

119th Varsity Hockey Matches

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Cambridge

Women's Match 1:30pm

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**Sunday 3rd March 2019
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Match Programme

9.30am (water)

Men's Old Blues Match for the Lawless Trophy

Mike Hudson & Nick Lockhart

9.30am (sand)

Women's Old Blues Match for the Boizot Cup

Katherine Abbie & Mac Dowdell

11.00am (water)

School Match (Girls) Norwich v Malvern for the Lockhead Trophy

Dan Carter & Julie Pearce

11.00am (sand)

School Match (Boys) KES Birmingham v RGS Guildford

for the Bogdan Trophy

Chris Row & Paul Sexby

12.30pm (sand)

Cambridge College v Oxford College

Phillip Everitt & Mark Oldfield

1.30pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Women's Match

Holly Redpath & Joanna Spooner

Match Official: Janet Sutton

3.30pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Men's Match

Isaac Charles & Harry Collinson

Match Official: Chris Row

Announcer

David Lloyd Williams

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Welcome to the 119th Varsity Hockey matches

I am delighted to welcome JMAN Group as match sponsors for the fifth time.

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For the second consecutive year, the Dark Blues bring both trophies down the M40 to be with us today.

Oxford retained the trophy in 2018, winning 3-1. It was their 47th win of the series. The Light Blues still lead the series by a margin of six, 53 to 47, with 18 matches drawn.

In the Ladies match, the Dark Blue Ladies won for the third successive time in 2018, beating Light Blues 2-1. Cambridge lead the series by four, 49 wins to Oxford's 45. There have been 24 draws.

The last twelve months have seen the deaths of two friends of CUHC, OUHC hockey and humankind generally, Frank Lockhart and Peter Boizot. Both became lifelong friends of OUHC, CUHC and the varsity match.

People are divided into two broad categories; those who are "good eggs" and those who are not. Within the category of "good eggs, there is a smaller category of "super good eggs". Both Frank Lockhart and Peter Boizot were in that category. Frank played college hockey at Oxford. Peter played college hockey at Cambridge.

Read more about them later in this programme

Last year saw the Beast from the East and cancellation of the schools warm up games. So, it is a warm welcome to all four of the schools today.

Congratulations to all 64 squad members. Enjoy your day. You will not forget it. It is 36 years since I was last fortunate enough to play in a Varsity Match, but the memory is still fresh and I am still mates with a number of those who took part that day. Hopefully, you will be able to say the same in 2055.

It is the seventeenth time that Southgate HC has hosted both Mens' and Womens' matches and I would like to thank Mike Burman and his team for their efficiency and hospitality.

James Gordon

Chairman of the University Hockey Match Committee

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

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*Southgate Hockey Club is pleased to host
the University Hockey Matches*

PRESENTATIONS

Player of the Match Trophies

The Men's Old Blues are playing this morning for the Lawless Cup and the Women's Old Blues for the Boizot Trophy. In each of the University Matches, an award is made each year to the Oxford *Player of the Match* and the Cambridge *Player of the Match*. These are selected by a committee of distinguished Old Blues and it has become traditional for them to present a bottle of Champagne for their nominee to share with his or her team.

THE MEN'S UNIVERSITY MATCH

The first Men's University Match was played at Oxford in 1890. All subsequent matches have been played at a neutral venue, except for the rearranged game in 1986 which was played at Cambridge. In 1891 and 1892 Queen's Club in West Kensington was chosen. The Old Deer Park, Richmond, was the scene for the next ten matches when the game moved to the ground in Surbiton. The first match at Foxgrove Road was in 1909 and it remained there until 1957 (except during the Two World Wars when no Blues were awarded). From 1958 to 1960 Edgbaston, Birmingham, became the venue. In 1961, it moved to Hurlingham Park, London.

The MCC invited the game to Lord's in 1969 where it remained for 22 years until the need for a synthetic surface caused the move to Reading in 1991. After 6 years, the match was moved to the National Hockey Stadium in Milton Keynes and today, for the seventeenth time, the game is being played at Southgate.

PREVIOUS MEN'S MATCH RESULTS

1889/90	Oxford	2-1	1935/36	Oxford	1-0	1982/83	Cambridge	4-1
1890/91	Oxford	3-2	1936/37	Oxford	3-0	1983/84	Cambridge	2-1
1891/92	Draw	2-2	1937/38	Draw	1-1	1984/85	Cambridge	2-0
1892/93	Oxford	3-1	1938/39	Cambridge	3-2	1985/86	Cambridge	3-1
1893/94	Draw	1-1	1945/46	Draw	3-3	1986/87	Draw	0-0
1894/95	Draw	3-3	1946/47	Cambridge	3-0	1987/88	Cambridge	2-0
1895/96	Cambridge	3-1	1947/48	Cambridge	2-0	1988/89	Cambridge	1-0
1896/97	Cambridge	4-0	1948/49	Oxford	3-1	1989/90	Cambridge	4-2
1897/98	Cambridge	4-0	1949/50	Cambridge	1-0	1990/91	Oxford	3-1
1898/99	Cambridge	5-2	1950/51	Oxford	4-0	1991/92	Oxford	2-1
1899/00	Cambridge	3-2	1951/52	Cambridge	6-3	1992/93	Oxford	3-0
1900/01	Cambridge	4-1	1952/53	Oxford	5-2	1993/94	Oxford	5-0
1901/02	Oxford	3-2	1953/54	Oxford	3-1	1994/95	Oxford	4-0
1902/03	Oxford	3-0	1954/55	Cambridge	2-1	1995/96	Oxford	4-1
1903/04	Oxford	1-0	1955/56	Cambridge	2-0	1996/97	Cambridge	2-0
1904/05	Oxford	3-1	1956/57	Draw	0-0	1997/98	Oxford	4-0
1905/06	Cambridge	4-1	1957/58	Oxford	5-1	1998/99	Draw	2-2
1906/07	Cambridge	3-2	1958/59	Draw	0-0	1999/00	Oxford	2-1
1907/08	Cambridge	3-1	1959/60	Cambridge	4-1	2000/01	Cambridge	3-1
1908/09	Oxford	6-3	1960/61	Oxford	2-0	2001/02	Draw	1-1
1909/10	Oxford	5-4	1961/62	Cambridge	3-2	2002/03	Oxford	3-2
1910/11	Cambridge	4-1	1962/63	Oxford	3-0	2003/04	Oxford	3-2
1911/12	Oxford	3-1	1963/64	Oxford	2-1	2004/05	Cambridge	3-2
1912/13	Cambridge	7-2	1964/65	Draw	2-2	2005/06	Oxford	2-0
1913/14	Oxford	2-1	1965/66	Oxford	1-0	2006/07	Cambridge	4-3
1919/20	Oxford	3-1	1966/67	Cambridge	1-0	2007/08	Cambridge	3-1
1920/21	Cambridge	4-1	1967/68	Oxford	1-0	2008/09	Oxford	4-1
1921/22	Cambridge	3-2	1968/69	Draw	2-2	2009/10	Oxford	3-1
1922/23	Cambridge	4-1	1969/70	Cambridge	2-0	2010/11	Oxford	5-2
1923/24	Oxford	3-0	1970/71	Cambridge	1-0	2011/12	Cambridge	5-3
1924/25	Oxford	3-2	1971/72	Cambridge	1-0	2012/13	Draw	1-1
1925/26	Cambridge	3-2	1972/73	Oxford	1-0	2013/14	Cambridge	2-1
1926/27	Cambridge	4-1	1973/74	Draw	0-0	2014/15	Cambridge	2-2
1927/28	Cambridge	5-1	1974/75	Oxford	3-1	(shuttles)		
1928/29	Cambridge	3-1	1975/76	Oxford	7-0	2015/16	Cambridge	2-1
1929/30	Draw	2-2	1976/77	Cambridge	2-1	2016/17	Oxford	2-2
1930/31	Oxford	3-2	1977/78	Cambridge	2-1	(shuttles)		
1931/32	Draw	1-1	1978/79	Oxford	6-1	2017/18	Oxford	3-1
1932/33	Cambridge	2-0	1979/80	Cambridge	1-0			
1933/34	Cambridge	4-1	1980/81	Draw	2-2			
1934/35	Draw	0-0	1981/82	Cambridge	4-1			

| Played: 118 | Cambridge: 53 | Oxford: 47 | Drawn: 18 | Goals: Cambridge: 227 | Oxford: 223 |

THE WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY MATCH

Hockey has played a larger part in women's sport than it has for men – only in relatively recent years have women been able to take part in the full range of sports long available to men. So the Varsity Women's Hockey Match has always featured prominently on the women's sporting scene. A cup has been awarded since 1898 on which are engraved the results of every match since then, although (sadly) not the scores. But matches are known to have been played before then. One – that of 1894 – was celebrated in a poem. The Women's Varsity Match continued into the start of the First World War, and was played throughout the Second World War, so this will be the 117th occasion on which the cup has been awarded. This year's match is the sixteenth time the Women's Match is being held at the same place and on the same day as the Men's.

PREVIOUS WOMEN'S MATCH RESULTS

1898	Cambridge	1941	Oxford	1979	Drawn
1899	Cambridge	1942	Cambridge	1980	Cambridge
1900	Cambridge	1943	Cambridge	1981	Cambridge
1901	Drawn	1944	Cambridge	1982	Cambridge
1902	Cambridge	1945	Oxford	1983	Oxford
1903	Cambridge	1946	Cambridge	1984	Drawn 1-1
1904	Cambridge	1947	Oxford	1985	Drawn 3-3
1905	Cambridge	1948	Oxford	1986	Oxford 4-1
1906	Cambridge	1949	Cambridge	1987	Oxford 4-2
1907	Cambridge	1950	Cambridge	1988	Oxford 2-1
1908	Cambridge	1951	Cambridge	1989	Cambridge 3-0
1909	Cambridge	1952	Drawn	1990	Drawn
1910	Cambridge	1953	Drawn	1991	Cambridge 4-1
1911	Cambridge	1954	Drawn	1992	Oxford 1-0
1912	Oxford	1955	Drawn	1993	Drawn 1-1
1913	Cambridge	1956	Cambridge	1994	Drawn 0-0
1914	Cambridge	1957	Cambridge	1995	Drawn 1-1
1915	Cambridge	1958	Oxford	1996	Cambridge 3-0
1916 - 1918	No Match	1959	Oxford	1997	Drawn 0-0
1919	Drawn	1960	Drawn	1998	Cambridge 2-0
1920	Oxford	1961	Oxford	1999	Cambridge 4-1
1921	Oxford	1962	Oxford	2000	Drawn 1-1
1922	Oxford	1963	Cambridge	2001	Drawn 1-1
1923	Drawn	1964	Cambridge	2002	Oxford 1-0
1924	Oxford	1965	Oxford	2003	Oxford 3-0
1925	Oxford	1966	Drawn	2004	Cambridge 2-0
1926	Drawn	1967	Oxford	2005	Oxford 1-0
1927	Cambridge	1968	Cambridge	2006	Oxford 6-2
1928	Oxford	1969	Cambridge	2007	Oxford 3-1
1929	Drawn	1970	Cambridge	2008	Oxford 2-1
1930	Oxford	1971	Oxford	2009	Oxford 2-1
1931	Cambridge	1972	Drawn	2010	Oxford 3-2
1932	Oxford	1973	Cambridge	2011	Drawn 1-1
1933	Oxford	1974	Cambridge	2012	Drawn 0-0
1934	Cambridge	1975	Cambridge	2013	Cambridge 2-0
1935	Cambridge	1976	Oxford	2014	Oxford 3-2
1936	Cambridge	1977	Cambridge	2015	Cambridge 2-1
1937	Oxford	1978	Oxford	2016	Oxford 2-1
1938	Oxford			2017	Oxford 4-0
1939	Oxford			2018	Oxford 2-1
1940	Oxford				

| Played: 118 | Cambridge: 49 | Oxford: 45 | Drawn: 24 |

BLUES

Blues are won against stiff competition each year and are reward for playing in one annual match, that being between Oxford and Cambridge. Until after the Second World War, it was only possible to win a “Blue” by being changed and called onto the field of play. In years past, many deserving 12th men and reserves did not fulfil this criterion.

In the early 1970's, the squad system emerged and has recently been developed further with the new international system of “rolling substitutes”. The original rules have, therefore, had to be changed. In the men's matches, both Universities are awarding full “Blues” to the 11 players in their starting line up and the Captain has discretion to award a further 5 “Blues” to a player so long as that player takes the field during the match. In the ladies' squads, at Cambridge, Blues are awarded to the starting 11 and the Captain can award 5 discretionary Blues if they come in the top 3 of the BUCS Midlands league. Otherwise the starting XI get Half Blues. At Oxford, up to 16 Blues can be awarded to those who have played in half of the season's league matches, 11 for the starting line-up and 5 for the subs who play at least 5 minutes of the Varsity match. To be awarded Full Blues, the team must win the Varsity match or make it through to the last 16 of the BUCS trophy or finish in the top 4 in the BUCS South Premier League.

Because of the prestige that is attached to it, the status of “Blue” is jealously guarded at both Universities and a close watch is kept on it by the Blues Committee. This Committee is a collection of notable sportsmen (usually Full Blue Presidents and Captains) who keep under review the status, skill and style of each sport played in the University in relation to the standards outside the University. At Cambridge, the President of the Boat Club is Chairman and one senior member acts as Secretary. The Committee at both Universities is empowered to award “Blues” and “Half Blues”, and monitor club colours.

The urge to obtain the accolade that a “Blue” grants, both within and outside the two Universities, has led to the enforcement of strict rules of eligibility. In October 1983, the Blues Committee at Oxford and Cambridge drafted, discussed and agreed rules that laid down that only bona fide student members of the Universities are eligible to play in inter University sporting contests. These rules may be varied in a particular sport with the agreement of both Universities. The current rule for hockey is that an undergraduate member reading for a first degree is eligible to play until the end of the academic year in which he completes his course up to a maximum of 4 years, and he may attain a further 3 “Blues” as a post graduate. If a player is already holding a degree from a recognised university, his eligibility is limited to 4 years from the time of his first admission.

Cambridge first awarded a “Half Blue” for hockey in 1894 and Oxford in 1900. Cambridge awarded a “Full Blue” for hockey in 1908, Oxford not until 1926.



The Marcon-Dyer Club is the centrepiece for all alumni of OUHC. The club seeks to maintain a dialogue between OUHC and its alumni, coordinate fundraising, build and manage the club's database and archives, and provide a sounding board for the current OUHC committee.

The Club is named for two distinguished former members. Charles Sholto Marcon was a Blue from 1910-1913, captaining the side in his final year. He served for the entirety of WW1, before returning to the hockey field, winning Gold with GB at the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920. He later became a schoolmaster at Cranleigh, before serving as a chaplain in WW2. In addition to Sholto's own impressive achievements, his father was the master of Marcon's Hall in Oxford, and was reported to be a pioneer of Oxford hockey.

Joanna Dyer played for the Blues from 2003-05, and, on going down from Oxford, enrolled at Sandhurst. After passing out of Sandhurst she elected to deploy straight to Iraq to gain combat experience, but was killed in April 2007 while on patrol in Basra. Jo was a talented and extremely popular member of OUHC, and, after her death, her parents and close friends set up an award in her memory that is given to whichever member is considered to best embody the spirit and ethos of Oxford University Hockey Club.

Together these two names acknowledge the sacrifices made by OUHC members in past and modern times, as well as paying homage to the founding of the club and the merging of the Men's and Women's hockey clubs in 1998.

The timing of the creation of the Marcon-Dyer Club coincides with the 125th Anniversary of the first Varsity Match, and OUHC's foundation. OUHC is undertaking a major drive to improve its database, to provide information about significant updates occurring at OUHC; especially the upcoming alumni tournament. Due to the recent Global Data Protection Regulations on electronic communications, we are now unable to legally contact a large proportion of our alumni database- to ensure that you remain in touch and receive all the latest newsletters and information that we send out, please follow this link:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/oxforduniversityhockeyclub/a/alumni-26894.html?page=1>

Alternatively, the club's founders, Duncan Graves (duncan.graves@gmail.com), Sam Mallinson (mallinson.sam@gmail.com), and current OUHC president, Johann Perera (johann.perera@queens.ox.ac.uk), would love to hear from you. The club is also undertaking a major fundraising drive across 2019, with the intention of creating an endowment, which would secure the club's financial future.

Finally, and arguably most importantly, we would like to wish the very best to all those taking to the pitch today, and thank those that have come to support them. OUHC was founded for this very match. Savour the moment.



1890 was the date of the first men's Varsity Match and the first women's match is thought to have taken place in the same era. As was the case then, the Varsity Matches represent one of the main focuses of the season, not only for the Blues players today but also for the Second and Third team players in their Varsity Matches.

The 1890 Club was set up in 2000, in the absence of the hockey equivalent of the separate alumni clubs which support many other University sports, in order to promote fellowship among Oxbridge hockey players who are members of their respective University Hockey Clubs. I had played a part in arranging the anniversary dinners for alumni of both University Hockey Clubs held in 1990 at the Savoy (100 years) and in 2000 at the Cafe Royal (100th match), and The 1890 Club continued this practice by holding two five-yearly formal dinners, in 2005 at the Cafe Royal and in 2010 at the Oval.

I am delighted that both University Hockey Clubs have now set up their own alumni clubs, CUHC the Vann Club in 2013 and OUHC the Marcon-Dyer Club in 2014.

There has been another very important aspect to The 1890 Club. As sponsorship and central funding became harder to find, The 1890 Club assumed a key role in providing financial support for the Universities through helping to finance the University Hockey Matches. In recognising the significance of this day in the lives of all participants, The 1890 Club is pleased to have donated this year a further £1,500 towards the costs of today's matches, bringing its total donations to the two University Hockey Clubs to support their Varsity Matches to £21,000.

I firmly believe that the creation of hockey alumni clubs at each University, which promote fellowship and which provide direct funding to the University Club to which each alumnus naturally feels loyalty, is the best way forward, and The 1890 Club therefore encourages its members to transfer their membership to their own alumni clubs. Whilst its members make this transition, The 1890 Club will continue to accept subscriptions which will help to finance University Hockey Matches, and thereby help both Universities. I wish the Vann Club and the Marcon-Dyer Club every success.

I hope that the name of The 1890 Club will survive in the long term, and I sincerely thank all those who helped its creation, who have supported it and who continue to do so. If it has been a catalyst for the formation of the two separate hockey alumni clubs, I will feel that it has played a most worthwhile role.

Mike Barford, President
mikebarford@hotmail.com

The Vann Club



The Vann Club is the alumni organisation for past members of CUHC. Its membership includes all the clubs which were merged to form the current, amalgamated hockey club in 2003. The Rev. Bernard William Vann was a 1910 Cambridge hockey blue. As a Lieutenant Colonel he was the only ordained clergyman of the Church of England to win the Victoria Cross in the Great War as a combatant. The Vann Club is named in his honour.

The Vann Club provides information to alumni about Varsity Matches and significant updates occurring at CUHC. Fear not, you won't receive a weekly email with the training schedule! Furthermore, each year the Vann Club aims to hold an alumni get together, combined with "old" boys and girls matches. This year's alumni weekend was held on 26th and 27th January and after a most enjoyable Saturday evening revisiting old haunts, five extremely competitive games of hockey were played on the Sunday. The new pitches were put to great use as 36 goals rattled in including one from former 1st team GK Sam Brooks scoring past his younger brother, Toby, the current blues stopper.

Members are asked to make an annual donation to the club via standing order. The funds raised help to pay for Varsity Matches and for developments at Wilberforce Road. In recent years Vann Club funds have been used to install restored honour boards in the pavilion and to provide a much needed kit storage cupboard. A trophy/memorabilia cupboard is next.

Your support is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference to the running of the club. For further information, including details for standing orders, please contact Ian Wilson (diw11@cam.ac.uk) or visit <http://www.cuhc.co.uk/welcome/vann-club>.

PETER BOIZOT MBE (1929-2018)

Both OUHC and CUHC note with sadness the passing of Peter Boizot, known to many simply as 'Boizot', in December.

Peter entered St Catharine's, Cambridge, from The King's (The Cathedral) School, Peterborough, and the Army, in 1950. He was a strong College hockey player, in a period when Catz itself was strong, winning Cuppers twice in the 1950's. Peter graduated with a degree in History and then surrendered to wanderlust and became very European, living in several different countries, including Italy, for a decade or so.



Returning to England in 1964, Peter founded Pizza Express after discovering that there was nowhere to eat an authentic pizza in London, or Peterborough for that matter. His sporting interests, with hockey in particular, remained strong, and he was soon helping out his old College side financially. A succession of kit, emblazoned with "Pizza Express", "Kettners" and even "Boizeau" (he was planning to tap into some underground Peterborough water, and market it!) adorned Catz teams for many years. The University Hockey Committee met at Kettner's over dinner many times, with Peter always buying the drinks.

At a higher level he funded the purchase of land and the construction, in 1995, of the Catz all-weather hockey pitch. This addition enabled many college, university and city hockey teams to play their hockey on astroturf. He also supported Varsity Match, CUHC and OUHC finances – including passing on a cheque to the latter when hearing they were 'short of money' while acting as the guest of honour at the Varsity Match. In the 90's and early 2000's, he hosted the Cambridge Blues' selection dinners at his restaurant in Peterborough. These dinners are still talked about today; they were the last chance for the players to let their hair down before the big match and this was helped, no doubt, by the unlimited food and pink champagne on offer!

In later years Peter retired to his beloved Peterborough, where he supported many activities, including sponsoring Peterborough hockey club and even owning Peterborough United FC for some years! In London, he was a generous and enthusiastic supporter of Hampstead and Westminster HC.

He is remembered fondly by CUHC and Catz hockey and has been described as a "flamboyant, eccentric, absolute legend" by the players who were lucky enough to enjoy his hospitality. Peter was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed.



*St Catharine's playing Queens' in Mens' Cuppers at the Peter Boizot hockey pitch.
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FRANK LOCKHART



Frank, who recently passed away last September, after a short illness just short of his 86th birthday, loved being involved with Varsity hockey matches. He, himself, had spent 3 wonderful years up at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford during the 1950's where he captained the college to two cup final wins. After coming down from Oxford, he played at left back for Westcliff for 15 years. Frank always used to say: "I was never that good, but always good enough to stop anyone who was!"

After retiring from playing, he moved into umpiring working his way up to divisional level, narrowly missing out on an International cap. He umpired at 18 varsity veterans matches, 27 Los Reyes Kings Tournaments out in Barcelona as well as a number of years in the East and Essex pools. His final years saw him umpire many a game at Crostyx and at various schools on the circuit. His last match was in March last year - not bad for an 85 year old!

Frank also became a much respected hockey administrator co-ordinating the Men's National Hockey League umpires from 1996-2006, organising the umpires for the Oxford Public Schools Hockey Festivals and acting as a match official at a number of National League matches. He also found time to provide umpires for midweek school matches at Felsted, Bishop's Stortford College, Bancroft's and Forest.

He was quite simply an institution and will be sorely missed by his large family and many friends.

Nick Lockhart



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Matthew Craston
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CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC MEN'S BLUES

After a packed pre-season, during which several new players put in a big effort to claim a spot in the Men's Blues, the team has gelled and produced some very strong performances. With ten of last year's Varsity squad continuing, and the Occasionals coming off their most successful year in recent memory, the Men's Blues extended their preseason - playing 15 matches in September - to maximise chances for new players to integrate into the team. Highlights included beating National League sides Oxted and Isca and a team trip to Soulstice Music Festival (<https://soulsticefestival.org> organised by our very own George Oyebodye).

The BUCS campaign dominated much of Michaelmas; after two years in Prem B and following promotion last year the side had to get used to the higher intensity of Prem A. Safety in BUCS was secured with two games to spare; highlights included beating Oxford Brookes in the home derby and a vital away win at Cardiff Met, coming from behind to win in the dying minutes.

After a tricky start to the season in South Prem 1, plagued by injuries, the team rallied, producing some strong results particularly against London Wayfarers and Banbury. The team is now fully focussed on turning dominant performances into results in the remaining Saturday games, and on continuing the run of Varsity wins. (#thetripdouble?)

It's been an honour and a privilege captaining this group of guys this season. I'm hugely grateful to all of them - and particularly to John Shaw, Tom Claughton, George Oyebodye, Ryan Kavanagh and Sam Greenbank for making it all possible.

Alexander Copestake
Captain 2018/19



Back row, left to right: J. Shaw, G. Oyebodye, F. Foster, J. Schiele, D. Clarke, A. Copestake, T. Claughton, A. Hughes, T. Dressler, H. Patteson.

Front row: W. Thompson, R. Kavanagh, J. Keeling, T. Barrett, B. Hems, C. Magowan, J. Perera, N. Leach.

Not pictured: N. Francis, S. Greenbank.

SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION 1 2018/19

29/09/18	Henley	2-1	W
06/10/18	London Edwardians	3-3	D
13/10/18	Spencer	2-3	L
20/10/18	Indian Gymkhana	4-6	L
27/10/18	Milton Keynes	1-1	D
03/11/18	Tunbridge Wells	2-4	L
10/11/18	London Wayfarers	4-3	W
17/11/18	Old Cranleighans	1-2	L
24/11/18	Winchester	3-2	W
01/12/18	Banbury	5-0	W
08/12/18	Bromley & Beckenham	3-4	L
12/01/19	Henley	1-0	W
19/1/19	London Edwardians	3-4	L
26/01/19	Spencer	2-3	L

BUCS HOCKEY MEN'S PREMIER SOUTH 2018/19

03/10/18	Bath	3-3	D
10/10/18	Cardiff Met	4-3	W
17/10/18	Exeter	1-4	L
24/10/18	Oxford Brookes	3-4	L
31/10/18	Bristol	0-1	L
07/11/18	Bath	0-2	L
14/11/18	Cardiff Met	3-2	W
21/11/18	Exeter	1-4	L
28/11/18	Oxford Brookes	3-2	W

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AND IN TODAY'S VARSITY MATCHES**



OUHC OCCASIONALS SEASON REPORT (MEN'S 2s)

The Occasionals have had an enjoyable, albeit challenging, season so far. Large numbers of players coming in as freshers or from last year's Is has meant that a certain amount of rebuilding has taken place. Under the watchful eye of our coach Mark Rutherford, and now our temporary coaches Bonk and Johann during Mark's recovery, a team has begun to emerge. At times only 2 of last year's varsity squad have been playing, making the achievements of those who have stepped up this year even more impressive. In a very competitive Saturday league, MBBO Regional 1 which we transferred to this year, the Os have proved themselves capable of mixing it with the best of them. Highlights include a 1-0 victory away at Oxford Hawks and 3-1 win against high flyers PHC Chiswick. The aim is to end the season in the top half of the table, a goal I am sure the Os will be able to accomplish. The 2018/19 BUCS season is shaping up to be the most successful in the Os history. An unbeaten run has left them looking to push for an unprecedented promotion to Midlands 1A, whilst a cup run has had similarly huge repercussions. The 17th February will see a non-friendly match take place, between the Occasionals and Wanderers in the quarter finals of the Midlands Conference Cup. History awaits us.

Rory Kenney-Herbert

Occasionals Captain 2018/19

INFREQUENTS' TEAM REPORT (MEN'S 3s)

The Infrequents started the season in rare fashion, with a win. A gritty away victory showed the skill and heart that has become core to this side. Despite club-wide injury problems, the side were delighted to welcome back an experienced core from last year. New arrivals and the return of old faces from years off has bolstered the squad and given the team a really strong look. The strength of this side has shown every week as we have built on the performance in our first match to storm to the top of the Saturday league at Christmas. Along the way there have been occasional dips in performance where we haven't played to our potential, but it is a testament to the mentality of this squad that more often than not the boys have been able to dig dip deep and force the gritty wins that are key to successful seasons. However, week on week the Is have made marked improvements and in the last match of the term we saw everything come together as we demonstrated our ability to really dominate sides and tear them apart with our passing, against second in the league. Wednesday's have been a sore point due to availability issues, a tough schedule, and things just not going our way at key times. Yet, having dominated Cambridge 2s in the first half of our underdog clash, and considering the quality of hockey the Is have shown more and more as the seasons progresses. We are more than ready march towards the Saturday cup, get a run going in BUCS, and avenge the misfortune of Varsity 2017.

Dominic Lester

Infrequents Captain 2018/19

SPORADICS (MEN'S 4TH TEAM) SEASON REPORT

We are now in the 3rd season of the Sporadics and after two slow seasons the side finally seem to be getting to grips with the game of hockey. With only three returning players from the previous season we started the term anxiously, as we were once again building our squad from scratch. After the necessary large influx of new signings, we began the term hoping to quickly gel as a side to get off to a strong start, something we have struggled with in previous years. Five wins from the first five games, scoring 19 goals, was the dramatic beginning we only could have dreamed of and signalled to the rest of the league the Spos are a force to take note of.

Although we have had a drastic change to the squad roster, not all new faces have come from the first year. We have had players join from Tennis, Rugby and Swimming to name a few and the wealth of talent and leadership qualities they have brought over has been invaluable in quickly forming a squad.

We spent Christmas sitting at the top of the table and look forward to Hilary term to build on our success in the league and clinch a Varsity win.

Harry Hutchinson

Sporadics Captain 2018/19



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2019 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **David Clarke**
D.O.B. 16/03/97
School Solihull School
Year 4th
Subject Mathematics
College Magdalen
Shirt No. 27

Known to have once apologised to a door stop after stubbing his toe, Dave is possibly the loveliest bloke you'll ever meet. Otherwise known as DC, his Maths degree suggests someone who is severely less exciting than Batman of the comics, but his on pitch, ball smashing antics point to the fact that maybe he is more of the ferocious hero type than a first glance may purvey. Perhaps he plays more the joker than the hero, under his friendly grin Dave has a darker streak and it is thought that the reason he doesn't frequent Parkers regularly is because he's plotting some dark schemes (not that he has a girlfriend - since that is an impossibility in all universes). His v drag has always been something to be admired and I trust he will be carving up some Tabs this afternoon.



Name **Thomas Claughton**
D.O.B. 24/01/96
School King Edward's School, Birmingham
Year 1st
Subject MSc Migration Studies
College Kellogg
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2016
Shirt No. 3

In last year's programme, I thought the label 'tragic loneliness' was harsh, so I wanted to take the chance of writing my own to put these wrongs right. Firstly, whoever it was, your chat needs a lesson from me mate: try out asking some really obvious questions repeatedly in my innocent-style voice to get a few laughs from the lads (and a nibble from Ryan). SWEDISH!! (No one really understands why I say that and neither do I...). Also, try and call the lad lonely who's living with just the ladies this year - oi oi. Yeah you heard me, there's life in the old dog yet! Aside from studying for my 5th year that a no-deal Brexit is the best option, I'm also out to show you that for my previous 4 years, that 'loneliness' was a selfless choice to let some of the young blood have a chance. BANG, have some of that.



Name **Alexander Copestake**
D.O.B. 19/06/93
School Beechen Cliff School
Year 3rd
Subject DPhil Economics
College Kellogg
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2017, 2013
Shirt No. 9

Choppers; Copper-stacker; Carrot top; Alexander Nope-steak; whatever you decide to call him, there's no getting away from the fact that Alex is a tyrant. His disdain for dancers being on the dance floor is matched only by his love of admin. Writing a Varsity profile for 2019 is not the way I wanted to prepare for the upcoming - 2018 - varsity match, but does Copestake care? No! Once he's laid out what he wants there's no stopping him. Thankfully for us, he's decided he wants to shoe the tabs for the next two years. Now that one years down - I am of course assuming we win the upcoming match - I wish Cambridge the best of luck at preventing him this time around. We've never managed to stop him from achieving his goals, and if I believed it to be possible then I wouldn't be writing this right now!



Name **Tobias Dressler**
D.O.B. 07/07/90
School Repton School
Year 1st
Subject MSc Law and Finance
College Lady Margaret Hall
Shirt No. 1

Tobi is best described as a man of two halves. He is the eldest, the best dressed and the best German on the team. He's a thinker and a strategist, and the goalkeeper with the strongest collarbone. Tobi even speaks better English than the rest of us and has started teaching Arthur to read in his spare time. However, Mr Dressler has a darker side to him too. Despite playing for us each Saturday he has so far never got his own goalkeeping kit out of the cupboard and has a certain disdain for freshers despite the fact he is one. Though this isn't surprising if you know Tobi for his questionable taste in pullovers.



Name **Frederick Foster**
D.O.B. 30/10/95
School Eltham College
Year 1st
Subject MSc Organic Chemistry
College St Cross
Shirt No. 12

Not a great deal to say, really. He's only there half the time so have only really met him a couple of times. He seems nice enough but likes to keep himself to himself. You wouldn't particularly notice if he weren't there, but he doesn't draw too many negative opinions, either. Generally does the right thing on the pitch, but I wouldn't describe him as flashy. Apparently he has a lot of friends at another hockey club. He prefers to spend time with them. Fair enough, to each his own. It's not the way I'd try to integrate to a new club but it's really his call. On the rare occasions that I have spoken to him he exclusively talks about the glory days when he used to play for Nottingham or Loughborough or someone. Anyway, hopefully he goes OK in the Varsity match.



Name **Noah Francis**
D.O.B. 17/09/97
School Whitgift
Year 3rd
Subject Chemistry
College St John's
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2017, England U16/18
Shirt No. 6

Some might say a quieter season on the deck for Noz... On the contrary others pick out Noah's break from Centre Half as a chance for him to step into the position of OUHC's 'most eligible bachelor'. With the majority of the MBs tied down and the rest being closer to 2025 than their freshers' year, Noah has enjoyed his role. It's fair to say he's brought off-pitch excitement and the well-earned schoolboy nickname 'The Panther' has not been lost with age. Nonetheless, it could be time to give others a chance and your place among the boys, on the pitch, has been welcomed back especially being a double Olympian and WC silver medallist. We've enjoyed your coaching role for the past years but your return is much awaited – keep an eye out for the shoulders (and the lid).



Name **Samuel Greenbank**
D.O.B. 29/09/94
School King Edward's School, Birmingham
Year 2nd
Subject DPhil Engineering
College St Cross
Shirt No. 19

Sam is not a fresher. However, many still do not know his real name. I get confused about what to call Sam, as multiple options seem to exist depending on the circumstances. When in a jovial mood for example, often upon entering the showers, he enjoys being referred to as 'Dan Greenway'. I like this one. When in a grump, often upon exiting the showers, or during committee meetings carrying out responsible activities, he demands to go by the boring 'Sam'. I refrain from using this. Perhaps the most intriguing nickname is 'Bonk'. At first unsure of its relevance, its meaning revealed itself to me after I met 'Bonk' on the stairs of St Peter's early one morning post Park End. When I asked what business he had in an undergraduate college, he replied: 'Call me Bonk, James Bonk!' This classic anecdote shines a light on Bonk's questionable sense of humour and somewhat unexpected appetite for fun.



Name **Ben Hemi**
D.O.B. 20/02/98
Year 3rd
Subject Chemistry
College Brasenose
Shirt No. 37

Resident sausage expert Ben has had a storming first half to the season. He joined the team after preseason and quickly established himself as a regular. He is renowned for loving a bounce pass almost as much as inorganic chemistry, for his total lack of British geography knowledge and for his on-again-off-again relationship with a packet of plain musli. Highlights of Ben's year have been: charging down short corners (turns out he's actually quite quick...) and successfully putting a contact lens into his eye in under half an hour. Away from the pitch Ben has a prolific career as a serial donut thief, the platform from which he hopes to launch his bid for OUHC president next year.



Name **Arthur Hughes**
 School King's College School, Wimbledon
 Year 2nd
 Subject Geography
 College St Peter's
 Previous Full Blue 2018 Blues
 Shirt No. 21

Fortunately, Arthur is able to run faster than he talks, making him an OK Hockey Player. There's not really much else to say about Arthur's hockey skills and on the pitch, he is better known for his Rambo obsession and questionable headbands. Off the pitch, Arthur has quickly chosen to become a corporate sellout. Continuing along the path of least resistance via KCS, into the infamously high acceptance "Geoggers at Peter's" then onto a Tier 3 investment firm. One might say that this promise of a financially stable future has gone to Arthur's head. Ever since signing his contract, he has shown a total disregard for financial worth, perpetually breaking bicycles after crew-dates and simply telling his teammates that "they could always just buy new ones."



Name **Ryan Kavanagh**
 D.O.B. 26/09/95
 School Whitgift
 Year 4th
 Subject Physics
 College Worcester
 Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2017, 2016
 Shirt No. 8

This year, Ryan has encouraged the forwards to get in the D. After key leadership roles in the past, the ex-captain has risen to this challenge manfully. When not encouraging the forwards, Ryan spends a lot of time with his flatmates, with whom he has forged an especially close bond. In the past, this big dog used to spend all his time out with the boys. Nowadays, this wizened old man rarely leaves the comfort of the hockey pitch or Vinnies lunch. When he does, his deep nostalgia for the good old days leads him to scream repeatedly "I used to be a big deal, I swear" until he is forced to leave VIP and the freshers have been warned never to go near him. From past experience, whoever marks him in Varsity won't get very near him either. Hopefully he gets as good a chance to score as he did last year.



Name **Josh Keeling**
 D.O.B. 27/11/97
 School Alleyn's School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Biomedical Sciences
 College Oriol
 Previous Full Blue 2018 Blues
 Shirt No. 22

Bring some Gulé- Josh Keeling, Oct 2017.

We brought the Gulé Yoshi let's list what's you've brought to the MBs in return:

A failed footballer who chose hockey

Recurrent hamstring injuries caused by above

Unsatisfactory goal conversion
 Years of experience as colleague to two Italian plumbers

Bike relocation and refurbishment

A tenacious attitude on the pitch (i.e. a lad who shouts a lot whilst producing an inverse amount with the stick)

When* you're 100% fit what you bring to the team is really valuable, don't know what those two plumbers taught you but it's certainly lots more than you learnt playing for a National Prem team, oh wait...

*3 games a season



Name **Nicholas Leach**
 D.O.B. 12/07/96
 School The Perse School
 Year 1st
 Subject DPhil Physics
 College St Cross
 Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2015
 Shirt No. 2

This man, so impressive, so rounded. How does he do it? I was so surprised when first meeting him how he manages to juggle a degree at Oxford, ex-president of the club, whilst maintaining a hit music career and even starring in films. His cool, collected nature seemed to contrast how I'd seen him in films and his chart-topping songs, but this man has many hidden sides. It's just the time management I can't get. I guess Friends with Benefits came out far before he entered the Ring Road. I see him signing autographs wherever he goes, it must be hard to handle. On top of all you've done for the club we also thank you for the all-time bangers you've provided the world: Señorita, Rock your Body, your return album: The 2020 Experience... smashed it. Never stop JT.



Name **Conor Magowan**
D.O.B. 26/11/96
School The Perse School
Year 4th
Subject Engineering Science
College New
Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2017, 2016
Shirt No. 99

This year has been a tough year for Conor. Over the last year he's been living in constant fear of the fact that Cellar – his home away from home – might shut down! Where will I be able to show off my swag? Where can I stealth lash Friday nights? Is Bayesian Optimisation better than Stochastic Gradient Descent? How will I maintain my title of Blues' Boozehound? These are just some of the unanswered questions that crossed Conor's mind as a consequence of this traumatic possibility. However, now that Cellar seems safe, Conor can relax knowing his dodecahedral lifestyle is safe. As such he can now focus on his favourite event of the year outside of Cellar: Varsity, or as he affectionately calls it "Tabs Ankle-breaking Day".



Name **George Oyebody**
D.O.B. 19/11/97
School Whitgift
Year 3rd
Subject Classics
College Exeter
Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2017
Shirt No. 1

Oxford Hawks is thrilled to sponsor George Oyebody at this year's Varsity Match. He has been a great addition to the club and has really helped us compete at National League level. Good luck, George!

This year, George gets free transport to and from the game because of his triumph in winning so much sponsorship for the game, including some kind words from Oxford Hawks Hockey Club. He has also generously allowed us to use the second half of this advertisement as his player profile:

George seems to have a really good relationship with the new lad, Freddie. Appears to spend more time with him than he does with us, but at least he's found his tribe. Decent keeper as well, to be fair. Better than George Pinner, if we're all honest. Quite a weak snowboarder, though.



Name **Henry Patteson**
D.O.B. 04/04/99
School Katharine Lady Berkeley's School
Year 1st
Subject Chemistry
College Queen's
Shirt No. 13

Having decided to retire the name "Henry" after the departure of HT, we now exclusively call our left half "Kev" (except if Johann is at left half, when we call our left half Johann). After a gap year spent asking for directions, Kev is mature beyond his years, and decided that it was best to be taken home at 9pm on his first social on tour. Kev has also got mightily close to a lot of the other freshers in his year. Kev is apparently very happy to call them all his friends. When Kev and Guy arrived at preseason, the latter gained much attention for his haircut, thus distracting us from the fact that the former actually sticks brillo pads to his head. As Kev's parents, loyal supporters of the team, will no doubt be reading this, we should also say that Kev is really good at hockey and very nice.



Name **Johann Perera**
D.O.B. 27/11/95
School Whitgift
Year 3rd
Subject Queen's
College Materials Science
Honours Saxon Tigers U16, Sri Lanka U21, Sri Lanka Senior
Shirt No. 4

No one thought Johann would be able to step out of his predecessors imperious shadow. Yet Yo, also known as Yiphan, has firmly engrained his legacy, with his inability to form coherent sentences standing him head and shoulders below Tsar Leach on the communication front. However, Leach's gambling habits and lavish spending (see @nickleach on Instagram for updates on his most recent trip to Miami) left OUHC's bank balance in a precarious position and the club must therefore be thankful for Johann's infamous ability to skim cash off the top (I trust this programme is appropriately over-priced), which has clawed us back into the green. As a president, Johann is almost obliged to understand the art of the deal, but much like a certain leader (who shall remain unnamed), it was only discovered after he was elected into leadership, on the club tour to Lisbon, that he can barely tell coke from Pepsi and wouldn't know a bargain if it slapped him across the face - by this point it was too late, no revotes allowed, the people's vote went unheard, the dictatorship continued.



Name **Jacob Schiele**
D.O.B. **06/05/97**
School **Heinrich von Gager Gymnasium**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Economics and Management**
College **St Hilda's**
Previous **Full Blue 2018 Blues**
Shirt No. **10**

An internship in the public sector had a profound influence on Jakob's outlook on life. With the door to Investment Banking now firmly closed, some interesting developments have occurred. Now self-identifying as recreationally vegan, Jakob arises at 4am each morning, eats 5/7ths of an akai bowl, and scuttles off to Hilda's library to research potential JCR charitable endeavours. He has a stable relationship with his girlfriend. He is faithful and loves her very much.

Unfortunately, this is all a lie. Jakob has taken advantage of dubious family contacts to set up multiple interviews with financial top dogs, hasn't been seen at the 6am gym session all term (although compulsory!), and also struggled to manage 8 separate dates on Valentine's Day. On the pitch, however, some improvements: Jakob is nearly as fast as the rate at which the job rejections are flying in!



Name **William Thompson**
D.O.B. **22/02/99**
School **Elizabeth College**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Mathematics**
College **Jesus**
Honours **Wessex U17**
Shirt No. **18**

Will was lucky enough to succeed in two of his life goals this September: he gained his dual British-Guernsey citizenship and graduated to the role of right half. Will has had a tough first half of the season- he dislocated his shoulder while performing for the University diving team, which led to strict words from our coach about the importance of 'not always drawing the foul'. Yet, at least he stayed true to character by stealing someone's hoodie for the ride to A&E. In his spare time, he enjoys letting his mum take his topless photos and throwing up in his college library. Opponents should be wary of Will: it is rumoured that one look at his ungloved hands can make a person go mad.

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC WOMEN'S BLUES

The Women's Blues have had a really promising season so far. After losing some big OUHC names last year we entered preseason needing to rebuild the team. We have welcomed the return of some previous Blues and a strong fresher intake has given the team a strong foundation. We have also welcomed the return of the dynamic duo John and Johann who have worked tirelessly to get the team off the ground and into winning ways.

The large change in the team was evident in the initial games and saw us coming out the wrong side of some close games with Exeter and Bath in the early stages of the BUCs league. However, the wins duly came as the team began to gel. The highlights feature a gritty 0-0 draw away against Exeter - where availability issues meant we headed down with only 12 including just 1 of our usual defence - and of course the 2 wins over Cambridge. There is just one game to go and we have guaranteed 3rd place before the cup competition and I am hopeful we can have a strong run.

The reshuffle of the English Hockey League system has meant we are in the unique position where 4 teams in our Saturday league are able to get promoted. The newness of the team was evident once again and saw us go down 4-0 in the initial game with a tough fixture against Basingstoke. The Women's Blues then had a fantastic run of form, winning 8 of the next 9 – the only defeat coming from a close game against 1st placed Surbiton 2s. Highlights including, coming from behind to clinch late victories against Wimbledon (4-3) and Spencer (2-1). The impact of a full-on term told with a couple of losses before the Christmas break but we have come back strongly and are now 2nd and just 1 point off the top. I'm hopeful we will be able to continue this form and top it off with a win today!

Shona McNab

Women's Blues Captain 2018/19



Back row, left to right: J. Perera, H. Moore, M. Hughes, O. Lee-Smith, E. Rosier, G. Walton, Y. Zurke, S. Baldelli, S. Shakespeare.

Front row: A. Barker, M. Morgan, A. Copeland, S. McNab, L. Donovan, E. Harrison, R. Harrison.

Not pictured: S. Taylor.

SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION 1 2018/19

29/09/18	Basingstoke 1	0-4	L
06/10/18	Brighton & Hove 2	4-0	W
13/10/18	Maidenhead 1	3-1	W
20/10/18	Teddington 1	2-0	W
27/10/18	London Wayfarers 1	3-0	W
28/10/18	Witney 1	4-1	W
03/11/18	Surbiton 2	1-2	L
10/11/18	Wimbledon 2	4-3	W
17/11/18	Spencer 1	2-1	W
24/11/18	Reading 2	4-1	W
01/12/18	Tulse Hill & Dulwich 1	1-4	L
08/12/18	Witney 1	2-5	L
26/01/19	Basingstoke 1	1-0	W

BUCS HOCKEY WOMEN'S PREMIER SOUTH 2018/19

03/10/18	Bath	2-3	L
10/10/18	Cambridge	3-1	W
17/10/18	Exeter	0-1	L
24/10/18	Cardiff	4-1	W
31/10/18	Bristol	0-0	D
07/11/18	Bath	1-2	L
14/11/18	Cambridge	2-1	W
21/11/18	Exeter	0-0	D
28/11/18	Cardiff	2-1	W

RADICALS (WOMEN'S 2ND TEAM) SEASON REPORT

This season the radicals have seen a dramatic increase in the number of team freshers. Whether this intake of fresh legs or our Saturday league demotion has brought us our recent hockey success is up for debate. We can, although, say for sure that in our BUCS league only our excellent team work and skill can be responsible.

In our Saturday league we currently sit in 4th place, a strong improvement on last year, and we have high hopes of a top two position. It has been an excellent season so far in the BUCS league as we are in 2nd place and we have made it to the quarter finals of the cup. It took us a while, but we eventually realised it was a lot more fun when we win.

The team has really begun to gel together, on and off the pitch, and through our weekly socials we have really learned a lot about each other (mostly what we look like when not in sweaty hockey kit). With many more socials to come, including the all-girls crewdate, Rads will be sure to reclaim their title as most fun team in OUHC.

We are in very safe coaching hands as we have been graced by the return of Bonk, accompanied by the ex-president and OUHC legend NLeach and ex-WBs captain Megan Hughes. With all this expert knowledge and our new-found ability to win, I am sure the rest of the season will not disappoint and as always, we are very much looking forward to the BDOTY.

Imogen Bentham

Radicals Captain 2018/19

MAVERICKS (WOMEN'S 3RD TEAM) SEASON REPORT

The Mavericks have had a great season so far and it has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to captain such a fun group of girls for the first term. Having started off a tad rocky in preseason, losing many of last year's players who moved up to the Rads, we happily welcomed a total of 16 freshers into our team. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to build the team week by week, taking advantage of our many new talented players.

After losing the first few matches due to lack of players or being still in the early stages of bonding as a team, the Mavs have improved immensely throughout the first half of the season. Finally managing to gel as a team and winning the majority of our matches, we have climbed from 12th to 3rd place in our Saturday league (TrySports Division 1). The Mavs are sitting 4th in BUCS in a very strong league, with the hope of moving up when we hit the ground running this term. We unfortunately got knocked out of the BUCS cup on an intense set of penalty strokes, to Nottingham 4s, after a 1-1 draw match.

Thank you for the ongoing support and dedication from our three amazing coaches, who juggle coaching us with training and playing as Blues – Lucy Donovan, Aaron Goss and Will Thompson. Along with their invaluable insight, the Mavs are looking to become even better next term, hopefully moving up the table in both leagues and preparing for the most important game of the season – Varsity. Looking to Varsity, we hope to build on the match last year, which despite losing, we felt we played extremely strongly. With a fantastic set of freshers, we hope to turn that in to a win this year!

Jessica Webster & Josephine Bellman

Mavericks Captains 2018/19

OXFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SQUAD

2019 PEN PORTRAITS



Name Sofia Baldelli
D.O.B. 01/11/99
School The Perse School
Year 1st
Subject Medicine
College Hertford
Honours JRPC Tier 1
Shirt No. 1

'Domestic menace', 'chaotic nightmare' and 'kitchen disaster' are just some of the quotes coinciding with the unannounced arrival of our new goal-keeper Miss Baldelli during preseason, but we quickly learned that this wannabe medic is completely harmless, with frequent trips to her second home 'far far' away with the fairies. Being of Italian heritage, there were high hopes for her performance in the kitchen and we were not disappointed: a mexican meal that had been outsourced to the ginger help was dished up on our plates. Fear not if you lose this fresher, (which is highly likely given her turkey track record on a Wednesday night), with two identical copies of Fi, there is always a replacement. Although possessing a heart of gold, Fi feels the need to constantly apologise, despite having done nothing wrong. On the hockey pitch, this sassy seniorita will be making saves left, right and center. Her colourful commentary can be heard from the sideline, with the umpires occasionally chipping in on this delightful conversation. Tabs don't be fooled by her lightweight appearance; the only way you will beat this goalie is in literally any drinking game.



Name Annabelle Barker
D.O.B. 30/11/97
School Oundle School
Year 3rd
Subject History
College New
Shirt No. 22

Annabelle has brought fun, flair and Little Mix to the team this year. Dressed for work in the Rad Cam at 8 and the crewdate at 9, Annabelle really is the 'girl who can do both'. In fact, hockey has become such an intricate part of Annabelle's life as to feature in her dissertation. Although one of the oldest and wisest team freshers, her commitment to competitive McFlurry eating and karaoke has proven that this team fresher's love of fun is second to none. Whilst her scores in Park End may just trump those on the pitch, her skills and prowess on the ball will make the Tabs tremble in their boots. Constantly smiley, Annabelle is a wonderful friend, yet to the Tabs she is a deadly foe. This fun-loving finalist ain't messin around, she's here for one thing and one thing only: victory!



Name Alexa Copeland
D.O.B. 06/07/98
School The Tiffin Girls' School
Year 3rd
Subject Economics and Management
College St Peter's
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2017
Shirt No. 4

Alexa is your number one assistant, she plays music, asks questions, makes calls, sends and receives messages for you and provides you with VIP wristbands. A few more examples of requests she can help you with include:

Alexa, play despacito.

Alexa, can you tell me what the weather is looking like tomorrow?

Alexa, can you let me know how I get to hockey corner?

Alexa is also your social sec of dreams, organised, always prepared to host and never without her fair share of glitter this Canadian treasure does not disappoint. Alexa is a force to be reckoned with on the pitch with her legendary jab tackles and an unrelenting level of endurance evident from her ultra-marathons she has completed this year.

Alexa is looking to do the treble this year so be warned Tabs, this vice-captain is on a mission!



Name Lucy Donovan
D.O.B. 16/01/97
School Reigate Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject DPhil Cardiovascular Science
College Keble
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2017
Shirt No. 16

The new year has brought with it the advent of a new breed of Women's Blue, as proudly embraced by Lucy Donovan; the old but fun postgrad. In a classy turn of events, Lucy has traded VKs and vanilla lattes for Italian red wines and Nespressos. Still all of the fun, without sacrificing any of the basic. Although team showers aren't quite the Milan spa days she's looking for, Lucy still finds time amongst her classy hobbies and endless lab coffee meetings (shout out to the BHF) to play hockey. As one of the more experienced members of the team, Lucy has been critical in leading the charge on pitch. Her quick upright reverse tackles are rivalled only by her rapid line balls through multiple layers of opposition press. And should the Tabs happen to make it into our 25, fear not. Lucy can close them down faster than you can say "Chianti". She may be small, but she's feisty and the Tabs won't know what's hit them (possibly because she'll be below eye level).



Name **Ellie Harrison**
D.O.B. 04/03/99
School The Perse School
Year 2nd
Subject Biology
College St Peter's
Honours NAGS Academy U17, Futures U16
Previous Full Blue 2018 Blues
Shirt No.8

Over the last couple of years Ellie Harrison has firmly established herself as one of the best players in the WBs, dominating games with her silky touch and rapid pace, the opposition are always struggling to keep up. Whether she is setting her teammates up for a tap-in or distributing from the midfield, Ellie can give anyone a lesson in how to play Hockey.

The varsity match is very much a family affair for Ellie Harrison as she will once again be taking to the pitch alongside her sister, Rachael. Despite being from the other place, this pair have terrorised the Tabs for the last couple of years, making Harrison to Harrison connections all the way up the pitch, leaving Cambridge in their wake. No doubt the same will happen today as Oxford storm to another Varsity win



Name **Rachael Harrison**
D.O.B. 30/09/96
School The Perse School
Year 4th
Subject Medicine
College Magdalen
Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2017
Shirt No.6

It could be said that no one in the WBs likes Oxford as much as Rachael. Rachael loves Oxford. Not only did she choose to be here for six years, but she managed to get not just one, but TWO siblings to join her (who can blame her - 'home' is the other place).

Preparing for her fourth Varsity, Rachael also really likes hockey. As transport queen, the WBs wouldn't have made it to many matches this season without her. Rachael's tireless effort and commitment to the WBs make her key, not only to our transport, but also to our attack. With speedy leads and total composure, the defenders don't stand a chance.

Whilst Rachael really likes Oxford and hockey, there's nothing she loves more than a Varsity win. So watch out Cambridge, her persistence, skills and commitment mean that nothing will stand in her way to secure that win come Varsity day.



Name **Megan Hughes**
D.O.B. 18/04/97
School Read School
Year 1st
Subject Biology PGCE
College St Stephen's House
Previous Full Blue 2018, Blues 2017, Half Blue 2016
Shirt No.11

As our now responsible teacher in residence, Miss Hughes has frequented Park End less often this season, resulting in fewer emergency toilet trips. She has also been avoiding bushes recently as far as we know. As one of the more experienced members of the team, her solid defending (and new-found love of scoring goals off short corners) has often kept us in games and saved us from tricky situations. She consistently stops attackers with her slick tackling and sick skills and can always be relied upon to make the opposition look silly. As one of the club's new welfare officers, her calm words of wisdom continue to offer support and advice for those who need. But don't let this facade of old and boringness fool you. A ninth-week Vinnies evening can get the better of her resulting in shameless kitchen boogying to Cascada. Hopefully she can use her teaching abilities to coach the next OUHC freshers to evacuate any dancefloor.



Name **Olivia Lee-Smith**
D.O.B. 22/07/00
School Bradfield College
Year 1st
Subject Law
College Keble
Honours England U16/18
Shirt No.12

To the tune of "There's nothing holding me back" by Shawn Mendes
Hi it's Livi here to show
That I'm the best and you all know it
I wanna score all of the goals
Cause everytime I get those bonds,
yeah
About my background are you really guessing? Mmm hmm
Posh w**ker is how I'm always dressing
Sig-net ring, yeahhhh
Oh I've been waiting
Oh Tabs, there's no way to faze-me
I have no inhibitions
Cambridge, there's nothing holding me back
With my sick skills I will tear up your reputation
Manipulate your defenders
Cambridge, there's nothing holding me back
There's nothing holding me back
There's nothing holding me back
Welfare's left me shaking
Granny - VKs send me crazy
Shredders destroy my inhibitions
Urine, there's nothing holding it back
With my flare goals I will tear up your reputation
Manipulate your emotions
Cambridge there's nothing holding me back
#MC-Livdog #backyourself



Name **Shona McNab**
D.O.B. 10/12/96
School Firr Hill High School
Year 1st
Subject DPhil Materials
College Linacre
Honours Scotland U21
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Shirt No.13

Shona McNab, 'el Capitano', can be easily spotted heard on the pitch. For those of you who don't know: Shona is Scottish. Coming from far North she realised that 4 years in the warm South and great hockey pals are not enough. Desperately not wanting to leave OUHC this smart girl started a PhD this year (YAS - She will be around for another 4 years). That also means that again her flair hockey skills will make the tabs even FUZZIER than her own eyesight! Be aware of her smooth tackles and her ability to fire shots towards the goal from anywhere. Rumour has it that she sometimes leaves her hockey kit behind to lead a reindeer sleigh. So better be nice to our lovely captain, if you don't want to risk not getting any presents for Christmas! And who knows, maybe some elves will help her leading us to another varsity win.



Name **Harriet Moore**
D.O.B. 30/11/95
School Dame Allan's School
Year 1st
Subject MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice
College Worcester
Previous Blues Full Blue 2017, 2016 (Cambridge)
Shirt No.3

As a sporty person deciding whether to apply to Oxford or Cambridge University you should take one look at the colour of the Cambridge Blues' blazer and choose Oxford. Harriet obviously didn't do her research or is colour blind, as first time around she chose wrong. After losing 3 varsities wearing mint green, she has finally seen the error of her ways and come to the dark side. When not playing hockey, she spends most of her time with criminals, so she's used to dealing with bad blokes – so probably not that much different to the people she met at Cambridge. Solid as a rock at the back, those Tabs she once called her friends won't be getting past this lovely lady. Harriet, you really do suit dark blue and here's to your first Varsity win!



Name **Matilda Morgan**
D.O.B. 10/05/00
School Greenhead College
Year 1st
Subject Engineering Science
College Brasenose
Honours NAGS Academy U16, Futures U18
Shirt No.14

Tilly Morgan. Or should I say Tilly More-pinkies please.

Fun fact...she really loves cheese! Till'eh is our resident legend from Leeds, Who outpaces Tabs at ridiculous speeds.

She is fierce on the pitch and puts 100% into training. Except when her suspicious injuries have her complaining.

Find her in Vinnies having a bev, or even a few rounds. Shock she's with Kev, dancing hand in hand.

Our Tilly is solemn, would never cause a scene.

Unless she's dressed as Gollum and...you know what A'mean.

You should probs follow solt on Instagram I suppose, And in case you haven't heard, Tilly loves Brasenose.

The engineer isn't only a genius at Matlab, When she scores top bins she will probably dab.

Tilly is a fantastic teammate and even better ball bit'h. And an exceptionally talented player to have on the pitch.



Name **Emma Rosier**
D.O.B. 20/06/98
School James Allen's Girls' School
Year 3rd
Subject Earth Sciences
College St Edmund Hall
Previous Blues Full Blue 2018
Shirt No.15

There is one word to describe Roz: aloof. What we know of her comes only from whisperings and cannot be verified as factual. Some say she has got to know over 98% of OUR-FC. Others claim that she has a CNIX/X palsy; she is a big win deep romantic. So romantic, in fact, that Cupid strikes even before she even meets suitors in the flesh. One thing we do know for sure though is that Roz is the absolute heartbeat of the team on and off the pitch and will be leading the Dark Blues to a big win today! She does tend to Hogg the ball though, so we hope she'll kick her bad habit today. Good luck Roz!



Name **Sophie Shakespeare**
D.O.B. 02/03/98
School Marlborough College
Year 3rd
Subject Mathematics
College Christ Church
Honours England U16/18
Previous Half Blue 2017 Blues
Shirt No. 7

Shakes (protagonist of the shakey shakey shakes drill) has returned to the team. The serious athlete has remained, but a new side of Shakes has also emerged – the Scholarly Shakes. Now preferring Pi to Pie and the library to Park End (though rumour has it there may be an ulterior motive to this). Newly responsible Shakes is determined to help the team follow her lead. When arriving at the minibus you must always be armed with an interesting fact or ready with a favourite prime number (including justification). On the hockey pitch Shakes is as fierce as ever. Always ready to burn defenders for pace or hunt them down in the press, she will not make life easy for them. Her silky skills will have her the Tabs head in a muddle. Whether she's squaring numbers or hockey balls she's sure to smash it: Shakes + Hockey = Varsity Win.



Name **Sophie Taylor**
D.O.B. 20/02/95
School Canford School
Year 6th
Subject Medicine
College St Catherine's
Previous Full Blue 2016 Blues
Shirt No. 2

Tay is the granny of the team (or as some may say oldest and goldst) from a time which only few will remember of the ICESTORM VKs. She may have not stepped foot in Park End this year, but this only means she is on better form on the pitch. Being John's outright favourite, it's also rumoured that she has specialist training outside office hours to perfect her silky skills with the master himself. She not only scores goals on the pitch but also in Vincent's since she is the first female president. Tay is a force to be reckoned with. Anyone would back her to break a few ankles and gives defenders as much space as her boyfriend. Not only is she a weapon at the fortress but also has a speciality for away days aka her trip to Sri Lanka in which she returned with a boyfriend. Tabs need to watch out because this doctor is someone to be scared of (I can vouch for this myself). Since it's Tay's last Varsity she will not be leaving the pitch without a juicy win. Tabs beware.



Name **Georgina Walton**
D.O.B. 03/10/97
School Wellington College
Year 3rd
Subject History
College St Anne's
Honours JRPC Tier 1
Previous Full Blue 2018 Blues
Shirt No. 19

Georgie is very good at hockey. Georgie scored last year. Georgie will score again this year. Georgie loves a sponsor. The record-breaking sponsorship for OUHC this year is testament to Georgie's hard work. She lives on a 'work hard, play hard' balance - Rad Cam by day, Vinnie's loos by night. However, sponsorship goes further than OUHC and Vinnie's for Georgie. A past sponsor holds a special place in her heart, as it was at their summer internship, she met the 17th WB - her boyfriend Nathan. The 'sponsored' became the 'sponsor' this season, when she sponsored the freshers during pre-season and was guilty of joining in on fresher events hosted in her kitchen. As she concludes her final year at Oxford, it is easy to say she is utterly fantastic at what she does, but most importantly she is a genuinely lovely person and a dream to play alongside.



Name **Yasemin-Xiomara Zurke**
D.O.B. 15/11/95
School Hohenstaufen-Gymnasium Kaiserslautern
Year 1st
Subject DPhil Cardiovascular Science
College St Edmund's Hall
Previous Full Blue 2018 Blues
Shirt No. 28

Yasemin-Xiomara Zurke. I sometimes wonder how this exotic-sounding gal ended up in Oxford. With her family back in Germany and friends all over the world from Stockholm to Panama, it is not unusual for Yas to be packing her bags and jetting off to another destination. She's been known to tactically 'lose' her ID, forcing her to rebook her flights, to wangle another week on the continent rather than returning to her Oxford life of labs and hockey. Fortunately for us, when Yas is on the hockey pitch she's right at home. A vital brick in our defensive wall, Yas put in tackle after tackle, getting the ball out of trouble with her soaring arials and, when the moment takes her, she can be seen hurtling up the pitch towards the D. Tabs, it is best to accept now that she is going to rinse you. Probably many times. Yas' calm and controlled persona on the pitch seems to vanish in the kitchen, once uncontrollably baking Christmas cookies until she had made c. 100 and realised it was now time to turn the oven off. She briefly dabbled in some research in the land of the mint-greens last year but decided that Oxford was far superior and so couldn't resist signing up for another four years. We're very lucky to have Yas wearing Dark Blue again this season, and sorry Tabs but it looks like she'll be back again (and again, and again).



Name **John Shaw**
Coach

The one and only John Shaw. Despite having been coaching Varsity for longer than the freshers have been alive, he is still keeping up with the kids. When he's not standing on a hockey pitch or calling from the M4 he is straight to his phone to get out Instagram. You can always guarantee a like and comment (love your work 🍷👏) on any post. Throughout the years his commitment to OUHC has never wavered and his hockey knowledge is strong as ever, continuing to invent new-fangled ways to trap a ball or take free hits. Here's to another Varsity win!



Name **Johann Perera**
Coach

This year Johann has had some massive promotions and there can only one explanation for this – the Perera Dictatorship. Not satisfied with being John's bitch, Johann has forced his way to the position of assistant coach. The Perera era has also seen the abolishment of the 20 strong committee. Now these positions are in name only for Johann cannot trust these mere mortals with important business such as ordering kit from the holy Y1 or formatting some varsity profiles. Most irritatingly, he still somehow manages to be an excellent president, exceptional coach and an above average hockey player. Not sure about his degree though. Despite all his power there is one person that can still break him – the mighty Ellie Harrison. He might rule OUHC, but Ellie rules the house.



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Gk	1	SOFIA BALDELLI <i>The Perse</i>
	2	SOPHIE TAYLOR † <i>Canford</i>
	3	HARRIET MOORE <i>Dame Allan's School</i>
	6	RACHEL HARRISON † <i>The Perse</i>
	7	SOPHIE SHAKESPEARE † <i>Marlborough College</i>
	8	ELLIE HARRISON † <i>The Perse</i>
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	14	TILLY MORGAN <i>Greenhead College</i>
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<i>Cheltenham College</i>		
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<i>Norwich School</i>		
CHARLOTTE BURROWS †	19	
<i>Magdalen College School, Oxford</i>		
LUCIA CORRY †	13	
<i>Forest School</i>		
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<i>Malvern College</i>		
AMY EDWARDS †	3	
<i>Victoria College, Belfast</i>		
LUCY LAWRENCE	89	
<i>St Peter's School, York</i>		
MORGAUSE LOMAS	1	Gk
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<i>City of London Freeman's School</i>		
IZZY MONTGOMERY	87	
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<i>The Henrietta Barnett School</i>		
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<i>Latymer Upper School</i>		
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MOLLIE RING-HRUBESOVA	84	
<i>Nonsuch High School for Girls</i>		
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	27	DAVID CLARKE <i>Solihull School</i>
	37	BENJAMIN HEMSI <i>St Albans School</i>
	99	CONOR MAGOWAN † <i>The Perse</i>

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HARRY ATKINS	93	
<i>RGS Guildford</i>		
TOBY BROOKS	1	Gk
<i>Eastbourne College</i>		
JAMES CAMPKIN †	52	
<i>Portsmouth Grammar School</i>		
MATT COCKERILL †	15	
<i>RGS Guildford</i>		
MONTY FYNN †	13	
<i>Oakham School</i>		
KIERAN GILMORE †	10	
<i>Simon Langton Grammar School</i>		
SEAN GILMORE †	69	Capt
<i>Simon Langton Boys' Grammar</i>		
THOMAS JACKSON †	14	
<i>Warwick School</i>		
FERGUS MCNAB †	3	
<i>Firrhill High School</i>		
JONATHAN PARKE †	21	
<i>Salesian College</i>		
MATT ROBERTS	57	
<i>The Portsmouth Grammar School</i>		
SEBASTIAN SHAW	28	
<i>Bingley Grammar School</i>		
JOHNNY STAUNTON SYKES †	11	
<i>St John Bishop Catholic High School</i>		
BILL TAYLOR	9	
<i>Exeter College</i>		
EDWARD TYLER	5	
<i>Sir William Borlase's Grammar School</i>		
HANTIAN WANG	83	
<i>RGS Guildford</i>		

† Denotes Old Blue

CAMBRIDGE MENS BLUES SEASON REPORT

This season has seen a healthy influx of fresher talent to supplement a good number of the more experienced returning Blues. This combination of young and old has translated well into performances which resulted in a very successful first half of the season.

On Saturdays, the squad has pushed on from last year's sixth place to start challenging at the top end of the table in East Prem A and we ended Michaelmas term sitting in the promotion places, in fourth. Some notable results were an early 4-1 win against current league leaders Wapping and a 5-3 win away to West Herts, who were recently relegated from the National League.

In BUCS South Prem B, last year's frustrating second place has been put behind us as the team dominated the league and secured the title with three games still to play. Promotion can't be confirmed until the play-off games at the end of the season, but the team has confidence in winning these as well. With the BUCS league sewn up already, the main focus in 2019 has turned to securing promotion in East Prem A, winning the BUCS playoff matches and of course the Varsity Match.

Returning to Cambridge after a long break and the annual training camp at Old Thorns, the Blues were ready and raring to go but due to unfavourable weather causing cancellation of games and training sessions, it's been stop-start hockey so far. Our first Saturday game was an impressive draw against Wapping, who have still not dropped points to any other team all season, but that was then followed by close losses against fellow promotion hopefuls West Herts and Harleston Magpies.

Despite these disappointing results, we're still very much in contention in the keenly contested battle for promotion from East Prem A. Elsewhere, the team has reached the semi finals of the BUCS Cup with hopes to go all the way in this competition.

In the coming weeks, the Cambridge Blues will hope to build momentum in vital Saturday matches against St. Albans and Ipswich to bring in good form and confidence for the Varsity Match where the team will hope to regain the trophy that has been absent for two years.

Sean Gilmore

Cambridge Men's Blues Captain 2018/19



Back row left to right: Toby Brooks, Bill Taylor, Matt Roberts, Ed Tyler, James Campkin, Johnny Staunton Sykes, Sean Gilmore (Capt), Ed Sides.

Front row: Jonathan Parke, Hantian Wang, Kieran Gilmore, Monty Fynn, Harry Atkins, Matt Cockerill, Fergus McNab, Seb Shaw. **Not present:** Tom Jackson.

CUHC BLUES RESULTS

East League Prem A

22/09/2018	Saffron Walden 1	W	5-0
29/09/2018	St Albans 1	L	4-1
06/10/2018	Wapping 1	W	4-1
13/10/2018	West Herts 1	W	3-5
20/10/2018	Letchworth 1	W	3-1
27/10/2018	Harleston Magpies 1	L	1-0
03/11/2018	Chelmsford 1	W	2-1
10/11/2018	Ipswich 1	W	5-2
17/11/2018	Cambridge City 2	W	0-4
24/11/2018	Bedford 1	L	0-4
01/12/2018	Norwich City 1	W	1-2
08/12/2018	Saffron Walden 1	W	0-6
12/01/2019	St Albans 1	P-P	
19/01/2019	Wapping 1	D	2-2
26/01/2019	West Herts 1	L	2-3
02/02/2019	Letchworth 1	P-P	
09/02/2019	Harleston Magpies 1	L	3-2

South Prem B

10/10/2018	University of Plymouth 1	W	16-1
17/10/2018	University of Exeter 2	W	1-2
24/10/2018	University of Exeter 2	W	4-3
31/10/2018	Cardiff University 1	W	1-3
07/11/2018	Reading University 1	W	4-1
14/11/2018	King's College London (GKT) 1	W	3-0
28/11/2018	University of Plymouth 1	W	2-6
23/01/2019	King's College London (GKT) 1	L	3-2
30/01/2019	Cardiff University 1	P-P	

Varsity Results

	Blunderers	2-3	Sporadics
	Bedouin	2-2	Mavericks (Mavericks win on shuffles)
	Squanderers	1-3	Infrequents
	Nomads	2-2	Radicals (Radicals win on shuffles)
	Wanderers	2-2	Occasionals (Occasionals win on shuffles)

WANDERERS (2ND TEAM) SEASON REPORT

At the time of writing, the Wanderers have played 22, won 12, drawn 4 and lost 7. This is the first year in a comparable BUCS league, and the players have risen to the challenge. Some of our best hockey has featured in this league, highlights being the last-minute win against Loughborough and the 5-2 win against Lincoln thanks to Joe Chandler's love of goals. This has put me in a rather awkward position: having exalted that 'the league will be over if we win this game' as motivation in the early stages of the league, our unbeaten run has left me speechless. The East League has been far less consistent and somewhat tumultuous it has been tumultuous. We have comfortably beaten teams above us and suffered frustrating defeats from teams below. As with anything, it seemed easy when beating Wapping 3-1 or putting 5 goals past Cam City (who in keeping with the randomness of Division 1 now sit above us) but the grit and resolve of players young and has produce some outstanding hockey in the face of defeat. Nevertheless, we have homed in on our areas of weakness with our esteemed coach Kieran Gilmore - ex-Blues captain - and are fully confident that by the time you are reading this both the 'played' and 'won' columns have gone up simultaneously. We have 11 debuting players at Varsity this year; we have gained two rocks at centre-back in Lewis from the Squanderers and Oli from Bristol 2s, some rapid hands from George Phillips in midfield and two simply adorable freshers up top. The debutants have gone above and beyond the deficit left behind from the outgoing 2018 players and they will be essential weaponry in our battle against the Occasionals. The O's season hasn't been too dissimilar to ours, ensuring today's fateful clash will be a spectacle of grit, focus and intensity.

Harry Leng

Wanderers Captain 2018/19

SQUANDERERS (3RD TEAM) SEASON REPORT

As part of what will hopefully be another successful year for CUHC, the Squanderers hope to achieve their third consecutive victory over their Ox*nian counterparts. With a large contingent remaining from last year's campaign and the addition of some talented newcomers, it is undoubtedly a particularly strong Squanderer XI. This has been aided by excellent coaching from Jim Dickinson and Ed Sides, who have honestly gone above and beyond in their level of commitment, enthusiasm and support this season. After a disappointing end to last year's season, the Squanderers began the season in East Leagues Division 3NW. Strong attendance from the Squanderers at preseason did bode well for the coming year. However, despite having outplayed our opponents frequently, the score at the final whistle hasn't always favoured us. Consequently, some disappointing results have unfortunately dampened our initial aspiration of promotion. Now in the second half of the season, the focus has turned to the annual Varsity fixture. With some convincing wins and a plethora of goals in early January, the tide seems to be turning in our favour, and have started to turn our intermittent spells into full-match performances.

Owain Houghton

Squanderer's Captain 2018/19

BLUNDERERS (4TH TEAM) SEASON REPORT

As the only team to have never lost a Varsity, the Blunderers are CUHC's most successful side, vindicating the decision to expand the franchise two years ago. Having debuted at 2s3s4s Varsity in 2017, the Blundies followed up their shuffle success with a 1-0 win against the Sporadics at Iffley Road last year. The team have since become something of legend; famed for their style, substance and ruthless pursuit of glory. Selected from CUHC's College Academy and the depth of the Squanderers, the team promises to bring the big names in College Hockey to the Varsity stage. The Academy continues to overspill with talent and skill, and CUHC is thrilled that the initiative has proved such a success. Several ex-Blunderers have now graduated to higher teams, demonstrating its near-immediate impact on the club's development. We would like to recognise and thank everyone who has attended Academy sessions this season. A Women's 4th team is the next goal in our quest to build on the ever-growing enthusiasm and strength of hockey in Cambridge. CUHC is immensely grateful to all those who have helped with the Academy and Blunderers coaching: Sam Grimshaw, Ed Sides, Owain Houghton and Elliot Wilde. The Blunderers' success is living proof that Best Day of the Year can always get better still. We have no doubt they'll be starting us off in style at 2s3s4s Varsity.

Liv Shears

CUHC President and Academy Coach 2018/19



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOCKEY SQUAD

2019 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Toby Brooks**
D.O.B. 16/11/97
School Eastbourne College
Year 3rd
Subject Natural Sciences
College Clare
Previous Wanderers
Blues Varsity 2018, Squanderers Varsity 2017
Shirt No. 1

Conversation between Brooks brothers the day after Varsity
Sam: Where's the Varsity trophy Toby?

Toby: What?

S: The trophy. Where's the trophy?

T: I thought you'd already won the trophy

S: You what? No trophy? You f***ing idiot Toby! You total f***ing idiot! You had to win it too you f***ing moron! You cretin! You're a f***-head! That's what you are! A f***ing s***-head!

T: It was a joke, Sam. I was joking. It was a Varsity joke.

S: Oh, I see. Oh

T: Of course I've got the trophy. It's a historic trophy, I took ages winning it from Oxford. I even drank some beer from it last night, it was delicious

S: That looks like a lovely trophy. I'm sorry I flew off the handle a bit.

T: That wasn't very Varsity-y

S: No it wasn't, I apologise

Three years ago today I told you of Sir Maurice Abbot, who departed the Royal Grammar School of Guildford to found the East India Company and become one of the greatest spice merchants of the 17th Century. I also told you of another Old Guildfordian, destined to follow in Abbot's footsteps and become the greatest spice merchant of this century: Matthew Cockerill. The prophecy has been fulfilled, but the voyage is nearing its end; let us take a moment to reflect on this remarkable journey. During Matthew's odyssey there have been many highs: his first sip of Toma; being appointed the Squanderer's Chief of Hockey Advancement Training; inclusion in the Tab's top 100 BNOCs; and, now, his hairline. Inevitably there have also been many lows: being deserted by his fellow fresh; when Cindies stopped serving straws; and, now, the number of hairs on his head. In his quest for the finest spices, Matthew set up trading posts all around the world, from Hong Kong to Singapore, but eventually he found his favourite spice at some place in Portugal. Some of you watching Matthew today will wonder how a man so slow has travelled so far. But there is a reason for this: on his journey the OxP'd forwards have been in his pockets every step of the way, and so they will be today.



Name **Sean Gilmore**
D.O.B. 20/09/98
School Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
Year 2nd
Subject Engineering
College Jesus
Previous 2018
Blues
Shirt No. 69

Sean's reign of captaincy emerged during a time of turmoil, "is he too young to lead?", "Did he threaten Cban with his trained muscle Kieran?", "has he the experience (or the head of hair) to fill Matthew Cockerill's shoes?". These were all valid concerns, with disturbing answers. The supreme leader has battled from revolutionaries on all sides: The People's Freshers and the ramshackle PHDs, the former was set to topple Sean until the suspicious disappearance of the team's treasures, a prized crate of Saturn's, laying waste to Harry's hopes of returning the power to the people. Sean's ruthless approach to his captaincy is paralleled by his fervent hatred of any frivolity; preferring spreadsheets to Bedsheets, shots on target to shots at the bar and a 5k to chest day – a suspicious trait in any man.

He is the centre back, playing behind in the middle and is positioned at the rear on the inside. This is fortunate because Sean doesn't score many goals, but he is quite good at getting the ball off the other team at the times when they have it but we don't. Sean's alleged ability should strike fear into the other players in the fewer shade of blue.



Name **Matt Cockerill**
D.O.B. 27/12/96
School RGS Guildford
Year 4th
Subject Engineering
College St John's
Previous 2016, 2017,
Blues 2018



Name **Fergus McNab**
D.O.B. 15/08/93
School Firrhill High School
Year 4th
Subject PhD Earth Sciences
College Magdalene
Honours Occasionals Varsity 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Previous 2016, 2017,
Blues 2018
Shirt No. 3

Aldous Huxley once quipped, "the secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm". Well, Fergus meets half the criteria: he is unbelievably old. Embracing his unofficial status as Father of the Team, he has cultivated a persona which rejects modern paternal conceptions of care and support for younger members, instead fostering an image of distance, superiority, and downright disdain for the youth of today. Sadly though, what juvenile enthusiasm a fresh-faced Fergus might once have possessed has dissipated like the hair on Matthew Cockerill's head. Perhaps fittingly, Fergus or Feargus is a common Irish or Scottish male given name derived from Scots Gaelic, meaning 'miserable ginge'. However, this stoic exterior obscures a deeper self-confidence only visible in weekly self-MoMs or an occasional muttered comment that, "lads, I was f***ing class today". Today Fergus will be appearing in what many expect (and hope) to be his final Varsity Match. Drawing on his extensive experience of Cambridge defeating O'ford, including when Fergus himself led the Occasionals to an historic 5-0 defeat (nice one, Ferg), McNab will be looking to prove Huxley wrong and display his genius on the hockey pitch.



Name **Ed Tyler**
D.O.B. 31/07/00
School Sir William Bortolose's Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject Geography
College Sidney Sussex
Shirt No. 5

Out of all of the silly freshers that have joined the CUHC family this year, it appeared that Edmund was the least silly. Whilst watching other freshers get it so very wrong in the early days of preseason, the Blues wondered how Ed had managed to escape the multitude of traps set by the veterans of the team. Lo! His inner silliness was finally revealed in his escapades during the last social of term at the Cindois dinner of Christ. In a futile attempt to hide from the embarrassment, he popped into John Lewis and has since picked up a new set of strong curtains recommended by his twin Greg. Having suffered a horrific leg break just over a decade ago, Eduardo has since strongly recovered and embraced CUHC with sheer passion. Possessing a set of skills that are out of this world, ET has asserted himself as a stalwart in the Blues' defence, managing to live up to the high standards that are set by the team. Looking ahead to the match and the Blues need Ed now this afternoon, and we need him more than ever. Safe to say, his performance will cause the spectators to have a total eclipse of the heart.



Name **Hantian Wang**
D.O.B. 27/06/00
Year 1st
School RGS Guildford
Subject Natural Sciences
College Jesus
Honours Futures Cup, HIPAC
Shirt No. 83

Han, Hantian, Wangers, The Owangatan, Obi Wang Kenobi, just a few of the variations of the name of this great bloke. Whether it be at Cindois on a Wednesday or all the way at Malaysia, one can always rely on shapes being cut on the D floor. Long BUCS Wednesdays were a feature of the early part of the season, most notably Plymouth, not that Wang remembers this day after taking it upon himself to acquaint his head with a forwards knee rather aggressively, resulting in multiple asking's of the question "did I score?". No Wang. You didn't. Onto Southgate, and it's a good job he's got the whole world in his hans, because the dark blue forwards Wilby taking up all his pocket space.



Name **Kieran Gilmore**
D.O.B. 28/01/95
School Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
Year 2nd
Subject PhD Earth Sciences
College St Catharine's
Previous Blues 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Shirt No. 10

Kieran is now the team's longest serving member, although you wouldn't know it from his tiny calves. After a mediocre academic return from his undergraduate studies, the offer of a PhD turned a few heads in CUHC. As a fellow member Kieran's department, where his responsibilities include filling tanks with little beads while trying really hard not to spill any little beads on the floor, I can report that his colleagues are also beginning to question the decision. After a season earning silver coins at Cambridge City Kieran returned to the team this year, demanding to see proof of brother Sean's 2018 Blue and election as captain. On the pitch, he can be recognised by his strong ball carrying and inadequate offerings as third-choice drag flicker. It is often unclear whether Kieran possesses any hockey skills at all, or if he relies completely on brute strength accrued over six years haunting college gyms, but one thing's for sure, those six years have done absolutely nothing for his lower leg definition.



Name **Monty Fynn**
D.O.B. 17/04/96
School Oakham School
Year 4th
Subject Philosophy
College Gonville and Caius
Previous Blues 2016
Shirt No. 13

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.

Sometimes friends make mistakes. Grievous ones that cry out for us to reach out and prove we are true friends. Why? The Union? The Tab? We are too weak to discover the truth by reason alone. Obstinate, yet longing. Constantly glimpsing it: sport at its best and least corrupted, its gentlest and most human, still soaked with the sense of exile. The day misspent, the love misplaced, but inside it the seed of redemption. Nothing is exempt from resurrection. There is no need to talk about it because the truth of what one says lies in what one does, we will discover more about a person in the hour of play than in a year of conversation. A good act does not wash out the bad, nor a bad act the good. Each should have its own reward. V Day. Make fresh mistakes today to correct the errors of the past. Recognise the path you are on, and you have taken a wrong turn. Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.



Name **Matthew Roberts**
D.O.B. 12/10/97
School The Portsmouth Grammar School
Year 3rd
Subject Materials Science
College Queens'
Honours 2017, 2018
Shirt No. 57

This past term, Matt has been unlucky enough to suffer from shin splints. To fill his new-found free time on Mondays and Thursdays, Matt has turned to the second item on his agenda after hockey... chest. In general, a big chest is beneficial for a variety of hockey skills: aerials, hitting and drag flicking (Thom Jackson). As a midfielder who only dabbles in corners, Matt rarely has a chance to show these off. The most tragic consequence of his injury is that his 2019 Cindies attendance rivals that of Ferg McNoob. Rumour has it, however, that he's going to send a huge one tonight to atone for his sins.



Name **Jonathan Parke**
D.O.B. 13/09/97
School Salesian College
Year 2nd
Subject Engineering
College Clare
Honours Wanderers Varsity 2018
Previous 2018
Blues
Shirt No. 21

Occupation: Semi-Professional Golf Caddy
Choice of Weapon: Triceps
Place of Origin: The D floor
Favourite Past-time: Unbuttoning his shirt whilst strawpedding two orange and passionfruit VKs
Previous Honours: Captained South Korea at FIFA World Cup 2010, 2nd best rig in blues after Bill Taylor
Speed: 9/10 - Can chop a pint 'Ella fast, with a personal best of 1 minute, 14.39 seconds
Agility: 5/10 - Sadly can't avoid old habits
Strength: 12/10 - He just is OP JP? No, OP.
Tactical awareness: 3/10 - Gets easily confused between Macclesfield Lane and Glanfield Place as options after a night out
Height: 5 hands 6 inches
Weight: £1,021
Fun fact: Only buys shirts that have an expiry date of two hours after wearing
Motto: "I've become so numb; Can I get an encore, do you want more? (More, more, more)"



Name **Bill Taylor**
D.O.B. 24/06/00
School Exeter College
Year 1st
Subject Natural Sciences
College Homerton
Honours England U18
Shirt No. 9

It's 9 o'clock on a Wednesday; The regular box pours in; There's a young man sitting next to me; Makin' love to his cocktail with gin. He says, "Son, can you pour me another one; I'm starting to feel pretty binned; It's rich and it's sweet, and will cause dirty sheets; If too many cupfuls are chinned." Bill has set a strong example this year for his fellow millennials termed the snowflake generation. The fresh-faced noughties kid has made copious excuses, such as revision, supos and illness, for constant late arrivals to training and missed gym sessions, but all can be attributed to a severe case of the Pousse. This deadly affliction is crippling if not handled carefully but thankfully it's been limited to just the hockey pitch. Bill throws himself into every social occasion often getting pretty Beved and even missed training once for a college bar crawl to firmly staple his party boy rep and questionable commitment to the deals.

So please Bill, Sing us a song, you're the piano man; Sing us a song tonight; Well, we're all in the mood for a victory; And Bill's got us feelin' alright.



Name **Thomas Jackson**
D.O.B. 17/12/93
School Warwick School
Year 3rd
Subject PhD Geography
College Trinity Hall
Previous Cambridge 2016, 2017, Oxford 2015
Shirt No. 14

How to avoid drinking lager
There once was a student called Tom,
Who avoided all beer with aplomb.
If someone did think,
"Tom, fancy a drink?"
He'd say no and move swiftly on.

How to be frail
There was an old lover of hockey,
Who began to be overly cocky.
Despite looking thin,
He shunned Sunday gym,
Now his chest will never be stocky.

How to be a Russian spy
At long last, there can be no debate:
Tom's a traitor, whom Russia did bait.
Whilst with Putin in bed,
Tom says in his head,
"I've got you Theresa, check-mate."

How to beat Oxford
One day in the Varsity Match,
A plan did the Cambridge team hatch,
To score many more goals
Than those poor Oxford souls
And then back the trophy they'd snatch.



Name **Johnny Stauton Sykes**
D.O.B. 12/08/94
School St John Fisher R.C. High School
Year 2nd
Subject PhD Chem
College Jesus
Previous 2015, 2016, Blues 2018
Shirt No. 11

As I sit down to write this profile, I am informed that Johnathan-Staunton-Sykes will not be joining us tonight: neither for beers, nor for fun. But Jean does not hate either of these things, and so to find the real cause of his absence we must investigate further. The laboratory is a good place to look: JS-S spends most of his waking hours producing endless batches of chemicals containing 20+1 hydrogen atoms. But on this occasion he is not to be found here. Johnny has instead opted for beers, etc, and fun with ferg m-nible and another 420 friends (I know, that's a really large number of friends!) There is, however, one thing that Jean enjoys even more than rock climbing with comrade fergie. Jean loves snow. So when the great snowfall of late January came, and all of Cambridge was covered in an icing of white stuff, Jean revelled in the opportunity to draw 1-dimensional shapes everywhere. We all hope the white stuff stays away for 3rd March, where Jean is all set to terrorise the Oxford defence, especially if he has his usual breakfast of Special K and cranberries.



Name **James Campkin**
D.O.B. 10/05/98
School The Portsmouth Grammar School
Year 3rd
Subject Material Science
College Fitzwilliam
Honours Wanderers Varsity 2017
Previous 2018 Blues
Shirt No. 52

It was a warm, sunny morning. In his small room on the outskirts of Cambridge, James Campkin was asleep. You didn't know there was such a thing as a Campkin, did you? Well, there is! Campkins are tall and thin and have arms that stretch and stretch and stretch. Extraordinary long arms! James Campkin was fast asleep. He was having a dream. It must have been a very funny dream because it made him laugh out loud, and that woke him up. He sat up in bed, stretched his extraordinary long arms, and yawned an enormous yawn. James Campkin felt hungry, so do you know what he did? He reached out one of his extraordinary long arms, opened the bedroom door, reached down the stairs, opened the kitchen door, reached into the kitchen cupboard, opened the biscuit tin, took out a biscuit, brought it back upstairs, in through the bedroom door and back to James Campkin in bed. As you can see, it's very useful indeed having arms as long as James Campkin's.



Name **Seb Shaw**
D.O.B. 22/03/00
School Bingley Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject Natural Sciences
College Jesus
Honours Futures Cup
Shirt No. 28

Go into any club from Cambridge to Sheffield and you might hear a familiar sound: "YORKSHIRE! YORKSHIRE! YORKSHIRE!" Standing by himself, eyes closed, head back, crab suit on and heart beat at a lofty 8 bpm, it's just another night for Sebastian Shaw. He leaves a trail of destruction behind him; the piano man crumpled on the floor complaining about a dump tackle, a set of stairs crumbling after meeting Seb's chin and his girlfriend worried sick as he hasn't texted her in all of 12 minutes. We all know Señor Sideburns will go on long into the night, inspired by thoughts of bailing on the deals because "Gee's coomin down," stealing goals, scoring tap-ins, reversing saturns into the carpark and of course his true love Bingley. For Seb, 'The Crab,' Shore it definitely is better down where it's wetter.



Name **Harry Atkins**
D.O.B. 16/02/00
School RGS Guildford
Year 1st
Subject MML
College Clare
Honours JRPC
Shirt No. 93

Any ordinary fresher would be forgiven for taking it despacito when they arrived in Cambridge, avoiding Russian into anything and getting used to the rigour of scholarly life. But Harry Atkins is no ordinary fresher. This enigmatic student of Spanish and Russian is instead rather extraordinary. Spanish is the world's most spoken romance language, and it took no time at all for Harry to utilise this in his pursuit of a certain WBlue, upon the recommendation of his intimate amigo (Vinyl's bouncers might say too intimate) Sill Wilver. It is no wonder that Harry's affection was reciprocated, as Harry has more than just exotic languages up his sleeve. What makes him beautiful you might ask? Maybe it's the way that he smiles at the ground, or the way that he flips his hair. One thing is for certain though: ~~Hept~~ Oxford!



Name **Ed Sides**
Manager

Fans of aging actor and rapper Mark Wahlberg will recall a news story that broke last September outlining his grueling daily routine. What you probably didn't know is that Marky-Mark has nothing on CUHC's own Ed Sides when it comes to the 9 to 5 grind.

2:30am - Wake up
2:31am - Wee in sink
2:32am - Back to bed
11:00am - Wake up, shower, put on as much stash as humanly possible.
12:00pm - Brunch; bacon with egg sides.
1:00pm - Head to library.
1:10pm - Google "systems biology"
1:15pm - Google "4oD"
1:16pm - Binge watch peep show for c. 4 hours. (4 hours Sido? 4? That's insane)
5:15pm - Sqs training. Recycle some of Charlie's drills 'til they all look reasonably tired.
7:00pm - Go see Rich and show off new injuries acquired from falling down the stairs dressed as Matthew Kelly.
7:30pm - Blues Training. Don't go too hard as blunderer's varsity is coming up and he's already told everyone he knows that he's playing GK.
9:30pm - Hawks. Throw around chat for c. 90 mins. Farm burger and a lime-soda. Delicious.
11:00pm - Nightly call with Pyman. Talks until Sally tells him its past his bedtime.
12:00am - Sleep. Sweet dreams of winning on V-Day.



Name **Charlie Bannister**
Coach

The successes so far of this year would not have been possible without the patience and care of our dear coach Charlie Bannister. Never fully appreciated in his Cambridge youth, achieving a batting average of 12, likely non representative of his skill A big influx of freshers has perhaps tricked Charlie into thinking he was still doing his usual job of coaching a bunch of over-exuberant school kids but luckily they've managed to gain a little bit of maturity over their first year at university! Charlie's unique brand of jovial and sometimes brutally honest advice to the team always leaves certain people [particularly the golden oldies of the team, @jean] trying not to giggle at the unfortunate victim of Charlie's criticism but despite this, the wise words are always taken to heart. With his strong influence, there's no need to be worried come 'the University Match' in the knowledge that Charlie will use his superior knowledge to lead the boys to victory.



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CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S BLUES REPORT

The Women's Blues came into the 2018/19 season sitting in a strong position, with many returning Blues, an influx of fresher talent, and the continuation of being coached by Darrel Cassidy. Although some teams could see relegation in the previous season to be a negative, the Women's Blues have approached being in the 1N league differently; as an opportunity to build and regain confidence, and to try out a variety of new formations and tactics. As a result, our performance has developed drastically since the beginning of the year, and we are looking to continue such improvements into 2019. Sitting comfortably at 2nd position in our Saturday league, promotion back into East Prem A is well within our sights.

In BUCS, results look less good on paper. However, with a couple of solid wins under our belts, and continuous improvements as the season progresses, we are far from disheartened. We have taken losses early on in the season in our stride, in the knowledge that we are a different team today in comparison to the one we were back in October.

As for today, off the back of some strong performances and big wins on Saturdays, I am confident that every player on the pitch has built the belief over the season that will translate into the long-awaited re-gaining of the Varsity Trophy.

Hattie Bevan

Cambridge Women's Blues Captain 2018/19



Back row (Left to Right): Mog Lomas, Charlotte Burrows, Olivia Shears, Annalise Whitehead, Mollie Ring, Bethan Moncur, Izzy Austin, Freddie Briscoe, Lucia Corry, Darrel Cassidy.

Front Row: Emma Preston, Lucy Lawrence, Izzy Montgomery, Amy Edwards, Hattie Bevan, Bella Padt, Hatty Darling, Alicia Murphy.

NOMADS (2ND TEAM) SEASON REPORT

After promotion in the Saturday league last year, the Nomads have had a slow start to this season. We have faced difficult opposition in the East Women's League 1N, including the Blues, but despite some unlucky outcomes I'm confident we will turn it around, get the results we deserve and climb higher up the table. We currently sit in the upper half of our BUCS league with tough opposition in Nottingham Trent and Loughborough. We are still in contention for the cup, hoping for a win in the next round to put us in a good position just before Varsity. This year we have welcomed 7 hockey freshers into the team who have been great additions to every line, while bonding seamlessly with the rest of the team via our socials. Double act Matt Jervis and Ollie Duckworth have taken on the Nomads this year and have lived up to the traditions and high standard of Nomad coaching. With three consecutive Varsity wins behind us and having played at such a high standard of hockey this season, Oxford should expect nothing less than our best performance on the 17th.

Rachel Stoner

Nomads Captain 2018/19

BEDOUINS (3RD TEAM) SEASON REPORT

The freshest team in CUWHC, the Beds have, in the course of just two terms, caused me, at the ripe age of 21, to feel like a mother of many...I thought I at least had a good few years yet. These kids live by the motto 'work hard, play hard' and leave those of us who have passed beyond our teenage years to listen in bewilderment at training when they've described their antics of the night before. Motherly fear, therefore, is certainly one emotion I have felt; but the far more prevalent feeling I have had for this group of young women has been total pride. With scores like 8-0, 6-0, 23-0, etc. (with most of those being in our favour) this team is one to watch. Following a gargantuan win of 23-0 in the first half of the season, I knew I was dealing with some pretty extraordinary players when during the half time talk the next week, I was telling them off for being only 4-0 up...sorry girls. The silky hands of Sarah and Fred, combined with the speed and stamina of Dani and Emilia, and the strength of Georgie and Lydia is truly a force to be reckoned with. Every single player is an exceptional talent, and put together, they are (pretty much) unbeatable. On BDOTY, Ox*f*d will be competing against a team of formidable players, fantastic teammates, and fabulous friends, and that should instil great fear in them.

El Robson

Bedouin Captain 2018/19

CUHC WOMEN'S RESULTS

East Prem A

22/09/2018	Sudbury 1	W	5-0
29/09/2018	Cambridge University 2	W	1-5
06/10/2018	Cambridge City 3	W	2-1
13/10/2018	Norwich Dragons 1	W	1-2
20/10/2018	Dereham 1	L	1-2
27/10/2018	Wisbech Town 1	D	3-3
03/11/2018	St Neots 1	W	5-0
10/11/2018	Ipswich – East Suffolk 1	W	3-0
17/11/2018	Ipswich 2	W	1-2
24/11/2018	Bedford 2	W	2-0
01/12/2018	Lowestoft Ladies 1	W	0-4
08/12/2018	Sudbury 1	W	0-1
12/01/2019	Cambridge University 2	W	2-0
19/01/2019	Cambridge City 3	D	0-0
26/01/2019	Norwich Dragons 1	W	7-0
02/02/2019	Dereham 1	P-P	
09/02/2019	Wisbech Town 1	W	5-2

BUCS Prem A South

03/10/2018	Cardiff University 1	L	1-4
10/10/2018	Oxford University 1	L	3-1
17/10/2018	University of Bristol 1	W	2-0
24/10/2018	University of Exeter 1	L	0-4
31/10/2018	University of Bath 1	W	0-1
07/11/2018	Cardiff University 1	L	5-1
14/11/2018	Oxford University 1	L	1-2
21/11/2018	University of Bristol	D	0-0
28/11/2018	University of Exeter 1	L	2-0
06/02/2019	University of Bath 1	L	0-1



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2019 PEN PORTRAITS



Name Hattie Bevan
D.O.B. 27/10/96
School Cheltenham College
Year 3rd
Subject Natural Sciences
College Gonville and Caius
Honours Futures Cup U16-18
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2017-2018
Shirt No. 51

"THR-EE-E, TWO-OO, O-NEE," shouted Hattie, her voice breaking, "CAMBRIDGE!" joined in the team. Captain Chunderpants - No - More strode from the huddle, pleased with her rousing team talk - she had managed to find several hockey-related words starting with 'P' in her thesaurus - genius! The team had developed well this year. Concerned at the strength of her mid-field line, Hattie made the key transfer decision of the season early on, securing fresher Bill. Having reluctantly become right back herself, Hattie was keen to gain defenders so she could sneak up the pitch and utilise her silky skills and extreme 3D zone to maximum effect. In came Ollie, and, after laying the groundwork last year from the Ballare toilets, her mystery Squandie. Though not looking to recruit any forwards, Lewis' persistence secured himself a spot on the bench. Seeing the bigger picture, Hattie wanted more than just to amass talent and, assessing the ranks of the student coaches, settled on Matt. Having single-handedly led the team so well this year, Hattie has been a driving force in shaping the squad and our successes this season. From cancelling hungover Thursday morning fitness (great call!), to flinging in goals (even from right back!), Hattie has led by example and will play a pivotal role in bringing that Varsity trophy back this year.



Name Freddie Briscoe
D.O.B. 03/09/96
School Norwich School
Year 4th
Subject Engineering
College Corpus Christi
Previous Blues JRPC, Blues Varsity 2016-2018
Shirt No. 1

Entering her fourth and final year, and yet still undeniably fresh, Fred knew enough was enough; it was time for a change up. Casting aside her dungarees and Barbour, Fred can now be found sipping her chai latte in Hot Numbers, fully kitted out in fleece and flares (and Varsity puffa. Obvs), a fully-fledged pseudo-architecture student. A seamless transformation it would appear, but no. As Freddie will know from her French classes this term (I know, another questionable Tripos move), 'la vérité est dans le vin', and when she's in Vinyl for longer than 20 minutes, Fred longs for her country bumpkin life. Dreaming of flowing Brooks and sweet Roses, Fred cannot resist the pull of Mother Nature and we hope she is strong enough to journey to suburban Southgate with us today. Though Oxford don't be fooled, for nothing's changed about this girl's talents and she'll be keeping a Dark Blue victory totally out of the question.



Name Morgause Lomas
D.O.B. 05/09/98
School Repton School
Year 2nd
Subject Archaeology
College Homerton
Previous Blues Nomads Varsity 2018
Shirt No. 1

I'm not gonna lie, this kid has taken the blues by storm. Our resident polymath, Mog decided Blues hockey wasn't enough to keep her occupied, so also dabbles in squash, sailing, may ball and theatre when she's not mowing down schoolkids on her commute from Homerton. Not that the distance stops her making star appearances at CUHC socials, most recently enjoying a curry eaten in a traditional style without cutlery. Each week, Mog reveals another cool fact, of which the highlight must be that she owns a motorbike and is planning a biking road trip with the whole Lomas family. To top it off, on the pitch Mog leaps around the goal with acrobatic agility and an incredibly nonchalant attitude. Poor Oxf*rd won't be able to beat this kid, but ya know, we move on!



Name Amy Edwards
D.O.B. 25/11/98
School Victoria College, Belfast
Year 2nd
Subject Engineering
College Gonville and Caius
Honours Ulster U16-U21, Ireland U16
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2018
Shirt No. 3

So what's changed since last year? This Blue, no wait Blue and a Half, is still fresh faced as ever and can frequently be seen roaming the aisles of Sainsbury's hunting for yellow stickers. Despite being a mainsburys regular and living approximately 30 meters from the entrance, Amy is often asked for ID when buying restricted items (eg: tippex, lemsip and paracetamol). This young kale nugget has been a key member of the team, putting in maximum effort both on and off the pitch. Her performance at the alumni weekend game was exceptional, and alongside her javelin skills special mention must also go to her golfing abilities, where she really brings the game to Life. Amy is a very physical player, but don't underestimate her psycho-abilities: any Oxford player should be scared to come near her unless they have time for unlimited chat. GDBO amirite?



Name **Annalise Whitehead**
 D.O.B. 04/03/99
 School The Abbey School, Reading
 Year 2nd
 Subject MML
 College Robinson
 Honours JRPC
 Previous Blues Varsity
 Blues 2018
 Shirt No.12

"You're a legend." - Whitehead, A. (2017/2018/2019)

.... to everyone rip don't feel special.

CUHC treasurer and treasure (and official hair band providerTM), we all love Annalise, the true LEGENDDDDD. Just as she dominates on the pitch, she dominates in every cloob photo, with yellow tongue and VK(s) in hand. If Annalise isn't pulling you into one of these photos, she's papping all the sauce of the night - watch out, strike your best pose. Her skills are not the only enviable attribute she has on the pitch - watch closely and you may see her epic ninja stick twirling skillz. Oxford centre-back, beware: Annabeast is coming to you with her claws, again.

scores the winning goal

"Woop Woop it's the sound of Annalise!!"



Name **Lucia Corry**
 D.O.B. 09/12/96
 School Forest School
 Year 4th
 Subject Management
 College Magdalene
 Honours Futures Cup U18
 Previous Blues Varsity
 Blues 2016-2018
 Shirt No.13

Luc is branching out. Lured into the management world, motivations were questioned - was the financial sector alluring? Was it the proximity to hot numbers/fruice? No. Unfortunately for OxP'd's forward press...and mids...then defenders (and more recently the keepers too), this girl is on the hunt for that Varsity victory. Despite the financial focus of her degree, her fav millionaires remain the M&S variety, consumed exactly 2.2 hours before pb for every BUCS fixture. A lion with razor sharp skills, leopard print legs and an impressive pre-pre-season training (where she went running with Wolves), she lies in wait. As a #fun4thyear (Bradley, 2017), the phrase 'go big or go home' is all to relevant. Despite this, fun-ness is occurring in unexpected outlets; a surprising love of grime is materialising. However, reduced Cindies attendance is all part of the big Varsity plan... Oxford, Lucain Bolt lies in wait, ready to run you off the pitch and D-floor. No One deserves the biggest of V-day victories more, CUHC has been lucky to have this star.



Name **Hatty Darling**
 D.O.B. 05/06/96
 School Malvern College
 Year 4th
 Subject Management
 College Christ's
 Honours JRPC Tier 2 U16-U18
 Previous Blues Varsity
 Blues 2016-2018
 Shirt No.14

5 years ago whilst playing hockey you became my mate,
 I knew it was too much of a coincidence for it not to be fate;

You: "Hey, my names Hatty, nice to meet you"

Me: "Hey, my names Hattie! How do you do?"

You said you were going to Cambridge to study natural sciences,

I thought, jeez that's weird so am I, a mere coincidence or two?

Already on your gap year, I thought it sounded pretty cool,

So I decided to do that too after leaving school.

You got a blue in first year, so I did too, You were secretary in second year, so I decided to be too,

Captain in third year? Yep, you guessed it, me too!

But now are the tables turning? Am I seen as a threat?

Now I'm playing your position, you're taking private lessons,

But nothing can beat Darrel's Friday afternoon sessions.

You hitting me in the head, surely that was part of a bet,

Because Karma wouldn't strike for those who forgive and forget.

All jokes aside, as you are my 'best mate', It would be fun to beat Oxford - they'd be pretty irate.

So let's go out and settle this once and for all,

Then we can kill it at the varsity ball.



Name **Bethan Moncur**
 D.O.B. 06/04/99
 School City of London Freeman's School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Engineering
 College Newnham
 Honours JRPC Tier 2 U17
 Previous Blues Varsity
 Blues 2018
 Shirt No.15

A guide to the Perfect Risotto:

This year Bethan has developed a strong love for this creamy, comforting, Italian dish. Bethan, much like the classic risotto, has been lacking in sauce this term due to leaving the hockey boys behind for a pairing almost as wholesome as the risotto on which it is based. A key feature of the perfect risotto is just a splash of wine. Bethan has this year frequently added a little too much of this key ingredient, leaving her in need of a nap in the fine establishments of the Spoons toilets and leading to the painting of the bike shed with some remnants of such perfect risotto. This dish is, like Bethan, very versatile as she has switched from midfield to becoming a rock in our defence that Oxford are going to struggle to break through. GDBO amirite?



Name **Olivia Shears**
 D.O.B. 19/12/1994
 School Stephen Perse School
 Year 1st
 Subject PhD Geography
 College Jesus
 Previous Varsity 2015
 Blues -2016, Blues Varsity 2017
 Shirt No.16

Sheario, big shears, Flibby, el presidente, Shearsy - all alter egos of the Blues' most experienced forward – Olivia Shears. Her journey to acquiring these various names perfectly chronicles her lengthy CUHC career. "Sheario" arrived at CUHC with two defining features, her sublime hockey playing ability and esoteric sense of style, which remains unchanged and best described as "PE teacher chic". Oversize green ¼ zip fleeces paired with trackies tucked into her hockey socks is a regular highlight of her lookbook. In her third year, the arrival of her sister Izzy flummoxed many with how to distinguish the two, but CUHC wisdom prevailed and they were christened Mini and Big. Little did we know how appropriate this nickname was to be, as Olivia was uncovered to be a past graduate of 'fat camp', and so Hibby was born. More recently, her maturity and excellence as club president convinced many ('cough* Bella) that she was actually paid for her admin. However, with the discovery that she can now technically call herself a 'first year', and a new identity under Darrel's leadership, "Shearsy" unleashed the fresher within at Christmas dinner. It seems that this CUHC veteran still has many more things to learn, but not before she plays and beats Oxford at hockey this Sunday.



Name **Charlotte Burrows**
 D.O.B. 14/03/95
 School Magdalen College School
 Year 6th
 Subject Architecture
 College Jesus
 Honours England U18
 Previous Blues Varsity
 Blues 2014-2016
 Shirt No.19

[PAN TO GRAHAM. APPLAUSE AND CHEERING]. GRAHAM: Hello, hello! Good evening! Welcome, welcome to the Graham Norton Show 119th Varsity Match Special! Later, we'll have music from a dubious DJ and an in-depth chat with side-switching Harriet Moore, but first, time to introduce our opening guest! She's a former Cambridge Blues captain, who once commanded the 'tamest ever' preseason tour to Edinburgh [CHEERING] but now even finds the new CUHC skirts obscenely short and tight [LAUGHTER]. Still possessing the same mellow on-pitch temperament, she's older, wiser, more accomplished [APPLAUSE], and certainly less loose [LAUGHTER AND SOME BOOS]. Returning to CUHC for the chat after a year playing among the likes of Richardson-Walsh and General Baz, she looks on track to give Ox*rd [BOOS] a pretty good game today [CHEERING]. So please give a warm welcome back to the sofa for Charlotte Burrows! [APPLAUSE AND CHEERING]



Name **Emma Preston**
 D.O.B. 02/10/95
 School King Edward VI School, Southampton
 Year 5th
 Subject Medicine
 College Jesus
 Previous Bedouin Varsity
 Blues 2015-2016, Nomads Varsity 2017-2018
 Shirt No.22

Define: sass (see also definition Emma Preston)
 Pronunciation: /sās/
 INFORMAL- NORTH AMERICAN. Origin: mid-19th century-variant of sauce.
 noun: sass
 1. impudence; cheek.
 'a short blonde girl gives sass while applying pre-match Dior lipstick'
verb: sass; 3rd person present: sasses; past tense: sassed; past participle: sassed; gerund or present participle: sassing
 1. be cheeky or rude to (someone).
 'we dream of sassing Ox*rd'
adjective: sassy /saSi/
 1. lively, bold, and full of spirit; cheeky.
 'Do you remember that time 5 years ago when that really sassy fresher refused to go to hospital with that noob fresher who broke her arm on pub golf?'
proper noun (New Zealand origin): Sassy /saEsii/
 1. A small feisty hockey player who has progressed from Bedouin to Blues
 'I'm glad we had Sassy to help sass the opposition today with her sassy skills. I hope she doesn't give too much sass at Vball though, we don't need a repeat of previous club captain Sally Bradley's behaviour.'



Name **Izzy Austin**
 D.O.B. 17/11/98
 School Bradford Grammar School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Medicine
 College Trinity
 Honours JRPC
 Previous Nomads Varsity
 Blues 2018
 Shirt No.40

Izzy is practically perfect – as a first team skier, sick windsurfer and medic, she makes us all want to follow in her tracks. You'll catch her slalomming around players and racing towards the goal. If it's icy she'll get spicy (Padt, B., 2019). She zooms past defenders how she goes round moguls and gets snow board when she doesn't get the ball. They'll all be wiping out as she carves them up and sends the ball sliding across the line. Ski Izzy on the pitch before she's speedily gondola shower après the match - let's hope she remembers all her clothes this time! :o Just as Oxford had snow chance on the slopes, they're sure to have snow chance on the pitch. Oxford are going to be piste off when Izzy whizzes past them all in her bright orange schuss like it's snow problem.



Name **Alicia Murphy**
D.O.B. **19/12/97**
School **The Henrietta Barnett School**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Chemical Engineering**
College **St Catharine's**
Honours **JRPC U18**
Previous **Nomads Varsity**
Blues 2017, Blues Varsity 2018
Shirt No. **42**

Alicia's Parkrun

What is Alicia's parkrun? The hardest course Oxfrd will ever experience.

When & Where? Sunday 3rd March at 1.30 pm @ Southgate Hockey Club.

What does it cost to join in? Financial expenditure: nil; Emotional expenditure: too much for Oxford's budget
How fast do I have to be? Speed is no contest for Alicia's pointy elbows.

Course description: The main site for Alicia's parkrun is in the midfield but with numerous shuttles into Oxfrds 25 and laps around the penalty spot.

Course safety: All Oxford players must be accompanied throughout the course, by a parent or guardian, due to harm that may be caused by Alicia's silky skills.

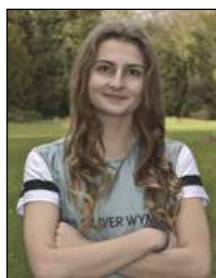
Age grading: All ages allowed but a minimum height of 5 foot required.

Tips: Consume 4 pints of milk the week before; Elaine's (Unanimously voted CUHC's best baker) bakes are the best Parkrun superfood.



Name **Bella Padt**
D.O.B. **23/01/99**
School **Latymer Upper School**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Geography**
College **Emmanuel**
Honours **Futures Cup U16, JRPC Tier 2 U17**
Previous **Blues Varsity**
Blues 2018
Shirt No. **64**

Just like Bella's warm up routine, we are going to keep this brief. Although the sauce has dropped since the addition of a boyf, Bella has continued to be last to training each week with increasingly extravagant excuses; sometimes the bike's too big, sometimes too small, and sometimes she's been held back by the wind. Despite her lack of warm up and late fitness attendance, she more than makes up for it with her sweaty routines on the D floor and running to the doob under captain's orders whatever the consequences...sorry cindies bar. Inevitably BPeazy followed in her big sister's DJ footsteps, and brings the tunes (and groovy moves in her disco l eggings) to training...when she remembers to charge her speaker. Despite her messy night life, Bella is a weapon on the pitch and Oxford better watch out for Rabbit 64. If she manages to stay on her feet, she'll delete Oxfrd with her lethal 3D skills and speedy sprints.



Name **Mollie Ring-Hrubesova**
D.O.B. **23/03/00**
School **Nonsuch High School for Girls**
Year **1st**
Subject **Architecture**
College **Murray Edwards**
Honours **JRPC**
Shirt No. **84**

A fresh sesh with mollimoo:

11:31pm: On the BUCS bus Mol awakens from a nap, does a cheeky bit of flirting with her toe to grab herself a seat next to Sean

12:03am: Off the bus and straight into Wednesday cindies, stripping off her fleecy trackies into her freezing lil shorts

1:27am: time for some sauce to spice up the night, from Silver in Prague to Harry in Sheffield who turned into a secret and then known bf

1:58am: seb the hell r u

2:02am: gives Campkin her wallet so she can focus on her iconic moves

3:00am: last one standing from CUHC

3:15am: Mollie arrives at van of life but can't find her wallet, Campkin has lost it! 'Campaign you eeej you're acc so silly!!'

4:00am: straight into bed and no need to change, as Mollie is always dressed for a nap

4:01-8:52am: Mollie dreams of CUHC, her silky skills and wowwww goals

8:53am: Mollie speeds down the hill to make her 9am and build some things



Name **Izzy Montgomery**
D.O.B. **24/02/00**
School **Dean Close School**
Year **1st**
Subject **Geography**
College **Queens'**
Shirt No. **87**

Minty fresh:

At Wilby last year Monty did ar-rive

all keen and fresh she made a cor-ner hers

In all short cor-ners mon-tys goals did thrive

Run-ning up stairs? No pasta she prefers

Vod-ka, gin, rum? Nah mate she'll pop the pilz

M D ask thee! Al-as tis just caff-eine

Red bull a-lone brings out the dan-cing skilz

let her be wild for she is but a teen

But catch her with the evil in her eyes

To yodel darrel asked her and they fought

Beware the snakey tackle in disguise

Give it early! Run mont! And offer short!

While giving oxford chat in bed she lie

Let's hope she does not sleep till meet is high



Name **Lucy Lawrence**
D.O.B. **08/10/99**
School **St Peter's School, York**
Year **1st**
Subject **Linguistics**
College **Trinity Hall**
Honours **JRPC**
Shirt No. **89**

Lucy Lawrence-Wikipedia
Early Life: Lucy is allegedly from Yorkshire (just as Bath are allegedly top of the league) although the accent is missing.

Early Career: After abstaining from preseason, Pocahontas chilled in the nomads until her sik skilz were scouted by Disney fan Darrel.

Current career: Lucy makes sure that her blues career takes precedence over her alleged "linguistics" degree showing her commitment by never meeting a deadline and asking for an extension on every essay. If only Lucy could look after the first aid kit as well as she looks after the ball.

Family and friends: A bit of a BNOC: friends with every1 from Helen Richardson-Walsh to the owner of Gloucester services.

Other Interests: Dabbles in a little varsity squash.

Scandals: A cheeky bit of PMB at Selwyn snow ball caught up with Lucy with a unaniDOD and an early morning visit from the porter. She had a Roaring time at cindies and managed to hide this sauce behind the bar.



Name **Clare Marsh**
Manager

Clare was swept away from HMS Lion by a rogue wave early in the season's crossing (surfing 1: Clare 0) – a predicament that threatened to leave Captain Battie Heaven all at sea. But thankfully for all, Clare did not abandon ship; and with the help of right-hand man Rich Luddington, has been able to remain on board to navigate the team through the season. Although experiencing extended periods of plain sailing, conditions have been variable on the CuhSea (Good, occasionally poor; squally showers at times). But like a light blue light-house, Clare has been there to help Capitan Beverley and Admiral Cassidy steer us through any choppy waters. Her level-headed demeanour and tactical nous have proven to be a fine addition to the helm. In fact, the ship has been noticeably less stable on the night passages through the infamous Channel de Cindoirs (Southwesterly gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 for a time. Fair, occasionally very rough later) when Clare is off-duty and Captin BatHev has a tendency to reach for the bottle. It'll be all hands on deck for both Blues today, and there's nobody else we'd rather have manning the Bridge.



Name **Darrel Cassidy**
Coach

If Darrel had to be any kind of fruit, he certainly wouldn't be a lemon. CUHC's resident Kiwi, and legendary All Black International player, returned to coach the Women's Blues for the 2018/19 season to build upon the foundations he laid in the second half of last season. King of the nicknames, there is no escaping his affectionate side, and he has not escaped ours, earning the nicknames Carol and Caz Daz early this season. However, on the side-line, Carol's feisty side transforms him into a bit of a dragon(fruit); his loud shouts, including his trademarks 'be still' and 'give it early', have both terrified oppositions and spurred us on to some great performances this season. Under his lead the Women's Blues have been transformed into Oranges, matching performances put in by Darrel's idols, the Dutch National Team, and there is no doubt they will put in a stellar performance today. Orange on the pitch, Kiwi on the side and light blue at heart, the Women's Blues are hoping to do Darrel proud in the 119th Varsity Match.

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UPDATE ON THE WILBERFORCE ROAD HOCKEY CENTRE

The new hockey facilities at Wilberforce Road were opened on Sunday 7th October by Bernie Cotton MBE. Thanks to the generosity of Chris and Sarah Field, the two new sand dressed artificial pitches have created a three pitch hockey facility that will be the envy of hockey clubs not just in the region but across the country. New lighting and fencing have provided a fantastic facility for watching and playing hockey.



Chris and Sarah’s donation – the largest ever for sport to the University of Cambridge – comes through their association with Cambridge City Hockey Club. The centre is buzzing on Saturdays and throughout the week with both CCHC and CUHC teams able to play and train at similar times.



A second phase to create better changing space and to enhance the facilities for both hockey and athletics in the pavilion will start soon. Funding for the project from Cambridge City Council will help with this, and CUHC will be asking alumni to consider giving to make the Wilberfortress even better.



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Hockey at King Edward's School, Birmingham

Hockey is thriving at King Edward's School and in recent years' teams have progressed to the England Hockey National Finals, with the U16 team taking the runners-up spot in 2016. Players regularly take part in England Hockey's player pathway and a number of players play National League hockey at weekends.

As one of the School's major games, hockey is played in all year groups. At U12 level, hockey is offered as a club in the evenings with matches operating throughout the autumn and spring term, and from U13 level upwards hockey is a games option. There is a Senior tour every two years, this year to Holland, with recent destinations including South Africa and India, and a junior tour within the UK or Europe.

Coaching in the sport is at the highest level and Director of Hockey is former England 'A' and more recently England Masters O35s, Andrew Langlands. Other international players and coaches are employed throughout the year in order to offer specialised coaching. A number of the teaching staff also make a significant contribution to the coaching of hockey and we have current and ex National League hockey players within the School, including former GB International and double Olympian James Fair.

The facilities for the game are exceptional. A high specification astro hockey pitch and pavilion, which opened in September 2015, provides a professional standard facility. We also have shared use of two full-sized, sand-filled hockey pitches on site and a further half-sized astroturf pitch for additional training. A new sports centre opened in January 2019 with space for a full-sized indoor hockey pitch.



We would like to congratulate a number of Old Edwardians who have already enjoyed success in their respective Varsity matches. Vishal Aurora was MVP for the triumphant 3rd XI team, which was coached by Tom Claughton. Sam Greenbank coached the 2nd XI to victory, which was captained by Rory Kenny-Herbert, who also coached the successful 4th XI. Both Tom and Sam will play in today's Varsity Match and we wish them the best of luck.



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RGS GUILDFORD HOCKEY

Hockey at the RGS is thriving and is the major sport for all boys during the Lent Term, as well as being an option for older boys during the Michaelmas Term.

Matches take place on Saturdays, with the School regularly putting out 22 teams from the 1st XI to the Under 12D team. A sport-for-all philosophy is central to the School's aims as the RGS aims to provide opportunity for any boy who wishes to play hockey. The coaching focus is primarily on the development of the individual (the process) rather than results (the outcome) particularly in the lower school. After-school and games sessions take place throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms to help each individual reach their potential.

The School is fortunate to have some outstanding facilities available, with the School's floodlit, on-site astroturf as well as shared use of Guildford Hockey Club and their two fantastic pitches. The RGS plays on a wonderfully competitive circuit; despite the competitiveness of the circuit, the RGS enjoys enviable success in fixtures, highlighted by the 1st XI winning 20 and drawing just three of their 26 fixtures last year. Notably, the Under 15C team have also lost just once in three years! The Under 15s are current County Champions, while the Under 14 and Under 18s were runners-up in last year's Surrey Cup competitions. Numerous boys achieve National, Futures Cup, JRPC, JDC and JAC recognition as well as breaking through into senior National League Hockey.

There are currently 23 staff coaching hockey at the RGS with a wealth and variety of hockey experience, including representation at this year's Commonwealth Games in Australia for Wales, England A level, England U21, National League, England U16 and Oxford and Cambridge Blues. RGS uses the latest technology to assist with the coaching and development of players, with video analysis being used extensively.

In addition to the traditional school fixtures, there is a bi-annual tour to the Southern Hemisphere for senior boys; 32 boys spent 15 days in Singapore and Malaysia last summer, with the same tour been planned for 2019.



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Hockey is the core sport for girls during the Michaelmas term and the Lent term for boys. Pupils enjoy access to hockey clinics all year round through our extra-curricular programme. And our mixed hockey summer programme keeps the keen hockey players involved.

The school boasts a large number of county and regional players throughout the age groups and our teams consistently compete at regional level or above.

Recent successes:

Girls:

- 1st XI – County Champions 2013-2017, national playoffs 2016. Tier 2 National finals 2018-19.
- U14 – national finalists 2017 & 2018-19.

Boys:

- 1st XI – National $\frac{1}{4}$ final of cup 2017.
- Indoor: U16 National finalists.
- U14 – regional finals 2015-2018.

Mr Robert Sorrell, Head of Hockey

Mr Sorrell joined the school in 2013 having played in Holland whilst also working as a professional coach at Kampong HC. During his time at Norwich, Mr Sorrell has coached the Ladies 1st XI at Harleston Magpies in the National League East Conference (2016-2018). He has worked with Pennine Pumas at HiPAC (2016), is a coach in the boys Bury Performance Centre (2018) and is an assistant coach to the Welsh U18 girls squad (2018-).





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1973	Stowe	4 - 0	Canford
1974	Kingston GS	6 - 0	Dean Close
1975	Marlborough	4 - 1	The Leys
1976	Greshams	9 - 2	St Lawrence
1977	Felsted	2 - 2	Wellington College
1978	Whitgift	0 - 2	Calday Grange
1979	Cranleigh	4 - 0	Framlingham
1980	Magdalen CS	0 - 2	Bishop's Stortford
1981	Langley Park	2 - 1	Chatham House
1982	Dulwich	1 - 1	St Edwards, Oxon
1983	Canford	1 - 1	Stowe
1984	Oakham	1 - 1	Bedford
1985	Charterhouse	0 - 3	Wellington College
1986	Cheltenham	0 - 0	Dean Close
1987	Kingston GS	5 - 1	Taunton School
1988	Cranbrook	1 - 6	RGS High Wycombe
1989	Whitgift	2 - 2	Tonbridge
1990	Kingston GS	3 - 1	Marlborough
1991	Stowe	2 - 1	Cranleigh
1992	Felsted	3 - 0	Radley
1993	Cheltenham	1 - 3	Bradfield
1994	Wellington College	3 - 0	KCS Wimbledon
1995	Whitgift	2 - 4	Greshams
1996	Charterhouse	0 - 3	Canford
1997	Monkton Combe	2 - 3	St Edwards, Oxon
1998	Dulwich	5 - 1	Radcliffe College
1999	Stowe	0 - 1	Framlingham
2000	Kingston GS	5 - 1	Marlborough
2001	Eastbourne	1 - 3	Felsted
2002	Cranbrook	2 - 2	The Leys
2003	Uppingham	2 - 2	Whitgift
2004	Charterhouse	4 - 2	Wellington College
2005	Gresham's	11 - 1	Marlborough College
2006	Eton College	4 - 2	Loretto
2007	Tonbridge	2 - 2	Bishop's Stortford
2008	Abingdon	1 - 2	Cranleigh
2009	Worksop	6 - 1	St Georges' College
2010	Repton	0 - 2	RGS Guildford
2011	Oakham	0 - 4	Whitgift
2012	Perse	3 - 1	Magdalen College
2013	Churchers	7 - 0	Birkdale
2014	Reeds	3 - 1	Kingston GS
2015	Charterhouse	2 - 0	Cheltenham
2016	Eastbourne	2 - 4	Norwich
2017	Repton	4 - 4	Warwick

GIRLS SCHOOL MATCH – THE LOCHHEAD CUP

2008	St Edwards, Oxon	2 - 1	Cheltenham Ladies
2009	Bablake	1 - 3	King's Warwick
2010	Greshams	0 - 1	Clifton
2011	Oakham	4 - 1	Epsom
2012	Marlborough	2 - 2	Rugby
2013	Churchers	0 - 5	Oundle
2014	Norwich	2 - 1	Cheadle Hulme
2016	Eastbourne	10 - 1	Magdalen College School
2017	Belfast Academy	3 - 2	Reeds

MALVERN COLLEGE

Hockey is a major sport at Malvern College. Our pupils have dedicated, expert coaching and fantastic facilities. The facilities at Malvern allow us to run a range of senior and junior teams for outdoor and indoor competitions. We have a new water-based pitch alongside a sand dressed artificial pitch and enviable indoor hockey facilities in our state-of-the-art sports complex.

Hockey is played throughout the year. The main hockey term for girls is in the autumn but continued development takes place throughout the Lent and Summer terms, with Malvern entering a team into the Stourport Hockey Club Summer League each year. Our five senior teams and five junior teams play competitive matches on a regular basis against a developing fixture list. The boys' Hockey outdoor season is scheduled for the Lent term. We pride ourselves on the development of all players from our school Development Teams through to international standard and pupils regularly play for their respective countries.

Malvern also considers their indoor hockey to be at a very competitive level with U18 and U16 teams reaching national finals on a regular basis.

We are very proud of our coaching staff. We have a number of coaches who have played and coached Hockey at both National Premier League and International levels (indoor and outdoor). Our Head of Hockey, Mark Moss (Current England Hockey Over 35's Men's Head Coach and Wales Senior Women's Coach Commonwealth games Glasgow 2014), is in charge of all hockey coaching at the College.

We wish Old Malvernian, Hatty Darling, the best of luck in today's match.





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