

 **Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club**

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

WEEK 11 - 25/26 NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023

EH Men's Conference West



CRHC Men's 1s v Plymouth Marjons 1s

PB 12:00

Clifton College Sports Ground



CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club

A warm welcome to our National League visitors this weekend - Cheltenham playing our Women's 2s and Plymouth Marjon 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 had a cracking result last weekend beating league leaders Trojans to move up to 4th in the Conference West table. We are hoping for another good result this weekend.

The men are now sitting 5th in their division following a 3-2 win against Chichester last time out. A game much closer than it should have been. Let's get another W on the board, possibly against a Marjon side including former Robbies boy Jon Tew! Great to see the brothers Marcus and Sam Stevens featuring in the CRHC side two weeks running.

Our Women's 1s have now finished the initial part of their season and will move into the 2nd phase after the Christmas break. Whilst we did not reach the heights of last season's top 6 finish, this year will present different challenges and we are all looking forward to seeing how the development continues. Yet again it will prove to be a very interesting 2nd part of the season. The squad continue to represent the club at the highest level and we are all massively behind you.

Finally, we are honoured to have a special guest with us this weekend and those of you who venture out in the cold will no doubt find yourselves chatting on the side of various pitches to an old bloke who thinks he knows a bit about hockey and Italian wine. I'd probably listen to him on both fronts but would take extensive notes when it came to the wine. Ex Men's President and CRHC's biggest international fan has jetted in for the weekend and will spend most of it watching the Mighty Robbies hopefully chalk up lots of wins. On a serious note, Cressers is an avid supporter of ours from his home in Italy, continues to provide us with guidance from afar, and reminds us of where the club has come from to what it is today. Make sure he buys you a beer!

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

**- Duncan Long,
Chairman, Clifton Robinsons HC**



CLUB OVERVIEW

The last programme for a while, and while there is some info here (including a great review of the **W4 weekend away!**), you can catch some more comprehensive details in the **newsletter** - including reviews of the season so far from ALL senior teams! Thanks to Jude for doing a great job on that as always!

Meanwhile - the W1 are now at the start of their winter break. While they battled hard against leaders Surbiton last weekend, including being 1-0 up for a good chunk of the game, they eventually lost out 4-1. In an incredibly tight league, this wasn't enough to secure a top 6 place, missing out by 2 points. After Christmas, they'll battle it out with **Birmingham University, Wimbledon, Loughborough, Beeston and Isca & Exeter Uni** in the bottom 6 phase. The two winners of this group will still qualify for the final phase of the season, to define the eventual champions. Keep an eye on Instagram for upcoming fixture details!

Elsewhere in our senior sides, a huge shout to the M5 and W3, our top performing sides. After 7 games, the **M5 have a 100% record** with an enormous gulf of 8 points between them and second place in the division - unheard of at this stage of the season! Meanwhile, the **W3 are also top of their league**, with 6 wins and 1 loss. They have a WHOPPING 30 goal difference!

Last weekend was also a great exhibition for our **junior boys** against various local sides, racking up plenty of goals. The U18s led the charge with a big 11-2 win over Bath Buccs while the U14s beat City of Bath 11-1. Meanwhile, the U16s beat Firebrands 14-4 - with youngster Paul scoring 7! Seniors - you have lots to live up to!

And finally - a word for the social last week. A great '**night at the bingo**' was held, raising some much needed funds for the copious travel we see the M3 and W4 having this year. The prizes ensured everyone was well lubricated, and the night was topped off with an **impromptu karaoke** session. My highlight - Club Coach Josh Bryce's rendition of 'Feeling Good' - exceptional work, but I'd suggest to stick with the hockey!

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MEN'S 1s v PLYMOUTH MARJONS 1s

EH Men's West Conference | 26/11/2023
12:00 PB | Clifton College Sports Ground



VS



1 HUGHES (GK)
6 PINNELL
9 STONE
17 SMITHARD
19 DAVIDSON (C)
21 FRANCUZ
23 EVANS
37 WISEMAN
41 NICHOLLS
81 NAUGHTON
99 STEVENS M
123 STEVENS S
133 ROWLINGS
134 GAINSFORD
204 SKELTON
257 SALMON



BLUNDY (GK) **1**
TAYLOR **5**
SMITH **7**
LARGE **8**
TEW **10**
BUTT **15**
BELL **19**
PUTTOCK **21**
WHERRY **29**
OLIVER **34**
BROWN **43**
SYNOTT **57**
THOMAS **61**

STAFF

D. HACKER - HEAD COACH

R. NAUGHALTY - MANAGER

LAST TIME OUT: CRHC 3 - 2 CHICHESTER

Clifton Robinsons hosted Chichester at Clifton College, running out 3-2 victors on Sunday. Coach David Hacker in his usual calm and collected style laid out the tactics and formation ahead of the game welcoming Ben Stone, Stu Loughrey & Tom Salmon back in to the fold.

A packed sideline at Clifton welcomed the players, both sides warmed up and at the coin toss Davidson elected to start with the ball, Robbies would defend their favoured end of the ground for the first half.

Davidson gathered the troops in for one last talk and the umpires got proceedings underway. Robbies immediately looked to get onto the front foot keeping the ball, Chichester though countered this with a tight compact formation, they knew they had to weather the initial storm, with Robbie's looking to expose Chichester with the pace of Naughton, Stone and Coombe up top.

With Evans patrolling in front of the backline, Chichester were finding it hard to get into the final third of the pitch, Stevens & Salmon stuck to their men like glue not allowing them the chance to receive any ball. Chichester were trying to play at a frantic pace but Robbies continued to frustrate them, the game being punctuated by chances and opportunities in the opening quarter. With the attack minded full backs Loughrey and Wiseman starting to see more of the ball, the hosts started to get a foothold in the game, pressing down the flanks and linking well with the forward line. The midfield battle was closely contested, the hard running Pinnell & Skelton finding their feet. It was Robbies who opened the scoring from a short corner, won by Francuz & Smithard dispatching his drag flick low and hard past the away keeper. Into the second quarter, & it didn't take long for Robbies to double their lead in the game. Next on the scoresheet was Francuz who got in front of his defender to deflect a rifled ball in from Loughrey leaving the keeper & defender in disarray. Half Time 2-0.

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Robbies instantly went hunting for the ball from the restart, hassling Chichester into mistakes and handing possession back to the home side. Keeping the ball, they went straight at attacking the Chichester D, relentlessly running down & winning the ball back. Keeping this pressure up was soon to pay dividends. Smithard was involved again, but this time winning the short corner for Stone to step up & fire high in to the net. With the score now 3-0, Robbies now had the cushion they needed to try and control the game, but the visitors were not finished yet. CM Conor Pinnell was sent to the sin bin with a green card for some over exuberant tackles . Chichester then scored mid way through the third quarter. Taking advantage of some lacklustre marking a ball was played into the top of the D, turning and finishing low through a crowd of players into the bottom corner.

With the lead now not so comfortable, Robbies were not to have it all their own way, Francuz was next on the naughty step for a bad challenge on Chichester's #4. Robbies were slightly rattled by this setback due to not having been in this position many times this season, they just needed to get hold of the Ball and keep it. Chichester finally got their reward through a scrappy goal, a forward player managed to evade 2 tackles as he broke forward, getting his pass away to a team mate in the D who miss controlled the ball but in doing so turned it toward goal giving himself a 1 yard tap in to bring the visitors level at 3-2.

After a good speaking to by coach Hacker, Robbies had to be composed & manage the game, keeping the ball down Chichester's end. This quarter saw a lack of chances for both teams & with only 4 minutes to go Francuz now had a yellow to his name, once again making his way to the sin bin given for a challenge in Robbies 23... short corner to Chichester... The first opportunity was saved keeper Hughes, only for another short to be given. Up stepped Hughes again, the man for these situations, who calmly fired the ball back out of the D with a strong right foot to relieve the pressure. With the last few moments being "squeaky bum time" Robbie's managed to defend well & run down the clock for the umpires to blow time. Final Score: 3-2 to Robbies!

MEN'S CONFERENCE WEST

END OF MATCH WEEK 8

POS	CLUB	PL	GD	Pts
1	UNI OF BRISTOL 1	8	13	18
2	OXFORD HAWKS 1	8	9	18
3	ISCA 1	8	4	13
4	ASHMOOR 1	8	-1	13
5	CLIFTON ROBINSONS 1	8	3	12
6	CHELTENHAM 1	8	-2	10
7	UNI OF EXETER 2	8	-4	10
8	FAREHAM 1	8	-9	10
9	CHICHESTER 1	8	1	8
10	PLYMOUTH MARJON 1	8	-14	4

ELSEWHERE IN THE CLUB - W4s ON THE ROAD

After much build up, the W4 got their Cornish adventures underway last weekend, with a big trip to Falmouth and Penzance. Here's how they got on - in their own words!

Busy and hard weekend:

Match 1 vs Falmouth was tough but they underestimated the mighty 4s squad. Although we lost 4-2, we were leading at one point thanks to a beautiful goal from Kat and a fantastic flick from Liv. Our best game so far and set us up well for day 2. Also special mention to Alice for amazing keeping which kept our goal difference close.

Pints and Pizza set Saturday evening off well, plenty of drinks consumed and shots thanks to Liv. A new t-shirt added to Rachels wardrobe for DOD as she secured her first goal (wrong net). Great evening, even better bonding!

Sunday started off with a sea swim for some (others chose a lie in) and breakfast where hash browns were supplied and then entertainment from Liv and Haz which was spectacular.

Day 2 Game - WIN 2-0 , our first win in a new league was a great way to end a fantastic weekend. A card for Rachel Mc saw our 3rd card of the weekend and DOD whilst a MASSIVE day trip for Louisa saw a MOM win by a mile.

A weekend to be proud of girls and I hope we can carry on this Win streak and excellent hockey and amazing company.



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CHRISTMAS CAMP

We are delighted to announce our first ever Christmas Camp! With the weather closing in, a lot of players choose to play indoor hockey - a slight variation on outdoor hockey with different tactics and rules, but with the same core fundamentals. This camp is designed to focus on the indoor principles with a mixture of indoor and outdoor play.

To sign up, visit the JUNIOR HOCKEY NEWS - CAMPS section on the club website.



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HOCKEY CAMPS

2 Day
Performance Level Camp
18th - 19th December
School Years 7 - 6th form
£80
Redmaids' High School

This camp revolves around indoor hockey, which is a fantastic format of the game that we don't usually experience until our late teens, if we're lucky!

Indoor hockey is a game that promotes strong basics, high level skills and creativity, along with crucial game understanding.

With some time spent indoors and any outdoor time still spent looking at indoor style skills and play, this course is fantastic for progressing all levels of hockey player.

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COCKBURN'S
PORT

Cockburn's are our Men's 1s Man-of-the-Match sponsor.

Current M1 captain Scott Davidson presented Man of the Match from our last home fixture to Luke Emmett from Chichester HC.



RESULTS

WEEK 10 - 17/18 NOV 2023

SURBITON 1s 4 - 1 LADIES' 1s

LADIES' 2s 3 - 1 TROJANS 1s

BRISTOL UNI 2s 0 - 7 LADIES' 3s

WESTON-SUPER-MARE 1s 1 - 5 LADIES' 5s

LADIES' 6s 6 - 0 WICK 3s

MEN'S 1s 3 - 2 CHICHESTER 1s

ISCA 2s 1 - 2 MEN'S 2s

MEN'S 3s 4 - 3 YEOVIL & SHERBORNE 1s

MEN'S 4s 5 - 2 SWANSEA 2s

MEN'S 5s 5 - 2 S. GLOUCESTERSHIRE 1s

FIREBRANDS 4s 2 - 5 MEN'S 6s

CARDIFF MEDICS M2 1 - 1 MEN'S 7s

FIXTURES

HOME

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

12:15 L2 v Cheltenham 1 - Clifton College

13:00 M2 v Swansea 1 - Coombe Dingle

14:00 M3 v Uni of Exeter 5 - Badminton

14:30 L3 v Westberries 1 - The Lawns

14:30 L5 v Knowle 1 - Red Maids School

16:00 M5 v Bristol Firebrands - Badminton

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023

12:00 M1 v Plymouth Marjon 1

Away

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

11:30 L6 v Mid Somerset 2

12:00 M4 v Bristol & West 2 - Mangotsfield School

12:30 M6 v Old Bristolians 4 - Stirratt Pitch, Failand

13:30 L4 v Isca & Uni of Exeter 3

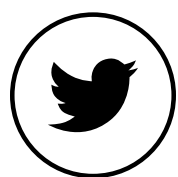
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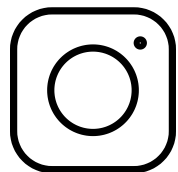
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