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Southern Combination League Premier Division

Crawley Down Gatwick	1	3	Hassocks
Rhys White			Jack Troak Omar Abdsami Jack Troak

Haven Sportsfield Saturday, 26 September 2026

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TROAK DOUBLE HELPS HASSOCKS TO BACK-TO-BACK WINS AT CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK

Hassocks made it back-to-back wins with a 3–1 victory over Crawley Down Gatwick at Haven Sportsfield on a sunny Saturday afternoon. A goal in each half from captain Jack Troak, either side of a strike from Omar Abdsami, secured the points for the Robins.



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The visitors made a lively start. Abdsami drove forward and forced the Crawley Down defence to clear behind for a corner. He delivered the resulting ball into the box, but the hosts regained possession and dealt with the danger.

Crawley Down had the first clear sight of goal when Rhys White struck an effort towards goal, only for the Hassocks goalkeeper to make a comfortable save. Hassocks soon made their own chance count. A ball into the area found Troak, who met it with a powerful header to put the Robins ahead.

The goal lifted the tempo, with play moving from end to end. Troak almost doubled the lead when he connected with a dangerous cross from Charlie Bonwick-Adams, but his forceful effort crashed against the crossbar. Hassocks threatened again from a free kick in a central position just outside the box. Dan Turner sent in the delivery, though the Crawley Down defence cleared its lines.

The home side responded strongly after the interval. Oli Leslie did well to set up White, who finished past the Hassocks goalkeeper to make it 1–1 and bring Crawley Down back into the contest.

Hassocks' reply came through Omar Abdsami. Lewis Croal laid the ball off to him, and Abdsami slotted it past the Crawley Down goalkeeper to restore the visitors' advantage.

There was more drama soon afterwards when Crawley Down were reduced to ten men. Referee Thomas Murray showed Josh Alder a red card following an incident involving Harvey Black.

Troak then struck for the second time, putting Hassocks 3–1 ahead and securing all three points. Crawley Down had fought back to level early in the second half, but the Robins' response proved decisive as they followed up their previous win with another victory on the road.

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