

This edition features

GLOUCESTER CATHOLIC SENIOR FORWARD

BUDDY ROBINSON

Tell us about yourself? What grade are you in? What are your hobbies or interests?

My name is Buddy Robinson and I'm 17 and a senior at Gloucester Catholic. Obviously I play hockey all year 'round. I don't know what I would be doing with my life if I didn't play. When I'm not playing hockey I like hanging out with my friends.

Do you have any siblings? Do they play ice hockey?

Yes, I have a younger brother, Eric. He is 13 and in 8th grade. He has been playing hockey just as long as me since he started when he was just 3.

How long have you been playing ice hockey? Tell us what youth teams and levels you played?

I've been playing for 11 years now and have loved every minute of it. I played for the Little Flyers AAA teams until Bantam when I moved to Hollydell so I could play both high school and club.

How did you get started playing? What position do you play?

Well my dad is a huge hockey fan. I started watching hockey very young and wanted to play. I play all forward positions it doesn't really matter to me.

Who was your greatest hockey influence as you grew up?

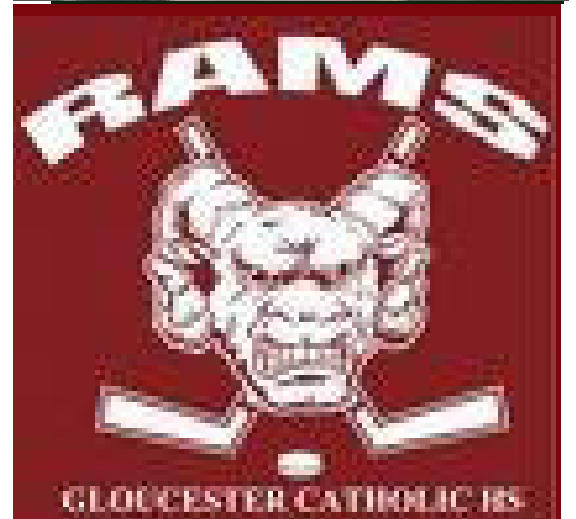
My dad, he would always take me to public skate sessions when I was learning to skate, and had me on the ice all the time.

Do you have a hero?

Well if you mean an on ice hockey hero then I would say John LeClair. He was always around the net when I was younger watching the Flyers play on TV. I don't know why but I took a liking to him and have been wearing his number (10) my whole life.

Who was your favorite coach on youth teams prior to High School and why?

Well there are two I would want to mention and one happens to be my high school coach. They are Mike Green, who coaches Bishop 9i ghJWZ'UbX'; i mj; i UXfYUi "H\YmVt! VtUWYX'a mj YfmUfgh'hYUa' together. I have been playing with Coach Green's son my whole life and he has been there supporting me the whole way. And Coach Guy has also been coaching me for years, when I was younger and now in high school. They both have pushed me hard enough to get me where I am now.





What was the most exciting game you have ever played in?

Probably the preliminary round last year for states when we played Pope John and won 2-1 with 2 minutes left. We outplayed them the whole game but their goalie was unbelievable,

What team was the toughest that you faced this past year?

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You had a great year last season despite falling in OT in the semi-finals of the McInness Cup to St Joe's Metuchen and then getting the dreaded 16 seed in states which meant a first round Delby loss. What is your expectation for success for the 2008/2009 campaign?

I think that winning the Central Red division this year and going as far as possible in states would be a good year for us.

The Gloucester Catholic team for this upcoming season should be one of their best ever. Can you tell us about the players on the team?

This will probably be our deepest team in our school's young history. We had a lot of talent transfer in this year, all of which are excellent players and a bunch of good young freshmen have also started, so the program will continue to get better. We have enough talent this year to go far and I think we will.

Can you describe what it is like playing for Coach Gaudreau?

Haha, It's pretty tough, and a lot of people probably couldn't take it, but he is a real hockey coach. We are on the ice practicing 3-4 days a week and he works us really hard. I think that is why we did so well last year. We only carry 9 forwards and 5 defensemen but we always out skate teams in the third period of games.

Do you view yourself as a role model for younger players?

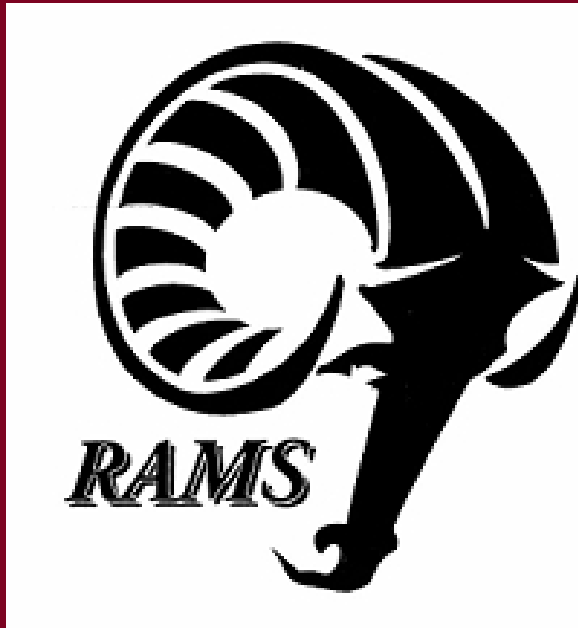
I guess the seniors will always be the guys the younger players look to. I always try my hardest and as a senior I know the younger kids are looking for someone to look up to.

Your current Hollydell Hurricanes 18AA club team competed in the Philadelphia Silver Sticks tourney in September. How did you do?

Really well. We won the tournament for the second straight year. This year we didn't lose a game the whole tournament and we are really excited to go back to Sarnia Canada and try hc`k`]b`]h`h`]g`mYUf`"K`Y`Wla`Y`]b`gYVtc`bX`]b`h`Y`UbU`g`"Ugh`mYUf`UbX` hopefully we will win it this year.

High School hockey is extremely competitive. Coaches receive pressure from many sources to develop a win at all cost philosophy. Do you believe high school hockey is only about winning?

Well I do think winning is important and it is a lot more fun to win than lose. But just being part of the high school hockey experience is fun in itself.



Gloucester Catholic Head Coach Guy Gaudreau

What is the craziest thing you have seen happen at a game you played in?

8i f]b['cbY'cZa m[Ua Yg'Zcf'h\Y'<i ff]WUbYg'h\YfY'k Ug'U'gWwi a ']b'Z'cbh' the net and one of the other team's kid's got cut by a skate and was bleeding all over the ice. It was not that long ago and I am glad to hear he is going to be ok.

If there was one thing you could change to improve your program at your school, what would it be?

The only thing I would change is the amount of attention our program gets at school and in South Jersey. We are still a relatively new team and not too many people know how strong the program is getting.

Which school is your biggest rival and why? How did you do against them this year?

We haven't been in the league that long to develop a real rivalry with any team, but the games we played against St. Joes last year were very]bhYbgY''K Y'h]YX'h\Ya 'ci f'Ufgh[Ua Y'k]h') ' 'gYV'ebXg''YZ'z'h\Yb'VYU'h' them there and then lost in overtime to them so that has the making of a rivalry.

What will your team need to do well to make it to The Rock next season? Do you think you can get there?

I think this year will be our best chance to make it in our program's short history. We will have to work hard as a team and focus on what we want as a team and not play as individuals.

Can you tell us about your club experience with the Little Flyers and the Hollydell Hurricanes programs?

The Little Flyers and Hurricanes have been great. I have won a few championships with some of my teams and if all goes well I think this year my Hurricane team can win Nationals.

Do you have a favorite quote or saying?

"you miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretzky

Where do you plan on attending college? What do you plan to study?

I don't really know where I want to go to college yet. The plan would be to play college hockey somewhere and graduate.

Do you think you will ever coach hockey in the future? If yes, which coach would you like to emulate?

I think I will end up coaching somewhere and I would want to emulate my high school coach, Coach Guy. I would push my team as hard as he pushes all us. And all of his teams turn out pretty good.

Is hockey still fun?

Of course. To me hockey is one of those things that will never get old and I will always love.

What was your favorite part about this past season?

The best part about last season was stepping out on the ice against some of the best teams in the state and competing with and beating some of them.



Which NJ high school player from last season impressed you the most and why?

My teammate and friend John Gaudreau. I know I played against some great players from all over the Philadelphia region, but John was consistently contributing in all the games we played.

If you could script the next few years, what would happen in regards to your hockey career?

My plan is to make a junior team in the NAHL or USHL next year and getting in to a college for hockey. It would just be cool to play college hockey somewhere while getting a degree.

If you could change one thing that occurred in the last 5 years, what would it be?

Some lousy Philadelphia team would have won just one championship.

OK...What's your real name?

I don't think I have gone through a single day without hearing that question thrown at me. My real and full name is Charles James Robinson III.

