

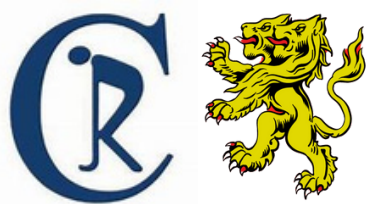
 **Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club**

# MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

WEEK 4 - 7/8 OCTOBER 2023

**SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023**

**EH Vitality Women's Premier Division**



CRHC Ladies' 1s v Uni of Birmingham 1s  
PB 12:15  
Clifton College Sports Ground

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023**

**EH Men's Conference West**



CRHC Men's' 1s v Oxford Hawks 1s  
PB 12:00  
Clifton College Sports Ground



# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

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Welcome to Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club

A warm welcome to our league visitors this weekend – University of Birmingham playing our Women's 1s and Oxford Hawks playing our Men's 1s. The women are first up at Clifton College on Saturday – a 12:15 start. The men play on Sunday at Clifton College at midday. We also welcome our match officials and all members and supporters of Clifton Robinsons HC (“The Blue Army”).

The women have started well picking winning 2 of their opening 3 matches and drawing the other. We are hoping for another good result this weekend.

The men started well with a very solid performance against Ashmoor but slipped up last weekend away at Cheltenham. Hacks will be looking for them to bounce back against an in form Oxford Hawks side.

Elsewhere in the club there are a few teams on the road. The Women's 2s continue their return to EH Conference West away against Reading 2s, whilst the Men's 2s travel to Exeter University 3s. However, a big shout out must go to the Men's 3s who begin their season of travel in South Division 1 away at Penzance. The 3s side is a mix of experience and youth – fortunately I've bagged a seat in Wost's luxury campervan so we will have a well-oiled journey back from Cornwall, hopefully with 3 points in the bag!

As Boy mentioned in our last programme, pre-season across the club has been one of the strongest ever and this is continuing into the early season training sessions.

We are very pleased to welcome all our new playing members to the club. It is proving a selection headache but that is a good problem to have, and an 8th team is certainly on the horizon for the men's section.

Finally, I wanted to give a big shout out to Mike MacDowell. Mike is a past (current?!) player who turns up at training every now and then. His focus is now on umpiring and he has risen quickly up the umpiring ranks and can currently found officiating at EH Conference level. It's funny how the most temperamental players turn out to be decent umpires!!! Mike effortlessly organises our club umpires every week and has some great ideas about how to develop umpiring numbers and quality throughout the club. These ideas are now being implemented so I'm looking forward to seeing our umpires of the future out on the pitch.

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**



# CLUB UPDATE

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It's been a busy and exciting start to the season, with all our teams finally in action last weekend. A total of 13 sides were in league action, including **over 100 selected** for Men's hockey.

It was a successful weekend at that, with **only 3 teams losing**. Props to all, but 4 teams have started so well they have ended up as **table toppers!**

The **Men's 3s** put 6 past an unknown Okehampton side, with 5 of the goals coming after a tense first half where the opposition sat deep and were difficult to break down.

The **Women's 3s** showed they meant business against local neighbours Yate, winning 4-0. Having come so close to promotion last year, we hope 1st is the position they stay from now till the end of season.

Also playing locally, the **Men's 4s** demolished UWE 5-0 in a closer game than the scoreline suggested, but hard work and grit paid off. They certainly have been pushing hard in training and hopefully more follows.

Finally, we can't forget the **Women's 1s**, who are top after 3 games, and still unbeaten. Continue ruffling feathers!

Off the hockey pitch, a congratulations to junior player **Martha**. She has just been selected for the **England Athletics Youth Talent Programme** for her javelin prowess. Talk about multi-talented!

Good luck to all this weekend and give us more positivity to write about!



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# LADIES' 1s v BIRMINGHAM UNI 1s

EH Vitality Women's Premier Division | 7/10/2023  
12:15 PB | Clifton College Sports Ground



VS



**1** DE VISSER (GK) (C)  
**2** MUNRO  
**3** GIERAK  
**5** LEA  
**7** LAITY (VC)  
**8** MAINWARING  
**9** RICHARDS  
**10** DANIEL  
**11** DAVIES  
**14** WEBB  
**15** BURTON  
**18** HOULDEN  
**19** GRINDAL  
**23** THORBURN  
**24** HOSKINS  
**25** DRYSDALE



WOOD  
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ATKINSON  
NAYLOR  
DAVIS  
HALL  
THOMAS  
GRASSOM  
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FLINT  
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ALLROGGEN

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M. SMITHARD - ASSISTANT COACH  
P. BAILEY - MANAGER

M. MOSS - COACH  
H. PEARCE - MANAGER  
M. GOSLING - PHYSIO

# LAST TIME OUT

## BEESTON 1 - 3 CRHC

Clifton Robinsons made the journey to the midlands to take part in a fiercely competitive game against top of the table, Beeston.

After a number of close chances, Clifton were first to capitalise with good link up play by Evie Grindal and Sara Davies to allow SJ Thorburn to slot it in to the corner.

Despite some good momentum in play, Clifton Robinsons were unable to get another goal before going into the break.

After an extended half time, Beeston were able to regroup and scored off a penalty corner. However, Clifton were able to take hold of the game, and executed some strong attacking play and defensive resilience.

Evie Grindal was able to carry the ball round the baseline and had a reverse stick shot, allowing Jess Lea to volley it off the rebound into the back of the net.

Clifton Robinsons continued to threaten the Beeston defence, winning a corner which was expertly scored from a drag flick by Livvy Hoskins. This meant that Clifton were 3-1 up going into the last 10mins. Beeston applied some late pressure to the Clifton defence, however Clifton were able to see out the win and take 3 points back to the West Country.



# WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION

## END OF MATCH WEEK 3

POS	CLUB	PL	GD	Pts
1	CLIFTON ROBINSONS 1	3	4	7
2	READING 1	3	2	7
3	BOWDON 1	3	2	7
4	SURBITON 1	3	6	6
5	BEESTON 1	3	0	6
6	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER 1	3	3	5
7	EAST GRINSTEAD 1	3	0	3
8	LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS 1	3	-1	2
9	WIMBLEDON 1	3	-1	2
10	UNI OF BIRMINGHAM 1	3	-2	2
11	UNI OF NOTTINGHAM 1	3	-5	1
12	ISCA & UNI OF EXETER 1	3	-8	0



# MEN'S 1s v OXFORD HAWKS 1s

EH Men's West Conference | 8/10/2023  
12:00 PB | Clifton College Sports Ground



VS



**1** HUGHES (GK)  
**2** APPLEBY  
**5** STONE  
**6** PINNELL  
**12** MORTIMORE  
**14** SPRINGETT  
**17** SMITHARD  
**19** DAVIDSON (C)  
**20** HOCKING  
**23** EVANS  
**36** FRANCUZ  
**37** WISEMAN  
**123** STEVENS  
**133** ROWLINGS  
**134** GAINSFORD  
**204** SKELTON



BARBER (GK) **1**  
ELLIS **3**  
ANDREWS **4**  
PATEL **5**  
DUNNILL **6**  
BARRETT **7**  
CONWAY **8**  
HARTLEY **9**  
HOBBS **10**  
GREENLEE **11**  
HILL **12**  
APPLETON **13**  
HOOPER **14**  
LAIRD **15**  
SMART **16**

## STAFF

D. HACKER - HEAD COACH

R. NAUGHALTY - MANAGER

D. BLACKBURN - HEAD COACH

N. BIGGS - MANAGER

# LAST TIME OUT

## CHELTENHAM 3- 2 CRHC

Following a successful start to the season with a 3-0 win over Ashmoor, Clifton Robinsons made the short journey north to newly promoted Cheltenham.

Clifton Robinsons enjoyed plenty of early possession and applied pressure into Cheltenham's final third. However it was Cheltenham who got the first opportunity having turned the ball over in the centre of the park and broke to win a short corner. Thankfully it was charged down by Tom Appleby denying Cheltenham any opportunity.

The deadlock was broken when Chris 'blonde Cafu' Wiseman robbed Cheltenham of the ball at half way and set returning Ben Stone off on a charge. His reverse stick effort was well defended on the line but Chris had followed his run on and ensured the ball was put right back at Cheltenham. 1-0 to the Blue Army.

In the second quarter there was an un-welcomed turn of events, Cheltenham were able to score twice to take the score to 2-1 to the home team. The first was a well finished rebound during a short corner. The second was a quick break, following a scrappy tackle from Cheltenham, from just outside the 23 with a deflection just in front of Clifton Robinsons GK, Andy Hughes.

Clifton Robinsons were able to bring the game back to a tie, with Ben Stone converting a penalty stroke. However the draw was short lived with Cheltenham taking back the lead. Cheltenham crashed the ball into the D which was deflected goal bound by Clifton Robinsons skipper. Unfortunately this was awarded with the belief it was deflected by a Cheltenham striker.

A tough away trip for the lads, but the Blue Army will keep marching on and continue to put the effort in! Roll on Oxford Hawks.



# MEN'S CONFERENCE WEST

## END OF MATCH WEEK 2

POS	CLUB	PL	GD	Pts
1	OXFORD HAWKS 1	2	6	6
2	ISCA 1	2	2	4
3	CLIFTON ROBINSONS 1	2	2	3
4	CHELTENHAM 1	2	0	3
5	UNI OF BRISTOL 1	2	0	3
6	FAREHAM 1	2	-1	3
7	ASHMOOR 1	2	-1	3
8	CHICHESTER 1	2	0	2
9	UNI OF EXETER 2	2	-3	1
10	PLYMOUTH MARJON 1	2	-5	0

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Ex-Ashmoor junior and current M1 player Toby Rowlings presented Man of the Match from our last home fixture to Ashmoor's Jamie Bishop



# ELSEWHERE IN THE CLUB

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## **CRHC Women's 2s Return to National League with a hard fought draw**

Clifton travelled to Oxford Hawks for their first National League game since promotion. Oxford finished 2nd in the league last year, so it was a tough first test for Clifton 2s but they stepped up to the challenge. Clifton took the game to Oxford, starting at a fast tempo catching them on the back foot. They broke the deadlock in the first quarter with a long ball from Monica Watkins finding Claire Jones in the circle, who held the ball up and calmly found Tilly Edwards on the back post who slotted home.

Oxford stepped up in the second quarter, and found the equaliser with a transferred ball to attack down the right and convert. The game heated up and an even contest ensued with neither side able to dominate the other. The third quarter was again an even battle with Clifton looking the more threatening in attack and forcing a number of saves. Eventually a counter attack led to a short corner being won by Claire and converted by Alice Williams.

The fourth quarter was a cagey affair, with a short corner being won by Clifton then overturned by the umpires. Clifton worked hard to maintain their lead in a tense final 10 minutes, absorbing pressure and threatening on the counter but eventually a well worked attack by Oxford led to them finding the equaliser. Clifton continued to press and try and find the winner but it wasn't to be and the game finished 2-2. A good performance all round and solid starting point for the rest of the season with lots of positives to take of what could have been against an organised opposition.

**Lily Roberts**

## **CRHC Men's 2s Kick-Off their Season in Style**

After a successful 1st season in West Prem, the M2 started their season against the only team to complete the double over Robinsons last year: Taunton Vale, with a wound to avenge. This pent up energy was soon rewarded with a quick opener from Joe Naughton firing the ball into the back of net after some gorgeous Tika Taka along the baseline that even Barcelona would be proud of. The second goal came not too long after, another great bit of interplay saw Mitch find his way into the D and winning a long corner. A quick ball to the top of the D found Joe Naughton who deflected the ball towards goal where a rampaging Tidy topped the ball towards goal, beating the keeper for pace. The rest of the half was pretty uneventful. 2-0 halftime.

The boys started the second half much the same as the first. Complete dominance with the ball was soon rewarded with an absolute rocket from Rouse, the ball soaring past the keepers helmet before he could even react. 3-0! More dominance from Robbies throughout the rest of the second half had Taunton wishing they hadn't bothered with the journey up the west coast. A charging Mo carried the ball into the D with the keeper closing him down. A great tackle from the Taunton defender perfectly placed the ball past the keeper finding its way to the penalty spot and with a rapid 10 second dash from Tidy, starting at the 25, he arrived just in time to knock the ball into the open goal. 4-0!

With this 4 goal cushion, the boys let their foot off the gas slightly and some sloppy play from Mitch at the top of the defensive D saw the award of a Taunton penalty corner. A slow push from the flicker beat a sluggish Sully to his right, we'll give him some slack as this was the first time he was called into action. 4-1 Robbie's at full time.

**Shaun Rouse**

# RESULTS

WEEK 3 - 30/01 SEPT/OCT 2023

BEESTON	1 - 3	LADIES' 1s
LADIES' 2s	4 - 1	BASINGSTOKE
LADIES' 3s	4 - 0	YATE
WINSCOMBE	1 - 1	LADIES' 4s
LADIES' 5s	5 - 4	WINSCOMBE
FIREBRANDS	4 - 2	LADIES' 6s
CHELTENHAM	3 - 2	MEN'S 1s
MEN'S 2s	4 - 1	TAUNTON VALE
MEN'S 3s	6 - 1	OKEHAMPTON
BRISTOL UWE	0 - 5	MEN'S 4s
MEN'S 5s	4 - 2	WESTBURY & UB
S. GLOUCESTERSHIRE	2 - 2	MEN'S 6s
YATE	3 - 1	MEN'S 7s

# FIXTURES

## HOME

### SATURDAY 07 OCTOBER 2023

12:15 L1 v Uni of Birmingham 1 - Clifton College

13:00 M4 v Gwent 1 - Coombe Dingle

14:30 L4 v Shepton Mallet 1 - The Lawns

16:00 M6 v M5 - Redmaids

16:00 L6 v Avonmouth 1 - The Lawns

16:00 M7 v Bristol & West 3 - Redmaids

### SUNDAY 08 OCTOBER 2023

12:00 M1 v Oxford Hawks 1 - Clifton College

## AWAY

### SATURDAY 07 OCTOBER 2023

10:00 L5 v Bristol 1

12:30 L3 v Team Bath Buccaneers 3

14:30 M3 v Penzance 1

15:30 M2 v University of Exeter 3

16:00 M5 v M6 - Redmaids

16:30 L2 v Reading 2



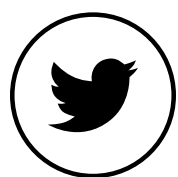
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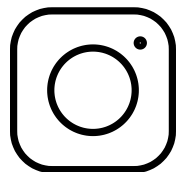
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