



University of
Nottingham Sport

GAMEDAY #75



WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to all of our players, staff, supporters, and today's visitors, Buckingham. We are thrilled to be hosting you this weekend and are looking forward to an exciting weekend of hockey.

The last time the two sides met in Phase One of the Premier League, the Green and Gold secured an 8-2 victory over Buckingham, earning the University of Nottingham their first Premier League win.

After two big wins away from home against Reading and Holcombe last weekend, this final game of Phase 2 against Buckingham decides whether the University of Nottingham make it into the top 8. A win on Sunday would secure UoN a place in the Premier League next year and allow them avoid the Relegation Play Offs!

Therefore, the girls will be pushing extra hard for a victory on Sunday as they know how high the stakes are for their future in the Premier League.

The men's team travel to play Oxted this weekend. This game is also important to determining what their next steps will be in the Premier League.

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

MATT TAYLOR

HEAD COACH // UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HOCKEY

It has been a very exciting phase two which comes to a climax this weekend. Unbelievable turn of events over the last couple of weeks and anyone of 4 teams can still qualify for the Championships in round three.

We hope today's game along with the rest of the season is an excited time for UoN hockey.

Super pleased with our progress since Christmas. We secured the BUCS National League with wins away at Edinburgh and home vs Exeter and then Oxford, making it 8 wins from 8 in the League and we now have a home semi-final vs Durham on Wednesday to look forward too.

In the National Premier Division we have won our last 3 matches vs Birmingham, Reading and Holcombe which has put us in contention for the top 2 in the bottom 6 which is fantastic given its the squads first ever season in the Premier Division.

Our opponents today, Buckingham, will be full of confidence having won their 2 games last weekend vs Loughborough and Reading. Last time the 2 teams met we were lucky to pick up our first victory of the season and I'm sure today's game will be tight contest with both teams in search of 3 points to conclude phase two.





WOMEN'S TEAM

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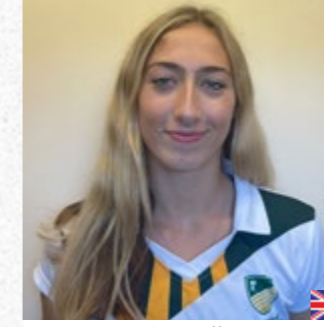
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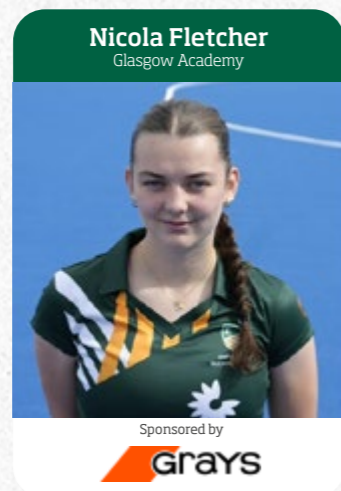
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PREMIER DIVISION

From 2022/23



PREMIER DIVISION

Match 1-11
Sept - Nov

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

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Match 12-16
Feb - Mar

Between February and March, the top six and lower six will split off 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 to retain their place in the Premier Division the following season.

League Position 9
League Position 10
League Position 11
League Position 12

PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF

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

PREMIER DIVISION FINALS

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.

POOL A	League Position 1
	League Position 4
	League Position 5
	League Position 8
POOL B	League Position 2
	League Position 3
	League Position 6
	League Position 7

Match 20
April

FINALS WEEKEND

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
Loser SF 1	Winner SF 1
Loser SF 2	Winner SF 2



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- 2 The winner of the Premier Division will take England's second EHL spot

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AROUND THE CLUB

A look around the club as both teams head into the business end of the season.

The Men's 1st team began their BUCS campaign in style with a 7-1 win against Birmingham. However, on a long away day to Durham, they were brought back down to Earth after being beaten 3-1. This sparked an impressive run of form with three wins on the bounce prior to the Christmas break against Bath, Loughborough and close rivals, Nottingham Trent. They returned after Christmas knowing that two wins would guarantee a top two finish and a place in the semi-finals of the BUCS cup. The chances of a semi-final grew stronger as the 1st team fought for a 3-2 win away to Oxford and, with a rearranged game against Edinburgh the following Saturday, they could confirm second place within three days. After a long journey on Friday the boys were up and raring to go on the Saturday. They showed that the journey had no impact on performance with an impressive 6-1 win, securing a top two finish in the league. The boys then beat Exeter 3-0 and capped off a very strong BUCS league run with 7 wins out of 8 games.

The next game is the semi-final on the 8th of March in Nottingham. Our main aim is to not become complacent because the last game against Birmingham ended in a 7-1 win. Anything can happen in a knockout game, so we need to make sure we prepare well and focus on putting in a solid performance to push for BUCS Big Wednesday.

This year has been very strong for us as a team and I'm proud of us for continuing to perform consistently well despite disappointment early in the BUCS season against Durham. A major goal has been to reach the BUCS final this season and I'm very happy that we are one step closer, but we still have a big hurdle before we are there. I'm confident in our ability as a team and looking forward to the game.

Archie Foster (Men's 1s Captain)

Eight games, eight wins. The team has triumphed in the ICG Women's National Premier BUCS league, beating very strong opponents by at least 2 goals in every match. Throughout the season we have tackled some tough opposition up and down the country, with our most notable 4-2 win against Loughborough. After a great weekend away with the team, taking home 6 points in the Premier League we look to take this momentum into our BUCS semi-final.

On the 8th March we take on Durham in our semi-final. Earlier this season we beat them 4-1, we look to build and improve on this performance. However, we know this will be a tough game since Durham have knocked out a strong Birmingham team. Our current training focus is around not conceding. There is no doubt that with the likes of phenomenal strikers such as, Maddie Axford, Merle Knobloch, Jordan Homann and co, that we can score. Now to secure us a place in BBW we are focusing on our deep defence.

After, last year's success our goal goes without saying - to win BBW! The feeling of winning BUCS last year is one of my all-time highs at Nottingham. I really hope we can replicate it once again. It's hard to believe I am nearly at the end of my university hockey career; I have truly loved playing with this team and it would be amazing to finish the season on a high after all our hard work. The relationship you make with your teammates as a university side is unmatched in any team I have ever played for. I see these girls almost every day and I plan on cherishing my last few games with the team, no matter the results.

Katie Curtis (Ladies 1s Captain)





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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

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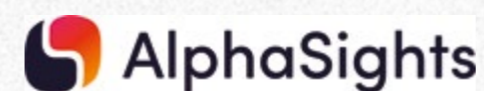
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- Access to current members and our alumni network for recruitment purposes

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A WORD WITH Jordan HOMANN

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September 2019

POSITION

Midfield

SCHOOL

Queenswood

Jordan started playing hockey when she was 3 years old at Luton Town Hockey Club. She then played the majority of her junior career at Southgate Hockey Club with the highlight of winning the U18 Indoor National Championship. Jordan has played in the first team at University of Nottingham since joining the University in 2019. She is now in her Fourth year at university studying Chemical Engineering with Environmental Engineering. A highlight of her time at university of Nottingham is winning BUCS gold last year and joint BUCS gold in her first year (final did not take place due to covid). With another year still left at university, Jordan is yet to decide where her chemical engineering degree will take her but is excited about the opportunities ahead.

What has been your favourite memory this season so far?

"The recent weekend away with the team was lots of fun and gave us lots of time to bond with the team. Our schedule enables us to see each other most days and the week and this tight knit team environment is something I will miss when I

graduate. It was great to spend time travelling and relaxing away from the hockey pitch this passing weekend and seeing us grow on and off the pitch."

How has it been playing in the premier division for the first time this year?

"I have really enjoyed the step up to the premier league this year. It was a rewarding experience to have gotten promoted last year after being in team for the previous 2 other promotions."

How have you been preparing as a team for the game vs Buckingham?

"We have been training hard this week and are excited for the game against Buckingham. It is always a joy playing hockey with this team for the individual talent around me on the pitch as well as the characters both on and off the pitch. I'm looking forward to this last game of this round of the Premier division."

What is your goal as a team for this season?

"Our goal for the season is clear; to retain our position in the Premier Division and to win BUCS."



BEYOND THE STICKS

Alumni Stories: Jess Thomas



My name is Jess Thomas and I played for Nottingham Ladies 1st team from September 2018-2022, with 6 months playing for Valencia Hockey Club on my Year Abroad.

So many of my university memories were made whilst playing hockey but winning BIG BUCS Wednesday was definitely a highlight. To win in my final year, against a team that we had previously lost to in the league was amazing. Potentially even more of a highlight were the celebrations, which lasted a couple of days and ended with Tails planning an impromptu gym session just to get us out of the pub. But having been in the Rose and Crown for 8 hours that day, you can only imagine how that session ended (I miss you Maxford).

On the same week, we also got promoted to the Premier League, so being part of such a successful team made the whole season so enjoyable. Being part of UoNHC is something I will never forget, and I know no hockey club will be able to compete with the time I had in Nottingham.


Playing for the 1st team meant access to such high-level coaches, whether it is on the pitch or in the gym and that is something I took for granted. Now looking back, I see how much Tails, Tom and John Finn did for us and we owe so much of our success to their hard work. Also, you get to experience playing with such a high calibre of player and I can honestly say I never thought I would play in the same team as the German National captain for a season.

I studied Spanish and Hispanic Studies at Nottingham and I am just about to leave to travel Central and South America for 6 months. I have carried on playing hockey but more socially for a local club. However, once I am back from travelling, I am moving to London and looking to join one of the London clubs, especially as they are all filled with ex-Notts teammates.

My lasting memories of Nottingham will be having that perfect balance of playing serious hockey and also having so much fun. You make friends for life playing in this club and I hope everyone else has the experience I did.

I love keeping updated with the current Ladies 1 matches and results, through Instagram or Katie Curtis' 100 messages post game. The girls I played with are such great girls on and off the pitch, so I wish them all the best of luck in BUCS and Prem. I have no doubt that they can bring home the BUCS Gold for a second year in a row!


"To win in my final year, against a team that we had previously lost to in the league was amazing."



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Enjoy the match.

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WOMEN'S FIXTURES

WEEK 12 vs **LOUGHBOROUGH SPORT** LOST **0-2**

WEEK 13 vs **BUCKINGHAM** WON **1-2**

WEEK 14 vs **HOLCOMBE HOCKEY CLUB** WON **1-2**

WEEK 15 vs **HOLCOMBE HOCKEY CLUB** WON **1-6**

WEEK 16 vs **BUCKINGHAM HOCKEY CLUB** MAR **05** 2PM

2022 RESULTS

GW1	Away vs Beeston	D	2-2
GW2	Home vs Uni of Birmingham	L	2-4
GW3	Away vs Surbiton	L	4-0
GW4	Home vs Loughborough	D	4-4
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 TEAM



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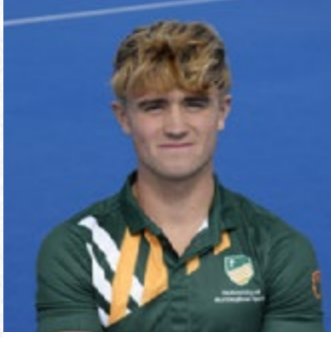
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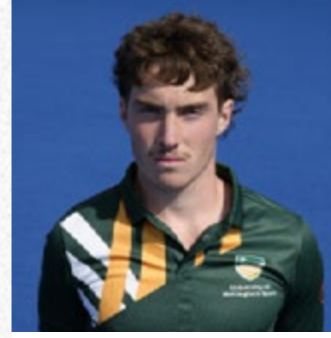
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

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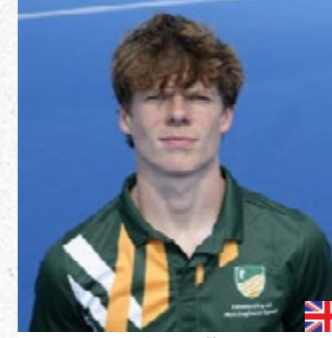
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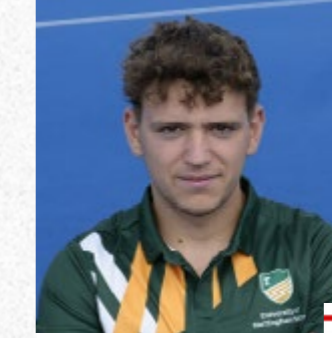
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WEEK 15 vs  LOST
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WEEK 16 vs  MAR
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6:00PM

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	L	1-4
GW11	Home vs Wimbledon	L	1-12

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23



WOMEN'S 1

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Sunday 5th March 2023, 2pm

- 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: TBC

MEN'S 1

Oxted Hockey Club
Sunday 5th March 2023, 6.30pm

- Ollie **Smart** 1
- Will **Porter** 2
- Luis **Cuttle** 3
- Conor **Williamson** 4
- Harry **Croft-Baker** 5
- Ben **Shardlow** 6
- Archie **Phillips** 7
- Matt **Blood** 8
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- Charlie **Axford** 11
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- Pete **Caughey** 14
- Isaac **Farrant** 15
- Hugh **Page** 16



Head Coach
James Bateman

NEXT HOME MATCH: TBC



MEN'S 2

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Sunday 5th March 2022, 4.30pm

Harry Tuffts	1
Zack Devany	2
Tom Downs	3
Fergus Stevens	4
Charlie Harper	5
Tom Oswald	6
Scott Jones	7
Tom Blythman	8
Adam Gower	9
Nic Lamming	10
Joshua Biddlecombe	11
Will Gurney-Champion	12
Luke Holland	13
Louis Cadinouche	14
Ollie King	15
Jake Read	16



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