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### FIRST TEAM

**Southern Combination Division One**

Runners up 1995

**Southern Combination Division Two**

Winners 1993

**Southern Combination Division Two Cup**

Runners up 1988, 1991

**Sussex Intermediate Cup**

Winners 1975

**Montgomery Challenge Cup**

Winners 1960

**Mowatt Challenge Cup**

Winners 1928

### UNDER 23 TEAM

**Southern Combination Under 23 North Division**

Winners 2023

Runners up 2022

**Southern Combination Under 23 West Division**

Runners up 2018, 2019

### UNDER 18 TEAM

**Southern Combination Under 18 Championship**

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

**Southern Combination Under 18 Central**

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

**Southern Combination Under 18 Cup**

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

**Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup**

Winners 2002

### VETERANS TEAM

**Fred Pretty Veterans Cup**

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

Runners up 2017

**Fred Pretty Veterans Plate**

Winners 2022

Runners up 2017

### LADIES TEAM

**Sussex County Women's Premier Division**

Winners 2023



## Welcome to the Beacon

Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's only game in the Southern Combination Premier Division

**We would like to start by welcoming the fans, players, management and committee of Little Common who have made the long journey to Mid Sussex tonight and we hope you enjoy your stay with us.**

Victory this evening would secure a sixth win in the row, leaving Westy and his players just one shy of equalling the club record in senior football set during the 2015-16 season.

As impressive as that sequence of victories is - and it proved enough to see the Southern Combination League award us their Premier Division Team of the Month award for January - Common will provide a sterner test than anything we have faced since our previous defeat, which came against Haywards Heath Town on Boxing Day.

Russell Eldridge and his players seem to very much like visiting the Beacon, having not lost a single visit to Mid Sussex since their promotion into the Premier Division in 2018.

You have to go all the way back to the 1993-94 season to find the most recent time Common went home with nothing to show for their efforts.

In a season full of plenty of impressive results already, a Hassocks win tonight would rank as another and set us up perfectly ahead of three massive matches through the remainder of February.

We travel to Peacehaven & Telscombe on Saturday before back-to-back home matches against third placed Crowborough Athletic and second placed Steyning Town.

It is a run of games that is likely to have a serious bearing on where we finish this season.

Your support can make all the difference as we aim to take Hassocks where we don't belong, to coin a phrase from a certain bald club stalwart.

Last week was an unusually quiet one with the first team's game against Pagham on Saturday the only action taking place.

The Lions made us work hard for consecutive win number five, the three points only being confirmed when Super Pat netted a 91st minute penalty to wrap up a 3-1 success.

It was the sort of game which Hassocks teams in the past would have drawn or lost, rather than having the resolve to see it through to the end - which of course bodes

well for the next three months.

The lull in fixtures does not last long with coming fortnight featuring some huge games.

On Thursday, the Under 23s go to Horley Town in the league before hosting the same opponents a week later here at the Beacon in the League Cup.

Then on Sunday, the Under 18s play their biggest match of the campaign in a top-of-the-table clash with unbeaten Burgess Hill Town.

The Ladies are in action on the same day, hosting fellow strugglers Bognor Regis Town as they look to pull off a great escape from relegation.

As always, if you can find a couple of hours to come along and cheer on any of our sides then it is very much appreciated.

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

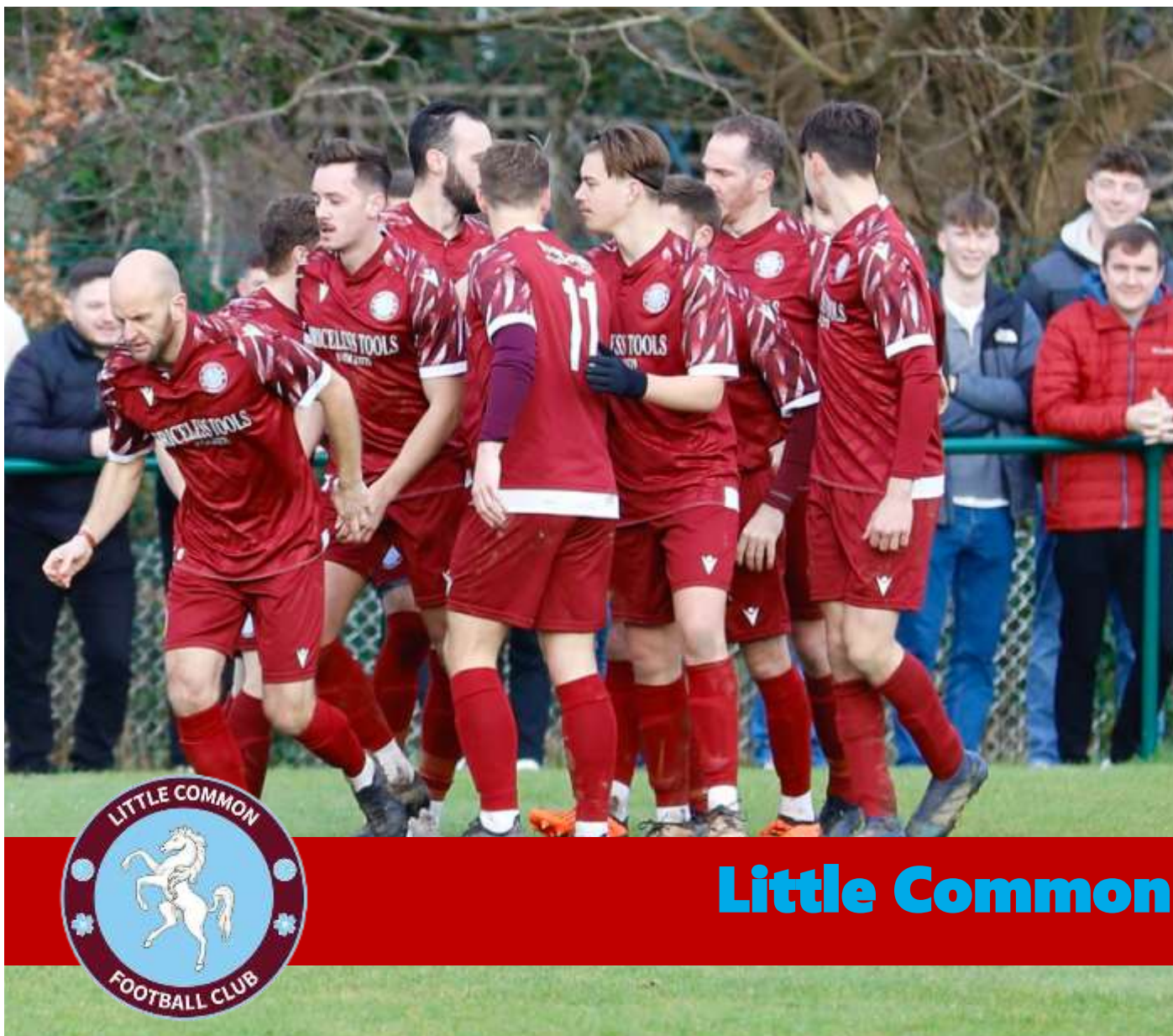
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**Since winning their first ever promotion into the top flight of the Southern Combination League in 2018, Little Common have become established in the Premier Division with eyes fixed firmly up the standings**

Manager Russell Eldridge is now into his 12th season at the helm, in which time he has helped take Common from Division Two to the highest position the club has ever occupied in its 58 year history.

Gradual improvements have been the name of the game for Eldridge. Their first season at this level in 2018 -19 resulted in a 16th place finish.

After two incomplete campaigns because of Covid, Common secured a record-breaking 10th spot in 2021-22.

Progress on the pitch was matched by what happened off it that season when many years of hard work by the committee finally saw Little Common Recreation Ground reach ground grading requirements for step five football.

That meant Common could cease ground sharing with Eastbourne United and return home.

We were lucky enough to provide the first opposition for a Premier Division game at the revamped Recreation Ground in January 2022, although we did spoil the party a little by picking up a 2-2 draw.

Still, it was a great occasion for all involved played out in front of a bumper crowd.

Last season saw Common finish 11th - one place and two points below the Robins in the table.

The current campaign is following a similar path so far. Common are currently six points off the top half but have two games in hand over 10th place Lingfield.

They are also in with a shot of making a first ever senior football final in the Peter Bentley League Cup.

Common will face Crowborough Athletic in the quarter finals of the competition, having already eliminated local rivals Bexhill United and Crawley Down Gatwick.

Their Peter Bentley results show Common are capable of being anyone on their day, whilst they have also claimed impressive league wins over the likes of Crowborough, Lingfield and Crawley Down.

In terms of players Hassocks should be wary of, it is hard to look beyond club legend Lewis Hole, who recently passed the frankly astonishing 400 goal mark for the club.



## 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.

## Common Factfile

**Founded** 1966  
**Ground** Recreation Ground  
**Website** littlecommonfc.co.uk  
**Twitter** @littlecommonfc  
**Instagram** @littlecommonfc  
**Manager** Russell Eldridge  
**Top scorer** Lewis Hole, 9

## Club Honours

**Southern Combination League Division One**  
Winners 2018  
**Southern Combination League Division Two**  
Runners up 2009  
**Southern Combination League Division One Cup**  
Runners up 1979  
**East Sussex League**  
Winners 1978, 2006  
**East Sussex League Division One**  
Winners 1973

## 10 Key Common Moments

**1966...** former as Albion United, they enter two youth teams in local Hastings League  
**1972...** now playing in the East Sussex League, Albion win the Division Two title  
**1973...** a year later and the Division One title follows with promotion to the Premier Division  
**1978...** Albion are crowned East Sussex League champions to win promotion to the SCFL  
**1979...** they finish fifth in their first SCFL season and reach the Division One Cup final  
**1986...** Albion United are renamed as Little Common Albion  
**1995...** consecutive relegations take Common from Division One back to the East Sussex League  
**2005...** win their second East Sussex League title to return to the Southern Combination League  
**2009...** a runners up finish in Division Two sees them earn promotion to Division One  
**2018...** crowned Division One champions to be promoted to the top flight for the first ever time

## Last 17 Seasons

2022-23: Southern Combination Premier 11th  
2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 10th  
2018-19: Southern Combination Premier 16th  
2017-18: Southern Combination One 1st  
2016-17: Southern Combination One 2nd  
2015-16: Southern Combination One 7th  
2014-15: Southern Combination One 7th  
2013-14: Southern Combination One 4th  
2012-13: Southern Combination One 3rd  
2011-12: Southern Combination One 16th  
2010-11: Southern Combination One 13th  
2009-10: Southern Combination One 4th  
2008-09: Southern Combination Two 2nd  
2007-08: Southern Combination Two 6th  
2006-07: Southern Combination Two 3rd  
2005-06: Southern Combination Two 9th  
2004-05: East Sussex Premier 1st

## Robins v Little Common

**SCFL Premier >** Played 7 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 4 - Scored 10 - Conceded 14  
**SCFL Division One >** Played 8 - Won 3 - Drawn 1 - Lost 4 - Scored 13 - Conceded 15  
**Division One Cup >** Played 2 - Won 0 - Drawn 2 - Lost 0 - Scored 1 - Conceded 1  
**RUR Charity Cup >** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 5

**Total > Played 18 - Won 4 - Drawn 6 - Lost 8 - Scored 29 - Conceded 35**

## Previous Meetings

**2023-24**  
SCFL Premier: Little Common 1-4 Hassocks  
**2022-23**  
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Little Common  
SCFL Premier: Little Common 2-0 Hassocks  
**2021-22**  
SCFL Premier: Little Common 2-2 Hassocks  
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Little Common  
**2018-19**  
SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common  
SCFL Premier: Little Common 4-2 Hassocks  
**2012-13**  
RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 5-5 Little Common

**1993-94**  
SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Little Common  
SCFL One: Little Common 3-1 Hassocks  
**1992-93**  
SCFL One: Hassocks 2-3 Little Common  
SCFL One: Little Common 1-4 Hassocks  
**1986-87**  
SCFL One: Hassocks 1-3 Little Common  
SCFL One Cup: Hassocks 1-1 Little Common  
SCFL One Cup: Little Common 0-0 Hassocks  
SCFL One: Little Common 1-2 Hassocks  
**1985-86**  
SCFL One: Hassocks 0-2 Albion United  
SCFL One: Albion United 1-1 Hassocks



# No stopping Robins as they run riot on visit to Little Common

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

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

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

By whichever way you want to measure it, this was a statement from Hassocks.

And whilst sterner tests lie ahead, on current form there are few opponents the Robins will fear facing. Nor will many fancy taking on Hassocks all the while they cannot stop scoring.

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

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

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

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

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

Hassocks were dealt a blow immediately after taking the lead when Lewis Westlake left the action to be replaced by Josh Mundy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hassocks then became more of

an attacking force, thanks largely to Pat Harding taking an ever increasingly prominent role.

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

But first came two goals in as many minutes just before the hour mark to put the Robins firmly in control. Benson of course provided one, his ninth of September as he was named Hassocks Player of the Month for the second time in succession.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





# Robins crash out to Common from 12 yards in 10 goal RUR Cup thriller

**Ten goals, one red card and a penalty shoot out were packed into an extraordinary couple of hours at the Beacon as Hassocks exited the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup to Little Common.**

This was the first meeting between these two sides since the 1993-94 season and it managed to pack 19 seasons worth of entertainment into 120 breathtaking minutes.

By that point, still nothing could separate the sides with the scores locked at 5-5.

Common then proved to be superior from 12 yards, scoring all four of their required penalties to become the latest in a growing list of Division Two sides to have eliminated Hassocks from knockout competitions over the last five or so seasons.

Mickey Jewell made one change to the side that had lost 2-0 away at Deal Town in the FA Vase three days previously.

Top scorer Phil Gault was available after missing the trip to Kent and he returned at the expense of Louis Pople who dropped down to the bench.

It was Gault's strike partner Dan Smith who opened the scoring as early as the seventh minute after a totally dominant start to proceedings.

At that stage, Hassocks could've been forgiven for thinking a place in the third round of a competition they

reached the semi-finals of last season was a formality.

Common aren't considered dark horses for a first ever promotion to the County League's top flight for no reason however and they equalised on 22 minutes through Jared Lusted.

That seemed to shock Hassocks and their game went alarmingly to pieces as Common began to assert themselves.

Common missed a whole host of chances before eventually taking the lead on 38 minutes in controversial circumstances.

Their captain Jerome Smith became the latest victim of the Jack and Jill Sniper as he went down under minimal contact in the box but the referee bought it, pointing to the spot and allowing Chris Cummings-Bart to convert the resulting penalty.

Going behind had a galvanising effect on Hassocks and within 30 seconds of the restart, they levelled things up as the Common goalkeeper spilled a James Westlake corner with Kieran O'Callaghan gleefully pouncing on the loose ball to fire home his third goal of the season.

The Robins retook the lead with the second half seven minutes old. Another Westlake delivery, this time a free kick, caused more panic in the Common box and although Hassocks captain Stuart Faith was on the scene and making a nuisance of himself, it will probably have to go down as an own goal.

In keeping with the breakneck

nature of the tie, Common equalised again within five minutes when Lusted rounded Jack Simpson for his second of the evening.

O'Callaghan was dismissed for two bookable offences after that but Common couldn't make their man advantage count in what remained of normal time, the tie finishing 3-3 to necessitate an additional 30 minutes.

Within eight minutes of those extras, Common had gone 5-3 ahead as the talented Cummings-Bart completed his hat-trick and Hassocks looked dead and buried.

Jewell's answer was to breathe live back into his team with a double change as Elliott Butler and Pople replaced wingers Westlake and Jamie Weston.

It was Pople who scored a quick fire brace with two virtually identical goals to bring the scores level at 5-5.

That sent the game to penalties, where Smith missed Hassocks' first penalty and Pople their last as Common triumphed 4-3 in the in the shootout.

**Hassocks:** J Simpson; South, Marsh, Faith, Bryant; Westlake, O'Callaghan, Hibbert, Weston; Smith, Gault.

**Subs:** Slaughter (Hibbert 60), Pople (Weston 98), Butler (Westlake 98).

**Starman:** Dan Smith missed a penalty but stayed busy up front and made chances.

# Mid Sussex Times



**RIP Norman Dodds**

# **Everyone at Hassocks Football Club was sad to hear of the passing of Norman Dodds on Monday 29th January, the Robins' legendary physio, rub-man and tormentor of hundreds of players through the years with his famous pre-season up Clayton Hill to the top of the South Downs...**

Norman performed many roles during his long association with the Robins, becoming one of the most recognisable and popular members of the Hassocks FC family and a friend to everyone who came across him.

Beyond Hassocks, he was well known in the Burgess Hill Community for his window cleaning business, being a regular in The Weald Pub and his support of all local sports teams.

It was telling that in amongst the many warm messages of condolences received about Norman were tributes from Burgess Hill Town Football Club and Burgess Hill Rugby Club.

Doddsy was probably best known for his work as physio for the Robins both at the Beacon and when the club played home matches at Adastra Park.

He will be less fondly remembered as the bloke who led the players on their pre-season runs all the way up the South Downs to the top of Ditchling Beacon and back down again!

Whilst fit, young, County League players struggled to get up and down the Beacon once, Norman would go up once to set up the route with cones.

He would then take the players up and down. Once that was done, it was back up and down again to collect the cones.

When training sessions featured too many players to go up as one, Doddsy would break them into smaller groups.

On some occasions, he would find himself completing the Beacon run four or five times. What made this even more impressive was that he was still doing it into his 70s.

It became an annual tradition that at the start of each pre-season, Hassocks manager Dave John would rule out the Beacon run. Norman though had plenty of persuasive charm.

Even the normally steadfast Johnsy ended up changing his mind every year without fail after being begged by Norman, leaving Doddsy overjoyed.

Norman's fitness fanaticism was not just restricted to running. Every summer, he organised Doddsy's Annual Quadrathon.

Participants would seek sponsorship, with all the money raised going back into the club.

Many players took part, knowing it would give a head start on pre-season fitness work and help them better survive the Beacon Run once Johnsy inevitably sanctioned it.

Almost as legendary became Doddsy's attempts to embrace the latest technology, which often ended in comical failure.

He was initially known for taking a battery powered radio onto the bench with him to listen to the scores come in or the BBC Radio Five Live commentary of the Saturday afternoon game.

In the 1990s, this was updated to a state-of-the-art pager (ask your parents if you were born after the 1980s) which was supposed to inform Norman as soon as a goal had been scored.

Unfortunately, Doddsy struggled to work the pager and so instead had to ask those around to find out the scores for him.

Doddsy was always most desperate to find out how his beloved Newcastle were getting on. He was born a Geordie and loved nothing more than a bottle of Newcastle Brown Ale (again, ask your parents if you were born after the 1980s).

Norman was never seen without a smile on his face and his energy, enthusiasm and love of life were infectious to everyone he came into contact with.

Another Robins stalwart who was fulfilled multiple roles like Doddsy is Phil Wickwar.

He wrote of Norman: "God bless your, Norman. The impact you had on me at Hassocks will stay with me for the rest of my life."

"From the fitness sessions pre-season to the best rub man in the business."

"Also that pager which used to give us the scores on the bench. My thoughts go out to all of your family."

Hassocks Veterans manager Steve Spies said: "What a man. He put through me hell on the massage table as well as those runs up the Beacon."

"He always had me in absolute stitches with his funny jokes and wicked sense of humour. RIP Doddsy, you absolute legend."

Former Robins striker Neil Smith wrote: "Norman Dodds was a fantastic man. Absolutely gutted to hear this. Gave the best rubs in the world."

Hassocks' third-highest goal scorer of all time James Laing said: "So sorry to hear this. Norm, you were legendary. I couldn't understand you sometimes when you were in full Geordie patter and your fingernails sometimes hurt on the rub table, but a true legend nonetheless. My thoughts and best to all the family."

Former Robins programme editor Paul Elphick added: "A true Hassocks legend, a favourite everywhere he went in Sussex, shared so many fun times with Norman in my time at Hassocks, great banter, great wit, fabulous stories and had magic hands... or so I've been told. Wonderful family man too, condolences to Warren and family"

And finally, those tributes from the other sporting clubs Norman supported and was known to.

Our friends at Burgess Hill Town wrote: "A legend of Mid Sussex. All at BHTFC send our deepest condolences to his friends and family at the sad time."

Burgess Hill Rugby Club meanwhile added: "A lovely man. A legend of our town too. Friend to many of our members. Thoughts with Scott, Warren and all the Dodds family"

**Norman's funeral will take place on Thursday 15th February at St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill with the service commencing at 11:45am.**

**There will be drinks afterwards at the Burgess Hill Constitutional Club in Cyprus Road.**



# John Broomfield

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# Hassocks named Premier Division Team of the Month

## **Hassocks have been named by the Southern Combination League as Premier Division Team of the Month for January 2024.**

It is the first time the Robins have won a Team of the Month award since... well, nobody can actually remember.

Hassocks won three games out three through January without conceding a goal.

At the other end, the Robins scored 10 times at an average of more than three per game.

That was enough to see Hassocks pip local rivals Haywards Heath Town to the accolade.

The Bluebells were the only other team with a 100 percent record in January, scoring eight in four matches and conceding twice.

Hassocks started the month with a 3-0 victory away at AFC Vardeanians.

A rare Mike Williamson goal opened the scoring at Withdean Stadium followed by Pat Harding netting with his first touch after coming off the bench in the second

half.

According to the man himself, it was the first time in Super Pat's lengthy career that he has ever scored with his first touch of a game.

Next came a 4-0 victory over an improving Loxwood side at the Beacon.

The game was won before half time as the Robins sauntered into an unassailable 3-0 lead.

Captain Alex Bygraves turned home a low cross from Alex Fair to get the party started with a little over 15 minutes played.

Fair himself added the second on the half hour mark, rounding off a blistering Hassocks counter attack.

Fraser Trigwell saved a close range header from a corner at one end, from where the Robins swept forward.

10 seconds later and Fair was rounding Magpies goalkeeper Jacob Bennett to double the advantage.

Tall striker Jamie Wilkes made it 3-0 five minutes before the break. Leon Turner embarked on a powerful run up the left before cutting inside and playing a low pass across the

box.

The rangy Wilkes duly applied the finish, picking up the bottom corner with aplomb.

Loxwood lost their discipline in the second half, with one player ending up in the sin bin and two members of their management team shown red cards.

Once all that drama was over, Harding headed in a Joe Bull corner to complete the rout.

The final game of January saw the Robins make it back-to-back 4-0 victories with success at AFC Uckfield Town.

Harding scored for the third game running with a clever 25 yard lob in the first half.

The Oakmen were reduced to 10 when Jay Pullen was shown a straight red card for a horror tackle five minutes after the break.

Hassocks ruthlessly took advantage of their man advantage with further goals from Wilkes, Jack Troak and Sean Stephenson following in the final 20 minutes.



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# Five in a row after relentless Robins successfully tame the Lions

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 3rd February 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks 3-1 Pagham**



**For the first time since the 2015-16 season, Hassocks have recorded five victories in a row as their unexpected push for a top five finish continues into the final third of the campaign.**

Most would have expected the Robins to have fallen out of the playoff picture with 12 games left to go, overtaken by clubs with large budgets whose target at the start was promotion.

Hassocks though continue to defy the odds. Pagham were the latest opponents to fall to James Westlake's side, the Robins eking out a 3-1 victory over the mid table Lions at the Beacon.

Hassocks created the only opportunities of note through the first half, going into the break with a 2-0 lead thanks to Jack Troak - or so the forward claimed - and Leon Turner.

Pagham though came on strong in the second half. The Robins settled for playing on the counter attack whilst showing significant amounts of defensive resolve to restrict their visitors to scoring just once via a Dan Simmonds penalty.

Hassocks were then awarded a somewhat controversial spot kick of their own in injury time, converted by Super Pat Harding.

That ended any hopes of a Pagham fightback and secured three hard-earned points for the Robins - the sort which can make a big difference come the end of the season, given on another day this could easily have ended in a draw.

Hassocks opened the scoring with the first chance of the game on 13 minutes. Joe Bull swung over a corner and what happened is open to conjecture.

Sean Stephenson, Alex Bygraves and Troak all rose alongside Lions goalkeeper Connor Kelly.

The ball ended up in the back of the net, initially it appeared off Kelly

for an own goal.

Bygraves, Turner, Mike Williamson and Jamie Wilkes all congratulated Stephenson, in the middle of which Troak jumped around in the air with his arms raised and a big smile on his face seeking recognition.

It worked as Troak ended up credited with the goal. Perhaps every decision taken by the dubious goals panel from this point on should be based on which player celebrates most exuberantly?

There was no doubting the second belonged to Turner, scored with just a minute of first half normal time remaining.

Harvey Blake produced a switch from right back to left wing, picking out the rangy Wilkes to cushion a header down to Stephenson.

The ball was then worked through a lovely little triangle from Stephenson to Josh Mundy and back to Wilkes, who picked out Turner in space some 25 yards out from goal.

Turner danced his way past two challenges, made it to the edge of the box and fired low and hard beyond Kelly at the near post to double the advantage.

Hassocks almost had a third in injury time. Troak crossed and tall striker Wilkes showed his aerial prowess once again with a square header into space on the penalty spot.

Mundy reached the ball first but his shot was too close to the advancing Kelly, the Pagham goalkeeper getting enough of a leg on the effort to divert it wide.

Pagham were awarded their penalty on 58 minutes. A corner at the near post was flicked into the hand of Mike Williamson and referee Simon Faires had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Simmonds opted for power over precision, smashing the ball as hard

as possible slightly to the left as Fraser Trigwell dived right.

Buoyed by that, Pagham came on strong. The dangerous Simmonds forced Trigwell into a flying save with a free kick almost as powerful as his earlier penalty.

Hassocks remained a threat on the break, particularly through Stephenson down the left flank.

Before Simmonds' free kick, Stephenson cut inside and dribbled a shot just wide.

After Simmonds' free kick, an outrageous pass from substitute Alex Fair cut 40 yards through the Pagham defence to send Stephenson in for a shot straight at Kelly.

Fair was at his mesmerising best next when leading Alfie Davdison on a merry dance through a jinking run ended with a shot held by Kelly.

Home nerves were finally settled on 91 minutes. Faris Khalloqui fed Fair, who was hacked to the ground by Lukes Micevicius.

No doubt it was a foul; whether it was in the box though was very much up for debate.

Mr Faires ruled it was and Harding opted for the opposite approach to Simmonds' earlier penalty, rolling the ball into the bottom calmly into the bottom corner to wrap up the victory.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; Blake, Bygraves, Gunn, Bull; L Turner, Mundy, Williamson, Stephenson; Wilkes; Troak.

**Subs:** Fair, Loversidge, Harding, Khalloqui (used).

# 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	2-3	556	J.Nandhra, Stephenson
30/12 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP	3-1	179	Fair, J.Nandhra, Frankland
<b>January</b>					
06/01 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP	2-0	146	Williamson, Harding
13/01 - 14:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP	4-0	152	Bygraves, Fair, Wilkes, Harding
27/01 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP	4-0	103	Harding, Wilkes, Troak
<b>February</b>					
03/02 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP	3-1	172	Troak, L.Turner, Harding
06/02 - 19:45	Little Common (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	36	0	36	0	37	0
Joe Bull	35	1	36	2	173	11
Jamie Wilkes	32	3	35	6	75	10
Pat Harding	23	11	34	12	272	153
Matt Gunn	31	0	31	2	31	0
Josh Mundy	22	9	31	2	31	2
Mike Williamson	29	1	30	2	69	2
Alex Bygraves	28	1	29	3	73	7
Bradley Tighe	22	7	29	1	199	1
Alfie Loversidge	13	13	26	3	105	14
Tom Frankland	14	11	25	3	37	3
Sean Stephenson	20	5	25	4	25	4
Liam Benson	23	1	24	17	200	67
Harvey Blake	20	2	22	0	134	4
Kyle Woolven	8	13	21	5	21	5
Alex Fair	13	6	19	6	19	6
Leon Turner	5	5	10	1	43	6
Jack Troak	7	2	9	2	131	33
Julian Durand	2	6	8	1	8	1
Sam Smith	2	6	8	0	49	3
Sam Geard	1	5	6	1	10	1
Josh Nandhra	3	2	5	3	5	3
Nathan Miles	2	3	5	0	216	74
Lewis Westlake	2	3	5	1	118	11
James Westlake	4	0	4	0	261	31
Charlie Fogden	1	2	3	0	3	0
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
Faris Khallouqi	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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# Robins return to action with romping victory over Redhill

**Southern Combination League Under 23 North Division  
Thursday 25th January 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks U23s 6-1 Redhill U23s**



**After two postponements to start 2024, Hassocks Under 23s finally played their first game of the new year when welcoming Redhill to the Beacon.**

The wait proved to be worthwhile as the Robins ran out 6-1 winners, leapfrogging both Broadbridge Heath and Lingfield to move to the top of the Southern Combination Under 23 North Division in the process.

A fortnight earlier and Hassocks had seen their trip to Horsham YMCA lost to a waterlogged pitch.

The weather turned from wet to cold a week ago, meaning that a potentially pivotal game in the title race against leaders Broadbridge Heath was postponed because of a frozen pitch.

As a result, Hassocks had only played one competitive game since the end of November, beating Hailsham Town 8-1 in the second round of the League Cup a little under two weeks before Christmas.

You had to go back to November 23rd to find their most recent outing in the North Division, a 4-1 success at Steyning Town.

There was something of a danger therefore that the Robins might come

into the game with Redhill a little rusty and lacking match practice.

Those fears were soon allayed though as Hassocks dominated proceedings in what ended up being a comfortable victory.

The Robins made three changes from the team who beat Hailsham last time out.

First team wingers Alfie Loversidge and Tom Frankland came in as they seek minutes on their return from recent injuries.

Under 18s top scorer Cavan Chedzey was the other player recalled, fresh from notching his 16th goal in 13 appearances for the Young Robins in their 4-2 win over Lancing on Sunday.

Hassocks were without the holidaying Nathan Miles and Alex Fair, who has scored twice in three first team starts since his repertoire of Cruyff Turns appeared briefly for the Under 23s against the Stringers.

Micael Fatela meanwhile has signed for Billingshurst with the aim of getting senior experience in Southern Combination Division One before returning to the Beacon and pushing for a first team spot next season.

Four of the Hassocks goals were scored by two of the players

introduced to the side.

Redhill struggled to cope with Loversidge all evening and he bagged a brace, making it three goals in four Under 23s appearances this season.

Chedzey has an equally impressive record. His two goals past the Lobsters moved him onto six in eight. Combining Chedzey's Under 23s tally with his total for the Under 18s makes for an impressive 22 goals from 21 games across both teams.

The other Robins goals came from Julian Durand and substitute Evan China with his first for the Under 23s.

China netting means six different Under 18s players have now scored for the Under 23s this season.

Not content with putting away six at one end, Hassocks even had the good grace to provide Redhill with their consolation via an own goal.

**Hassocks:** Thomas, Hicks, D Turner, Dove, Fernley, Frankland, McHale, Wintle, Loversidge, Chedzey, Durand.

**Subs:** K Nandhra, W Tighe, Fogden, Dean, China (used).

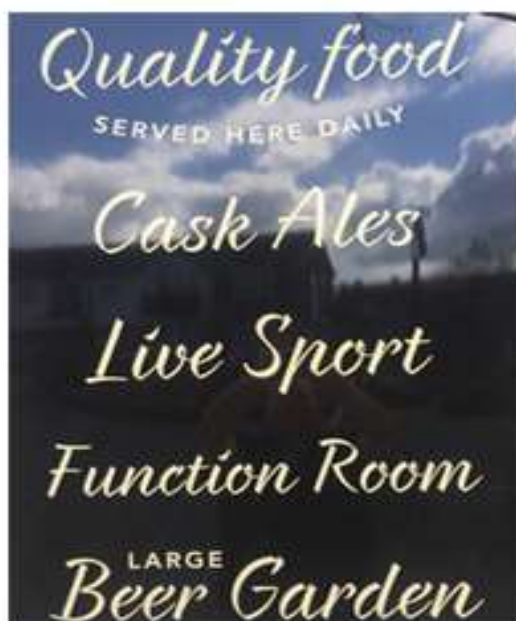
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# Under 23s Matches 2023-24

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
17/08 - 19:45	Redhill (A)	SCFL23	3-1	J.Nandhra, 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
<b>January</b>				
25/01 - 19:45	Redhill (H)	SCFL23	6-1	Chedzey (2), Loversidge (2), Durand, China
<b>February</b>				
08/02 - 19:45	Horley Town (A)	SCFL23		
15/02 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	U23LC3		

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# Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
Noah McHale	12	2	14	0
Billy Dove	8	6	14	2
Jack Thomas	13	0	13	0
Sam Fernley	11	2	13	1
Ben Hicks	12	0	12	0
Dan Turner	12	0	12	3
Alex Wintle	8	3	11	2
Wes Tighe	4	7	11	0
Julian Durand	5	5	10	6
George Mercer	8	1	9	2
Kian Nandhra	4	4	8	3
Cavan Chedzey	2	6	8	6
Jack Duckett	6	0	6	4
Jack Smith	2	4	6	1
Sam Geard	5	0	5	2
Micael Fatela	4	1	5	3
Charlie Fogden	3	2	5	0
Oliver Parker-Williams	3	2	5	1
Evan China	0	5	5	1
Alfie Loversidge	4	0	4	3
Nathan Miles	4	0	4	7
Josh Nandhra	4	0	4	3
Lewis Westlake	3	1	4	0
George Gladding	1	3	4	0
Kobe Dersley	2	0	2	0
Josh Mundy	2	0	2	0
Sam Smith	2	0	2	1
Leon Turner	2	0	2	2
Tom Frankland	1	1	2	0
Ben Cheverton	0	2	2	0
Sam Dean	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
Oliver Goswamy	0	1	1	0
Jay Hudson	0	1	1	0
Ed Tobias	0	1	1	0



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# First beats third thanks to four different scorers for Hassocks

Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 21st January 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks U18s 4-2 Lancing U18s



**It was business as usual for Hassocks as they returned to Southern Combination League Under 18s Central Division action with a 4-2 win over Lancing.**

The Lancers arrived at the Beacon occupying third spot in the table, six points behind leaders Hassocks.

And the visitors gave Hassocks plenty to think about in what was the Robins' closest run game since the 3-3 draw with Montpellier Villa at the start of November.

In the end, four different scorers helped Hassocks to victory. The Robins once again showed they can plunder goals from anywhere - hence why they have reached the 50 mark in the league already from only 11 matches.

Hassocks have won every game they have played since that trip to Montpellier Villa, racking up five wins in a row now.

Minimal changes have been made through that run. Once again, the Robins management opted to stick as close as possible to the team who had beaten Roffey 5-0 two weeks ago to move into the third round of the League Cup.

That meant George Lythgoe keeping his place in goal ahead of regular number one Theo Bradley, who was given the chance to showcase his versatility by coming on as an outfield substitute in the second half.

The only adjustment to the starting Will Hartley rested to the bench after scoring twice against Roffey.

His place was taken by Will Varley, getting more minutes under his belt following long term injury.

Not that being amongst the substitutes matter to Hartley. He still managed to net when introduced to the action moving onto seven goals from 13 appearances.

Those numbers are impressive enough on their own; they become even more so when you consider Hartley has made just four starts with his other nine outings coming from the bench.

The first team game's the previous day with Little Common had been lost to a frozen pitch but the drop in overnight temperatures meant there was little chance of this one 17 hours later going the same way.

It also means the surface was in even more pristine condition than

normal, having not been played on since the Ladies 4-0 defeat to Newhaven seven days ago.

That lent itself to an excellent game in which both teams played some excellent passing football.

Alongside Hartley on the scoresheet for the Robins were Oliver Goswamy, Charlie Fogden and top the division's top scorer Cavan Chedzey.

Mohamed Khedidji and Haitham Badri provided the consolations for the Lancers, whilst Ed Tobias was given the perfect excuse to miss more training sessions because of work as a yellow card means he needs to find £12 to keep Dave John happy.

**Hassocks:** Lythgoe, Fogden, Munt, Tobias, Fernley, K Nandhra, Goswamy, Dean, Gladding, Varley, Chedzey.

**Subs:** Hartley, China, Searle, Bradley (used).



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# Professional performance gives Young Robins win at Varndeanians

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 28th January 2024, Withdean Stadium  
AFC Varndeanians U18s 1-4 Hassocks U18s**



## Top met bottom in the Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division at Withdean Stadium.

And the game went to form, with leaders Hassocks Under 18s running out 4-1 winners over AFC Varndeanians.

The three points moved the Robins four clear of Burgess Hill Town at the head of the table, although having played three more games than a Hillians outfit yet to drop a point so far.

After having next week off due to the rescheduling of their League Cup third round clash with Lancing, Hassocks will travel to Hill next on Sunday 11th February.

It is game that will look certain to have a big say in the title race, with the Robins looking to avenge the close-fought 4-3 defeat Hill inflicted upon them at the Beacon back in September.

That remains the Robins' only loss of the Central Division campaign so far.

There was little chance of a second defeat of the season coming against Varndeanians thanks to Hassocks giving a thoroughly professional performance.

Varndeanians though deserve credit for pushing the Robins closer than most would have predicted based on their respective league positions.

You could certainly see why all four of the Vs points have come in their past six matches with improvement across the board.

Having stuck by-and-large with the same XI through their previous five consecutive victories, but opted to shake things up at the Withdean.

Four changes were made from the side who had beaten Lancing 4-2 at the Beacon last Sunday, as Hassocks took to the pitch wearing the new yellow away kit sponsored by Tighe Scaffolding.

Number one goalkeeper Theo Bradley replaced George Lythgoe after two matches out.

There was a full debut for Leo Charman, Will Hartley was promoted from the bench after scoring against the Lancers and Josh Nandhra returned after his recent exploits for the Robins and Whitehawk first teams.

It did not take Nandhra long to show why he has three goals in three Southern Combination Premier Division starts, form which has earned him a place in the Hawks'

Isthmian League Premier Division squad.

Nandhra provided two of the Robins goals against Varndeanians. Full back Charlie Fogden was also on target with Hartley making the most of his recall to continue his hot run of form with the other Hassocks goal.

Miller Brady provided the consolation for Varndeanians, denying the Robins a clean sheet.

**Hassocks:** Bradley, Fogden, Munt, Charman, Fernley, K Nandhra, Dean, Gladding, Hartkey, J Nandhra, Chedzey.

**Subs:** China, Searle, Faulks, Gabric, Lythgoe (used).

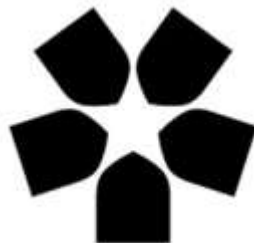
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# Under 18s Matches 2023-24

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 (3), 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	5-0	Hartley (2), K.Nandhra, Searle (2)
21/01 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	SCFL18	4-2	Chedzey, Goswamy, Hartley, Fogden
28/01 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	4-1	J.Nandhra (2), Hartley, Fogden
<b>February</b>				
11/02 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
21/02 - 11:00	Lancing (H)	U18LC3		
25/02 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCFL18		
<b>March</b>				
03/03 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		
10/03 - 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFL18		
17/03 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
<b>April</b>				
07/04 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		

# Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Dean	14	0	14	0
Sam Fernley	14	0	14	4
Charlie Fogden	14	0	14	3
Theo Bradley	12	1	13	0
Kian Nandhra	13	0	13	6
Cavan Chedzey	12	1	13	16
Will Hartley	4	9	13	7
George Gladding	12	0	12	0
Oliver Goswamy	11	0	11	2
Josh Nandhra	11	0	11	9
Toby Munt	7	5	12	0
Evan China	6	3	9	2
Ed Tobias	8	0	8	0
Marko Gabric	0	8	8	0
Alex Brewer	5	1	6	9
Ben Foster	4	2	6	0
Ben Murray	1	4	5	0
Will Varley	2	2	4	1
George Lythgoe	2	2	4	0
Harry Goatcher	1	0	1	0
Leo Charman	1	1	2	0
Freddy Searle	0	3	3	2
James Faulks	0	1	1	0
Jack Wood	0	1	1	0

# Perfect 10 for free-scoring Robins in victory over Brook

Mid Sussex League Veterans East Division  
Sunday 21st January 2024, Clayton Recreation Ground  
Hassocks Vets 10-0 Jarvis Brook Vets

**Last week, it was 14 goals in a 7-7 draw away at Rotherfield. This week, just the 10 and all scored by Hassocks Veterans as they cruised to victory over Jarvis Brook.**

As the famous meme with Antonio Conte says: "Just one normal day of Barclays, that is all I ask for. Will never happen."

In this case, it is just one normal day of Mid Sussex Veterans Division One, that is all I ask for. Will never happen.

This was some way for the Robins to get a first league win of the season under their belts at the fourth attempt.

A difficult season so far has totaled defeat to Lewes, that draw at Rotherfield and conceding the points to Sidley United when a side could not be raised for the long trip east.

With wonderful timing, Hassocks are beginning to show what they are capable of at the exact same time when the divisional title has already been decided, Seaford Town having finished a point clear of Lewes and Sidley in a league where every team only plays each other once.

Still, the Robins coming on strong at the end bodes well for the future... if such a saying can ever be applied to Veterans football.

Mass changes have been a running theme for the Veterans so far this season, so it was a pleasant surprise to only see five differences to the starting XI from that crazy 14 goal thriller at Rotherfield.

Paul Armstrong had suffered some form of PTSD following his first (and presumably, last) experience of playing in goal and was absent altogether.

The other absentees were Rob Sayers, Paul Clarke, Kieran Fielding and Chris Cook.

Coming into the side were James Butcher, Andy Wilson and three Veterans debutants - Matt Knight, Chris Neatherway and first team assistant boss Tom Hughes.

With Cook having scored 10 goals in five appearances, Hassocks might have been a little concerned beforehand about finding the back of the net.

They need not have worried. Neatherway enjoyed a magnificent first outing, bagging a hat-trick as his pace and directness caused Brook constant nightmares.



Phil Gault of course bagged a hat-trick, taking his Lordship to the top of the East Division top scorers chart.

Dave Juniper netted twice and there was even a debut goal for Hughes, rolling back the years to when he played for Sutton United - a time in his football career he famously never talks about.

Brook took the manner of their defeat in good grace, tweeting afterwards about their one shot on target and 'almost' making the Robins goalkeeper dirty. If only they had faced a Hassocks side with Armstrong in goal...

And despite the heavy loss, they still remain above Hassocks in the table. The Robins have the opportunity to overtake Brook in the table by beating champions Seaford Town next Monday night in their penultimate game of the campaign. is a home game against champions Seaford.

**Hassocks:** Butcher, Waller, Williams, Newman, Hughes, Knight, Wilson, Juniper, Bundy, Neatherway, Gault.

**Subs:** Spies (used).



# 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>				
14/01 - 14:00	Rotherfield (A)	MSFLVE	7-7	Gault (3), Cook (3), Bundy
21/01 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (H)	MSFLVE	10-0	Gault (3), Neatherway (3), Hughes, Juniper (2), Bundy
28/01 - 19:30	Seaford Town (H)	MSFLVE	5-2	Cook (2), Gault, Neatherway, Juniper

# Veterans Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Chris Cook	6	0	6	12
Phil Gault	6	0	6	13
Dave Juniper	6	0	6	3
Nick Newman	6	0	6	0
Jonathan Bundy	3	3	6	3
Andy Wilson	5	0	5	0
Che Williams	3	2	5	0
Rob Sayers	4	0	4	1
Steve Spies	2	2	4	0
James Butcher	3	0	3	0
Elliott Butler	3	0	3	1
Andy Darby	3	0	3	0
Ashley Marsh	3	0	3	0
Adam Waller	3	0	3	0
Kieran Fielding	2	1	3	0
Paul Armstrong	2	0	2	0
Tom Hughes	2	0	2	1
Michael McEnery	2	0	2	0
Chris Neatherway	2	0	2	4
Richard Thompson	2	0	2	0
Richard Thomas	0	2	2	0
Paul Clarke	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Terry Gacias	1	0	1	0
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
Matt Knight	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	1
Kenny Petrie	1	0	1	0
James West	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
Jeff Hardy	0	1	1	0
Dan Sullivan	0	1	1	1
Terry Wallis	0	1	1	0

# Second half improvement gives Robins reason for optimism

London & South East Women's League Division One  
Sunday 14th January 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks Ladies 0-4 Newhaven Ladies



**The common problem of injuries and unavailability which have plagued Hassocks Ladies this season continued when table topping Newhaven came to the Beacon.**

Still, the Robins delivered a brave performance without a recognised goalkeeper against opponents who have dropped only three points all season.

It finished 4-0 to Newhaven, who moved 14 points clear of second place Dartford in the process.

All the goals came in the first half, leaving Hassocks to take heart from a second 45 minutes in which they restricted the visitors to very few chances and fully deserved not to concede anymore.

Newhaven started strongly, soon forcing the Robins defence into action.

Claire Stevens headed away an early corner, shortly followed by Emma Flin doing likewise from a dangerous cross.

Defender Katie Read again stood in between the posts with number one Sarah Chappell and regular backup Ellie Moquet again unavailable.

Read made her first save on six minutes as the pressure on Hassocks continued to build.

It eventually told with eight on the clock, Chloe Evans providing a smartly headed goal to give the Dockers the lead.

Hassocks have made a good habit of responding well to falling behind this season.

They did so again, launching their first attack through some exciting wing play.

Shannon McFadden set off on a good run before combining with Mia Pordage and Kirstin Mair to win a

corner which had to be dealt with by the Newhaven goalkeeper.

Read was called into action again for a sprawling diving save on 20 minutes and Flin made an important interception at the expense of a corner which came to nothing.

The game continued to be played almost exclusively in the Hassocks half and McFadden popped up in the back line to head away a teasing cross.

Newhaven added their second goal on 32 minutes, Evans again doing the damage with a lobbed effort this time which crept just under the bar.

Hassocks almost halved the deficit immediately when a superb run and shot from Mair struck the post.

The cruelty of that moment was doubled when the Dockers broke up the other end to score their third 60 seconds later. For Evans, it was a first hat-trick of the season.

Hassocks were dealt a blow when lone striker Lola Moon had to be substituted with around five minutes of the half remaining.

Moon had bravely chased everything up front without ever seeing much of the ball.

Jess Gray took over and was soon into the action, a clever through ball releasing Jodie Johanson to earn the Robins a corner.

Stevens made a saving tackle as half time approached and Read pulled off a double save, the second stop resulting in a Dockers corner.

The ball was expertly delivered into the box, where Ellie Coade forced it over the line to give Newhaven a 4-0 lead going into the break.

Read was called upon right at the start of the second half, bravely saving at a visiting forward's feet.

In the 50th minute, Newhaven had the ball in the back of the net for

a fifth time but it was correctly judged to be offside.

Hassocks began to grow into the game as the second half progressed, making for a much more competitive spectacle.

Mair thought she had pulled one back on 57 minutes when beating the Newhaven goalkeeper, only to see her second shot of the afternoon strike the post.

When it was not the woodwork denying Hassocks, it was the Dockers goalkeeper. Just past the hour mark and the Newhaven number one saved from Chappell.

The game was now flowing from end-to-end. Bright made a last ditch clearance and Stevens - not for the first time—headed away a dangerous looking cross.

Brown was using her pace to good effect to combat the speedy Newhaven winger as the Robins afforded Read in goal much better protection.

One final chance came the way of Newhaven, ended by a saving tackle from Stevens.

Despite the scoreline, Hassocks should be pleased with their performance.

For the second week running, Reed was worthy of a special mention as stand-in goalkeeper, whilst the manager's player of the match was McFadden for a battling performance in midfield on her first appearance of the season.

**Hassocks:** Read, Bright, Flin, Stevens, Brown, Pordage, Mair, McFadden, Johanson, K Chappell, Moon.

**Subs:** Gray (used).

# 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	0-3	
14/01 - 14:00	Newhaven (H)	LSE1S	0-4	
21/01 - 14:00	Bexhill United (A)	LSE1S	1-4	Mair
28/01 - 14:00	Hastings United (H)	LSE1S	1-2	K.Chappell
<b>February</b>				
11/02 - 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	16	0	16	0
Claire Stevens	16	0	16	1
Katherine Chappell	15	0	15	6
Tallie Bright	14	1	15	0
Lola Moon	8	5	13	1
Kirstin Mair	14	0	14	3
Emily Spooner	10	0	10	3
Jess Craig	11	1	12	2
Jodie Johanson	10	1	11	0
Jo Brown	10	0	10	0
Emma Flin	9	1	10	0
Mia Pordage	9	1	10	1
Ellie Moquet	7	3	10	0
Sarah Chappell	9	0	9	0
Mandy Morgan	6	2	8	0
Jess Gray	4	1	5	0
Holly Webb	3	1	4	0
Steph Wingeatt	1	2	3	0
Shannon McFadden	1	0	1	0
Milly Dalgleish	0	1	1	0

# On This Day...



## Stringers send lacklustre Robins to first home defeat

**February 6th 2007:** Hassocks surrendered their unbeaten home record in the league by falling to a disappointing 3-1 defeat against Hailsham Town on a bitterly cold night at the Beacon

**A first home league defeat of the season was inflicted on Hassocks in lackluster fashion as they were beaten 3-1 by Hailsham Town in game they did not deserve much from.**

Not that manager Dave John full agreed with that assessment when going over things afterwards.

"We were going well when one ahead and they got a lucky ricochet and a penalty to turn things around," John said.

"In the second half, I thought we did all the pressing and deserved to take a point."

John also pointed to two good first half headed opportunities which came the way of Matt Robbins, one of which was unlucky to hit the corner of post and bar.

Throw in a missed second half penalty from Anthony Hibbert and you could understand why John might have felt his side hard done by.

But there could be no excuses made for a bitterly disappointing second half showing in which Hassocks rarely looked like seriously troubling the Stringers defence.

Hailsham added little to the spectacle, the contest degenerating into an error-strewn long ball game which did nothing to take the minds of spectators off the biting cold.

In contrast, the first half had been an entertaining affair in which both sides played good football and goals looked guaranteed.

Hassocks went ahead on 18 minutes when frontrunners Mark Sheriff and Phil Gault linked up nicely.

An excellent Sheriff flick took out two Stringers defenders to send Gault on his way.

The recent arrival from St Francis Rangers showed strength to hold off a challenge and composure with a sure finish for his third goal since switching to the Beacon.

The pair linked up well again when Gault found Sheriff for a shot well saved by Hailsham goalkeeper Russell Tanner.

Then on 25 minutes can an equaliser totally out of the blue. There seemed no serious threat when Stuart Lewis decided to go along at the Hassocks defence from a wide position.

His shot though took a huge deflection off the helpless Ashley Marsh, looping up and over the stranded Joel Harding.

Worse to follow eight minutes later. Good work on the left from the dangerous Lewis worked the ball into the box. Pete Lear handled and Dan Leach converted the resulting penalty.

The run-up to half time saw those two chances for Robbins. He failed to get enough contact onto an Anthony Hibbert delivery at the near post for the first.

For the second, Robbins caught the angle of the goalframe from a Gault cross.

Sheriff also tested Tanner with an astute lob from distance, giving the home faithful plenty of encouragement that their side would find a way back into the tie after the break to preserve their unbeaten Beacon record.

However, all the brightness and ingenuity of the first half faded alarmingly once the action resumed.

A rare chance on goal saw Scott French go close for Hailsham. He got the better of Marsh before producing a lob which Harding was relieved to see land on top of the net.

Tanner presented Hassocks with a golden opportunity to equalise when recklessly bringing down Gault in the area.

Hibbert had converted four penalties out of four so far this season with the minimum of fuss having taking over spot kick duties

following Pat Harding's move to Eastbourne Borough.

On this occasion, Hibbert fired a long way wide of Tanner's left upright.

20 minutes or so later and John made a double change. It was somewhat of a surprise to see the lively Robbins withdrawn along with Chris Brown.

On came Stuart Faith into midfield whilst Matt Amos joined Sheriff and Gault in attack as John made a rare but sensible switch to a front three.

More might have been expected of Hassocks with Gault, Sheriff and Amos all on the pitch at the same time for the first time ever.

The problem though was the lack of service. Give any of those three strikers half a chance and they could punish Hailsham; but not even a half chance was forthcoming.

Defeat was then confirmed in stoppage time when the prolific Leach burst clear to comfortably beat Harding and complete the Robins' mystery.

John was perfectly placed from his position in the stand to claim Leach was a long way offside and found himself bemoaning the standard of officials - not for the first time this season.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Turner, Lear, Hewitt, Marsh, Fisk; Robbins, Brown, Hibbert; Sheriff, Gault.

**Subs:** Amos (Robbins 81), Faith (Brown 81), Slaughter, McCarthy (unused).

**Starman:** It goes to Matt Robbins, although his performance like all of his colleagues tailed off alarmingly after the break.

# Around the League...



With several clashes between the top eight in the Southern Combination Premier Division, Saturday 27th January had the look of a huge weekend in the promotion race. Here is what happened whilst the Robins were winning 4-0 at AFC Uckfield...

**Leaders Newhaven hosted draw specialists Eastbourne United at the Trafalgar Ground with the somewhat predictable outcome of a 1-1 draw - although only just.**

It looked like United had done enough to secure victory from their short journey west as Callum Barlow's 34th minute strike saw them leading right up until the sixth minute of second half injury time.

That was when Lee Robinson plundered a late, late equaliser as the Dockers rescued a point right at the death - not the for the first time this season.

Second placed **Crowborough Athletic** were also involved in last minute drama but unlike Newhaven, it did not work in their favour as they fell 2-1 to **Haywards Heath Town**.

Lewis Finney put Heath ahead right at the start of the second half. Elliott Duncan levelled for the Crows with seven minutes remaining, after which ex-Robin JJ Minty found a 90th minute winner for the Bluebells.

Another former Hassocks player was heavily involved in the headlines as **Peacehaven & Telscombe** were beaten 2-1 by **Eastbourne Town** at the Saffrons.

Nathan Stroomborg-Clark was shown a straight red card when conceding a 40th minute penalty, converted by Town's Tom Vickers to level the game following a 24th minute opener from Peacehaven's Aaron Capon.

Town then went onto win the game through - guess what - another last minute goal, Lucas Rodrigues netting with 95 on the clock.

Four second half goals for **Steyning Town** saw the Barrowmen ease to a 6-1 win away at **Lingfield**.

Tom Chalaye hit a hat-trick, Mark Goldson bagged a brace from the bench and Charlie Meehan was the

other Steyning scorer. Stephen Hodge provided the Lingers with their consolation.

Six goals were shared between **Bexhill United** and **Midhurst & Easebourne** in a high-scoring 3-3 draw at the Polegrove.

Jack Shonk netted twice for Bexhill, along with Charlie Playford. The Pirates finished the game with 10 men following a red card for Bradley Pritchard.

For Midhurst, Harry Giles, Billy Connor and Charlie Osborne got the goals for Midhurst.

This evening's visitors **Little Common** ran out 4-1 winners over 10 man **Pagham**.

All the Common goals came in for the first half, via Sam Cruttwell, Jamie Bunn and two from Lewis Hole.

Edgaras Kazluskas provided the Lions consolation with Toby Pointing the player who was sent off.

There was another red card at Middle Road but it did not overly impact on **Crawley Down Gatwick** as they won 3-0 against **Shoreham**.

Oli Leslie and Harvey Burgess scored in the space of five first half minutes.

Jack Ryder was dismissed five minutes before full time, followed by Oli Leslie completing the rout in the 95th minute.

Tyler Dhanipersad and Marlon Pinder struck in the first half for **Loxwood** in their 2-1 home win over **AFC Varndeanians**, for whom Omar Bulkeb scored the consolation.

**Saltdean United** picked up what be a very useful point in the relegation fight from a 2-2 draw at home to **Horsham YMCA**.

It might have been even more with the Tigers leading 2-0 through Alec Patching and Fraser Middleton-Tozer.

YM though came fighting back via Dean Lovegrove and Hayden Neathey

to claim a share of the spoils.

Division One leaders **Dorking Wanderers B** eased to a 3-0 win against **East Preston** at Meadowbank Stadium.

All the goals came in the final 15 minutes, from Salvatore Marino, Sebastian Tauta-Caballero and Sonny Albert.

A 5-1 win for **Worthing United** against Forest Row keeps the Mavericks in promotion contention.

Dan Hills and Dan Kingston scored two apiece after Marcus Puddephatt put United ahead as early as the third minute.

**Billingshurst** were convincing 4-0 home victors over **Mile Oak** and **Selsey** saw off **Oakwood** 5-0 at the Seal Bay Stadium.

A memorable late comeback from **Chessington & Hook United** saw them recover from 3-1 down with four minutes remaining to snatch a 3-3 draw at **Seaford Town**.

David Gabor and Asher Maliki provided the late drama for United, who also had Jemelle Golding red carded.

Josh Toya-Nero scored twice from the bench as **Godalming Town** came from 2-0 down to draw with **Wick** and the points were also shared between **Montpelier Villa** and **Banstead Athletic** in a 1-1 draw at Culver Road.

The headline result from Division Two saw **Brighton Electricity** secured their second win of the season, beating fifth placed **Southwater** 2-1 at Withdean Stadium.

**Bosham** beat **Capel** 4-0, **Storrington** went down 1-0 at **Ferring**, **Jarvis Brook** were 3-1 victors at **Rottingdean Village** and there 1-1 draws between both **Rustington** and **Hailsham Town** and **St Francis Rangers** and **Upper Beeding**.



# Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	27	18	8	1	82	35	62
Steyning Town	27	17	6	4	80	33	57
Crowborough Athletic	25	18	3	4	55	24	57
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>56</b>
Eastbourne United	27	14	10	3	52	29	52
Haywards Heath Town	26	15	6	5	67	35	51
Eastbourne Town	27	16	3	8	39	26	51
Peacehaven & Tels	26	13	6	7	43	26	45
Midhurst & Easebourne	26	12	7	7	60	50	43
Lingfield	26	10	7	9	45	46	37
Crawley Down Gatwick	24	11	1	12	55	42	34
Little Common	24	11	1	12	55	42	34
<b>Pagham</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>
Horsham YMCA	25	6	8	11	30	48	26
Loxwood	26	7	4	15	37	61	25
Shoreham	26	4	6	16	33	72	18
AFC Varndeanians	27	5	2	20	25	73	17
Bexhill United	27	4	7	16	44	65	16
Saltdean United	27	2	4	21	28	68	10
AFC Uckfield Town	27	2	4	21	25	82	10

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath Town	278	5270	4264	1996
Peacehaven & Telscombe	267	3991	3560	431
Crowborough Athletic	225	3589	2936	653
<b>Newhaven</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>4408</b>	<b>3246</b>	<b>1162</b>
Hassocks	210	2727	2390	337
Shoreham	209	3341	2312	1029
Steyning Town	188	4870	1828	3042
Eastbourne Town	162	3060	2721	339
Bexhill United	157	2499	2000	499
Eastbourne United	145	3038	2238	800
<b>Little Common</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>457</b>
AFC Varndeanians	117	1166	1166	0
Saltdean United	114	2040	1751	289
Pagham	100	1501	1274	227
Horsham YMCA	85	1530	959	571
Midhurst & Easebourne	79	1100	888	212
AFC Uckfield Town	77	1230	959	271
Crawley Down Gatwick	73	1235	726	509
Loxwood	70	1037	927	110
Lingfield	65	902	671	231

## Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Steyning Town	DWWWWW
Eastbourne United	WWWWDW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>LWWWWW</b>
Eastbourne Town	WLWWWW
Haywards Heath	DWWWDW
Newhaven	DWDWDW
Crawley Down Gatwick	WWLWWL
Crowborough Athletic	WWLDLW
Midhurst & Easebourne	WDWLDD
<b>Little Common</b>	<b>DDLWW</b>
Lingfield	LDWLWD
Loxwood	DWLLWL
Pagham	WWLLLL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LWDLLD
Horsham YMCA	WLLDLD
Shoreham	LDLWLD
Saltdean United	LLLDLL
Bexhill United	DDLLDL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLL
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Callum Barlow	Eastbourne Utd	33
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	30
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	26
Liam Benson	Haywards Heath	22
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	22
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	22
Hayden Skerry	Haywards Heath	22
Dan Simmonds	Pagham	21
Thom Chalaye	Steyning Town	18
Charlie Meehan	Steyning Town	16
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	15
Jay Simpson	Lingfield	15
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	14
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	14
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	13
Joe Radley-Martin	Steyning Town	13
Hayden Beaconsfield	Eastbourne Utd	12
Callum Edwards	Peacehaven	12
<b>Pat Harding</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>12</b>
James Stone	Eastbourne Town	12



# Under 23s

## Under 18s

## Ladies

## Veterans



### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
Broadbridge Heath	9	8	1	0	40	11	25
Lingfield	13	8	1	4	41	27	25
Horsham YMCA	11	7	1	3	38	19	22
Horley Town	11	7	0	4	21	18	21
Steyning Town	14	4	2	8	24	25	14
Roffey	9	3	1	5	25	25	10
St Francis Rangers	12	3	0	9	16	47	9
Redhill	10	1	0	9	16	31	3
Oakwood	8	1	0	7	14	41	3

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Ross Ballam	Steyning Town	10
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	10
Ashley Aderemi	Lingfield	9
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	9
Wiktor Maznica	B'bridge Heath	7
<b>Nathan Miles</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>
Jamie Skipper	Horley Town	7
<b>Cavan Chedzey</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Julian Durand</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>6</b>
Toby Brogan	Horsham YMCA	5

### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>
Burgess Hill Town	9	9	0	0	44	8	27
Saltdean United	13	8	2	3	38	23	26
Lancing	12	7	1	4	34	25	22
Montpelier Villa	14	6	2	6	32	28	20
Haywards Heath Town	12	5	3	4	37	27	18
Shoreham	7	3	0	4	9	19	9
Mile Oak	13	2	2	9	11	52	8
St Francis Rangers	13	2	0	11	15	38	6
AFC Varndeanians	13	1	1	11	18	54	4

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
<b>Cavan Chedzey</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>16</b>
George Hendriks	Montpelier Villa	15
Austin Potter	Burgess Hill	13
Louis Keane	Haywards Heath	11
Oliver Emery	Saltdean United	10
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	10
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Dan Burbulis	Burgess Hill	9
Malik Mudoma	Saltdean United	9
<b>Josh Nandhra</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	16	15	0	1	57	14	45
Dartford Reserves	15	8	4	3	32	21	28
Bromley	11	8	1	2	42	10	25
Montpelier Villa	16	8	0	8	40	34	24
Herne Bay	14	7	3	4	36	23	23
Hastings United	16	7	1	8	23	45	22
Eastbourne United	14	6	1	7	22	26	19
Welling United	14	5	2	7	22	29	17
Bexhill United	14	4	3	7	21	31	15
Bognor Regis Town	11	3	3	5	20	23	12
Steyning Town	14	4	0	10	15	33	12
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>

### LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
Charlotte Lee	Bromley	24
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	19
Bethany Hull	Bromley	15
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	13
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	13
Katie Franks	Newhaven	13
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	12
Elena Brock	Herne Bay	11
Poppy Harold	Bexhill United	11
Brooke Nicholson	Hastings United	11
Bryony Hart	Bromley	10
Kate Foster	Herne Bay	9

### Mid Sussex Veterans East Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Seaford Town	6	4	1	1	19	10	13
Lewes	6	5	0	1	27	14	12
Sidley United	6	4	0	2	18	15	12
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>
Jarvis Brook	6	2	0	4	12	27	6
Rotherfield	6	1	2	3	22	24	5
Marsefield Village	5	0	0	5	6	23	0

### Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
<b>Chris Cook</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Phil Gault</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>13</b>
Jonathan Hebson	Lewes	9
Ryan Walton	Seaford Town	8
Elliott Hughes	Rotherfield	5
Steven Whittemore	Seaford Town	5
Kabir Breathen	Sidley United	4

# Upcoming **Fixtures** >>>



## **Peacehaven & Telscombe v Hassocks**

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Saturday 10th February 2024, 3pm kick off

Window Workshop Sports Park, Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven, BN10 8RJ

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

**And so begins a sequence of three matches which could have a major bearing in how successful our bid for a top five finish is - starting with a trip on Saturday to eighth place Peacehaven & Telscombe**

### **Peacehaven this season**

Peacehaven garnered a reputation as cup specialists in 2022-23. They embarked on a memorable run to the last eight of the FA Vase, drawing a crowd of 1,253 to the Window Workshop Sports Park for a cruel penalty shootout exit to Corsham Town. They reached the semi finals of the Peter Bentley League Cup and lifted the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup. The challenge for Mark Shutt and his players coming into the current campaign was to take their knockout form and apply it consistently over a Premier Division season. They have managed that to a point, sitting in eighth place with 13 wins, six draws and seven defeats from 26 matches.

### **Head-to-head**

It is not a fixture which has brought us much joy through the years. Peacehaven have won 22 of the 42 meetings with nine victories for the Robins and 10 draws. That record becomes even worse at the Sports Park. One win in our last 13 visits in all competitions and just one in the league this century. That came in the 2011-22 campaign when Mickey Jewell oversaw a superb 3-0 success with Phil Gault, Nathan Miles and James Westlake on target.

### **Last time we met**

Two goals in the space of five second half minutes secured a 2-0 win over the Tye at the Beacon in November. There were incredible scenes all

round when Bradley Tighe opened the scoring, finally getting his first goal in Hassocks colours in his 192nd appearance. Jamie Wilkes then added the second four minutes later for one of the most impressive victories of the season so far.

### **How to get to the Sports Park?**

Head to Brighton and hit the A259 and head through Peacehaven. Just after the Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church on your left comes Piddinghoe Avenue, with the ground being situated at the end of the road

## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### Hassocks v Crowborough Athletic

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 17th February 2024, 3:00pm  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

**Back-to-back home matches against two of the top three then round of February, starting with the visit of a Crowborough Athletic side who have not dropped below fourth spot all season**

#### Crowborough Athletic this season

After nearly a decade away in the Southern Counties East League, the Crows were moved back to the Southern Combination by the FA for the 2022-23 campaign. A sixth placed finish represented a fine return and with two promotion spots up for grabs this time around, Crowborough always seemed likely to be one of the clubs in the mix for a playoff spot at the very least. That has proven the case, with the Crows spending the entire campaign so far in the top four - much of it as long-term leaders. They surrendered first place to Newhaven in recent weeks and currently trail the Dockers by six points. Crowborough could though

return to the summit with victory in their two games in hand.

#### Head-to-head

We were regular opponents before the Crows found themselves moved into the Kent-based league. 28 previous matches have resulted in 14 Hassocks wins, 11 Crowborough victories and three draws. Our good record is helped by an unbeaten six game spell which included five successive wins between 2010 and 2014.

#### Last time we met

Crowborough showed why they were top of the table when we made the trip to their Community Stadium back in November. Tall striker Jamie

Wilkes gave the Robins a ninth minute lead before goals in the final 15 minutes of the first half from Harrison Mayhew and John Sinclair sent the Crows into the break 2-1 ahead. The floodgates then opened as Crowborough moved 5-1 ahead through Sinclair again, Tom Pearson and Ollie Hyland. Julian Durrand added another minute consolation for us in the 88th minute with his first goal in senior football.

#### Played for both

Links between the clubs are few and far between, with only striker Michael Death and winger Jake Forward having played for both inside the past 15 years.



### Hassocks v Steyping Town

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 24th February 2024, 3:00pm  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

**Steyping Town make the short journey to the Beacon in the midst of one of the most memorable seasons the Barrowmen have enjoyed since being one of the most dominant non league sides in Sussex during the 1980s**

#### Steyping Town this season

Steyping did not lost a Premier Division match until November, marking themselves out as one of the favourites in the title race. The Barrowmen currently sit second in the table, five points behind leaders Newhaven having won 17, drawn six and lost four of their 27 games. Even more impressive has been their cup form. Steyping have eliminated both Brighton Under 21s and Burgess Hill Town from the Sussex Transport Senior Cup and made it all the way to second qualifying round of the FA Cup, when over 1,100 people packed the Birchwood Ground to see the Barrowmen take on Maidstone United. They could well arrive at the Beacon as Peter Bentley Cup semi

finalists too, with a mouth watering last eight tie taking place a week today against Newhaven at the Birchwood Ground.

#### Head-to-head

There have only been 17 meetings between the sides, thanks largely to Steyping spending much of the 1990s in the Wessex League. Seven of those matches have taken place in the Premier Division, four in Division One, four in the Sussex Senior Cup and two in the RUR Cup. The head-to-head reads eight Hassocks wins, four Steyping victories and five draws.

#### Last time we met

Probably the most impressive result of the season for Hassocks so far

came when we won 3-2 at the Birchwood Ground in November. 17-year-old Josh Nandhra marked his full debut with the opening goal on 18 minutes with the lead doubled by Super Pat Harding on 29. Sam Remfry and Jack Williamson hauled the Barrowmen level before Alex Bygraves found what proved to be the winner in the 70th minute.

#### Played for both

Steyping have one ex-Robin currently amongst their ranks in former youth team product Nathan Cooper. Of the current Hassocks squad, Lewis Westlake had a brief spell with the Barrowmen in the 2021-22 season.

# Robins Awards 2023-24



## Starman Awards

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



## Player of the Month

August 2023  
1st **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 **Matt GUNN**  
2nd **Jamie WILKES**  
3rd **Joe BULL**

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>231</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>153</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>58</b>	<b>216</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>153</b>	<b>272</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>216</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>33</b>	<b>131</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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# Today's Teams



## HASSOCKS

Fraser TRIGWELL	
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Joe BULL	
Alex BYGRAVES	
Bradley TIGHE	
Matt GUNN	
Sam SMITH	
Mike WILLIAMSON	
Leon TURNER	
Josh MUNDY	
Jamie WILKES	
Tom FRANKLAND	
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Alfie LOVERSIDGE	
Alex FAIR	
Josh NANDHRA	
Pat HARDING	
Sean STEPHENSON	
Julian DURAND	
Jack TROAK	

**Head Coach** James Westlake

**Assistants** Tom Hughes & Jordan Wilson

**Goalkeeper Coach** Tim Edwards

**Physio** Ash Cooper

**Physio** Phil Wickwar



## LITTLE COMMON

	Tommy SCEAL
	Adam SMITH
	Josh TURNER
	Jamie BUNN
	Lewis PARSONS
	Sam CRUTTWELL
	Paul FEAKINS
	Dom CORBIN
	Lewis HOLE
	Jack McLEAN
	Sam ELLIS
	Cam THOMPSON
	Jack THOMAS
	Ash LATUSKE
	Jacob McARTHUR
	Finley CHAPMAN
	Jack THOMS
	Russell ELDRIDGE
	Jason TIBBLE
	James CRONE

### Referee

Harry Wood

### Assistants

Paul John &  
Paul Buckland

**Manager** Russell Eldridge

### Next at the Beacon



### Crowborough Athletic

Southern Combination Premier Division  
Saturday 17th February 2024. 3pm

### Today's other SCFL games

#### Division One

East Preston v Billingshurst

Forest Row v Chessington & Hook United



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