

NEWSLETTER

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NEWSFLASH

Both the men and ladies had their last weekends of National League. The **ladies missed out on promotion** after some very close games. On their last weekend the **men failed to win the championship** on goal difference by one goal. The juniors faced really good opposition at the NAGs tournament and despite the results didn't go their way they learned a lot.

Now all squads will **focus on the Bristol and West league**, with Barbarians and Harlequins taking the pool first and having positive starts. The ladies also played their first game but will have many in the upcoming months. Similar to the juniors that will start this month.

After many years at the club and acting as captain for the men, **Carl Wyatt decided to retire from National League, we wish Carl the very best** (and a Happy Birthday!) . We will have a sit down with Carl and bring you an in depth piece soon!

LADIES





BRISTOL AND WEST LEAGUE KICKS OFF WITH AN EXCITING GAME AGAINST WELSH WONDERERS

The ladies BWWPL season opened with an away fixture at Welsh Wanderers, traditionally a tough place for our ladies to play, even more so this time as we were playing without Poppy our GK and Anashe, two of our British league star players.

Anna and Eleanor 'volunteered' to share the goalkeeping duties. Lucy scored the first goal of the season with a fantastic near post bounce shot to convert our first extra player situation. We traded goals for the rest of first half and neither team were able to gain an advantage for more than a couple of minutes.

A great team ethic in defence and lots of hard work meant that both teams were still level with just a few minutes to go in the fourth period. Harriet had dominated defensively until picking up 3 exclusions in 3 consecutive defences. Anna (when not in goal) and Emily were always a threat in attack. Nyxon, Eleanor and Kiera worked extremely well both in attack and defence, often against much more experienced players. Lou, Lucy and Sophie continued to drive the attack forward and looked dangerous on the counter attack.

Sophie produced the goal of the game with a fantastic backhand from the wing that flew into the top corner before the Welsh GK even reacted. Unfortunately even this wasn't quite enough as eventually our 9 players ran out of steam. The Welsh girls scoring 2 unanswered goals in the final minutes to win 10-8. Overall it was a great start to the season that showed the experience our team has gained in their successful British League campaigns.

MEN






HARLEQUINS AND BARBARIANS START THEIR LOCAL LEAGUE SEASON OFF TO THE RACES!


Barbarians are un-defeated so far in the season, (and the one draw we have had still rankles us), and the aim was to maintain the run. Once again, Barbarians fielded a team with over 1/2 of the players being Juniors. Special appearances from Nick Hume, who, coupled with the vast experience of John Sissions, is allowing the Juniors to learn a lot.

Harlequins have also started well, despite an early loss to Bath Uni. Having won against Newports 2nd team they then faced Bath once again. The game got off to a fast start, with Harlequins scoring two goals off the bat. Bath however reacted quickly, reorganising and firing back two quick goals to draw it 2-2. With only a minute left of the quarter a penalty was awarded to Harlequins, ending the quarter 3-2.

The boys continued working and extended their lead steadily in the middle of the game until the end of the third quarter, 10-5. In the fourth, Bath tried to get back in the game. They got some momentum and with only a minute left of the game a penalty was awarded Bath due to standing. Sam stood tall in the net and as the ball was fired at him he made himself as big as possible, smashing the ball out of the pool and into the spectator stands. Bath were now physically and morally shattered, having fully given up. Due to this Luke Bray was able to score an easy tap in with the last throw of the game, ending it 13-6 to Harlequins.

JUNIORS





THREE HARD GAMES AT NAGS

It was going to be a tough first match, having lost to Nova 6 - 1 in the Prelims, but the boys had put in some good work in between the two rounds, and so we were fairly confident as we started the match. It turned out that Nova had also been working hard in between the Rounds. They slowly but surely developed a lead into the half. Our boys didn't give up and tried their best in the third quarter to get back into the game, but in the end Nova took the win.

The second match of the day saw City of Bristol take on City of Manchester, who were seeded into the tournament after winning the Cup last year. Bristol stuck to it throughout the match, but the difference in the aggressive, physical style of Manchester and our boys was very marked. Major learning points, which I am sure will be worked on in the future.

After a nights rest, a discussion with the Coach and a realisation that there was now no chance of qualifying, this match was a pride match, with the Boys playing to show what they can do. The result was a 10 - 10 draw, a lot of pride was displayed by all in the water, and they did the Club, their Coaches and Parents proud.

RESULTS

MEN

LADIES

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JUNIORS

NAGs U17

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Bristol

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Nova

16th

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Bristol

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APRIL 2019

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	 Barbarians @ Cwm D.	26	27	 Men + Ladies  vs. Cheltenham Juniors II  vs Swansea
29	30	1	2	3	4	5