

# 2021/22 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



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# Clifton Robinsons M1 - Bristol Uni

31st October 2021 - 2pm



## Welcome back!

5 games into their return to National League, who'd have thought the Men would be still unbeaten. 3 wins to start the season were followed up with a pair of tricky draws, which see the team 1 point off the summit. Today, they host Bristol University, the first competitive Bristol derby between the two for almost 4 years. It should be a fiery encounter with plenty of support for both sides. Bring the noise!

More information on the 2021-2022 league structure can be accessed [here](#).

Enjoy the games!



# Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club.

A warm welcome to our visitors this weekend – Bristol University have made the short trip to play our Men's 1s on Sunday (2pm start at Clifton College Sports Complex). We also welcome our match officials and all members and supporters of Clifton Robinsons HC ("The Blue Army").

It's been a promising start to the season for our England Hockey League sides. Our Ladies 1s have picked up some valuable points against strong opposition, before their first two wins of the season against Swansea and Loughborough, which leave them in the top 6. They take a well earned rest this weekend, having a bye week. Whilst the Ladies 2s have had a more difficult start, they have picked up a few valuable points and have been on the wrong end of tight scorelines recently, and just need a bit of luck to turn the tide in their favour. Congratulations in particular to Tilly Edwards scoring her first 2 EHL goals last month v Penarth in the 3-3 draw, before a call up to the L1s and a first Premier Division goal all at the age of 15!

The Men have started the season with a bang – 11 points from 5 games – seeing them a point off the table and the only side yet to taste defeat. A number of fine individual performances to date with the standouts being Tom ("Apples") Appleby and Kinger junior Ollie King, no doubt destined to become the highest scoring King in club history. He already has more EHL goals.....which wasn't hard to be fair.

The club is going from strength to strength with us fielding 12 senior sides week in week out, with potential to add more next season. Complimented by a huge and successful junior section and talented Masters teams. We were again the club to enter the most teams in the wide range of England Hockey Championships last season.

We've highlighted some of the key operational people in the club in past programmes. This time we recognise the success of the Marketing & Comms team that has evolved over recent years and who are behind our monthly newsletter The Stick, these programmes, and a lot of our social media content. Massive thanks to Jude Barrett, Alex Kirkpatrick, Molly Benbow, Claire Blacker, and Jake Rowe.

We hope you enjoy the hockey this weekend and please do join us in the bar afterwards to hopefully celebrate some good results!

Best wishes,

Duncan Long ("Longer")  
Chairman, Clifton Robinsons HC

# **This weekend's Men's Conference**

## **West fixtures:**

Cheltenham v Fareham  
Chichester v Ashmoor  
Clifton Robinsons v University of Bristol  
Isca v Cardiff University  
Plymouth Marjon v University of Exeter 2



# **This weekend's Women's Conference West fixtures:**

Basingstoke v Witney  
Exe v Bristol Firebrands  
Oxford Hawks v Clifton Robinsons 2s  
Penarth v Cheltenham  
University of Bristol v Team Bath Buccaneers



# **This weekend's Women's Premier**

## **Division fixtures:**

Beeston v Buckingham  
Holcombe v East Grinstead  
Loughborough Students v Hampstead & Westminster  
Swansea v Surbiton  
Wimbledon v University of Birmingham  
Bye Clifton Robinsons

# Men's Conference West

Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
Isca 1	5	4	0	1	19	5	14	12	W L W W W
University of Bristol	5	4	0	1	13	7	6	12	W W W L W
Ashmoor	5	4	0	1	12	6	6	12	L W W W W
Clifton Robinsons M1	5	3	2	0	12	6	6	11	W W W D D
Chichester	5	2	1	2	7	11	-4	7	L D L W W
Cardiff University	5	2	0	3	9	12	-3	6	W L W L L
Fareham	5	1	2	2	9	13	-4	5	D L L W D
University Of Exeter 2	5	0	3	2	8	11	-3	3	D D L D L
Plymouth Marjon	5	1	0	4	4	16	-12	3	L W L L L
Cheltenham	5	0	0	5	4	10	-6	0	L L L L L

# Women's Premier Division

Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
Hampstead & Westminster W1	6	6	0	0	17	7	10	18	W W W W W
Wimbledon W1	5	3	1	1	14	5	9	10	L W W W D
East Grinstead W1	4	3	0	1	12	6	6	9	W L W W
Surbiton W1	5	2	3	0	11	6	5	9	D W D W D
Clifton Robinsons W1	6	2	3	1	12	12	0	9	D L D W W
Buckingham W1	5	1	3	1	8	8	0	6	D D W D L
University of Birmingham W1	5	1	2	2	9	11	-2	5	D W L L D
Beeston W1	5	1	1	3	5	13	-8	4	W L L L D
Loughborough Students W1	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3	L L W L
Holcombe W1	6	0	2	4	4	11	-7	2	D L D L L
Swansea W1	5	0	1	4	6	15	-9	1	D L L L L

# Women's Conference West

Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
Bristol Firebrands 1	5	3	2	0	14	10	4	11	W D W W D
Witney 1	5	3	1	1	14	10	4	10	L D W W W
Oxford Hawks 1	5	3	1	1	9	7	2	10	W D L W W
Exe Women	4	3	0	1	7	6	1	9	L W W W
Basingstoke Women	5	2	2	1	9	8	1	8	W D L D W
Cheltenham 1	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7	W D W L L
Team Bath Buccaneers Women	5	1	2	2	7	9	-2	5	W D L D L
Clifton Robinsons W2	5	0	3	2	5	7	-2	3	L D D L D
Penarth Women 1	5	0	2	3	7	10	-3	2	L D D L L
University of Bristol 1	4	0	0	4	5	10	-5	0	L L L L



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# Clifton Robinsons M1 - Bristol Uni

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5 games in and only a single point separates the two teams at the top of the table. Familiar foes in pre-season, a competitive derby fixture is a mouthwatering prospect. The last match between the two was in the post-covid Y1 Futures Championships, in which in youthful Robbies side featuring 5 U18s came away with a 7-4 loss and plenty of experience gained. The crowd is sure to be a large one, and they will be hoping for as many goals in today's fixture!



# Last Time Out:

## Clifton Robinsons M1 0 - 0 Fareham

Clifton Robinsons travelled to Fareham on Sunday, hoping to continue their successful start to the season. Fareham, originally known as Ferneham, was listed in the Domesday Book as having 90 households, and has since blossomed into a major market town, tucked between the more dominant conurbations of Portsmouth and Southampton.

On their way to the game, the team decided that McDonalds would provide the necessary nutrition for this rag-tag bunch of minor league sportsmen. Stocked up with processed pork and eggs of dubious origin, the team arrived at Fareham Hockey Club in high spirits, and with even higher cholesterol. The less said about the subsequent nil-nil stalemate the better.

It was a tale of two goalies. Clifton forced the home keeper into a single save (a shot to miles-travelled ratio of 1 to 222). In contrast, Andy Hughes put in a balletic display. It is hard to do justice to his performance, but comparisons were soon drawn with Harry Potter's remarkable agility and reactions during the Triwizard Tournament, when he ducked and weaved to evade the clutches of the Hungarian Horntail. There were even some suggestions from the partisan fans that Andy's dominance of the 'D' was comparable with the young Potter's own mastery of the Chamber of Secrets. Whatever the analogy, the Clifton goalie should be applauded for the cleanest of clean sheets.

Other notable moments in the day included a second trip to the salubrious Tot Hill services for the misleadingly-named 'fun bus' home. A handful of the players were guilty of celebrating their hard-fought draw with a visit to Mbargos, but the full account of that part of the day is not for this forum. Suffice to say the venue struggled to live up to its audacious claim to be 'consistently busy 7 nights a week'. We go again.



# Previously at Clifton College:

## Clifton Robinsons M1 2 - 2 Exeter Uni 2s

Going into the 4th game of the season having won the previous three games, Clifton Robinsons Men's 1s were confidently hoping for another strong result. Welcoming Exeter University 2s, the game started well for the home side. A strong attack from the forward line early in the game saw our resident front man, Nick Robilliard in front of goal. Wearing the defenders dodgy tackle saw a penalty stroke being awarded, giving the home side an early opportunity to get ahead. Mike MacDowell confidently stepped up, successfully sending the keeper the wrong way to power the ball home in the bottom left corner. This continued a strong record for the big man Mike, having never missed a competitive penalty flick in his long-playing career.

Both teams had chances leading up to the half, with Clifton narrowly missing chances from a forehand strike from Oli King and a backhand effort from Micah Smithard. However, Exeter continued to keep a clean streak despite the opposing pressure showing a display of last ditch, hard-to-beat defending. The warmth of the sunny Sunday drew in and the game was brought to a well-timed half time with Clifton leading 1-0.

The second half saw both teams step up the pace. Despite chances each way, a well worked play saw Exeter awarded a penalty corner from a Clifton foot. Despite the pace of our lightning 1st runner, Tom Appleby, a slip left from the top and flick narrowly past the left foot of Andrew Hughes saw Exeter draw level with much more excitement to come. Tackles from both sides saw green cards from the umpires, with the tension and intensity continuing to creep up.

The last quarter started quickly after some firm words of encouragement from the Clifton's level-headed coach, with Exeter quickly winning a free hit outside the 25. Facing up, Toby Rowlings wore a hard hit to the back of the head and unfortunately went down in significant pain. The game was paused for roughly 20 minutes whilst medical treatment was administered, with the casualty being walked off and taken to hospital for further examination. Both teams carried out a brief ball warmup before restarting the final 10 minutes of hockey for what was going to be an exciting finish.

Clifton managed to break away and in the opposite D, a scramble saw Nick Robilliard pick up the scraps and turn to get a shot away in an attempt at goal. A proactive Micah Smithard appeared at the far post to tap in Nick's effort that was seemingly heading wide. As the crowd cheered for the 'dynamic duo', CRHC took the lead with only minutes remaining to sit ahead at 2-1. However, the lead was short lived and another well worked attack and deflection by Exeter saw a counter attack goal to square the game at 2-2 with only seconds remaining.

The game drew to a close at 2-2, which continued an unbeaten start to Clifton Robinsons Men's National League campaign.

**Clifton Robinsons Men's 1st team are very pleased to have the support of Cockburn's Port. Cockburn's do things their way and that is something we are also very proud of at Clifton Robinsons.**



**COCKBURN'S**

**PORT**

**A bottle of Cockburn's Port will be presented to the opposition player of the match at each home game, as decided by the Clifton Robinsons Men's 1st team management group. In our last home fixture, Ben Entwisle from Exeter University HC was the lucky recipient, shown below receiving his bottle from M1s' captain Jamie Mortimore.**





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Clifton Robinsons M1s	
Colours	Royal Blue/Navy - Navy - Navy

3	Sam SKELTON
4	Ken GAINSFORD
5	Ollie KING
9	Mike MACDOWELL
10	Conor PINNELL
11	Jakob SZPOJNAROWICZ
12	Jamie MORTIMORE (C)
13	Andy HUGHES (GK)
14	Bill SPRINGETT
15	Rory THORBURN
17	Micah SMITHARD
19	Scott DAVIDSON
26	Max LIEBENSCHUTZ-JONES
36	Reef FRENCH
133	Toby ROWLINGS
174	Toby SAMPSON

Coach	Fraser HENDERSON
Manager	Rod NAUGHALTY



**Bristol University M1s**  
**Colours**      **White - Black - White**

1	Kit Nebbett
3	Robbie Jackson
6	Tom Harris
8	Will Penrose
9	Ben Crocker (C)
11	Luke Crocker
15	Kincaid Ingram (VC)
16	Chris White
17	Ed Marshall
18	Rich Owen
20	Hamish Brady
54	Tom Smith
58	Ben Ferguson
66	Will Jones
81	Ollie Izzo
158	Henry Brearey

**Coach**      **Nick Suller**  
**Manager**      **Ben Dudley**

**Today's Umpires:** Rod Cook  
Jon McCall  
**Umpire Assessor:** Mark Staunton  
**Match Official:** Jenny Hollman



# Last Weekend:

## Clifton Robinsons L1 5 - 4

### Loughborough Students

This week's match was an important one for both Clifton Robinsons and Loughborough, with both teams looking to win 3 points at Coombe Dingle.

The game started with Clifton on the front foot and a smashing debut Premier League goal from Tilly Edwards put the home side in front. This was followed quickly by another first goal in the Prem, this time scored by Clemmie Houlden who perfectly deflected a ball into the bottom corner from a beautiful delivery by Holly Munro. With momentum on their side Clifton had a very fluid run of play, ending with a corker of a finish from a reverse stick hit into the back of the net from Catherine Macaulay to put the home side up 3-0 at half-time.

After half time an early break from Clifton Robinsons resulted in a short corner, which was converted by Abi Porter with a deflection through the legs. Loughborough then found a spell of momentum and some beautiful build up plays lead to them converting 3 goals in quick succession from some tidy penalty corners and a field goal. Clifton responded when Macaulay delivered a peach of a ball to Claire Thomas who deflected the ball into the goal from in front of the goalie to restore a 2 goal cushion.

As the tension rose with 8 minutes to go, Loughborough scored another goal and continued to put pressure on the Clifton defence. However they held onto their 5-4 lead and despite a card in the final quarter managed to seal the win and take the 3 points. A well earned rest follows this weekend, and time to refresh before making a big push in the final 4 fixtures.



# Last Weekend:

## Clifton Robinsons L2 0 - 0 Firebrands

CRHC Ladies 2s played an evenly contested derby against local side Bristol Firebrands 1s on Saturday 23rd October. With Firebrands presently sitting top of the Conference West league table, CRHC L2s knew they would have their work cut out.

Both teams were persistent in attack and defence in a fast-paced first quarter of end-to-end hockey. After the short break, Clifton came out fighting hard, maintaining great pressure throughout the remainder of the first half, moving the ball skilfully throughout the pitch, keeping Firebrands at bay and just never quite finding the back of the net.

A chip over the Firebrands goal keeper from Martha Barratt about 10 minutes into the third quarter just skimmed wide of the top left corner of the goal, and it seemed Clifton had fire in their bellies and a shift in scoreline was surely only moments away. At about 12 minutes in, Firebrands picked up a loose ball and took it into the D, but the shot was superbly saved by Sophie Trigg to keep everything level at 0-0 all the way into the final quarter of the match.

Cheers went up from the Clifton fans as 2 minutes into the final leg, the ladies won a penalty corner – but no goal this time. In what was characteristic of a see-saw match, a return penalty corner for Firebrands 6 minutes later still produced no change in the scoreline. As the minutes drew to a close, Firebrands were awarded three penalty corners back to back – each brilliantly and fiercely defended – the last as the final whistle blew. A no-score draw sees the CRHC L2s move up one position in the Conference West league table with corresponding upward motion in belief and spirit following this more-than satisfying draw against the league leaders.



# Club Fixtures



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## THIS WEEKEND'S SENIOR FIXTURES:

### Saturday:

**M2s - (A) 12pm vs Swansea 2s**

**M3s - (H) 2pm vs Bristol UWE 1s**

**M4s - (A) 4pm vs Bristol Firebrands 4s**

**M5s - (H) 2.30pm vs Bath Buccaneers 6s**

**M6s - (H) 3.30pm vs Weston-Super-Mare 1s**

**L2s - (A) 12pm vs Oxford Hawks 1s**

**L3s - (H) 2.30pm vs University of Bristol 2s**

**L4s - (A) 11am vs Taunton Civil Service 1s**

**L5s - (A) 9.30am vs Nailsea 1s**

**L6s - (H) 4pm vs Bristol Bluebirds 1s**

### Sunday:

**M1s - (H) 2pm vs University of Bristol 1s**

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# CRHC 1st XI Home games

## coming up:

- **Sat 6th Nov. 21 - L1s vs University of Birmingham**  
2pm @ Coombe Dingle (Lower Pitch)
- **Sun 14th Nov. 21 - M1s vs Cheltenham**  
2pm @ Clifton College Sports Complex
- **Sat 20th Nov. 21 - L1s vs Wimbledon**  
2pm @ Coombe Dingle (Lower Pitch)



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# CLIFTON ROBINSONS HOCKEY CLUB

CLUB SPONSORSHIP



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## Who are we?

The premier hockey club in the South West with over 650 members across the Mens, Ladies and Juniors Sections. Playing in the Investec Premier National Division our Ladies' 1s play at the highest level in UK hockey, with our Mens' 1s and Ladies' 2s playing in the West and South Wests Premier Divisions. We are a volunteer run club who every year strive to maintain a high quality and affordable club for our members, which is why club sponsorship is so important to us.



## Why Sponsor Us?

With an excess of 650 members plus supporters, a strong parent network, family and friends, CRHC could offer you exposure to a wide range of future clientele, particularly in the local area. In addition, our 1st and 2nd teams, who travel further afield, could help advertise your organisation to a wider market. Our 1st team travel as far as Manchester and London, with International pre-season fixtures (having travelled to Belgium, Dublin and Holland). There is the possibility of further European exposure should our Ladies' 1s reach our target of a top-4 finish, and European qualification via the play-offs. European matches are also broadcast live on TV, creating further advertising opportunities. Last season we reached the Investec Cup Final, for the 5th time in succession, winning gold. This year, there is a new rule that every Premier game must be filmed, which we hope will lead to more above the line coverage e.g on BBC/Sky TV. CRHC boasts a number of International players, who could offer further scope for publicity for your company or organisation and we'd be happy to discuss any ways we could help promote your company or organisation in the community.



## Sponsorship Options

- Match ball sponsor - £30
- Individual player sponsor + logo in match program - £100
- Match program slot - from £100
- Sponsor on set of warm up shirts- from £300
- Club Sponsor - Logo on website and promotion in monthly newsletter - £150
- Pitchside Banner - from £500

We would also welcome any discussions regarding custom or bespoke sponsorship opportunities



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 Local and National Coverage

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 Match Spectators

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APR 02-03 | AWAY | WOMEN  
**CHN**

APR 23-24 | AWAY | WOMEN  
**USA**

APR 30-01 | AWAY | MEN & WOMEN  
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**NED**

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