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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 afternoon and welcome to the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground for **today's Emirates FA Cup tie against Haywards Heath Town**

The draw has proven rather mischievous by throwing together ourselves and Heath, giving us an extra Mid Sussex Derby to enjoy this **season and in the world's greatest cup** competition.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee and fans of the Bluebells and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Historically, this is a fixture which Heath tend to enjoy. Our only victory in a competitive game against them came way back in the 1992-93 season, so if we were to move into the preliminary qualifying round with a win today it would be a pretty historic moment.

In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, there will be a replay at the Home Smart Energy Stadium on Tuesday night. No extra time will be played this afternoon.

Whoever progresses will face either Roffey or Isthmian League South East outfit Deal Town at home on Saturday 17th August.

There is also the small matter of a handy £1,125 in prize money up for grabs, meaning much more than just bragging rights is on the line this afternoon.

We come into the game in good form having come from behind to beat Bexhill United 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Troaky got his second goal in as many games. He was joined on the scoresheet by Ruari Farrell, who also set up the opener on

what was an impressive first start in senior football.

Player sponsorship is continuing to prove popular. For just £40, you can support your favourite Robin through the 2024-25 and help us with the really exciting aspects of running a football club, such as washing the kit. Please speak to Owen behind the bar for more information.

We now have confirmation of the first month worth of fixtures for both Under 23s and Under 18s.

They are contained within today's programme and it would be great to see as much support as possible for both teams as they look to go one better than their respective runners up finishers last season.

The home games continue to come thick and fast with our fourth consecutive match coming here next Saturday against Wick.

Your support has made a real noticeable difference so far in pushing the players onto our best start to a campaign for eight seasons.

With local derbies often decided by very fine margins, it can be invaluable again today.

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

Owen & Scott

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Thursday	12 – 11pm
Friday	12 – 11pm
Saturday	12 – 11pm
Sunday	12 – 10.30pm

Food

12 – 3pm
12 – 3pm
12 – 3pm / 6 – 9pm
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12 – 9pm
12 – 3pm



Pat's Chairman Chat

Good afternoon and welcome to the Hassocks Hotel Beacon ground. What a day we have in store! A local derby, FA Cup, two great teams face-to-face.

We welcome neighbours Haywards Heath who under Steve Isherwood and Naz have done a great job.

I've been impressed with Heath's set up in recent years with the improvements around Hanbury and they are probably the title favourites for our division.

When the draw came out I'm sure both teams were hoping for an easier tie, but I'm the opposite and very much looking forward to an exciting fixture which gets the adrenaline going.

These games are what you want, something that gets the heart going, adds a bit of spice and bragging rights. Bring it on.

On Tuesday we did brilliantly to come from a goal down against a sturdy Bexhill team.

Hassocks showed togetherness and spirit which is, and always has been in the DNA of this club.

Troaky keeps pestering me for advice on an injured ankle and my professional diagnosis was "Get on with it!" Which he did! Scoring a calm goal which I was celebrating before it went in.

Good to see Ruari score his first goal and credit to the management team for shuffling the pack and freshening the team in what really is a modern football squad game nowadays.

When I first started playing there were only three subs (who normally weren't great). Johnsy will tell you that when he played there were no subs!

We had another healthy crowd and I'm always looking for ways to enhance the match day experience.

Owen (bar) and Chrissie (kitchen) have done a sterling job with their efficiency.

We have created an extra hatch on the side of the kitchen to help congestion and serving time, whilst at the bar we'll try and recruit kind volunteers (Jodie/Chaddy) to help Owen in busier periods.

With the big crowds come more need for parking which as it's dry, the field behind the stand has been useful.

It's something I'm looking into though as in the winter time the ground gets wetter and parking becomes trickier.

If anyone has any suggestions for enhanced match day experience, please let me know and I'll do my best to try and sort.

Up the Robins,
Pat H



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Haywards Heath Town

A somewhat disjointed 2023-24 campaign meant Haywards Heath were unable to live up to their pre-season billing as title favourites. But some shrewd acquisitions supplementing an already talented squad should mean the Bluebells go closer this time around...

Jay Lovett stepped down from his role a couple of months into the campaign to take up a full time position at Eastbourne Borough.

Heath were quick to appoint former club captain Naim Rouane, whose Lancing side dominated the Southern Combination Premier Division in 2019-20 until lockdown denied them what looked a certain title and promotion to the Isthmian League.

Rouane's Lancers played an attractive style of attacking football. He soon introduced that at the Home Smart Energy Stadium, with the Bluebells form in the second half of

the campaign particularly impressive.

Ultimately though, they just fell short of qualifying for playoffs - even without a six points deduction which dropped them to seventh in the final standings.

History though should act as a warning to the rest of the league as to how Heath respond to such setbacks.

The Bluebells were deducted nine points in the 2016-17 season, denying them the Southern Combination title.

They responded in the best possible fashion, by winning a league and Peter Bentley Cup double the following year.

To try and aid a repeat, Rouane has brought in several players this summer who were part of his successful Lancing side of five years ago.

Heath possess plenty of goals at one end of the pitch with the likes of Lewis Finney, Finn Daniels-Yeoman, Hayden Skerry and Liam Benson, who of course needs no introduction.

At the other, Mitch Bromage is one of the best goalkeepers in the league, giving the Bluebells a potent mix of good attack and strong defence.

Will that be enough to secure an Isthmian League return come April?

Bluebells Factfile



Founded 2002
Ground
Home Smart Energy Stadium
Website hhtfc.co.uk
Twitter @HHTFC
Instagram @hhtfcofficial
Manager Naim Rouane

Club Honours

Southern Combination League
Winners 1950, 1951, 1970, 2018
Runners up 1975, 2017
Southern Combination League Division One
Winners 2016
Runners up 1986
Southern Combination League Division Two
Runners up 2002, 2013
Sussex Senior Cup
Winners 1958
Sussex RUR Charity Cup
Winners 1944, 1967, 1975, 1976
Runners up 1928, 1942, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1968, 2019, 2024
Peter Bentley League Cup
Winners 2018
Runners up 2017

10 Key Moments

1931... after dominating the Mid Sussex League through the 1920s, Heath move to the Brighton League
1932... lift the Brighton League title with a 100% record, earning promotion to the SCFL
1950... lift their first of three Southern Combination League titles
1952... take up residency at Hanbury Park, moving to the Metropolitan League at the same time
1962... return to the Southern Combination League, winning their most recent league title eight years later
1981... relegated into Division One for the first time in the clubs history
1993... back-to-back relegations leave Heath in Division 2, where they spend 17 of the next 23 seasons
2016... two promotions in three seasons including winning Division One return them to top flight
2017... lift the Southern Combination League title to earn a first ever promotion to the Isthmian League
2022... secure highest league finish of fourth in step four but are relegated a year later

Last 20 Seasons

2023-24: Southern Combination Premier 7th
2022-23: Isthmian Division One South East 18th
2021-22: Isthmian Division One South East 4th
2018-19: Isthmian Division One South East 5th
2017-18: Southern Combination Premier 1st
2016-17: Southern Combination Premier 2nd
2015-16: Southern Combination One 1st
2014-15: Southern Combination One 9th
2013-14: Southern Combination One 5th
2012-13: Southern Combination Two 2nd
2011-12: Southern Combination Two 15th
2010-11: Southern Combination Two 8th
2009-10: Southern Combination Two 3rd
2008-09: Southern Combination Two 3rd
2007-08: Southern Combination Two 3rd
2006-07: Southern Combination Two 6th
2005-06: Southern Combination Two 8th
2004-05: Southern Combination Two 12th
2003-04: Southern Combination One 18th
2002-03: Southern Combination Two 2nd

Played for Both

There are too many names to mention who have played for both ourselves and Heath through the years, so how about some current connections?

In the Heath ranks, Liam Benson swapped the Beacon for the Home Smart Energy Stadium last November.

The move brought to an end **Benson's fourth spell as a Robin. He** has 67 goals in 200 appearances to his name.

Max Blencowe played four times

for Hassocks under Brad Sweetman in the 2021-22 campaign. He joined Heath last summer.

Two current Robins moved from Heath to the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground this summer.

Experienced defender Liam Hendy has already captained us through pre-season and 17-year-old Oscar Kemp will skipper our Under 18s this season and is expected to push for a first team place.

Links also extend to the dugout.

Heath boss Naim Rouane played for our Under 18s and disbanded Ills as well as making a handful of senior appearances.

Former Hassocks club captain Bradley Bant **has joined Rouane's** coaching staff this season whilst goalkeeper coach Simon Lehky spent the 2012-13 season with us.

Our own head coach James Westlake, assistant Lewis Westlake and goalkeeper Tim Edwards all represented the Bluebells as players.

Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier >	Played 6 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 6 - Scored 4 - Conceded 20
SCFL Division One >	Played 4 - Won 1 - Drawn 2 - Lost 1 - Scored 3 - Conceded 4
Peter Bentley Cup >	Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 2 - Conceded 2
Sussex Senior Cup >	Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3
RUR Charity Cup >	Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3

Total > Played 13 - **Won 1** - **Drawn 3** - **Lost 9** - Scored 9 - Conceded 32

Previous Meetings

2023-24

SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town 2-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 2-3 Haywards Heath Town

Peter Bentley Cup: Hassocks 2-2 Haywards Heath Town

2018-19

RUR Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town

2017-18

SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town 5-0 Hassocks

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-4 Haywards Heath Town

2016-17

SCFL Premier: Hassocks 0-2 Haywards Heath Town

SCFL Premier: Haywards Heath Town 4-1 Hassocks

1992-93

SCFL One: Hassocks 2-0 Haywards Heath Town

SCFL One: Haywards Heath Town 0-0 Hassocks

1985-86

SCFL One: Haywards Heath Town 1-1 Hassocks

SCFL One: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town

Sussex Senior Cup: Hassocks 0-3 Haywards Heath Town





Last time we met...

Monday 1st April 2024 - Haywards Heath 2-0 Hassocks

Haywards Heath Town took Mid Sussex bragging rights by beating Hassocks 2-0 at the Home Smart Energy Stadium in a tense, nervy Easter Monday Derby.

With their win, the Bluebells ensured the race for the Southern Combination Premier Division playoffs is likely to go down to the wire.

You have to go back to the 1992-93 season to find the last time the Robins defeated Heath in a competitive fixture.

Whilst Hassocks had the better of the second half here, they were unable to seriously extend Mitch Bromage to end that barren run.

At the other end, Heath converted two of the limited opportunities which came their way in an encounter of few clear cut chances.

Regarding the league table, the result dropped Hassocks to fifth – the final playoff spot. The Robins are now only three points ahead of Heath, who crucially have a game in hand and a superior goal difference.

Derby day between Hassocks and Heath had rarely seen so much riding on it. You could cut the tension with a knife amongst the crowd before kick off, an atmosphere reflected on-the-pitch by a turgid game.

Unsurprisingly in the circumstances, both sides looked like they did not want to lose rather than go out and win. Entertainment was therefore in short supply.

Heath did at least raise a laugh come the full time whistle, blaring out 'Money, Money, Money' by ABBA over the PA – presumably in response to the much-talked about difference in budget between the two rivals.

A bizarre fifth minute sequence involving referee Tazlim Ali and assistant Harry Cushen provided the first talking point on the pitch.

Heath forward Finn Daniels-Yeoman was brought down for what appeared a stonewall penalty. As Mr Ali waved play on, Mr Cushen kept his flag raised.

After the game continued for a couple of minutes, Mr Ali brought things to a halt to consult his assistant.

Remarkably, the outcome of this chat was not a spot kick, but play restarting via a Hassocks drop ball.

Erroneous or not, the consensus amongst the Robins contingent at full time was that Mr Ali's decision not to give a penalty contributed to him "making up for it" by awarding a very soft 79th minute spot kick, allowing Byron

Napper to kill the game off.

After that early chaos and confusion, Heath looked the most likely to open the scoring as they dominated the first half.

Joe Bull made a superb sliding block to prevent Liam Benson converting into an empty goal after rounding Trigwell. Under a minute later and Emmanuel Abudiore lobbed a bouncing onto the roof of the net.

Next came the first sight of goal for Hassocks. Harvey Blake launched an up-and-under into the box, palmed away by a strong Bromage hand as it looked like it might loop in.

Chances remained few and far between, even after Finn Daniels-Yeoman put the Bluebells ahead on the half hour mark.

Heath strung together a nice passing move to give Daniels-Yeoman a sight of goal and although Bull blocked the first effort, the Bluebells forward picked out the top corner at the second attempt.

On the subject of air, a set piece bombardment looked the most likely way for Hassocks to get back into it.

First half injury time saw a Hassocks corner half-cleared to Mike Williamson on the edge of the box. His header back towards goal was glanced just wide by Matt Gunn.

Combining to deny Heath a second shortly after the break were Gunn and Bull, sliding in at the same time to block a Lewis Finney shot.

Heath now became content to defend what they had. Turner's trebuchet of a long throw caused them the most problems, Bromage having to punch a Gunn header clear at full stretch followed by Troak nodding off target.

Displaying excellent game management whilst looking dangerous on the counter, Heath scored their second with 11 minutes left via that questionable penalty awarded when Turner won the ball in a fair challenge on Abudiore.

Taking duties fell to home captain Napper, who was calmness personified in riffling past Trigwell to secure the three points for Heath.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, Gunn, D Turner, Bull; L Turner, Mundy, Williamson, Khalloqui; Wilkes; Troak.

Subs: Loversidge (Khalloqui 45), Harding (Wilkes 75), Stephenson (L Turner 81), Fatela (unused).

Hassocks II 1-2 Haywards Heath - Tuesday 16th April 2013

A first Sussex Intermediate Cup since 1975 eluded Hassocks as their Reserve side were beaten 2-1 by Haywards Heath Town in extra time at Culver Road.

For Simon Corless' Blues, this was their second trophy of the season to go with the Sussex County League Division Three Cup which is already in the Hanbury Park display cabinet.

And with the divisional title still to play for, Heath could yet end the campaign with an historic treble.

It was a fully deserved victory on the night for the Blues. In the process, they ended Hassocks' astonishing 424 day, 16 month, 36 game unbeaten run in all competitions.

"We just didn't turn up and I suppose it was bound to happen sooner or later," Robins boss Roy Staughton admitted. "Typical for it to be in a cup final," he added.

On a good surface, Heath played some attractive football throughout. They could have had the tie in the bag within the 90 had they not seemed to want one extra touch in front of goal every time a chance came.

Instead, it finished 1-1. 16 minutes into extra time and penalties were looming large until Corless' substitutions reaped handsome dividends.

Danny Mobsby had been introduced barely a minute earlier by Corless when his astute pass released Kieran Purkis to cross into the box.

Heath saw a shot blocked by Arni Kublickas but the ball ballooned up into the air. Another of Corless' substitutes, Sean Ardley, headed in what proved to be the winner.

The Blues dominated the first half by a street. Hassocks goalkeeper Andy Edwards made an excellent one handed save midway through and then made himself big to a foil a one-on-one with his legs.

There was nothing the Robins number one could do though when Joe Ranson beat him comprehensively to give Heath the lead on 39 minutes.

Falling behind did at least spark Hassocks into life and within five minutes, the Robins equalised.

Good work from Laurence Robinson and some mishandling from Blues goalkeeper George Hyde presented an opportunity to Tom Davess. Not a bad time for the wide man to net his first goal in Hassocks colours.

The Robins kicked on after the break and had the best chance of the second half within eight minutes of the restart.

Neil Kane went in one-on-one with Hyde, who atoned for his earlier error by denying Hassocks' top scorer.

Late in normal time and there were a couple of good chances for Heath. Edwards made another fine stop to deny Purkis and then Ranson blazed wildly off target with the goal begging just after the clock ticked past 90.

Neither side were able to make much of an impression in the additional half hour despite both managers making attacking changes.

Staughton brought on the pace and directness of Phil Johnson in place of Davess before introducing the creativity of Josh Hawkes into the middle of the park with Nick Pitcher dropping to centre back, Kublickas switching to the left and Luke Pawson going off.

Heath striking with only four minutes left to play meant there was little time for Hassocks to respond, even with the veteran James Laing thrown on in immediate response.

The Robins must now dust themselves down and quickly. They still have plenty of football to play and like Heath, may end the season with a treble as they remain at the forefront of three competitions.

Staughton's side are already into the final of the Mid Sussex Senior Cup, the last eight of the Sussex County League Reserve Section Cup and are runaway leaders of the Reserve Premier Division.

As Staughton said afterwards, the quadruple never did sound right.

Hassocks: Edwards; B Palmer, Goodridge, Kublickas, Pawson; Robinson, Jacques, Pitcher, Davess; Thomas, Kane.

Subs: Johnson (Davess 82), Hawkes (Pawson 99), Laing (Goodridge 117), S Palmer, Wallis (unused).

Classic match...





Hassoeks in the FA Cup

Hassoeks first entered the FA Cup back in 1996. There have been plenty of fantastic memories - and some not so great - made over the intervening 28 years. We look back at our previous efforts in the world's greatest cup competition

Rattling the Rooks

Hassoeks' best run in the FA Cup came in the 2001-02 season when Dave John's side made it to within two games of the first round proper.

Lewes were the team who ended that most unlikely of dreams, triumphing 3-0 in the third qualifying round.

Ashford Town were seen off 3-2 in the Preliminary Qualifying Round to set up a date with Ash United in the First Qualifying Round.

Nothing could separate the sides in the first game at the Beacon and so it was off to the Shawfield Stadium for a Tuesday night replay.

Three goals in six second half minutes were enough to win the tie for Hassoeks and end Ash's unbeaten start to the season as well.

Marc Rendall notched the first in the 70th minute, bringing a Mickey Turner cross under control and slamming the ball into the bottom corner.

Home defender Stuart Woodhouse put through his own net with a volley from a quickly-taken Luke Flomo free kick five minutes later.

And the blitz was completed when Flomo teed up James Laing who beat two defenders to fire home.

“Not many people gave Hassoeks a hope going into their tie with Bromley, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon against their visitors from two divisions above.”

The result and performance earned Hassoeks the applause of the Ash support and handed the Robins a home tie against current Football League outfit Bromley, who were two divisions higher than the Robins in

the pyramid at the time.

Not many people gave Hassoeks a hope, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon.

That set up a mouth watering all-Sussex tie at the Dripping Pan, where Jimmy Quinn's Rooks proved to be too good for Hassoeks.

Lewes would go onto make it all the way into the main draw, facing Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the first round proper.

The Robins meanwhile were able to build the Maurice Boxall Stand with the money generated from their cup run, which still stands on the south side of the Beacon today.

Nothing dull about Dulwich
Fast forward four seasons to the 2005-06 campaign and Hassoeks nearly equalled that famous run, going out at the second qualifying round stage against Isthmian Premier side Dulwich

Hamlet.

Being the only Southern Combination League team left in the competition by that point, there was a bumper crowd at the Beacon of over 300 who witnessed Hamlet squeak through by the tightest of 1-0 margins.

It took four games to get that far in the competition, victories over Erith Town and Chessington & Hook sandwiching two meetings with Hillingdon Borough, the Robins knocking Hillingdon out in a replay.

New Hassocks chairman Pat Harding had a particularly good time of it that season, scoring four times in the cup run.

Super Pat is one of only two players who have left Hassocks and gone onto feature in the first round proper of the competition.

That was when he was a regular at Eastbourne Borough; the other player being **Eddie French, who was part of Horsham's famous run that included taking Swansea City to a replay in the mid 2000's.**

Facing the big guns

The Robins faced a giant of non-league football when paired with Havant & Waterlooville in the First Qualifying Round in the 1998-99 season.

That game saw a highly creditable 1-0 defeat away at Westleigh Park, one of six exits at that stage of the competition for Hassocks.

The Robins have faced Bromley on two other occasions aside from that 2001-02 run. Both of those came in the 1999-00 season, when the Ravens required a replay to knock the Hassocks out, eventually winning 2-1 at Hayes Road after a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.

That tie was set up by one of our most notable scalps in the competition, a 1-0 win away at Horsham.

French scored the only goal of the game at Queens Road against the side he would go onto join not long after, heading home a Dickie Fernley corner in the 29th minute.

The Hornets were unable to find a way past the inspired Paul John in the Hassocks goal after that and their heads dropped as a result for the final 20 minutes in which Hassocks could have made the game safe.

Laing was denied twice by Horsham' debutant goalkeeper Phil Lewis and Lewis also saved well from a powerful Adam Waller drive.

The shock result saw Hornets boss Russell



*The Maurice Boxall Stand was built with the proceeds of the **Robins' 2001 run to the Third Qualifying Round***



A bumper crowd of over 300 pack out the Beacon for a second qualifying round tie with Dulwich Hamlet in 2005



Nathan Cooper can't believe it as Phil Gault's missed 90th minute penalty sends Hassocks out against Chipstead in 2013

Mason quit as manager in the immediate aftermath.

Although not a particularly notable scalp at the time, current Conference South side Dorking Wanderers found themselves eliminated by the Robins in a preliminary qualifying round replay in the 2013-14 campaign.

Wanderers were a fellow Southern Combination League Premier Division back then, in the midst of their remarkable climb from parks football to one step below the professional ranks.

Phil Gault got the only goal at the Beacon three days after the sides had drawn 0-0 at Westhumble Playing Field.

Hassocks' heaviest FA Cup defeat came in the First Qualifying Round in 2010-11, a 5-0 away defeat at an impressive Sholing side.

It was a game overshadowed by Chris Maynard suffering a terrible double leg break that would rule him out for the best part of a year.

That season was also responsible **for the Robins' biggest ever FA Cup win** when Eastbourne United were hammered 7-1 at the Beacon in the Extra Preliminary Round of the competition.

Maynard scored twice along with a Neil Kane brace and further goals from Anthony Hibbert, Daley Clark and Dan Smith.

Aside from the big loss at Sholing, there have been a couple of other

heavy defeats in the First Qualifying Round, with Tonbridge Angels and Sittingbourne both beating the Robins 3-0.

The most recent time Hassocks made it as far as the First Qualifying Round was in the 2013-14 season under the management of Mickey Jewell.

That run included a rare victory at Gorings Mead against fellow Southern Combination League side Horsham YMCA followed by the aforementioned elimination of Dorking.

Isthmian South side Chipstead provided the opponents in the first qualifying round, winning 2-1 at the Beacon.

The Robins were good value for the draw that day, however, and would have had a replay three days later were it not for a last minute penalty miss from the normally reliable Gault.

Lord Gault did suitably punish himself afterwards, spending the evening drowning his sorrows drinking amaretto and cranberry juice in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post.

Learning the ropes

It took Hassocks a few seasons to learn the ropes of national cup competitions - that shock win at Horsham in 1999-00 was our first in the competition at the fourth time of

entering

Hassocks' first ever FA Cup game came in the Preliminary Round in the 1996-97 season, a 3-1 home defeat against Egham Town.

The following season saw a 2-1 defeat against Barton Rovers while there have been seven other exits at the second stage.

To Molesey 3-0, Merstham 3-1, Walton & Hersham 3-0 and most disappointingly, a heavy 4-0 loss at Mill Road against fellow Southern Combination League club Arundel in 2003-04.

2019-20 saw a replay exit against Chipstead after Langney Wanderers had been beaten 2-0 at the Beacon in the previous round.

The Hassocks squad infamously celebrated their draw away at Isthmian League opponents by visiting a pub deep in Crystal Palace territory with tracksuits emblazed with WeAreBrighton.com on the back which, needless to say, did not go down well with the locals.

2020-21 saw a dramatic 5-3 penalty shoot out win over Balham followed by elimination at the hands of Bedfont Sports.

Uxbridge then accounted for Hassocks in the Preliminary Round in 2022-23 after a spectacular Conor Wilford own goal from 30 yards which racked up nearly a million views on Twitter had sent the Robins through against Lingfield



The Robins celebrate their 2020-21 extra preliminary round penalty shoot out victory over Balham. It was the first time Hassocks had eliminated a side from outside of the Southern Combination League from the FA Cup in a decade



Jack Troak and Phil Johnson celebrate the latter's equaliser against Isthmian League South Central outfit Uxbridge in the 2022-23 Preliminary Round

Over and out as early as possible. The Extra Preliminary Round was added to the competition for 2005-06 and Hassocks have exited at that earliest point of the competition in eight of the last 11 seasons that we have entered the competition.

The first of those came in 2008-09, a disappointing 1-0 defeat to Shoreham played at Culver Road due to the summer pitch works at the Beacon not being completed in time to host the tie.

Kane was still a Shoreham player at that point and he got the only goal of the game for the Mussels.

By the time Hassocks were eliminated from the following season's competition, Kane was in a Hassocks shirt and part of Dave John's side which crashed out 4-1 against Ash United.

Back-to-back Extra Preliminary Round exits came in 2011-12 away at Raynes Park Vale and a shock reversal at home to Sidley United in 2012-13.

Hassocks' 2014-15, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2021-22 voyages all came to an end at the Extra Preliminary Round when they were well beaten 3-1 by Epsom and Ewell, 3-2 by Hollands and Blair, 3-1 by Erith Town and 2-1

by Spelthorne Sports respectively.

Erith have been frequent FA Cup opponents for Hassocks over the years, also ending our interest in the competition last season in the Extra Preliminary Round.

Joe Bull scored an absolute screamer from 35 yards with a goal which went onto feature heavily across the FA's social media channels as one of the best of the round.

It earned the Robins a 1-1 draw and a Tuesday night replay. Things though did not go to plan at the Stanmore Stadium, where Hassocks were well beaten 4-0 by the Dockers.



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Robins sink Pirates for two from two for first time in eight years

Southern Combination League Premier Division
Tuesday 30th July, Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground
Hassocks 2-1 Bexhill United

For just the second time since the 1996-97 season, Hassocks have won their opening two matches of a Southern Combination Premier Division campaign.

Hot on the heels of Saturday's 1-0 victory against Saltdean United came this 2-1 success over Bexhill United under the lights at the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground.

Ryan Light is back in charge of Bexhill after a year away and his new-look Pirates side caused the Robins their fair share of problems - beginning as early as the fifth minute.

Ollie Hull swung over a corner which caught Hassocks cold. The ball hit the unmarked Tyler Capon by luck more than judgement and Bexhill captain Richie Welch reacted quickest to turn in from close range.

Not the start the Robins had in mind. But perhaps a useful warning that this would not be plain sailing as the Pirates under the returning Light are a different proposition to the team Hassocks beat 5-0 back in April.

Early days it may be, but the Robins look stronger than last season too. They certainly have greater squad depth, highlighted by James Westlake making six changes from his weekend the starting XI.

Dylan Hurst and Jamie Wilkes were two of the players who came in and both went close to levelling not **long after Welch's opener.**

Hurst put an effort from outside the box a little too close to Pirates goalkeeper Alex Hobden. Wilkes then side footed wide from a Jack Troak pass.

Westlake also gave a full debut to Mid Sussex League goal machine Ruari Farrell in place of Morgan Vale.

Farrell came close to opening his

account when winning a header to tee himself up for an attempted lob with Hobden all at sea, stranded off his line. It dropped agonisingly onto the roof of the net.

The new acquisition from Lindfield would go onto be involved in both the Hassocks goals, starting with the equaliser on the stroke of half time.

Tall striker Wilkes and Harry Furnell combined to feed Farrell. The forward opened up his body, turned into space and fed an inviting through ball straight into the path of Troak.

Two touches later and Troak fired **in the hole between Hobden's legs** to make it 1-1.

The Pirates could have batten down the hatches going into the second half in an attempt to head back to Bexhill with a point.

But to their credit, they went on the attack. Tyler Capon cut in from port side and went around three Hassocks defenders before his effort was blocked by the flying Bradley Tighe.

Aaron Cook smashed the rebound first time to draw a good reaction save from Fraser Trigwell, after which it was all hands on deck as the Robins eventually scrambled the ball clear.

Hassocks began to push more as the game wore on. With the Pirates looking dangerous on the counter, it made for a thrilling final 30 minutes.

Troak smashed the bar after a pass from Harvey Blake shot across the bow. Cook then pillaged the rangy Wilkes of possession on halfway to send Aaron Capon racing clear.

He almost made Hassocks walk the plank, getting one-on-one with Trigwell only to see his effort shave



the outside of the post.

Next, Troak drew a stunning save from Hobden with a volley on the turn requiring the Bexhill number one to claw it out the top corner at full stretch.

It was from the resulting corner that Hassocks found the 65th minute winner which ultimately sent the **Pirates down to Davy' Jones locker.**

Overy looped a delivery high into the box, met by the head of Farrell for his first goal in senior football.

Bexhill initially refused to be sunk by that moment. They enjoyed a good spell of possession in response without every really threatening Trigwell.

Hassocks were now the ones dropping anchor and playing on the break - and it nearly led to the Robins adding a third.

Overy slipped Farrell in for a low effort repelled by the legs of Hobden. Dale Penn just managed to clear the loose ball before Wilkes could pounce, followed by Blake screwing harmlessly wide.

The last chance of the game came to debutant substitute Will Berry. Wilkes led a counter and his pull back found the experienced summer signing from Lancing with a reputation for spectacular goals.

On this occasion though, Berry was just wide with a low drive fizzed in from 25 yards.

Hassocks: Trigwell; Blake, B Tighe, Hendy, Bull; Overy, Hurst, Wilkes, Troak; Furnell; Farrell.

Subs: Berry, Vale, Fair (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	2-1	198	Troak, Farrell
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				Hassocks Career	
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Harvey Blake	2	0	2	0	165	5
Joe Bull	2	0	2	0	188	13
Joe Overy	2	0	2	0	2	0
Bradley Tighe	2	0	2	0	211	2
Fraser Trigwell	2	0	2	0	52	0
Darren Budd	1	0	1	0	1	0
Alex Fair	1	1	2	0	28	6
Ruari Farrell	1	1	2	1	2	1
Harry Furnell	1	1	2	0	2	0
Dylan Hurst	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jack Troak	1	1	2	2	145	37
Morgan Vale	1	1	2	0	2	0
Alex Bygraves	1	0	1	0	76	7
Liam Hendy	1	0	1	0	1	0
Noah Hoffmann	1	0	1	0	1	0
Josh Mundy	1	0	1	0	38	2
Jamie Wilkes	1	0	1	0	87	2
Will Berry	0	1	1	0	1	0
Kian Nandhra	0	1	1	0	2	0

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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		

Under 18s Team Matches 2024-25

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
01/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18		
15/09 - 11:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCFL18		
22/09 - 11:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCFL18		
29/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFL18		
October				
06/10 - 11:00	Whitehawk (H)	SCFL18		



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Defensive errors at the New Defence prove costly to Hassocks

As far as season openers go, there wasn't too much excitement to shout about as Hassocks met Southern Combination League new boys Horley Town at the New Defence.

It was the hosts who ran out 2-0 winners, but that owed much to two defensive lapses from the Robins.

The manner in which they conceded left Mark Dalglish perplexed with the Hassocks boss knowing that with a little more concentration, his side could have been heading home with a hard earned point.

How good a point it would have been remains to be seen. Horley are something of an unknown quality having been moved across to the Southern Combination League in the summer by the FA.

They finished 10th in the Combined Counties Premier last season, a league that is often considered stronger than its Sussex counterpart based on results in the national cup competitions.

Where that puts them in a Premier Division **which doesn't have a clear cut favourite** nobody yet knows. But based on this showing, they will be resolute, well organised and stubborn opponents – traits that could make them a threat at the top of the table.

Hassocks had been scoring goals for fun in pre-season, registering 14 in four games. Yet they could not land a real blow on a Horley back line that was marshalled superbly by the outstanding Ryan Brackpool.

True, Hassocks were well below their best and created very little of the attacking verve that saw them give their Isthmian League neighbours Burgess Hill Town and Haywards Heath Town a real fright over the last month.

But credit should still go to Horley who defended doggedly when they needed to. The closest that the Robins came to troubling George Hyde in the home goal was when Phil Johnson had a strong penalty claim waved away by referee Ciaran Kane.

That brought back memories of Hassocks' only previous visit to the New Defence for a competitive fixture, a 4-2 FA Vase defeat three years ago in which they had three cast-iron spot kicks turned down.

They had fallen three goals behind inside a horror opening half hour on that occasion. It was not the best of starts this time around either as Horley took the lead with just five

minutes on the clock.

A long throw into the Hassocks box caused chaos and in the ensuing confusion, it appeared to be the unfortunate Andy Whittingham who sliced into his own goal when attempting to clear.

Hassocks regrouped after that early setback and they did some decent things through midfield as the first half wore on. Alex Spinks was a controlling presence after an injury-hit campaign last time out and Jack Troak, a new signing from Lewes, showed plenty of promising touches.

The Robins back four looked relatively solid as well. Will Broomfield was partnered at the heart of the defence by Arni Kublickas, back at the Beacon after several seasons in the Mid Sussex League with Burgess Hill Albion.

With Harvey Blake and Whittingham in the full back positions, Josh Green a safe pair of hands in goal and the likes of Harry Mills and enigmatic fan favourite Dan Jacques sitting on the bench, Dalglish certainly appears to have plenty of options for his rear guard.

What will help Hassocks' cause is if this becomes the season when they can finally cut out goals from set pieces. Conceding cheaply from corners and free kicks has been an ongoing problem dating back to 2015, and it was from yet another dead ball scenario that Horley added their second midway through the second half.

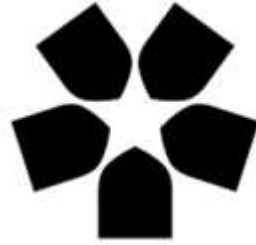
Brackpool was the scorer as he escaped the attentions of Rowe-Hurst to be left with a free header which he gleefully powered past Green.

Hassocks turned to James Littlejohn and Joe Bull to try and wrestle a way back into the game but in truth it never looked likely as proceedings petered out, giving Horley an historic first win on their Southern Combination debut.

For Hassocks, there were some promising moments on a tough assignment, although Dalglish and his players will know that they can perform much better than this.

Hassocks: Green; Blake, Broomfield, Kublickas, Whittingham; Stokes, Spinks, Berridge, Troak; Rowe-Hurst, Johnson.

Subs: Bull, Littlejohn (used), Jacques, Mills, L Westlake (unused).



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Around the League

Tuesday night saw seven matches take place in the Southern Combination League Premier Division, resulting in three clubs - one of whom was ourselves - extending their 100 percent records at the start of the campaign to two wins from two...

Monday afternoon saw league newcomers Petersfield Town realise there was a problem with the floodlights at the Southdown Builders Stadium, meaning their game against Pagham was switched to Nyetimber Lane.

The disruption had no impact on the Rams, who followed up their 3-0 weekend win at Crowborough Athletic by running out 2-1 victors.

Kieran Alcock gave Petersfield a 55th minute lead cancelled out by Alfie Davidson 12 minutes later.

It looked like the spoils were going to be shared up until the 84th minute, when Asad Ssemwogerere found a winner for the Rams following his introduction as a second half substitute.

Ongoing ground improvements at the Window Workshop Sports Park mean Peacehaven & Telscombe expect to live a nomadic existence for the opening weeks of the season.

The Tye made it two wins from two on the road with a 1-0 success at Division One champions Roffey, who still await their first goal since winning promotion.

Finley Agnihotri scored the only goal of the game on 68 minutes for a Peacehaven outfit for whom four former Hassocks players featured.

Josh Bradley, Josh Nandhra and Lewis Beebee were all in the starting XI. Julian Durand was then a half time introduction in place of Beebee.

A busy summer of recruitment at Loxwood has led the Magpies to be labelled playoff contenders by some observers.

They got their first win of the campaign on the board with a 3-1 success against Shoreham at the Nest.

Dan Webster gave Loxwood a first half lead which was doubled on 70 minutes by Charlie Martin.

Harley Damario notched his first goal for Shoreham since a summer switch from Saltdean United as the game entered injury time, setting up an intriguing finish.

The Magpies though sealed the win

through substitute Wezley Brown with 95 on the clock.

Two of last season's top six met at the Crowborough Community Stadium where it finished 1-1 between Crowborough Athletic and Eastbourne United.

Stephen Smith struck for the Crows, who saw their goalkeeper credited with a hugely **unfortunate own goal for United's equaliser.**

Goals five minutes either side of half time were enough for Lingfield to beat Saltdean United 2-1 at Tinsley Lane.

It was the Lingers' first game at their temporary home, where they will groundshare with Oakwood until the cricket season is completed.

Conor Wilford gave the hosts a 40th minute lead doubled by Ousmane Balde Dansoko on 50.

Saltdean pulled one back via Fraser Middleton-Tozer on 78 but were unable to force an equaliser as their wait for a first point of the season continues.

The final game of the evening saw Wick come from 1-0 down to win 2-1 at Midhurst & Easebourne.

Lewis Rustell gave the Stags the lead with only five minutes played, a goal missed by any attendees leaving the Rotherfield clubhouse late.

It was a similar story for the Wick equaliser which arrived via Josh Irish four minutes into the second half.

Irish then found the winner with seven minutes remaining, giving the Dragons their first Premier Division victory since the 2016-17 season.



Tables / Form Top Scorers / Attendances

Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Petersfield Town	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Peacehaven & Tels.	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Loxwood	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Wick	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Pagham	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
Haywards Heath Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Midhurst & Easebourne	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Newhaven	1	1	1	0	2	1	3
Lingfield	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Bexhill United	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Roffey	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Eastbourne United	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Crowborough Athletic	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
AFC Varndeanians	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Saltdean United	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Shoreham	2	0	0	2	1	5	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 Varndeanians	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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Petersfield Town	WW
Peacehaven & Tels.	WW
Hassocks	WW
Loxwood	DW
Wick	DW
Horsham YMCA	W
Pagham	WL
Haywards Heath Town	W
Midhurst & Easebourne	WL
Newhaven	W
Lingfield	LW
Bexhill United	DL
Roffey	DL
Eastbourne United	LD
Crowborough Athletic	LD
AFC Varndeanians	L
Saltdean United	LL
Shoreham	LL
Crawley Down Gatwick	L
Little Common	L

Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gl's
Lewis Rustell	Midhurst	3
Alfie Davidson	Pagham	2
Evan Harris	Pagham	2
Josh Irish	Wick	2
Callum Kimber	Petersfield	2
Charlie Martin	Loxwood	2
Josh Neathey	Horsham YMCA	2
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	2
Jack Troak	Hassocks	2
Conor Wilford	Lingfield	2
Finley Agnihotri	Peacehaven	1
Kieran Alcock	Petersfield	1
Ousmane Dansoko	Lingfield	1
Henry Blackmore	Peacehaven	1
Wezley Brown	Loxwood	1
Tyler Capon	Bexhill United	1
Mitchell Clark	Horsham YMCA	1
Conner Colcutt	Horsham YMCA	1
Aaron Cook	Bexhill United	1
Harley Damario	Shoreham	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 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

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Lingfield v Hassocks

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

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Hassocks v Storrington

Isuzu FA Vase First Qualifying Round
Saturday 24th August 2024, 3pm kick off
Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks, BN6 9LY
Admission prices £8 adults, £4 concessions, Under 16s free

Storrington last season

Storrington lost their long-held senior status when relegated from Southern Combination Division One at the end of the 2022-23 season. Their stay in Division Two proved brief, however, as they won immediate promotion as champions by a huge margin of some 11 points from runners up Bosham. The Swans averaged more than three-goals-per-game in the league and also reached the final of the Sussex Intermediate Cup, where they lost to Rustington. Storrington have kept the majority of their title winning squad together coming into the new campaign, although the loss of 14-goal top scorer Matt Wilson has come as a blow.

Head-to-head

Meetings with Storrington have been so rare -

the last coming 12 years ago - that we do not actually have the head-to-head statistics for **the fixture. Don't worry though; the club record keeper will trawl the archives before the Swans arrived at the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground for them!**

Last time we met

Mickey Jewell took his Hassocks side to Storrington Recreation Ground in the second round of the 2012-13 Sussex Senior Cup. We ran out 5-1 winners on a night memorable because Ashley Marsh scored his second goal for the Robins over 300 appearances and eight years after his first. Our current head coach James Westlake put us 1-0 ahead before Marshy struck to the surprise of, well, everyone. Two goals from Dan Smith and one from Anthony Hibbert completed the scoring.

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Robins Awards 2024-25

July Starman Awards

Saltdean United home Alex BYGRAVES

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Haywards Heath home

Lingfield away

Crawley Down away

Wick home

Storrington home

Petersfield Town away

September Starman Awards

Peacehaven home

Roffey away

Horsham YMCA home

Loxwood away

October Starman Awards

Little Common home

Eastbourne United home

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	37	145
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	179	31	210	2	24. Jamie Hillwood	25	124
25. Liam Benson	154	46	200	67	25. Stuart Faith	22	289



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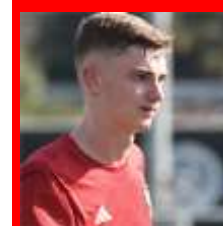
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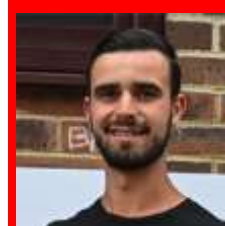
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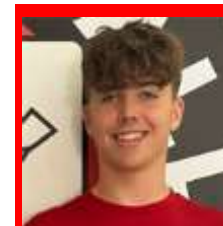
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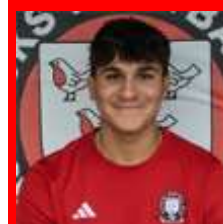


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 Assistant Head Coach Lewis Westlake
 Coaches Darren Budd & Jordan Wilson
 Goalkeeper Coach Tim Edwards
 Physio Ash Cooper

Next at the Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground



Wick
 Southern Combination Premier Division
 Saturday 10th August. 3pm



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	Mitch BROMAGE
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Today's other FA Cup games

Balham v Midhurst & Easebourne
 Bexhill United v Faversham Town
 British Airways v Loxwood
 Crowborough Athletic v Bearsted
 Deal Town v Roffey
 Eastbourne Town v Little Common
 Eastbourne United v Sporting Bengal
 Horsham YMCA v Newhaven
 Peacehaven & Telscombe v Shoreham