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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, 2024

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, 2024

Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

LADIES TEAM

South East Counties Women's Division One West

Winners 2018

Sussex Women's Challenge Trophy

Winners 2018

Sussex County Women's Premier Division

Winners 2023



Welcome to the Hassocks Hotel Beacon



Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Southern Combination Premier Division fixture against Bexhill United

We extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee and fans of Bexhill who have made the journey and hope they enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex.

Saturday's 1-0 victory over Saltdean United saw us win on the opening day of the campaign since beating Wick 2-1 in the 2016-17 season.

It was not exactly pretty but the best teams find a way to win when not at their best. And when you are as defensively solid as we were against the Tigers and have a player like Troaky capable of producing a moment of magic, it makes winning games a little easier.

Troaky rightly takes the headlines but a special mention should go to Alex Bygraves. He is due to move to Dubai soon and for that reason, had originally planned not to sign on for this season.

But with Westy having several other defenders unavailable, Bygraves said he would help out for a final appearance in a Hassocks shirt.

Everyone at the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground wishes Alex, Nat and the twins the very best for their new adventure.

With Westy having been so busy on the transfer front, there was a certain amount of "Who is that?" amongst supporters at the weekend.

Tonight's programme therefore includes a comprehensive guide to all the new faces. If

you take a shine to one of them, why not sponsor then for the season?

It costs only £40 and the money goes towards boring yet necessary jobs around the club, such as washing the kit. For more information, please speak to Owen behind the bar.

The games come thick and fast now and Bexhill will prove a tough test tonight. Games with the Pirates tend to be close-fought affairs and with Ryan Light back in charge, Bexhill are likely to be a force again in the division this season.

Saturday then brings the small matter of an Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round tie with Haywards Heath Town.

FA Cup matches tend to be special enough occasions on their own thanks to the history, prestige and money on offer; and of course the chance to face one of the big boys of non league football if you go far enough.

Throw in the additional spice of a Mid Sussex Derby and it is an afternoon not to be missed - one in which your support can help us secure a first win over the Bluebells since 1992.

What better time to do it than the world's greatest cup competition?

Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the game.

Owen & Scott

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Tuesday	12 – 11pm	12 – 3pm
Wednesday	12 – 11pm	12 – 3pm / 6 – 9pm
Thursday	12 – 11pm	12 – 3pm / 6 – 9pm
Friday	12 – 11pm	12 – 3pm / 5 – 9pm
Saturday	12 – 11pm	12 – 9pm
Sunday	12 – 10.30pm	12 – 3pm



Pat's Chairman Chat

Good evening and welcome to the Hassocks Hotel Beacon **Ground for tonight's** encounter against Bexhill United.

I like Bexhill as a club, friendly people, nice clubhouse, a welcoming reception with good banter from their fans on the touchline. I hope they have a good season.

We kicked off our season on Saturday with a gritty 1-0 win versus Saltdean. It looked a tough encounter on a hot and dry pitch.

The highlight was a lovely finish from Troaky, who pointed to the heavens in celebration!

We had a great crowd and I thank you for your support. Once again, I am indebted to the club's volunteers who put on a smooth matchday.

Tonight is going to be another tricky test but I am looking forward to a competitive game with a bit of atmosphere under the lights.

On the chairman side of things, I continue to meet floodlight representatives for quotes for new energy efficient LED floodlights and am in the process of applying for funding.

We should also have LED lights put into the clubhouse within the next few weeks to save energy bills ahead.

The nursery above the clubhouse

are in the process of changing ownership and hopefully that's a smooth transition.

Planning permission has been submitted for a potential training pitch behind the stand.

All of this is a long term plan of sustainability and not a boom and bust method as some clubs do.

On Thursday, the Under 23s have a friendly at home to Balcombe (free entry), then we look forward to the big derby FA Cup game against Haywards Heath on Saturday when I might even dress up for the occasion!

Up the Robins,
Pat H



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Bexhill United



A familiar face is back in the Bexhill United dugout for this season. After a one-year sabbatical, Ryan Light has returned to the Polegrove as manager and will be aiming to ensure the Pirates enjoy smoother sailing than was the case in 2023-24...

Light first took over Bexhill when they were perennial Division One strugglers. Not only did he end a 30-year absence from the Premier Division by winning promotion in 2021, but Light then oversaw back-to-back top seven finishes.

When Light stood down last summer, the Pirates opted for continuity by promoting successful Under 23s management team John Wright and Shane Lovell into the role.

Several senior players decided to depart at the same time as Light, leaving Wright working with a young squad lacking in senior football experience.

The result was inconsistent results and a season of struggle. Although Bexhill never really looked in danger of relegation, they ended the campaign only one point above the bottom two in 18th spot.

Light's task is therefore pretty straightforward - help the Pirates climb the standings back towards the sort of lofty positions they occupied in his previous reign.

Whilst Bexhill were dealt a blow when leading striker and captain Jack Shonk opted to join Newhaven, Light has been busy on the recruitment front with some eye catching signings arriving at the Polegrove.

Aaron Capon and Tyler Capon are both proven goal scorers at this level whilst Ollie Hull had made the move from Eastbourne Town, meaning one of his last acts as a Town player was to score both the goals in our 2-0 playoff semi final defeat at the Saffrons back in April.

The Pirates opened their campaign on Saturday with a 2-2 draw away at new-look Loxwood, a game in which they were mere minutes away from taking all three points.

Magpies substitute Tevon Webster hit a 97th minute equaliser to deny Light a winning start to his second spell in charge.

Pirates Factfile



Founded 2002
Ground The Polegrove
Website bexhillunited.com
Twitter @Bexhill_United
Manager Ryan Light

Club Honours

Southern Combination League
Winners 1957, 1966, 1967
Runners up 1969
Southern Combination League Division One
Winners 1990
Southern Combination League Division Two
Runners up 1986, 2005, 2008, 2010
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
Winners 1958, 1974
Southern Combination Division Two Cup
Winners 2000, 2008
Sussex Intermediate Cup
Winners 2008

10 Key Moments

1923... Bexhill join the Southern Combination League under the name of Allen West
1956... now known as Bexhill Town Athletic, they lift the Peter Bentley Cup for their first senior silverware
1957... one year later their first league title arrives and that is followed next season by the RUR Cup
1967... win back-to-back Southern Combination League titles in the clubs best ever spell
1969... clubs splits with Bexhill Amateur Athletic Club going one way and the rest being named Bexhill Town
1985... drop into intermediate football for the first time with relegation into Division Two
1990... Division One winners, resulting in a one season stay in the top flight
2002... after 33 years, remerge with Bexhill Athletic, becoming Bexhill United
2008... runners up in Division Two as well as winning the Division Two Cup and Sussex Intermediate Cup
2021... return to the Premier Division, ending an absence of 30 years

Last 20 Seasons

2023-24: Southern Combination Premier 18th
2022-23: Southern Combination Premier 7th
2021-22: Southern Combination Premier 4th
2018-19: Southern Combination One 4th
2017-18: Southern Combination One 7th
2016-17: Southern Combination One 10th
2015-16: Southern Combination One 14th
2014-15: Southern Combination One 6th
2013-14: Southern Combination One 8th
2012-13: Southern Combination One 11th
2011-12: Southern Combination One 7th
2010-11: Southern Combination One 4th
2009-10: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2008-09: Southern Combination One 17th
2007-08: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2006-07: Southern Combination Two 11th
2005-06: Southern Combination One 17th
2004-05: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2003-04: Southern Combination Two 12th
2002-03: Southern Combination Two 10th



Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier >	Played 6 - Won 2 - Drawn 2 - Lost 2 - Scored 12 - Conceded 9
SCFL Division One >	Played 4 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 2 - Scored 7 - Conceded 6
Peter Bentley Cup >	Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 3 - Conceded 3
Sussex Senior Cup >	Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 6 - Conceded 2

Total > Played 14 - **Won 5** - **Drawn 3** - **Lost 6** - Scored 28 - Conceded 20

Previous Meetings

2023-24

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 5-0 Bexhill United

SCFL Premier: Bexhill United 2-2 Hassocks

2022-23

SCFL Premier: Bexhill United 2-1 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-0 Bexhill United

2021-22

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Bexhill United

SCFL Premier: Bexhill United 1-1 Hassocks

2018-19

Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 3-2 Bexhill United

2016-17

Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 0-1 Bexhill United

2014-15

Sussex Senior Cup: Bexhill United 2-1 Hassocks

2008-09

Sussex Senior Cup: Bexhill United 0-5 Hassocks

1994-95

SCFL One: Hassocks 4-0 Bexhill Town

SCFL One: Bexhill Town 2-2 Hassocks

1986-87

SCFL One: Bexhill Town 3-1 Hassocks

SCFL One: Hassocks 0-1 Bexhill Town





Saturday 6th April 2024 - Hassocks 5-0 Bexhill United

Five goals scored, none conceded, a new Hassocks club record for most points in a Southern Combination League Premier Division season and still firmly in the promotion picture.

This 5-0 thrashing of Bexhill United at the Beacon was the perfect way to bounce back from Easter Monday's Mid Sussex Derby defeat to Haywards Heath Town, even if the Robins' playoff fate now relies on others dropping points.

That is not out of the question, of course. Bexhill offered a very real reminder, having become only the third team to defeat title chasing Newhaven when picking up a shock 2-1 win at the Trafalgar Ground seven days earlier.

Hassocks therefore knew that despite the visitors sitting a lowly 17th in the table, this game had potential banana skin written in all over it.

The manner in which James Westlake's side controlled proceedings and ruthlessly sunk the Pirates to move onto that record-breaking figure of 75 points was impressive.

It required patience initially, the deadlock not being broken until the 33rd minute. After that, the goals flowed regularly and were shared between five different scorers.

Sean Stephenson and Jack Troak put early efforts straight into the hands of Bexhill goalkeeper Alex Hobden before Pat Harding fired Hassocks ahead.

A throw from Stephenson was worked between Jamie Wilkes and Harvey Blake, the latter of whom clipped down the line for Faris Khalloqui to cross.

When a clever dummy from Troak then allowed the ball into the feet of Harding, Super Pat took a touch before finishing on the turn for his 14th goal of the season.

Two minutes later and the lead was doubled. Micael Fatela started the move on what was an impressive full debut from the young midfielder, who recently returned to the Beacon after a spell picking up first team experience in Division One with Billingshurst.

Fatela, Wilkes and Matt Gunn linked up to release Joe Bull down the left flank. Bull crossed and after the attempted clearance of Bexhill defender Tom O'Shaughnessy clattered straight into Stephenson, the winger fired in the hole and picked out the bottom corner.

The Pirates walked the plank themselves when it came to the third Hassocks goal on 52 minutes, making two errors in the same passage of play.

Tall striker Wilkes won possession with an excellent tackle but the Robins looked to have wasted that moment when giving the ball back to Bexhill's Charlie Playford.

Mistake one came when Playford let it bounce over his foot. Khalloqui seized on the error, sweeping a pass right to instigate a footrace between Stephenson and O'Shaughnessy.

The Bexhill left back got their first, only to play the ball straight to the advancing Blake for mistake two.

One pinpoint, first time cross from Blake later and Troak converted with a quite brilliant diving header.

By now, the Pirates were all at sea. A look at the Hassocks bench would have given reason for Bexhill's timbers to shiver further with Big Alex Fair, Alfie Loversidge, Leon Turner, Josh Mundy and Bradley Tighe all waiting in reserve.

Fair marked his return from injury in place of Harding by being involved in goal four on 68 minutes.

Raging Bull delivered a vicious in-swinging corner and with the Pirates distracted by Fair's run to the front post, the delivery evaded everyone on its way to bending it at the back post.

Credit to Fair for not claiming a touch and trying to pillage the goal for himself ahead of Bull; no parley was needed to decide who it should go to.

Nine minutes later and Hassocks completed the rout from another corner. This one was taken short between Fatela and Khalloqui. Hoben managed to keep Khalloqui's subsequent low shot out, only for the loose ball to fall to the rangy Wilkes.

Reacting like the absolute fox in the box he is, Wilkes slid home from close range to send the Pirates down to Davy Jones' locker.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, Gunn, D Turner, Bull; Stephenson, Fatela, Wilkes, Harding; Khalloqui; Troak.

Subs: Fair, L Turner, Loversidge, Mundy, B Tighe (used).

Bexhill United 0-5 Hassocks - Saturday 27th September 2008

Bognor Regis Town will be visiting the Beacon in the third round of the Sussex Senior Cup after Hassocks set up a plum tie with Conference South opposition thanks to a 5-0 win away at Bexhill United.

On paper, this looked a potential banana skin of a tie, especially given that Hassocks had **already exited the John O'Hara Cup to Division One** opponents Rustington.

In the end though the Robins made it look easy at the Polegrove as they gave a professional performance that was easily the best so far since John Suter and Mickey Jewell took the reins in the summer.

There were five different scorers, a first clean sheet for 17-year-old Jack Simpson and for the first time this season, Hassocks never looked in danger at any point.

The opening 40 minutes were pretty even with both sides giving the ball away with alarming regularity. Simon Bristow was handed the opportunity to partner James Laing in attack and it was his angled shot that flew just wide after five minutes that provided the first opportunity of the tie.

At the other end, Jack Aston lashed a shot just wide before Ashley Marsh found himself in unfamiliar territory in front of the opposing goal after Laing played him in.

How Marsh ended up there remains a complete mystery and the realisation that he was through one-on-one certainly seemed to panic him.

As a result, Marsh attempted to square the ball when a shot on target would surely have beaten United goalkeeper Akyut Kusha, although the Hassocks defender could be forgiven his lack of striking instinct after a record of one goal in 170 appearances.

Bristow, who had been one of the main culprits when it came to handing possession to the hosts, was the man who opened the scoring with 38 minutes on the clock.

There was a huge helping hand from Kusha as **Bristow's effort from 25 yards looked to be** an extremely tame one, yet somehow it eluded the grasp of Kusha and just about trickled over the line to give Hassocks the lead.

The Robins made one enforced change at the break as Matt Russell replaced the injured Laing and it was the former Burgess Hill Town striker's arrival into proceedings that saw

Hassocks grab the tie by the scruff of the neck.

Within 14 minutes of his introduction, Russell doubled the Robins advantage although the goal owed much to the industry of Dan Jacques at right wing back.

This was another promising performance from Jacques and he found himself in an advanced position after a lung busting run forward.

It looked like he'd blown the opportunity though when producing an almighty scuff yet somehow the ball went through the home defence and straight onto the path of the onrushing Russell who slotted home at the second attempt.

Hassocks were in control now and Matt Percival was just over with a dipping volley and Bristow failed to clear Kusha with an attempted lob when one on one with the keeper.

Suter turned to Matt Amos and Anthony Hibbert to replace Bristow and Percival in a double substitution on 67 minutes and the **introduction of two of the Robins' most** dangerous attacking threats helped them wrap the tie up comfortable.

Russell should have made it three within a couple of minutes of the changes and then Bexhill sub Ricky Mote missed their clearest chance when firing over from 12 yards.

Jamie Hillwood added the Robins third with 10 minutes remaining with a stunning individual effort for his first goal for the first team since stepping up from last seasons League Cup winning youth team.

Hillwood started with the ball inside his own half before riding three or four Bexhill challenges and tucking under the body of Kusha.

In an action packed last 10 minutes, Russell somehow hit the post from a yard out before Spencer Slaughter netted the fourth by rounding off a fine move that involved Hibbert, Russell and Amos with a neat finish.

The scoring was rounded off in injury time by Hibbert who placed the ball out of the reach of Kusha having collected an excellent lay off from Amos.

Hassocks: J Simpson; Jacques, Pitcher, Marsh, Faith, Hillwood; Percival, Slaughter, White; Bristow, Laing.

Subs: Russell (Laing 45), Amos (Bristow 67), Hibbert (Percival 67), Thompson (unused).

Classic match...





Meet our new Robins

A busy summer of recruitment has seen James Westlake bring 10 new signings into his first teams squad. There is a good mix of experience and young players with potential who **we hope will help the club build on last season's record-breaking** campaign...

First through the door was experienced midfielder Darren Budd, who joined the Robins as first team player-coach.

Capturing Budd represents quite the coup for Hassocks. He finished last season as part of the Worthing coaching team installed in February following the departure of Adam Hinshelwood to York City.

Alongside interim manager Aarran Racine and former Brighton midfielder Dean Hammond, Budd helped take the Rebels into the National League South playoffs for the first time in their history.

Worthing made it to the final, where they were only a cruel 4-3 playoff final defeat to Braintree Town away from reaching the top flight of

non-league football.

Budd was already a hugely popular figure at Woodside Road having enjoyed two previous spells as a player and one as a coach with the Rebels.

The second of those playing spells began when he became one of **Hinshelwood's first signings** in October 2017. Budd was instantly

installed as club captain, making such an impression as leader that Hinshelwood soon handed him a player-coach brief.

Budd fulfilled that role until he left Worthing in the summer of 2023 due to work commitments having made over 150 appearances, scoring seven goals and winning both the Isthmian League Premier Division title and the Sussex Senior Cup with the Rebels.

He subsequently joined Burgess Hill Town as a player, a club Budd was very familiar with after captaining the Hillians to the Isthmian Division One South title in the 2014-15 season. Budd played 216 times for Hill in total.

As well as Worthing and Burgess Hill, Budd has turned out for Whitehawk, Bognor Regis Town, Eastbourne Borough and Horsham. Before that, he played youth team and reserve football for Brighton.

Whilst most of his career has been spent at step three and above, he turned out for Lancing in the 2021 Southern Combination Premier Division Supplementary Shield.

Budd scored five goals in eight games to help the Lancers win the competition, beating Loxwood in the final.

Several more ex-Lancers would follow Budd through the door over the course of the summer.

But before then, summer signing number two was prolific former AFC Uckfield Town forward Morgan Vale.

Vale joined from Southern Counties East Premier Division outfit Tunbridge Wells, whom he moved to from AFC Uckfield in January.

He scored six goals in 15 appearances for the Oakmen during the first half of the Southern Combination Premier Division campaign before joining the Royals.

That brought to an end Vale's third spell at the Oaks. He came through the youth setup at Uckfield, winning Reserve Team Player of the Season as a teenager in the 2017-18 Mid Sussex Premier Division season.

He began 2019-20 in blistering form for Uckfield's second string,



Morgan Vale

notching eight goals from 10 games. That was enough to earn Vale a move to Southern Combination Division One outfit Shoreham.

Vale coped easily with the step up from immediate football, scoring four times in eight appearances before Covid-19 brought the campaign to a halt.

The summer of 2020 saw Vale return to Uckfield, where he scored six goals in 23 games in another campaign interrupted by lockdowns.

Three of his first four strikes back in Oakmen colours came in victories between September and November, leaving Uckfield sitting fifth in the table only seven points behind leaders Saltdean United when the campaign was curtailed.

Vale went onto play 32 times for the Oakmen in 2021-22, contributing six goals.

He spent 2022-23 with Crowborough Athletic and Jarvis Brook, scoring twice in 17 games for the Crows.

Two goals in 10 appearances with Southern Combination Division Two Brook followed.

It was back to Uckfield for that third spell at the start of the 2023-24 campaign followed by five months

with Tunbridge Wells in which he played 18 times.

Highly rated 17-year-old Oscar Kemp was summer signing number three, captured from local rivals Haywards Heath Town.

He made his senior debut for Heath last season aged only 16. His first start came in a 3-0 Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup win over Midhurst & Easebourne and he marked the occasion with an assist when a dangerous corner was turned in by a Stags player for an own goal.

Kemp was named man-of-the-match for his performance, although he was unable to take home the prize of a bottle of champagne due to being too young.

He scored nine times in 12 appearances for Heath's Under 18s side and represented Sussex.

Two of those goals for the Bluebells came against Hassocks at Hanbury Park in September as the Robins just about came out on top in a nine-goal thriller, winning 5-4.

Kemp was then in the starting XI when Heath won 2-1 at the Beacon in April.

It was one of only two defeats suffered by Hassocks Under 18s in the Southern Combination Central

Division all season.

Kemp will captain the Robins Under 18s in 2024-25, whilst also being expected to feature regularly for the Under 23s and first team thanks to the player pathway in place at Hassocks.

Summer signing number four also made the move from the Home Smart Energy Stadium with Liam Hendy swapping Heath for Hassocks.

Hendy played 27 times for the Bluebells last season after making the switch from Littlehampton Town in October.

He is best known in Southern Combination League circles for a long and successful 10-year spell with Lancing, coming through the youth system at Culver Road and making over 250 senior appearances.

Hendy was in the Lancers side who won the Peter Bentley League Cup against Newhaven in 2016 at the **Beacon, ending the club's 23-year** wait for a senior trophy.

He opened the scoring in the final at the Beacon after only six minutes, heading home a Tom Caplin free kick. The Lancers went onto run out 2-1 winners.

Hendy captained Lancing in the 2019-20 campaign when they seemed certain to lift the Southern

Combination title as the outstanding team in the Premier Division under Naim Rouane.

He made 35 appearances as a virtual ever-present until Covid-19 got in the way and the season was ruled null and void.

It was a similar story in 2020-21, although the Lancers did at least get their hands on some silverware by winning the Supplementary Shield introduced when lockdown restrictions began to be lifted in April.

Lancing saw off Loxwood in the final with Hendy lifting the trophy.

Promotion was confirmed to the Isthmian League for 2021-22 based on results over the previous two curtailed campaigns with Hendy subsequently becoming the first man to lead out the Lancers at step four in their history.

His decade-long spell at Culver Road came to an end in the summer of 2022 when Hendy made the move to Littlehampton having played a defining role in helping Lancing maintain their Isthmian League place.

Hendy played 35 times for the Marigolds in 2022-23, following up with a further seven appearances last season before being reunited with Rouane at Haywards Heath.

Another former Lancing player was

Westlake's fifth summer signing, the versatile Will Berry making the move to the Beacon from Culver Road.

Berry played over 250 times across three spells with the Lancers as either a defender or midfielder.

His liking for scoring screamers **earned him the nickname 'Gary Goals'** from the Culver Road support.

He has also turned out for several other Sussex-based Isthmian League clubs in a career spanning over 15 years, being a firm fan favourite wherever he has been.

Berry started with Lancing before two seasons with Burgess Hill Town between 2009 and 2011.

A spell with Whitehawk followed with Berry then spending the 2013-14 and 2014-15 campaigns at Worthing, making over 50 appearances for the Rebels.

The summer of 2015 saw Berry re-join Lancing. Like Hendy, he was part of both the Peter Bentley League Cup winning side of 2016 and helped the Lancers lift the Supplementary Shield in 2021.

As a player who already had plenty of experience at step four, Berry was **pivotal to Lancing's survival in their** debut Isthmian League season.

He played 38 times in all competitions across the 2021-22



Will Berry



Liam Hendy

campaign as Lancing **avoided** relegation against all the odds despite having no budget.

Berry moved to Littlehampton Town in the summer of 2022 for a brief run at the Sportsfield before again returning to Lancing for a third spell in which he played 25 times, taking himself past 250 games in a Lancers shirt in the process.

Hassocks secured their seventh new signing of the summer when convincing Mid Sussex League goal machine Ruari Farrell to make the step up from Lindfield.

The striker has plundered 79 goals in 82 appearances over the past three campaigns for the Swans, helping them to finish runners up in the Premier Division in 2022-23 and reach the final of the Montgomery Cup last season.

Farrell has never finished outside of the top two in the race for the Golden Boot, marking himself out as one of the most deadly forwards in intermediate football.

Before joining Lindfield in 2021, Farrell played for Burgess Hill Albion between 2017 and 2021. He scored 88 times in only 54 matches as a youngster for the Ravens reserves, followed by 17 from 29 matches in

the first team.

Hassocks have a good track record when it comes to bringing players into the Southern Combination from the Mid Sussex League.

Harvey Blake joined the Robins from Sporting Lindfield in 2018 and tall striker Jamie Wilkes started out as a teenager with Lindfield.

The enigmatic Dan Jacques also returned to Hassocks for his second spell as a Robin from Lindfield in 2018. Few have delighted the Hassocks crowd as much as Jacques did over his 232 game Robins career.

Summer signing number seven was Mile Oak fan favourite Harry Furnell. The forward has been a regular scorer in Division One over the past four **years and was voted Oak's Players' Player of the Season 2023-24.**

Furnell scored six times from 30 appearances with his goals helping Oak to finish a bottom two finish and potential relegation into intermediate football.

He contributed five in 25 outings for Oak in 2022-23 whilst also having a brief spell with eventual Division One champions Shoreham. Furnell scored once from his six games at Middle Road.

2021-22 was the most prolific

campaign of Furnell's career as 10 goals from 20 matches saw him finish as Mile Oak's top scorer.

Since his senior debut during the 2020-21 season, Furnell has scored a total of 31 goals in 80 matches for Oak.

A move to Hassocks gives him the opportunity to see if he can bring that form into the Premier Division.

Three new loan signings from Burgess Hill Town confirmed on the **eve of the campaign took the Robins'** recruitment into double figures.

Noah Hoffman, Joe Overy and Dylan Hurst have all moved from the Homecall Carpets Stadium to play regular first team football as part of their development.

The trio turned out for Hassocks through pre-season and with particular irony, all three were heavily involved when the Robins defeated Hill 2-0 to win the Ann John Trophy for the first time since 2016.

Overy teed up the opening goal for Vale. He and Hurst then combined to get Hoffman in one-one-one, who did the rest to score the second.

Hoffman also notched the only **goal of the game in the Robins' final** pre-season outing, an outstanding first-time volley from a Big Alex Fair knockdown.

The three all made their first team debuts for the Hillians last season. Hoffman played 19 times and scored three goals.

They came against East Grinstead Town and Beckenham Town in the Isthmian League South East Division and Three Bridges in the Velocity Cup.

Overy meanwhile was called up to the England Colleges squad for their November fixtures.

He made 17 appearances for Hill's first team, scoring one goal. Overy already has Southern Combination Premier Division experience having spent part of last season with AFC Varndeanians.

Hurst played once for Hill, that aforementioned Velocity Cup match against Bridges in which Hoffman netted.



John Broomfield

REMOVALS

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Class from Troak helps Hassocks sink Saltdean for opening day win

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 27th July, Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground
Hassocks 1-0 Saltdean United



New season. New chairman. New ground name. 10 new players. But it was a familiar favourite who got the goal to give Hassocks their first win on the opening day of the season since 2016.

Jack Troak came off the bench to strike with 11 minutes remaining as the Robins overcame a determined Saltdean United outfit 1-0 at the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground.

It was a fine goal too, both for the build up and the controlled finish Troak produced with his right foot; **something of a collector's item** in itself.

Raging Joe Bull, Darren Budd and Dylan Hurst combined on halfway to work the ball right to Joe Overy.

Cutting in from the flank, Overy fed Harry Furnell for a shot well blocked by Kacper Ziolkowski.

The danger was not over for Saltdean though and a clever sideways header from Hurst put the ball towards Troak.

One touch with the chest later and Troak bent an exquisite sidefoot volley through a gap between two Tigers defenders.

Saltdean goalkeeper Jordan Hawkins could only watch on, routed to the ground as the ball clipped the inside of the post.

The campaign is only 79 minutes old and already Troak might have Goal of the Season sewn up.

Budd, Overy, Hurst and Furnell were amongst seven of those 10 summer signings to make their Hassocks debuts.

Four were in James Westlake's starting XI - Overy, Budd, Noah Hoffman and Morgan Vale. Hurst and Furnell made a difference when introduced from the bench along

with fellow newcomer Ruari Farrell.

There would have been more debutants too had either of the **Robins' two new centre backs** - Liam Hendy and Will Berry - been available.

With both absent, Alex Bygraves answered Westlake's call for one last dance in a Hassocks shirt ahead of an imminent move to Dubai. Bygraves had not been due to play this season.

A man-of-the-match performance and a clean sheet represented a fitting way for the popular defender to bid farewell to England.

Overy in particular looked a real livewire. The on loan Burgess Hill Town teenager created the first opening of the half, sprinting past three Saltdean players on a 40 yard run on the pitch to shoot just wide.

The Tigers went closer shortly after. Ex-Robin Alfie Edmeads sent over a free kick which eventually fell for Fraser Middleton to fire inches past the post.

Herbie Rogers should have done better when failing to get any contact on a deep Edmeads cross to the back post.

Bygraves was then required to make a sliding intervention on Middleton at the expense of a corner.

Having weathered that little storm, Hassocks came on strong at the end of the first half.

Bradley Tighe almost caught Hawkins out with a free kick launched down the pitch from inside the Robins half.

It bounced just in front of Hawkins, who managed to claw it over the bar and save the embarrassment of being beaten from 70 yards away.

Budd shot off target following some neat footwork on the edge of the box.

Overy then lifted the ball over the head of Charlie Yeates, Paul Gascogine at Euro 96 style. His finish though could not match Gazza as it dropped the wrong side of the post.

Clearcut chances had been few and far between through the first half. They became even sparser in the second.

Big Alex Fair headed an Overy cross against the post in what proved the only opportunity until Troak struck.

Hassocks might have expected Saltdean to come on strong after that but Fraser Trigwell was never really threatened.

Any hopes the Tigers had of finding a late leveller then disappeared when they were reduced to 10 men as the game entered injury time.

A loose touch from Aaron Winsor saw Furnell nick possession. Winsor was clumsy in his attempts to retrieve the ball, tripping Furnell to pick up a second yellow card.

Not a pretty win from a Hassocks point-of-view, but winning ugly is what the best teams do. We will find out just how good this Robins side are over the next nine months.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Bygraves, Bull; Overy, Budd, Mundy, Fair; Hoffman; Vale.

Subs: Troak, Furnell, Farrell, Hurst, Nandhra (used).



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First Team Matches 2024-25

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Att	Scorers
July					
27/07 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP	1-0	304	Troak
30/07 - 19:45	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP			
August					
03/08 - 15:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	FACEP			
10/08 - 15:00	Wick (H)	SCFLP			
14/08 - 19:45	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP			
24/08 - 15:00	Storrington (H)	FAVQ1			
26/08 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP			
31/08 - 15:00	Petersfield Town (H)	SCFLP			
September					
07/09 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP			
14/09 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP			
24/09 - 19:30	Roffey (A)	SCFLP			
28/09 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP			
October					
01/10 - 19:45	Little Common (H)	SCFLP			
05/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP			
12/10 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP			
26/10 - 17:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFLP			
November					
02/11 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP			
09/11 - 15:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP			
16/11 - 15:00	Midhurst & E'bourne (H)	SCFLP			
23/11 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP			
30/11 - 15:00	Shoreham (H)	SCFLP			
December					
07/12 - 15:00	Wick (A)	SCFLP			
14/12 - 15:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP			
21/12 - 15:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP			
26/12 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (A)	SCFLP			
28/12 - 15:00	Roffey (H)	SCFLP			
January					
04/01 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP			
25/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP			
February					
01/02 - 15:00	Petersfield Town (A)	SCFLP			
08/02 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP			
22/02 - 15:00	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFLP			
March					
01/03 - 15:00	Midhurst & E'bourne (A)	SCFLP			
08/03 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP			
15/03 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP			
22/03 - 15:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFLP			
April					
05/04 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP			
12/04 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP			
19/04 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP			
21/04 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFLP			
26/04 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP			



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First Team Appearances 2024-25

Player	2024-25 Season				Hassoeks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Harvey Blake	1	0	1	0	164	5
Joe Bull	1	0	1	0	187	13
Darren Budd	1	0	1	0	1	0
Alex Bygraves	1	0	1	0	76	7
Alex Fair	1	0	1	0	27	6
Noah Hoffman	1	0	1	0	1	0
Josh Mundy	1	0	1	0	38	2
Joe Overy	1	0	1	0	1	0
Bradley Tighe	1	0	1	0	210	2
Fraser Trigwell	1	0	1	0	51	0
Morgan Vale	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ruari Farrell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Harry Furnell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dylan Hurst	0	1	1	0	1	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	2	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	1	200	67

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Under 23s Team Matches 2024-25

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
15/08 - 19:45	Storrington (H)	SCFL23		
22/08 - 19:30	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
29/08 - 19:45	Lingfield (H)	SCFL23		



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Tye too good for new look Hassocks at start of Westlake era

“Plenty to learn from.” That was the verdict of new Hassocks head coach James Westlake after his reign began with a 3-0 defeat against an impressive Peacehaven & Telscombe outfit.

The Window Workshop Sports Park has never been the happiest of hunting grounds for the Robins, making this a particularly tough opening fixture for Hassocks.

Just twice since 1997 have Hassocks come away from Peacehaven with victory and despite competing with a well-drilled Tye outfit in the opening 20 minutes, they were comprehensively beaten in the end.

It has been a busy summer for Westlake in terms of recruitment. Nine new players featured against Peacehaven, five in the starting XI and four more from the bench.

Such significant rebuilds often take time to gel. All the recruits are proven players at this level and so once they do become used to playing together, Hassocks should expect to improve on their 16th place finish of 2021-22.

Of the nine, Alex Bygraves stood out the **most on his way to winning Hassocks’ Man-of-the-Match** award. Bygraves captained Peacehaven last season and whilst this may not have been the happiest of returns to the Sports Park, the travelling support still came away impressed by his contribution.

Bygraves was joined at the back by former Broadbridge Heath man Mark Zydonik. Tom Frankland made his debut on the right, Mike Williamson anchored the midfield and Liam Benson – another who spent part of last season with the Tye – led the line at the start of his fourth spell with the Robins.

Both sides knocked the ball around nicely during that even start but chances were at a premium. That was until the 36th minute, when Max Hollobone scored a very early Goal of the Season contender for the hosts.

Hollobone picked the ball up a long way out, weaved through the Hassocks midfield and hit an unstoppable effort from 25 yards into the top corner. Alex Harris had no chance.

Unfortunately for the Robins number one, that was not the case when Peacehaven doubled their lead seven minutes later. Harris had just made a fine stop from Callum Edwards following nice build up by Cam Wiltshire.

Hassocks then wasted a throw, giving possession straight to Ross Barclay. His ball pumped towards Harris was completely miss-

controlled by the goalkeeper, whose poor touch presented Edwards with a tap into an empty net.

The Robins now found themselves with a mountain to climb in the second half, having looked for most of the first like they would get into the break on level terms.

Hassocks did at least improve after whatever was said to them during the team talk, almost pulling one back within the first 10 minutes of the restart.

Lewis Westlake delivered a free kick into the box and Bygraves met it with a thumping header, forcing former Robins goalkeeper Nathan Stroomberg-Clarke into a superb save flying to his right.

Peacehaven began to focus their attacks down the flanks after that. Barclay crossed and Brandon Kilula could not quite get on the end of it.

Harris went some of the way toward atoning for his earlier mistake with a strong one-on-one save from Jack Pettett and Bradley Bant – who swapped Hassocks for Peacehaven in the summer – came close to connecting with another back post cross.

Southern Combination clubs are permitted to make up to five subs this season and Hassocks opted to send on four, all with the aim of adding attacking impetus.

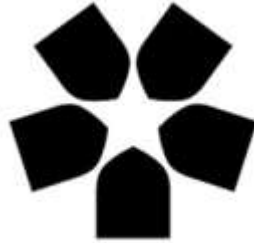
Phil Johnson and Harvey Blake are both back from Crawley Down Gatwick, Sam Cash has re-joined from AFC Uckfield Town and Leon Turner is an exciting young capture from Croydon.

Despite the changes, Hassocks still struggled to make much headway. The Robins were lucky to escape when Emmanuel Osei-Asomah put a free header from a corner off target as the game entered its final quarter of an hour.

Peacehaven did manage to add a third with 12 minutes remaining. A long ball forward was headed back into midfield and collected by Edwards. He chipped Harris to complete the scoring.

Hassocks: Harris; Zydonik, Bygraves, Tuck; Frankland, Loversidge, Williamson, L Westlake, Troak; S Smith, Benson.

Subs: L Turner (Loversidge 44), Blake (Frankland 45), Johnson (Smith 45), Cash (Zydonik 82).



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Around the League

Saturday saw the Southern Combination League season get underway with 10 games across the Premier Division. There were plenty of goals and some surprises, pointing the way to an exciting campaign ahead...

Two clubs racked up 5-0 victories, starting with **last season's Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup winners Horsham YMCA** who thrashed Little Common at the Herbert Direct Stadium.

YM were 2-0 up going into half time thanks to Josh Neathey and Conner Colcutt. **Dean Carden's side then moved through the gears** after the break.

Neathey added his second and YM's third just past the hour mark. Mitchell Clark made it 4-0 on 69 minutes and Luke Roberts completed the rout with 77 played.

The other five-goal victors were Pagham, who eased to success over Crawley Down Gatwick.

Four of the Lions goals came in the first half at Nyetimber Lane. Tom Holland struck after only 15 minutes and Alfie Davidson double the advantage on 29.

Oliver Hambleton hit the third with 32 played and Evan Harris the fourth four minutes before the break.

The Anvils did at least manage to stem the **flow after the break with Pagham's only further** register on the scoresheet coming via Harris again midway through the second half.

Premier Division newcomers Petersfield Town showed they will be a force to be reckoned with following their sideways move from the Wessex League by thrashing **last season's third-place finishers Crowborough Athletic** 3-0 at the Crowborough Community Stadium.

Callum Kimber opened the scoring in first half injury time. Jack Kimber moved Petersfield 2-0 ahead 12 minutes after the restart with **Callum's second on 65 putting the result** beyond doubt.

A disappointing opening day for the Crows was rounded off with a straight red card for Charles Holmwood when there were only seconds left to play.

Two goals from Lewes Rustell set Midhurst & Easebourne on their way to a 3-1 home victory against Lingfield.

Rustell struck on 32 and 60 minutes. Lewis Hamilton raced away from the Lingers defence to make it 3-0 on 75, followed by the Lingers

adding their consolation through captain Conor Wilford in the third minute of injury time.

Seventh hosted sixth from last season at the Home Smart Energy Stadium, where Haywards Heath Town defeated visitors Eastbourne United 2-0.

Darius Goldsmith opened the scoring on 32 minutes with Lewis Finney wrapping up three points for the Bluebells on 88.

Peacehaven & Telscombe ensured that **Michael Death's second spell in charge of Shoreham** started with defeat as they won 2-0 at Middle Road.

A Henry Blackmore penalty set the Tye on their way. Max Hollobone added the second five minutes before the break.

Former Brighton forward Jake Robinson made his debut for Newhaven as a **second half substitute in the Dockers' 2-1** victory against AFC Varndeanians.

It was brother Lee Robinson, however, who was the star of the show. He scored both the goals in the 32nd and 70th minutes to get the Dockers off to a winning start.

This evening's visitors Bexhill United were involved in high drama at the Nest as they played out a 2-2 draw with Loxwood's new-look side.

Charlie Martin gave the Magpies an eighth minute lead. Tyler Capon equalised on 25 before two goals in injury time ensured an entertaining finish.

Aaron Cook thought he had won it in the 96th minute for the Pirates, only for Loxwood substitute Tevon Webster to find an even later equaliser with the clock showing 97.

The other draw on the opening day was not quite as dramatic. Newly promoted Division One duo Roffey and Wick played out a 0-0 draw at Bartholomew Way.



Tables / Form Top Scorers / Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Pagham	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Petersfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Midhurst & Easebourne	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Haywards Heath Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Peacehaven & Tels.	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Newhaven	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Hassocks	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bexhill United	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Loxwood	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Roffey	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wick	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
AFC Vardeanians	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Saltdean United	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lingfield	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Eastbourne United	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Shoreham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Crowborough Athletic	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Little Common	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	Total	League	Cup
Haywards Heath Town	354	354	354	0
Hassocks	304	304	304	0
Newhaven	304	304	304	0
Shoreham	265	265	265	0
Crowborough Athletic	210	210	210	0
Pagham	117	117	117	0
Roffey	102	102	102	0
Midhurst & Easebourne	92	92	92	0
Horsham YMCA	65	65	65	0
Loxwood	65	65	65	0
AFC Vardeanians	0	0	0	0
Bexhill United	0	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne United	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0
Little Common	0	0	0	0
Peacehaven & Telscombe	0	0	0	0
Petersfield Town	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0
Wick	0	0	0	0

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Horsham YMCA	W
Pagham	W
Petersfield Town	W
Midhurst & Easebourne	W
Haywards Heath Town	W
Peacehaven & Tels.	W
Newhaven	W
Hassocks	W
Bexhill United	D
Loxwood	D
Roffey	D
Wick	D
AFC Vardeanians	L
Saltdean United	L
Lingfield	L
Eastbourne United	L
Shoreham	L
Crowborough Athletic	L
Crawley Down Gatwick	L
Little Common	L

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gl's
Henry Blackmore	Peacehaven	2
Evan Harris	Pagham	2
Callum Kimber	Petersfield	2
Josh Neathey	Horsham YMCA	2
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	2
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	2
Tyler Capon	Bexhill United	1
Mitch Clark	Horsham YMCA	1
Conner Collcutt	Horsham YMCA	1
Aaron Cook	Bexhill United	1
Alfie Davidson	Pagham	1
Lewis Finney	Haywards Heath	1
Darius Goldsmith	Haywards Heath	1
Tom Holland	Pagham	1
Oliver Hambleton	Pagham	1
Lewis Hamilton	Midhurst	1
Max Hollobone	Peacehaven	1
Liam Kimber	Petersfield	1
Charlie Martin	Loxwood	1
Luke Roberts	Horsham YMCA	1

Under 23s / Under 18s Ladies



Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horley Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lingfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storrington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haywards Heath Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitehawk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Sussex County Women's League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastbourne Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hassocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham Sparrows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCWL Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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Coming up for the Robins



Hassocks v Haywards Heath Town

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Qualifying Round
Saturday 3rd August 2024, 3pm kick off

Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

Haywards Heath Town last season

Heath were amongst the pre-season favourites to win the Southern Combination League title, only for their campaign to end up being plagued by disruption. Jay Lovett stepped down as manager two months into the campaign and despite some strong recruitment from new boss Naim Rouane, the Bluebells missed out on a top five finish and a playoff place. A points deduction for fielding a player without the correct international clearance dropped them further down the table to seventh.

Head-to-head

To say our record against our local rivals is not great would be a slight understatement. You have to go all the way back to 1992 to find the last time a Hassocks side defeated Heath in a

competitive game - which also happens to be our only victory over the Bluebells in 13 matches. Heath in contrast have nine wins to their name with three games ending level.

Last time we met

It was a tense, nervous affair at the Home Smart Energy Stadium on Easter Monday. Heath edged it 2-0 thanks to goals in either half from Finn Daniels-Yeoman and Byron Napper to seemingly seize the advantage in the race for a playoff place.

Familiar faces

Liam Benson swapped Hassocks for Heath back in November whilst we managed to lure Liam Hendy from Hanbury in the summer. Former Robins fan favourite Bradley Bant joined Rouane's coaching staff in the summer.



Hassocks v Wick

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Saturday 10th August 2024, 3pm kick off
Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

Wick last season

Wick are back in the Premier Division for the first time since the 2016-17 campaign after winning promotion through the Division One playoffs last season. They ended the regular season in fourth spot before overcoming Worthing United in the playoff semi final and defeating Seaford Town at the Crouch in the final, having finished six points behind Seaford in the standings. The Dragons benefited from dual-signing several Littlehampton Town players in a similar way to how we have loaned Noah Hoffman and Joe Overy from Burgess Hill for the new campaign. Wick manager Lee Baldwin has spoken of his ambition to see the Dragons join neighbours Littlehampton Town in the Isthmian League in the future, suggesting there is no lack of ambition at Crabtree Park coming into the season.

Head-to-head

Although we last crossed swords in 2016, we played Wick on a frequent enough basis previously to rack up 39 games against them. 16 of those went our way with eight draws and 14 defeats.

Last time we met

Wick came to the Beacon on Saturday 17th December 2016 for a crucial game in the battle to avoid Premier Division relegation. It was played out in freezing fog and ended 1-0 to the visitors, Joe Grommett grabbing the goal on the hour mark. Three of the Robins starting XI that day are still at the club - Bradley Tighe played right back whilst James and Lewis Westlake made up the midfield partnership.



Lingfield v Hassocks

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Wednesday 14th August 2024, 7:45pm kick off
Tinsley Lane, Crawley, RH10 8AT

Lingfield last season

The Lingers spent last season ground sharing with Horley Town and although they return to Godstone Road for the new campaign, our visit will take place at Tinsley Lane (home of Oakwood) for cricketing reasons. Despite living a nomadic existence, Lingfield still managed to finish in 11th. That was about in line with **manager Dan Burnett's expectations**. Burnett has said he feels his squad can be on the cusp of the playoff race if they remain injury and suspension free this season.

Head-to-head

There have been 33 meetings with the Robins leading the head-to-head with 15 wins to the Lingers' 10, leaving eight draws. Lingfield had been the dominant side since their Premier Division return in 2018 but Hassocks now have

four wins, one draw and one defeat from the past six matches.

Last time we met

Simpson grabbed the only goal of the game as Lingfield won a low quality affair 1-0 at the New Defence in December.

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AFC Varndeanians away

Crowborough away

November Starman Awards

Newhaven home

Midhurst home

Shoreham home

Saltdean United away

Pagham away

December Starman Awards

Wick away

Crawley Down away

Roffey home

Lingfield home

Haywards Heath away

January Starman Awards

Horsham YMCA away

Bexhill United away

February Starman Awards

Petersfield Town away

Crowborough home

Peacehaven away

March Starman Awards

Midhurst away

AFC Varndeanians home

Eastbourne United away

Shoreham away

April Starman Awards

Pagham home

Little Common away

Newhaven away

Loxwood home

Haywards Heath home

Most Games



Top Scorers

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals		Goals	Games
1. Mickey Turner	573	21	594	63	1. Phil Gault	190	352
2. Ashley Marsh	519	6	525	4	2. Pat Harding	156	284
3. Chris Hewitt	493	15	508	22	3. James Laing	143	351
4. Ashley Low	445	30	475	14	4. Anthony Hibbert	124	462
5. Anthony Hibbert	407	55	462	124	5. Robbie Kitchen	123	323
6. Andy Fisk	445	11	456	14	6. Phil Johnson	100	199
7. Phil Gault	331	21	352	190	7. Nathan Miles	74	219
8. James Laing	298	53	351	143	8. Neil Smith	68	242
9. Warren Dodds	311	37	348	3	9. Liam Benson	67	200
10. Joel Harding	340	0	340	0	10. Steve Hards	65	155
11. Paul John	329	0	329	0	11. Mickey Turner	63	594
12. Richard Thompson	305	19	324	11	12. Dave Smith	53	260
13. Robbie Kitchen	284	39	323	123	13. Spencer Slaughter	47	293
14. Spencer Slaughter	250	43	293	47	14. Joe Fernley	45	245
15. Stuart Faith	276	13	289	22	15. Mark Burnham	44	231
16. Pat Harding	237	47	284	156	16. Matt Amos	38	81
17. James Westlake	241	20	261	31	17. Michael Death	38	112
18. Dave Smith	203	57	260	53	18. Jack Troak	36	144
19. Joe Fernley	205	40	245	45	19. Marc Rendall	37	183
20. Neil Smith	232	10	242	68	20. Andy Burt	35	133
21. Dan Jacques	201	31	232	9	21. Luke Flomo	31	146
22. Mark Burnham	209	22	231	44	22. James Westlake	31	261
23. Nathan Miles	158	61	219	74	23. Dan Smith	27	63
24. Bradley Tighe	178	31	209	2	24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Liam Benson	154	46	200	67	25. Stuart Faith	22	289



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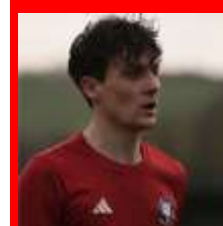
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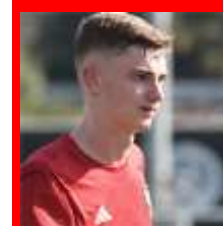
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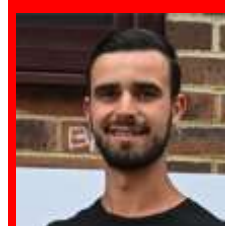
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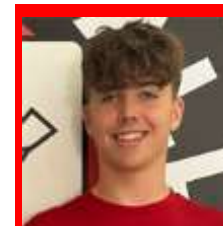
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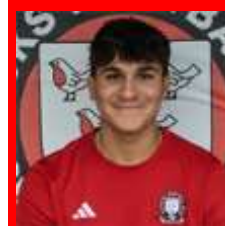


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Haywards Heath Town
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	Oliver HULL

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 Daniel Bryant

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Crowborough Athletic v Petersfield Town
 Haywards Heath Town v Eastbourne United
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 Loxwood v Bexhill United
 Midhurst & Easebourne v Lingfield
 Newhaven v AFC Vardeanians
 Pagham v Crawley Down Gatwick
 Roffey v Wick
 Shoreham v Peacehaven & Telscombe