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### FIRST TEAM

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**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 morning and welcome to the Beacon for our Boxing Day Mid Sussex Derby against Haywards Heath Town

**We would like to start by welcoming the players, management, committee and fans of Haywards Heath and hope they enjoy their second visit to the Beacon of the season.**

If this morning is anything like the first, then we should be in for a real treat.

Halloween night saw ourselves and the Bluebells play out an enthralling 2-2 draw in the Peter Bentley League Cup, followed by Heath progressing to the quarter finals on penalties after five perfect spot kicks.

The result meant that our long wait for a victory over the Bluebells - the most recent Hassocks win in this fixture coming in the 1992-92 season - goes on.

If it were to end this morning, that would be one hell of a late Christmas present!

It is one month since our last home fixture, a convincing 4-0 win over Saltdean United

Those watching could have been mistaken for thinking they had gone back in time to 2005 seeing as Super Pat Harding scored twice.

Three points against the Tigers was followed up with arguably the

most impressive victory of the season so far, a 3-2 win away against a Steyning Town side who had only lost twice up to that point.

The Robins Youth System proved its worth once again with one of the goals being scored by 17-year-old Josh Nandhra on his first senior start.

It has been a little bit of a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show following that night at the Birchwood Ground, a 2-2 draw at Bexhill United and a 1-0 defeat at Lingfield being our two results since.

But we still remain in the thick of the playoff race; Hassocks sitting in the top five on Boxing Day is something not many people would have predicted at the start of the season.

With Heath gunning for promotion themselves, today holds significance beyond the normal local bragging rights up for grabs.

It is not just the first team who are flying, either. The Under 23s go into the new year second in the North Division and into the third round of the League Cup having hammered Hailsham Town 8-1 at the Beacon in their last outing.

The Under 18s meanwhile top the Central Division having beaten St

Francis Rangers 3-0 last time out. Hopefully a good omen for the first team today taking on the other club from Haywards Heath?

Our Young Robins resume their campaign on Sunday 7th January here at the Beacon against Roffey in the League Cup, kick off at 11am.

As for the Ladies, injuries continue to hamper them with recent defeats coming at home to Bexhill United and away at Bromley.

They are in League Trophy action Culver Road on Sunday 7th January, taking on Montpellier Villa.

In terms of first team fixtures, our next two matches are relatively short journeys on the road.

This Saturday is a 3pm kick off at Shoreham, followed on January 6th by a trip to Withdean Stadium to face AFC Varndeanians.

Our next game at the Beacon is the rearranged fixture against Loxwood on Saturday 13th. We would love to see you back here for it to kick off what could be an historic 2024 for the Robins.

**Thank you for your support and enjoy the game,**

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## Haywards Heath Town

**Haywards Heath Town are back in the Southern Combination League for the first time in five years following their surprise relegation from the Isthmian League last season, putting the Mid Sussex Derby back on the fixture list**

For how long though remains to be seen as the Bluebells will expect to be in the promotion picture come the end of the season as they look for an immediate return to step four.

Heath started the campaign with Jay Lovett at helm but the task of taking Heath back into the Isthmian League South East Division now falls upon one-time Hassocks player Naim Rouane.

Lovett stepped down in October to take up a full time position at Eastbourne Borough, after which Heath wasted no time in moving for Rouane.

Already a popular figure around Hanbury Park after captaining the Bluebells to the Southern Combination title in 2018, Rouane

represented a shrewd appointment who should already have a promotion as manager on his CV.

In his first managerial role, Rouane had a Lancing side featuring current Robins Mike Williamson and Alex Bygraves top of the Southern Combination Premier when Covid-19 brought the 2019-20 campaign to a halt.

His Lancing side were known for playing good football and that is something which Rouane has already stamped on Heath, as we saw when the Bluebells visited in that Peter Bentley League Cup two months ago.

Results have begun to follow and since a 3-1 defeat to Holmesdale in the second round of the FA Vase, Heath are unbeaten in five games

across all competitions.

An already powerful squad has been strengthened with the signings of Lewis Finney, Josh Spinks and of course, Liam Benson, who swapped the Beacon for Hanbury last month.

Benson adds further goals to a team who have plundered 47 so far this season, the third highest total in the Premier Division after Newhaven and Steyning Town.

Seventh in the table at the time of writing, the Bluebells easily have enough quality all over the pitch to make the playoffs at the very least in the second half of the season.

Hassocks will be hoping to delay that charge by a little longer on what promises to be an entertaining morning of football.

## Bluebells Factfile

**Founded** 1888  
**Ground** Hanbury Park  
**Website** [hhtfc.co.uk](http://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  
**Peter Bentley Cup >** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 2 - Conceded 2  
**Sussex Senior Cup >** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3  
**RUR Charity Cup >** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3

**Total > Played 11 - Won 1 - Drawn 3 - Lost 7 - Scored 7 - Conceded 27**

## Previous Meetings

**2023-24**  
[Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 2-2 Haywards Heath Town](#)  
**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](#)  
[Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town](#)



# Hassocks haunted in Halloween shootout defeat to Haywards Heath

**On a horrendous wet and windy Halloween night, Hassocks endured the horror of exiting the Peter Bentley League Cup to Haywards Heath Town on penalties at the Beacon**

It was a game which had it all. High quality, pulsating football. The Robins racing into a 2-0 lead. Heath rising from the dead like a zombie to level the tie.

Seven yellow cards across Hassocks and Bluebells for those on the pitch, plus referee Perry Hart taking the names of Robins head coach James Westlake and his assistant Tom Hughes.

And then a shootout in which Heath scored all five of their spot kicks to progress to a quarter final meeting with either Midhurst & Easebourne or Dorking Wanderers B.

The booking count might make this sound like a nasty match, but it was nothing more than fiercely competitive between two local rivals meeting for the first time in five years.

Conditions did not help; the relentless rain had left the surface incredibly slippery before kick off. By the end, it was sodden.

Both teams deserve a huge amount of credit for some of the football they produced at times despite the weather.

An early sign of the challenges players would face in staying upright came when Liam Benson went crashing into Elliott Bresciani inside of five minutes.

The Heath defender required lengthy treatment before limping from the field, his place taken by Liam Hendy.

Matt Gunn was next to go sliding in, ending a lightning quick Bluebells break with a superbly timed last man tackle on Cameron Dobell.

Chances were at a premium until some Pat Harding magic helped give Hassocks the lead on 20 minutes.

Harding collected a half-cleared Sean Stephenson cross on the left, bewitched his way to the by-line and then hung the ball back into the box.

Benson ghosted past his marker and met the cross with a powerful header directed beyond Heath goalkeeper Alfie Jones.

Four minutes later and Hassocks doubled their lead. Tall striker Jamie Wilkes was brought down on the edge of the box, giving the Robins a free kick in a dangerous position.

Harding stepped up. His low free took a heavy deflection as it passed under the wall to trick Jones and treat Hassocks to a second.

The Robins had chances to hammer what could have been a decisive nail into Heath's coffin after that by making it three.

Benson bent one over, followed by Mike Williamson dispossessing Mitch Hewens and testing Jones with a shot the Heath goalkeeper grabbed at the second attempt.

Heath pulled their first goal back nine minutes before half time when Hassocks were caught out by a lightning quick counter attack.

It left Byron Napper one-on-one with Fraser Trigwell and when the Bluebells captain cleverly opted to square rather than go for goal himself, Dobell was left with a tap in.

The best Hassocks player on the night was young Josh Mundy, who shone like a Jack O'Lantern.

Mundy was inches away from capping his performance with a deserved goal when a distance effort driven like a spike through the heart of a vampire kissed past the post on the stroke of half time.

The Bluebells introduced two former Robins at the break, young duo JJ Minty and Sam Geard replacing Lewis Finney and Mitch Hewens.

It was Heath's third ex-Hassocks player who came back to haunt his former club on the hour mark by levelling the tie.

Charlie Pitcher hit a shot which Fraser Trigwell looked to have covered, only for the ball to escape the Hassocks goalkeeper and find the back of the net.

Heath dominated possession after that but neither side had a serious opportunity of note until the final five minutes, when they mustered one apiece.

On 87, Pitcher put a spell on Hassocks when skipping past three red shirts on a run from left flank to centre of goal. Pitcher let loose a low right footed effort which whistled just wide.

Benson was then left unmarked by Heath some 10 yards out from goal but he could only head over to leave penalties looming larger than Frankenstein's monster.

Hassocks took first with Jones plunging to his right to keep out Benson. Every other spot kick was converted, meaning Heath went through 5-4.

On a positive note for the Robins, the closeness and competitiveness of the tie was a far cry from the previous five meetings from Heath's last stint in the Southern Combination League; the Bluebells won all five by an aggregate score of 18-2.

Boxing Day at the Beacon for the next instalment has the potential to be a Christmas cracker.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Gunn, Bull; Stephenson, Mundy, Williamson, Harding; Wilkes; Benson.

**Subs:** Loversidge, Frankland, S Smith, Nandhra (used), D Turner (unused).



## 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.





# Tall striker takes November Player of the Month

**Three goals in five November matches saw tall striker Jamie Wilkes win his first ever Hassocks Player of the Month award.**

The rangy Wilkes hit scoring form at a good time for the Robins, who saw top scorer Liam Benson depart for Haywards Heath Town midway through November.

Wilkes grabbed his first goal of the month - and the season - as Hassocks were beaten 5-2 away against Southern Combination League Premier Division leaders Crowborough Athletic in their opening game of the November.

It was a finish befitting the absolute fox in the box Wilkes is, reacting quickest to meet the rebound from a saved Pat Harding shot with an acrobatic diving header.

You wait 21 games for one Wilkes goal and then another comes along a week later. Good work from Julian Durand in dispossessing Eastbourne Town full back Harry Simmons teed Wilkes up for the third goal of Hassocks' 3-0 win at the Saffrons.

Earlier in the afternoon and

Wilkes had been heavily involved in the first. Some industrious play won possession on the edge of the Town box before the ball found its way to Benson who applied the finish.

72 hours later and Wilkes was on the scoresheet for the third game in succession as Peacehaven & Telscombe were beaten 2-0 at the Beacon.

A long ball over the top put the tall striker in a footrace against Tye goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke. Wilkes reached the ball first, coolly rounded the Peacehaven number one and then fired into the now empty net from a tight angle.

With Starman awards to go with his goals in the Crowborough and Eastbourne Town matches, Wilkes is a very worthy winner of the award.

Second place went to Matt Gunn, who was a tower of strength at centre back for Hassocks throughout November.

Peacehaven and Eastbourne Town were amongst the highest scorers in the division before facing the Robins, making the clean sheets Gunn helped secure in both those matches

particularly impressive.

Gunn also helped Hassocks record their third shutout of the month when Saltdean United were beaten 4-0 at the Beacon.

His most impressive performance came in the 3-2 win at Steyning Town, three points earned via a memorable backs-to-the-wall performance in which the back four and goalkeeper Fraser Trigwell were exemplary.

And it is Trigwell who rounds off the top three in the November Player of the Month standings.

The Robins number one has made some big saves, without which his side would not have enjoyed such a healthy points return or gone into December second in the table.

With Hassocks 1-0 up against Eastbourne Town, Trigwell denied a powerful Evan Archibald volley via a brilliant stop from point blank range.

Then at Steyning, he somehow kept out a Charlie Meehan one-on-one with his legs to prevent the Barrowmen marking their domination of the opening 20 minutes with a goal.



# John Broomfield

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# Loversidge latest young Robin to join Hassocks 100 Club

**Alfie Loversidge has joined the Hassocks 100 Club with the forward passing a century of appearances for the Robins in the recent 3-2 win away at Steyning Town.**

Loversidge becomes the 42nd youth team product to reach the landmark in senior football, showcasing once again the Hassocks pathway as one of the most successful in Sussex non league football.

The milestone has been reached in four-and-a-half seasons as a first team regular, although Loversidge would have got there much quicker had injury not ruled him out for a large part of the 2022-23 campaign.

Loversidge joined the Under 18s setup at the Beacon in 2018 as a 15-year-old.

Over the next three years, he would play 30 times and contribute five goals for the Young Robins.

Hassocks finished as Under 18s runners up in his first season with the club and were in firm title contention when both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns were brought to a halt by

Covid-19.

Loversidge made his senior debut as a 17-year-old under the management of Mark Dalglish in 2019 and became a regular when Dave John returned to the dugout for the 2020-21 season.

Initially used as a central midfielder, Loversidge impressed with his fearless approach against more experienced and physical opponents.

He scored his first senior goal in a 6-2 defeat at Eastbourne Town and added another when Hassocks won 4-2 at Crawley Down Gatwick in the Supplementary Shield competition held in April.

Brad Sweetman pushed Loversidge further forward in the 2021-22 campaign.

This proved to be a shrewd move as Loversidge contributed nine goals in 41 appearances, playing a key role in helping the Robins avoid relegation.

Included in that haul was the first hat-trick of his career in a 4-1 win over AFC Varndeanians, making him the first teenager to score a treble for Hassocks since Matt Amos 15 years

earlier. Not bad company to be in.

That aforementioned injury struck on the opening day of the 2022-23 season away at Peacehaven, leaving Loversidge on the shelf for five months.

He was eased back in gently by James Westlake from January onwards. Now playing as a winger, Loversidge made 11 starts and seven substitute appearances through the second half of the campaign.

Into the current season, Loversidge scored his first Hassocks goal for 18 months with a timely 89th minute winner in the Sussex Senior Cup away at AFC Uckfield Town in September.

Two more goals followed in the 5-0 thrashing of AFC Varndeanians at the Beacon – he seems to like playing the Vs – and the thrilling 5-4 FA Vase victory against Sheerwater.

Loversidge now sits on three goals in 23 matches for the season, making for a career total of 14 from 102 appearances.

Congratulations on joining the Centurions Club, Alfie – here is to the next 100.



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# Roffey forward Kelvin Lucas and his fight against Cancer

**The whole Southern Combination League was recently shocked by the devastating news that Roffey forward Kelvin Lucas has been diagnosed with stage four bowel cancer.**

Kelvin had been playing as recently as September. He was top scorer for a Boars side who made a flying start to the campaign, topping Division One as they aim for an immediate return to the Premier Division.

The first game Kelvin missed was when Hassocks went to Bartholomew Way in the second round of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup back in September.

He was ruled out with awful back ache which was subsequently found to be something far more serious.

Kelvin starts chemotherapy in January to shrink the tumours. Hopefully, surgery will follow and them more chemo and radiotherapy.

Kelvin has a huge passion for football and is a popular figure within the Sussex football scene - not only for his pace and goal scoring, but his

class on and off the pitch. Away from football, Kelvin is an amazing dad.

Kelvin's diagnosis shows that even the fittest and healthiest of people can be affected by bowel cancer at a young range.

To support Kelvin, raise awareness of bowel cancer and help him and his young family through this tough time when Kelvin will be unable to work, Roffey are organising a grueling 161 mile charity bike ride.

Over the weekend of May 4th and 5th 2004, Roffey chairman Phil Gibbs, first team manager Jack Munday and Kelvin's friends Matt Munday, James Ferrar and Tiago Andrade will cycle between 20 different Sussex non league grounds.

The ride will start at Roffey and work across to Crowborough Athletic. It will then head down to the coast via Eastbourne United and Eastbourne Town, and then along to Worthing with many stops at other clubs along the way.

From there, it is up to Kelvin's former club Alfold before the final straight down the A281, into Horsham and back to Roffey - where

hopefully there will be many friends waiting to raise more money (and a few drinks) for Kelvin.

The journey is the equivalent of cycling between London and Brighton three times over. It will be tough, but nothing compared to the huge battle Kelvin is facing.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to support the bike ride, aiming to raise £10,000. So far, £5,890 has been donated, including a £50 donation from Owen John on behalf of everyone here at the Beacon.

Roffey are asking anyone who can afford a donation no matter how big or small to contribute. Kelvin has already been touched by the reaction from the Sussex Non League community and the way it has rallied to support him and his young family at this very tough time.

If you would like to donate, please visit [www.gofundme.com/f/kelvin-lucas-in-his-fight-against-cancer](http://www.gofundme.com/f/kelvin-lucas-in-his-fight-against-cancer).

# Hassocks hit three goals in five second half minutes to sink Saltdean

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 25th November 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks 4-0 Saltdean United**



**Seasoned Hassocks observers may well have approached the visit of the Saltdean United to the Beacon with some form of trepidation.**

The way of the Robins has long been to follow up impressive results against good teams - such as beating both Eastbourne Town and Peacehaven & Telscombe in the space of 72 hours - by struggling in banana skin ties against the strugglers.

Not so here. Hassocks comfortably overcame the second-bottom Tigers 4-0 thanks to a blistering spell of three goals in five minutes just past the hour mark.

Two of them came from Pat Harding, introduced at half time in place of Julian Durand and notching his 148th and 149th career goals for the Robins.

At the other end of the scoring scale, Mike Williamson grabbed his first in Hassocks colours after Kyle Woolven had put the Robins ahead in first half injury time from the penalty spot.

The opening 45 minutes was pretty much one-way traffic towards the Saltdean goal, leaving Fraser Trigwell a virtual spectator.

Durand had two early chances, the first drawing a key near post save from Luca Piano having been sent clear by Jamie Wilkes.

The second Durand opportunity was lifted marginally over the bar from a tight angle.

Between those, Piano just about managed to hold a low drive from Josh Mundy from outside the box after Hassocks produced a clever short corner routine.

Already busy, Piano soon made more work for himself when an attempted pass out from the back went straight to Alfie Loversidge.

The Tigers goalkeeper managed to recover and gathered the ball from

the feet of Loversidge.

Despite having been so under the cosh, it looked like Saltdean were going to make it into the break level until conceding a stonewall penalty a mere minute before the whistle went.

Joe Bull saw his corner returned straight back to him. Rather than redeliver, Raging Bull drove into the box where he was scythed down by former Robin Alfie Edmeads.

Woolven expertly converted high into the top left hand corner, giving Piano no chance.

Mundy had the first opportunity of the second half with another distance drive gathered low down by Piano, who then made his best save of the afternoon.

Hassocks worked the ball from left to right through Woolven, Wilkes and Williamson to Tom Frankland pushing forward from right back.

Frankland crossed deep for Harding to hit a close range volley somehow kept out via the fastest of reactions from Piano.

Next came Harding and Loversidge both seeing shots blocked in the same passage of play.

The Robins were now starting to find a tune, which spelt bad news for Piano.

1-0 on 64 minutes became 4-0 by 69 minutes with Williamson getting the party started.

Frankland swept a forward pass into the feet of Wilkes. The tall striker laid the ball off to Williamson, collecting some 30 yards away.

From there, Williamson jinked his way past two blue shirts and into the Saltdean area before picking out the bottom corner with a left footed effort.

Quite what Bygraves was doing alongside Williamson in the box was anyone's guess, but he made the most of being on the scene by leading the celebrations about Williamson breaking his duck.

Next it became the Harding show as Super Pat found the back of the net in the 66th and 69th minutes.

Wilkes collected a hooked pass up the right channel from Loversidge and pulled back to Mundy arriving on the edge of the box.

The rebound from Piano parrying Mundy's effort struck Harding, who should remarkably fast reactions for a bloke approaching his 40s to fire home the loose ball.

A different type of goal provided Harding with his second. Piano hit the wrong note when he tried to loft a pass out to his left wing.

Loversidge gleefully intercepted just outside the Saltdean area, made it to the by-line and pulled back to Harding at the back post.

With Harding positioned on the six yard line and two Tigers defenders plus Piano between him and the goal, Super Pat brilliantly found a gap between them all by striking for the top corner.

Chasing his hat-trick, Harding perhaps should have done better with a shot blocked by Osman Khan for a corner - followed by some typical words of encouragement shouted by Hassocks chairman Dave John watching from behind the goal.

Another of Saltdean's ex-Hassocks contingent then ensured the score remained at four, Arthur Rawlinsong doing just enough to divert a Leon Turner effort over the bar.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; Frankland, Bygraves, Gunn, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Woolven; Wilkes; Durand.

**Subs:** Harding (Durand 46), Turner (Loversidge 70), Fatela (Wilkes 70), McHale (Frankland 82).

# Big three points at the Barrowmen puts Robins onto magical 40 mark

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 28th November 2023, Birchwood Ground  
Steining Town 2-3 Hassocks**



**For the near 30 years Hassocks have been a Southern Combination Premier Division club, their primary target every season has been to reach the magical 40 point mark which guarantees survival.**

Never before have they got there ahead of the first window on an advent calendar being opened, as is now the case following a fantastic 3-2 win away at Steining Town logged three days before the start of December.

This was possibly the most impressive victory of a campaign which just keeps getting better for the Robins against a Barrowmen outfit amongst the title favourites.

You have to be a good side to advance far enough in the FA Cup to host Maidstone United, eliminate Brighton Under 21s from the Sussex Senior Cup and go unbeaten in the league until the start of November.

Hassocks found out for themselves just how good Steining can be through an opening 18 minutes dominated by the hosts.

In that period, Sam Remfy clipped the top of the bar with a volley. Fraser Trigwell made an outstanding one-on-one save with his legs when Charlie Meehan was favourite to finish off a lightning quick break led by Joe Radley-Martin.

Steining next wanted a penalty for an alleged handball by Matt Gunn. Referee Tazlim Ali was perfectly positioned and having completed GCSE Science, knew the stomach is not a part of the arm and so awarded a corner.

Said corner led to another good chance which Charlie Weller got too much under, sending the ball flying in the direction of Storrington.

It was totally against the run of play when Hassocks took the lead on 18 minutes with their first effort.

Tall striker Jamie Wilkes crossed

deep, Alfie Loversidge of all people won a downwards header and 17-year-old youth team forward Josh Nandhra was on hand to fire home a first Hassocks goal on his full debut.

Suddenly, the tide turned and it was the Robins on top. The lively Nandhra did everything right in setting himself up for another opportunity four minutes after the opener, only to shoot over.

Nandhra then showed an explosive turn of pace to run through as Steining appealed in vain for offside. This time, he fired just wide.

Hassocks got a flag in their favour and correctly so when the Barrowmen had the ball in the back of the net midway through the half, Meehan being at least five yards off before squaring for Lloyd Francis to apply the finish.

By now, the game was ebbing and flowing from one end to the other at breakneck speed. Nandhra caused more problems for the Steining defence, getting to the by-line and pulling back to Wilkes.

The rangy Wilkes squared for Super Pat Harding, whose powerful left footed drive was blocked behind by Weller.

From the resulting corner, the Robins doubled their lead. Josh Mundy delivered, Gunn won a towering header and Harding smashed in his 150th Hassocks goal with aplomb.

The two-goal advantage lasted 10 minutes. Harry Shooman hit a brilliant grounded diagonal from left to right, Remfy took one touch to cut inside Joe Bull and drilled into the bottom corner.

Hassocks found themselves hanging on for the six minutes that remained until the break. It was a similar story once play resumed, Steining dominating the opening 20 or so minutes of the second half just as they had the first.

Meehan returned a delicate lob onto the bar when the Robins felt Trigwell had been impeded attempting to punch clear.

Gunn, Alex Bygraves and Bradley Tighe all had to make important blocks at the expense of corners, at which point it felt like Steining were racking up one corner every minute.

Somewhat ironically then, the Barrowmen levelled the tie when Mr Ali awarded them a corner which never was - not that Hassocks could complain too much when Jack Williamson headed home as Steining probably deserved to be level.

Momentum was all with all the hosts now. The Robins therefore deserve a huge amount of credit for weathering the storm with no further damage. When Weller was then sent for 10 minutes in the sin bin, Hassocks took full advantage by finding what proved to be the winner.

Bull played a corner short to Mundy, whose angled cross into the box caught a Steining boot on the way through. In amongst the ensuring chaos, Bygraves managed to head his side back into the lead.

From there, the Robins' game management was exemplary as they comfortably saw out the remaining 20 minutes. Victory lifted Hassocks up to second in the table, just about making up for the disappointment Robins fans felt at missing out on the famous Steining meant raffle on account of it being a midweek fixture.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; B Tighe, Bygraves, Gunn, Bull; Loversidge, Mundy, Williamson, Harding; Wilkes; J Nandhra.

**Subs:** Stephenson (Harding 80), L Turner (Nandhra 90+3), Woolven, Fair (unused).

# Late Hassocks comeback pillages point from Pirates

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 2nd December 2023, The Polegrove  
Bexhill United 2-2 Hassocks**

**Having won their past four games in succession - three of them against teams in the top six - the trip to Bexhill United almost became a classic case of after the Lord Mayor's Show for Hassocks.**

Miserable conditions and a miserable first half performance had the Robins trailing 2-0 to the Pirates with as little as 120 seconds of the 90 minutes to go. A miserable, long journey back looked assured.

But then Hassocks did what the best sides do - found a way to pillage points when playing far below their best.

And the one point they sailed back to Mid Sussex with could yet prove very valuable later in the season.

It was earned thanks to goals from Jamie Wilkes and Josh Mundy, scoring in the 88th and 95th minutes respectively - the late, late equaliser leaving the home crowd stunned.

Two hours before kick off and there had been some doubt as to whether the game would go ahead at all as parts of the pitch were still hard after heavy overnight frost.

The surface managed to thaw out enough but it made getting the ball down and playing football difficult.

Quality was therefore understandably lacking for the majority of the afternoon, although both Bexhill goals provided rare moments of class.

It took the Pirates only two minutes to open the scoring. Joe Summerbell will not hit many strikes more sweetly than his 25 yard, outside of the boot volley which gave Fraser Trigwell absolutely no chance of keeping it out.

Hassocks could not muster much in the way of a response to that early setback.

Leon Turner seemed their most likely player to make something

happen, making his first start since returning to the Robins from Littlehampton Town.

Turner drew a couple of fouls out on the left flank, setting the tone for the four yellow cards Bexhill would rack up.

Hassocks captain Alex Bygraves also entered the book of referee Stuart McKenzie for crunching Ollie Hull on the halfway line.

The Pirates had wanted a penalty just prior to that when Matt Gunn sent Jack Shonk to ground in the box.

Gunn though had timed his sliding tackle to perfection, one of a number of important interventions he would be required to make through a first half dominated by Bexhill.

Trigwell was busy too, doing well to watch and smother a low drive from Aaron Cook which could have diverted anywhere off the lumpy, bumpy pitch.

The Hassocks number one then came and gathered an aerial through ball ahead of Shonk, taking a nasty whack from Bexhill's captain in the process.

A Pirates' corner had Hassocks all at sea next, Jamie Thoroughgood winning a header down which Shonk fired towards goal.

Trigwell proved equal to it, as he did again when using a cricketing-style long barrier to deny Hull one-on-one after the lively winger skipped inside from the left flank. A more routine catch from a Hull distance drive followed.

There was nothing Trigwell could do when the lively Hull doubled the Pirates advantage on 30 minutes. Collecting the ball just inside the Hassocks half, Hull drove at the Robins defence before unleashing a spectacular effort into the top corner.

Almost as spectacular was the celebration which followed, Hull treating the crowd to a very



impressive backwards flip.

A thick mist began rolling in off the sea at the start of the second half. 27 miles east and the fog became bad enough for Newhaven's home game with Crowborough Athletic to be abandoned with 10 minutes left to play due to poor visibility.

Given the final 10 minutes Hassocks were to have, the Robins will have been grateful proceedings at the Polegrove did not go the same way.

The visitors had huffed and puffed after the interval but with limited success really in terms of testing Alex Hobden.

Yet despite the frustration of making little inroads, Hassocks kept going and their fighting spirit was rewarded via that unlikely comeback.

Tall striker Wilkes was finding the back of the net for the fourth time in six matches. Seven minutes later and Mundy's last gasp effort took a deflection to deceive Hobden.

Bexhill could scarcely believe it having also conceded in the 94th minute to lose 3-2 at Crawley Down Gatwick on Tuesday night.

Hassocks meanwhile moved level on points with Crowborough at the top of the table having now completed 50 percent of their league campaign. Who would have predicted that at the start of the season?

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; B Tighe, Bygraves, Gunn, Bull; Stephenson, Mundy, Wilkes, L Turner; Loversidge; Woolven.

**Subs:** Harding (Loversidge 53), Frankland (Stephenson 65), Durand (Woolven 76).



# Simpson settles low quality affair in favour of Lingfield

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 16th December 2023, The New Defence  
Lingfield 1-0 Hassocks**



**Victory over Lingfield could have given Hassocks fans an early Christmas present of making the Robins outright leaders of the Southern Combination League Premier Division.**

Instead, they suffered a disappointing 1-0 defeat having never got going all afternoon at the New Defence.

The Lingers have decamped to the home of Horley Town for the season to try and remedy once and for all the problems with their Godstone Road ground which have caused them to move numerous home matches to other venues over the past four seasons.

Indeed, Hassocks' three most recent away matches against Lingfield have taken place at Steyning Town, Whyteleaf and the Beacon, the Lingers surrendering home advantage to Hassocks last April.

The New Defence pitch is clearly paying a price for hosting double the amount of football. It was heavy, bumpy and puddling in places.

Just maintaining a footing in the mud was at times challenging, let alone getting the ball down and playing football.

That made for a pretty dull spectacle which ultimately became a war of attrition.

Lingfield dealt with the conditions better, grinding out victory by converting one of the very few opportunities either side created.

69 minutes had elapsed when substitute Jamal Robinson-Davids took possession on half way.

Robinson-Davids had only been on the pitch six minutes and his fresh legs showed as he drove down the right channel to the edge of the Hassocks box.

A square pass found Haydn Dickinson, whose layoff was tucked into the bottom corner by Jay

Simpson.

Lingfield had been marginally the better side prior to taking the lead, although that really isn't saying much.

The hosts enjoyed a decent opening spell in which George Branton headed a first minute Dickinson free kick wide, Tyrone Magala-Bryan shot off target and Joe Bull snuffed out a run from Simpson.

Hassocks had their first sight of goal on 28 minutes. Fresh from scoring four times in the Under 23s 8-1 win over Hailsham Town on Thursday night, Nathan Miles fired over the bar after being teed up by Pat Harding.

The first on-target effort finally arrived after 34 minutes. Tall striker Jamie Wilkes went for goal from distance, drawing a flying save from Jack Webb-Olley in which he pushed the ball around the post.

Sean Stephenson shot wide a minute into the second half, followed six minutes later by Lingfield making a rare foray forward.

Dickinson was again involved, sliding a pass to his left perfectly into the path of the onrushing Stephen Hodge.

Fortunately for Hassocks, the pitch did for Hodge at the crucial moment he was about to strike, meaning he produced a finish more suited to the adjacent rugby pitch as the ball sailed miles over the bar.

Webb-Olley made his second save of the afternoon on the hour mark, comfortably dealing with a Sean Stephenson effort placed straight down the goalkeeper's throat.

Lingfield boss Dan Burnett turned to his bench after that, making two substitutions in quick succession.

Robinson-Davis took over from Toby Hill and Louis Reid Newth made his debut after signing on loan from Glebe, replacing Branton.

Within a minute of the second of

those changes, Simpson struck to give the Lingers the lead.

Hassocks did at least have a little more life about them after falling behind. Josh Mundy sent in a dangerous looking free kick which Hodge did well to clear.

Lingfield could have wrapped things up on 75 minutes when another powerful run from Robinson-Davis took him clear of the Robins defence.

Fraser Trigwell did enough to put off the lively Lingers winger though with the final shot slicing harmlessly wide.

An inswinging Joe Bull corner caused a goalmouth scramble as the game entered the final 10 minutes but no Hassocks player managed a decisive touch to take it beyond Webb-Olley.

Dickinson made a perfectly timed crunching tackle on the edge of the box to win back possession from the rangy Wilkes, followed by another game of pinball in the box ended with a shinned effort straight at Webb-Olley.

For the first time since his departure to Haywards Heath Town last month, Hassocks looked like they were missing Liam Benson.

Benson and the Bluebells are next up for Hassocks on Boxing Day morning. The Robins will know better than this is needed.

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

**Subs:** Frankland (Stephenson 69), Loversidge (Harding 69), Durand (Blake 80).

# First Team Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
<b>July</b>					
29/07 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-1	232	OG
<b>August</b>					
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
<b>September</b>					
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
<b>October</b>					
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>
<b>November</b>					
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	4-0	155	Woolven, Williamson, Harding (2)
28/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP	3-2	101	J.Nandhra, Harding, Bygraves
<b>December</b>					
02/12 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	2-2	145	Wilkes, Mundy
16/12 - 15:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP	0-1	45	
26/12 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFLP			
30/12 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP			
<b>January</b>					
06/01 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
13/01 - 14:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
20/01 - 14:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
27/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP			
<b>February</b>					
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			
<b>March</b>					
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			
<b>April</b>					
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	30	0	30	0	31	0
Joe Bull	29	1	30	2	167	11
Jamie Wilkes	26	3	29	4	69	8
Pat Harding	21	8	29	8	267	150
Matt Gunn	25	0	25	0	25	0
Alex Bygraves	24	1	25	2	69	6
Josh Mundy	18	7	25	2	25	2
Liam Benson	23	1	24	17	200	67
Mike Williamson	23	1	24	1	63	1
Bradley Tighe	19	5	24	1	194	1
Alfie Loversidge	12	11	23	3	102	14
Tom Frankland	14	8	22	2	34	2
Kyle Woolven	8	13	21	5	21	5
Sean Stephenson	16	3	19	3	19	3
Harvey Blake	15	1	16	0	128	4
Alex Fair	9	4	13	4	13	4
Sam Smith	2	6	8	0	49	3
Julian Durand	2	4	6	1	6	1
Sam Geard	1	5	6	1	10	1
Lewis Westlake	2	3	5	1	118	11
Leon Turner	1	4	5	0	38	5
James Westlake	4	0	4	0	261	31
Nathan Miles	2	2	4	0	215	74
Jack Troak	3	0	3	0	125	31
Charlie Fogden	1	2	3	0	3	0
Josh Nandhra	1	2	3	1	3	1
Micael Fatela	0	3	3	0	3	0
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
Noah McHale	0	1	1	0	1	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	1	0



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# Hassocks back from four weeks out with convincing win at Steyning

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Thursday 23rd November 2023, Birchwood Ground  
Steyning Town U23s 1-4 Hassocks U23s**



**After four weeks without a game, Hassocks Under 23s knew they were guaranteed a return to action with a trip to the 3G pitch of the Birchwood Ground.**

The Robins showed no signs of rustiness, winning 4-1 against Steyning Town to remain a point behind North Division leaders Broadbridge Heath.

With that previous outing being in League Cup action against Oakwood, you had to go back six weeks to find the last time Hassocks played in the bread and butter of the Southern Combination Under 23 North Division.

That was a stunning 5-1 victory over a Lingfield outfit who had beaten Hassocks 6-1 the previous month.

It has been a long wait for the Robins to recommence their attempted defence of the league title.

Hassocks were in good mood before kick off as they debuted their new yellow away kit, very kindly sponsored by Tighe Scaffolding.

The club would once again like to place its thanks on the record to Jason Tighe, who continues to offer fantastic support to the Robins.

Jason looked very happy with the

kit. Some who saw him even went so far as to say they had not seen him so pleased to be in Steyning since he won the main prize in the famous Shooting Field meat raffle back in 2022.

Hassocks showed just two changes from their most recent outing last month when winning 3-1 at Oakwood in the League Cup.

Julian Durand has since stepped up to the first team squad, including scoring his first senior goal 12 days ago coming off the bench at Crowborough Athletic.

Durand then led the line following Liam Benson's departure to Haywards Heath Town in Tuesday night's 2-0 win over Peacehaven & Telscombe, being named the Robins man-of-the-match along the way.

He was therefore absent for the trip to Steyning, as was George Mercer.

Billy Dove took over from Mercer whilst Durand was replaced up in attack by Oliver Parker-Williams.

Parker-Williams made the most of his promotion from the bench, getting on the scoresheet with his first goal of the campaign.

Micael Fatela continued his red hot form since receiving long-awaited international clearance by scoring for

the third time in as many appearances and Under 18s forward Jack Duckett continues to impress, notching his fourth goal in five matches.

The Robins posed plenty of attacking threat from the bench, including first team winger Tom Frankland working his way back from injury and Cavan Chedzey, who scored seven times as the Under 18s beat Mile Oak 9-0 on Sunday.

Kian Nandhra was also on target in that big win for the youth team and he provided the fourth Hassocks goal here after coming on.

The Robins were denied a clean sheet when Jared Rance netted a consolation for Steyning with 15 minutes remaining.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Hicks, D Turner, Dove, McHale, W Tighe, Wintle, Fernley, Parker-Williams, Fatela, Duckett.

**Subs:** Frankland, K Nandhra, Smith, Chedzey, Fogden.

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# Late Pirates flurry sends Hassocks crashing out of County Cup

Sussex Under 23 Challenge Cup Second Round  
Thursday 30th November 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks U23s 0-4 Bexhill United U23s

**The Sussex Under 23s Challenge Cup has never been the happiest of hunting ground for Hassocks and so it proved once again with an early exit from the competition.**

The Robins went out to a disappointing 4-0 defeat at home to Bexhill United in a fixture finally getting played at the fourth time of asking.

Hassocks had made it all the way to the Polegrove six weeks ago, only for Bexhill to call the game off just 90 minutes before kick off when a postponement had seemed inevitable all afternoon due to relentless rain.

The rearranged fixture then went the same way, although United did at least make an early decision second time around to save a lot of unnecessary travelling for the Robins.

Two postponements meant home advantage switching to Hassocks. The Beacon though was similarly waterlogged for attempt number three before finally being able to host the tie.

Hassocks would have fancied their chances up against a Pirates side who sit sixth of nine in the Southern Combination League Under

23 East Division with three wins and three defeats from six matches.

The Robins though never really turned up, seeing their seven game winning streak stretching back to the second week of September ended as a result.

Hassocks made one change from the side who had won 4-1 at Steyning Town a week earlier.

Wes Tighe missed out with his place taken by Under 18s defender Charlie Fogden.

Bexhill made a decent start, testing Jack Thomas with two shots inside the first six minutes.

The Robins mustered their first opportunity on the quarter hour mark.

Micael Fatela connected well with an effort from 20 yards but it was straight down the throat of Pirates goalkeeper Eason Lam.

Bexhill took the lead with 33 minutes on the clock when debutant Kimsley Gatakata picked up the ball on the edge of the area before driving low and hard into the bottom corner beyond Thomas.

Five minutes before half time and Will Saunders had to clear away a dangerous Fogden free kick.

Hassocks were then dealt a blow seconds before the interval when



Jack Duckett saw red for a late tackle on Tom O'Shaughnessy.

Despite their man disadvantage, the Robins continued to compete and Bexhill remained only one goal ahead until the final eight minutes.

Kian Nandhra entered the sin bin to leave Hassocks playing with nine, after which the Pirates ran away with things.

Seb Stovell showed fantastic composure in the box to pick out the bottom corner on 83 and fellow substitute Ryley McAndrew leapt like the proverbial salmon to power home a header from a corner on 87.

The rout was completed with 60 seconds of the 90 remaining, Gatakata adding his second of the evening after gliding past two Hassocks defenders and beating the helpless Thomas.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Hicks, D Turner, Dove, McHale, Fogden, Wintle, Fernley, Parker-Williams, Fatela, Duckett.

**Subs:** Chedzey, K Nandhra, Gladding, Cheverton.

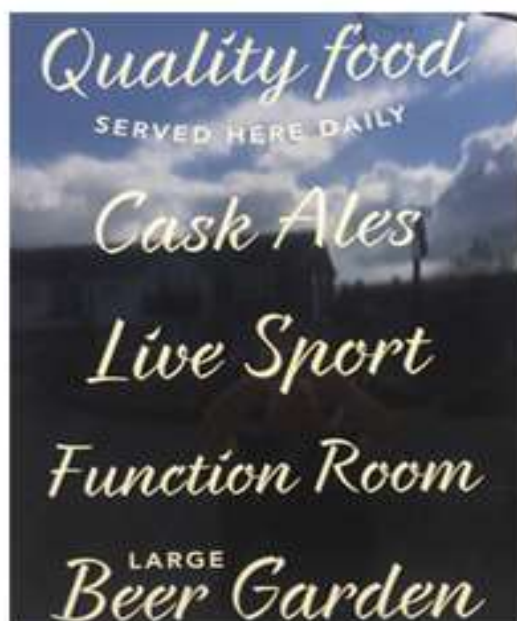


# Under 23s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
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
<b>September</b>				
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
<b>October</b>				
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
<b>November</b>				
23/11 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	4-1	Fatela, Parker-Williams, Duckett, K.Nandhra
30/11 - 19:45	Bexhill United (H)	CU23C2	0-4	
<b>December</b>				
14/12 - 19:45	Hailsham Town (H)	U23LC2	8-1	Miles (4), Wintle, D.Turner (2), K.Nandhra

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SATURDAY	11.00 - 00.30
SUNDAY	12.00 - 23.00

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# Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
Noah McHale	11	2	13	0
Billy Dove	7	6	13	2
Jack Thomas	12	0	12	0
Sam Fernley	10	2	12	1
Ben Hicks	11	0	11	0
Dan Turner	11	0	11	3
Alex Wintle	7	3	10	2
Wes Tighe	4	6	10	0
George Mercer	8	1	9	2
Julian Durand	4	5	9	5
Kian Nandhra	4	3	7	3
Cavan Chedzey	1	6	7	4
Jack Duckett	6	0	6	4
Jack Smith	2	4	6	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	2
Micael Fatela	4	1	5	3
Oliver Parker-Williams	3	2	5	1
Nathan Miles	4	0	4	7
Josh Nandhra	4	0	4	3
Charlie Fogden	3	1	4	0
Lewis Westlake	3	1	4	0
George Gladding	1	3	4	0
Evan China	0	4	4	0
Alfie Loversidge	3	0	3	1
Kobe Dersley	2	0	2	0
Josh Mundy	2	0	2	0
Sam Smith	2	0	2	1
Leon Turner	2	0	2	2
Ben Cheverton	0	2	2	0
Ben Bacon	1	0	1	1
Harvey Blake	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Alex Fair	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
Tom Frankland	0	1	1	0
Oliver Goswamy	0	1	1	0
Jay Hudson	0	1	1	0
Ed Tobias	0	1	1	0



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# Robins regain local bragging rights by beating Rangers

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 26th November 2023, The Beacon  
St Francis Rangers U18s 1-4 Hassocks U18s



**Local bragging rights went the way of Hassocks Under 18s as they returned from St Francis Rangers with a 4-1 victory.**

The result moved the Robins four points clear at the top of the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division, although Burgess Hill Town possess a 100 percent record and have three games in hand.

Last season's title race was a close-run thing between the Hillians and Rangers, just edged by St Francis.

Hassocks were unable to beat either of the top two in the league on their way to finishing third, but they did manage to knock Rangers out of the Sussex Dennis Probee Youth Cup on penalties during that memorable run to the semi finals of the competition.

Whilst Hill are strong contenders for the championship once again this time around and Hassocks continue to challenge at the right end, Rangers have struggled and came into this game second bottom of the standings with just one win to their name.

That had though arrived the

previous week, St Francis beating AFC Varndenians 3-1 at Withdean Stadium to leapfrog their hosts in the process.

On the same Sunday morning, Hassocks came out on top in a pretty extraordinary game against Mile Oak.

The Robins led 6-0 inside of 12 minutes on their way to a 9-0 victory. Seven of the goals came from Cavan Chedzey, including a hat-trick within three minutes and 40 seconds of the start.

Understandably, Hassocks did not want to deviate too much from the starting XI who from that astonishing performance and so they made only one change.

Evan China returned to the starting XI, taking over from Toby Munt who dropped down to the bench.

Joining Munt amongst the replacements was George Lythgoe, who was handed his Hassocks debut as a substitute.

Chedzey had to settle for scoring only three times this week, his hat-trick moving him onto 15 for the season from nine appearances and taking him to the top of the Central Division scoring charts.

Josh Nandhra provided the other Hassocks goal, kicking off what

would turn out to be a rather good week for him.

A little over 48 hours later and Nandhra marked his full first team debut with a man-of-the-match performance and a goal as the Robins picked up a stunning 3-2 win away at Steyning Town.

Marley Moran scored the consolation goal for Rangers, who were competitive for large parts and look capable of moving up the table soon.

Hassocks are back at the Beacon next Sunday, hosting Saltdean United in an 11am kick off.

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

**Subs:** Munt, Murray, Lythgoe (used).

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# Under 18s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
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
<b>October</b>				
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
<b>November</b>				
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	St Francis Rangers (A)	SCFL18	4-1	Chedzey, J.Nandhra
<b>December</b>				
17/12 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	3-0	K.Nandhra, Fernley, China
<b>January</b>				
07/01 - 11:00	Roffey (H)	U18LC2		
21/01 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18		
28/01 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18		

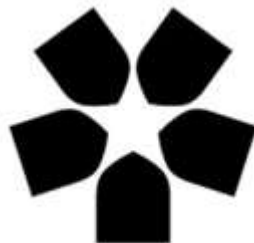
# Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Theo Bradley	11	0	11	0
Sam Dean	11	0	11	0
Sam Fernley	11	0	11	4
Charlie Fogden	11	0	11	1
Josh Nandhra	10	0	10	7
Kian Nandhra	10	0	10	5
Cavan Chedzey	9	1	10	15
Will Hartley	2	8	19	3
George Gladding	9	0	9	0
Oliver Goswamy	9	0	9	1
Toby Munt	4	5	9	0
Evan China	6	1	7	2
Ed Tobias	6	0	6	0
Alex Brewer	5	1	6	9
Marko Gabric	0	6	6	0
Ben Foster	4	1	5	0
Ben Murray	1	4	5	0
Will Varley	1	1	2	1
Harry Goatcher	1	0	1	0
Leo Charman	0	1	1	0
George Lythgoe	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
<b>September</b>				
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
<b>October</b>				
15/10 - 14:00	Roffey Hills Farm (H)	CVC2	13-0	Gault (5), Cook (4), Maynard, Sayers, Bundy, Cooper
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 20:30	Mile Oak (A)	CVCQF	0-7	
<b>January</b>				
07/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLVE		

# Veterans Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Chris Cook	4	0	4	7
Elliott Butler	3	0	3	1
Andy Darby	3	0	3	0
Phil Gault	3	0	3	6
Dave Juniper	3	0	3	0
Nick Newman	3	0	3	0
Rob Sayers	3	0	3	1
Andy Wilson	3	0	3	0
Jonathan Bundy	1	2	3	1
Ashley Marsh	2	0	2	0
Michael McEnery	2	0	2	0
Steve Spies	2	0	2	0
Che Williams	1	1	2	0
Paul Armstrong	1	0	1	0
James Butcher	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Kieran Fielding	1	0	1	0
Terry Gacias	1	0	1	0
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	1
Kenny Petrie	1	0	1	0
Richard Thompson	1	0	1	0
Adam Waller	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

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# Hassocks see two-goal lead slip to be beaten by Bexhill

London & South East Women's League Division One  
Sunday 26th November 2023, The Beacon  
Hassocks Ladies 2-3 Bexhill United Ladies



**After their brave effort against Eastbourne United with only nine players last week, Hassocks Ladies were back to having a reasonably full strength side at home to Bexhill United in bitterly cold weather.**

Unfortunately though, the result went against the Robins at the Beacon as they fell to a close-fought 3-2 defeat in a game which they had led 2-0.

Hassocks started well with a positive run from Katherine Chappell before taking the lead with eight minutes played.

Chappell was again involved, some clever play enabling Emily Spooner to get a shot away.

Although Spooner's initial effort was blocked, she reacted quickest to rifle the ball into the back of the net.

Bexhill responded to falling behind by going straight on the attack and Claire Stevens needed to be quick to cover a dangerous looking break.

Mandy Morgan then got into the action for the Robins with an excellent through ball which the United goalkeeper was quick off her line to cut out.

The 17th minute saw Lola Moon have an effort saved. As the game continued to ebb and flow, Katie Read and Tallie Bright both showed their defensive qualities in the face of dangerous looking attacks.

Sarah Chappell was then forced into her first save of the afternoon, doing superbly to divert a fierce 22nd minute shot onto the post with one hand.

Bexhill continued to push. Stevens again had to defend well and a combination of Brown and Read thwarted further attacks from the visitors.

The Hassocks goal was starting to live something of a charmed life.

Chappell made another excellent save, flying high to divert a ball heading for the top corner away from goal.

Once again, Read then showed great anticipation to cut out and clear another through ball.

The Robins' hard working defensive efforts were rewarded when they increased their lead just before half time with a second goal.

United tried playing a short goal kick out from the back which the alert Mia Pordage pounced on. Pordage fired home to send Hassocks into the break 2-0 ahead.

The Robins made two changes at the start of the second half with Emma Flin and Jodie Johanson replacing Brown and Morgan.

Unfortunately, Bexhill reduced the lead within a few minutes of the restart.

Laura Swarbrooke hit a clean free kick from distance which gave Chappell no chances as it found the top corner.

Stevens did more good work at the back when winning an important header clear before Kirstin Mair got into the action.

A powerful run forward from Mair ended with a cross blocked for a corner.

Mair herself sent a dangerous delivery into the box which the United goalkeeper did really well to claim under a lot of pressure.

Hassocks had a good chance to increase their lead in the 68th minute.

An excellent run and cross from Lola Moon was met by Spooner but again the Bexhill goalkeeper showed her quality with a superb reaction stop.

The importance of that save was realised 10 minutes later when United equalised.

Stevens headed away a Bexhill corner. This clearance was met by a

follow up shot from the edge of the box by Poppy Harrod which defied Chappell to level the scores at 2-2.

It was from another corner that Bexhill found the winner with just seven minutes left to play.

In the middle of a goalmouth scramble which the Robins were unable to clear, Harrod managed to bundle home to make it 3-2 to United.

Hassocks to their credit did not give up despite the setback. The Robins poured forward in the short time which remained, leading to the Bexhill bench relentlessly encouraging the referee to blow for full time.

When the whistle did eventually come, this defeat was one which was hard to take for Hassocks having had a two-goal lead.

The players though generally performed well and need to keep their morale up for the next game.

Stevens was chosen as the manager's player of the match, the skipper having led by example at the back.

**Hassocks:** S Chappell, Bright, Read, Stevens, Brown, Morgan, Mair, Moon, Pordage, K Chappell, Spooner.

**Subs:** Flin, Johanson (used).

# 10 player Robins well beaten by title hopefuls Bromley

London & South East Women's League Division One  
Sunday 17th December 2023, Hayes Lane  
Bromley Women 7-0 Hassocks Ladies



**In yet another match in which they had several players unavailable, Hassocks Ladies again battled with only 10 against top class opposition.**

This time, the Robins headed to Hayes Lane to take on a Bromley side who had lost only two London & South East Regional League Division One games so far this season.

The result was a 7-0 defeat, but once again Hassocks deserve a lot of credit for their efforts in the circumstances.

Bromley very much started on the front foot, forcing Sarah Chappell into an early save when pushing a shot around the post inside of 60 seconds.

Unfortunately, the resulting corner eventually led to the opening goal scored by Charlotte Lee.

Chappell could consider herself a little unlucky to concede, having made what initially looked like an excellent save.

Bromley continued to press and central defenders Claire Stevens and Emma Flin both cleared dangerous looking situations.

There was not much the Robins could do when Bromley added their second on nine minutes, Frankie Mardon finishing from 25 yards with an unstoppable shot.

The Hassocks backline were kept busy by the hosts as Katie Read and Emma Flin both cut out dangerous through balls. Chappell made another good block and more impressive defending from Flin with a strong tackle averted further danger.

The 16th minute brought Bromley their third goal of the afternoon. Kirsten Mair won a towering clearance header, only for Beth Hull to collect the loose ball and run back towards goal before beating Chappell.

3-0 behind with a little over a quarter hour played looked ominous. The Robins though refused to give up

and began to come into the game more despite their player disadvantage.

A rare Hassocks attack saw Mair force home goalkeeper Megan Taylor into a smart save.

Bromley responded to that by upping their game again. Tallie Bright had to hack off the line and Chappell was again called into action, saving in the middle of a goalmouth scramble.

The Robins mini-resistance was ended in the 34th minute when another powerful drive found the top corner, this time from Bryony Hart.

A fifth goal followed five minutes later, Sarah White notching on her Bromley debut with a lob over Chappell after Hassocks were dispossessed inside their own area.

The final five minutes of the first half brought two chances for the Robins, who suddenly found a little bit of space into which they could break forward.

A last ditch block was needed to deny Katherine Chappell and Jess Gray shot narrowly over before the whistle blew and the sides headed in with Bromley leading the 5-0.

The second half could not have started in much worse fashion for Hassocks as the home side scored immediately from the kick off.

A bouncing ball on the edge of the box was brought down expertly by substitute Lucy Rix, who twisted her way into a shooting position and picked out the top corner from 10 yards out.

The Robins though were much improved from that point on and conceded only once more in the remaining 44 minutes.

Chappell was certainly earning her keep, producing a brilliant save from point blank range and then pushing another Bromley effort around the post for a corner.

There was a worrying moment on the hour mark when Flin needed

treatment and Hassocks wondered if they might be about to go down to nine players. Fortunately, Flin was able to continue.

The hosts were showing no let up in their search for more goals. Read headed away a dangerous cross and Chappell repeated her stop from point blank range of 10 minutes earlier with a virtually identical save.

Hassocks came close to getting on the scoresheet around the 70 minute mark when Gray stung the palms of Taylor, who looked in determined mood to preserve a clean sheet.

A fine team goal provided Bromley with their seventh on 74 minutes. It started with the ball at the feet of goalkeeper Taylor and ended with Maddie Bone sweeping past Chappell from close range.

Chappell would go onto make two more magnificent saves to stop the score at seven, keeping out a one-on-one and then finger tipping a distance drive onto the bar.

Come the full time whistle and the 10 Hassocks players could hold their heads high. Bromley were able to bring on several subs, whereas the Robins had to battle on without any fresh legs being available.

Defenders Bright, Flin, Stevens and Read were under severe pressure throughout with the hosts' extra player making a big difference.

Lola Moon battled hard up front but it was a thankless task without much support. And a special mention has to go to goalkeeper Chappell, who made so many top class saves and was not at fault for any of the goals.

**Hassocks:** S Chappell, Bright, Flin, Stevens, Read, Morgan, Mair, Gray, K Chappell, Moon.



# Ladies Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>September</b>				
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
<b>October</b>				
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	
<b>November</b>				
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	2-3	Spooner, Pordage
<b>December</b>				
17/12 - 15:00	Bromley (A)	LSE1S	0-7	
<b>January</b>				
07/01 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	LSET2		
14/01 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	LSE1S		
21/01 - 14:00	Bexhill United (A)	LSE1S		
28/01 - 14:00	Hastings United (H)	LSE1S		
<b>February</b>				
11/08 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (H)	LSE1S		
18/02 - 14:00	Welling United (A)	LSE1S		
25/02 - 14:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	LSE1S		
<b>March</b>				
10/03 - 14:00	Bromley (H)	LSE1S		
17/03 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	LSE1S		
24/03 - 14:00	Steyning Town (H)	LSE1S		

# Ladies Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Katie Read	12	0	12	0
Claire Stevens	12	0	12	1
Katherine Chappell	11	0	11	5
Tallie Bright	10	1	11	0
Kirstin Mair	10	0	10	2
Lola Moon	6	5	11	1
Emily Spooner	9	0	9	3
Jess Craig	9	0	9	2
Jodie Johanson	7	1	8	0
Ellie Moquet	6	2	8	0
Jo Brown	7	0	7	0
Mia Pordage	6	1	7	1
Sarah Chappell	7	0	7	0
Emma Flin	5	1	6	0
Mandy Morgan	4	2	6	0
Jess Gray	3	1	4	0
Holly Webb	3	1	4	0
Steph Wingeatt	1	2	3	0

# On This Day...



## Gault inspires five star Robins to run riot over Rangers

**December 26th 2012:** Hassocks climbed to second in the County League Division One table as a Phil Gault hat-trick helped secure a 5-0 win over St Francis Rangers in the Mid Sussex Derby

### The biggest crowd in the Sussex County League so far this season packed out the Beacon for the Mid Sussex Boxing Day Derby between Hassocks and St Francis Rangers.

There was plenty of Christmas cheer come full time for home fans but not so much those supporting the senior club in Haywards Heath as Hassocks ran out comprehensive 5-0 winners.

Victory moved the Robins up to second in the Division One table whilst a hat-trick for Phil Gault against his former club saw him become the league's leading scorer on 20.

Rob South and the outstanding Nathan Miles completed the rout as Hassocks delivered the perfect medicine for manager Mickey Jewell, who missed the game through illness.

In the absence of Jewell, assistant Mark Dalglish and reserve team boss Roy Staughton took charge of the Robins

Staughton said afterwards: "We kept plugging away and I think we deserved it as were in control for most of the match."

"Phil got his hat-trick and to be in the 20s by Christmas is some going. Him and Nathan Miles combine so well together."

"Nathan is always tricky to play against and Phil has that experience. He was excellent but the whole team played well."

In contrast, St Francis manager Geoff Pitcher said: "We weren't good enough, simple as that."

"We looked like we hadn't played for a while, which we haven't, and we just weren't good enough."

Chances in the first half were few and far between for both teams. Hassocks had the first, Gault just failing to convert a James Westlake

cross.

For Rangers, Brannon O'Neill spotted Simon Lehykj off his line but shot a little too high with the ball flying over the bar.

Those were the only opportunities of note until five minutes before the break, when the game suddenly sparked into life.

St Francis thought they had opened the scoring, bundling what looked like a well-worked set piece into the back of the net.

Referee Craig Cox though ruled it out for some sort of infringement in the box. Quite what, nobody was entirely sure.

From the ensuing free kick, Hassocks worked the ball up the other end to where Gault had been left worryingly unattended by the Rangers defence.

You cannot afford to give a player as good as Gault that much time and space and he duly got the better of Rob Gordon to give Hassocks the lead.

From a St Francis point of view, it was a shame to concede such a cheap goal having fought hard to hold the Robins off up until that point.

Now Rangers found just how dangerous Hassocks can be when they hit their stride; from a scoreline of 0-0 at the 40 minute mark, the Robins ended up going into the break 2-0 ahead.

The second goal was again scored by Gault. An air bound ball came in from the right and when Rangers captain Aaron Walsh slipped to miss his attempt at a headed clearance, Gault was lurking to pounce and punish the error.

St Francis needed half time to regroup and steady the ship if they were to have any hope of heading back to the Hospital with something to show for their efforts.

Hassocks in contrast went off

somewhat disappointed that their momentum was being checked, just as they were threatening to run riot.

Not that it took the Robins long to get back into a groove. Three minutes after the restart and Gault completed his treble, running onto a Miles cross and making no mistake with the finish.

Miles was again the architect of the fourth goal on the hour mark. His shot was parried by Gordon, presenting South with a tap in at the far post from inches out to reward a charging run forward from right back.

Having waited 81 appearances to open his Hassocks account, South now has two goals in as many matches after scoring last time out away at Peacehaven & Telscombe.

Miles got one of his own with seven minutes remaining, a goal richly deserved to go alongside his two assists in a livewire performance.

Westlake crossed from the right and Miles was unmarked as he applied the finish from inside the box to wrap up a comfortable success for the home side.

Rightly, the performances of Gault and Miles were the talk of the Beacon and took most of the plaudits.

But the Hassocks backline also deserve praise for recording a clean sheet despite something of a makeshift look.

Spencer Slaughter dropped back from his normal midfield berth to partner Ashley Marsh at centre half and reserve team left back Luke Pawson was given a rare start in the absence of Lee Bryant.

**Hassocks:** Lehykj; South, Slaughter, Marsh, Pawson; Westlake, Hibbert, N Cooper, Butler; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Hawkes (Cooper 70), Weston (Pawson 73), Pitcher (Slaughter 83), Davess, Edwards (unused).

# Around the League...



Despite the wet weather leading into Saturday 16th December, a surprising number of Southern Combination League matches still went ahead - including nine out of 10 fixtures in the Premier Division...

## **Crowborough Athletic moved three points clear at the top of the table thanks to a 2-1 win away at Crowborough Athletic.**

Ollie Hyland struck in the 45th and 59th minutes for the Crows with Loxwood's consolation coming 10 minutes from time via Lloyd Jeremy.

Four second half goals from **Newhaven** saw the Dockers ease to a 6-2 victory over **Midhurst & Easebourne** in a game which had been level at 2-2 going into the break.

Robert Malila and Alfie Rogers struck in the first half for Newhaven whilst an own goal and a effort driven in by Lewis Hamilton provided the Midhurst goals.

Ryan Warwick, Ian Robinson and two from Lee Robinson had the Dockers on easy street by full time.

Tom Vickers scored the only goal of the game at the Saffrons were **Eastbourne Town** inflicted a 1-0 defeat on **Steyning Town**.

There were no goals between **Pagham** and **Peacehaven & Telscombe** at Nyetimber Lane and the spoils were also shared at Middle Road where **Shoreham** held **Eastbourne United** to a 1-1 draw.

Max Thompson put the visitors in front on 61 minutes, only for Max Howell to level the game 13 minutes later.

This morning's visitors **Haywards Heath Town** were convincing 4-1 winners at home to **Crawley Down Gatwick**.

Cameron Dobell gave Heath a 1-0 half time advantage, followed by second half goals from Liam Benson, Lewis Finney and Josh Spinks. Oli Leslie hit the consolation for Down.

Luke Donaldson scored a second half brace to help **Horsham YMCA** to a 3-2 win away against **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Dean Lovegrove was the other YM

scorer. Jeremy Tudor-Pole and Morgan Vale were on target for the Oakmen.

In the Premier Division's final game, **AFC Varndeanians** picked up a very useful three points by beating **Bexhill United** at the Polegrove.

Adam Bukleb and ex-Robin Charlie Tuck had Varndeanians 2-0 to the good going into the break.

Jack Shonk pulled one back for the Pirates and despite Alfie Proto-Gates seeing red for Vs, the visitors saw out the game.

In Division One, second met third at Bartholomew Way where **Roffey** were beaten 2-1 by **Godalming Town**.

James Norman got both the goals for Godalming after Blake Williams had been sent off for the Boars in the 27th minute.

The Roffey consolation came from Tom Tolfrey, his first since moving to the Boars from Horsham YMCA.

Josh Irish scored a hat-trick for **Wick** as they racked up a big 6-0 win at home to **Mile Oak**. James Thurgar, David Crouch and Sam Conolly were the other scorers.

Two goals in the space of three first half minutes from Evan Harris gave **Selsey** a 2-1 win over **Montpelier Villa** at the Seal Bay Stadium. Shay Tobin provided the consolation for Villa.

**Worthing United** moved into the playoff picture by winning 6-1 away at **East Preston**.

Dan Hills plundered three of the goals for the Mavericks, who also had Liam Appleton, Dean Sherwood and Sean Culley on target.

A first half sending off for Rob Madden proved costly as **Arundel** went down 4-1 against **Seaford Town** at Mill Road.

Simon Piper hit a double for Seaford, along with goals from Alex Saunders and Callum Connor. Matt

Storm provided the Mulletts with their consolation.

**Alfold** had two goals from Kieron Joseph to thank for their 2-0 home in over **Oakwood** whilst the game of the day in Division One was the 3-3 draw between **Banstead Athletic** and **Cophthorne**.

Emeka Okakpu and Isaac Pierpaolo Tossio had Banstead 2-0 ahead early in the second half.

Stuart Cameron pulled one back but just three minutes later, the hosts restored their two goal advantage through Matt York.

Cameron made it 3-2 with his second of the afternoon on 70 minutes, followed by Oliver Tennant levelling three minutes later as it finished a high scoring draw.

**Bosham** moved top of Division Two with a n impressive 5-2 win away at **Rustington**.

Oliver Hawkins hit a hat-trick for the Robins and Ashley Harris scored twice. Jonathan Cooper and Ryan Warr were on target for the hosts.

A 35th minute strike from Matt Wilson provided the only goal of the game as **Storrington** ran out 1-0 home winners over **Rottingdean Village**.

The game between **Upper Beeding** and **Southwater** was abandoned whilst the final Division Two fixture which got the go ahead finished **Brighton Electricity** 1-4 **Jarvis Brook** at Withdean Stadium.

Ryan Bateman and Dani Lawrence struck in the space of 60 seconds to put Brook 2-0 ahead with 50 minutes on the clock.

Connor Edmunds then added two from the bench, followed by a late consolation from Tipu Miah and an even later sending off for Brook's Ed Handford, who saw red in injury time.



# Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	19	13	5	1	55	25	44
Crowborough Athletic	18	14	2	2	45	18	44
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>
Peacehaven & Tels	20	12	4	4	38	17	40
Steyning Town	19	11	4	4	52	26	37
Eastbourne Town	20	11	2	7	25	19	35
<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>
Eastbourne United	19	9	7	3	32	23	34
Midhurst & Easebourne	20	10	4	6	44	38	34
Lingfield	19	7	5	7	34	34	26
Little Common	19	7	3	9	29	46	24
Pagham	19	6	5	8	34	33	23
Crawley Down Gatwick	17	7	1	9	36	31	22
Horsham YMCA	19	5	6	8	21	34	21
Loxwood	19	5	3	11	27	46	18
AFC Varndeanians	20	4	2	14	18	49	14
Shoreham	19	3	4	12	22	52	13
Bexhill United	20	4	3	13	35	59	12
AFC Uckfield Town	20	2	4	14	21	53	10
Saltdean United	19	2	3	14	21	43	9

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>3183</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>1006</b>
Shoreham	234	2565	1536	1029
Peacehaven & Tels	219	2838	2407	431
Crowborough Athletic	207	2891	2238	653
Newhaven	202	3019	1857	1162
Steyning Town	195	4473	1507	2966
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>337</b>
Eastbourne Town	155	2006	1700	306
Bexhill United	142	1420	921	499
Eastbourne United	127	2159	1359	800
Little Common	126	1515	1058	457
AFC Varndeanians	119	949	949	0
Saltdean United	112	1336	1047	289
Pagham	104	935	708	227
Horsham YMCA	80	1190	718	472
AFC Uckfield Town	79	938	667	271
Midhurst & Easebourne	73	874	662	212
Crawley Down Gatwick	72	1073	564	509
Lingfield	68	677	446	231
Loxwood	67	734	624	110

## Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Newhaven	DWWWWW
Crowborough Athletic	WWWLWL
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>WWWDDL</b>
Eastbourne United	WDWDD
Midhurst & Easebourne	WWWLLW
<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>LDWDWW</b>
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WLDWWD
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWWWLD
Lingfield	LLLWWW
Loxwood	WWLWLL
Pagham	LWWLDD
Shoreham	LDWDL
Steyning Town	LLWWLD
Eastbourne Town	DLWLWL
Horsham YMCA	LLDDWL
Little Common	LLLLWD
AFC Varndeanians	DLLLLW
Bexhill United	LLDLLW
AFC Uckfield Town	DLLLLL
Saltdean United	LLLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	23
Callum Barlow	Eastbourne Utd	22
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	22
<b>Liam Benson</b>	<b>H Heath</b>	<b>21</b>
Dan Simmonds	Pagham	18
<b>Hayden Skerry</b>	<b>H Heath</b>	<b>18</b>
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	16
Charlie Meehan	Steyning Town	14
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	14
James Stone	Eastbourne Town	12
Joe Radley-Martin	Steyning Town	11
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	11
Hayden Beaconsfield	Eastbourne Utd	10
<b>Cameron Dobell</b>	<b>H Heath</b>	<b>10</b>
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	10
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	10
Lucas Murrain	Crowborough	10
Billy Oliver	Peacehaven	10
Jay Simpson	Lingfield	10
Callum Edwards	Newhaven	9

# Under 23s

## Under 18s

### Ladies

### Veterans



#### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	9	8	1	0	40	11	25
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Lingfield	11	7	1	3	36	24	22
Horley Town	11	7	0	4	21	18	21
Horsham YMCA	10	6	1	3	35	18	19
Steyning Town	12	4	1	7	23	30	13
St Francis Rangers	11	3	0	8	15	40	9
Roffey	7	2	0	5	17	23	6
Redhill	9	1	0	8	15	25	3
Oakwood	8	1	0	7	14	41	3

#### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	10
Ross Ballam	Steyning Town	9
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	9
Ashley Aderemi	Lingfield	7
Wiktor Maznica	B'bridge Heath	7
<b>Nathan Miles</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>
Jamie Skipper	Horley Town	7
Toby Brogan	Horsham YMCA	5
<b>Julian Durand</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>
Archie Street-Williams	Horsham YMCA	4

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>
Burgess Hill Town	7	7	0	0	35	7	21
Lancing	9	5	1	3	26	19	16
Montpelier Villa	9	5	1	3	22	17	16
Saltdean United	9	5	1	3	26	20	16
<b>Haywards Heath</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>
Shoreham	5	2	0	3	8	14	6
Mile Oak	9	2	0	7	9	41	6
St Francis Rangers	11	2	0	9	15	32	6
AFC Varndeanians	10	1	0	9	16	43	3

#### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Cavan Chedzey</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>15</b>
George Hendriks	Montpelier Villa	12
Austin Potter	Burgess Hill	10
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Daniel Burbulis	Burgess Hill	9
Oliver Emery	Saltdean United	8
Dylan Hurst	Burgess Hill	8
Malik Mundoma	Saltdean United	8
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	7
<b>Josh Nandhra</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>

#### London & South East Women's Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	14	13	0	1	50	12	39
Dartford Reserves	14	8	4	2	30	18	28
Bromley	7	7	0	2	38	9	21
Herne Bay	10	6	3	1	30	14	21
Montpelier Villa	13	6	0	7	32	30	18
Welling United	11	5	1	5	18	32	16
Hastings United	13	4	1	8	16	41	13
Bognor Regis Town	9	3	3	3	17	15	12
Eastbourne United	10	4	0	6	15	23	12
Steyning Town	11	3	0	8	15	28	9
Bexhill United	10	1	2	7	13	29	5
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>

#### LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlotte Lee	Bromley	23
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	19
Bethany Hull	Bromley	13
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	10
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	10
Katie Franks	Newhaven	10
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	9
Bryony Hart	Bromley	9
Elena Brock	Herne Bay	8
Kate Foster	Herne Bay	8
Poppy Harrod	Bexhill United	8
Emma Healy	Dartford	7

#### Mid Sussex Veterans East Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sidley United	5	4	0	1	16	9	12
Seaford Town	4	3	1	0	8	5	10
Lewes	5	4	0	1	21	12	9
Jarvis Brook	5	2	0	3	12	17	6
Rotherfield	5	1	1	3	15	17	4
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Marsefield Village	4	0	0	4	6	14	0

#### Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Chris Cook</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Phil Gault</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
Jonathan Hebson	Lewes	6
Elliott Hughes	Rotherfield	5
Steve Whittemore	Seaford Town	5
Kabir Breathen	Sidley United	4
Andrew Matthews	Sidley United	4

# Upcoming Fixtures >>>



## Shoreham v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 30th December 2023, 3:00pm  
Edgar & Wood Stadium, Middle Road, Shoreham, BN43 6LT

**Our final fixture of what has been a pretty good 2023 is on the road for the short trip to the Edgar & Wood Stadium to take on last season's Southern Combination League Division One champions Shoreham**

### Shoreham this season

Shoreham ended a four season absence from the Premier Division by winning promotion as Division One champions last time out under the management of former Hassocks striker Michael Death. In the process, the Musselmen went over a calendar year unbeaten in the league from January 2022 to January 2023, providing the foundations to lift the title by six points from Dorking Wanderers B. Shoreham have found life back at step five a little more difficult. Death stood down in September to be replaced by Paul Ettridge, who currently has the Musselmen just above the relegation zone.

### Head-to-head

Before the Musselmen's relegation in 2018, we were regular opponents through 52 previous meetings. We have won 23, Shoreham 18 with 11 draws. The only competition in senior football we are yet to play each other in is the FA Vase.

### Last time we met

The Robins made it six Premier Division games undefeated after beating Shoreham 3-1 at the Beacon at the end of August. Alex Fair scored his first Hassocks goal against his former club with only seven minutes on the clock, followed by second half efforts from Liam Benson and Kyle Woolven. The only disappointment was conceding a 97th minute

consolation to George Hollah, denying Fraser Trigwell a clean sheet.

### How to get to the Edgar & Wood Stadium

Leave the A27 at the Portslade junction and then follow the Old Shoreham Road west towards Worthing. After passing over the Holmbush Roundabout to enter Shoreham, follow the road until you reach the hospital, taking a left just before it onto Hammy Lane. At the bottom of this road, go right at the mini roundabout and the ground is immediately on your left. For those travelling by train, the Edgar & Wood Stadium is around a 20 minute walk from either Southwick or Shoreham stations.

## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### AFC Varndeanians v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 6th January 2024, 3pm kick off  
Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane, Brighton, BN1 5JD

**Although we face back-to-back away games, the fixture computer has at least been kind enough to ensure they are two of the shortest journey of the season - with the short hop over Clayton Hill to AFC Varndeanians kicking off 2024**

#### AFC Varndeanians this season

AFC Varndeanians have completed their now-annual managerial change, this time in late November with Lawrence Edwards returning to the hotseat. A Varndeanians stalwart who has captained the club, he had a previous brief spell in temporary charge during Covid-19. The wet weather of December so far means Edwards has only taken charge of two matches, the second of which saw Varndeanians pick up an excellent 2-1 win away at Bexhill United. That was the fourth league victory of the campaign and lifted Varndeanians into 16th spot, some four points clear of the bottom two. With confidence and high and the boost of the normal new manager

bounce, they will be dangerous opponents for us to face down at Withdean.

#### Head-to-head

We only met for the first time in senior football in 2021, since then there have been six meetings. Five have come in the Premier Division, one in the Peter Bentley League Cup and one in the RUR Cup. We have won four of those matches including completing a league double last season. Varndeanians have two wins to their name with one draw.

#### Last time we met

That draw came at the Beacon in August when Varndeanians visited in

the RUR Cup. Four weeks after that drab 0-0 and they were back for Premier Division action. This second visit proved to be much more entertaining (from a Hassocks viewpoint at least) with the Robins racking up five goals in a 5-0 win. Benson hit two with Fair, Sean Stephenson and Alfie Loversidge also netting.

#### How to get to Withdean Stadium

Straight over Clayton Hill, down the A23 and into Brighton. The ground is well posted from London Road as you head into Brighton, but just in case you miss the signs, turn right opposite Withdean Park and head up Tongdean Lane. Parking is then available immediately in front of you.



### Hassocks v Loxwood

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 13th January 2024, 3pm kick off  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

**Lost to wet weather on December 9th, our home game with Loxwood will now take place on Saturday 13th January. Please note, the kick off time for this game may change to 2pm, so keep your eyes on our website for confirmation**

#### 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, lifting them as high as 11th spot at one point. Barkley said upon his appointment at the Nest that the aim was to be competitive in the top half of the table. Although back down in 15th at the time of writing thanks largely to a raft of postponements, the Magpies will be confident of climbing the standings again over the second half 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**  
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Roffey away **Jamie WILKES**  
Sheerwater away **Mike WILLIAMSON**  
Selsey away **Liam BENSON**  
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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 **Kyle WOOLVEN**  
Steyning Town home **Josh NANDHRA**  
Bexhill United away **Jamie WILKES**  
Lingfield away **Matt GUNN**  
Haywards Heath Town home  
Shoreham away  
AFC Varndeanians away  
Loxwood home  
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 **Jamie WILKES**  
2nd **Matt GUNN**  
3rd **Fraser TRIGWELL**

December 2023  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

January 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

February 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

March 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

April 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd



# HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

# Most



# Most

# Games

# Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. Phil Gault	331	21	352	190
8. James Laing	298	53	351	143
9. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
<b>16. Pat Harding</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>17. James Westlake</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>31</b>
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
<b>23. Nathan Miles</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>74</b>
24. Liam Benson	154	46	200	67
<b>25. Phil Johnson</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>100</b>

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	352
<b>2. Pat Harding</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>267</b>
3. James Laing	143	351
4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
<b>6. Phil Johnson</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>7. Nathan Miles</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>215</b>
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
<b>20. Jack Troak</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>125</b>
21. Luke Flomo	31	146
<b>22. James Westlake</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>261</b>
23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Stuart Faith	22	289





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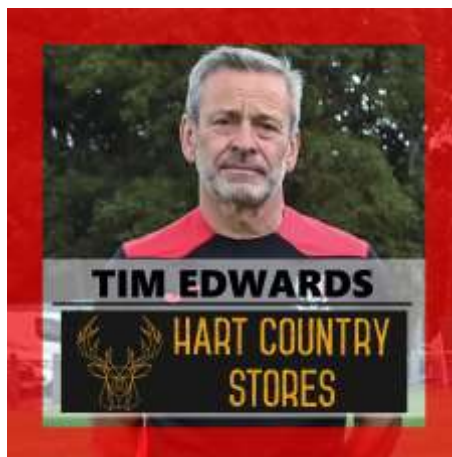


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# Today's Teams



## HASSOCKS

Fraser TRIGWELL	
Harvey BLAKE	
Joe BULL	
Alex BYGRAVES	
Bradley TIGHE	
Matt GUNN	
Sam SMITH	
Mike WILLIAMSON	
Leon TURNER	
Josh MUNDY	
Jamie WILKES	
Tom FRANKLAND	
Lewis WESTLAKE	
Alfie LOVERSIDGE	
Alex FAIR	
Kyle WOOLVEN	
Pat HARDING	
Sean STEPHENSON	
Julian DURAND	
Nathan MILES	

**Head Coach** James Westlake

**Assistants** Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson

**Goalkeeper Coach** Tim Edwards

**Physio** Ash Cooper

**Physio** Phil Wickwar



## HAYWARDS HEATH

	Alfie JONES
	Callum McVICAR
	Dan CADMAN
	Tom GILBERT
	Max BLENCOWE
	JJ MINTY
	Elliott BRESCIANI
	Josh SPINKS
	Liam HENDY
	Ashley WADHAMS
	Byron NAPPER
	Cam DOBELL
	Hayden SKERRY
	Finn DANIELS-YEOMAN
	Liam BENSON
	Lewis FINNEY
	George McCARTHY
	Sam GEARD
	Mitch HEWENS
	Ben CONNOLLY

### Referee

Perry Hart

### Assistants

Owen Lawrence & Thomas Harris

**Manager** Naim Rouane

**Assistant** Daniel Mobsby

**Coach** Phil Tobin

**Physio** Chloe Parker

### Next at the Beacon



### Loxwood

Southern Combination Premier Division

Saturday 13th January 2024, 3pm

### Today's other Premier Division games

Crowborough Athletic v AFC Uckfield Town

Eastbourne United v Eastbourne Town

Horsham YMCA v Loxwood

Little Common v Bexhill United

Midhurst & Easebourne v Pagham

Peacehaven & Telscombe v Newhaven

Steyning Town v Shoreham



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