (H) | MSFLVE | | |

Veterans Appearances 2023-24

| | | 2023-24 | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Player | Starts | Used Sub | Games | Goals |
| Chris Cook | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Phil Gault | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Andy Wilson | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Andy Darby | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Elliott Butler | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Dave Juniper | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Nick Newman | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Rob Sayers | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Jonathan Bundy | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Paul Armstrong | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| James Butcher | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mark Darbyshire | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Terry Gacias | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Anthony Humphries | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ashley Marsh | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Chris Maynard | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Michael McEnery | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kenny Petrie | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Steve Spies | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Adam Waller | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Che Williams | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Scott Woolley | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ricky Betsworth | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sam Cooper | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Paul Gurr | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dan Sullivan | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Richard Thomas | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Robins come close to first point in five goal battle at Hastings

London & South East Women's League Division One Sunday 1st October 2023, Pilot Field Hastings United 3-2 Hassocks Ladies

There were five goals shared between Hassocks Ladies and Hastings United at the Pilot Field but unfortunately, the Robins came away with nothing to show for their efforts.

A topsy turvy game in which both teams led ended 3-2 to the hosts. It was a harsh result on the Robins who battled hard throughout against talented opponents in front of a big crowd.

Having ended last week's 3-1 defeat to Eastbourne United with only nine fit players on the pitch, Hassocks were pleased to welcome back Kirstin Mair, Lola Moon and Holly Webb. Ellie Moquet also came in for an outfield start.

Hastings took the lead with 15 minutes on the clock. The Robins cleared an initial effort from distance but United were able to return it into the box, where Naomi Corrigan clinically finished across Sarah Chappell into the bottom corner.

Hassocks though came fighting back. Kirstin Mair equalised 10 minutes later to ensure the sides went into the break level.

That left the game delicately poised at the start of the second half.

The Robins came flying out of the traps and on 49 minutes, they took the lead in a game for the first time this season.

Katherine Chappell was the scorer as her second of the campaign gave Hassocks something to defend.

The Robins though were not content to merely sit back and instead they went in search of a third.

It was when attempting to add to their scoreline that Hassocks were caught on the counter, allowing the hosts to pull level just before the hour mark.

Hastings won possession just inside their own half and broke down the Robins right at pace.

A low cross into the box was helped onto the back post, where United captain Lauren Sharp arrived to volley home.

Hassocks introduced their only substitute Steph Wingeatt from the bench.

Hastings in contrast were able to call upon three replacements and the extra fresh legs helped made the difference in finding a winning goal.

The hosts won a penalty and although Chappell went the right way, the spot kick from Brooke Nicholson-Rogan had too much





power for the Robins goalkeeper to keep it out.

Hassocks managed to muster a couple of opportunities late on but could not find a way past United number one Asha Moody.

Whilst ultimately disappointed not to take anything from the game, there were plenty of positives for the Robins to take as they came closer than ever to that elusive first win of the campaign.

It was good to see two of last season's leading scorers in Chappell and Mair back in the goals whilst Jess Craig gave an excellent performance in midfield to take the Hassocks star player award.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Bright, Read, Stevens, Webb, Gray, J Craig, Moon, Moquet, Mair, K Chappell.

Subs: Wingeatt (used).



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Clinical Herne Bay take their chances to inflict defeat on Robins

London & South East Women's League Division One Sunday 8th October 2023, The Beacon Hassocks Ladies 0-2 Herne Bay Women

In a very close fought match which could have gone either way, Hassocks Ladies suffered a 2-0 defeat to a clinical Herne Bay side.

The Robins started with some early pressure but it was not long before home goalkeeper Ellie Moquet was called into action with a good diving save.

Herne Bay then forced a corner headed clear by Katie Read before taking an 11th minute lead.

A long ball forward found Daisy Marsh who calmly slotted the ball beyond Moquet.

Hassocks responded well to falling behind and Katherine Chappell was fouled in a dangerous position.

The visiting defence had to be alert to clear the danger from the resulting free kick.

Mia Pordage fired a long range effort just over the bar and Hassocks forced another corner delivered by Emily Spooner.

A goal mouth scramble followed but the Robins were unable to force the ball home.

Herne Bay then broke clear and it took a good covering tackle by Read to avert the danger.

The 21st minute saw Pordage play a superb pass to Spooner whose shot was narrowly wide.

Hassocks were now starting to get on top, although they were grateful for a big let off at the other end when Herne Bay hit the bar when it looked easier to score.

A change was forced upon the Robins with 25 minutes played. Emma Flin succumbed to an injury she had been nursing to be replaced by Lola Moon.

The substitution saw Read move to centre half and Tallie Bright dropping into right back.

Moon was immediately into the action with a cross which the keeper gathered and Spooner had another effort saved by the keeper.

Herne Bay then had a good spell, firstly with a corner headed away by Claire Stevens and then another cross headed away by Read.

Hassocks made another change six minutes before the break, Jess Gray taking over from Emily Spooner.

There was still time for the Robins to muster one final first half effort, a Moon shot being saved by the Herne Bay goalkeeper.

Spooner returned to the action for the second half, which Hassocks started well.

A through ball by Pordage was just too hard and a Chappell pass found Spooner whose shot was wide.

Herne Bay responded and Stevens had to head clear as the visitors came forward.

Moquet then made a good save at the near post following a flowing move from the visitors.

A Spooner shot was blocked with a follow up lob by Kirsten Mair just too high.

Mair then played a great pass finding Moon, whose shot was well saved by the keeper.





It was something of a sucker punch when Herne Bay increased their lead on 73 minutes with a clinical second goal.

Marsh was again the scorer, completing her brace and giving the Robins an uphill task in the final quarter hour.

Hassocks would have fallen three behind were it not for a superb diving save at the feet of an onrushing Herne Bay forward.

There was a lengthy eight minute delay in the 78th minute when Claire Stevens received a head injury, resulting in a nose bleed which took some time to stem.

Fortunately, Stevens was okay and able to play out the remainder of the match.

Hassocks continued to battle well up to the end but were unable to find a way through.

The 2-0 defeat was disappointing because the sides were fairly evenly matched, the difference being that Herne Bay took their chances clinically.

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

Subs: Gray, Moon (used).



Hassocks come agonisingly close to draw with the Darts

London & South East Women's League Division One Sunday 22nd October 2023, The Beacon Hassocks Ladies 1-2 Dartford Women II

Despite conceding as early as the third minute, Hassocks Ladies could consider themselves unlucky to be on the end of a 2-1 defeat against Dartford Reserves.

This was a good performance from the Robins against a side who arrived at the Beacon sitting fourth in the London & South East Regional League Division One table.

With Hassocks currently bottom of the pile, the visitors might have expected more goals and an easy victory to materialise having gone ahead inside 180 seconds.

Hassocks though showed that would not be the case by responding immediately to Amy Reader's strike for Dartford.

The Robins won a free kick on the left, expertly delivered by Kirsten Mair for Jess Craig to meet with a glancing header which levelled the game.

Dartford went back on the attack after the Hassocks equaliser and it needed a great block from Tallie Bright to prevent a shot troubling Sarah Chappell in the Robins goal.

Craig then showed her worth defensively when covering well to deny Dartford from another foray forward.

The game was fast becoming an end-to-end contest. Jodie Johanson won back possession and played in Katherine Chappell for a shot fired just over on the quarter hour mark.

Bright had to be alert again to cut out a potentially dangerous situation at the expense of a corner.

Jo Brown produced some solid defending to clear the set piece delivery away from danger.

Having ridden that spell of Dartford pressure, Hassocks began to push forward.

Another good free kick from Mair caused problems for the visiting goalkeeper, who managed to gather

at the second attempt.

Hassocks could consider themselves unlucky to fall 2-1 behind on 23 minutes to a very fortuitous Dartford goal.

An attempted clearance struck a visiting forward and rebounded directly into the path of Emma Healey.

Stood front and centre of the goal, Healey made no mistake by firing the ball past Chappell.

The Robins almost levelled instantly for a second time when a strong Claire Stevens header from a pinpoint Mair corner was narrowly off target.

Dartford hit the post in the 33rd minute followed by Craig trying her luck from distance twice in quick succession.

The first effort required a strong save from the visiting goalkeeper and the other was inches over the bar.

Dartford had a chance to extend their lead five minutes before half time. A superb pass put a forward through one-on-one but Chappell stood tall and forced the shot wide.

There was still time for Lola Moon to embark on a great run and cross which required good defending to prevent Hassocks making the most of the opportunity.

The Robins started the second half brightly with Johanson going on a powerful run forward and finding Emily Spooner who just could not work a position for a shot.

As the game continued to ebb and flow, Dartford shot wide from a promising position and Stevens was required to head clear a testing corner.

Hassocks made a change on the hour mark, introducing Mia Pordage for Moon.

Three good chances went the way of the visitors next. Brown made vital interceptions in the 64th and 65th minutes, cutting out dangerous through balls.



Chappell then had to stretch high to keep out a long range effort which

was heading towards the top corner.

Dartford next earned a free kick headed behind by Stevens. Read telegraphed the danger from the corner and made a fine interception.

Hassocks pushed forward from there and Spooner saw a turn and shot blocked by the Dartford goalkeeper.

There was a Robins debut for Mandy Morgan in the 77th minute, replacing the hard working Johanson.

Five minutes later and Read took a ball to the face as she dealt with a long clearance but was thankfully okay to carry on after treatment.

It proved to be a lively final few minutes once play restarted. Hassocks put together the best passing move of the match, releasing Mair down the flank for a cross-shot well saved.

Dartford passed up an opportunity to make the game safe when shooting over before Mair came agonisingly close to a late equaliser when her shot beat the goalkeeper but dropped onto the top of the net.

The final whistle blew shortly after on a 2-1 defeat for the Robins. Once again though, the Hassocks players can be proud of their efforts in a match in which they could easily have obtained at least a point.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Bright, Read, Stevens, Brown, Johanson, J Craig, Mair, Moon, Spooner, K Chappell.

Subs: Pordage, Morgan (used).

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 | Mair, K.Chappell |
| 08/10 - 14:00 | Herne Bay (H) | LSE1S | 0-2 | |
| 22/10 - 14:00 | Dartford Reserves (H) | LSE1S | 1-2 | Craig |
| 29/10 - 14:00 | Newhaven (A) | LSE1S | 0-4 | _ |
| November | • • | | | |
| 05/11 - 14:00 | Ashford United (H) | LSEC2 | | |
| 08/11 - 19:45 | Steyning Town (A) | LSE1S | | |
| 12/11 - 14:00 | | LSE1S | | |
| 19/11 - 14:00 | Eastbourne United (A) | LSE1S | | |
| 26/11 - 14:00 | Bexhill United (H) | LSE1S | | |
| December | . , | | | |
| 10/12 - 14:00 | Bognor Regis Town (H) | LSE1S | | |
| 17/12 - 15:00 | Bromley (A) | LSE1S | | |
| January | , | | | |
| 14/01 - 14:00 | Newhaven (H) | LSE1S | | |
| 28/01 - 14:00 | | LSE1S | | |
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Ladies Appearances 2023-24

| | | 2023-24 | 2023-24 Season | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|----------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Player | Starts | Used Sub | Games | Goals | | | |
| Katie Read | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Claire Stevens | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Lola Moon | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| Katherine Chappell | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | | | |
| Jess Craig | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Tallie Bright | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Ellie Moquet | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Sarah Chappell | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Emma Flin | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Jodie Johanson | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Kirstin Mair | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Emily Spooner | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Jess Gray | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Jo Brown | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Mia Pordage | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Holly Webb | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Steph Wingeatt | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Mandy Morgan | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | |

On This Day...





Halloween horror show sends Hassocks crashing out of cup

October 31st 2009: The Robins exited the Sussex RUR Charity Cup in what the Mid Sussex Times described as "a Halloween horror show", losing 4-2 at home to Selsey

In the space of one week, any hopes that Hassocks had of picking up silverware this season have gone up in smoke.

Seven days after a disappointing John O'Hara League Cup exit at the hands of Division Two Seaford Town, a catastrophic opening 20 minutes saw the Robins eliminated from the Sussex RUR Charity Cup with a 4-2 loss to Selsey.

It was apt that this game took place on Halloween as Hassocks' defending was a real horror show.

Selsey raced 3-0 ahead inside of 19 minutes to leave home supporters flummoxed, bewildered and tearing their hair out.

The Robins to their credit did pull it back to 3-2 in the second half but ultimately, that terrible start leaves them with only league points to play for over the course of the remaining seven months of the campaign.

Selsey flew out of the traps to blow Hassocks away. They took the lead with six minutes played when Ross Woolf was given far too much space in the box and his shot took a big deflection off Ashley Marsh to send Joel Harding the wrong way.

Hassocks had a good chance to level things up shortly afterwards when Selsey goalkeeper Ross McClelland was adjudged to have handled a back pass on the edge of the six yard box.

Taking such opportunities from close range is notoriously difficult and Anthony Hibbert's effort was charged down by the wall.

Gerald Joseph was an impressive combination of power and pace and he doubled the advantage on 18

Woolf's cross caused issues for Harding, the normally reliable Hassocks goalkeeper misjudging the flight of the ball with Joseph heading home at the back post.

Less than 60 seconds later and Selsey made it three. Hassocks were sloppy with possession from kick off, gifting the Blues the ball and they managed to guickly play in Joseph who coolly lobbed Harding for his second of the afternoon.

The Selsey striker nearly had a five minute hat-trick when another good cross came in but this time his header was marginally over the bar.

Hassocks looked shellshocked and failed to trouble the Selsey defence or visiting goalkeeper McClelland once.

Whatever Dave John said at half time - and vou can be sure it won't have been repeatable - had an impact and Hassocks belatedly began to resemble something like the side who had been playing some excellent have fouled Stuart Soutar and from football prior to the previous week's defeat to Seaford.

Phil Gault put in Neil Kane but his shot was kept out low down by McClelland.

Dan Jacques then fired narrowly wide from 22 yards and Daley Clark hit a clean strike from distance which just whistled over the bar.

Gault left the action with a thigh problem with Logan Newington taking his place.

Hassocks did not seem too badly hampered by the loss of their talisman and Kane soon pulled one back, netting from close range on 58 minutes.

It was a well worked goal. Clark flicked on to Hibbert who played the perfect ball into an area of uncertainty for Kane to convert.

Hibbert nearly had a goal of his own seconds later, his delightful chip leaving McClelland a spectator but the ball sailed agonisingly over the bar.

The Robins midfield creator did find his range four minutes later with an exquisite curling effort into the very top corner of McClelland's goal

from 25 yards.

That made it 3-2 with half an hour still to play, rising hopes among the home faithful that Hassocks might force extra time from what had been a hopeless position.

For reasons that were not readily apparent, the Robins appeared to take their foot of the gas at that point despite having Selsey on the ropes.

The closest Hassocks came to finding an equaliser was when the industrious Terry Gacias looped an effort just over on his return from suspension.

With eight minutes remaining, the game was up as Selsey scored a killer fourth.

Gacias was harshly adjudged to the resulting quick free kick, Joseph completed his hat-trick by drilling past Harding from the angle whilst Hassocks appealed in vein for offside.

John threw on Ian Simpson in place of Clark as an emergency striker for the final five minutes, an act of desperation that summed up Hassocks' afternoon nicely.

They did have a chance to make it 4-3 in injury time but Sol Bowra blasted well over from six yards as Hassocks' interests in knockout competitions came to an end for another year.

Hassocks: Harding; Jacques, Bowra, Marsh, Faith, Kublickas; Gacias, Clark, Hibbert; Gault, Kane.

Subs: Newington (Gault 55), I Simpson (Clark, 85), Thompson, J Simpson (unused).

Starman: Difficult choice but goes to Terry Gacias.

Around the League...



It was a busy weekend of action across the Southern Combination when we last played here at the Beacon on Saturday 14th October. Here is what happened around the league whilst we were busy drawing 1-1 with AFC Uckfield Town...

Steyning Town maintained their unbeaten record with an easy 5-1 win over Lingfield at the **Birchwood Ground.**

The Barrowmen led 3-0 going into half time through Nathan Cooper, Mark Goldson and Charlie Towning.

Goldson added a fourth early in the second half and substitute Jack Langford rounded off the scoring. Jimmy Williams provided the consolation for Lingfield.

A tight game between

Peacehaven & Telscombe and Eastbourne Town at the Window Workshop Sports Park was decided 1-0 in favour of the visitors.

Veteran forward Evan Archibald grabbed the only goal of the game to secure a big three points for Town.

John Sinclair scored an 83rd minute winner for **Crowborough Athletic** as they came from behind to beat **Haywards Heath Town** 2-1 at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Cam Dobell put the Bluebells ahead, only for second half goals from Lucas Murrain and Sinclair to win it for the Crows.

A brace from Alfie Rogers gave Newhaven a 2-1 success at Eastbourne United.

Mason Creese pulled one back for United but the hosts were not able to force an equaliser.

Pagham continued their recent improvement by returning from the long journey to **Little Common** with a 4-1 victory.

Dan Simmonds hit a hat-trick for the Lions, who also had Jamie Carroll on hat-trick. Lewis Parsons provided the consolation for Common.

Substitute Tom Boyle notched an 85th minute winner for AFC

Varndeanians as they beat 10 man **Loxwood** 1-0 at Withdean Stadium.

Alfie Jones saw red after only 19 minutes after picking up two quickfire yellow cards.

Tom Tolfrey, an own goal and Josh Neathey were on target for Horsham YMCA in their 3-1 home win against Saltdean United. Tegan seeing red. Joe Hasler was the scorer Freeman was the Tigers goal scorer.

There was a six goal thriller between Midhurst & Easebourne and **Bexhill United** which the Stags edged out 4-2.

Lewis Hyde, Siph Mdalolse, Harry Tremlett and Callum Dowdell scored for Midhurst. The Pirates goals came via Jack Shonk and Kian Moynes.

Division One leaders Roffey came from behind to run out 4-1 winners against **Montpelier Villa.**

Mayckol Sabino put the hosts ahead with 15 minutes on the clock. The Boars responded through George representatives in the third round of Cousins, Joao Andrade, Devon Fender and Terrell Joseph.

Dorking Wanderers B continue to challenge at the top after beating Oakwood 6-0 at Tinsley Lane.

Salvatore Marino scored twice with the rest of the Wanderers goals coming from Luke Bejashvili, Zach Cahusac, Luc Cowing and substitute Henry Russ.

There were six goals scored by **Seaford Town** too as they saw off Forest Row 6-2.

Ryan Knight bagged a brace and there were one apiece for Callum Connor, Matt Ford, Alex Saunders and Simon Piper.

For Frow, George Hollah provided both the goals whilst substitute Desire Sambouang was dismissed

Both the goals as **Selsey** and **Copthorne** drew 1-1 at the Seal Bay Stadium were remarkably own goals whilst Arundel and Billingshurst also shared a 1-1 draw.

Jordan Dudas gave the Mullets a 55th minute lead cancelled out by Joey Wealthyland for Hurst.

Jordan Anderson struck late for

East Preston as they won 1-0 at **Godlaming Town** and 10 man Alfold overcame Wick 3-1.

Noel Fisher scored twice before for Fold whilst George Bingham netted for the visitors.

Former Hassocks Under 18s striker Archie Russell hit the winner as Mile Oak picked up an impressive 2-1 win at Banstead Athletic and the final game in Division One saw Chessington & Hook United draw 2-2 with **Worthing United.**

Daniel Uzor struck a 97th minute equaliser after two Bradley Hunt goals looked like they were going to give the Mavericks victory.

There will be five Division Two the Sussex Intermediate Cup.

Ferring came from behind to eliminate Hailsham Town 3-2 in one of two all-Southern Combination League ties.

The other saw **Storrington** eliminate **St Francis Rangers** 3-1 at the Recreation Ground.

Southwater hammered Newtown Villa 8-0 away from home. All of Dylan Frollini, Keylan Symonds and Dean Wright scored twice with Sam Ayling and Vi-Minh Mai rounding off the rout.

Oliver Hawkins scored a hat-trick for **Bosham** in their 6-2 win over Hunston Community.

Conor Crabb was also on target along with goals from the bench via Ilya Donets and Tony Hewett.

Two league games took place with **Capel** winning 3-0 at Rottingdean Village. Will Roberts scored twice and Luke Longhurst

Upper Beeding eased past **Brighton Electricity** 5-0. Scott Hand and Henry Hayden notched doubled with the fifth coming via an own goal.



Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

| Southern Combin | atio | n Pro | emie | r Div | risio | n Tal | ble |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
| Crowborough Athletic | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 13 | 35 |
| Steyning Town | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 8 | 29 |
| Newhaven | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 37 | 18 | 29 |
| Hassocks | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 28 |
| Peacehaven & Tels. | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 28 |
| Eastbourne Town | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 11 | 28 |
| Haywards Heath | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 19 | 23 |
| Eastbourne United | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 17 | 21 |
| Little Common | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 37 | 20 |
| Midhurst & Easebourne | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 26 | 19 |
| Lingfield | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 23 | 25 | 17 |
| Pagham | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 20 | 15 |
| Horsham YMCA | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 21 | 13 |
| Crawley Down Gatwick | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 25 | 22 | 12 |
| Loxwood | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 36 | 12 |
| AFC Varndeanians | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 38 | 11 |
| AFC Uckfield Town | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 29 | 10 |
| Saltdean United | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 17 | 28 | 9 |
| Bexhill United | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 21 | 33 | 8 |
| Shoreham | 13 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 42 | 5 |

| Premier Division Attendances | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|------|--|--|--|--|
| | Ave | Total | League | Cup | | | | |
| Shoreham | 242 | 2175 | 1147 | 1029 | | | | |
| Haywards Heath | 241 | 2646 | 1640 | 1006 | | | | |
| Peacehaven & Telscombe | 230 | 2290 | 1859 | 431 | | | | |
| Newhaven | 196 | 1959 | 1125 | 834 | | | | |
| Crowborough Athletic | 192 | 2297 | 1644 | 653 | | | | |
| Steyning Town | 188 | 2997 | 855 | 2142 | | | | |
| Hassocks | 184 | 1469 | 1334 | 135 | | | | |
| Eastbourne Town | 158 | 1420 | 1114 | 306 | | | | |
| Bexhill United | 157 | 938 | 634 | 304 | | | | |
| Eastbourne United | 141 | 1829 | 1217 | 612 | | | | |
| AFC Varndeanians | 133 | 662 | 662 | 0 | | | | |
| Little Common | 131 | 1431 | 974 | 457 | | | | |
| Saltdean United | 116 | 1160 | 871 | 289 | | | | |
| Pagham | 107 | 854 | 627 | 227 | | | | |
| Horsham YMCA | 87 | 948 | 522 | 426 | | | | |
| AFC Uckfield Town | 84 | 837 | 566 | 271 | | | | |
| Midhurst & Easebourne | 78 | 771 | 559 | 212 | | | | |
| Crawley Down Gatwick | 75 | 823 | 441 | 382 | | | | |
| Loxwood | 70 | 556 | 446 | 110 | | | | |
| Lingfield | 65 | 449 | 342 | 107 | | | | |

| Premier Division I | Form Guide |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Crowborough Athletic Eastbourne Town | Last 6 DWWWWW WWWWLW WWDDWW |
| Steyning Town Newhaven Hassocks Pagham | WWWDWD WWWDDD DWWLDW |
| Midhurst & Easebourne Haywards Heath Town Peacehaven & Telscombe Lingfield | WDWLLW LWWWLL DDWWLL |
| Loxwood Eastbourne United AFC Varndeanians Crawley Down Gatwick | LLDWLW WLLDWL LLWLWD LLWWLL |
| AFC Uckfield Town Horsham YMCA Shoreham | LLDDDD LLLLDW LLLDWL |
| Little Common Bexhill United Saltdean United | LLWLLL DLLDLL LLDLDL |
| | |

| Premier Division Top Scorers | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Player | Club | Gls | |
| Oli Leslie | Crawley Down | 16 | |
| Alfie Rogers | Newhaven | 16 | |
| Liam Benson | Hassocks | 15 | |
| Hayden Skerry | H Heath | 15 | |
| Callum Barlow | Eastbourne Utd | 13 | |
| Charlie Meehan | Steyning Town | 12 | |
| James Stone | Bexhill United | 12 | |
| Harvey Killick | Crowborough | 10 | |
| Lucas Murrain | Crowborough | 10 | |
| Jack Shonk | Bexhill United | 10 | |
| Dan Simmonds | Pagham | 10 | |
| Mark Goldson | Steyning Town | 9 | |
| Joe Radley-Martin | Steyning Town | 9 | |
| Harry Shooman | Steyning Town | 9 | |
| Conor Wilford | Lingfield | 9 | |
| Hayden Beaconsfield | Eastbourne Utd | 8 | |
| Siph Mdlalose | Midhurst | 8 | |
| Alex Patching | Shoreham | 8 | |
| Jay Simpson | Lingfield | 8 | |
| Callum Connor | Newhaven | 7 | |

Under 23s Under 18s Ladies Veterans





| Southern Combina | tion U | nder 2 | 23 Na | rth D | Pivisio | n Tal | ole |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----|
| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
| Hassocks | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 22 | 21 |
| Broadbridge Heath | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 8 | 19 |
| Lingfield | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 35 | 24 | 19 |
| Horsham YMCA | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 17 | 16 |
| 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 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 6 |
| Redhill | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 23 | 3 |
| Oakwood | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 37 | 3 |

| Under 23 North D | ivision Top Scor | ers |
|------------------------|------------------|-----|
| Player | Club | Gls |
| Jamie Maunder | Roffey | 9 |
| Szymon Kowalcyk | B'bridge Heath | 7 |
| Ashley Aderemi | Lingfield | 6 |
| Wiktor Maznica | B'bridge Heath | 6 |
| Jamie Skipper | Horley Town | 6 |
| Julian Durand | Hassocks | 5 |
| Archie Street-Williams | Horsham YMCA | 5 |
| Darrell Agyemang | Oakwood | 4 |
| Younis Ainine | Horsham YMCA | 4 |
| James Allen | Redhill | 4 |

| Southern Combinati | on Ur | der 1 | 8 Cen | tral I | Divisio | on Ta | ble |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
| Burgess Hill Town | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 6 | 18 |
| Hassocks | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 11 | 15 |
| Lancing | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 7 | 13 |
| Saltdean United | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 18 | 10 |
| Montpelier Villa | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Haywards Heath | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 16 | 8 |
| Shoreham | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 6 |
| Mile Oak | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 26 | 6 |
| AFC Varndeanians | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 27 | 3 |
| St Francis Rangers | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 24 | 0 |

| Under 18 Central D | ivision Top Scor | ers |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|
| Player | Club | Gls |
| Alex Brewer | Hassocks | 9 |
| Dan Burbulis | Burgess Hill | 7 |
| Oliver Emery | Saltdean United | 7 |
| George Hendriks | Montpelier Villa | 6 |
| Dylan Hurst | Burgess Hill | 6 |
| Josh Nandhra | Hassocks | 6 |
| Dillon Shrestha | St Francis | 6 |
| Aidan Eckworth-Jones | Shoreham | 5 |
| Theo Maryon | Burgess Hill | 5 |
| Malik Mundoma | Saltdean United | 5 |

| London & South | East W | omen | 's Div | visior | n One | Souti | h |
|-------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
| Newhaven | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 7 | 30 |
| Bromley | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 4 | 18 |
| Dartford Reserves | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 18 |
| Herne Bay | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 12 | 15 |
| Bognor Regis Town | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 11 |
| Welling United | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 10 |
| Hastings United | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 35 | 10 |
| Montpelier Villa | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 9 |
| Eastbourne United | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 9 |
| Steyning Town | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 3 |
| Bexhill United | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 2 |
| Hassocks | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 0 |

| LSER Division One | South Top Score | ers |
|---------------------|------------------|-----|
| Player | Club | Gls |
| Charlotte Lee | Bromley | 15 |
| Tara Barratt | Montpelier Villa | 10 |
| Lucy Collinson | Newhaven | 10 |
| Kate Foster | Herne Bay | 8 |
| Bethany Hull | Bromley | 8 |
| Chloe Evans | Newhaven | 7 |
| Bryony Hart | Bromley | 7 |
| Saskia Taylor-Doyle | Montpelier Villa | 7 |
| Katherine Davyson | Montpelier Villa | 6 |
| Katie Franks | Newhaven | 6 |
| Poppy Harrod | Bexhill United | 5 |
| Emma Healy | Dartford II | 5 |

| Mid Sussex | Vetera | ns Ea | st Div | <i>r</i> isior | n Tabl | e | |
|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|--------|----|-----|
| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Pts |
| Lewes | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 5 | 9 |
| Seaford Town | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Jarvis Brook | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 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 I | Division Top Scor | ers |
|------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Player | Club | Gls |
| Chris Cook | Hassocks | 8 |
| Phil Gault | Hassocks | 6 |
| Jonathan Hebson | Lewes | 6 |
| Steve Whittemore | Seaford Town | 5 |
| Carl Berwick | Jarvis Brook | 3 |
| Elliott Hughes | Rotherfield | 3 |
| Rob Gordon | Jarvis Brook | 2 |

Upcoming Fixtures >>>





Hassocks v Peacehaven & Telscombe

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 4th November 2023, 2:00pm The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

November gets underway with a tough run of games against three promotion contenders, starting with the visit of title chasing Peacehaven & Telscombe to the Beacon on Saturday afternoon

Peacehaven & Telscombe this season

Peacehaven garnered a reputation as cup specialists in 2022-23. They embarked on a memorable run to the last eight of the FA Vase, drawing a crowd of 1,253 to the Window Workshop Sports Park for a cruel penalty shootout exit to Corsham Town. They reached the semi finals of the Peter Bentley League Cup and lifted the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup. The challenge for Mark Shutt and his players coming into the new campaign was to take their knockout form and apply it consistently over a Premier Division season. So far, so good in that regard - the Tye will arrive in Mid Sussex nicely placed in fifth spot in the table

with nine wins, one draw and three defeats to their name from 13 matches.

Head-to-head

It is not a fixture which has brought us much joy through the years. Peacehaven have won 22 of the 41 meetings with eight victories for the Robins and 10 draws. Anyone looking for crumbs of comfort can hold onto the fact this game takes place at the Beacon. We have won just once in 13 league matches at the Sports Park.

Last time we met

The last meeting between the sides came back in May in the quarter finals of the RUR Cup. The Tye ran out 2-1 winners thanks to a 90th

minute strike from Billy Oliver. Cam Wilstshire had given the hosts a ninth minute lead cancelled out by Liam Benson five minutes later.

Played for both

Hassocks captain Alex Bygraves spent the 2021-22 season with Peacehaven whilst top scorer Liam Benson also enjoyed 18 months at the Sports Park before his return to the Beacon in the summer of 2022. The Tye can call upon four former Robins of their own. Goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke, Drew Matthews, Josh Bradley and Bradley Bant. Such familiarity between the clubs should lend itself to an entertaining encounter, even before you consider just one point separates the sides in the table.

<<< Upcoming Fixtures



Crowborough Athletic v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 11th November 2023, 3:00pm Crowborough Community Stadium, Aldervale Cottages, Crowborough, TN6 3FY

Having secured a top six finish in their first campaign back in the Southern Combination League last season, Crowborough are looking to go better this year and launch a tilt at promotion to the Isthmian League

Crowborough Athletic this season

After nearly a decade away in the Southern Counties East League, the Crows were moved back to the Southern Combination by the FA last summer. A sixth placed finish represented a fine return and with two promotion spots up for grabs this time around, Crowborough will be confident of being in the mix for a playoff spot at the very least. They currently top the table having suffered only one league defeat so far against unbeaten Steyning Town.

Head-to-head

We were regular opponents before the Crows found themselves moved into the Kent-based league. 27

previous matches have resulted in 14 decided in favour of the visitors by Hassocks wins, 10 Crowborough victories and three draws. Our good record was helped by an unbeaten six 15 minutes remaining. game spell which included five successive wins between 2010 and 2014 when we were regular top six finishers ourselves.

Last time we met

It was a feisty, full blooded affair at the Beacon back in March which the Crows just edged out 2-1. Josh Bradley gave us the lead with only five minutes played before Crowborough equalised with their first meaningful effort on the half hour mark. Fouls and free kicks galore followed after the break, resulting in a stop-start encounter

Harvey Killick heading a free kick beyond James Shaw with a little over

How to get to the Crowborough Community Stadium

Head east on the A272, taking a right at the roundabout when you reach the A22. At the next roundabout with the McDonalds go left and follow the A26 towards Crowborough, Just before entering the town, take a right onto Sheep Plain, following the road until you reach Aldervale Cottages on your right. The ground is then on the right nearly immediately after you turn onto the road.



Eastbourne Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 18th November 2023, 3:00pm The Saffrons, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1EA

Our first return game of the season will see us travel to the Saffrons to take on an Eastbourne Town side who we drew with on the opening game of the campaign back in July

Eastbourne Town this season

The introduction of playoffs for this season seems certain to benefit Eastbourne Town, who have only finished outside the Premier Division top six once since relegation from the Isthmian League in 2014. Jude MacDonal's side occupy sixth place at the time of writing with nine wins, one draw and three defeats from 13 matches. What might benefit Town is that they have just the league and the RUR Charity Cup to concentrate on. They will face Crawley Down Gatwick in the quarter finals of that competition having eliminated Steyning Town in hugely impressive fashion in round three.

Head-to-head

It is a fixture which Eastbourne Town have tended to enjoy historically. Of the 41 previous matches, Town have won 24 with just 10 Hassocks wins and seven draws along the way. We say historically, because the Robins are actually unbeaten in the last three matches. A 1-0 win on Valentine's Day at the Saffrons was followed by a 4-1 home victory to complete a first league double over Town since the 2005-06 campaign. The sides then drew 1-1 in that aforementioned match in Mid Sussex back in July.

Last time we met

A big crowd were left well entertained on a sunny afternoon. Nathan Hover gave Town the lead with 55 minutes

played. We sparked into life after that and Harry Simmons turned into his own goal from a Joe Bull cross under pressure from Elliott Hanslow to ensure the spoils were shared.

How to get to the Saffrons

The normal route to Eastbourne via the A27 and the A2770, following the road towards Eastbourne town centre. Turn right into The Goffs just before reaching the main station followed by an immediate left into Southfields Road. That is followed by another right into Dittons Road with the Saffrons on the left at the end of the road.

Robins Awards 2023-24



Starman Awards

Eastbourne Town home Jack TROAK Loxwood away Joe BULL Erith Town home Joe BULL Linafield 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 Selsev away Liam BENSON Little Common away Pat HARDING Crawley Down Gatwick away Alex BYGRAVES Horsham YMCA home Joe BULL AFC Uckfield Town home Mike WILLIAMSON East Grinstead Town away Alex FAIR Bedfont Sports away **Bradley TIGHE** Newhaven away Haywards Heath Town home Peacehaven & Telscombe home Crowborough Athletic away Eastbourne Town away Saltdean United home Stevning Town home Bexhill United away Loxwood home Lingfield away Haywards Heath Town home Shoreham away AFC Varndeanians away Little Common home AFC Uckfield Town away Pagham home Peacehaven & Telscombe away Crowborough Athletic home Stevning Town home Midhurst & Easebourne away Eastbourne United home Crawley Down Gatwick home Horsham YMCA away Havwards 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

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February 2024

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2nd

3rd

March 2024

1st

2nd

3rd

April 2024

1st

2nd

3rd

HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB Most Most

Games

Goals

| | | Starts | Sub | Total | Goals | | | Goals | Games |
|-----|-------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-----|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | Mickey Turner | 573 | 21 | 594 | 63 | 1. | Phil Gault | 190 | 352 |
| 2. | Ashley Marsh | 519 | 6 | 525 | 4 | 2. | Pat Harding | 145 | 258 |
| 3. | Chris Hewitt | 493 | 15 | 508 | 22 | 3. | James Laing | 143 | 351 |
| 4. | Ashley Low | 445 | 30 | 475 | 14 | 4. | Anthony Hibbert | 124 | 462 |
| 5. | Anthony Hibbert | 407 | 55 | 462 | 124 | 5. | Robbie Kitchen | 123 | 323 |
| 6. | Andy Fisk | 445 | 11 | 456 | 14 | 6. | Phil Johnson | 100 | 199 |
| 7. | Phil Gault | 331 | 21 | 352 | 190 | 7. | Nathan Miles | 74 | 214 |
| 8. | James Laing | 298 | 53 | 351 | 143 | 8. | Neil Smith | 68 | 242 |
| 9. | Warren Dodds | 311 | 37 | 348 | 3 | 9. | Liam Benson | 65 | 196 |
| 10. | Joel Harding | 340 | 0 | 340 | 0 | 10. | Steve Hards | 65 | 155 |
| 11. | Paul John | 329 | 0 | 329 | 0 | 11. | Mickey Turner | 63 | 594 |
| 12. | Richard Thompson | 305 | 19 | 324 | 11 | 12. | Dave Smith | 53 | 260 |
| 13. | Robbie Kitchen | 284 | 39 | 323 | 123 | 13. | Spencer Slaughter | 47 | 293 |
| 14. | Spencer Slaughter | 250 | 43 | 293 | 47 | 14. | Joe Fernley | 45 | 245 |
| 15. | Stuart Faith | 276 | 13 | 289 | 22 | 15. | Mark Burnham | 44 | 231 |
| 16. | James Westlake | 241 | 20 | 261 | 31 | 16. | Matt Amos | 38 | 81 |
| 17. | Dave Smith | 203 | 57 | 260 | 53 | 17. | Michael Death | 38 | 112 |
| 18. | Pat Harding | 221 | 37 | 258 | 145 | 18. | Marc Rendall | 37 | 183 |
| 19. | Joe Fernley | 205 | 40 | 245 | 45 | 19. | Andy Burt | 35 | 133 |
| 20. | Neil Smith | 232 | 10 | 242 | 68 | 20. | Jack Troak | 31 | 125 |
| 21. | Dan Jacques | 201 | 31 | 232 | 9 | 21. | Luke Flomo | 31 | 146 |
| 22. | Mark Burnham | 209 | 22 | 231 | 44 | 22. | James Westlake | 31 | 261 |
| 23. | Nathan Miles | 157 | 57 | 214 | 74 | 23. | Dan Smith | 27 | 63 |
| | Phil Johnson | 163 | 36 | 199 | 100 | 24. | Jamie Hillwood | 25 | 124 |
| 25. | Liam Benson | 150 | 46 | 196 | 65 | 25. | Stuart Faith | 22 | 289 |



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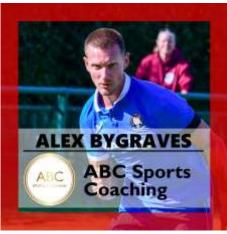






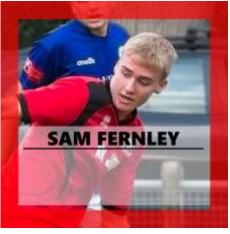














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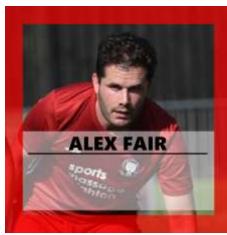
















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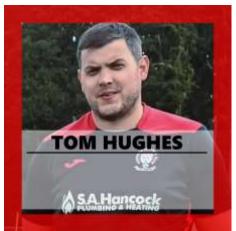




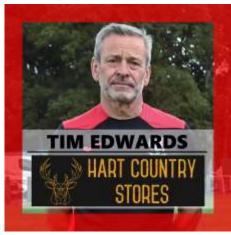






















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|------------------|--|
| Harvey BLAKE | |
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| Alex BYGRAVES | |
| Bradley TIGHE | |
| Matt GUNN | |
| Sam SMITH | |
| Mike WILLIAMSON | |
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| Pat HARDING | |
| Sean STEPHENSON | |
| Liam BENSON | |
| Nathan MILES | |

Head Coach James Westlake
Assistants Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson
Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards
Physio Ash Cooper
Physio Phil Wickwar

Next at the Beacon



Peacehaven & Telscombe

Southern Combination Premier Division Saturday 4th November 2023. 2:00pm



HAYWARDS HEATH

| Alfie JONES |
|-------------------|
| Jake RIDDINGTON |
| Dan CADMAN |
| Tom GILBERT |
| George BROWN |
| Max BLENCOWE |
| JJ MINTY |
| Elliott BRESCIANI |
| Sam QUICKFALL |
| Liam HENDY |
| Ashley WADHAMS |
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| Charlie PITCHER |
| Lewis FINNEY |
| Adrian BRITTON |
| George McCARTHY |
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| Sam GEARD |

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Today's other Peter Bentley Cup games

AFC Uckfield Town v Steyning Town Crawley Down Gatwick v Little Common Midhurst v Dorking Wanderers B Newhaven v Pagham





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