



Cambridge City



Belper Ladies Hockey Club

England Hockey Womens Midlands Conference

12:30, 9 March 2024



## Upcoming Socials



9/03 Castle Inn, 19:00



16/03 Womens 2s v Womens 3s, 16:00



16/03 St Patricks Day Fancy Dress, Time TBC



20/04 Annual Dinner



11/05 EuroVision Tournament (TBC)



15-17/05 Ely Hockey Tour



24-26/05 Wisbech Hockey Tour (TBC)



# Grant Gilmour - Thank You



I had hoped to wait another couple of weeks till the final home game to put this in here but I am sad to confirm Grant is leaving his role as Mens 1st XI Coach at the end of the season. Grant and I have known one another since we were in our early teens and it has been a pleasure to see him grow into the person he is today. When he joined us he got a bit of banter about how things might fare for him. Well he scored a fair few national league goals, was a hugely reliable player, a brilliant coach and a great bloke. So I think it went ok!

Grant cares deeply about the squad and the club. He has not had the best circumstance each season yet time and time again he has delivered. The squad produce great hockey, playing patiently and with purpose. We've seen juniors really empowered in the higher end of the club and a lot of that is down to Grant.

Despite his young age he has achieved a lot as a coach and deserves a bit of a break now. He has a young family with Megan and I am sure he will savour the time with them and being able to relax a bit more when he steps on the pitch.

Thank you ever so much for your dedication to the club Grant. You speak with passion and sense at all times. You are a very human person and you will be missed.





Welcome to the Olympic Dave Arena,

Welcome one and all to the Olympic Dave Arena! This weekend we host Belper as our women hope to bounce back from a frustrating loss last week to Oxford University. Belper of course are one of the great names of English hockey and have helped produce some of the best players to put on the England and GB colours. Notably Anna Toman, arguably the best full back in the world right now, is a proud Belper old girl and the club kindly let her train there when she is home visiting family. Infact she is hosting a team in a memorial tournament for Craig later this year. Alongside Anna both Holly Pearne-Webb & Sabbie Heesh grew up playing there so we are grateful to the club for their talent system!

Last weekend was a frustrating affair for our Womens 1s. With a lot of key players missing the squad lacked experience and in all likelihood had a lower average age than the University students they faced! Despite this the team fought hard and nearly got a point, however a flurry of cards toward the end of the game made it too tough to overcome.

That said I want to congratulate Jess Tuff on taking the captain's arm band for the first time. I won't go over the circumstances surrounding how Jess and I first met as I suspect it's a tad embarrassing for her! But what I will say is that from that first game you could see this young woman has something about her. She is so competitive and driven. That fire will spread to the rest of the team and she will make them believe that they can do anything. She works so hard off the ball, she is terrifying when she has the ball and she is clearly a source of humour and energy for the team. I suspect Jess is the youngest person to have captained a team at national league level now and that is an honour she has earned, not one she was given. Well done Jess.

Congratulations also to Stan who has been named in the Over 40s England squad for the Indoor World Cup in Nottingham this April. Yes I know, Stan and "over 40" seems a ridiculous pairing of words. She has tapped the fountain of youth and gets better, fitter and sharper every season it seems!

The womens 2s and 3s both had 3-2 wins but in rather conflicting circumstance! The 2s came back from two goals down to win, while the 3s held off a fight back having gone 3-0 up! The important thing is they won and for the 3s in particular that was vital.

I had the pleasure of umpiring the 4th XI against Cambridge South 3rd XI and was treated to a series of excellent goals. I will say the South defence and keeper were on brilliant form. I think Monkey and Becky may have broken a few toes with the number of penalty corner strikes that found a foot! On Wednesday evening the 4s hosted Spalding and won a tight game to go top of the table. Anna Carter with an outrageous goal to seal it!

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The womens 5th XI had a thumping 6-0 win while the 6th XI had a frustrating 0-0 draw.

The mens sides, sadly, did not fare so well. The shortage of players higher up and the volume of injuries sustained meant the 6th XI had to concede early in the week. The 1st XI sadly were condemned to relegation but have continued to play good hockey and with a bit of good fortune could come back up next season.

The 2nd XI drew 2-2 with Cambridge University in what could be a vital point for the team. The East Prem mens league is in the absurd position that five teams could go down and one team go up, meaning half the league changes this season. Clearly that is ridiculous so we have to hope sense prevails and the league is expanded for a couple of seasons.

The 3rd XI hosted St Neots but could not convert the glut of penalty corners they won. The 4th XI lost away to Peterborough and the 5th XI had a disappointing draw at home that felt like a loss, having dominated the game and playing some good hockey.

The womens O35s travelled to Old Georgians. Despite a loss the team can hold their heads high. They went out to last year's silver medalists and had some epic games including big wins over Ipswich and Pelicans. I am sure there is more to come from this brilliant squad!

Final round of congratulations go to Pricey who coached Cambridge Uni women to a huge win in Varsity. Many CCHC folks were involved across the day and the 4-0 win was just reward for a brilliant team led by a great guy.

Our match official this week is a club appointed one. Recently Chuck Norris has gleefully taken the opportunity to sit between the two teams, soak up the atmosphere, support the umpires and learn from the brilliant players and coaches. Sadly that won't be the case this weekend and I wish him speedy recovery. He's a lovely man and I hope that big smile is back at Wilberforce Road soon.

Our umpires today are Martyn Shuttler and Angus Porter. Unfortunately I had to take a different game when I was set to umpire with Angus but I will look forward to meeting you both before the game this week! I thoroughly enjoyed Angus' updates on how Buckingham fared in the Euros recently and have always found him to be an informed commentator on Twitter about domestic and international hockey.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Simon Webb, Honorary Vice President

## Multiple Coaching Roles Available

- Elite performance level
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Roles include Mens 1s, 2s and 3s as well as assistant coach and specialist coach roles.

If you are interested speak to a committee member or email / DM us.



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# Stump up for the Stiffmeister



Our former 1st XI keeper, Steph Tirrell aka The Stiffmeister, is running the London Marathon and raising funds for Ovarian Cancer Action. Steph has been a big figure at our club and the wider sport as a player and coach. If you feel you can support her please do!

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## 2 & 3 March

W1 lost 3-2 away to Oxford University

W2 won 3-2 away to Harlston Magpies 2nd XI

W3 won 3-2 at home to Dereham

W4 won 5-0 at home to Cambridge South 3rd XI

W4 won 2-1 at home to Spalding (mid week game)

W5 won 6-0 at home to Long Sutton

W6 drew 0-0 drew 0-0 at home to Cambridge South 5th XI

WO35 lost 3-1 away to Old Georgians



Lucy Pendleton was on form Saturday, bagging a goal for the 2s.  
(c) Stuart Rye



Dr Pants was developed in a secret laboratory to be the peak of  
hockey, swagger and kindness.  
(c) Stuart Rye



## 2 & 3 March

M1 lost 2-1 at home to Leeds

M2 drew 2-2 at home to Cambridge University

M3 lost 1-0 at home to St Neots

M4 lost 5-0 away to City of Peterborough 3rd XI

M5 drew 0-0 at home to St Ives 3rd XI

M6 no game



Fighting for the ball with Jerms is a silly thing to do. You'll only end up heartbroken. Don't do it to yourself. (c) Simon Webb



Ever wondered why Mullers is always smiling? Ask him. He loves to talk about the backstory. (c) Simon Webb

# Be a hero: Be an umpire!



Do you know who is really cool? Hatti is really cool. Do you know who else is really cool? Stan is really cool. Do you know who else is really cool? Simon Plant is really cool. What do they all have in common? They are umpires!

If you want to be really cool you can be an umpire too! It's easy & actually a good skill set to have. It helps with understanding the game better, in how to manage conflict, to see things from other's view points, how to be empathetic and of course you get to see great hockey up close!

The club can even look into RSI support for signalling goals by Dalin and Sarah for you! You can also get 50% subs....

If you are keen or have questions please speak to Tim Ireland, Simon Webb or Rob Lewis who will happily help get you on your way!



## The Current State of Play

With the season's end approaching see how we are doing:

**W1:** 3rd in England Hockey Midlands Conference.

**W2:** 2nd in East Prem.

**W3:** 7th in East Prem.

**W4:** 1st in East Div 2NW

**W5:** 6th in East Div2NW

**W6:** 3rd in East Div4NW

**M1:** 10th in England Hockey Division 1 North, relegated.

**M2:** 9th in East Prem.

**M3:** 10th in East Div 2NW.

**M4:** 12th in East Div2NW, relegated.

**M5:** 10th in East Div3NW but waiting on 5 potential points via appeal.

**M6:** 6th in East Div4NW



1. Boo Plant (GK)
2. Francesca Konrath
3. May Busher
4. Holly Dean
5. Charotte Rye
6. Amy Edwards
7. Laila Hollis
8. Vicki Franks (c)
9. Emma Shinkin
10. Kat Petch
11. Imogen Callaghan
12. Jess Tuff
14. Millie Ely
15. Evie Younger
16. Miriam Marti-Palet
19. Holly Hartley

Manager: Nikki Tuff

Coach: Alex Bibby

Assistant Coach: Emily McStea





**9 March**

Umpire: Angus Porter

Umpire: Martyn Shuttler

Match Official: TBC



Hattie was on duty at the Varsity weekend, umpiring the warm up game to get the crowd going! (c) Matt Pilgrim



2. Sharon Muddeman
3. Holly Rainford
5. Harriette Bussell
6. Isabelle Moriarty
7. Hannah Saxton
8. Niamh Batchford
9. Sophie Hughes
10. Alyssa Smith
11. Mary Williams
12. Kathryn Robbey
15. Joanna Lane
16. Poppy Weller
17. Sophie Maronge
18. Joanna Porter

Manager: Emma Batchford

Coach: Sally Keegan



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