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Clifton Robinsons

Ashmoor

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Clifton Robinsons M1 - Ashmoor

2nd October 2022 - 2pm



Welcome back!

Welcome to the first Men's 1s home fixture of the year!

Pre-Season brought with it a new coach, a new style of play, and plenty of new players to the Performance Squads of the club. Understandably so, results were mixed with a solitary win, but some good experience gained from some top clubs.

However, it came to a head with the first league game last year, and Robbies kicked off as they ended last season, with a quality win against Cardiff Uni, debutant Isaac Hocking notably scoring against his former club.

Today, they play Ashmoor as they look to improve on last year's 6th place finish. More information on the 2022-2023 league structure can be accessed here.

Enjoy the games!

Men's Chair's Welcome

And just like that we are back to hockey...

Welcome everyone to the first home game of the new National League Conference West season. For those that don't know me, I'm Andy 'Boy' Hughes. I have taken over the reigns as Chair of the Men's Club I this season. Firstly, I'd like to offer sincere thanks to outgoing Men's Chair Duncan Long for the time and effort he has put in overseeing the men's club over the past few years.

Last week saw a successful start for the #BlueArmy, beating Cardiff Uni 2-0 away from home in the first National League game of the season. Today I would like to welcome the players, coaching staff and spectators from Ashmoor. After two intensely fought games last year, ending 2-1 to Robbies and a dramatic 3-3 draw, today's game promises to be a great spectacle.

For the 1s it really is a fresh start all round this year. A huge thank you has to go to outgoing Captain Jamie Mortimore, as well as our Lead Coach for the past couple of seasons Turloch, who both stood down at the end of last season. Long-standing 1s player Scotty Davidson has stepped into the captaincy role with consummate ease, and we have also welcomed the highly experienced Dave 'Hacks' Hacker to come in and work alongside Fraser Henderson as our Performance Coaching Team.

It promises to be a fantastic year of hockey across CRHC, particularly so for the men's side of the club. With our 1s registering their highest ever finish in National League, and our 2s, 3s, 4s and 6s all winning promotion last year, we will be looking to build on that success, aided by the plethora of new faces we have welcomed across the club this summer. We certainly set a high bar for ourselves last season, with positive results up and down the club week in, week out. However, I have every faith we will continue to build on that success and further cement our position as THE premier club in Bristol and the S.West.

Best of luck also goes out to our Ladies 1s this weekend who travel away to Reading after their 2-0 victory against Holcombe in their first game of the season last week.

I'm going to finish my notes this week with a small plea. Running a club the size of Clifton Robinsons is no mean feat, and is reliant upon a number of highly devoted individuals who willingly give up a huge amount of their time to book pitches, umpire, sort transport, coach, put out our comms etc... We can never have too many volunteers to help run our wonderful club. If you would like to get involved in any aspect of the club please do reach out and get in touch.

Andy Hughes (Boy)

Men's Chair

This weekend's Women's Premier Division fixtures:



This weekend's Men's Conference West fixtures:



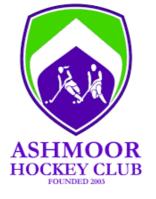
Women's Premier Division Results



Men's Conference West Results







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First game, first win. Today, the boys look to grab a second, against a familiar Ashmoor team.

The visitors, who picked up a point last weekend against Isca, were the Men's first fixture back in the EHL last year. They served up a great fight for the neutrals, but Robbies managed to grab an opening day win, before a high scoring draw in the reverse fixture.

Will it be the Hocking and Turner show again, or will the Blue Army require a Hughes and Davidson masterclass?





Last Time Out:

Cardiff Uni 0 - 2 Clifton Robinsons M1

The first game of the Men's 1s campaign against Cardiff Uni began. Robbies started the team on top at the start with higher intensity of ball play . Good small unit play down both sides led to a plethora of opportunities early. This Included two short corners in which, despite a sticky pitch hurting the injection, we capitalised on the second: A skill past the first runner followed up with a reverse stick shot by Nick was deflected in by former Cardiff Uni boy Isaac at the back post, the first goal of the season.

Not to be outdone, this was quickly followed by fellow debutant Quin running down the left side and having a shot. In bizarre circumstances, this was deflected off a defenders stick onto the cross bar and then tapped in by Quin. After this, the first quarter ended: 2-0.

Cardiff got a hold of themselves into the next quarter and started putting some more pressure on Robbies. However, good defence across all lines as well as some tactical changes with the press stopped them from having many opportunities.

The second half was much of the same with Robbies having some near misses and Cardiff creating opportunities. Thankfully though, we were able to hold the opposition out of our goal, for the game to end 2-0. A class performance from Robbies to secure a win in the first game of the season. MOM went to Quin and DOD to Sam Stevens.

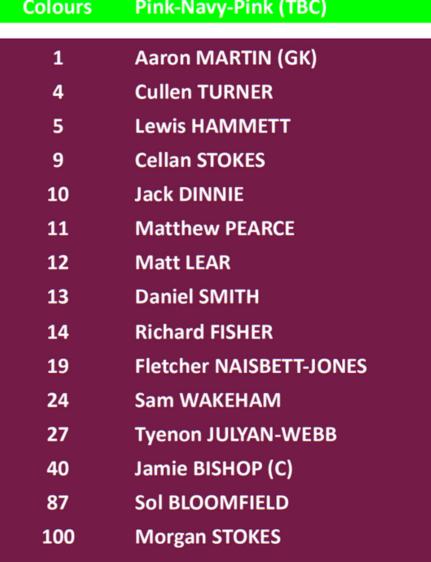


Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club

Clifton Robinsons M1s		
Colours	Royal Blue/Navy - Navy - Navy	
1	Andy HUGHES (GK)	
5	Alfie SMITH	
10	Nick ROBILLIARD	
11	Isaac HOCKING	
14	Bill SPRINGETT	
17	Micah SMITHARD	
19	Scott DAVIDSON (C)	
28	Quin TURNER	
34	George BROWN	
40	Rich ELSTON	
80	Josh DELL	
116	Will SHARDLOW	
123	Sam STEVENS	
133	Toby ROWLINGS	
134	Ken GAINSFORD	
204	Sam SKELTON	

Coach	David HACKER
Coach	Fraser HENDERSON
Manager	Rod NAUGHALTY

	Ashmoor M1s
Colours	Pink-Navy-Pink (TBC)





Coach **Jack DINNIE**

Manager **Richard ASHWORTH**

First Aid **David STOKES**

Todays Umpires: Chris ROCKINGHAM

Chris SEELEY

Match Official: Jenny HOLMAN Clifton Robinsons Men's 1st team are very pleased to have the support of Cockburn's Port for a second year in succession. Cockburn's do things their way and that is something we are also very proud of at Clifton Robinsons.



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. We are excited to see which Ashmoor player comes out with it today!





Last Weekend:

Clifton Robinsons W1 2 - 0 Holcombe

Clifton Robinsons started their 2022/23 Premier League campaign at home against Holcombe. Clifton started the game strongly, applying pressure on Holcombe which resulted in 2 penalty corners early on but were unfortunate to not convert.

Holcombe came out strong in the second quarter demonstrating good counter threat and at times testing Clifton's back line. However, Clifton countered this well gaining their first goal with a cross from Catherine Macaulay and Eloise Laity deflecting it in on the far post.

Going into the second half, Holcombe showed good skill getting good ball in Clifton's defensive half; the Clifton defence held strong. In response, some good team play in the final quarter of the pitch resulted in another goal from Amy Burton.

Clifton produced some good attacking threats entering the D six times and winning two PCs in the final quarter, but an excellent save from the Holcombe keeper denied Livvy Hoskins a third goal for Clifton. The game ended 2-0, a great start for the Bristol side with strong performances from both old and news faces in the team.



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This Sunday one of our own, Lisa Thorburn, is swapping her hockey stick for her running trainers as she is taking on the London Marathon to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, a charity which grants wishes for critically ill children.

"Critical illnesses" means that the children spend the majority of their time under medical attention, and they have little chance for to be a "child" as they are undergoing treatment for anything from cardiovascular problems, to cancer to gastrointestinal or immunodeficiency issues with children as young as 3 currently making wishes.

The children can choose anything they have always wanted to do but haven't been able to, with current wishes ranging from; going to the cinema, to a trip to legoland, to a family holiday or a flight in a hot air balloon. The wishes aim to provide some happiness to both the children and their families between hospital visits.

Husband Rory has stated Lisa has 'run more miles in August than in his entire 30 year life', which is well worth a donation in my eyes!

To donate, please follow the Link to Lisa's justgiving: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-thorburn



Towards the end of pre season, Clifton Robinsons joined the rest of the hockey community and indeed the world in paying our respects to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Silences were held before games and black armbands worn as we paid tribute to her life of extraordinary service.



01/10 CLUB FIXTURES

HOME

M2 VS University of Exeter 3 @ 1:00

M3 VS Chippenham 1 @ 2:00

L3 VS Yate 1 @ 2:30

M5 VS Keynsham 1 @ 3:30

L5 VS Clevedon 1 @ 4:00

M7 VS Westbury & United Banks 4 @ 5:00

M1 VS Ashmoor 1s @ 2pm (Sunday)

AWAY

L4 VS North Wilts 1 @ 11:30

L2 VS Cardiff & Met 1 @ 11:30

M6 VS Mendip 2 @ 12:00

M4 VS Cardiff & Met 3 @ 3:30

L1 **VS** Reading 1 @ 4:30

Grays

CRHC 1st XI Home games coming up:

- Sat 15th October W1s vs Beeston
 12pm @ Coombe Dingle Sports Ground
- Sun 16th October M1s vs Chichester
 2pm @ Clifton College Sports Complex
- Sat 22nd October W1s vs East Grinstead
 12pm @ Coombe Dingle Sports Ground

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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 Invested 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
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- 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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