



University of Nottingham Sport

GAMEDAY #18



AlphaSights



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 today, Robert Brownbridge and Hannah Harrison who will be taking charge for today's match up with East Grinstead.

It was a thrilling game last time these two sides met at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. East Grinstead raced to a 3-0 half time lead, only for Nottingham to fight back in the second half with everyone's knowledge of the goalkeeper substitution rule being tested! Eventually East Grinstead clung on for a 4-3 victory in one of the most exciting games of the season!

This time around the two clubs find themselves in differing situations. East Grinstead secured Premier League hockey next season with a comfortable 5-0 victory over bottom of the league Brooklands.

The Green and Gold travelled down to Exeter University in a battle of the league's two University teams with only a point separating the two. Nottingham took a commanding 4-1 lead in the third quarter with Exeter gain a consolation goal on the full time whistle to end the gam 4-2. That result meant that Nottingham leap frogged Exeter in the tables, taking them outside the relegation places with two games to play. With only 2 points separating the two sides and 6 points up for grabs, it is going down to the wire for which team will secure their Premier League status.

On Sunday, our 2nd XI welcome Lichfield to University of Nottingham. The boys will be looking to bounce back from defeat against League Champions Harborne last week, after a they came out on the wrong side of a thrilling 7-5 loss. In their debut National League season, the Green and Gold find themselves sitting fourth and pushing to secure a 2nd place finish come the end of the season.

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

It was a fantastic result against Exeter but what pleased me most was the performance. It's a really difficult place to go as was proven last time we played them. To beat Exeter at home 3-0, then lose three days later 3-2 shows how much of a fortress the Nandos is. It was the fourth time we have played Exeter this season; we know so much about each other that it was always going to be tough. So for the boys to put in such a commanding performance in a high pressure game is full credit to them. I'm so proud of how much the squad have developed during the season and they continue to get better with each game.

We are not safe yet and there is still a long way to go. Beating Exeter keeps it in our own hands and we know that 5 more points secures Premier League hockey next season. We spoke as a squad straight after the game about keeping focused and level headed. It was obviously a huge result but it means nothing if we don't go on to secure survival in the next two games.

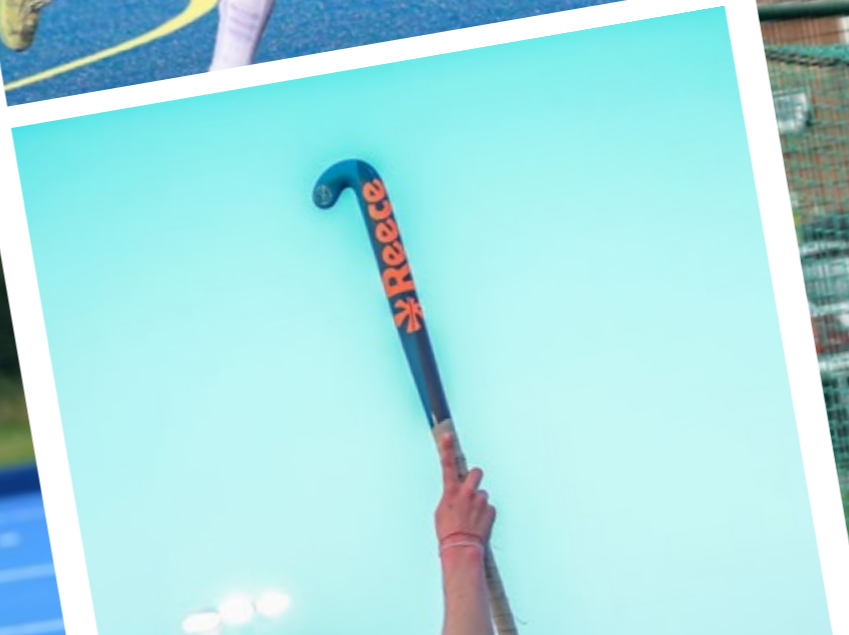
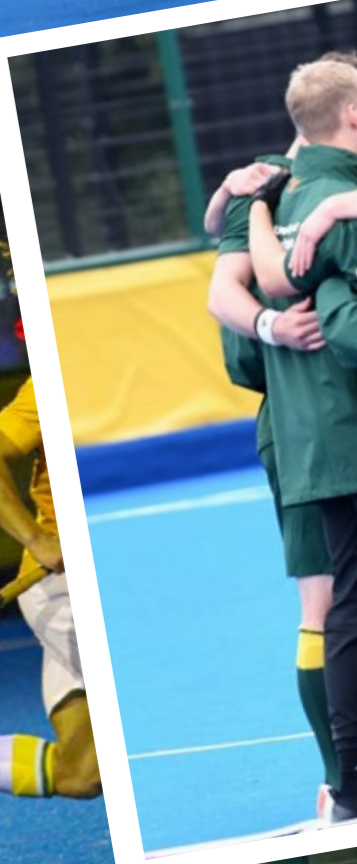
We have had two great games with East Grinstead this

season, it's currently 1-1 with us beating each other away from home. Last time it was an absolute thriller in which we almost came back from 3-0 down to take something from the game but ultimately ran out of time. We learned a lot from that game about taking chances and defending the circle better as EG scored 3 of their 4 goals from corners and we gave them far too many opportunities! If we can maintain our defensive intensity throughout the 70 minutes, I know that our forwards can put the ball in the goal. That will be the challenge for us and one I know we will embrace!

I am so proud of the performance squad to make it to consecutive BUCS Championship Finals. The BUCS competition is the pinnacle of student sport and it's so tough to get to the final with it being such a short season, every game is vital. For both our 1st and 2nd teams to reach the BUCS Finals is an incredible achievement and a very proud day for the club. Following the league success of our 1st team, 2nd team and 3rd team winning their BUCS leagues, it's brilliant to get to the Finals.

To be able to host Big BUCS Wednesday in Nottingham is a real honour, it was so special to play in front of a home crowd last year. To have our Women's 1st team there as well it's going to be an amazing day for both clubs, I know the Green and Gold will get behind us on the day. Fingers crossed we can go one further than last year!

What a year our 2nd XI are having. They have gone a little bit under the radar at times but they are having an incredible season in their own right. In our debut National League season, to be battling it out for a Top two finish is testament to the depth of the talent we have at Nottingham. We've shown we can beat any team in the league, having beaten the League winners and all of the top half teams. We are certainly a team for the neutrals being one of the highest scoring sides and highest conceding teams in the league. You are sure to see goals when you watch Los Chicos play!



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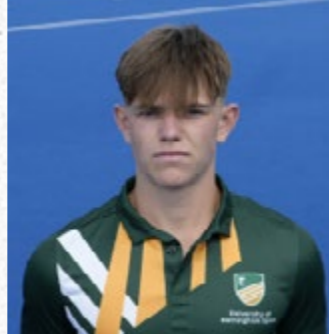
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AROUND THE CLUB

The Road to BUCS Big Wednesday has ended, with Nottingham lining up two teams in the National Championship and one in the Vase!

On the Wednesday past, the 2XI travelled to Cardiff Met University to play the semi-final of our vase competition. The journey was long, and the weather was terrible, however the lads were in good spirits under the knowledge that a bus carrying 80 supporters was accompanying us to cheer us through the game. The game began in typical knock-out fashion and was cagey to start with however when a fine strike from Luke Holland rebounded off the post into the path of Ollie King, he was able to tap the ball in and put us 1-0 up inside the first quarter. In a game that ebbed and flowed, conditions meant clear-cut chances were few and far in between but with 10 minutes to go, Cardiff hit us on the counter, won a penalty stroke and converted it to equalise. This seemed to act as a wake-up call for us as we raised our game which led to us winning a string of short corners. The knockout blow was scored with under two minutes on the clock as we converted a short corner to make the game 2-1 creating jubilant scenes both on and off the pitch.

To have that many supporters make a three-and-a-half-hour journey to Cardiff to support us through the game is a testament to us as a club. Led by senior members of the club, when news broke that there was an opportunity for an away day, the club sprung into action and the seats on the bus were filled within an hour. It is an amazing feeling playing in a game like that having everyone on the sidelines with the falling walls being belted out and it really does make a difference. As a club we are in a very fortunate position that everyone buys into the culture and long may it continue.

As a squad, we cannot wait for Wednesday to come around now. After winning back-to-back league titles, we were really keen to try and enjoy a cup run this year and we've been fortunate enough to do that so far. We've seen real development through the team this year and we are relishing the opportunity to

play in front of a huge home crowd for the chance to win some silverware. We know that we have a very tough task in the form of Edinburgh University who are looking to defend their title but the mood is high amongst the squad and we are really looking forward to having a crack at the prestigious 'BUCS Gold'.

Men's Captain - Archie Foster

"I'm really looking forward to BUCS Big Wednesday. It's always a massive occasion and an opportunity for University clubs all across the country to play and observe some really high level hockey. I'm very pleased that we have made it to BUCS Big Wednesday for the 2nd year running. Obviously there are nerves that come with a final but it's exciting to be in this situation again. We're hoping to go one further and win BUCS gold this year after a bit of disappointment last year in the final. As a team we're feeling confident going into the game and can't wait to get underway."

Women's Captain - Katie Curtis

"The girls are feeling super excited leading into BBW. For half the team this will be their first ever game playing in front of the UON crowd in full force. Last year the other half of the team already the incredible energy and enthusiasm experienced that the green and gold arm maintained the entire game. It would mean the world to us to bring home that gold medal once again. So much time and energy has gone into training. And now we face our final hurdle, to beat a strong exeter opposition. It looks to be a great day with the men's 1s and 2s also performing. We look forward to supporting each other and hopefully the club can celebrate with 3 gold medals."



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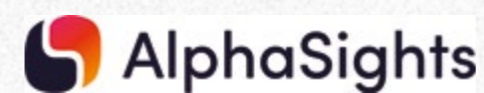
- Player Sponsorship
- Live-stream exposure features on graphics and halftime advertisement
- A variety of kit sponsorships with logos displayed
- Banners displayed at our pitch, located in one of the largest hockey centres in Europe (Nottingham Hockey Centre)
- Access to current members and our alumni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

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

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WEEK 12 vs  **WON**
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WEEK 13 vs  **LOST**
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WEEK 14 vs  **WON**
5-1

WEEK 15 vs  **LOST**
1-2

WEEK 16 vs  **LOST**
3-1

Stage 1 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

Phase 3 Results

GW17	Away vs Exeter	W	2-4
GW18	Home vs East Grinstead		
GW19	Home v Reading		

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23



A WORD WITH

Charlie Axford

Speaking to
UoN Sport

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Charlie Started playing at Bedford HC and went to Bedford School.

Joined in 2019, and studied Politics and International Relations. Currently studying a masters in International Business.

What has been your favourite memory playing for uni of Nottingham?

My Favourite memory is playing in the BUCS Semi Final vs Exeter. The crowd was excellent and was great to secure our first BBW place.

How has the season been so far?

The premier league has been a real test this season and I think our results have shown that. Good results in our next 3 games will mean that this season has been a real success.

How are you feeling about BBW?

Having been part of it last year it's valuable experience that will certainly called upon. It's a great opportunity to write the wrongs of last year and we are looking forward to giving it a good go.



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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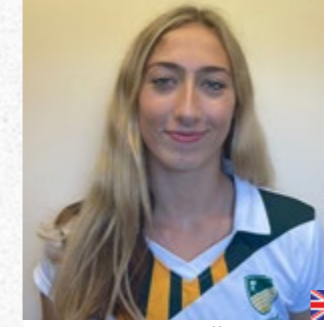
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4-0

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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

Finals Pool B Results

GW17	Away vs Wimbledon	L	2-0
GW18	Away vs Hamp. & West.		
GW19	Away vs Clifton Robinsons		



WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 2022-23



MEN'S 1

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Saturday 18th March 2023, 6.30pm



Ollie Smart	1	1	Richard Curtis
Will Porter	2	2	Jack Edgerton
Luis Cuttle	3	3	Matt Simonds
Conor Williamson	4	4	Nick Catlin
Max Anderson	5	5	Daniel Faulkner
Harry Croft-Baker	6	6	Keith Turner
Archie Phillips	7	7	Jamie Wallace
Matt Blood	8	8	Lewis Prosser
Ed Brice	9	9	Richard Lane
Archie Foster	10	10	Tom Crowson
Charlie Axford	11	11	Charlie Taylor
George Baugniet	12	12	Sam Hatherley
Josh Gravestock	13	13	Finlay Boothroyd
Pete Caughey	14	14	Jonny Fleck
Louis Tipper	15	15	Simon Faulkner (c)
Hugh Page	16	16	Ben Mackey
		17	Luke Mobley
		18	Alistair Clift
		19	Ollie Lander
		20	Malcolm Curley
		21	Mike Wood

Head Coach
James Bateman

Head Coach
David Becket

MEN'S 2

Nottingham Hockey Centre
Saturday 18th February 2023, 12pm



Harry Tuffts	1
Tom Oswald	2
Tom Downs	3
Ben Hunt	4
Charlie Harper	5
Ben Shardlow	6
Scott Jones	7
Tom Blythman	8
Adam Gower	9
Nic Lamming	10
Joshua Biddlecombe	11
Will Gurney-Champion	12
Luke Holland	13
Theo Pawsey Persaud	14
Ollie King	15
Louis Cadinouche	16

Head Coach
James Bateman

NEXT MATCH: Brooklands Manchester University v University of Nottingham
Sunday 25th February, 2pm, Brooklands Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club



WOMEN'S 1

Hampstead & Westminster
Saturday 18th 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
Jess Hill	16



Head Coach
Matt Taylor

NEXT HOME MATCH: University of Nottingham vs Clifton Robinsons
Saturday 25th March, 2pm, Nottingham Hockey Centre