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TODAY'S FIXTURES

MACRON SCORE SCFL DIVISION ONE

Bexhill United v
 Saltdean United
 Crawley Down Gatwick v
 Oakwood
 Lingfield v
 Mile Oak
 Little Common v
 Steyning Town
 Midhurst & Easebourne v
 Sidlesham
 Seaford Town v
 Haywards Heath Town
 Southwick v
 Ringmer
 Storrington v
 Langney Wanderers



SCFL ROUND UP

The title race in the Premier Division of the Southern Combination League looks set to continue after Eastbourne Town edged a nine-goal thriller with league leaders Horsham in an extraordinary game.

Matt Darby put Town ahead just two minutes in, but Horsham went into the break 2-1 ahead after an own goal and a Kieron Pamment strike. 2-1 soon became 3-1 in the second half, though, as Evan Archibald looked to have set Dom Di Paola's side on their way to an important three points. Despite Jason Taylor halving the deficit, it remained 3-2 with as few as eight minutes of normal time to go, but only for Kenny Pogue and Sam Willett to strike in the space of five minutes to see the visitors go 4-3 ahead going into stoppage time. The Hornets thought they had won a point when an own goal saw them equalise in the sixth minute of time added on, but the goals were not over as Jack Turner struck in the eighth minute of stoppage time to give Eastbourne Town a 5-4 win at Goring's Mead. The win sees Town move two points behind Horsham, but with a game in hand.

Lee Robinson scored a hat-trick for Newhaven as they won 4-1 at Arundel to stay fifth, with Joe Dryer also on target for the Dockers, whilst Horsham YMCA failed to take advantage of Lancing's postponement at Hailsham Town as they lost at Eastbourne United to stay fourth. Jamie Bunn and Liam Baitup scored either side of half time for Tobi Hutchinson's side in the 2-0 win.

Pagham and Chichester City stay in seventh and eighth respectively, despite both teams picking up 4-0 wins. The Lions needed four second half goals to see off second-bottom East Preston. Peter Beadle, Ryan Cox, Rob Wimble and then Rob Brown were on target for Mark Bennett's side at Nyetimber Lane. Meanwhile, Chi saw off Littlehampton Town by the same scoreline. Jamie Horncastle scored twice for Miles Rutherford's men, who had Jimmy Wild and then Zak Moy on target.

Three goals in the first eight minutes put Shoreham on their way to an important win against Wick & Barnham United. Brad Curtis scored two of those goals for the Mussels, after Michael Belli gave Simon Funnell's men a second minute lead. Steve Betan-

court later added a fourth for the hosts, whose lead had been reduced after Chris Eyres' effort.

AFC Uckfield Town had come from 2-0 down to draw level with Worthing United, but only for the hosts to prevail 3-2 at Lyons Way. Sam Blundell and Owen Callaghan put Nigel Geary's side 2-0 ahead within the first fifteen minutes, but only for Drew Greenall to score either side of the interval to make it 2-2. Despite that, it was Worthing who went on to win through Wayne Joseph's effort twenty minutes from time.

Elsewhere, Brad Bant and Jonno Melia scored for Hassocks in a 2-0 win at Broadbridge Heath, whilst bottom of the table St. Francis Rangers look to have improved, although still lost 3-0 at home to Loxwood. Joe Holvey, Charlie Pitcher and Sam Beard got the goals for the Magpies.

First also met second in Division One, but league leaders Haywards Heath Town ran out 4-1 winners against Crawley Down Gatwick to move ten points clear with two games in hand. Jamie Weston, Rob O'Toole, Nathan Cooper and Callum Saunders got the goals for the Blues, whilst Sam Cane's effort was no more than a consolation for the Anvils.

Oakwood are five points behind third place Storrington with two games in hand after a narrow win against Little Common. Jack McNab got the only goal of the game for the Oaks, who close the gap on Storrington after they played out a goalless draw at Mile Oak.

Matt Burroughs and Sam Cockerill got the goals for Lingfield as they came from behind to beat Steyning Town, 2-1 at the Sports Pavilion. Danny Gainsford had put the Barrowmen ahead, but found themselves losing at half time.

Bexhill United returned to winning ways with a 3-0 win over Seaford Town. Jacob Shelton, Gordon Cuddington and then Marc Munday got the goals for the Pirates against John Foley's men.

In the division's other game, goals from McDowell and Hudson gave Southwick all three points at home to Langney Wanderers.

By Anthony Scott



LINGERS ACTION



2-1



05. 03. 16

SCFL DIVISION ONE

Despite rainy conditions the Lingers overcame both Steyping Town and the elements to triumph 2-1

It was a strong start from the home side as we piled forwards, creating chance after chance but never quite being able to put the ball away. The abysmal conditions were at times a struggle to play in but we still managed to impose ourselves on the game confidently.

However, it would be Steyping that struck first as their giant centre back was left unmarked at the corner and powered in a header to put the away team one up with their first real chance of the match.

Despite this setback it didn't take long for the Lingers to rally and strike back, with Matthew Burroughs's nice piece of skill and small sprinkling of luck helping him weave through the defence and slot the ball into the bottom right for the equaliser.

With the scores tied we continued to press them, and a good cross from Con-

nor Leech allowed Burroughs to turn provider for Sam Cockerill, who buried a rebound for the lead going into half time.

The second half was a much less eventful one, with the horrid weather taking its toll on play.

Matthew Burroughs continued to cause trouble and almost scored a terrific volley from range, but the keeper denied him at the last second.

At the other end Jordan Jenner produced a cracking save to deny another header and a handful more to maintain our lead and hand us the well-deserved three points.

By Sam Freebody

SCFL DIV. ONE



		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	22	21	0	1	83	19	64	63
2	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	23	16	2	5	65	37	28	50
3	STORRINGTON	25	16	2	7	53	35	18	50
4	OAKWOOD	23	14	3	6	72	42	30	45
5	MILE OAK	21	12	3	6	39	29	10	39
6	LINGFIELD	23	12	2	9	53	42	11	38
7	SOUTHWICK	23	11	3	9	53	40	13	36
8	LITTLE COMMON	21	10	2	9	50	39	11	32
9	BEXHILL UNITED	23	8	4	11	41	51	-10	28
10	LANGNEY WANDERERS	18	8	3	7	40	30	10	27
11	STEYNING TOWN	21	8	3	10	35	44	-9	27
12	SELSEY	23	8	3	12	42	65	-23	27
13	RINGMER	24	6	5	13	32	50	-18	23
14	SIDLESHAM	21	7	1	13	33	55	-22	22
15	MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE	23	4	4	15	23	49	-26	16
16	SEAFORD TOWN	25	4	3	18	16	52	-36	15
17	SALTDEAN UNITED	23	2	5	16	24	75	-51	11

SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016

MACRON STORE DIVISION TWO

Bexhill United	3-0	Seaford Town
Haywards Heath	4-1	Crawley Down G
Lingfield	2-1	Steyning Town
Mile Oak	0-0	Storrington
Oakwood	1-0	Little Common
Southwick	2-0	Langney W'ders

SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016

MACRON STORE DIVISION TWO

Bexhill United	V	Saltdean United
Crawley Down G	V	Oakwood
Lingfield	V	Mile Oak
Little Common	V	Steyning Town
Midhurst & Ease	V	Sidlesham
Seaford Town	V	Haywards Heath
Southwick	V	Ringmer
Storrington	V	Langney W'ders



THE VISITORS

Formed in 1960, and providing football for the expanding population of the north Portslade estate of Mile Oak, the club has always been an integral part of the community to which it belongs. In less than 40 years Mile Oak Football Club has risen from the lowest levels of local football to become one of the leading clubs in the district. The club won regular promotions up the Brighton League divisions and also claimed the "Hove and Worthing Cup", before eventually attaining intermediate status following promotion to the Brighton League's premier division. Here Mile Oak F.C. would reside for over a decade, winning the championship in 1983. The club regularly finished in the top three and firmly established itself as the top amateur club in Hove.

In 1986, a bold decision was made to take steps towards an eventual place in senior football within the Sussex County League. That season an application was made to join the Southern Counties Combination, then one of the few recognised feeder leagues of the newly created Sussex football "pyramid". The club said its farewells to the Brighton League in appropriate fashion by winning its League Cup for the first time and promptly "doubled up" with a Vernon-Wentworth Cup Final victory. The Combination beckoned, welcomed the Oak with open arms, and then waved an equally swift good-bye, as Oak duly won their new league's championship at the first attempt, and reached the final of the league cup. Sussex County League Division Three beckoned. The step up in standard held no fear for the Oak. After finishing outside the top five of division three just once in five seasons, and reaching the final of the Sussex F.A's Intermediate Cup competition, they finally achieved their long term goal of playing senior football, all within the time span of a mere six years!

Mile Oak's first season in senior football saw an encouragingly solid campaign with a place in the Division Two Cup final (losing to Lancing), and finishing in 10th place out of nineteen starters in the league, directly above their more established local rivals Southwick. The steady improvement continued, and in the 1994-5 season Oak made a spectacular start with a "six wins out of six" flyer. Oak won their final game to clinch promotion and then days later witnessed the all impor-



tant defeats of their nearest rivals to place the division two championship in Oak's grasp. That season also saw the reserves secure their championship to complete a very satisfying "double". Division One would always be tough for any newly promoted side, especially a strictly amateur one such as Mile Oak. Whilst having a constant battle to preserve their status, the club did exceptionally well to remain in the county's top division for three seasons before finally being relegated back to division two.

Over the next eleven seasons Mile Oak Football Club continued to prove itself worthy of its senior status, and became an established member of division two. In 2008-9 another fine squad was assembled and Oak rallied to clinch the runners-up spot and earned another crack at the top flight. Unfortunately, the loss of key squad members led to a swift return to the second tier.

In 2012 Mile Oak completed its twentieth senior season, and now embarks on its third decade amongst the County elite. There continue to be challenges ahead, not least the requirement to install seated areas for our hundreds of eager spectators. This project is in progress, and needs to be completed prior to the end of the present season. The club aims to attract players with an opportunity to achieve success through teamwork and community rather than the promise of monetary rewards, and also runs a successful youth policy that integrates players into senior football.

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