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### FIRST TEAM

#### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

#### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

#### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

#### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

#### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

#### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

### UNDER 23 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division

Winners 2023

Runners up 2022

#### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

### UNDER 18 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

#### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

### VETERANS TEAM

#### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

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

Runners up 2017

#### Fred Pretty Veterans Plate

Winners 2022

Runners up 2017

### LADIES TEAM

#### Sussex County Women's Premier Division

Winners 2023



## Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome to the Beacon for our third consecutive Premier Division top five clash in a row

**The postponement of last week's trip to Midhurst & Easebourne means we will have now faced Crowborough Athletic, Steyning Town and today's visitors Eastbourne United in successive weeks - a real test of our playoff credentials.**

Those previous two matches with the Crows and the Barrowmen ended in defeat, so fingers crossed we can get back to winning ways this afternoon.

That will not be easy of course against a United side who have lost only three times so far this season and who are one place and seven points behind us but with two games in hand. That tells you everything about what an important game this is.

United are always well-supported on the road and we would like to welcome their fans, players, management and committee and hope they are enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex.

We will not dwell on that last match against Steyning too much, other than to say it was a mixture of a disappointing Hassocks display and the Barrowmen being an excellent outfit that resulted in a 4-0 loss.

Another big crowd were packed into the Beacon which leads us to a plea going forward for more matchday volunteers.

We are currently stretched to the limit in terms of people helping with the car parking, on the gate and doing other jobs around the ground before kick off to help home games run smoothly.

If you could please spare 30 minutes or an hour of your time in exchange for some serious benefits, please speak to Owen behind the bar or Jason at the turnstiles to find our more.

This season's success on the pitch is being matched with the growing interest in the club from the village and beyond - and if we want to push for the next level, more help is please needed.

Despite the wet weather in the week leading up to the Steyning game, the first team fixture not only went ahead but the Under 18s played twice in a little over 48 hours on the Beacon pitch.

Sunday morning saw a 5-0 victory over Montpellier Villa with goals from Josh Nandhra, Oliver Goswamy, Freddie Searle and two for Cavan Chedzey.

Tuesday night was less successful as a feisty League Cup third round clash with Worthing United went 2-0 by way of the visitors.

The Veterans were also in action on Sunday 25th February, going down 3-2 at Broadbridge Heath. Player-manager Steve Spies scored both the goals... at the right end, for the avoidance of any doubt.

At the same time, the Ladies were beaten 5-1 by Montpellier Villa at Culver Road. Katherine Chappell with the consolation.

There is no first team game next Saturday. Our next action comes on Tuesday 19th March with the rearranged trip to Midhurst, followed by the visit of Crawley Down Gatwick to the Beacon on Saturday 23rd.

Plenty of football does take place here in the intervening two weeks. The Under 18s take on Haywards Heath Town on Sunday 17th, the Veterans host Roffey Hills Farm on Monday 18th and the Under 23s are in League Cup action against Horley Town on Thursday 21st.

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

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## Eastbourne United

**With only three Southern Combination Premier Division defeats to their name so far this season, Eastbourne United have proven tough to beat. It is a trait which will serve them well if they make it into the promotion playoffs.**

Seeing Eastbourne United flying so high in the standings does not really come as a surprise.

Ever since former AFC Uckfield Town boss Anthony Storey arrived at the Oval early in the 2021-22 season, United have been one of the best sides in the division and one of the hardest to take three points from.

Having been on the fringes of the relegation battle when Storey was appointed, seven months later they had risen to a final finishing position of fifth.

That form continued into 2022-23. United ended the campaign in fourth spot, their highest placing since winning the Southern Combination title in 2009.

They lost just six matches - and

had they been able to turn some of their 12 draws into victories, would have been a lot closer to champions Broadbridge Heath, who they trailed by 15 points.

It has been a similar story in 2023-24. They are 12 points off current leaders Steyning Town but with three games in hand.

Had United won just a couple of their 10 drawn matches, they would be right in the thick of the title race.

Being difficult to beat though could yet serve them well should they finish in the top five and secure a playoff place. No side will want to be paired with United, knowing they rarely lose.

They rarely concede, either. Only Crowborough Athletic and Eastbourne

Town have shipped less goals than the 29 which have passed former Hassocks number one James Broadbent so far this season.

United's mean defence was on show at the Oval when we visited the Sunshine Coast back in September, along with a clinical display of finishing which led the hosts to a 3-0 victory.

It was our first league defeat of the season, after which a lot of people predicted the Hassocks bubble had burst and we would fall back into mid table after our surprisingly good start to the campaign.

Yet here we are, in March, still up there. Whatever happens, we should be in store for an entertaining afternoon of football.

## United Factfile

**Founded** 1896

**Ground** The Oval

**Website** eastbourneunitedafc.com

**Twitter** @eastbourneafc

**Instagram** @eastbourneafc

**Manager** Anthony Storey

**Top scorer** Callum Barlow, 33

## Club Honours

**Southern Combination League Premier Division**

Winners 1955, 1956, 2009

**Southern Combination League Division One**

Winners 2014

**Sussex Senior Cup**

Winners 1960, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1969

**Sussex RUR Charity Cup**

Winners 1956, 2009

**Peter Bentley League Cup**

Winners 1951, 1952

**Sussex Intermediate Cup**

Winners 1966, 1969

## 10 Key United Moments

**1921...** known as Eastbourne Royal Engineers Old Comrades, they join the Southern Combination League

**1946...** Eastbourne Comrades FC – the fifth of seven names the club have used – move to the Oval

**1955...** United lift their first Southern Combination title, successfully defending it the next year

**1963...** they leave the Southern Combination League for the Athenian League

**1977...** another change of leagues, this time with a move to the Isthmian League

**1991...** after 28 years, United return to the Southern Combination League

**2003...** Eastbourne United merge with Shinewater Association to become Eastbourne United Association

**2009...** complete a league and cup double, lifting the Southern Combination title and the Sussex RUR Cup

**2011...** United are relegated into Division One of the Southern Combination League

**2014...** the Division One title is lifted and there is best ever run to the semi finals of the FA Vase

## Last 20 Seasons

2022-23: Southern Combination Premier 4th

2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 5th

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 18th

2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 16th

2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2015-16, Southern Combination Premier 10th

2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 12th

2013-14, Southern Combination One 1st

2012-13, Southern Combination One 4th

2011-12, Southern Combination One 6th

2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 20th

2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 6th

2008-09, Southern Combination Premier 1st

2007-08, Southern Combination Premier 11th

2006-07, Southern Combination Premier 7th

2005-06, Southern Combination Premier 14th

2004-05, Southern Combination Premier 5th

2003-04, Southern Combination One 3rd

2002-03, Southern Combination One 8th

2001-02, Southern Combination Premier 19th



## Robins v Eastbourne United

<b>SCFL Premier &gt;</b>	Played 39 - Won 12 - Drawn 12 - Lost 15 - Scored 56 - Conceded 61
<b>SCFL Division One &gt;</b>	Played 6 - Won 5 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 17 - Conceded 8
<b>Sussex Senior Cup &gt;</b>	Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 5 - Conceded 1
<b>FA Cup &gt;</b>	Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 7 - Conceded 1
<b>FA Vase &gt;</b>	Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 4 - Conceded 2

**Total > Played 49 - Won 20 - Drawn 14 - Lost 15 - Scored 89 - Conceded 73**

## Previous Meetings

### 2023-24

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 3-0 Hassocks

### 2022-23

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-3 Eastbourne United

### 2021-22

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-3 Eastbourne United

### 2020-21

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-0 Hassocks

### 2019-20

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 4-1 Hassocks

### 2018-19

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-0 Eastbourne United

### 2017-18

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-1 Hassocks

### 2016-17

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-2 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Eastbourne United

### 2015-16

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-3 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-1 Eastbourne United

### 2014-15

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-2 Hassocks

SCL Premier: Hassocks 3-3 Eastbourne United

### 2010-11

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-1 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-2 Hassocks

FA Cup: Hassocks 7-1 Eastbourne United

### 2009-10

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 2-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Eastbourne United

### 2008-09

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-0 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 0-0 Hassocks

### 2007-08

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-3 Eastbourne United

FA Vase: Hassocks 4-2 Eastbourne United

### 2006-07

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 2-2 Hassocks

### 2005-06

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-2 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks

Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 4-0 Eastbourne United

Sussex Senior Cup: Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks

### 2004-05

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 2-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 4-0 Eastbourne United

### 2001-02

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 4-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-4 Eastbourne United

### 2000-01

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 1-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-1 Eastbourne United

*RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 9-0 Shinewater Association*

### 1999-00

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-0 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 2-1 Hassocks

### 1998-99

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-1 Eastbourne United

SCFL Premier: Eastbourne United 3-2 Hassocks

### 1994-95

SCFL One: Hassocks 3-0 Eastbourne United

SCFL One: Eastbourne United 1-2 Hassocks

### 1993-94

SCFL One: Hassocks 2-2 Eastbourne United

SCFL One: Eastbourne United 0-1 Hassocks

### 1992-93

SCFL One: Hassocks 6-4 Eastbourne United

SCFL One: Eastbourne United 1-3 Hassocks



# Robins find United too hot to handle on scorching hot September day

**In their toughest test of the season so far, Hassocks surrendered both their unbeaten Premier Division record and top spot following a 3-0 defeat at Eastbourne United.**

Not many people would have expected the Robins to come into their seventh game of the campaign leading the way having amassed 16 points from a possible 18.

United in contrast are heavily fancied to be involved in the promotion race having finished fourth last season.

They conceded only 32 goals, the joint-fewest in the division alongside runners up Crawley Down Gatwick.

Their six defeats meanwhile was a total bettered only by champions Broadbridge Heath on five.

Had United managed to turn some of their 12 draws into victories – both games with Hassocks ended level – then they would have been very much in the championship picture.

That gives Anthony Storey's side a obvious area for improvement. And based on what happened against Hassocks at the Oval, United look well capable of picking up the additional points needed to push even higher up the table.

They withstood plenty of pressure from the Robins at one end and proved clinical at the other.

The hosts needed just two minutes to take the lead. Hayden Beaconsfield swung over a corner which stuck Callum Barlow seemingly more by luck than design to defy Fraser Trigwell.

It was such an early opener that some of the Robins substitutes had the perfect view, watching it from behind the goal as they made their way from the changing rooms around to the dugouts on the opposite side of the pitch.

Hassocks strung their first passing move together five minutes later.

This eventually released Joe Bull down the left to flash a dangerous ball across the six yard box.

At least three red shirts were queuing up to convert and yet none where able to do so.

A simple touch would have at least forced ex-Hassocks goalkeeper James Broadbent into action.

Alex Fair dragged one wide on 13 minutes before Broadbent found himself stretching to keep out a Raging Bull free kick.

United winger Tigana Quebe went for a spectacular bicycle kick which is best described as good idea, bad execution with the effort heading a long way away from the goal.

Both sets of players had cause to thank Quebe though for his boldness as it led to referee Daniel Cooper offering a water break whilst the ball was retrieved.

With the mercury touching 30 degrees and many of the 200 plus crowd wondering if they had made the right decision in choosing the Oval over the nearby beach, the pause in play was very welcome.

Hassocks enjoyed a good spell after the refreshment stop. Bailo Camara and George Olulode were both booked in the space of two minutes and another Bull delivery was crying out to be turned in.

Broadbent saved bravely at the feet of Liam Benson. When Fair then rattled the post three minutes before half time, United were visibly holding out for the interval and the chance to regroup.

The Robins in contrast found their momentum checked by half time. The first 15 minutes of the second half were a non event, leading James Westlake to make a treble change on the hour mark in an attempt to shake his team back to life.

Off went Alfie Loversidge, Jamie Wilkes and Alex Fair. On came Kyle Woolven, Josh Mundy and Sean Stephenson.

For former Ipswich Town youth

team player Stephenson, it was a Hassocks debut following his signing earlier in the week from Newhaven.

The changes almost paid dividends with Hassocks coming close to an equaliser just three minutes later through Benson.

United survived though and as the half wore on, the Robins had to become ever more attacking in their quest for an equaliser.

The hosts remained solid despite the best efforts of Hassocks to find a way through.

United man-of-the-match Alfie Headland stood out in particular at centre back.

Hassocks were pretty sturdy themselves, Matt Gunn proving the equal of Headland by taking the Robins' Starman award.

This was certainly not an afternoon on which Gunn or indeed Hassocks deserved to concede three.

They did so after being caught out by two sucker punches in the final eight minutes.

Substitute Ed Ratcliffe hit a crisp strike from distance to double United's lead on 82.

The three points were then made safe as the game was about to tick into injury time with Ratcliffe again heavily involved.

He earned a corner with a shot from a Callum Barlow pass deflected behind.

Beaconsfield played the set piece short to Ratcliffe, who embarked on a great solo run ended with a clinical finish from a tight angle to complete an impressive cameo from the bench.

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

**Subs:** Mundy (Wilkes 59), Woolven (Loversidge 59), Stephenson (Fair 59), Smith, Geard (unused).





# Super sub Sheriff strikes late to deliver an early Christmas present

**Forget the Grinch Who Stole Christmas - it was Hassocks doing the robbery as they snatched a 3-2 injury time win against Eastbourne United Association at the Beacon.**

United were clearly the better side in the second half and looked the more likely winners after skipper Sheldon Snashall put them level at 2-2 seven minutes after the break.

But the Robins' most experienced striker Mark Sheriff came off the bench late to deliver an early present for home fans, scoring with what was probably only his second touch as the clock ticked onto 92.

Sheriff had originally said he was unavailable to face United. When that changed, he was happy to be on the bench after Dave John explained he had already told new signing Phil Gault he would be pitched straight into the starting XI.

John has been tracking Gault for some time - the striker played in a pre-season friendly for Hassocks away at Horley Town before opting to recommit to St Francis Rangers - and his transfer came through just in time.

That meant his brace for Rangers on Saturday in their 4-2 defeat at Midhurst & Easebourne were his parting gift to them.

Gault did enough in this match to suggest John is right to be delighted with the signing, which gives him another option up front where hitherto they have been limited.

Summer capture Sheriff and the emergence of 17-year-old Matt Amos from the youth team have done a wonderful job filling the void left by Pat Harding's move to Eastbourne Borough, but strength in depth is always the secret of a successful squad.

A thick fog rolled in off the Downs before kick off and although it made the first half a nightmare for spectators, those on the pitch felt it

was just about playable.

Referee David Spain should therefore be commended for listening to both teams and John, who advised the official that any mist over the Beacon usually clears in time for the second half.

In the circumstances, other referees may have been tempted to postpone.

Mr Spain though decided to go ahead, meaning another fixture rearranged for later in the campaign to go with all the games lost through the wet weather of November and December has been avoided.

John's prediction of better vision once the opening 45 minutes were out of the way proved correct - and it was United who emerged the better outfit after the fog lifted.

Confusion reigned through the first half as to how Hassocks had scored their goals and who were the players on target.

Both were eventually credited to Amos, although somewhat controversially by all accounts.

The opener came on 27 minutes when Pete Lear headed a corner towards goal and Amos applied the final touch on the goal line.

Hassocks led for all of nine minutes before Mark Warren nodded United back on level terms.

Amos then claimed his and the Robins' second goal five minutes before half time.

A free kick from Anthony Hibbert was headed back across goal by Lear. Spencer Slaughter latched onto the loose ball, firing off a shot which was about to give him his second senior goal.

Amos though had other ideas. Handily placed once again a couple of yards out, the teenager provided a final touch helping the ball in for his second so-called stolen goal in the space of 13 minutes.

Already, the teenager is showing the sort of ruthless streak and selfish dedication to scoring all the best

strikers have.

The first act seen clearly thanks to the improved visibility of the second half was Snashall's equaliser on 52 minutes, coming when a left wing corner fell to him in the six yard box.

Clearcut chances were at a premium after that, with the ones that did arrive mainly being for United.

Nathan Crabb prodded inches wide when the Robins were undone through the middle.

Sam Crabb blazed over when Hassocks failed to deal effectively with a Snashall cross and Ben Billings was closed with an enterprising effort from distance.

The closest Hassocks came to retaking the lead was when Gault had a header cleared off the line after a bizarre of head tennis broke out in the box.

Sheriff replaced Lear on 85 and the Robins were rewarded for the gamble of throwing on a striker for a centre back seven minutes later.

Hibbert did well to heed Sheriff's call for a through ball and the diminutive striker dispatched in clinical style to secure an underserved three points.

John has been in football long enough to know such results are swings and roundabouts.

So, whilst he accepted it was a fortunate win, he also pointed to the Robins' scarcely deserved 5-1 defeat at Redhill on their previous league match and the 2-2 draw with United at the Oval in the game before that for the other side of the coin.

**Hassocks:** Harding; Turner, Lear, Hewitt, Marsh, Fisk; Slaughter, Hibbert, Robbins; Gault, Amos.

**Subs:** Faith (Robbins 45), Thompson (Slaughter 74), Sheriff (Lear 85).



## 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.



# Turner returns to take February Player of the Month

**Dan Turner marked his first month back as a Hassocks regular since April 2022 in style, being named the Robins February Player of the Month.**

The popular centre back was one of the star performers in the 2021-22 campaign, helping Hassocks avoid relegation whilst taking home a double of Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season awards.

He spent most of 2022-23 playing cricket the other side of the world, before returning to the Beacon for the current campaign.

The form of Alex Bygraves, Matt Gunn and Bradley Tighe meant Turner had to patiently wait for an opportunity with most of his football up to now played for the Under 21s.

That changed in February. Turner came off the bench in the Robins' second game of the month, scoring an 86th minute winner in the 2-1 win over Little Common with a finish featuring nifty footwork any forward would be proud of.

Turner subsequently made his first league start of the campaign as Hassocks won 2-1 at Peacehaven & Telscombe.

He has looked undroppable since then, including when being chosen as Robins Starman for the 2-1 defeat at home to table topping Crowborough Athletic.

With Bygraves unfortunately ruled out for the rest of the campaign, Turner will have a big part to play as Hassocks aim to keep up their unlikely challenge for a playoff spot.

Second place in February 2024 Player of the Month went to Joe Bull, who continues to impress at left back.

Raging Bull has been a virtual ever present for the Robins this season, defending solidly at one end and posing a real threat going forward at the other.

Set pieces have proven a particularly fruitful route to assists for Bull.

It was his corner which led to Hassocks opening the scoring in their 3-1 win over Pagham, Jack Troak

somehow getting credited with a header despite it quite clearly being an own goal from Lions number one Connor Kelly.

Another Bull corner three days later also created the goalmouth scramble in which Julian Durand pounced to give Hassocks the lead against Little Common.

Behind Turner and Bull in third was Jamie Wilkes, meaning the tall striker has finished in the top three in five out of seven Player of the Month awards so far this season.

The rangy Wilkes helped set up the Robins' second against Pagham, popping up on the left wing to release goal scorer Leon Turner.

Wilkes was rested for the win over Little Common but returned to play a huge part as Hassocks made the journey back from Peacehaven & Telscombe with three league points for only the second time this century.

He then went onto be one of the few bright spots in the disappointing 4-0 defeat to title chasing Steyning Town which rounded off the month.



# John Broomfield

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# Title chasing Barrowmen wheel to Beacon victory inside of 45 minutes

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 24th February 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks 0-4 Steyning Town**



**Did the Beacon play host to the 2023-24 season Southern Combination Premier Division champions on Saturday?**

Based on the way Steyning Town dismantled Hassocks 4-0 in a manner no other side has managed so far this campaign, the Barrowmen will take some stopping in their quest for a first league title since 1986.

True, the Robins were nowhere near their best. But even had they matched the high level Hassocks fans have been treated to in what has been an exceptional season so far, they still would have struggled against their South Downs neighbours.

You only have to look at some of Steyning's cup results to see the challenge the Robins were facing.

In the FA Cup, Steyning went all the way to the second qualifying round and a home game with Maidstone United - the same Maidstone United taking on Coventry City in the fifth round on Monday night.

The Barrowmen have eliminated both Brighton Under 21s and Burgess Hill Town from the Sussex Transport Senior Cup on a run which has taken them to the semi finals.

Victory over Horsham at Culver Road on Tuesday night will see them become the first Southern Combination side to reach the showpiece final of Sussex non-league football in over 30 years.

With one eye firmly on midweek, Steyning boss Kevin Green would no doubt have been delighted that his side had three points from their trip to Hassocks in the bag before half time.

The Barrowmen led 3-0 going into the interval through goals from Tom Chalaye, Nathan Cooper and Jack Barnes.

Steyning understandably grasped the opportunity to ease up and take

their foot off the pedal after the break.

It subsequently looked like the second half was going to finish goalless until Chalaye notched again in the eighth minute of injury time to add one final lick of gloss to the scoreline.

Chalaye's first of the afternoon arrived at the opposite end timewise, coming with only four minutes on the clock.

A cross from Charlie Meehan on the right was drilled low and hard across the edge of the box to Chalaye.

The Barrowmen's leading scorer curled a first-time finish into the bottom corner.

Hassocks enjoyed a good spell of possession in the middle of the park after falling behind but were never able to turn it into anything troubling Lucas Szendela-Goetzke in the Steyning goal.

In amongst expertly soaking up the pressure, the Barrowmen also looked dangerous on the counter.

One lightning quick break resulted in Matt Gunn making a superb clearance off the line when a Billy Fuller cross was headed towards goal by Meehan.

Gunn's intervention succeeded in only delaying Steyning doubling their lead by six minutes.

A corner dropped to unmarked ex-Robin Cooper at the back post, who side footed home with ease.

Unlike when conceding the opener, the Robins regained no composure this time around.

Steyning's midfield two of Barnes and Ross Edwards started to get on top in the engine room.

The link up between Meehan and right back Charlie Weller meanwhile was beginning to cause Joe Bull all kinds of problems.

Hassocks needed half time to arrive and the chance to regroup.

Had they made it into the interval only 2-0 behind, there remained a slim chance they could have got back into it.

Instead, Raging Bull got caught the wrong side of Meehan in the fourth minute of stoppage time.

In trying to retrieve the situation, Bull only succeeded in bringing down the Barrowmen winger from behind to concede a stonewall penalty.

Visiting captain Barnes was as cool as you like on taking duties, firing down the middle as Fraser Trigwell dived left.

Things petered out into a largely uneventful affair after the break. Steyning were content to revert to sitting deep as they had during that first half period of Hassocks possession.

The Robins created a couple of half chances for Leon Turner, Jack Troak and Big Alex Fair but nothing substantial enough to either worry or exert Szendela-Goetzke.

Proceedings seemed to be meandering to a 3-0 Barrowmen win when Chalaye suddenly popped up with that late fourth goal for the visitors.

Lloyd Francis and substitute Jared Rance combined to release Chalaye down the left flank, from where he headed towards goal and rounded Trigwell before rolling into the now-empty net.

**Hassocks:** Trigwell; B Tighe, Gunn, D Turner, Bull; L Turner, Wilkes, Williamson, Stephenson; Fair; Troak.

**Subs:** Harding, Loversidge, Frankland, Miles, Blake (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, Stephenson
<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	2-1	132	Durand, D.Turner
10/02 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-1	301	B.Tighe, OG
17/02 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP	1-2	412	Troak
24/02 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	0-4	252	
<b>March</b>					
09/03 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
19/03 - 19:45	Midhurst & Easebourne (A)	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	40	0	40	0	41	0
Joe Bull	39	1	40	2	177	11
Jamie Wilkes	35	3	38	6	78	10
Pat Harding	25	13	38	12	276	153
Matt Gunn	33	1	34	2	34	0
Mike Williamson	33	1	34	2	73	2
Bradley Tighe	26	7	33	2	203	2
Josh Mundy	23	9	32	2	32	2
Alex Bygraves	30	1	31	3	75	7
Sean Stephenson	24	5	29	4	29	4
Alfie Loversidge	13	16	29	3	108	14
Tom Frankland	14	12	26	3	38	3
Liam Benson	23	1	24	17	200	67
Harvey Blake	21	3	24	0	136	4
Alex Fair	15	6	21	6	21	6
Kyle Woolven	8	13	21	5	21	5
Jack Troak	10	3	13	3	135	34
Leon Turner	7	6	13	1	46	6
Julian Durand	3	7	10	2	10	2
Sam Smith	2	6	8	0	49	3
Nathan Miles	2	5	7	0	218	74
Dan Turner	4	2	6	2	68	5
Sam Geard	1	5	6	1	10	1
Josh Nandhra	3	2	5	3	5	3
Faris Khallouqi	2	3	5	0	5	0
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
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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# 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
<b>January</b>				
25/01 - 19:45	Redhill (H)	SCFL23	6-1	Chedzey (2), Loversidge (2), Durand, China
<b>March</b>				
07/03 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		
14/03 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFL23		
21/03 - 19:45	Horley Town (H)	SCFL23		
28/03 - 19:45	Steyning Town (H)	SCFL23		



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# Under 23s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
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

# Robins return to action with big home victory over Villa

**Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division  
Sunday 25th February 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks U18s 5-0 Montpellier Villa U18s**



**After four weeks without a game thanks to the dreadful February weather, Hassocks Under 18s returned to action with a home fixture against Montpellier Villa.**

Despite the long layoff, the Robins showed no sign of rustiness as they eased to a 5-0 victory at the Beacon.

This was a seriously impressive result for several reasons. Whilst Hassocks came into the game having not kicked a competitive ball for a month, Villa had remained in action throughout the rain thanks to the 3G pitch at Culver Road - giving them an edge when it came to match sharpness.

The Robins were all-too aware of the talent the visitors have in their squad.

Villa are one of only two teams to have taken Southern Combination League Under 18 Central Division points off Hassocks so far this season.

The sides previously drew 3-3 at Culver Road on Bonfire Night. Villa have maintained that form since and arrived in Mid Sussex sitting fourth in the table.

Yet for however tough this game appeared on paper, the Robins were ruthless.

They took full advantage of a red card for Villa's Rafferty Beacham to rack up a biggest league win since November.

Whilst every other game in the Central Division was postponed because of the weather coming into the weekend, the Beacon remained in excellent condition - even after the first team played on it less than 24 hours earlier when losing 4-0 to Steyning Town.

That allowed Hassocks to zip the ball around, playing some impressive football.

The Robins made three changes from the side who had beaten AFC Vardeanians in their last outing at the end of January.

Evan China was promoted from the bench and there were returns for Oliver Goswamy and Ed Tobias. Leo Charman, Toby Munt and Will Hartley all dropped down as substitutes.

Cavan Chedzey continued his excellent season in front of goal with another brace, moving him onto 18 for the campaign so far.

He was joined on the scoresheet by Oliver Goswamy and Josh Nandhra.

The fifth and final Hassocks goal came from substitute Freddy Searle, who now has three from four appearances off the bench for the Robins.

Having waited four weeks to return to action, the Robins now face two games in the space of three days.

Worthing United of the West Division visit the Beacon on Tuesday night in the third round of the League Cup, meaning a rare youth team game under the lights.

It is a good opportunity to come and watch the future of Hassocks with free admission and a 7:45pm kick off.

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

**Subs:** Varley, Hartley, Munt, Searle, Charman (used).

# SMART PARTITIONS

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# Hassocks exit League Cup in feisty match against the Mavericks

**Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup 3rd Round  
Tuesday 27th February 2024, The Beacon  
Hassocks U18s 0-2 Worthing United U18s**



**Two games in less than 48 hours proved a bridge too far for Hassocks as they exited the Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup at the third round stage against Worthing United.**

A rare youth game under the Tuesday night lights drew a big crowd to the Beacon, who were subsequently treated to a feisty affair won 2-0 by the Mavericks.

United showed why they are the favourites to win the West Division, having two games in hand whilst sitting six points behind leaders Worthing.

They are yet to lose in the league this season, with a record reading eight wins and two draws from eight matches and only eight goals conceded.

Hassocks could therefore not have asked for a much tougher draw than United.

And whilst the Robins put a lot into beating Montpellier Villa 5-0 on Sunday morning to extend their lead at the top of the table to seven points, the Mavericks appeared to have one eye on the League Cup as they rested players for their 1-1 weekend draw with Arundel.

Hassocks made only two changes from the side who had defeated Villa and both were enforced.

Regular number one goalkeeper Theo Bradley was unavailable, meaning a start between the posts for George Lythgoe.

Josh Nandhra meanwhile was in Whitehawk's first team squad for their Isthmian League Premier Division home game against Cray Wanderers. His place was taken by Harry Goatcher, making only his second start of the campaign.

United won the game through goals in either half by Daniel Kingston and Toby Tester. The first arrived midway through the opening 45 minutes with the second coming late in the day as Hassocks pushed forward looking for an equaliser.

In amongst some excellent football played by both sides were a number of heated challenges, resulting in three yellow cards for Mavericks Liam Appleton, Louis Green and goal scorer Tester.

The noise which greeted the full time whistle from the visiting contingent was indicative of what a big result they felt this was.

One United player even grabbed a scarf and began twirling it around his

head, as if the Mavericks had just won the Champions League rather than a third round Southern Combination Under 18 League Cup tie.

That though just shows the magic and importance of this particular competition, which United will fancy their chances of winning with a trip to Little Common to come in the quarter finals.

There remains the prospect that Hassocks and the Mavericks could meet again this season, which based on this would be a game very much worth watching.

Should United lift the West Division title and Hassocks manage to overcome Burgess Hill Town in the race for the Central Division, then these two sides may meet again in the end-of-season playoffs to decide the overall Under 18s champions.

**Hassocks:** Lythgoe, Fogden, China, Tobias, Fernley, K Nandhra, Dean, Gladding, Goswamy, Goatcher, Chedzey.

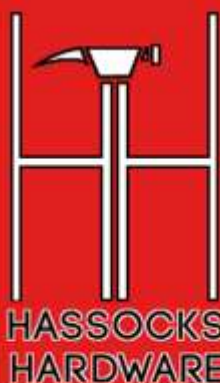
**Subs:** Varley, Hartley, Charman (used).

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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>				
25/02 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Chedzey (2), J.Nandhra, Goswamy, Searle
28/02 - 19:30	Worthing United (H)	U18LC3	0-2	
<b>March</b>				
10/03 - 11:00	Lancing (A)	SCFL18		
17/03 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
24/03 - 11:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFL18		
31/03 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (A)	SCFL18		
<b>April</b>				
07/04 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18		

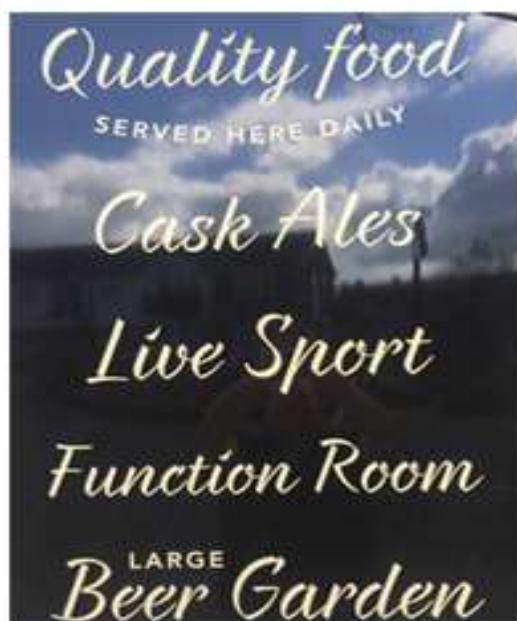


# Under 18s Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Sam Dean	16	0	16	0
Sam Fernley	16	0	16	4
Charlie Fogden	15	0	15	3
Kian Nandhra	15	0	15	6
Cavan Chedzey	14	1	15	18
Will Hartley	4	11	15	7
George Gladding	14	0	14	0
Theo Bradley	13	1	14	0
Toby Munt	8	6	14	0
Oliver Goswamy	13	0	13	3
Josh Nandhra	12	0	12	10
Evan China	8	3	11	2
Ed Tobias	10	0	10	0
Marko Gabric	0	8	8	0
Alex Brewer	5	1	6	9
Ben Foster	4	2	6	0
Will Varley	2	4	6	1
George Lythgoe	3	2	5	0
Ben Murray	1	4	5	0
Leo Charman	1	3	4	0
Freddy Searle	0	4	4	3
Harry Goatcher	2	0	2	0
James Faulks	0	1	1	0
Jack Wood	0	1	1	0

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# Robins get Plate campaign up and running by mauling Maresfield

**Mid Sussex League Veterans Plate  
Sunday 11th February 2024, Warden Park Academy  
Hassocks Vets 7-2 Maresfield Village Vets**

## **The Mid Sussex Football League Veterans Plate got underway with Hassocks winning 7-2 at home against Maresfield Village.**

What is the Veterans Plate you might be asking? In the words of Lord Phillip Gault: "Some \*\*\*\*\* 50/50 Cup for the \*\*\*\*\* Vets teams. What does it really matter in the grand scheme of things?"

Needless to say, Gault was still present and correct at Warden Park Academy and scored three of the Robins' seven goals.

In more official terms, the Veterans Plate is for clubs who finished in the lower half of the Mid Sussex League Veterans East and West Divisions, giving them a shot at some silverware.

Hassocks made a slow start to their campaign, losing to Lewes and then being unable to raise a side for the long trip to Sidley United.

Those two results along with a crazy 7-7 draw against Rotherfield left the Robins in fourth place in the East Division, giving them a place in the Plate which Gault is so enthusiastic about.

Also in the Plate alongside Hassocks and Maresfield are Jarvis

Brook, Broadbridge Heath, Rotherfield and Roffey Hills Farm.

It is a competition the Robins should do well in, presuming they can get relatively strong squads out of the near-60 players now signed on.

Hassocks were able to keep changes to a minimum from the team who beat East Division champions Seaford Town 5-2 in their last outing, with just the six players from that victory dropping out.

James Butcher, Ashley Marsh, Richard Thompson, Andy Wilson, Dave Juniper and James West were all unavailable.

Che Williams came into the starting XI from the bench. Paul Armstrong returned having been fully cured (we hope) of the PTSD suffered when he volunteered to go in goal for the Rotherfield game and ended up getting lobbed seven times.

Elliott Butler brought energy to the midfield, Adam Waller legs out wide and player-manager Steve Spies comedy to wherever it was he decided to put himself on the pitch.

The other change saw Gary Segger make his Hassocks debut. There was also a debut from the bench for Matt Knight, meaning 38



different players have turned out for the Robins across eight matches so far.

Gault obviously cut a slightly happier figure by full time thanks to his hat-trick, moving him two goals clear of Chris Cook in their own personal battle to finish top scorer.

The question afterwards was is Gault now refusing to pass to Cook? In depth analysis is sure to follow in this week's Mid Sussex Times.

Cook did manage to score two of his own, making up five of the Hassocks total.

The other two came from first team assistant boss Tom Hughes who now has two in three and Waller.

For Maresfield, Kristopher Turnbull and Ben Mitchell were on target, the latter having just signed from Walford Veterans.

**Hassocks:** Williams, Hughes, Spies, Newman, Segger, Neatherway, Butler, Armstrong, Waller, Cook, Gault.

**Subs:** Wallis, Knight, Poole (used).

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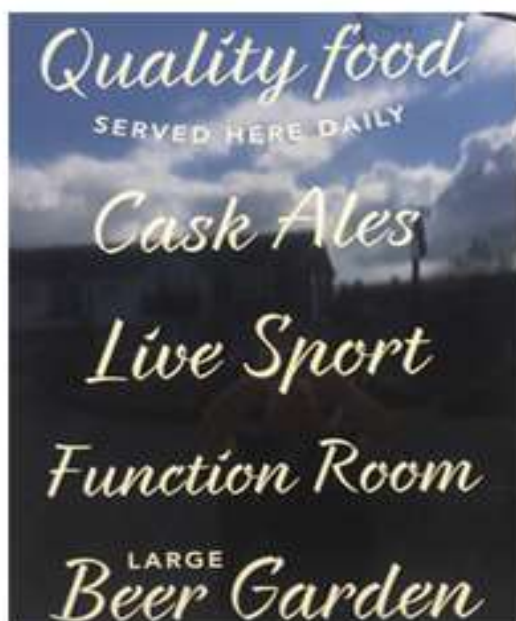


# Veterans Matches 2023-24

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>				
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
29/01 - 19:30	Seaford Town (H)	MSFLVE	5-2	Cook (2), Gault, Neatherway, Juniper
<b>February</b>				
11/02 - 15:30	Maresfield Village (H)	MSFLVP	7-2	Gault (3), Cook, Hughes, Waller
25/02 - 14:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	MSFLVP	2-3	Spies (2)
<b>March</b>				
18/03 - 20:00	Roffey Hills Farm (H)	MSFLVP		
24/03 - 14:00	Jarvis Brook (A)	MSFLVP		
<b>April</b>				
07/04 - 14:00	Rotherfield (H)	MSFLVP		

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# Veterans Appearances 2023-24

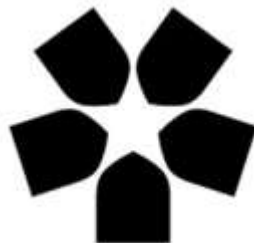
Player	2023-24 Season			Goals
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	
Chris Cook	8	0	8	14
Phil Gault	8	0	8	16
Nick Newman	7	0	7	0
Che Williams	4	3	7	0
Dave Juniper	6	0	6	3
Jonathan Bundy	3	3	6	3
Steve Spies	4	2	6	2
Elliott Butler	5	0	5	1
Rob Sayers	5	0	5	1
Andy Wilson	5	0	5	0
Tom Hughes	4	0	4	2
Chris Neatherway	4	0	4	4
Adam Waller	4	0	4	1
Kieran Fielding	3	1	4	0
Paul Armstrong	3	0	3	0
James Butcher	3	0	3	0
Andy Darby	3	0	3	0
Ashley Marsh	3	0	3	0
Terry Gacias	2	0	2	0
Michael McEnery	2	0	2	0
Gary Segger	2	0	2	0
Richard Thompson	2	0	2	0
Matt Knight	1	1	2	0
Richard Thomas	0	2	2	0
Terry Wallis	0	2	2	0
Paul Clarke	1	0	1	0
Mark Darbyshire	1	0	1	0
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	1
Scott McCarthy	1	0	1	0
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
Nick Poole	0	1	1	0
Dan Sullivan	0	1	1	1





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# 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	3-2	K.Chappell, Johanson, Pordage
25/02 - 14:00	Montpellier Villa (A)	LSE1S	1-5	K.Chappell
<b>March</b>				
24/03 - 14:00	Steyning Town (H)	LSE1S		
<b>April</b>				
07/04 - 14:00	Bognor Regis Town (A)	LSE1S		

# Ladies Appearances 2023-24

Player	2023-24 Season			
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Claire Stevens	18	0	18	1
Katherine Chappell	17	0	17	8
Tallie Bright	16	1	17	0
Katie Read	16	0	16	0
Kirstin Mair	15	0	15	3
Lola Moon	10	5	15	1
Jess Craig	11	2	13	2
Jodie Johanson	11	1	12	1
Jo Brown	11	1	12	0
Emma Flin	11	1	12	0
Mia Pordage	11	1	12	2
Ellie Moquet	9	3	12	0
Sarah Chappell	10	0	10	0
Emily Spooner	10	0	10	3
Mandy Morgan	7	3	10	0
Jess Gray	4	2	6	0
Holly Webb	3	1	4	0
Milly Dagleish	2	1	3	0
Steph Wingeatt	1	2	3	0
Shannon McFadden	1	0	1	0

# On This Day...



## Miles to the four in Robins crushing of Crows

**March 9th 2013:** Nathan Miles had an enjoyable afternoon as his four goals helped Hassocks to a convincing 6-1 win over Crowborough Athletic at the Beacon

### The Robins ran riot against Crowborough Athletic at the Beacon and at the heart of it was the four-midable Nathan Miles.

Miles provided four of the goals in a 6-1 win for Hassocks. The game was done and dusted as early as the 24th minute, by which point the Robins led 3-0.

Hassocks showed no signs of letting up against a Crows defence whose nervousness increased each time they conceded, going into half time 5-0 to the good.

The talk around the Clubhouse at half time was of record wins and how many goals the Robins could rack up in the remaining 45 minutes of football.

Full credit to this young Crowborough side then, who came out after the break surprisingly rejuvenated and able to make much more of a game of it.

Two things made the final score particularly impressive from a Hassocks point of view.

The first was that the Robins had not won for five matches coming into the game, going back to another 6-1 win at the Beacon four weeks ago against AFC Uckfield. Talk about an emphatic way to break a barren run.

And the second was that Hassocks did it missing stalwarts like Anthony Hibbert and Ashley Marsh - going to show what a Jekyll and Hyde outfit they have been in recent weeks.

Mickey Jewell overcame the absentees by engaging in a shuffling of positions.

Lee Bryant shifted to centre half to partner Stuart Faith, Elliott Butler dropped in at left back and James Westlake was given a central midfield role instead his usual wide berth.

That opened up an opportunity for Stuart Brown to make another

start on the right wing, having impressed for Roy Staughton's all-conquering reserve side this season.

Miles set the tone for what was to come when opening the scoring with just four minutes played.

Visiting player-manager Dave Adams attempted a clearing header, only to succeed in glancing the ball straight into the path of Miles.

No second invitation was needed, Miles hitting a sweet first-time half volley with confidence which caught Crowborough goalkeeper Ben Head by surprise.

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In fairness, Head would have struggled to keep it out even had he been expecting Miles to shoot, such was the crispness of the strike.

Jamie Weston was another player back in the starting XI after having to settle for a place on the bench in the midweek defeat at Horsham YMCA.

He doubled the lead on 18 minutes with a free kick driven towards goal with his trusty left foot. It took a heavy deflection off a disjointed wall to defy Head.

Miles made it 3-0 in spectacular fashion on 24 minutes when he spotted Head off his line and lobbed the Crows number one from outside the area.

A much simpler finish provided

Miles with his hat-trick goal 10 minutes later, tapping inside the far post from close range following a Weston cross.

Crowborough only seriously threatened Simon Lehkyj once in the first half.

The Robins goalkeeper had to show good alertness to make a smart save denying Tom Saunders from a matter of yards.

Not wanting to hand the spotlight completely over to his strike partner Miles, Division One's leading scorer Phil Gault struck his 30th of the season just before half time.

There was a certain amount of cheek mixed with a little bit of intelligence as Gault struck a free kick which took another cruel deflection before flying into the top corner.

The Crows were rewarded for their obvious improvement after the break by pulling one back on the hour mark.

Lehkyj denied Alex Rich but in doing so, only succeeded in pushing the ball to Harry Thompson who tucked away from a tight angle.

Given the outcome was already beyond doubt and Hassocks had not scored for over 30 minutes, it was somewhat bizarre that Crowborough lost their heads entering the final 15.

There were three unsavoury bookings in quick succession for Crows players, all for dissent towards the referee.

Hassocks responded by adding their sixth with 10 minutes left to play. It was of course that man Miles, with his fourth, in the process moving onto 20 goals in a single season for the first time in his career.

**Hassocks:** Lehkyj; South, Bryant, Faith, Butler; S Brown, Westlake, O'Callaghan, Weston; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Johnson, John (used), P Wickwar (unused).

# Around the League...



The investment the club have made in the Beacon pitch meant that our game with Steyning a fortnight ago was one of the few to survive the weather. Here is what has happened around the Southern Combination League in the two weeks since

## As well as our 4-0 defeat to the Barrowmen, two other Premier Division games went ahead on Saturday 24th February.

The local derby between **Newhaven** and **Saltdean United** was always guaranteed to be played thanks to the 3G pitch at the Trafalgar Ground.

And it provided an eight-goal thriller just about edged by the Dockers, who returned to the top of the table with victory.

Lee Robinson scored twice for Newhaven, along with goals from Jacob Thompson, Bailie Rogers and Luke Donaldson on a chaotic afternoon of football.

Ex-Robin Alfie Edmeads netted for Saltdean, as did Corby Ovenden and Harley Damario to almost give former Dockers Under 23s manager Kieran Ridley victory on his first return to Newhaven since his summer appointment as Tigers boss.

**AFC Vardeanians** also got the go-ahead for their home clash against **Peacehaven & Telscombe**, although by full time they were probably left wishing the game had been postponed.

Goals in the final 30 minutes from Max Mesquita, George Cook and Joe Gilmore secured a 3-0 win for the Tye to end their barren run of recent form.

Tuesday 27th February saw Peter Bentley League Cup quarter final action as both **Crowborough Athletic** and **Haywards Heath Town** moved into the final four of the competition.

Goals from Rory Salter and Tom Pearson secured a 2-0 win for the Crows at home against **Little Common**.

Heath meanwhile had two from Emmanuel Abudioré to thank for booking their semi final spot via a 2-0 victory away at **Midhurst &**

## Easebourne.

Also on that Tuesday night, **Steyning Town's** brave run to the semi finals of the Sussex Transport Senior Cup was ended at the hands of Isthmian League Premier Division side Horsham.

The Barrowmen soon bounced back from that defeat, however, replacing Newhaven as Premier Division leaders in the only game which went ahead last weekend.

Harry Shooman scored twice and Charlie Meehan once as Kevin Green's side easily overcame **Horsham YMCA** 3-0 at the Birchwood Ground.

Three games went ahead in Division One on Saturday 24th February.

**Wick** continued their rise into the promotion picture with a 5-2 win over **Alfold** at Crabtree Park.

Dave Crouch hit a hat-trick for the hosts, who also had Sam Connolly and Josh Irish on target.

The Alfold consolations came from Joao Andrade and Charlie Martin.

A 96th minute equaliser from substitute Alfie Goble rescued a 2-2 draw for **Montpelier Villa** at home to **Godalming Town**.

Jesse Burbidge had put Villa ahead in the first half before goals from James Norman and Ross Cheek looked to have given the visitors three points at Culver Road.

Tyler Capon scored twice for **Seaford Town** in their 2-1 away win at **Banstead Athletic**.

Sekou Fofana put Banstead ahead with only six minutes played and there were red cards for the hosts' Toby Young and Seaford's Jack Potten.

A big scoring game took place on Tuesday 27th February between **Billingshurst** and **Forest Row** at Jubilee Fields.

It was the home side Hurst who ended up with the three points, running out 6-4 victors.

Tom Edwards and Jack Sizzey-Carter bagged braces, Matthew McAlpine got one and there was a first Billingshurst goal for Micael Fatela since his switch from Hassocks.

Jake Horn scored a hat-trick for Frow and so could consider himself mighty unlucky to be on the losing side. The other visitors' goal came from Callum Downer.

Struggling **East Preston** pulled off something of a shock by holding **Wick** to a 1-1 draw in a local derby at the Lashmar.

Dave Crouch put Wick 1-0 ahead with 13 minutes played, only for Nahum Green to ensure the spoils were shared.

One Division One game was played last weekend, **Copthorne** seeing off **Mile Oak** 4-2 at the Camping World Stadium.

Stuart Cameron, Sean Banks, Kevin McMahon and Robbie Tambling got the goals for the home side with Jack Marriott and Joe Patching responding for Oak.

One Division Two fixture and one Division Two Cup tie have been completed in the past fortnight.

**Ferring** and **Rottingdean Village** shared a 3-3 draw on Saturday 24th February.

Joe Sadler scored twice for Ferring with their other goal coming via Jack Collins. Vadym Panov, Sam Berry and Ryan Carse netted for the visitors.

A week later and **St Francis Rangers** moved their cup clash with **Upper Beeding** to Newhaven, where they advanced to the semi finals after a penalty shootout win following a 1-1 draw.



# Tables Form Top Scorers Attendances

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steyning Town	31	20	7	4	90	34	67
Newhaven	29	19	8	2	87	42	65
Crowborough Athletic	28	20	3	5	60	28	63
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Eastbourne United</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>55</b>
Haywards Heath Town	27	16	6	5	36	33	54
Eastbourne Town	28	17	3	8	43	26	54
Peacehaven & Tels	30	14	6	10	48	32	48
Midhurst & Easebourne	27	13	7	7	62	51	46
Lingfield	28	11	7	10	48	49	40
Crawley Down Gatwick	26	11	3	12	57	44	36
Pagham	29	9	7	13	50	54	34
Little Common	27	10	4	13	47	63	34
Horsham YMCA	28	7	8	13	36	53	29
Loxwood	29	7	5	17	40	66	26
Shoreham	29	6	6	17	39	78	24
Bexhill United	29	4	9	16	47	68	18
AFC Varndeanians	29	5	2	22	25	81	17
Saltdean United	30	3	4	23	35	77	13
AFC Uckfield Town	28	2	4	22	26	84	10

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath Town	270	5395	4264	1131
Peacehaven & Telscombe	270	4579	4148	431
Crowborough Athletic	232	4627	3751	876
Newhaven	223	4886	3724	1162
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>3695</b>	<b>3358</b>	<b>337</b>
Steyning Town	204	6311	2253	4058
Shoreham	202	3624	2595	1029
Eastbourne Town	162	3060	2721	339
Bexhill United	157	2664	2165	499
<b>Eastbourne United</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3347</b>	<b>2547</b>	<b>800</b>
Little Common	135	2152	1695	457
Saltdean United	112	2122	1833	289
AFC Varndeanians	111	1441	1441	0
Pagham	100	1599	1372	227
Midhurst & Easebourne	85	1344	1026	318
Horsham YMCA	84	1672	1101	571
AFC Uckfield Town	77	1230	959	271
Crawley Down Gatwick	73	1447	938	509
Loxwood	69	1169	1059	110
Lingfield	63	1008	777	231

## Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Steyning Town	WWWDWW
<b>Eastbourne United</b>	<b>WWWDWW</b>
Haywards Heath Town	WWWWDW
Eastbourne Town	LWWWWW
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>WWWLWL</b>
Newhaven	DWDWLW
Crowborough Athletic	DLWLWW
Shoreham	WLDWWL
Lingfield	WLWDLW
Midhurst & Easebourne	DWLDDW
Little Common	LWWLLW
Crawley Down Gatwick	LWWLDD
Horsham YMCA	DLDLWL
Pagham	LLLWDD
Peacehaven & Telscombe	LDLLLW
Loxwood	LWLDLL
Saltdean United	DLLLWL
Bexhill United	LLDLDD
AFC Uckfield Town	LLLLLL
AFC Varndeanians	LLLLLL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Goals
<b>Callum Barlow</b>	<b>Eastbourne U</b>	<b>33</b>
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	30
Oli Leslie	Crawley Down	26
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	23
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	23
Liam Benson	Haywards Heath	22
Hayden Skerry	Haywards Heath	22
Dan Simmonds	Pagham	22
Tom Chalaye	Steyning Town	22
Harry Shooman	Steyning Town	18
Charlie Meehan	Steyning Town	17
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	16
Mark Goldson	Steyning Town	15
Jay Simpson	Lingfield	15
Joe Radley-Martin	Steyning Town	14
Harvey Killick	Crowborough	14
<b>Hayden Beaconsfield</b>	<b>Eastbourne U</b>	<b>12</b>
Callum Edwards	Newhaven	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>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>
Broadbridge Heath	10	9	1	0	46	12	28
Lingfield	14	9	1	4	44	27	28
Horsham YMCA	12	8	1	3	40	20	25
Horley Town	12	7	0	5	22	24	21
Steyning Town	14	4	2	8	24	25	14
Roffey	10	3	1	6	26	27	10
St Francis Rangers	13	3	0	10	17	51	9
Redhill	10	1	0	9	16	31	3
Oakwood	9	1	0	8	14	44	3

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Szymon Kowalczyk	B'bridge Heath	12
Ross Ballam	Steyning Town	10
Jamie Maunder	Roffey	10
Ashley Aderemi	Lingfield	9
Wiktor Maznica	B'bridge Heath	8
Jamie Skipper	Horley Town	8
<b>Nathan Miles</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>7</b>
<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>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>
Burgess Hill Town	10	10	0	0	46	9	30
Saltdean United	13	8	2	3	38	23	26
Montpelier Villa	17	7	2	8	35	36	23
Haywards Heath Town	14	6	3	5	39	29	21
Lancing	12	6	1	5	34	25	19
Shoreham	7	3	0	4	9	19	9
Mile Oak	13	2	2	9	11	52	8
AFC Varndeanians	14	2	1	11	18	55	7
St Francis Rangers	13	2	0	11	15	18	6

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Cavan Chedzey</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>18</b>
George Hendriks	Montpelier Villa	15
Austin Potter	Burgess Hill	13
Oliver Emery	Saltdean United	12
Louis Keane	Haywards Heath	11
Theo Maryon	Burgess Hill	10
<b>Josh Nandhra</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Alex Brewer</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Daniel Burbulis	Burgess Hill	9
Malik Mundoma	Saltdean United	9

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newhaven	17	16	0	1	60	14	48
Bromley	15	12	1	2	75	10	37
Dartford Reserves	17	9	5	3	36	22	32
Montpelier Villa	20	10	1	9	51	42	31
Herne Bay	17	8	3	6	40	35	26
Eastbourne United	16	7	1	8	24	34	22
Hastings United	17	7	1	9	24	53	22
Welling United	16	6	3	7	25	40	21
Bexhill United	17	4	3	10	25	40	15
Steyning Town	17	4	1	12	18	49	13
Bognor Regis Town	12	3	3	6	22	26	12
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>

### LSER Division One South Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Charlotte Lee	Bromley	31
Bethany Hull	Bromley	25
Lucy Collinson	Newhaven	20
Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	15
Tara Barratt	Montpelier Villa	14
Chloe Evans	Newhaven	14
Katie Franks	Newhaven	13
Elena Brock	Herne Bay	12
Poppy Harold	Bexhill United	12
Brooke Nicholson	Hastings United	11
Bryony Hart	Bromley	10
Amber Hazlewood	Steyning Town	10

### Mid Sussex Veterans Plate Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jarvis Brook	2	1	1	0	9	3	4
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Broadbridge Heath	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Rotherfield	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Maresfield Village	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
Roffey Hills Farm	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

### Veterans East Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
<b>Chris Cook</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Phil Gault</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>9</b>
Carl Berwick	Jarvis Brook	4
Dan Lawrence	Jarvis Brook	2
Tim Martin	B'bridge Heath	2
<b>Steve Spies</b>	<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>2</b>

# Upcoming **Fixtures** >>>



## **Midhurst & Easebourne v Hassocks**

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Tuesday 19th March 2024, 3:00pm

The Rotherfield, Dodsley Grove, Easebourne, GU29 9BE

Admission prices £7 adults, £3.50 concessions, Under 16s free

**We are back out on the road next Tuesday with one of the longest away trips of the season to Midhurst & Easebourne, where the heaviest defeat of the James Westlake Era was inflicted upon the Robins last season**

### **Midhurst & Easebourne this season**

2022-23 was Midhurst's first Premier Division campaign for 30 years and it proved to be very much a season of two. They were victorious in nine of their opening 17 matches before failing to win another league game from the start of December onwards. Despite their form diving off a cliff, the Stags had enough points in the bag to finish 13th. Greater consistency over an entire campaign was the aim for 2023-24 and Midhurst have delivered, sitting ninth at the time of writing.

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

Meetings have been few and far between. There have been 11

previous games, six of which we have won and five of which Midhurst have been triumphant in. Goals tend to be guaranteed; we have a 6-0 win at the Beacon and a 6-1 win at the Rotherfield to our name. Last season meanwhile saw a crazy seven-goal thriller at the Beacon in which all the goals came in the first half won 4-3 by the Stags. That was followed by a 5-0 defeat away from home in the December return match. Fingers crossed for much, much better on this occasion.

### **Last time we met**

We did at least gain some sort of revenge for the hammering taken at the Rotherfield last time the sides met back in August. Liam Benson hit

a hat-trick inside of the opening 16 minutes as the Robins ran out 3-1 winners over Midhurst at the Beacon. Matt Rowland provided the Stags with their consolation in second half injury time.

### **How to get to the Rotherfield**

A surprisingly straightforward if very long journey awaits. Take the A272 through Cowfold, through Billingshurst and through Petworth until you reach Easebourne. There will be a sharp left turn next to the Cowdray Park Polo Club, after which you take the second right onto Egmont Road. Turn left at the end onto Dodsley Lane and then an immediate right into Dodsley Grove and the ground is just on your right.

## <<< Upcoming Fixtures



### Hassocks v Crawley Down Gatwick

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 23rd March 2024, 2:00pm  
The Beacon, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY  
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

**Non League Day 2024 takes place on Saturday 23rd March. Keep you eyes peeled for how we will be marking the occasion as last season's Southern Combination League runners up Crawley Down Gatwick visit the Beacon**

#### Crawley Down Gatwick this season

It has been something of a hangover season for the Anvils and nobody can blame them for that. Not only did they come within three points of beating Broadbridge Heath to the Southern Combination League title last April, but they then suffered the disappointment of playoff defeat against Sutton Common Rovers which denied them promotion to the Isthmian League. Down were slow to start the current campaign as they recovered from the double blow but have moved themselves into contention for a top 10 spot as the season heads towards its finale. It would be no surprise to see them back amongst the promotion

candidates in 2024-25.

#### Head-to-head

Hassocks v Crawley Down used to be one of the highest-scoring games on the Southern Combination League circuit, regularly throwing up ridiculous scorelines such as 5-3 and 6-4 wins for the Robins. That means the head-to-head shows 90 goals from 28 meetings, although things have calmed down considerably recently. We have 13 wins overall and Down 10, leaving five draws.

#### Last time we met

"It wasn't a game for the neutral, put it that way," was the assessment of James Westlake afterwards. And he was right. Raging Joe Bull struck the

only goal of the game on 23 minutes having only landed back at Gatwick the morning of the game from watching Brighton away against Marseille in the Europa League.

#### Familiar faces

Plenty of players have swapped the Haven for the Beacon and vice versa in recent seasons and that always adds a little extra spice to games between the clubs. For Hassocks, Harvey Blake is an ex-Anvil. Down meanwhile can call upon Harvey Enticknap, Dave Carruthers and Louis Pittock.



### Hassocks v Horsham YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Saturday 30th March 2024, 3:00pm  
Herbert Direct Stadium, Gorings Mead, Horsham, RH13 5BP  
Admission prices £7 adults, £5 concessions, Under 16s free

**March comes to an end with a trip to Horsham YMCA. The Herbert Direct Stadium used to be a graveyard for Hassocks, but not so much anymore with two wins in our past three visits. No better time to make that three from four...**

#### Horsham YMCA this season

On the pitch, this has been a solid if unspectacular season for Horsham YMCA. For the second campaign running, they sit in mid table having neither troubled the upper reaches nor been in any sort of relegation battle. Seven wins, eight draws and 13 defeats leaves them 14th in the standing. Off the pitch, YM have been given permission to install a 3G pitch at Gorings Mead - a transformative moment if the new facility brings similar success to that seen at Lancing, Steyning Town and Newhaven in recent years.

#### Head-to-head

YM have been one of our most frequently faced opponents since we

joined the Southern Combination League. There have been 57 games between the sides. YM have won 27 with 18 Hassocks wins and 12 draws. YM's dominance of the fixture stems largely from their strong record at Gorings Mead in the fixture; we have won just three times in the league there since 2000. As already mentioned, two of those victories have come in the past three seasons.

#### Last time we met

The one and only 0-0 draw of the season so far involving the Robins. After scoring 15 times in five consecutive away games through September, we could find no way past a mean Horsham YMCA defence at the Beacon in a game in which

neither Fraser Trigwell nor his opposite number Aaron Jeal had a serious save to make.

#### How to get to the Herbert Direct Stadium

The ground is situated on the outskirts of the town centre. Take the A272 to Cowfold before joining the A281 towards Horsham. Once in the town, Gorings Mead is located on the left before the railway bridge as directed by the "YMCA" sign. There is extremely limited parking at the ground and when that is full there is no parking in the street leading to the ground. Visitors are advised to park in one of the many car parks that are a five-minute walk away.

# 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**  
Little Common home **Dan TURNER**  
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Steyning Town home **Jamie WILKES**  
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 **Matt GUNN**  
2nd **Jamie WILKES**  
3rd **Joe BULL**

January 2024  
1st **Leon TURNER**  
2nd **Mike WILLIAMSON**  
3rd **Jack TROAK**

February 2024  
1st **Dan TURNER**  
2nd **Joe BULL**  
3rd **Jamie WILKES**

March 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

April 2024  
1st  
2nd  
3rd

# HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

# Most Games



# Most Goals

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14
7. Phil Gault	331	21	352	190
8. James Laing	298	53	351	143
9. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22
<b>16. Pat Harding</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>276</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>60</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>24. Bradley Tighe</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2</b>
25. Liam Benson	154	46	200	67

	Goals	Games
1. Phil Gault	190	352
<b>2. Pat Harding</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>276</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>218</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>34</b>	<b>135</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	
Harvey BLAKE	
Joe BULL	
Alex BYGRAVES	
Bradley TIGHE	
Matt GUNN	
Dan TURNER	
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



## EASTBOURNE UNITED

	James BROADBENT
	Mat RODRIGUES-BARBOSA
	Hayden BEACONSFIELD
	Alfie HEADLAND
	Sam COOPER
	Max THOMPSON
	Rhyle OVENDEN
	Brett PATTON
	Callum BARLOW
	Gary INGRAM
	Ed RATCLIFFE
	Charlie BALL
	George OLULODE
	Josh GOULD
	Mayckol SABINO
	Harvey MAPSTONE
	Bailo CAMARA
	Max THOMPSON
	Sam COLE
	Ellis CORMACK

### Referee

Paddy O'Reilly

### Assistants

Daniel Hague &  
Paul Buckland

**Manager** Anthony Storey

**Coach** Bailo Camara

**Coach** Mohammad Hakimi

### Next at the Beacon



### Crawley Down Gatwick

Southern Combination Premier Division  
Saturday 23rd March 2024. 2pm

### Today's other Premier Division games

AFC Uckfield Town v Saltdean United  
AFC Varndeanians v Crowborough Athletic  
Bexhill United v Shoreham  
Crawley Down v Midhurst & Easebourne  
Eastbourne Town v Haywards Heath Town  
Horsham YMCA v Peacehaven & Telscombe  
Little Common v Steyning Town  
Newhaven v Loxwood  
Pagham v Lingfield



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