

WELL EQUIPPED

CHRIS HIBBERT

What the pros are using

SA hockey goalkeeper

HELMET

OBO ROBO ABS

With the ball travelling towards his pip at 44.4m per second, Chris needs good cerebral protection. The Robo ABS Helmet has an angular shape to deflect the momentum. It also has chin and throat protection, an ABS plastic shell, air holes, chin cup, a removable sweat band, a closed-cell foam liner and is fully adjustable.

R2 995

KICKERS

OBO ROBO SPs

Chris uses SP Hi Rebound gloves as they have 50% more rebound than the Hi Control kickers. It has a high-density rubbing strip where the kicker contacts the ground, and a radical new strapping system.

R1 890

LEG GUARDS

OBO ROBO SPs

Chris's pads (total width 600mm) have a unique hi-rebound area on the inside of the leg for fast and long clearances, very stiff wings that control the ball direction, and slow rebound speed.

R2 990

GLOVES

OBO SP ROBO RIGHT-HAND

Like the leg guards, the OBO SP Robo right-hand gloves accommodate Chris' upright style of play. The glove has no straps for optimal stick handling, it is anatomically formed around Chris' hand, has an extremely high rebound with good control, and has a special blocking area for short-corner defence and back-hand tackle.

R890

OBO ROBO SP LEFT-HAND

Designed by Dutch junior coach Martijn Drijver, the SP left-hand protector is flatter than usual, with high rebound but with good control. It has a softer inner for increased comfort and fit.

R990

BODY ARMOUR

OBO ROBO BODI ARMA

OBO's Robo Bodi Arma is constructed from 38 individual pieces of foam, allowing for 'free movement' and great agility. Each of these protection panels move independently, but

the Arma still stays in the correct position. High-density foams cover all of Chris' key areas as well as his soft, squishy internal organs.

R1 950

GROIN GUARD

Ace protection for a very important part of the body! A comfortable strapping system holds his crown jewels in place, and is also highly adjustable. Closed-cell foam above the cup gives really good protection.

R345

PRO OVERPANTS

Made of heavy polyester, they have an adjustable elastic waist band that sits just over the top of the Hot Pants, which are especially designed to act as a cover pant, over the OBO Hot Pants.

R790

STICK

GOALIE STICK SLIMMA C1 36.5

Designed specifically for goalies, the hand-grip area allows Chris to 'release' the stick for maximum stretch. The shaft and head shape provides maximum stopping area. The zigzag shape in the shaft gives the maximum height when on the ground. Reinforced with Kevlar, Carbon and Fibreglass for maximum power and strength.

R890

BACK IN THE DAY - 1950s

SHANKAR LAKSHMAN

Nicknamed the Rock of Gibraltar by his opponents, Indian stopper Shankar Lakshman was arguably the best hockey goalie ever. His trophy cabinet boasted two Olympic gold medals (1956, 1964) and a silver medal in 1960. Unlike modern international goalkeepers, he was stocky and stout and, therefore, relied on sharp reflexes and a good positioning sense. No "mofstok" jibes were aimed at goalkeepers back then. They only wore wafer-thin pads made of cane, some feeble kickers to cover their boots, and wafted a stick around more as protection than as a playing tool. There was no helmet, gloves body armour or smarty pants.

