MHL Conference West

26/03/23

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Clifton Robinsons
vs

Isca

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Clifton Robinsons M1 - Isca

26th March 2023 - 12pm

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Welcome back!

Welcome to the penultimate weekend of the league, and the first of two back to back Men's 1s home game. This week, Isca make the trip up the M5.

As the season winds down, there's still plenty to play for. Cardiff Uni picked up an unexpected win last weekend to keep the relegation battle alive and while Havant sealed the league title last weekend, Isca are still in a fight for 2nd.

There is still all to play for - fans will be hoping for a repeat of last year's 10 goal thriller!

More information on the 2022-2023 league structure can be accessed here.

Enjoy the games!



Men's Chair's Welcome

Happy weekend one and all. Welcome along to the penultimate weekend of league hockey for the 22-23 season.

This Sunday we welcome the players, coaches and fans from Isca, who make the short journey up the M5 to Clifton College to take on the Men's 1s. With Havant having been crowned league champions and sealing promotion last weekend, the two teams will just be playing for position, but are sure to put on an entertaining game nonetheless.

This weekend also sees an exciting 'Saturday Night Lights' game at the Lawns, with a 5.30 push back for the Men's 3s against rivals Old Bristolians. Rumour is that Club Chair Duncan Long is heavy favourite to score on Saturday - though in which goal is anyone's guess at this stage.

A huge shoutout and congratulations must also go to the Women's 1st team, who equalised late and went on to win a shootout against Wimbledon last weekend to get one foot into the league semi finals. This is in addition to the promotions and league successes for a number of the other Women's teams in recent weeks.

Before we look ahead to next season, I want to mention our Summer Hockey Camp. We are hoping to build on last year's highly successful event and get even more sign ups. If you want more information on dates/cost/activities please get in touch. Any and all juniors are welcome, with camps running for beginners, those wishing to develop, and others who want to be challenged.

As always, have a great weekend of hockey. I hope to see you all under the lights at the Lawns on Saturday.

Boy Andy Hughes - CRHC Men's Chair

Women's Premier Division Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Clifton Robinsons 1	2	2	0	0	3	2	1	5
2	Wimbledon W1	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	4
3	Hampstead & Westminster W1	2	1	0	1	8	3	5	3
4	University of Nottingham 1	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Surbiton W1	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
2	East Grinstead W1	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
3	Beeston W1	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
4	University of Birmingham W1	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Loughborough Students W1	18	5	5	8	25	35	-10	20
2	Reading 1	18	5	4	9	26	33	-7	19
3	Holcombe W1	18	4	6	8	27	39	-12	18
4	Buckingham W1	18	3	0	15	17	55	-38	9

For info on the Premier Division split, see the end of the programme

Men's Conference West Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Havant	16	11	4	1	50	15	35	37
2	Isca 1	16	9	3	4	41	34	7	30
3	Chichester	16	7	6	3	35	30	5	27
4	University Of Exeter 2	16	7	4	5	45	28	17	25
5	Plymouth Marjon	16	5	8	3	44	41	3	23
6	Ashmoor	16	4	7	5	26	28	-2	19
7	Clifton Robinsons 1	16	5	3	8	36	29	7	18
8	Fareham	16	3	6	7	34	40	-6	15
9	Cardiff University	16	3	4	9	30	66	-36	13
10	Cardiff & Met 2	16	2	3	11	18	48	-30	9





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A mixed few weeks for the Robinsons boys has seen their biggest National league victory, a disappointing home draw, followed by an excruciatingly close lose to the league champions. The overall upwards trend has shown points acquired with relative regularity, and the team will be hoping to bounce back from the 3-1 loss down in Exeter before Christmas. Indeed, the team is much changed from that time with no fewer than 6 changes from that fixture.

Isca's form meanwhile has been generally positive, with a 3 game unbeaten run including a close derby-day victory. However, having seen their promotion charge come to an end courtesy of a Robinsons loss last week, it's hard to know whether Isca will be downbeat after a tough season ultimately ending early or whether they will be out for revenge. Either way, it's a late-season game with plenty riding on it!

In relegation watch, Cardiff & Met were all-but relegated last week, requiring a huge goal difference swing. Meanwhile, all eyes will be on 8th vs 9th as Fareham host a resurgent Cardiff Uni on Saturday. The University won big last weekend, and will need to avoid defeat in order to take the battle into the final weekend of the season. A University win would see them leapfrog their opponents and really make the final day one of chaos



Previously for the M1... CRHC 2 - 2 Cardiff & Met 2

The M1s came into this fixture full of confidence after dispatching Plymouth Marjon 1-8 on the road the previous weekend. One might argue that Cardiff & Met's position at the bottom of the league table would further increase this confidence. However, memories of the 2-1 defeat earlier in the season still lingered and they knew that the opposition would come out fighting.

For the first quarter it seemed that things had carried on where they'd left off, with some excellent passages of play being shown in front of the home crowd, resulting in the first short corner of the game to the home side. Knowing that they now had a not-so-secret weapon up their sleeve, the likelihood of a goal from short corners has been on a steady rise (see last week's match report). Alas, no Tom "Slammin" Salmon goal this time around, but after a frantic goal-mouth scramble Chris Wiseman was there to tap the ball home, showing how influential he is at both ends of the pitch. Numerous Clifton attacks followed, but Cardiff's defence held strong, and no further goals came in the first half

That early pressure from the home side seemed to peter out as the game went on, as Cardiff's pragmatic defensive structure upset the rhythm of play that was shown by Robbies in the weeks prior, and it paid off. The away side brought themselves back into the game with an equaliser from a short corner, and then took the lead with another from open play moments later.

Going into the final quarter the home side had it all to do. Opting for a high intensity press, they knew it came with the risk of being hit on the counter. Nevertheless, the pressure paid dividends. A short corner a few minutes before the final whistle presented the opportunity for the equaliser, and Tom was not going to let this opportunity pass and slotted home yet another drag flick to make it 2-2. The Robbies pressure continued, and another short corner was won, and the final whistle went. Could they make it count? Unfortunately, it was not meant to be this time, as Cardiff defended the set play very well and the score was shared. A tough result to take after previous performances, but plenty more encouraging signs to see.

Clifton Robinsons 2 - 2 Cardiff & Met 2 (Tom Salmon, Chris Wiseman)



Previously for the M1... Havant 2 - 1 CRHC

On a warm spring day, Clifton Robinsons made the long journey across to League leaders Havant. With an eccentric stadium announcer pumping the crowd into a frenzy, the away team felt motivated to ruin Havant's victory parade.

Havant started quickly, with slick passing and high ball paces. They won a short corner and it was converted for 1-0. However, the goal sparked Clifton into life, as they began to settle into their passing rhythm. The next 10 was all the away side, with man of the match Micah Smithard driving the team forward, chances came and went. Two short corners were successfully defended by the Havant team. Then, just prior to quarter time, a fantastic team move down the right hand side lead to the overly excitable Toby Rowlings firing the ball onto the penalty spot, with OAP Bill Springett stroking home. His celebration a tribute to his new born child.

The second quarter continued with Clifton dominance. Chance after chance came but the Havant goalkeeper produced prime Manuel Neuer reflexes to keep the ball out.

1-1 half time. The team talk from Hacks was a simple one, continue to pass the ball and finish our dinner.

The third quarter started in frantic fashion with both teams guilty of turnover. Clifton's press had Havant struggling for answers and numerous 1 v 1s were saved by the Havant keeper. Just as it appeared that the Blue Army was ready to strike, some tidy Havant possession resulted in a penalty corner. The sucker punch. 2-1 Havant.

Into the final quarter it went, with Havant showing their experience. Controlling possession, with Clifton looking tired. However, chances still came for the away side and a short corner with 3 minutes to play gave Scotland's top drag flicker of all time, a chance to show his world class status. Tim Atkins fired the ball into the top corner, courtesy of a deflection off Havant's post man. Agonisingly, after the goal was awarded the umpires conspired to rule out the goal for dangerous play. With that came the last opportunity, 2-1 Havan final score.

Following the pitch invasion, Havant were able to lift the West Conference League Trophy. Congratulations to them!

Havant 2 - 1 Clifton Robinsons (Bill Springett)







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Manager

Andy Hughes (GK) (C) Robin Toulalan-Parr (GK) 1 Conor Pinnell Tom Whitworth 6 Tom Salmon 9 Simon Fenwick Nick Robilliard Jon Wright (C) 10 Cuthbert **Shepherd** 14 Bill Springett Chris Wiseman Ollie Clarke 19 Isaac Hocking Tim Foulds 20 **Lewis Francuz** 36 Chris Towl Tim Atkins Sam Lynch 38 Harry Williams Quin Turner 98 10 Sam **Stevens** Olly **Drummond** 11 **133** Toby Rowlings Jacob Pengelly 12 134 Ken Gainsford Owen **Sutton** 13 204 Sam Skelton Jack **Knight** 14 Sammy **Pratt** 15 Coach David Hacker James **Bower** 16 Manager Rod Naughalty

Today's Umpires: Nick James & Sam Krasner

Match Official: Richard Barter





Jon **Evernett**

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 after the game today, as selected by Clifton Robinsons management.





25/3 CLUB FIXTURES

HOME

L2 VS Taunton Vale 1 @ 2:00 PM

M6 VS Firebrands 3 @ 2:00 PM

M4 VS Yate 1 @ 3:30 PM

L6 VS Wick 2 @ 3:30 PM

M3 VS Old Bristolian 1 @ 5:30 PM

M1 VS ISCA1 @ 12:00 PM (Sunday)

Ladies Vixens VS Bristol & West @ 1:30PM (Sunday)

AWAY

M2 VS Whitchurch 1 @ 11:30 AM

M5 VS Team Bath Buccaneers 6 @ 12:30 PM

L1 VS Nottingham Univeristy 1 @ 2:00 PM

L3 VS Team Bath Buccaneers 3 @ 3:30 PM

M2 VS Leek 1 @ 1:00 PM (Sunday - Cup)



18/3 CLUB RESULTS

Grays



Ladies' 1s	vs	Wimbledon 1	Win	1 - 1*
Ladies' 2s	vs	Swindon 1	Win	1 - 3
Ladies' 3s	vs	Lansdown 1	Loss	2 - 3
Ladies' 4s	vs	Devizes 1	Loss	4 - 0
Ladies' 5s	vs	Old Bristolians 4	Win	2-0
Girls U14 A	vs	Alderley Edge Girls U14 A	Loss	4 - 3
Men's 1s	vs	Havant 1	Loss	2 - 1
Men's 2s	vs	Team Bath Buccaneers 2	Loss	1 - 7
Men's 3s	vs	Gloucester City 1	Loss	3 - 0
Men's 4s	vs	Whitchurch 2	Draw	2 - 2
Men's 5s	vs	Old Bristolians 2	Loss	3 - 5
Men's 6s	vs	North Somerset 2	Loss	4 - 1
Men's 7s	vs	Westbury & United Banks 5	Win	3 - 0

*Win on penalty shoot-out (3-1)

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CRHC 1st XI Home games coming up:

Sun 2nd April - M1 vs Exeter University 2
 2pm @ Clifton College Sports Complex

Thank you for all your support - we'll see you in 23-24!

Don't forget to follow us on social media:













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COACH

Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club

5 Day

Performance Camp

31st July - 4th August:

13 - 18 Years

For experienced hockey players looking to progress their hockey to the next level.

£170

4 Day

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9 - 14 Years

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7 - 8 Years

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7-18 YEAR OLDS

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PREMIER DIVISION

From 2022/23



PREMIER DIVISION

Match 1-11 Sept - Dec

12 teams will play each other once between September and December.

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Match 12-16 Feb - Mar

Between February and March, the top six and lower six will split and play each other once.

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Match 17-19

Mar - Apr

The bottom four teams at the end of Week 16 will carry across the points earned so far and play each other once more.

PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF	League Position 9
	League Position 10
	League Position 11
	League Position 12



The bottom two teams will be relegated to Division One North or South. The top two will retain Premier Division status.

REMIER DIVISION

Match 17-19

Mar - Apr

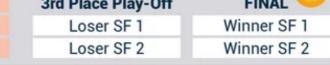
The top eight teams at the conclusion of the Premier Division will qualify for the Premier Division Finals. Teams will play each other once in two Pools.

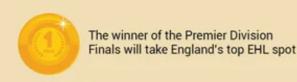
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	League Position 1
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	League Position 8
	League Position 2
L B	League Position 3
POOL B	League Position 6
	League Position 7

FINALS WEEKEND Apr

The pinnacle of club hockey will take place over one weekend at a club venue.

Semi Final 1	Semi Final 2
1st Pool A	1st Pool B
2nd Pool B	2nd Pool A
3rd Place Play-Off	FINAL











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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



Access to GB, English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Internationals



Match Day Programme Publicity and Member Newsletter



Local and National Coverage





500+ Instagram Followers

Social Media Promotion

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AND MORE...



Potential TV Coverage

Club Website Promotion