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FIRST TEAM

Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Winners 2023

Runners up 2022

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022

Runners up 2017

LADIES TEAM

Sussex County Women's Premier Division

Winners 2023



Welcome to the Beacon



Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for what is our first Saturday home fixture in six long weeks

We would like extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee and supporters of Saltdean United and hope they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon in Mid Sussex.

Today's game comes hot on the heels of Tuesday night's excellent 2-0 victory over Peacehaven & Telscombe .

It was an evening to showcase everything good happening at the Beacon right now, both on the pitch and off it.

To attract a crowd of nearly 200 for a midweek game in the depths of winter when Burgess Hill Town and Haywards Heath Town were also at home was fantastic.

And, not that we want to brag or anything, we actually had a bigger attendance than the Hillians managed for their game against Broadbridge Heath. When was the last time that happened?!

On the pitch, the players delivered by deservedly beating a side who started the day third place in the table. That position is now ours.

A reminder of how tough maintaining this place in the top five will be came last week when

Haywards Heath submitted a seven day approach for Liam Benson.

Sadly, Liam decided to make the move to Hanbury Park. After wishing him well, there is sure to be a discussion soon about what more we can do to keep our best players - especially at a time when something special appears to be happening.

Westy and Hughesy are already working hard to bring in reinforcements to make up for the loss of 17 goals.

In the meantime, it was good to see JJ Durand step up from the Under 23s on Tuesday night to lead the line.

JJ gave a man-of-the-match performance which served as a reminder of the strength in depth we have below first team level.

Speaking of which, the Under 23s enjoyed an excellent 4-1 win away at Steyning Town on Thursday night.

Kian Nandhra, Jack Duckett, Micael Fatela and Oliver Parker-Williams were on the scoresheet and the team looked resplendent in their new yellow kit, sponsored by Tighe Scaffolding.

We thank Jason Tighe once again for his fantastic support. As a former Newhaven player and coach, we know he was very happy to see son

Bradley score a first Hassocks goal at the 192nd time of asking against the Dockers' arch rivals on Tuesday night!

Those of you who enjoy a can of beer on the sidelines will be delighted to know that the latest item in the club shop is a Hassocks can holder.

In summer, it will keep your beer cold. In winter, it will keep your hands warm. Please speak to Owen to get yours today as they were flying out like hot cakes on Tuesday.

If anyone is looking for a football fix tomorrow, the Ladies are at home against Bexhill United.

It is a huge game, with Bexhill the only side currently below us in the table. Kick off is at 2pm and admission is free.

As for the first team, trips to Steyning Town on Tuesday and Bexhill next week follow today.

Our next home game is Saturday 9th December against Loxwood, again kicking off at 2pm. We hope to see you back here for that one.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,

Owen & Scott



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Saltdean United

These are exciting times for everyone involved with Saltdean United. Work is expected to get underway soon on the installation of a 3G pitch at Hill Park, as well as the building of a new Clubhouse and stands

The work will turn Hill Park into one of the finest grounds in the Southern Combination League, allowing Saltdean to progress both up the men's and women's pyramids with their female section already one of the best in Sussex.

On the pitch, 2023-24 was always going to be something of a transitional season for the Tigers.

In late March, they replaced our former head coach Brad Sweetman with interim manager Joe Mctiffen to try and guarantee Premier Division survival.

This ultimately was a success, Saltdean ending the campaign some way clear of Alfold and Roffey in the bottom two.

The summer then saw the Tigers

appoint Newhaven Under 21s boss Kieran Ridley as their manager.

Ridley brought several of his talented Dockers squad with him to Hill Park.

But as is often the case with young players stepping up to senior level, the Tigers have struggled for consistency.

They arrive here this afternoon sitting 19th in the table, four points ahead of bottom side Shoreham.

Looking upwards, it is pretty congested with all of Saltdean, AFC Uckfield Town, AFC Varndeanians and Bexhill United separated by just two points.

The Tigers' two league wins so far have been impressive, showing what they can do on their day.

A 1-0 win over 2022-23 runners up Crawley Down Gatwick was one of the surprise results of the opening month of the campaign.

They then hammered AFC Uckfield 4-1 at Hill Park via a late rally having trailed 10 until the 72nd minute.

More recent points have been claimed from draws at Bexhill United and Shoreham, whilst the Tigers eliminated our Sussex RUR Charity Cup vanquishers Roffey from the Sussex Senior Cup.

The weather has frustrated Saltdean over the last six weeks. They have played just once since the middle of October, a close-fought 3-2 loss to in-form Loxwood a fortnight ago.

Tigers Factfile

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Manager Kieran Ridley

Top scorer Teegan Freeman, 5

Club Honours

Southern Combination League

Runners up 1999, 2002

Southern Combination League Division One

Winners 1996, 2017

Southern Combination League Division Two

Winners 1989

Runners up 2021

Sussex Senior Cup

Runners up 1989/7

Sussex RUR Charity Cup

Runners up 1996, 2022

Southern Combination League Division Two Cup

Winners 2011

Runners up 2006

10 Key Tye Moments

1966... Saltdean United are formed and join the Brighton League where they rise through the divisions

1984... after securing their ground at Hill Park, they join the Southern Combination League in Division Two

1989... lift the Division Two title to secure promotion to senior football for the first time

1996... the start of the clubs 'Golden Years' as they are promoted as Division One champions

1997... embark on a memorable run to the Sussex Senior Cup Final, where they lose to St Leonards

1999... finish second in the league & a season later win the Peter Bentley Cup

2007... two relegation in five years drop the Tigers from Premier Division into Division Two

2012... win promotion back into Division One as well as the Vernon Wentworth Cup

2017... Division One champions, bringing top flight football back to Hill Park for the first time in 15 years

2022... runners up to Littlehampton Town in both the Southern Combination League and RUR Cup

Last 20 Seasons

2022-23: Southern Combination Premier 18th

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 2nd

2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 5th

2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 8th

2016-17: Southern Combination One 1st

2015-16: Southern Combination One 17th

2014-15: Southern Combination One 13th

2013-14: Southern Combination One 13th

2012-13: Southern Combination One 18th

2011-12: Southern Combination Two 2nd

2010-11: Southern Combination Two 5th

2009-10: Southern Combination Two 8th

2008-09: Southern Combination Two 7th

2007-08: Southern Combination Two 9th

2006-07: Southern Combination One 18th

2005-06: Southern Combination One 16th

2004-05: Southern Combination One 15th

2003-04: Southern Combination One 13th

2002-03: Southern Combination One 5th

2001-02: Southern Combination Premier 20th

Played for Both

Brad Sweetman taking over as Saltdean head coach last season meant that the number of players to have been both Robins and Tigers jumped significantly.

Those who followed Sweetman to Hill Park included **Arthur Rawlingson, Jack Gardner, Lewis Beebee, Alfie Edmeads, Louis Thwaites, Lucas Tyrrell, Jayden Dunkley** and **Jacob Campbell**.

But even before the summer of 2021, there were plenty of others to have played for Hassocks and Saltdean.

James Broadbent was number one goalkeeper for Saltdean in 2021-22 as the Tigers runners up in both the Southern Combination League and RUR Charity Cup.

Broadbent spent 2016-17 as a

Robin, playing a huge role in helping us avoid relegation on his way to winning all of Players' Player, Managers' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season awards.

Another goalkeeper to have turned out for both clubs is **Nathan Stroomborg**, who played 21 times for Hassocks in the 2017-18 season.

Stroomborg spent the following season with Saltdean before establishing himself as number one at Lewes. He is now a Peacehaven & Telscombe player.

Striker **Ben Bacon** has enjoyed three spells with Hassocks and one with the Tigers, coming back to haunt us by scoring all four goals as Saltdean won 4-1 on their August Bank Holiday Monday visit to the Beacon in 2018.

Another striker **Dan Smith** played for the Tigers in amongst his three spells with Hassocks between 2010 and 2013.

His overall record for the Robins stood at 27 goals in 63 games with an even more impressive strike rate at Hill Park when Saltdean were a Division Two outfit.

Stuart Brown moved to Hill Park for first team football from the Beacon midway through the 2014-15 season, when our former reserve team boss **Scott Osborne** was part of the Saltdean management team.

Also with the Tigers at that time was **Jamie Buckett**, whilst former Hassocks Under 18s captain **Terry Gacias** had a brief spell with Saltdean in the early 2010s.

Robins v Saltdean United

SCFL Premier >	Played 21 - Won 6 - Drawn 3 - Lost 12 - Scored 24 - Conceded 43
SCFL Division One >	Played 6 - Won 6 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 19 - Conceded 4
SCFL Division Two >	Played 4 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 3 - Scored 4 - Conceded 8
Peter Bentley Cup >	Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 1 - Conceded 0
Sussex Senior Cup >	Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 5

Total > Played 34 - Won 14 - Drawn 5 - Lost 15 - Scored 55 - Conceded 60

Previous Meetings

2022-23

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 0-2 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-1 Saltdean United
Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 2-2 Saltdean United

2021-22

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Saltdean United
SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 6-0 Hassocks

2019-20

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks

2018-19:

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 4-1 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Saltdean United

2017-18:

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Saltdean United

2001-02

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-1 Hassocks
Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 5-3 Saltdean United
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-2 Saltdean United

2000-01

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Saltdean United
SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 2-0 Hassocks

1999-00

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Saltdean United
SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 0-2 Hassocks

1998-99

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Saltdean United

1997-98

SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 1-2 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Saltdean United

1996-97

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Saltdean United
Peter Bentley Cup: Saltdean United 0-1 Hassocks
SCFL Premier: Saltdean United 3-0 Hassocks

1994-95

SCFL Division One: Hassocks 6-1 Saltdean United
SCFL Division One: Saltdean United 1-2 Hassocks

1993-94

SCFL Division One: Saltdean United 1-4 Hassocks
SCFL Division One: Hassocks 3-0 Saltdean United

1992-93

SCFL Division One: Saltdean United 1-3 Hassocks
SCFL Division One: Hassocks 1-0 Saltdean United

1988-89

SCFL Division Two: Hassocks 0-1 Saltdean United
SCFL Division Two: Saltdean United 2-0 Hassocks

1987-88

SCFL Division Two: Saltdean United 2-1 Hassocks
SCFL Division Two: Hassocks 3-3 Saltdean United

Behind the Stats

Saltdean are one of the few sides we have faced in all three divisions of the Southern Combination League having first met in Division Two back in the 1987-88 season.

We never managed a victory at that level against the Tigers, which is in stark contrast to what happened when both clubs found themselves in Division One in the mid-90s.

Six games, six Robins victories with 19 goals at an average of more

than three a game.

Into the Premier Division and even when Saltdean were reaching Sussex Senior Cup finals and challenging Burgess Hill Town for honours, we were still able to pick up some decent results against them between 1996 and 2001.

The Tigers endured something of a rollercoaster after that, dropping back into Division Two before climbing again all the way into the Premier Division.

Between 2017 and 2022, we failed to win any of our eight clashes with Saltdean before completing a league double last season.

That made the Premier Division head-to-head a little more respectable, giving us six wins compared to the Tigers' 12.

We still have a lot of catching up to do in the scoring stakes though, Saltdean having nearly double the number of goals we have managed in those 21 games so far.



Troak helps Robins find two goals in final 15 minutes to tame the Tigers

For 75 minutes at Hill Park, it looked like Hassocks were going to suffer from that dreaded word frustration against Saltdean United.

The score was locked at 0-0 despite the Robins being the dominant side, particularly in the second half following the introduction of livewire substitute Jack Troak.

Countless opportunities had gone begging and the travelling support were beginning to wonder if this was to be another of those days – and there have been quite a few this season – where Hassocks were going to rue their wastefulness.

But then the Robins found two goals in the final quarter of an hour, both of which were the result of brilliant link up play down the left flank from Leon Turner and Troak to secure a first league double over Saltdean since the 1994-95 season.

The first arrived on 76 minutes, just as the Tigers and former Hassocks head coach Brad Sweetman must have thought their luck was in and they were going to claim a big point in their battle against relegation.

Turner fed the overlapping Troak to pull a pass back to Phil Johnson who fired past Josh James to finally open the scoring.

Six minutes later and the Robins made the game safe. Again Turner released Troak to set up a second which appeared to have been turned in by a Saltdean defender.

The dubious goals panel will have to rule whether it goes down as an own goal or to Troak.

James Westlake's team selection laid bare his intention to attack opponents who his side had stuck five goals past in 24 first half minutes at the Beacon in November.

Johnson, Liam Benson and Pat Harding all started together for just the second time this season.

Westlake also introduced tall striker Jamie Wilkes into midfield.

Bradley Tighe was unavailable as he and his partner had welcomed a baby girl into the world earlier in the morning.

Sam Smith took Tighe's place alongside Alex Bygraves at centre back.

Saltdean meanwhile could count upon six ex-Robins in their line up with Sweetman having recruited heavily from Hassocks following his summer switch to Hill Park.

Arthur Rawlingson and Danny Reid have recently moved from the Beacon to Saltdean and they joined fellow former Hassocks players Alfie Edmeads, Josh Tuck, Lewis Beebee and Connor Ghosh in the Tigers XI.

The Robins nearly made the perfect start when Joe Bull sported James off his line and went for goal from 35 yards inside of 60 seconds. James though recovered the situation well.

Other than that, the opening exchanges were quite placid. It needed a Johnson half chance created by Harvey Blake down the right to spark things into life on 28 minutes, followed by Johnson heading a brilliant Westlake delivery over the bar from six yards.

The 35th minute saw Harding slide in Johnson to fire over. Turner then did everything right by beating two Saltdean defenders with his potent combination of pace and skill, only to drag his shot wide.

Given how Hassocks had finished the first half, Saltdean were relieved when the break arrived to bring them some respite.

Any hopes that the 15 minute interval would derail the Robins' momentum were quickly dashed as Hassocks were instantly on the front foot as soon as the action resumed.

Three minutes after the restart and Johnson headed a pinpoint Blake cross straight at James.

Saltdean were put even more under the cosh when the Robins replaced Bull with Troak on 54

minutes to overload the left side with attacking threat.

Just past the hour mark and Smith had a header cleared off the line, sparking pandemonium in the Saltdean box.

No Hassocks player was able to capitalise and put the ball into the net.

Another big chance came the way of Johnson's head from a Westlake free kick.

Two minutes later and a headed opportunity went to someone other than Johnson.

The outcome however was the same, this time Harding nodding straight at the thankful James.

Hassocks finally opened the scoring six minutes after that missed Harding chance.

The relief in the away camp was obvious and even though you sensed one goal would be enough, the second was very welcome.

Scoring twice in quick succession seemed to push the Robins on to find more in the final 10.

A cleverly worked free kick put Westlake in one-on-one. For once, poor finishing was not to blame as James made an outstanding save to deny the Hassocks head coach.

Saltdean mustered their best chance of the game with two minutes remaining.

It fell to Edmeads, denied a goal against his old club by James Shaw making a fine stop in what was the Hassocks goalkeepers only real action of the afternoon.

Hassocks: Shaw; Blake, S Smith, Bygraves, Bull; L Turner, Wilkes, J Westlake, Harding; Johnson, Benson.

Subs: Troak (Bull 54), Gault (Benson 71), Loversidge (Harding 76), Rogers (Johnson 93), Broomfield (unused).



Penalty drama sees Hassocks scrape into second round of Senior Cup

By the skin of their teeth, Hassocks moved into the second round of the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time since 2019 after eliminating Saltdean United on penalties.

As late as the 81st minute, it looked like ex-Robins head coach Brad Sweetman was going to mark his return to the Beacon by eliminating his former club from the competition.

The Tigers deservedly led 2-1 with Hassocks having delivered a really poor performance by the recent high standards which have seen them move to within five points of top spot in the Premier Division.

Then the Robins found a fortunate equaliser to force a shoot out. Substitute Phil Johnson hit an effort which took such a heavy deflection off a Saltdean player that it could feasibly have gone down as an own goal.

Lady luck continued to shine on the Robins into the lottery of penalties. A roller coaster shoot out saw 16 spot kicks taken, Hassocks missing two and Saltdean three to give the hosts a 6-5 victory.

Just like in the Peter Bentley League Cup last month, James Westlake used the break from league action as a chance to ring changes.

Danny Reid and Sam Rogers were both rewarded for some excellent Under 23s performances with their first senior starts for Hassocks.

Pat Harding got a first 90 minutes under his belt since breaking three ribs in pre-season. Sam Cash made his first start since August following injury and Alex Bygraves returned after missing the weekend win over AFC Varndeanians.

Dropping to the bench were Johnson, Harvey Blake, Bradley Tighe, Jamie Wilkes and Leon Turner.

Hassocks might point to the unfamiliarity in their starting XI as a reason for their below par showing, although there was no indication of

what was to come during an opening 15 minutes in which the Robins started well.

Alex Harris had to be alert inside of 60 seconds to make a smart save but after that, it was all Hassocks.

Rogers and Mike Williamson combined to release Reid who fired an effort straight down the throat of Saltdean goalkeeper Josh James.

The opening goal arrived with 12 minutes played. Raging Joe Bull delivered a corner to the front post where Jack Troak timed his run perfectly to arrive and volley home.

Hassocks continued to press. A searching ball out of defence from Sam Smith released Liam Benson down the flank. His cross was met by a Harding effort just over the bar.

Troak should have doubled the advantage when another good right wing delivery from Bull looked destined to find him at the far post. Instead, the ball sailed straight past Troak and out of play.

It was a goal out of nothing which hauled Saltdean level on 24 minutes. There did not seem much on when former Hassocks wide man Lucas Tyrrell had possession 30 yards away from goal and out towards wing.

Tyrrell though spotted Harris off his line and hit a clean strike which flew over the head of the goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

Conceding seemed to rock Hassocks. Their dominance dried up and the remaining 65 minutes became a game of few chances at either end.

The Tigers came closest to moving into the lead before the break, drawing an important stop out of Harris from a free header at the far post.

Seven minutes into the second half and Saltdean took the lead through Jesse Burbidge. Westlake responded by making a double change on the hour mark, Wilkes and Turner replacing Rogers and Reid.

A rare moment of quality from the Robins arrived two minutes later as they put the ball in the back of the net via a sweeping move, only for it to be disallowed in peculiar circumstances.

The assistant referee spotted an offside nobody else had, one it seemed that referee Owen Lawrence was willing to overrule as he allowed play to continue for an eternity after the flag was initially raised.

It was only once Hassocks finished the play by scoring that Mr Lawrence blew for offside, having not seen his assistant's flag in the air.

Johnson replaced Benson on 71 minutes, not long after Benson had fired high from the edge of the box.

Nine minutes after his introduction and Johnson was booked. 60 seconds later and he produced the equaliser with the help of that wicked deflection.

That shook the Robins back to life and they finished the game strongly. Turner's run caused a scramble in the box which nobody in red could convert.

Bull hit a free kick high, wide and not particularly handsome. A second yellow card for Ross Smith left Saltdean to negotiate the final three minutes with only 10 men and then tall striker Wilkes missed from a couple of yards when it looked easier to score right at the death.

Hassocks missed their first penalty which looked ominous. The Robins though held their nerve, recovered and will now be hoping for a money-spinning draw with one of the big boys of Sussex football in the next round.

Hassocks: Harris; Cash, S Smith, Bygraves, Bull; Reid, Williamson, Rogers, Troak; Harding, Benson.

Subs: Wilkes (Rogers 59), L Turner (Reid 59), Johnson (Benson 72), Blake, B Tighe (unused).



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Festive fixtures as Robins aim to keep flying through December

Hassocks will be looking to keep their top six challenge going through December, when they will play five Southern Combination League Premier Division matches.

The month gets underway with a trip to Bexhill United on Saturday 2nd, kick off at 3pm.

Having finished in the top seven in their two Premier Division seasons so far, the Pirates are undergoing something of a transitional campaign under new management.

Long-standing boss Ryan Light stood down at the end of 2022-23 with his place taken by Under 21s manager John Wright.

Having made a slow start, Bexhill are showing signs of improvement and with the Polegrove always a tough place to go, the Robins will need to be at their best to make the long journey home with something to show for their efforts.

Saturday 9th sees Loxwood visit the Beacon in a 2pm kick off. Hassocks beat the Magpies 3-0 at the Nest earlier in the season, with games between the two clubs always having a little extra edge thanks to

the number of players who have switched between the two in the past three seasons.

Hassocks travel to the New Defence, home of Horley Town to take on Lingfield in their final fixture before Christmas.

That one is a 3pm kick off, where the Robins will be hoping to repeat their 4-1 win from August.

Then comes one of the highlights of the season when Haywards Heath Town visit the Beacon on Boxing Day for an eagerly anticipated Mid Sussex Derby.

Kick off is at 11am and if the entertainment factor is anything like when the sides drew 2-2 in the Peter Bentley League Cup back in October, it will be a morning of football not to be missed.

Hassocks then round off 2023 with a trip to Shoreham on Saturday 30th, kick off 3pm.

It will be the Robins first visit to Middle Road since December 2018, when a Liam Benson strike and a man-of-the-match performance from Josh Green in goal gave Hassocks a 1-0 victory.

The Under 23s have two

December fixtures scheduled. Their sole North Division match is away at Roffey on Thursday 7th, 7.30pm kick off.

They are then in League Cup action at home to Hailsham Town on Thursday 14th at 7:45pm.

The Under 18s will also face Roffey in their League Cup on Sunday 10th December in an 11am kick off at Bartholomew Way.

Central Division matches are either side of that one. Sunday 3rd December is a home game against Saltdean United and Sunday 17th sees St Francis Rangers visit the Beacon. Both start at 11am.

The Ladies play twice in December. Bognor Regis Town are the visitors to the Beacon on Sunday 10th at 2pm.

A difficult trip then follows a week later on Sunday 17th to take on a Bromley side who possess one of two 100 percent records in the London & South East Regional Women's League Division One South.

The Veterans sole December fixture is away at Rotherfield on Sunday 10th December. Kick off there is 2pm.



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 saunter to success in front of shocked Saffrons

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 18th November 2023, The Saffrons
Eastbourne Town 0-3 Hassocks**



You wait 17 years for Hassocks to win at the Saffrons, and then two victories come along in the space of nine months.

Having triumphed 1-0 at Eastbourne Town on Valentine's Day, the Robins were even more impressive on the slightly-less romantic date of November 18th in running out 3-0 winners.

Two of the goals admittedly arrived in second half injury time, adding a fair amount of gloss to the scoreline.

But even so, this was the perfect way for Hassocks to bounce back from suffering only their second league defeat of the campaign last time out at Premier Division leaders Crowborough Athletic.

Good chances arrived for both the Robins and Town inside the opening 10 minutes.

Alfie Loversidge did brilliantly to bamboozle Harvey Greig and get a cross into the box headed over from close range by Liam Benson.

60 seconds later and James Stone put an even more glorious opportunity with the head straight at Fraser Trigwell.

It was a busy start to proceedings for Stone, who achieved the impressive feat of getting booked within three minutes of kick off.

Stone and James Hull were not far away with distance drives, followed by Mike Williamson crossing for Sean Stephenson to head off target after drifting in from his left flank.

That Stephenson chance began a spell of dominance for the Robins. Home captain Frankie Chappell almost kneed a left footed cross from Harvey Blake beyond his own stranded goalkeeper Josh Barnett. Luckily for the Town, the ball brushed the outside of the post.

The half hour mark saw Barnett called into action twice in quick

succession.

He comfortably saved a Stephenson effort from 25 yards and a header from Jamie Wilkes after the tall striker got free to meet another fine Loversidge delivery.

Evan Archibald has scored his fair share of goals against Hassocks in the past and the veteran forward had two good chances in the space of five minutes prior to the break.

There was not quite enough contact on a glancing far post header followed by a curling effort which had Trigwell looking worried, only for the wind to carry it a little too high over the bar.

The second half proved a much cagier affair compared to the way the first had ebbed and flowed until Benson broke the deadlock on 63 minutes.

Some industrious play by the rangy Wilkes won possession for Hassocks on the edge of the Town box. The loose ball fell to Benson with his back to goal.

From there, the Robins top scorer produced a textbook Cruyff turn to escape Jack Murphy. Now facing the right way, Benson took another touch before drilling left footed into the bottom corner with aplomb.

Town almost responded immediately, Ollie Davies hitting a cross-shot from the right flank which almost dipped beyond Trigwell and in at the back post. Hassocks were relieved to see it drop behind for a goal kick.

Suddenly, the game became as end-to-end and entertaining as the first half had been.

Alex Bygraves headed a pinpoint Josh Mundy free kick off target after escaping his marker and Wilkes put a shot wide.

That Wilkes chance came from a typically probing run from Leon Turner, introduced as a substitute on the hour mark for his first

appearance since rejoining the Robins from Littlehampton Town.

Town came on strong in the final 10 with Stone inches too high from 12 yards on the angle and Archibald seeing a close-range volley kept out by Trigwell spreading himself superbly.

Archibald did have the ball in the back of the net with two minutes of the 90 remaining, only for it to be ruled out for... well, nobody seemed to know.

Not that Hassocks were complaining as they took ruthless advantage of the decision by killing the game off pretty much as late in the day as possible.

The 93rd minute saw Turner lead a counter, switching to fellow sub Pat Harding.

When Super Pat's shot was parried by Barnett, Mundy was in the right place at the right time to claim his first senior goal.

Wilkes then added the third in the 95th. Julian Durand had been on the pitch less than 60 seconds when he intercepted an attempted pass from Barnett to Harry Simmons, made ground towards goal before laying the ball into the middle.

A couple of Town defenders were on the scene but they could not stop Wilkes acting like the absolute fox in the box he is, firing low and hard beyond Barnett to complete a stunning victory.

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

Subs: L Turner (Loversidge 60), Harding (Stephenson 76), Durand (Benson 90+4), Fatela (Wilkes 90+5).



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2-0 even Bradley scored... Tighe and Tall Striker help Hassocks tame Tye

**Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 21st November 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks 2-0 Peacehaven & Telscombe**



Anyone who still thinks Hassocks sitting third in the Southern Combination League Premier Division is some sort of fluke will surely have had to reassess that view in light of the last 72 hours.

On Saturday, the Robins picked up only their second victory at the Saffrons in 17 years when beating sixth placed Eastbourne Town 3-0.

Tuesday night then brought a 2-0 win against Peacehaven & Telscombe, opponents whom Hassocks had defeated just four times in 21 league matches this century.

Two goals in the space of five minutes just past the hour mark saw off the Tye to leave Hassocks in the thick of the playoff race as the campaign hurtles towards its halfway point.

Much of the talk before kick off in the Beacon Clubhouse centred on 17 goal top scorer Liam Benson being absent from the starting XI having accepted an offer to join Haywards Heath Town.

Whilst the Robins stick to their long-held ethos of not paying players, they will always be susceptible to losing important individuals like Benson to rival clubs.

But the more results like this Hassocks pull off and the longer they remain in the promotion picture, the stronger the case James Westlake builds for a change in approach and a budget to keep the Robins competitive at the top end of the table.

Under 23s forward Julian Durand led the line in place of Benson and was soon into the action, single-handedly creating the first opportunity of the game with two minutes on the clock.

Drew Matthews underestimated the sheer speed of Durand, who put on the afterburners to latch onto an under hit pass back.

Although Durand managed to round Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke, the former Hassocks goalkeeper did just enough to force Durand wide so that the angle was a little too tight and the ball fired into the side netting.

Durand had another chance on 21 minutes when Sean Stephenson cut in from the right and hit a peach of a pass through the middle.

Having shown quick feet which would not look out of place in the Blackpool Ballroom, Durand escaped Harry Pollard and let fly a clean strike which whistled just over the bar.

Bar a Guy Bolton effort which Fraser Trigwell kept out at his near post on the quarter hour mark, Peacehaven had not really threatened until sparking into life in the final five minutes of the first half.

Henry Blackmore put a free far post header straight at Trigwell from a Harry Docherty cross.

It was then Docherty's turn to be wasteful with his head, nodding a dangerous George Cook corner over from inside the six yard box.

With the Tye finishing strong, Hassocks were grateful for the interval to ease the pressure.

The start of the second half saw Bradley Tighe replace Harvey Blake. At this point, nobody could have predicted the surreal scenes of celebration Tighe would cause around 15 minutes later.

Before that, Stephenson hit a rasping half volley without breaking stride just wide of the post.

Tighe then produced a lovely impression of Michael Jordan in his Chicago Bulls heyday to get a ball under control with his hand on halfway.

Peacehaven were not impressed and their mood nearly darkened when the Robins swept forward and only a fine block from Matthews prevented a Stephenson shot causing Stroomberg-Clarke problems.

Bygraves made an equally impressive intervention with an outstanding lunge on Billy Oliver at the other end before Hassocks took the lead from the most unlikely of sources - yes, that man Tighe.

Nine years and 192 matches after his Robins debut, the popular stalwart finally opened his account to a mixture of shock and awe.

It was a finish good enough almost to be worth waiting the best part of a decade for, a crisp volley at the far post which gave Stroomberg-Clarke no chance.

The home faithful were still trying to recover from the surprise of seeing Tighe score when tall striker Jamie Wilkes doubled the advantage four minutes later.

When Peacehaven failed to deal with a long ball over the top, the rangy Wilkes nipped in like the absolute fox in the box he is.

Wilkes rounded Stroomberg-Clarke and rolled into the now empty net for his third goal in as many appearances.

The Tye lost their heads a little after that and Trigwell was pretty much untroubled, save for keeping out a decent Blackmore effort.

Stroomberg-Clarke also found himself called into late action after Raging Joe Bull and Pat Harding linked up down the left, resulting in a Super Pat shot from distance which almost caught the Peacehaven number one out at his near post.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, Bygraves, Gunn, Bull; Stephenson, Mundy, Williamson, Harding; Wilkes; Durand.

Subs: B Tighe (Blake 45), L Turner (Stephenson 71), Woolven (Durand 84), Loversidge, Fatela (unused).

First Team Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
29/07 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-1	232	OG
August					
01/08 - 19:30	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP	3-0	82	Frankland, Benson, Harding
05/08 - 15:00	Erith Town (H)	FACEP	1-1	135	Bull
08/08 - 19:45	Erith Town (A)	FACEPR	0-4	111	
12/08 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	4-1	101	Woolven, Frankland, Benson, Geard
15/08 - 19:30	Pagham (A)	SCFLP	2-1	76	Harding, Woolven
19/08 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	RURC1	0-0	105	<i>(Won 5-4 on pens)</i>
26/08 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (H)	SCFLP	3-1	101	Benson (3)
29/08 - 19:45	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP	3-1	265	Fair, Benson, Woolven
September					
09/09 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP	0-3	211	
12/09 - 19:30	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SSC1	2-1	145	Bygraves, Loversidge
16/09 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	5-0	211	Stephenson, Fair, Loversidge, Benson (2)
19/09 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	RURC2	0-2	60	
23/09 - 15:00	Sheerwater (A)	FAVQ2	5-4		Benson (2), Loversidge, Stephenson, L.Westlake
26/09 - 19:45	Selsey (A)	PBLC2	5-1	121	Benson (4), D.Turner
30/09 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP	4-1	96	Stephenson, Benson, OG, Harding
October					
07/10 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP	1-0	86	Bull
10/10 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP	0-0	162	
14/10 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	1-1	262	Fair
17/10 - 19:30	East Grinstead Town (A)	SSC2	1-3		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	2-2	202	Benson, Harding <i>(Lost 5-4 on pens)</i>
November					
11/11 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP	2-5	329	Wilkes, Durand
18/11 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP	3-0	192	Benson, Mundy, Wilkes
21/11 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels (H)	SCFLP	2-0	193	B.Tighe, Wilkes
25/11 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP			
28/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP			
December					
02/12 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
09/12 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
16/12 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFLP			
30/12 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP			
January					
06/01 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
20/01 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
27/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP			
February					
03/02 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP			
10/02 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP			
17/02 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
24/02 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP			
March					
02/03 - 15:00	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	SCFLP			
09/03 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
23/03 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
30/03 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP			
April					
01/04 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFLP			
06/04 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
13/04 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
20/04 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			

First Team Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Fraser Trigwell	26	0	26	0	27	0
Joe Bull	25	1	26	2	163	11
Jamie Wilkes	22	3	25	3	65	7
Pat Harding	19	6	25	6	263	147
Liam Benson	23	1	24	17	200	67
Bradley Tighe	17	5	22	1	192	1
Matt Gunn	21	0	21	0	21	0
Alex Bygraves	20	1	21	1	65	5
Mike Williamson	20	1	21	0	60	0
Josh Mundy	14	7	21	1	21	1
Tom Frankland	13	6	19	2	31	2
Alfie Loversidge	9	10	19	3	98	14
Kyle Woolven	6	13	19	4	19	4
Sean Stephenson	14	2	16	3	16	3
Harvey Blake	14	1	15	0	127	4
Alex Fair	9	4	13	4	13	4
Sam Smith	2	6	8	0	49	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
Julian Durand	1	2	3	1	3	1
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
Micael Fatela	0	2	2	0	2	0
Elliott Hanslow	0	2	2	0	2	0
Josh Nandhra	0	2	2	0	2	0
Leon Turner	0	2	2	0	35	5
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	1	0



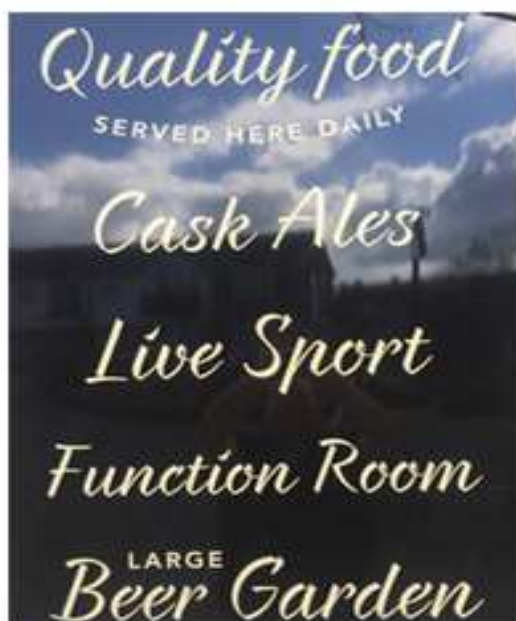
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Under 23s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
17/08 - 19:45	Redhill (A)	SCFL23	3-1	J.Nhandra, D.Turner, Mercer
24/08 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23	4-2	Geard (2), Loversidge, Durand
31/08 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23	1-4	Chedzey
September				
07/09 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFL23	1-6	Chedzey
14/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	3-0	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				
23/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23		
30/11 - 19:45	Bexhill United (H)	CU23C2		

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Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
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	5
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	2
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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Missed chances cost Hassocks in score draw at Montpellier Villa

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 5th November 2023, The Beacon
Montpelier Villa U18s 3-3 Hassocks U18s



Missed chances cost Hassocks Under 18s dear as they were forced to settle for a frustrating 3-3 draw away at Montpelier Villa.

The 3G pitch at Culver Road meant this was the only Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division fixture of the morning to go ahead after the ridiculous rainfall of the past 48 hours.

On another day, Hassocks could have racked up six or seven. The Robins have been pretty clinical so far this season, plundering 28 goals from eight matches.

Maybe it was rustiness having not played for three weeks since beating AFC Varndeanians 4-1 at the Beacon.

Hassocks had no fixture scheduled for October 22nd and then saw last week's home game - which had also been due to be against Villa - postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Or maybe it was just an off day. Whatever the reason, to have created so many opportunities against opponents who have only lost two league matches so far was at least pleasing.

The Robins had not faced Villa at

Under 18s level since the 2021-22 season, but based on those experiences they should have expected a tough game.

Villa always have talented youth teams, as proven by them being Central Division champions that year.

They went the entire campaign unbeaten, including beating Hassocks 4-2 at the Beacon and 2-1 at Culver Road.

Hassocks made three changes from the starting XI who had convincingly seen off Varndeanians in that last fixture.

Alex Brewer was back to lead the line and Evan China came into the side having been a used substitute against the Vs.

There was also a full debut for Ben Murray, who marked the occasion in wonderful style by picking up a yellow card.

Cavan Chedzey and William Hartley both had to settle for places on the bench with the other change seeing Oliver Goswamy miss out altogether.

Chedzey did at least net when he came on, his fifth goal of the season moving him into third place in the Robins scoring charts after Brewer and Josh Nandhra.

The other Nandhra, Kian, was

also on target for Hassocks along with Sam Fernley.

For Villa, Theo Messent-Lilly, George Hendriks and Ellis Gosling provided the goals.

Hassocks will be hoping to return to winning weeks next week when they face St Francis Rangers in a Mid Sussex Derby at Colwell Road.

Rangers won the Central Division title last season but find themselves struggling this time around, sitting bottom of the pile without a victory so far.

Kick off is 11am at the Hospital and as always, any support you can give the Young Robins will be greatly appreciated.

Hassocks: Bradley, Fogden, Munt, China, Fernley, K Nandhra, Dean, Gladding, J Nandhra, Murray, Brewer.

Subs: Chedzey, Hartley (used).





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Chedzey charges to seven goals as Hassocks hammer Oak

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division
Sunday 19th November 2023, The Beacon
Hassocks U18s 9-0 Mile Oak U18s



Where do you even start with what happened as Hassocks Under 18s won 9-0 against Mile Oak at the Beacon?

Six goals for the Robins inside the opening 12 minutes. Three of those from Cavan Chedzey, whose hat-trick was completed with the game only three minutes and 40 seconds old.

Chedzey ended the morning with seven for his efforts. Hassocks meanwhile moved to the top of the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division table.

If you fancy a bit of a laugh, ask Dave John which was his favourite goal. Johnsy was waiting for a cup of tea whilst Chedzey completed his treble.

Having not seen the first three goals, the Robins' erstwhile chairman was also missed number six. Just a 3-0 win then for Johnsy.

What made the opening 12 minutes salvo in which everything Hassocks hit towards goal most surprising was it came after countless opportunities went begging in the 3-3 draw with Montpelier Villa last time out.

If the Young Robins were told to improve their finishing, they certainly did that and then some.

There were three changes from the Villa game a fortnight ago. Chedzey certainly made the most of his opportunity after being promoted from the bench with Ed Tobias and Oliver Goswamy the other players coming into the starting XI.

Alex Brewer and Evan China were absent and Ben Murray dropped down to the bench.

The first Hassocks goal arrived from the penalty spot. Kian Nandhra sped into the box and was wiped out, giving Chedzey the opportunity to open the scoring with less than 60 seconds played and the kettle still boiling for Johnsy.

Chedzey then added goals two and three to complete his hat-trick. Research continues into whether this sets some sort of world record for the quickest treble from kick off.

No Hassocks player has obviously managed faster, whilst Chedzey's final haul of seven probably sets some sort of club record too.

Five of the first six goals came from Chedzey, his dominance of the scoresheet being broken by Kian Nandhra.

As the game approached the 15 minute mark, the mind boggled at what the final score might be. Sam Fernley at full back had not even

touched the ball by this point with his side six goals to the good.

Oak deserve credit though for composing themselves and not conceding again in the first half, thanks in part to some tactical adjustments.

That new-found resistance was ended straight from kick off at the start of the second half.

Chedzey completed his double hat-trick in the 46th minute with the help of an unfortunate deflection off a Oak defender.

Two more goals would be added over the remaining 44. Will Varley came off the bench to claim the eighth with Chedzey taking a break.

Oak's relieve at seeing him substituted was short-lived, however, as the Robins reintroduced Chedzey and he smashed an unstoppable rocket into the top corner for his seventh and the Robins' ninth.

Hassocks: Bradley, Fogden, Munt, Tobias, Fernley, K Nandhra, Goswamy, Dean, Gladding, J Nandhra, Chedzey.

Subs: Varley, Hartley, Murray, Gabric (used).

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Under 18s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
03/09 - 11:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFL18	6-1	Brewer (4), Fernley, Hartley
10/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFL18	4-5	J.Nandhra (3), K.Nandhra, Fogden
17/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	3-4	Brewer (2), Chedzey
24/09 - 11:00	Mile Oak (A)	SCFL18	5-0	J.Nandhra (2), Brewer (2) Goswamy
October				
01/10 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	C18C2	2-9	K.Nandhra, J.Nandhra
08/10 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18	4-1	Chedzey, Fernley, Brewer, Hartley
15/10 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18	4-1	Chedzey (2), Hartley, China
November				
05/11 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18	3-3	K.Nandhra, Fernley, Chedzey
19/11 - 11:00	Mile Oak (H)	SCFL18	9-0	Chedzey (7), K.Nandhra, Varley
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		

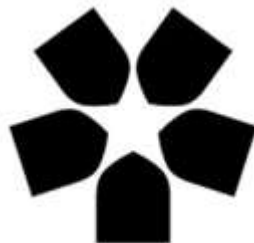
Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Theo Bradley	9	0	9	0
Sam Dean	9	0	9	0
Sam Fernley	9	0	9	3
Charlie Fogden	9	0	9	1
Will Hartley	2	7	9	3
Josh Nandhra	8	0	8	6
Kian Nandhra	8	0	8	4
Cavan Chedzey	7	1	8	12
Oliver Goswamy	7	0	7	1
George Gladding	7	0	7	0
Toby Munt	4	3	7	0
Alex Brewer	5	1	6	9
Marko Gabric	0	6	6	0
Evan China	4	1	5	1
Ben Foster	4	1	5	0
Ed Tobias	4	0	4	0
Ben Murray	1	2	3	0
Will Varley	1	1	2	1
Harry Goatcher	1	0	1	0
Leo Charman	0	1	1	0
Jack Wood	0	1	1	0



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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				
27/11 - 19:30	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

Player	2023-24 Season			
	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

Nine player Robins give it a real go at Eastbourne United

London & South East Women's League Division One
Sunday 19th November 2023, The Oval
Eastbourne Utd Women 3-1 Hassocks Ladies



On a windy day down at the Oval, Hassocks Ladies were defeated 3-1 by Eastbourne United - but once again, the final score did not tell the whole story.

Due to unavailability, injuries and Covid, the Robins had only nine players.

Those nine fought extremely hard to match a full strength United side and with a bit of luck, could even have come away with a point.

Hassocks found themselves defending the 40mph gale blowing from one end of the Oval to the other in the first half and they did so resolutely.

Claire Stevens and Tallie Bright made early clearances and goalkeeper Sarah Chappell saved a direct free kick which the wind gave added power to.

The rebound from that might have been turned in, but Ellie Moquet was alert enough to avert danger.

Hassocks had their first attack on 11 minutes when Emily Spooner got a shot away which flashed across goal.

Given the conditions, it was an achievement for the Robins just to make it out of their own half.

United came back on the attack, forcing Katie Read into a headed clearance. Moquet then displayed excellent reading of the game to make an important interception.

Having made it to the 30 minute mark with the game scoreless, Hassocks could actually have taken the lead.

Mandy Morgan had a sight of goal requiring a good save from United goalkeeper Meagan Cruttwell.

Bright was everywhere up and down the right flank with another powerful run forward allowing her to find Spooner.

Just as Spooner was about to pull the trigger, so a home defender arrived to make a last ditch tackle.

Realising they were in danger of not taking advantage of the wind, United doubled their efforts in the final 15 minutes of the half.

Chappell pushed a shot around the post before midfielder Katherine Chappell popped up in the Robins defence to help clear.

This ball forward defied the gale to find Spooner breaking into the United half.

Unfortunately, she was isolated and outnumbered by home defenders thanks to Hassocks being those two players short.

Still United continued to come forward. In the 36th minute, Read headed away a dangerous corner.

The ball was returned into the box and appeared as though it were about to be carried into the net by the wind until the perfectly positioned Bright cleared off the line.

Just when it looked like the Robins were going to survive until half time on level terms, United broke to open the scoring when debutant Ysabelle Laureles rounded Chappell and produced a composed finish.

Then with 60 seconds to go until the break, Hassocks conceded a second. Rebecca Relf cut in from the right, beat a couple of Robins defenders before curling beyond Chappell into the far corner.

Hassocks were clearly disappointed to have conceded twice so late in the half but they did not dwell and came out after the interval all guns blazing with the wind now in their favour.

Bright and Kirstin Mair had early efforts, followed by Moquet making a rare excursion forward for a shot which was just wide.

Moquet then showed the defensive side of her game, making

an important clearance to snuff out a dangerous looking United attack.

Chappell was called into action next, saving a long-range lobbed effort.

The 69th minute brought an injury scare for the Robins as Mair needed treatment having bravely broken up a United attack.

Mair was clearly struggling at this point, effectively leaving Hassocks down to eight.

United took full advantage by scoring their third two minutes later on the counter.

Lottie Evershed led the break before squaring to Relf, who completed her brace.

Mair needed further treatment after the goal but thankfully was able to see out the 90.

Still the Robins refused to give up, epitomised by a mazy 85th minute run from Bright at the end of which she could not quite get a shot away.

Hassocks got the goal they deserved when Spooner won possession and found Chappell, who gave Cruttwell no chance by firing into the corner.

With the deficit cut to two, the Robins went for it. Bright was inches away from converting a Mair pass and then Mair headed an excellent corner by Spooner onto the bar.

United were no doubt relieved to hear the final whistle. Hassocks meanwhile could be proud of their efforts in very difficult circumstances.

The manager's Player of the Match deservedly went to Bright, who seemed to cover every blade of grass on the right both in defence and attack.

Hassocks: S Chappell, Bright, Read, Stevens, Moquet, Morgan, Mair, K Chappell, Spooner.

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	1-7	Spooner
08/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	LSE1S	1-2	K.Chappell
12/11 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	LSE1S	4-3	Stevens, Mair, K.Chappell, Craig
19/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (A)	LSE1S	1-3	K.Chappell
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	Hastings United (H)	LSE1S		

Ladies Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katie Read	10	0	10	0
Claire Stevens	10	0	10	1
Katherine Chappell	9	0	9	5
Lola Moon	4	5	9	1
Tallie Bright	8	1	9	0
Jess Craig	8	0	8	2
Kirstin Mair	8	0	8	2
Emily Spooner	8	0	8	2
Ellie Moquet	6	2	8	0
Jodie Johanson	7	0	7	0
Jo Brown	6	0	6	0
Mia Pordage	5	1	6	0
Sarah Chappell	5	0	5	0
Emma Flin	4	0	4	0
Jess Gray	3	1	4	0
Holly Webb	3	1	4	0
Mandy Morgan	2	2	4	0
Steph Wingeatt	1	2	3	0

On This Day...



Entertaining score draw between third and fourth

November 25th 2011: There was Friday night action under the lights at Culver Road as high flyers Lancing and Hassocks played out an entertaining 2-2 draw

Third place Lancing hosted fourth place Hassocks under the Friday night lights at Culver Road in a game which had it all.

A red card, a penalty and four goals after which nothing could separate the sides in an enthralling 2-2 draw.

The hosts were probably a shade happier come the full time whistle, given they had to play the whole second half with only 10 men after Dan Turner elbowed James Westlake in first half stoppage time.

Nobody had scored at the point Turner was given his marching orders, thanks largely to the excellent containing job Hassocks did on a dangerous Lancing front line.

That tactical approach from Mickey Jewell suggested the Robins were still mindful of the 6-1 drubbing they suffered on their last visit here in the Sussex Senior Cup in early October.

Hassocks though should not have been short of confidence having won seven and drawn one of their past eight matches and the Robins went onto show in the second half why they have surged into the top six in recent weeks.

Lancing mustered no more than a couple of half chances through the opening 45 minutes, although there was one strange incident in which they could have been awarded a penalty.

Ashley Marsh put in an excellent challenge on Darren Boswell which was clearly inside the box.

Referee Barrie Small somehow managed to make two wrong judgements from one decision, ruling it a foul at the same time as deciding the 'offence' had taken place outside the area.

The Lancers therefore had to settle for a free kick. In its own weird way, the lack of penalty was justice

being done - especially when the set piece failed to trouble Jack Simpson.

It would not be the first error made by the officials, although the consensus even among home fans was that Mr Small had no alternative but to red card Turner.

Lancing made light of their numerical disadvantage to take the lead four minutes into the second half from what looked a very cheap spot kick awarded against Anthony Hibbert.

Shaheen Sadough made a quick recovery having gone to ground, dusting himself down and beating Simpson from 12 yards.

How Mr Small and his assistant then missed a blatant handball at the other end from which Hassocks should have had a penalty of their own defied belief.

Justice was again though done on 57 minutes when the same assistant who had a perfect view of that incident flagged for a soft free kick some 25 yards out.

Westlake saw his initial effort blocked before Hibbert caught Lancing goalkeeper Matt Evans by surprise when firing in the rebound.

Five minutes later and the Robins went ahead via an absolutely sublime strike from Nathan Miles, scoring for the seventh game in succession.

Evans could do nothing but watch the ball arrow into the top corner with the finish drawing applause from around the ground.

Hassocks were well on top now. They probably would have secured victory had Phil Gault not produced a weak one-on-one effort, allowing Evans to save after Phil Johnson had played the Robins' top scorer in.

Lancing levelled against the run of play on 66 minutes. Not quite in the Miles class, but it was still an excellent striker's goal out nothing by Sadough.

The tide instantly turned. Jewell

could sense it, sending on Ben Palmer at right back in place of the tiring Rob South.

Both South and Chris Maynard in the opposite full back position had worked the line, particularly in the second half when they did as much attacking as defending.

Palmer had a tough introduction to proceedings when he was immediately skinned by Boswell.

That created another opportunity for the dangerous Sadough, which rattled the outside of Simpson's right hand post.

After that, Palmer did well defensively but even more so going forward as the Robins continued to rely on their full backs to give Lancing problems.

Palmer had a couple of half chances pushing into the Lancers box and provided a perfect late cross from which Miles skied an acceptable chance.

That was part of a decent finish for the Robins. Hibbert put a header wide when beating Evans to a Maynard cross and Gault dragged wide but the draw was ultimately the right result.

Hassocks: J Simpson; South, Marsh, Faith, Maynard; Westlake, O'Callaghan, Hibbert, Johnson; Miles, Gault.

Subs: Palmer (South), Waterhouse (Westlake), I Simpson (unused).

Starman: Chris Maynard made the most of plenty of opportunities to utilize his strengths attacking and delivering good crosses.

Around the League...



The heavy rain of last weekend meant that most of the Southern Combination League fixture list was a total wipeout. Here is what happened in those matches which did manage to beat the weather, as well as the midweek action

A surprisingly high number of five games went ahead in the Premier Division on Saturday, four of which even more surprisingly took place on grass.

The sole 3G fixture was at the Trafalgar Ground, where **Newhaven** saw off **Horsham YMCA** 3-0 to cut Crowborough Athletic's lead at the top of the table to six points.

Ian Robinson opened the scoring on the half hour mark but YM were well in the game until the final 10 minutes when the Dockers added two more.

Lee Robinson struck on 81 followed by Ryan Blunt on 89 in a scoreline which was a little harsh on the visitors.

Improving **Loxwood** saw their recent good turn of form ended by 10 man **Peacehaven & Telscombe** at the Nest.

George Cook put the Tye 1-0 ahead three minutes before half time, followed four minutes into the second half by Aaron Capon picking up his second yellow card.

Not that the numerical disadvantage bothered Peacehaven. Former Robin Josh Bradley made it 2-0 just six minutes after the red as the Tye ran out 2-0 winners.

Nothing could separate promotion hopefuls **Haywards Heath Town** and **Eastbourne United** and Hanbury Park, where it finished 1-1.

Hayden Skerry put the Bluebells into the lead with an hour played, only for Mason Creese to provide a 83rd minute equaliser for United.

The final Saturday game saw **Midhurst & Easebourne** edge a five-goal thriller 3-2 away at **Lingfield**.

Lewis Rustell struck twice for the Stags along with James Liddiard. Tom Green and Max Wetton provided the Lingers' consolations.

Tuesday night saw a further four

Premier Division games take place with the major surprise of the evening coming at Gorings Mead where **Horsham YMCA** held **Steyping Town** to a 2-2 draw.

Dean Lovegrove gave YM a shock lead with only two minutes played but it looked like business as usual after that for the Barrowmen as they moved 2-1 ahead via Charlie Towing and Harry Shooman.

But then substitute Sekou Toure came off the bench to equalise for YM as the spoils were shared.

Loxwood got back to winning ways by beating **Bexhill United** 3-2 in a topsy turvy encounter at the Nest.

Aaron Cook sent Bexhill into half time with the lead, only for goals from Tommy McKenna and Tim Bennett to turn things around and put the Magpies ahead.

Jack Shonk then made it 2-2, which was how it looked like finishing until Loxwood substitute Archie Goddard fired in a 89th minute winner.

Rounding off the Premier Division action, **Crawley Down Gatwick** enjoyed a 3-0 victory over bottom club **Shoreham** at the Haven.

Anvils captain Oli Leslie scored a quickfire double in three second half minutes after Sam Clements had sent Down into the interval 1-0 ahead.

There was one Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup quarter final played on Tuesday night and it was a repeat of the league game between **Haywards Heath Town** and **Eastbourne United** from three days earlier.

This time though, there was a winner - Heath booking their place in the semi final thanks to a 1-0 win.

Byron Napper provided the only goal of the game, whilst United finished with only nine men after both George Olulode and Bailo

Camara saw red.

Three Saturday games went ahead in Division One, the pick of which came at the Camping World Stadium where **Arundel** saw off hosts **Copthorne** 7-2.

It was 1-1 inside of 10 minutes, Deagan Walsh giving Arundel the lead with a goal cancelled out 120 seconds later by Oscar Weddell.

The Mullets scored three more before half time to go into the break 4-1 ahead.

Walsh completed a brace and Steve Herbert and Ryan Quirke joined him on the scoresheet.

Tijan Sparks was shown a straight red card for Arundel with the second half four minutes old but that could not stop the Mullets adding another three to their tally.

Matt Storm struck in the 67th minute, followed by a 87th and 91st minute double from substitute Carl Brown.

Somewhere in the middle of all that, Stuart Cameron provided Copthorne with their second of the afternoon.

The game between **Mile Oak** and **Cheslington & Hook United** at Mile Oak Recreation Ground was slightly less exciting, ending in a 0-0 draw.

Lastly, **Montpelier Villa** against **Oakwood** was always going to go ahead on the 3G of Culver Road, where the hosts ran out 3-1 winners.

All the goals came in the second half. Harley Damario scored twice for Villa along with Tom Shelley. Harry Mark grabbed the consolation for Oakwood.



Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crowborough Athletic	16	13	2	1	43	16	41
Newhaven	16	10	5	1	43	20	35
Hassocks	16	10	4	2	35	16	35
Peacehaven & Tels	16	10	2	4	27	13	32
Steyning Town	13	9	3	1	38	13	30
Eastbourne Town	14	9	1	4	21	14	28
Eastbourne United	15	7	5	3	24	18	26
Midhurst & Easebourne	15	7	4	4	30	28	25
Haywards Heath Town	15	7	3	5	37	23	24
Little Common	17	6	2	9	21	39	20
Loxwood	17	5	3	9	26	42	18
Lingfield	14	4	5	5	25	28	17
Horsham YMCA	16	4	5	7	18	30	17
Crawley Down Gatwick	13	5	0	8	28	22	15
Pagham	14	4	3	7	25	25	15
Bexhill United	15	3	2	10	28	39	11
AFC Varndeanians	16	3	2	11	14	41	11
AFC Uckfield Town	15	2	4	9	16	29	10
Saltdean United	15	2	3	10	19	31	9
Shoreham	14	1	2	11	14	45	5

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath	246	2950	1944	1006
Shoreham	241	2409	1380	1029
Peacehaven & Tels	224	2458	2927	431
Steyning Town	209	4166	1200	2966
Crowborough Athletic	202	2626	1973	653
Newhaven	202	3019	1857	1162
Hassocks	186	1671	1334	337
Eastbourne Town	162	1612	1306	306
Bexhill United	142	1275	776	499
Little Common	131	1431	974	457
Eastbourne United	130	1937	1263	674
AFC Varndeanians	124	741	741	0
Saltdean United	113	1234	945	289
Pagham	107	854	627	227
Horsham YMCA	85	1014	588	426
AFC Uckfield Town	84	837	566	271
Midhurst & Easebourne	76	826	614	212
Crawley Down Gatwick	74	950	441	509
Loxwood	69	686	576	110
Lingfield	65	515	408	107

Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Crowborough Athletic	WWWWWW
Newhaven	WDWDWW
Midhurst & Easebourne	WLLWWW
Eastbourne Town	WWWLWL
Loxwood	WLWWLW
Pagham	WWLDWL
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWWLLW
Steyning Town	DDWWLD
Eastbourne United	DWLDWD
Hassocks	DDDLWW
Horsham YMCA	DWWLLD
Haywards Heath Town	WWLLLD
Lingfield	DWWLLL
Peacehaven & Tels	WLLDWL
AFC Varndeanians	LWLWDL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLDDDD
Bexhill United	LDLLWL
Shoreham	LLDWLL
Little Common	LWLLLL
Saltdean United	LDDLDD

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	20
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	19
Liam Benson	Haywards Heath	17
Callum Barlow	Eastbourne Utd	17
Hayden Skerry	Haywards Heath	17
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	13
Dan Simmonds	Pagham	13
Charlie Meehan	Steyning Town	12
James Stone	Eastbourne Town	12
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	11
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	10
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	10
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	10
Joe Radley-Martin	Steyning Town	10
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	10
Callum Edwards	Newhaven	9
Conor Wilford	Lingfield	9
Hayden Beaconsfield	Eastbourne Utd	8
Cameron Dobell	Haywards Heath	8
Siph Mdlalose	Midhurst	8

Under 23s

Under 18s

Ladies

Veterans



Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	8	7	1	0	36	10	22
Hassocks	9	7	0	2	33	22	21
Lingfield	10	6	1	3	35	24	19
Horley Town	9	6	0	3	19	17	18
Horsham YMCA	9	5	1	3	32	17	16
Steyning Town	9	4	1	4	19	19	13
Roffey	7	2	0	5	17	23	6
St Francis Rangers	9	2	0	7	10	34	6
Redhill	8	1	0	7	15	23	3
Oakwood	8	1	0	7	14	41	3

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	9
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	9
Ross Ballam	Steyning Town	8
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
Darrel Agyemang	Oakwood	4
Younis Ainine	Horsham YMCA	4

Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hassocks	8	6	1	1	39	14	19
Burgess Hill Town	6	6	0	0	29	6	18
Lancing	7	4	1	2	21	10	13
Saltdean United	8	4	1	3	22	19	13
Montpelier Villa	6	3	1	2	14	13	10
Haywards Heath	6	2	2	2	17	16	8
Shoreham	5	2	0	3	8	14	6
Mile Oak	7	2	0	5	8	35	6
AFC Varndeanians	7	1	0	6	11	30	3
St Francis Rangers	8	1	0	7	13	25	3

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alex Brewer	Hassocks	9
Dan Burbulis	Burgess Hill	9
Oliver Emery	Saltdean United	7
George Hendriks	Montpelier Villa	7
Malik Mudoma	Saltdean United	7
Austin Potter	Burgess Hill	7
Dylan Hurst	Burgess Hill	6
Josh Nandhra	Hassocks	6
Dillon Shrestha	St Francis	6
Cavan Chedzey	Hassocks	5

London & South East Women's Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	11	11	0	0	41	7	33
Dartford Reserves	11	6	3	2	23	15	21
Bromley	6	6	0	0	29	4	18
Herne Bay	8	4	3	1	25	12	15
Welling United	10	4	1	5	15	30	13
Montpelier Villa	9	4	0	5	25	21	12
Eastbourne United	8	4	0	4	14	17	12
Bognor Regis Town	8	3	2	3	15	13	11
Hastings United	10	3	1	6	11	25	10
Steyning Town	10	3	0	7	14	26	9
Hassocks	10	1	0	9	11	26	2
Bexhill United	9	0	2	7	10	27	2

LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Charlotte Lee	Bromley	22
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	12
Bethany Hull	Bromley	12
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	10
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	8
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	8
Kate Foster	Herne Bay	8
Katie Franks	Newhaven	8
Bryony Hart	Bromley	7
Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	7
Elena Brock	Herne Bay	6
Poppy Harrod	Bexhill United	6

Mid Sussex Veterans East Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lewes	3	3	0	0	14	5	9
Seaford Town	3	2	1	0	4	3	7
Sidley United	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
Rotherfield	4	1	1	2	11	11	4
Jarvis Brook	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Hassocks	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Marsefield Village	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Chris Cook	Hassocks	8
Phil Gault	Hassocks	6
Jonathan Hebson	Lewes	6
Elliott Hughes	Rotherfield	5
Steve Whittemore	Seaford Town	5
Carl Berwick	Jarvis Brook	3
Rob Gordon	Jarvis Brook	2

Upcoming Fixtures >>>



Steyning Town v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 28th November 2023, 7:45pm
Birchwood Ground, Shooting Field, Steyning, BN44 3RQ
Admission prices £7 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s free

Having been due to take place on the first weekend of September, our trip to Steyning Town finally gets played a week today. The big question with it being a Tuesday night match... will the Barrowmen be holding a meat raffle?

Steyning Town this season

Steyning have been absolutely flying so far, making it all the way into November unbeaten in the Premier Division to mark themselves out as one of the favourites in the title race. Their league record so far reads played 13, won nine, drawn three and lost only once - that defeat coming at current leaders Crowborough. They also claimed the scalp of Brighton Under 21s in the Sussex Senior Cup and advanced to the second qualifying round of the FA Cup, when over 1,100 people packed the Birchwood Ground to see the Barrowmen take on Maidstone United. Assignments do not come much tougher than a trip to Steyning at the moment.

Head-to-head

There have only been 16 meetings between the sides, thanks largely to Steyning much of the 1990s in the Wessex League. Six of those matches have taken place in the Premier Division, four in Division One, four in the Sussex Senior Cup and two in the RUR Cup. The head-to-head reads seven Hassocks wins, four Steyning victories and five draws.

Last time we met

It was a grim Easter Monday at the Birchwood Ground with weather more akin to the depths of winter than an April morning. The action on the pitch matched as there was scant entertainment on offer. Dom Johnson -Fisher grabbed the only goal of the

game on 77 minutes with a shot from distance which skidded off the wet 3G pitch to defy James Shaw and end up in the back of the net.

How to get to the Birchwood Ground

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

<<< **Upcoming Fixtures**



Bexhill United v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 2nd December 2023, 3pm kick off
The Polegrove, Brockley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3EX

One of our longest league journeys of the season takes place next Saturday as we make the trip to the far east of the county to take on Bexhill United, a team in transition this season under a new management team

Bexhill United this season

The Pirates saw long-standing boss Ryan Light leave the Polegrove at the end of last season, having taken Bexhill from Division One strugglers to an established part of the Premier Division top six. The club opted for continuity and so appointed their Under 21s manager John Wright and his assistant Shane Lovell to the role. After something of a slow start, the Pirates are showing signs of improvement and have climbed into 14th place in the table. Some impressive recent results include defeating Pagham and going down to close defeats against high-flying Peacehaven and Haywards Heath Town.

Head-to-head

This will be the 14th meeting between ourselves and Bexhill. The first four came in Division One when Bexhill were known as Bexhill Town. We then met in four cup matches before the Pirates won promotion to the Premier Division with four more meetings following. The Pirates lead the head-to-head with six wins to Hassocks' four, leaving three draws.

Last time we met

A disappointing April Fool's Day down at the Polegrove as some poor marking from a set piece gave Bexhill a 90th minute winner as they ran out 2-0 victors. Evan Archibald had put the Pirates 1-0 ahead but they led for

only five minutes before Raging Joe Bull levelled with a distance drive. Joe Summerbell then provided the late deciding goal for the hosts.

How to get to the Polegrove

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



Hassocks v Loxwood

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

Our final home game before Christmas brings Loxwood to the Beacon. The Magpies have been upwardly mobile in recent weeks after a slow start to the season and will arrive in Mid Sussex confident of maintaining that form

Loxwood this season

Loxwood made a slow start to the campaign after undertaking a summer managerial change, appointing former Kingstonian and Corinthian Casuals coach Peter Barkley as their new manager. But the Magpies' rebuilt squad has clicked in recent weeks, making them one of the form teams in the Premier Division over the past six matches. That has lifted Loxwood into 11th spot. Barkley said upon his appointment at the Nest that the aim was to be competitive in the top half of the table. They are well on course to achieve that if they maintain their current rate of improvement over the remaining five months of the campaign.

Head-to-head

The sides first clashed in the 2014-15 season when Loxwood made their Premier Division bow. Since then, there have been 17 meetings, all of which have come in the bread and butter of league football. We have won five, drawn four and lost eight. After a relatively sluggish start in terms of entertainment, the fixture has now provided 30 goals in the past five matches.

Last time we met

Our first away game of the season took us to the Nest on a pleasant Tuesday night back in August. Tom Frankland opened the scoring with a stunning free kick against his former club, followed by second half goals

from Liam Benson and a Pat Harding penalty to secure a 3-0 success.

Played for both

How long have you got? James Westlake serving as assistant to former Robins midfielder Spencer Slaughter during his time as manager at the Nest means a number of players have swapped Loxwood for Hassocks since that duo returned to the Beacon as players in the autumn of 2021. In no particular order, our current ex-Magpie contingent includes Fraser Trigwell, Sam Smith, Westlake, Lewis Westlake, Tom Frankland and Leon Turner. Loxwood for their part could call upon Alex Harris, Harvey Enticknap and Dan Webster.

Robins Awards 2023-24



Starman Awards

Eastbourne Town home **Jack TROAK**
Loxwood away **Joe BULL**
Erith Town home **Joe BULL**
Lingfield home **Josh MUNDY**
Pagham away **Kyle WOOLVEN**
AFC Varndeanians home **Fraser TRIGWELL**
Midhurst & Easebourne home **Liam BENSON**
Shoreham home **Matt GUNN**
Eastbourne United away **Matt GUNN**
AFC Uckfield Town away **Alfie LOVERSIDGE**
AFC Varndeanians home **Sean STEPHENSON**
Roffey away **Jamie WILKES**
Sheerwater away **Mike WILLIAMSON**
Selsey away **Liam BENSON**
Little Common away **Pat HARDING**
Crawley Down Gatwick away **Alex BYGRAVES**
Horsham YMCA home **Joe BULL**
AFC Uckfield Town home **Mike WILLIAMSON**
East Grinstead Town away **Alex FAIR**
Bedfont Sports away **Bradley TIGHE**
Newhaven away **Bradley TIGHE**
Haywards Heath Town home **Josh MUNDY**
Crowborough Athletic away **Jamie WILKES**
Eastbourne Town away **Jamie WILKES**
Peacehaven & Telscombe home **Julian DURAND**
Saltdean United home
Steyning 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
Steyning Town home
Midhurst & Easebourne away
Eastbourne United home
Crawley Down Gatwick home
Horsham YMCA away
Haywards Heath Town away
Bexhill United home
Saltdean United away
Newhaven home



Player of the Month

August 2023
1st **Liam BENSON**
2nd **Joe BULL**
3rd **Matt GUNN**

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

October 2023
1st **Josh MUNDY**
2nd **Jamie WILKES**
3rd **Mike WILLIAMSON**

November 2023
1st
2nd
3rd

December 2023
1st
2nd
3rd

January 2024
1st
2nd
3rd

February 2024
1st
2nd
3rd

March 2024
1st
2nd
3rd

April 2024
1st
2nd
3rd

HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Most Games



Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. Phil Gault	331	21	352	190
8. James Laing	298	53	351	143
9. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
16. Pat Harding	225	38	263	147
17. James Westlake	241	20	261	31
18. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53
19. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45
20. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68
21. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9
22. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44
23. Nathan Miles	157	57	214	74
24. Liam Benson	154	46	200	67
25. Phil Johnson	163	36	199	100

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	352
2. Pat Harding	147	263
3. James Laing	143	351
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Phil Johnson	100	199
7. Nathan Miles	74	214
8. Neil Smith	68	242
9. Liam Benson	67	200
10. Steve Hards	65	155
11. Mickey Turner	63	594
12. Dave Smith	53	260
13. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
14. Joe Fernley	45	245
15. Mark Burnham	44	231
16. Matt Amos	38	81
17. Michael Death	38	112
18. Marc Rendall	37	183
19. Andy Burt	35	133
20. Jack Troak	31	125
21. Luke Flomo	31	146
22. James Westlake	31	261
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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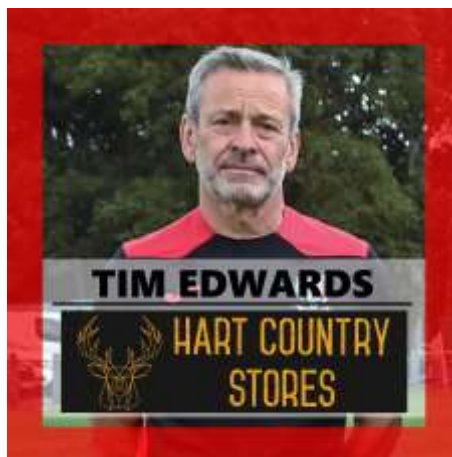


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Alex BYGRAVES	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bradley TIGHE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Head Coach James Westlake

Assistants Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson

Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards

Physio Ash Cooper

Physio Phil Wickwar



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Manager Kieran Ridley

Assistant Haig Kingston

Coach Harrison Burley

Coach Dan Edmeads

Physio James Masterson

Next at the Beacon



Saltdean United

Southern Combination Premier Division
Saturday 25th November 2023. 2:00pm

Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Varndeanians v Haywards Heath Town
Crawley Down Gatwick v Bexhill United
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