

MATCHDAY PROGRAME

WEEK 13 - 10 FEBRUARY 2024

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

EH Women's Premier Division





CRHC Women's 1s v Isca & Exeter Uni 1s PB 16:30 Clifton College Sports Ground









MEDIA TEAM'S WELCOME

Good afternoon and welcome to Clifton College Sports Ground for what we hope will be a fantastic weekend of hockey.

After a long Christmas break, the W1 will be eager to get going in the second phase of the Premier Division. After narrowly missing out on a top 6 place, all efforts will be on pushing up the table to finish in a berth for the playoff round. A few strong performances is all it needs!

Today they host Isca and Exeter University, the first time the side has travelled up the M5 to Bristol for a Premier Division Fixture. The newest side to the division have struggled for points, but our M2 were on hand to witness them get their historic first win, a 2-0 victory over Beeston. Don't take them lightly! We hope all players, spectators and officials have a safe journey and enjoy their day at Clifton Robinsons.

We also hope the players from Reading 2s have a safe journey for the early game as two big hitters of Conference West go head to head. Our W2 have returned to the league after one season away and currently sit s point shy of the top. It promises to be an enthralling day!

On our note - shout out to the media team. Will Moss did some fantastic work setting us up for the season for which we are grateful and he should be commended. We've never looked more professional! Thanks to the new guys who have stepped up to help the existing team - Kate, Hugh, Toby and Isaac - you have big shoes to fill!

- Alex Kirkpatrick

Media and Comms, Clifton Robinsons HC





CLUB OVERVIEW

There was a cracking weekend of hockey for the club last weekend. Some fantastic results, including W2 cementing their status as title chargers in Conference West with a comprehensive 5-0 away win at Basingstoke.

Another notable result was the 3-2 win from the M4 against local rivals Yate. Having been promoted in 2022 and not having previously played at this level, it is a massive success to sit top of the table after 14 games! Each week since Christmas has been a 'top of the table clash' in an incredibly tight division, and it's testament to their improvement as a squad that they've come through that with a 4 game winning streak. Fingers crossed it continues!

A second team who deserves a shout out is the W4. Having been promoted last season, the odds were stacked against them before they even begun, being placed in the southern division with extensive travelling. At first, it seemed we'd be fighting a losing battle, with 6 of the first 8 games resulting in defeat. However, with experience and the team pulling together, their fortunes have changed! 3 wins and 2 draws in their last 6 games have fired them up the table into 8th place. Notable wins included an away trip to Penzance and a victory just last week against 4th placed Isca. The team now have a comfortable cushion above the bottom sides, so will spend the second half of the season looking up not down. Great work!

Last week also saw the M1 host Cheltenham in Saturday Night Lights. Unfortunately our 'bogey team' struck again with a display of fine goalkeeping and counter attacking hockey to win 2-1. Commiserations to the team, but it was great to see the clubhouse buzzing with players from all teams for a social afterwards - and thanks to our friends at The Clyde for hosting us when the clubhouse shut!

Onto this week's social - thanks to the W4 for writing the quiz - I for one can't wait! I look forward to seeing many of you there: 7:30 at the club!

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WOMEN'S 1s v ISCA & EXETER UNI 1s

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RAMSAY POLLEY 11 GARDENS 12 21 LAWRENCE NICHOLSON 23 HOLME **27** DAY **37** HENSHALL 41 BELLAMY 46 FAIRBAIRN 50

KAY 59

WILLIAMSON 65 VARDON-CARDY 68

WILKINSON 78

MACLEAN 151

MCCABE 182

FOX 184

ALLEN 185

GRAHAM 197

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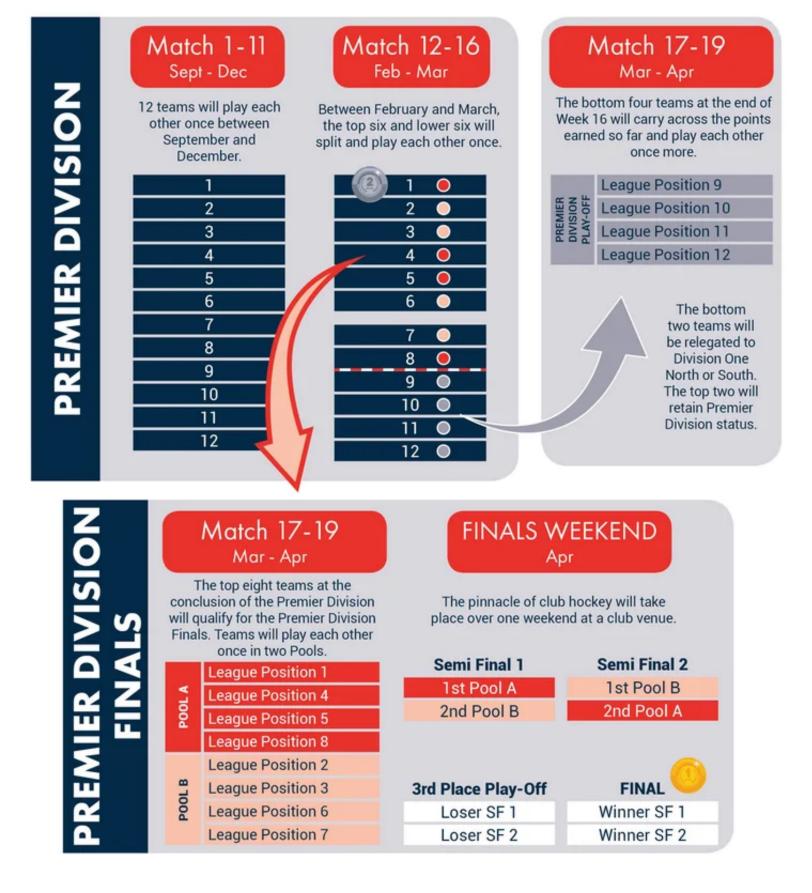
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PREMIER DIVISION OVERVIEW

The Premier Division is back today, and with that it is worth having a reminder of the current format of the league!

With 2024 comes Phase 2. Having finished 9th, the team will be battling out with the 'bottom 6' for a chance to appear in the finals playoffs. The top two teams above - Birmingham University and Wimbledon - have a solitary point advantage, so it is all to play for!



WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION

END OF MATCH PHASE 1

POS	CLUB	PL	GD	Pts
1	SURBITON 1	11	31	30
2	READING 1	11	11	25
3	EAST GRINSTEAD 1	11	10	19
4	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER 1	11	9	18
5	UNI OF NOTTINGHAM 1	11	-4	16
6	BOWDON 1	11	-2	15
7	WIMBLEDON 1	11	-1	14
8	UNI OF BIRMINGHAM 1	11	-2	14
9	CLIFTON ROBINSONS 1	11	-9	13
10	LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS 1	11	-12	8
11	BEESTON 1	11	-8	7
12	ISCA & UNI OF EXETER I	11	-23	3



ELSEWHERE IN THE CLUB - CUP WEEKEND

This weekend the club looks to build on their long held success in the National Cups.

The M2 are on the road again for their 3rd Round, making their annual pilgrimage to Leek. Having already travelled successfully to Plymouth, they'll be looking to avenge a 6-1 defeat to the same opposition in last year's Tier 2 cup Quarter Final. Hopefully the reward will be a home tie!

Elsewhere, the MO40 and WO35 are back in action.. Both teams feature players who have represented the club for years and have a really strong 'Clifton Robinsons' feel about them. This of course includes the welcomed guest players including Darren Ashley who also coaches the regular Men's goalkeepers for whom we are very grateful!

Both teams are on the road to the midlands! After a good few local victories, the MO40 travel to Birmingham to face Harbourne. The WO35 also head up the M5 to Stourport, to a club we have fond links with. Good luck to all and I hope to be writing about more successes and national trips in future weeks!







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



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Basingstoke 1 0-5 Ladies' 2

Bristol & West Jaspers 1 0 - 7 Ladies' 3

Ladies' 4 3-2 Isca & Uni of Exeter 4

N. Somerset Gryphons 2 3-3 Ladies' 5

Ladies' 6 1-3 BAC 2

Men's 1 1-2 Cheltenham 1

Bristol Firebrands 1 3-3 Men's 2

Truro 1 2 - 2 Men's 3

Men's 4 3 - 2 Yate 1

Old Brisolians 4 0-4 Men's 5

Men's 6 2-2 Old Bristolians 3

Men's 7 6 - 1 Bristol Firebrands 5









SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

- 13:00 M3 v Shepton Mallet 1 Coombe Dingle
- 14:00 M4 v Keynsham 1 Badminton
- 14:30 L2 v Reading 2 Clifton College
- **14:30 L4** v Exeter 2 The Lawns
- 16:30 L1 v Isca & Uni of Exeter 1 Clifton College
- 15:30 M5 v Weston-Super-Mare 1 Badminton
- 16:00 L6 v Clevedon 1 Redmaids

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

- **10:00 L3** v Bristol Firebrands 2
- 11:30 L5 v Bristol Firebrands 4
- **12:00 M2** v Bristol & West 1
- 14:00 M1 v Oxford Hawks
- **15:30 M6** v Team Bath Buccaneers 6
- 17:30 M7 v Westbury & United Banks 5

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024

- **13:00 M2** v Leek 1
- **14:00 MO40** v Harborne O40s
- **15:30 LO35** v Stourport O35s









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