



University of Nottingham Sport

GAMEDAY #74

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WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome to the Nottingham Hockey Centre as Premier League Hockey returns to the University of Nottingham. We'd like to extend warm wishes to our officials, Hannah Harrison and Matt Claxton who will be taking charge for today's match up with Brooklands Manchester University.

The last time the two sides met in Phase One of the Premier League, the Green and Gold scored an overtime winner to take a 2-1 victory. Earning the University of Nottingham their first even Premier League win.

This weekend is the much-anticipated double header with all teams playing on both Saturday and Sunday. With 6 points to play for and only a few games of Phase Two left, it will be a defining moment in the battle to retain Premier League status next season.

The equation for Brooklands is simple, if they fail to win at the Nottingham Hockey Centre, they will find themselves bottom of the table at the end of this phase. A win for the Green and Gold could allow them to leapfrog the University of Exeter.

On Sunday, Nottingham take the short trip over the Nottingham Hockey Centre car park to face Beeston. It was a fierce game last time around, so with even more on the line this time round it is sure to be a great game. Brooklands will continue further south to play East Grinstead.

We hope you enjoy the matches this weekend!



TODAY'S MATCHUP



University of Nottingham Sport



ABOUT US

The University of Nottingham Hockey Club is the largest performance sports club at the university with over 300 members across 14 competitive teams and 2 development teams, with an equal split between Men's and Ladies. We also run an intramural league and beginner sessions which typically reaches another 60 students.

We have 12 teams competing in England Hockey leagues with players travelling across the country providing wide exposure at a variety of different levels. The club is one of the most successful and prestigious University hockey sides in the country, with 14 teams competing within the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues, the largest of all BUCS hockey clubs. Both the Men's and Ladies' 1st XI compete in the highest BUCS league in the UK - the BUCS Premier (National) league. This sets our status as one of the best clubs in the UK, not just among universities.

We have many alumni who have gained international caps, some of these include Rob Clift (Olympic Gold 1988), Nike Lorenz, Annie Panter, Jo Hunter, James Gall, Tom Sorsby, George Pinner, Esme Burge and Alex Malzer for Great Britain, as well as USA captain Mohan Gandhi. You can see the full list of international honours on our website. We have 17 members training and competing internationally within the Great Britain Elite Development Program (EDP) and other National programs.

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INSIDE THE D



INSIDE THE D: A WORD WITH THE COACH

JAMES BATEMAN

HEAD COACH // UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM MEN'S HOCKEY

A tough result vs EG last week?

What a game it was last weekend under lights, a proper battle with East Grinstead. You have to give credit to EG to get the win, we gave them four chances and they scored four goals so credit to them to get the result. I am so proud of the Nottingham boys though, to battle back from 3-0 at half time and 4-1 in the final quarter was a massive achievement.

It shows the character of the group that even with a 10 minute yellow in Q3, we not only managed to score but that was when we started to have more of the ball. Then go all out with 5 minutes left to score two goals and almost get some points was amazing. I hope it gives the squad the confidence that no matter the situation, we are never down and out. For such a young squad it's so impressive to see.

What are your thoughts on Brooklands?

Going into this weekend it is another huge game, this month is full of them! We had an exciting game when we

travelled up north with an overtime corner winning it for us and gaining our first even Premier League win.

This time round, it's an even more important game with both of us desperate for points. I think it will be a real nail biter with so much on the line. Given the excitement of the last two weekends games, I'm sure it will be another game not to miss!

This weekend is a double header, with Beeston on Sunday. Your thoughts?

It's not the only match this weekend though, with it being the double header. It's going to be a brilliant weekend at the Nottingham Hockey Centre with Beeston playing on Saturday as a curtain raiser to the Green and Gold then on Sunday we make the short trip across the car park to Beeston. It's a great rivalry between us. Last time out it got a fairly heated but that's what you want in local games, neither side will give an inch on Sunday, it's going to be a cracker!

How are the rest of the club doing?

These last few weeks it has been crazy for the club, it feels like every week a new league title is won.

Firstly the 1st XI won the BUCS National League, then the following week the 2nd XI won the BUCS Northern Premier League and this week the 3rd XI have won the BUCS Midlands Tier One league.

For our top 3 BUCS teams to win the top 3 leagues is an incredible achievement, with our 4th XI finishing a respectable 3rd in the same league as the 3rd XI it shows the strength in depth of the club.

In a year that we have grown further by entering a 7th XI into BUCS for the first time, it shows what an exciting time it is to be in Green and Gold.

As we move from the chaos of February to knock out hockey in March, it's getting more exciting by the week!



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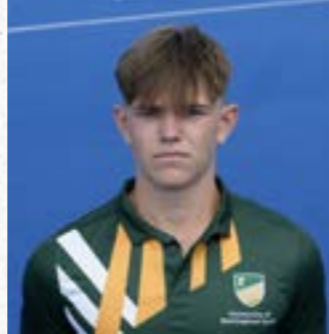
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AROUND THE CLUB

It hasn't been all plain sailing this season but Nottingham's team did manage to get push the boat out and enjoy some time off the pitch.

Last week, we had our Club Boat Party, trading in the blue astro-turf of Highfields for the blue waters of the River Trent. 150 members of the club came together for our annual event, kicking off the term in style. This social event is a favourite of many members, as it provides a nice wind down after a heavy exam period.

The boat has two decks providing us with tables for the sit-down meal, and dance floors for afterwards. The inhouse DJ and open bar makes for a great atmosphere for the full three-hour voyage.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and the only complaint would be that we didn't stay on the river long enough!

So, a huge thank you to Princess River Cruises and our Social Secretaries for making it happen once again. We look forward to next year's!





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HOCKEY MINDS

Here at the University of Nottingham Hockey Club the welfare of our members is at the centre of all that we do. The club aims to provide quality training and match play for players with a range of abilities, as well as creating an active and vibrant social life for our members to get involved in. With both our men's and ladies' 1st XI competing at the highest level, we look to encourage a health attitude towards competitive sport - ensure all our members have the support necessary to perform to the best of their abilities. As members, we look to support one another, we do this by creating a family like environment where every member is equal and able to share their feelings and opinions within the club. We come together to celebrate our success throughout the year through whole club events. In addition to this, we have team socials to allow our teams to bond- creating lasting memories and friendships.'

'As welfare secretaries we pride ourselves in ensuring the club is run in a way that has its members wellbeing at the heart of the clubs values. However, instilling and maintaining this attitude is not something we can achieve alone. Therefore, the club comes together to care for and educate one another in the importance of ones mental and physical wellbeing throughout our life's as students and athletes. This is a club built on pride and passion for one another and is upheld by our values of Respect, Integrity and Progression. As welfare secretaries we hope to continue this over the coming year, and it is because of this ambition that we are always exploring new ideas and reacting to feedback. We are here to answer any questions and provide resources, guidance or support that may be needed.'

If you need to talk our welfare officers can be contacted below:

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The University of Nottingham won the Sports University of the Year in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021. UoN is currently the 2nd most targeted university by employers in the UK.

As a university sports club, we offer the rare benefit of vast recruitment opportunities from one of the best Russell Group universities in the country. With access to our 300+ members, plus through word-of-mouth to non-members, we provide a gateway to many University of Nottingham students. The benefit of a sports club is not just the powerful relationships it creates but also the quality of personnel, as playing high-level sports at UoN has been proven to increase academic attainment.

With a typical UoN entry requirement of AAA and all our 1st team leavers in 2021 finishing with a 2:1 or higher,

our members are highly targeted by employers due to their academics and teamwork skills.

We offer a wide variety of exposure opportunities through either; digital advertisement via Match-day Programmes, social media, live-streaming or physical advertisement via venue branding, kit sponsorship and event sponsorship. We can tailor a package to suit your needs.

What do we have to offer?

We can provide many ways to advertise your product or company, enabling us to tailor a sponsorship package to suit you.

- Website and Social Media advertisement across multiple platforms
- Brochures and flyers distributed at our Welcome Fairs, Trials, and Halls, with exposure to thousands of first-year students
- Digital Match-day Programme sponsorship for Premier Division games
- Sponsorship of a major club

event including charity events, Alumni Ball, Christmas Dinner, Boat Party and End of Season Ball.

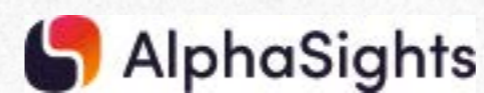
- Player Sponsorship
- Live-stream exposure features on graphics and halftime advertisement
- A variety of kit sponsorships with logos displayed
- Banners displayed at our pitch, located in one of the largest hockey centres in Europe (Nottingham Hockey Centre)
- Access to current members and our alumni network for recruitment purposes

For more information on sponsorship and commercial opportunities please e-mail:

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MEN'S FIXTURES



WEEK 12	vs		LOST 2-3
WEEK 13	vs		LOST 3-4
WEEK 14	vs		FEB 25 6:30PM
WEEK 15	vs		FEB 26 12PM
WEEK 16	vs		MAR 05 6:00PM

2022 RESULTS

GW1	Home vs Old Georgians	L	1-8
GW2	Away vs Brooklands	W	1-2
GW3	Home v Reading	L	1-3
GW4	Away vs Oxted	D	0-0
GW5	Away vs Holcombe	L	6-3
GW6	Home vs Exeter	W	3-2
GW7	Away vs Surbiton	L	4-0
GW8	Home vs Beeston	L	0-2
GW9	Home vs Hamp. & West.	L	0-6
GW10	Away vs East Grinstead	W	1-4
GW11	Home vs Wimbledon	L	1-12

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23



A WORD WITH

Louis Tipper

Speaking to
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Louis started playing hockey at Tunbridge Wells HC and at the age of 15 made the switch to Sevenoaks HC in order to play Premier league hockey.

He started at the University of Nottingham in 2020 and studies Philosophy. This is his 3rd season in the Men's 1st team.

Alongside his studies, Louis runs a vintage clothing business which he hopes to continue full-time after he graduates.

What has been your favourite moment playing for the green and gold?

I'd have to say scoring in the BUCS final against Loughborough last season was a great moment for me personally. But not being able to get over the line in that game was really tough for us to take as a squad. Hopefully we can right some wrongs in that competition this year.

What are your aspirations for the rest of the season?

Well, the obvious two are to win BUCS gold and maintain our premier league status for next season. Achieving both of those are definitely our priorities. It's not an easy ask, but with the team we have and the characters within it, there's such a strong sense of togetherness. So, when the pressure is on, I know we can deliver.



BEYOND THE STICKS

Alumni Stories: Ali 'Shadow' Clift



We caught up with Hockey alumni Ali Clift who is currently a Trainee solicitor following his time at the University of Nottingham.

What did UoNHC teach you?

"The two things that come to mind are the importance of a positive team culture and commitment."

"I was lucky enough to be part of the 1st XI at the University of Nottingham for 4 years. In that time, UoNHC went through a massive transformation in terms of performance - led by Matt Taylor, David Ames and Jamie Cachia."

"Over the 4 years, they and the senior players fostered a culture of self-belief - belief that we would win BUCS games, win midlands prem games (the club has come a long way!) and win BUCS final games. They did this by bringing the whole squad on the journey, largely by giving everyone responsibility for their own actions and the team's. Having never been part of such a successful team before, I've definitely tried to learn from and take the best parts of that UoNHC culture into life more generally - it was infectious."

"On commitment, I learnt just how important being dedicated and giving 100% to everything is. With Jamie Cachia watching hours of video while juggling other jobs, the likes of Piers Denning and Chris Harden balancing tough degrees and marathon training with wider club commitments, and then the international lads (Harry Martin, Jamma, Mo etc.) dividing their time between training and degrees, there were plenty of role models. I hope I have learnt from them and I am now able to juggle law, hockey and life a bit better than I would have without UoNHC!"

What would you consider your legacy?

The obvious answer is the big picture of me in the DRSV... I had no clue that was happening until I walked in the main hall after it was finished.

On a serious note, I don't like the word legacy particularly, but I'm pretty happy with the part I played in UoNHC's promotion run to the prem - getting out of Midlands Prem was a 4 year effort that was worth the wait.

What's your favourite UoNHC memory?

There are too many great hockey memories to choose from - beating Bath in Bath, BUCs Gold, and beating Khalsa 6-0 to start the Midlands Prem promotion run. A particular high point was watching Julz wheel away to the travelling support at Trent after scoring an utterly outrageous goal.

However, my favourite memory is at the end of the first Alumni reunion playing 'bunnies' (which I still don't know the rules to) in the long room of the Portland building with alumni young and old. A surreal moment that shows that UoNHC lives long in the memory of all its alumni!

"On commitment, I learnt just how important being dedicated and giving 100% to everything is."



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WEEK 12 vs  **LOST**
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WEEK 13 vs  **WON**
1-2

WEEK 14 vs  **FEB**
25
3PM

WEEK 15 vs  **FEB**
26
2PM

WEEK 16 vs  **MAR**
05
2PM

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GW5	Home vs Buckingham	W	8-3
GW6	Away vs Hamp. & West.	L	8-2
GW7	Home vs Reading	L	2-4
GW8	Away vs Clifton Robinsons	W	1-2
GW9	Away vs East Grinstead	L	5-1
GW10	Home vs Holcombe	D	3-3
GW11	Away vs Wimbledon	L	3-1



WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23



MEN'S 1

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Saturday 25th February 2023, 6.30pm



Ollie Smart	1	1	Jack Christian
Max Anderson	2	2	Aidan Khares
Matt Blood	3	3	Dan Vincent
Conor Williamson	4	4	Chris Carter
Harry Croft-Baker	5	5	Andrew Holmes
Ben Shardlow	6	6	Andrew Rusbridge
Archie Phillips	7	7	Jack Artist
Will Porter	8	8	Hamish McKittrick
Ed Brice	9	9	Nick Hale
Archie Foster	10	10	Finn Ward
Charlie Axford	11	11	Richard Slater
George Baugniet	12	12	David Flanagan
Louis Tipper	13	13	Harry Tomkins
Pete Caughey	14	14	Craig Falconer
Isaac Farrant	15	15	James Lavers
Hugh Page	16	16	Peter Flanagan
		17	Stefan Ray-Hills
		20	Mike Parham
		21	Ben Wallace

Head Coach
James Bateman

NEXT MATCH: Beeston v University of Nottingham
Sunday 26th February, 12pm, Nottingham Hockey Centre



MEN'S 1

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Saturday 26th February 2023, 12pm

Ollie Smart	1
Max Anderson	2
Luis Cuttle	3
Conor Williamson	4
Harry Croft-Baker	5
Ben Shardlow	6
Archie Phillips	7
Matt Blood	8
Ed Brice	9
Will Porter	10
Archie Foster	11
Charlie Axford	12
George Baugniet	13
Louis Tipper	14
Isaac Farrant	15
Hugh Page	16
Jake Read	17
Pete Caughey	18

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WOMEN'S 1

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Saturday 25th February 2023, 3pm

Mila Welch	1
Matti Hamilton	2
Emma Stewart	3
Phillipa Jowett	4
Katie Curtis	5
Ella Brown	6
Maddie Axford	7
Alex Middleton	8
Claudia Swain	9
Jordan Homann	10
Maddie Long	11
Holly Nixon	12
Merle Knobloch	13
Grace Kumar	14
Miranda Jackson	15
Eliza Wheeler	16



Head Coach
Matt Taylor

NEXT HOME MATCH: University of Nottingham vs Buckingham
Sunday 5th March, 2pm, Nottingham Hockey Centre