

118th Varsity Hockey Matches

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Match Programme

9.30am (water)

Men's Old Blues Match for the Lawless Trophy
Mike Hudson & Philip Everett

9.30am (sand)

Women's Old Blues Match for the Boizot Cup
Julie Pearce & Sanjay Batra

11.00am (sand)

Schools Match (boys): RGS Guildford v Elizabeth College, Guernsey
for the Bogdan Cup
Sue Row & Chris Row

12.30pm (sand)

College Supercuppers
Downing College (Cambridge) v Worcester College (Oxford)
Paul Sexby & Richard Pink

1.30pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Women's Match
Teresa Jolley & Lena McRea
Match Official: Janet Sutton

3.30pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Men's Match
Jake Charles & Jamie Hooper
Match Official: Chris Row

Announcer

David Lloyd Williams

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Welcome to the 118th Varsity Hockey matches

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

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The Dark Blues bring both trophies down the M40 to be with us today.

Oxford won the Mens match in 2017 on shuttles after a thrilling, seesaw 2-2 draw. It was their 46th win of the series. The Light Blues still lead the series by a margin of seven, 53 to 46, with 18 matches drawn.

In the Ladies match, the Dark Blue Ladies retained the trophy in 2017, beating Light Blues 4-0 last year. Cambridge lead the series by five, 49 wins to Oxford's 44. There have been 24 draws.

Congratulations to all 64 squad members. Enjoy your day. You will not forget it. It is 35 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 2053.

It is the sixteenth 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

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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.

Dita is proud to sponsor today's match balls

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 sixteenth time, the game is being played at Southgate. This is the twenty fourth game to be played on an artificial surface, including the rearranged games in 1986 at Cambridge and at Willesden in 1990.

PREVIOUS MEN'S MATCH RESULTS

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

| Played: 117 | Cambridge: 53 | Oxford: 46 | Drawn: 18 | Goals: Cambridge: 226 | Oxford: 220 |

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				
1940	Oxford				

| Played: 117 | Cambridge: 49 | Oxford: 44 | 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. 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, *for the men*, 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.

Mike Barford



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 Marcon-Dyer club was founded in OUHC's 125th year, with the aim of securing the club's continued success through strengthening ties with alumni. It was superb to see alumni from many generations at the anniversary dinner at Lord's last year, and we look forward to seeing many more at Iffley in the Summer for the Alumni matches. Alumni increasingly help the club through regular giving, and we would particularly like to thank all those members who donate to OUHC. Your generosity ensures that current and future students will be able to enjoy moments like today, regardless of means. If you are considering donating to OUHC, please contact Duncan Graves (duncan.graves@gmail.com), or visit the alumni section of the OUHC website.

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 £19,500.

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 aims to provide information to alumni about Varsity matches and significant updates occurring at CUHC. Fear not, you won't receive a weekly email with training schedules! Furthermore, each year the Vann Club aims to hold an alumni weekend including dinner on Saturday night and "old" boys and girls matches on the Sunday. This year's games were held on a chilly 14th January and saw close fought Men's Blues, Women's Blues and Wanderers games. The night before also saw a Gala Dinner at Jesus College to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the first women's Varsity Match followed by a very successful social (which in no way affected the quality of the hockey).

Members are asked to make an annual donation to the club via standing order. The funds raised will be used to help pay for Varsity Matches and for developments at the Wilberforce Road hockey ground and pavilion. In recent years Vann Club funds have been used to install restored sets of honours boards at the Wilberforce Road pavilion and 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>.



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC MEN'S BLUES

The Men's Blues were fortunate enough to only lose four players from the 2016/17 season squad, with several of last year's Occasionals also showing promise and previous blues returning from injury and years abroad. Thus, before preseason had even started, we had a strong foundation on which to build our team for the current season. Unsurprisingly, the team showed promise from early on in preseason, continuing the controlling, but attacking, hockey that brought us much success last year, picking up solid results against club and university teams alike.

The first half of the season brought with it a mixed bag of results and performances on Saturdays, with some brilliant performances against Oxford Hawks and Milton Keynes, picking up key victories. On the other hand, many potential points were dropped in a span of 5 games with no wins. Nevertheless, a dominating set of BUCS fixtures ensured the team remained positive, as we scored 33 goals in 7 games, conceding only 6, including a win against the tabs.

After the Christmas break, another strong couple of games on Wednesdays ensured that the Men's Blues had secured the BUCS league title, and a spot in a playoff game for promotion, with 2 games to spare. Perhaps as important for the team, however, was a switch to a more secure set-up at the back, which has allowed us to be more consistent in Saturday matches, conceding fewer goals and giving us a stronger foundation on which to base our flair and fast-paced attacks.

Having sewn up the BUCS league so early on in the season, and improved our performances on Saturdays, the Men's Blues are feeling confident in the run-up to Varsity. The team are hopeful to repeat the outcome of last year's match - preferably within 70 minutes this time.

Andrew Oxburgh
Captain 2017/18



Back row, left to right: T. Barrett, T. Williams, A. Copestake, T. Cloughton, A. Hughes, J. Buckeridge, N. Leach.

Front row: H. Taylor, A. Fanthorpe, G. Oyeboode, A. Oxburgh, J. Dannatt, J. Keelin.

Not present: C. Magowan, R. Kavanagh, N. Francis, J. Schiel.

SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION 1 2017/18

30/09/2017	Oxford Hawks	3-1	W
07/10/2017	Indian Gymkhana	5-3	L
14/10/2017	Henley	6-3	W
21/10/2017	Old Cranleighans	3-1	L
28/10/2017	Winchester	4-4	D
04/11/2017	London Wayfarers	3-3	D
11/11/2017	Bromley & Beckenham	2-2	D
18/11/2017	Horsham	2-2	D
25/11/2017	Milton Keynes	5-2	W
02/12/2017	London Edwardians	2-0	L
13/01/2018	Oxford Hawks	8-2	L
20/01/2018	Indian Gymkhana	4-2	W
27/01/2018	Henley	2-1	W
03/02/2018	Old Cranleighans	2-0	L
10/02/2018	Winchester	3-0	W
17/02/2018	London Wayfarers	5-3	L

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18/10/2017	Canterbury Christ Church	6-1	W
25/10/2017	Cambridge	2-1	W
01/11/2017	Bath 2s	2-0	W
15/11/2017	Cardiff	6-2	W
22/11/2017	Bath 3s	10-0	W
29/11/2017	Exeter 2s	4-1	W
24/01/2018	Canterbury Christ Church	8-0	W
31/01/2018	Bath 2s	2-1	W
14/02/2018	Loughborough 3s	4-2	W
21/02/2018	Cardiff	3-2	L

OUHC OCCASIONALS SEASON REPORT (MEN'S 2s)

The Occasionals have had some large personnel changes, with 6 Is and 5 Freshers joining the ranks, the team had to gel quickly and this started with two fun pre-season tours to Leeds and Croydon; one involving a boat race and one with gang warfare. This was essential preparation as, following last year's promotion, we moved up into the much tougher London Division 1.

This year the Os had an uncharacteristic start to the season with a huge away win at Indian Gym, a first for the Occasionals and for our coach Mark Rutherford. We followed that up with our first ever away win at the Hampstead and Westminster rubber crumb. Our results have been stellar so far, 1 loss, 1 draw and 14 wins puts us top of the league and requiring only 1 more win to secure the league and promotion to London Prem. In BUCS we have had a similar story with 1 loss, 1 draw and 6 wins to put us top, in a league we were fighting for survival in last year. So we are in an excellent position to push for the double promotion.

Our prolific form has made the O's forwards the top buys in this year's fantasy league. Despite only one clean sheet, we are looking to break all records and are charging towards the quintuple. A huge amount of credit must go to the Rudder, his commitment to the team has been key to our success and helped us avenge last year's Varsity defeat with a resounding 3-1 win over the Wanderers.

Johann Perera

Captain 2017/18

INFREQUENTS' TEAM REPORT (MEN'S 3s)

In stark contrast to previous Is seasons we actually started the 2017/18 season with a 5-0 win, whilst this started us off with a bang in terms of our league position, the fact that it was a walkover meant we would have to wait a while longer for our first win on the pitch.

Normality quickly resumed, as with every I's season we have come into the year thinking we will have a fair few familiar faces, only to discover that our maths was wrong, and that we only have 2 or 3 returning players. This year, the number of returning players from last year's Varsity squad was 3.

As a result, we have a lot of fresh blood in our side, with a grand total of 15 hockey Freshers in the squad and a few people moving up from the Sporadics. Thus, the start of the year was always going to be a challenge, and challenging it proved. Early doors we showed signs of what we were capable of and lost several games by the narrowest of margins, as we might have expected we took time to gel as a unit but eventually we came together to win our first game of the season with a thumping 7-2 victory over Hampstead and Westminster 5s, following this up with a 3-0 win over Teddington away, our highlight of the season so far.

We were unfortunately beaten by the Squanderers 3-1 but have continued to gel and showed signs of what we are capable of. It is now time to push on, get a run going Bucs and in the Saturday league and end the season on a high.

Fergus Neve

Captain 2017/18

SPORADICS (MEN'S 4TH)

The Spos have had a good start to the season. The large influx of Freshers has brought a new life to the team. We started the season with a number of draws against some of the top teams in the league and this set the tone for the season. We currently sit in 9th, but being only 3 points off 3rd, our position is nowhere near determined and we hope to push into the top half of the league as the season progresses. We have been unlucky in many of these games as we often dominated possession, however, we did not take our chances and only managed to put 1 or 2 balls in the back of the net; something we are looking to change for the rest of the season.

As the team is still only in its infancy we have continued to integrate into the club. Predominantly through many team socials, inevitably culminating in multiple nights spent in Hockey corner. Throughout the season we have aimed to bring our hockey ability in line with our social prowess. We were unfortunate to lose to the Blunderers 1-0 in a game we dominated for large portions but hope to end the season on a high with a good run in the League.

Dom Allen

Captain 2017/18



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Previous Blues Hockey Blue 2017
Shirt No. 0

Second year George has been enjoying Oxford life as usual however has seen a slight transition in character from Michaelmas to Hilary. Michaelmas George could be spotted out in Park End week in week out. Whether that be throwing shapes in VIP, in the medical room or in the club's surrounding shrubbery - the social Oyeboode was about. If not in Park End, find him all around Exeter college: the founder's garden, the scenic mound or even the JCR kitchen. Hilary George, however, will often be spotted cycling to and from the social sciences library, heavily bearded and shlid in tact. The un-groomed Oyeboode is finally having to put in a shift of work after a playful year and a half at Oxford.



Name Thomas Claughton
D.O.B. 24/01/96
School King Edward's School, Birmingham
Year 4th
Subject Italian & French
College Magdalen
Previous Blues : Blues Hockey Varsity 2015, 2016; Full cricket Blue 2015, 2016
Shirt No. 20

Thomas 'TC' Claughton is terminally single. At first, this may seem inexplicable, taking in his chiselled jawline and Adonis-like figure. On closer inspection, his tragic loneliness may not be as surprising. If you let your attention travel away from his bulging quads and sculpted torso, you find yourself shocked by the juxtaposition of the lid sat atop such a fine visage. Although not quite a demi-shlid, his hairline shows signs of desertification and is lacking direction and purpose. In addition, 'Tom' has a wardrobe that can only be described as nauseating. His collection of blue and plum shoes is just about bearable, but 'that shirt' is enough to put Andrew Oxburgh off his steak on sight. Sadly, his grace on the hockey pitch does nothing to catch eligible eyes. Despite his ability to plié and pointe, he is as graceful as an elephant. Lets just hope this snake can steal someone's loved one tonight.



Name Jadon Buckridge
D.O.B. 21/09/97
School The Portsmouth Grammar School
Year 2nd
Subject Philosophy, Politics and Economics
College Mansfield
Previous Blues Hockey Blue 2017
Shirt No. 5

Quite fitting for a Mansfield student, Jadon is more of a sideman than anything else. No one really knows why. Maybe it is due to his quest to fill Tom William's shoes as the most boring member of the Oxford Hockey Club. Maybe it's his inherent rejection of anyone not born on the quiet and peaceful Isle of Wight. One of the very few students who still proudly supports Brexit despite studying PPE. Alas, he should know better. Despite all of that, he has an enviable girlfriend? While he is undoubtedly punching above his weight, he somehow manages to pull it off. Maybe his one "friend" Jacob can learn something from him after all.



Name Nicholas Leach
D.O.B. 12/07/96
School The Perse
Year 4th
Subject Physicsy
College Lincoln
Previous Blues Hockey Blue 2015
Shirt No. 2

These excerpts from Leach's club emails say all you need to know about the President: "Congratulations to all the "DEPLORABLES" and the millions of people who gave me a MASSIVE landslide victory." "Big win today for the MB's. The crooked committee want to raise subs much higher, but not for our boys in Blue!" "MB's League attendance and ratings are way down. Boring games yes, but many stay away because they love our club. MB's should back their club and go out on a Wednesday. If not, YOU'RE DROPPED. Find something else to do." "Ryan Kavanagh is a friend of mine but he is such a negative force when it comes to organising a tour. SAD!" "Pitch could be the coldest on record. Perhaps Ifley could use a little bit of that good old Global Warming! Matches cancelled, very very bad!" "We ARE making OUHC great again!" #MOUHC GA #OXFORD-FIRST



Name **Thomas Williams**
D.O.B. 04/05/94
School Epsom College
Year 2nd
Subject Chemistry
College Balliol
Previous Cricket 2013,
Blues 2014, Hockey
2015, 2016,
2017
Shirt No. 7

Thomas Williams (a.k.a. Thomas, Tom, Mr. Williams, Twillo, Marcus Mariota) is a walking juxtaposition. He is entirely unique in that he is mean to which the rest of the world regresses. This of course is neither a good nor a bad (such value judgements imply some departure from his statistically fixed state of being) – except perhaps in that it makes his profile very easy to write. Look at his picture, make a judgement, sit on the fence, you are correct. Note: If the name Twillo seems surprisingly colourful for such a relentlessly un-colourful man, the reader may be interested to know that it is a self-styled mononym in homage to Allison Hannigan's character from Buffy the Vampire Slayer. (Look at when the show was popular - this one is actually true.)



Name **Conor Magowan**
D.O.B. 26/11/96
School The Perse School
Year 3rd
Subject Engineering
College New
Previous Hockey Blue
Blues 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 99

Do you think you're the best player in the team? Who do you think is the worst player in the team? Should I do a DPhil in Machine Learning or devote myself to cryptocurrency investing? Why didn't you just score your shuffle? These are just some of the characteristic bodyline questions master-of-small-talk Megawang has thrown down to lighten the mood in the front row of the minibus. As the saying goes, never talk about religion, politics or hemi-demi-semi-shlds in a Varsity Profile, so suffice it to say that he's got 99 Swag and is the one in the wavy garms. Good luck finding some answers, Cambridge.



Name **Arthur Hughes**
D.O.B. 28/10/98
School King's College School, Wimbledon
Year 1st
Subject Geography
College St Peter's College
Honours Regional U17, U18

Arthurs dogged nature in midfield is matched by his antics off the pitch. He has been known to have '1 or 2 with the boys', but that's never caused his commitment to the club to be lacking and with a 100% attendance rate at socials it can be said with some confidence that Arthur is a valued member of the club. Although he regularly claims, "I'm actually not that dumb", after walking into a door or some such thing, it has to be believed that his shaggy hair and dopey allure were what made him and geography perfect for each other. Recently Arthur announced that he can't actually see when on the hockey pitch due to his long locks, on making this declaration he revealed his Rambo headband, hopefully Arthur will continue to channel this alter ego on the hockey pitch for the final weeks of the season.



Name **Thomas Barrett**
D.O.B. 21/09/91
Year 4th
Subject Atomic and Laser Physics
College Balliol
Honours Regional U16, U18
Previous Hockey Blue
Blues 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 8

Tom (Baz to his 'mates') has finally calmed down after three long years of boozing. Gone are the days of crawling out of clubs at 3am, or leaving boozy lunches at Spoons (other pubs are available) for hockey training, and in are the days of being tucked up in bed at 10 p.m. with a protein shake for a 7a.m. gym session. Despite this, he has still maintained his reputation of hating the boys, preferring to spend his time playing with lasers than match boxes and never spending longer at training and matches than is strictly necessary. On the flip side, he has managed to keep Ryan in his pocket for the entire season and we are all grateful that Tom has taken him off our hands.



Name Ryan Kavanagh
School Whitgift School
Year 3rd
Subject Physics
College Worcester
Honours Regional U18
Previous Blues Hockey Blues 2016, 2017, Modern Pentathlon Blue 2016

This year Ryan has become a film star. After failing to perform on the pitch, he has been forced to turn to performing on screen. Specifically notable was Ryan's leading role in Khido Khundi, a Bollywood hockey epic following the struggles of a vertically challenged overseas player whose sense of adventure stops at korma. The role required Ryan to scuff reverse passes and miss an open goal; he did not have to do much acting. Naturally the film is receiving critical acclaim, with Ryan's performance described as 'Gimli meets AstroTurf'. This is Ryan's fourth film, having also starred in 'The Shortshank Redemption', 'Good Nibble Hunting' and 'Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Shlid'. The renowned Flat-Earther will no doubt be followed by hoards of fans at the match today - make sure you go and get his autograph.



Name Andrew Fanthorpe
D.O.B. 09/10/95
School Trinity School, Croydon
Year 4th
Subject Classics
College St Benet's Hall
Honours Regional U18
Previous Hockey Blue 2016, 2017

Andrew Fanthorpe is known by many an alias: Fanners, M.C. Fanbo, vulva. No name quite sums up this bloke quite as well as 'Rainman', which reflects the high moisture-level of this wetter. Fanners is known to get a bit messy on anything over 5 pints, and struggles to stay in the club, if he makes it that far, past midnight. In the past, this has not always been the case, with Andy's motivation to stay in the clobber often consisting of the hope of lustful satisfaction. However, many would guess that Fanners has given up on girls this year, seemingly voluntarily cultivating a shlid from a head of hair that was once relatively respectable – not that many women are particularly attracted to men with larger forearms than biceps anyway... Hopefully those forearms will contribute to some ankle breaking in the match, nevertheless.



Name Jolyon Dannatt
D.O.B. 10/12/96
School Chichester High School for Boys
Year 3rd
Subject Economics and Management
College Worcester
Shirt No. 47

Jo is an unobtrusive but very bronzed man, more naturally tanned formerly than he is today; for he loves peace and quiet and quality fake tan: a well-maintained and well-powered tanning bed is his favourite haunt. He does not and cannot understand or like chat more complicated than a yes, no, or a simple chuckle (which comprises a surprisingly large portion of his dialect), though he can quote peep show quite well. Ever since joining OUHC he has, as a rule, been shy of 'the Big Folk', as he calls them, and now, to his dismay, he cannot avoid them and is often forced to spend time with them. He has quickly tugged on the heart of our resident Rainman, though despite Rain's inclination, Jo hopped on barge with another; one with stick skills almost as impressive as Rain's (though not quite). The talkative duo could barely contain themselves when they declared their passion for one another, with an enthralling conversation containing circa 5 words per minute.

Ps Apologies for the dullness of the Varsity profile you've just had to endure. Though this is a consequence of the man himself being significantly more dull than even this profile.



Name Noah Francis
D.O.B. 17/09/97
School Whitgift School
Year 2nd
Subject Chemistry
College St Johns
Honours England U16, U18
Previous Hockey Blue 2017
Shirt No. 6

Noah Francis is a slippery and slidey player on the pitch but sometimes he struggles to keep it contained and can be victim of his flair exploding and it can lead to a lot of mess on the pitch. For Noah its all about GO TIME and if he's not gliding past a player you'll probably find him completely totaled on Wednesday night. Noah is always up for a good time but may bite more than he can chew on a crowdgate and often has a tendency to go MIA in Oxford. After a rather unfortunate hip flexor injury (Questions asked of the cause?) the hockey team have missed Noz but we hope that he will find his skills on the pitch again this year and bin some goals with his Audi R8 clutch that he loves to pull out against the Green of Cambridge. Luckily it's not his Hyundai i10 as that may not leave the Dark Blue on the right side of the score line at the end.



Name **Henry Taylor**
D.O.B. **22/09/92**
School **Eton College**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Pharmacology**
College **New**
Previous **Hockey Blue**
Blues **2017**
Shirt No. **15**

Despite featuring in one of PG Wodehouse's later works, the highlight of Henry Taylor's life has been field hockey. With the fourth best rig in the team, HT, or Old Man Vincent's Club (Mr. 1863 for short), as he is known to the younger members of the club, brings a lot of physicality to OUHC and has put in some vast sessions during his time at Oxford. Despite his quads being smaller than Fanners' forearms, Henry was Born to Run and can always be seen Racing in the Street (where Street = the place where the baseline meets the D). At Henry's 27th birthday party – a quiet affair – his Mum said that, if there were an exam in it, Henry would get an A* in good chappery. Those that have spent any time with him would agree that he would also get an A* in excellent blokeery.



Name **Joshua Keeling**
D.O.B. **27/11/97**
School **Alley's School**
Year **1st**
Subject **Biomedical Science**
College **Oriel**
Honours **Regional U18**

Josh, or 'Yoshi', has already made a big impression at OUHC as a fresher this year. He grabbed the attention of his teammates in preseason by showing up to training with a very flashy new bicycle, and has never looked back, going on to emulate the vice captain's blue hair. With his new name not reflecting his aggression on the pitch, Yoshi has a tendency to go through defenders rather than around, a skill you would have thought would lead to plenty of goals...

Other interests: Yoshi has a passion for urban climbing, with his targets set on scaling the Rad Cam by 2nd year.

Favourite energy drink: Ciroc



Name **Alexander Copestake**
D.O.B. **19/06/93**
School **Beechen Cliff**
Year **5th**
Subject **Economics**
College **Kellogg**
Honours **Wessex U16, U18**
Previous **Hockey 2013,**
Blues **2017**
Shirt No. **9**

Alex was born in the leafy suburbs of Bath, and grew up as a quiet and thoughtful individual. By 6th form however, Alex hit puberty hard. Growing in confidence, he became hockey captain and then head boy, and left for Oxford. A PPE undergrad, he was touted as the next big thing in politics by his union peers – yet he had a revolutionary streak, almost leading to his expulsion after repeated riotous behaviour. Alex also wrote an essay on ethical food production, and subsequently became vegetarian. Leaving university, Alex worked for a consultancy firm (shock), and then joined the Army, with responsibility for leading a battalion. Alex then headed back to university for further economics study, with a vision to 'make Brexit work for the many, not the few'. Rumour has it - Alex has also never missed a hockey shuffle in his life... ask Cambridge to clarify that one.



Name **Jacob Schiele**
D.O.B. **06/06/97**
School **Heinrich von Gagern**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Economics and Management**
College **St Hilda's**
Shirt No. **22**

Jacob - or 'Yah - Cob', as he would have it - is a remarkable phenomenon. You'd be forgiven for thinking the German appetite for conquest was satiated some time ago. Yet Jacob's off-pitch performances testify powerfully to the contrary. I'm not sure if chastity translates into German; but if it does, it's not a word they taught in Jacob's school. Most people's 5 a day starts off with an apple, or perhaps a glass of orange juice; Jacob's, on the other hand, with a Maddie or an Annabelle.

What explains this carnal behaviour? Some put it down to his car crash. Others suspect it might be compensation for the size of his on-pitch goal tally. Will he turn things rounds against the Tabs? That'll probably depend on who he spots in the crowd.



Name **Andrew Oxburgh**
 D.O.B. 25/02/97
 School Elizabeth College, Repton School
 Year 3rd
 Subject Philosophy and Psychology
 College St Hilda's
 Honours England U16, U18
 Previous Hockey Blues
 Blues 2016, 2017
 Shirt No. 1

Despite looking like the inflatable Michelin Man, Por Belly manages to use his physical and figurative gravity both intra and extra pitch. He balances a daily routine of steak and sport, alcohol and antics with ease. He keeps himself Loose when away from hockey by doing no work and focussing on the finer things in life; NBA, antipasti dinners, and sleeping. His sloth is so extensive that he fails to pidge tokens from amorous meetings back to their owner. Indeed, he has many such meetings, and one can always count on a stream of people coming out of Ox's room after a big Wednesday night.



Name **John Shaw**
 Coach

John David Shaw (born 24th April 1962) is an English former field hockey player.

Shaw represented Great Britain in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona and the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He also won a silver medal with England at the 1986 World Cup.

Shaw was born in Taiping, Perak, Malaysia. He has worked at clubs like Gerrards Cross Hockey Club and Southgate Hockey Club as well as schools like Bradfield College.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC WOMEN'S BLUES

Considering the number of blues players that were lost at the end of last year, the women's blues have had a brilliant first half of the season and are well of track of achieving their aims for the year.

First aim: at least second in our BUCS league. At the time of writing, the women's blues remain unbeaten in BUCS since 12/10/16. We are currently 2nd in the league with 2 games to go. A highlight of the season so far has been a 3-0 win against Bath and two draws against top of the league Exeter, which we were unfortunate not to turn into wins. Hopefully after securing second place, the women's blues will have a successful run in the cup.

Second aim: at least 6th in our Saturday league. With only 2 losses in the first half of the season, we currently sit 5th in the league and have shown we can take points off any team in our league, with a draw against top of the league Surbiton (0-0), and a win against second in the league Teddington (2-1). In the second half of the season, the women's blues aim to keep creeping up the table by turning some draws into wins.

Third aim: VARSITY WIN. After a very successful 4-0 win at varsity last year, the women's blues are hoping to continue that trend, and make 2018 the third consecutive Varsity win for dark blue.

Megan Hughes
Captain 2017/18



Back row, left to right: J. Perera, A. Copeland, G. Whitaker, G. Walton, E. Rosier, N. Kelly, Y. Zurke, S. Johnson, J. Shaw.

Front row: E. Harrison, L. Donovan, R. Harrison, I. Brown, M. Hughes, S. McNab, N vd Meulen, E. Young, S. Golestani.

Not present: R. Dellar.

SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION 1 2017/18

30/09/17	Tulse Hill and Dulwich 1	2-2	D
07/10/17	Epsom 1	4-1	W
14/10/17	Basingstoke 1	1-2	L
21/10/17	Reading 1A	1-2	L
28/10/17	Staines 1	5-0	W
04/11/17	Surbiton 2	0-0	D
11/11/17	Maidenhead 1	4-1	W
18/11/17	Horsham 1	1-1	D
25/11/17	Brighton and Hove 1	2-0	W
02/12/17	Teddington 1	2-1	W
13/01/18	Tulse Hill and Dulwich 1	0-0	D
14/01/18	Staines 1	3-0	W
20/01/18	Epsom 1	8-0	W
27/01/18	Basingstoke 1	2-3	L
03/02/18	Reading 1A	6-1	W
10/02/18	Surbiton 2	3-2	W

BUCS HOCKEY WOMEN'S PREMIER SOUTH 2017/18

04/10/17	Exeter	1-1	D
11/10/17	Bristol	2-0	W
18/10/17	Bath	0-0	D
25/10/17	Cambridge	2-0	W
01/11/17	Cardiff	5-0	W
15/11/17	Exeter	1-1	D
22/11/17	Bristol	1-1	D
29/11/17	Bath	3-0	W
24/01/18	Cambridge	2-1	W
31/01/18	Cardiff	3-2	W

RADICALS (2NDS) SEASON REPORT

In classic Rads style, we have had a slow start to the season. With many matches being tightly fought on the pitch, we have lacked a clinical attitude to convert our good connections into goals. On a positive note, we are mid-table in our BUCs league and have had a huge influx of players from the Mavs. It is incredibly satisfying to see the team really starting to click both on and off the pitch and despite being in a low position on our Saturday league, I have high hopes to turn it around next term. Take the Brookes match, we lost 4-0 during preseason but ended up winning 3- 2 at the end of the season. This is a huge victory for the Rads and a definite mark of what is to come in my eyes.

Inevitably, the social side has been great, with everyone relentlessly pulling their weight to hold hockey corner as the legendary place that it always has been. It has also been lovely to see the whole women's side of the club integrating more this year and Megan, Helen and I are concocting exciting plans to maintain this next term. Moving away from tradition, we have decided to hold some major team socials at the start of Hilary, so lots of exciting stories and filthy photos to come!

Our coaches this year are Tom Claughton, George Oyeboode and Noah Francis who have all done a fabulous job so far. We were unfortunate to lose to the Nomads 3-0 but hope to finish the season strong!

Eleanor Hughes

Captain 2017/18

MAVERICKS (3RDS) SEASON REPORT

It was a mixed first half of the season for the Mavs. With a lot of players from last year's squad moving up to the Rads, we welcomed 11 new players into the team. The first few weeks of term were pretty tough with some heavy losses particularly on Wednesdays. Once we'd finally (ish) learnt each other's names, we began to gel as a team and our results and overall play improved significantly. On a Wednesday we have gradually improved and in the second round of the cup we held Cambridge 2s at 1-1 for the majority of the game before conceding 2 late goals – a testament to our hard work and progression over the season.

We've had mixed results on a Saturday but a huge 4-1 win against top-of-the-league Bicester a couple of weeks ago shows what we are capable of. At this stage, we are placed 6th (mid-table) on a Saturday and 5th on a Wednesday. We sadly lost to the Bedouins 2-0 in a match we deserved a lot more from. But we haven't let that get us down and we are looking for a strong finish to the season.

Helen Megone

Captain 2017/18

OXFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SQUAD

2018 PEN PORTRAITS



Name Imogen Brown
D.O.B. 25/03/96
School Sir William Borlase
Year 4th
Subject History
College Mansfield
Honours U16 Futures Cup
Previous Blues 2015, 2017

(To be sung as per Billy Brown by MIKA)

Oh Immy Brown had lived an ordinary life, Two stumps, a bat, a ball, of cricket she was the wife, While it was all going accordingly to plan, Then Immy Brown fell in love with another land.

She met her teammates almost every single day, Making excuses for her hockey holidays. In all kinds of weather she cycled to Iffley grounds, Where she would awe the crowd with flair and skills abound.

Brown...Oh Immy Brown, You could probably play in an evening gown, And the opposition, they would still go down. Brown...Oh Immy Brown, Where's Jackie White for a night on the town? No doubt she'll find a shoe or two to down, Oh Immy Brown.

Go Dark Blue!



Name Alexa Copeland
D.O.B. 06/07/98
School Tiffin Girls' School
Year 2nd
Subject Economics and Management
College St Peter's
Honours U16 JRPC
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2017

In her second year at Oxford, Alexa has decided to follow one of life's best mottos, 'treat yo'self'. A maxim loved by icons such as William Shakespeare, Mahatma Gandhi, and Lucy Donovan, Alexa has come to see how a life of luxury can improve the somewhat prosaic experience of university. She feasts on delicacies such as tuna steaks and the finest cheeses. To quench her thirst, she only drinks from the holy Hooch fountain, found in a remote mountain range (which some say is the object of Thomas Claughton's wildest dreams). Now you may be asking, why does this matter? To answer, it is because Alexa must have a diet to meet her elite fitness needs. Not only has Alexa been training for hockey, but she also decided to throw in a few ultra-marathons. I've heard they're the spice of life. Personally, I think John's hashtags are spicier.



Name Rachael Dellar
D.O.B. 14/09/90
School Royal High Bath
Year 3rd
Subject Grad Entry Medicine
College Green Templeton
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2011, 2012, 2017

Rachael was born on the 14th September 1990 and from the get go she knew she was going to achieve incredible things. She knew this as, being born on 14/09, her mum would always say "only special people are born on prime numbers" and Dellar sure is special... Rachael should have guessed that becoming a GK was her destiny, showing early signs of that goalie waddle when she donned wellies as a beb.

Last year she tempted the Women's Blues with her slick skills but her medical degree held her back. However, this year we've won her over and she manages to juggle being a grad medic, incredible GK and all-time guru to the younger members of the team. Never without a fun fact or a joke (Ask her if she's an apple), Dellar is an absolute joy to play with. The reassurance every team member feels when Dellar is on the pitch is incomparable. She may stand, dazed in her own world, thinking about why everything on the pitch is very blurry and she can only see the ball once it enters the D.



Name Lucy Donovan
D.O.B. 16/01/97
School Reigate Grammar School
Year 3rd
Subject Biomedical Sciences
College Keble
Honours U18 JAC
Previous Blues Radicals Varsity 2016, Blues Varsity 2017

Lucy Donovan (aka Don Dons, Lou Lou, Lil D, CeCe, Van). On a scale of 1 to basic, Lucy Don Dons comes in at a solid vanilla latte. When not busy with her two best pals Zara and Lydia, Lou Lou is always up for an adventure. She has been known to put her Tuesday strength and conditioning sessions to good use by scaling Parkend bathroom stalls and creating human pyramids with precision to make even a gymnast jealous. Fortunately, Lucy's on pitch success this year has been in stark contrast to her success in maintaining bicycles (Iffley bandit is a shbluke). Lucy is unstoppable. She outwits even the sharpest of opponents with a (Taylor) Swift reverse stick tackle, leaving them spinning. Beware tabs, because if her competitive attitude in doodlebug is anything to go by then there is really only one possible outcome, victory.



Name **Shabnam Golestani**
D.O.B. 10/10/97
School KEHS
Year 1st
Subject French & Spanish
College Lady Margaret Hall
Honours U18 JRPC

Always to be found 'somewhere', newbie Shabz puts on a good show on all occasions; whether it be chilling with Malala, mooning in Parkend or performing silky skills catching defenders off guard. Elusiveness off the pitch is replaced with fiery loyalty, especially as the WBs are 'better than I expected' (Shabz 2017). Her vivacious communication and bursts of pace means there is no doubt that you will notice this smooth operator on the hockey field. The impressive feat of passing her driving test on the fourth time beautifully translates into her hockey: quick decision-making, aggression and volatility. Don't be fooled by her sweet smile or volunteer work, 'Shaba dabba doo' (John Shaw) will slide many a goal past the tabs' keeper.



Name **Ellie Harrison**
D.O.B. 04/03/99
School Perse School
Year 1st
Subject Biology
College St Peter's
Honours U18 JAC
Previous U17 NAGS
Blues Academy

When Ellie joined the gang there were big expectations. For she was the little Harrison. Great things has be heard about her silky skills and panther like pace - she did not disappoint. Often seen driving down the right, leaving defenders in her dust, then beautifully setting up the other Harrison for the tap in. Off the pitch she keeps up the Harrison expectations by being by far the best *ball bitch*(Ball girl) since the McNab/Brown glory days. We have so far found only one thing that can upset the calm and conscientious Ellie - her Parkend ruined by Tinchy Stryder's *shit* (terrible) rapping. It may be her first varsity but that won't phase her - she'll do what she always does and absolutely smash it!



Name **Rachel Harrison**
D.O.B. 30/09/96
School Perse School
Year 3rd
Subject Medicine
College Magdalen
Honours U18 JRPC
Previous Radicals Varsity 2016, Blues Varsity 2017

Rachael, who comes from the other place, always knew: your home is where your heart is. So, she chose to be in wonderful Ox for as long as possible (...she's doing medicine). Being the oldest of her siblings she is a real role model, as both younger Harrisons followed her example and chose Oxford as their home. She is an amazing and kind person and introduces freshers to all essential rules, but Cambridge be aware she won't help you to understand anything of our game. Rachael knows where she belongs and is here to win wearing the one and only colour, dark blue. She is always committed and gives 100% on the pitch, so Cambridge watch out when this fast forward spins your heads around.



Name **Megan Hughes**
D.O.B. 18/04/97
School Read School
Year 3rd
Subject Biomedical Sciences
College St Annes
Honours U18 JRPC
Previous Blues Varsity 2016, 2017

Since last years welcoming drinks, Megan has really come out of her shell, and with her drive to make the WBs 'fun' this year, she has encouraged everyone to do the same.

Megan has taken to the role of captaincy like a fuzzy duck to water. She has delivered inspirational performances both on and off the pitch. Whether it's smashing light bulbs in clubs, or smashing balls in goals, Megan has always been found at the heart of any hockey related 'fun' this year.

Megan really is the mother hen of the group; she is the shepherd to her sheep, the jewel to her carriages, and the shine to her stars. All of the WBs are truly grateful for everything she has done this season, and let's hope she can lead dark blue to another varsity win!



Name Silé Johnson
D.O.B. 13/11/90
School Coláiste na Toirbhirte
Year 1st
Subject Grad Entry Medicine
College St Anne's
Honours U18 and U21 Munster

Silé (Shee-la) is deadly craic from Iron. She spakes loud an' in a strange accent dat is quite 'ard ter understand. New ter de squad dis year, she is ferocious in front av goal n pretty much everywhere else. Aye, I'm ascaired of her to be sure, an' feel mad jammie ter 'av 'er on de dark blue side. She may be an tatter-lovin' ould doll wi' a PhD under 'er belt, but age 'asn't slowed 'er down at al' either on or off de pitch. Aye, Dr J 'as sum serious speed both in 'er posishun up front an' in airports avoidin' arrest. Tabs, youse would be cejits to underestimate dis wan.



Name Naomi Kelly
D.O.B. 22/02/97
School Reed's School
Year 3rd
Subject Geography
College St Catherine's
Honours U16 and U18 England
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2016, 2017

Nams is undoubtedly the brightest star in the dark blue nights sky (or perhaps the glitteriest). Last year's el capitano is returning to ensure she makes it 3/3 Varsity wins. Since last year, not only has Naomi's organisation improved, her excuses for being late have also got better. What can a girl do if your mum orders your Waitrose delivery to be dropped off 30 minutes after the meet time? (Priorities!). Not even Poppy can distract this girl at Varsity – she will be slaying Tabs like it's Halloween. Naomi is a delight to be around on and off the pitch. Nams doesn't lose Varsities. Nams is sick at hockey. Nams is the best. Be more like Nams. Let's go do the treble.



Name Shona McNab
D.O.B. 10/12/96
School Firhill High School
Year 4th
Subject Material Sciences
College Corpus Christi
Honours U18 and Scotland U21
Previous Blues Blues Varsity 2015, 2016, 2017

Shona McNab, self-named 'Shone-dog', is a unique breed of hockey player. She originates from distant Northern territories and speaks a foreign tongue, but has migrated south to populate a new home: the Ifley Fortress. Despite her far below-average eyesight, Shona demonstrates highly-evolved flair on the pitch. She confuses her prey with her silky skills before firing deadly shots into the back of the net. Shona survives on a diet of haggis and Hooch, and often leaves her stick in various locations around the country to mark her territory. Her only weaknesses are the Park End dance-floor and the 'fresh pow-pow'. Please don't be fooled by her friendly and fun persona as she can be aggressive when provoked. I only have one piece of advice for the Tabs: approach with caution.



Name Emma Rosier
D.O.B. 20/06/98
School James Allen's Girls' School
Year 2nd
Subject Earth Sciences
College St Edmund Hall
Honours U17 JAC
Previous Blues Radicals Varsity 2017

A devoted student to the 'work hard, PLAY HARD' attitude, Emma is a committed team-player on and off the pitch. Bounding back to hold the defensive line, Emma can be relied upon to stall any threatening Tab breakthroughs. An Earth Scientist, Emma is our token rock enthusiast and besides her vivid accounts of fieldtrips, she can always be counted on to bring gossip to training. Such reports usually include a Wednesday night snog or an update on the status of her love-triangle, or square? Off the hockey pitch, she is probably watching the Rugby clad in Teddy Hall stash. She has fostered a close friendship with many a rugby-boy, some of whom affectionately refer to her as 'the Rose at 38' (Regent Street). Other than devoting her time to hockey and rugby-spectating, Emma loves a Wednesday night out with the team (it has however been suggested that she should invest in a GoPro to enhance her memories of said nights).



Name **Georgie Walton**
 D.O.B. **03/10/97**
 School **Wellington College**
 Year **2nd**
 Subject **History**
 College **St Anne's**
 Honours **U18 JRPC**
 Previous Blues **Radicals Varsity 2017**

Known for being genuinely the nicest person on the planet, Georgie Walton is such a pleasure to have as a teammate and a phenomenal pal. Skills so good that even blindness is not an obstacle for her. Georgie spent half the season wearing the wrong prescription contact lenses, but a blurry ball didn't stop her from binning goals left, right and centre. Now this slight mishap has been rectified, the Tabs should be trembling with fear of the new super-sighted Georgie Walton. Not only does Georgie bring flair and supreme talent to the pitch, but she also often brings her boyfriend. Nathan deserves a special shout-out for being the real MVP and best supporter for the women's blues. If you're ever out searching for Georgie, be sure to check hockey corner, Magdalen College, or the Vinnies loos. To conclude, Georgie is great, be more like Georgie.



Name **Georgie Whitaker**
 D.O.B. **22/07/97**
 School **Sir William Borlase**
 Year **3rd**
 Subject **Medicine**
 College **Merton**
 Honours **U16 and U18 England**
 Previous Blues **Blues Varsity 2017**

Born and bred in Marlow, on the pitch Georgie possesses the unique talent of making you look as if you've never played hockey before. Her silky skills and runs down the pitch are a force to be reckoned with and undoubtedly aid the Women's Blues in their many victories. Georgie is deceptively fast and her non-chalant attitude adds a special dynamic to the squad. Although appearing curiously laid-back, this doesn't stop her from scoring goal after goal. In fact, one might argue it even adds to her athletic prowess. Georgie's indispensable contributions do not limit themselves to the pitch; her sense of humour and general hilarity are highly appreciated by all members of the team. This is increased by her clothing choices, which epitomise her. Arriving to training wearing a Christmas jumper in October and sporting her multi-coloured tracksuit bottoms on match days among the sea of dark blue; Georgie really is one of a kind.



Name **Ellen Young**
 D.O.B. **24/06/97**
 School **Fettes College**
 Year **3rd**
 Subject **History**
 College **Worcester**
 Previous Blues **Radicals Varsity 2016, 2017**

Stylish i.e. only person to bring nice clothes for the bus back from matches, a boyfriend with a proper job, and just an all-round great gal – Ellen is definitely someone we all aspire to. Like all the WB's finalists, her dedication to Park End puts the freshers to shame, particularly her enthusiasm for practising the "shoulders" required for her flare skills. On the pitch, you can find Ellen almost anywhere, and her cool, calm and collected demeanour, combined with phenomenal passes, and the aforementioned spicy moves, leave John so enamoured that he spends more time phoning Davey than she does. However, it hasn't been all fun and games for Ellen: a game of fives at Leeds preseason led to one of the most prolonged starfish ever seen and an unfortunate saucisson related incident resulted in tears and the destruction of her lifelong commitment to vegetarianism. Nevertheless, Ellen has bounced back from these challenges and is ready for varsity. Tabs, see ya later, it's goal time!!



Name **Yasemin-Xiomara Zurke**
 D.O.B. **15/11/95**
 Year **1st**
 Subject **Pharmacology**
 College **St Edmund Hall**

Making her debut for the Blues at Varsities this year is the German import Yasmine-Xiomara Zurke. Affectionately known as 'Yas', one can't help but wonder that we might have missed a golden opportunity to have a friend named 'XYZ'....In any case, Yas brings the best of a German import to the team: strength, solidity and efficiency. Her midfield mindset is one of a defensive stronghold (be warned Tabbies!); her tackle is on point and her reading of the game is superior to most. In her spare time, she likes to dress up as a hockey stick, although to be honest, you couldn't trust her to look after yours (be warned Blues)! To her credit, she throws some serious shapes on the dance floor, is always up for a laugh and will be really important to our Varsity victory today.



Name **John Shaw**
Coach

“Attitude = 100%”

“It never gets easier, you just get better”

“Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.”

These are just some of the many inspirational words that John has imparted on the team and the club. He is a man of many talents including: a variety of accents, the best monkey celebration, tactical genius and breaking ankles left, right and centre – better luck next time Megan.

However he is most loved for his attitude, his desire for the team to win, his passion that every player leaves Oxford a more improved and complete player. Always willing to learn he has even mastered and is #lovingins-tagram.

He is always there and lifts up everyone he meets to great heights. His impact can be seen throughout the entire club; I can honestly say that his influence will continue to last in OUHC for years to come.

#welovejs
#johnshaw4lyfe



Name **Johann Perera**
Coach

Yo Yo Yo! Johann has taken on the role of John's b*tch this year, or as John would say his 'assistant'. Johann has mastered the art of buying John tea, running to reception when sports-fed don't pick up and going to find our bibs when Ellie forgets them. Luckily for Johann he doesn't mind as it is well known that he prefers the Women's Blues to the Occasionals anyway. Johann only agreed to coach the Women's Blues for a chirps, but despite his best efforts none of the hockey girls fell for him so he's found himself a non OUHC women. However, he still has not introduced his girlfriend to the most important girls in his life, the Women's Blues. Johann's excellent coaching has resulted in him not being the best drag flicker in the Women's Blues. Johann's hard work is sure to help us to a Varsity win!



EPSOM
COLLEGE

Good Luck Tom Williams Oxford Blue and Old Epsomian



Tom and the rest of the Epsom 1st XI Boys Hockey Team, 2011-12 season. Tom was awarded major colours.

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Captian	27	MEGAN HUGHES † <i>Read School, St. Annes</i>
Gk	1	RACHAEL DELLAR † <i>Royal High, Bath</i>
	8	IMOGEN BROWN † Sir William Borlase
	4	ALEXA COPELAND † <i>Tiffin Girls' School</i>
	26	LUCY DONOVAN † <i>Reigate Grammar School</i>
	9	SHABNAM GOLESTANI <i>King Edward's High School</i>
	28	ELLIE HARRISON <i>The Perse School</i>
	38	RACHAEL HARRISON † <i>The Perse School</i>
	24	SILE JOHNSON <i>Coláiste na Toirbhirte</i>
	22	NAOMI KELLY † <i>Reed's School</i>
	13	SHONA MCNAB † <i>Firhill High School</i>
	15	EMMA ROSIER <i>James Allen's Girls' School</i>
	19	GEORGIE WALTON <i>Wellington College</i>
	39	GEORGIE WHITAKER † <i>Sir William Borlase</i>
	33	ELLEN YOUNG <i>Fettes College</i>
	32	YASEMIN-XIOMARA ZURKE <i>Hohenstaufen-Gymnasium Kaiserslautern</i>

† Denotes Old Blue

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

FREDDIE BRISCOE †	1	Gk
<i>Norwich School</i>		V-Captain
LUCIA CORRY †	13	
<i>Forest School</i>		
MOLLY BUXTON †	17	
<i>King Edward's School</i>		
AMY EDWARDS	3	
<i>Victoria College Belfast</i>		
RHIANNA MILLER	59	
<i>St John's School</i>		
HATTIE BEVAN †	51	
<i>Cheltenham College</i>		
CLARE MARSH †	10	
<i>Cranleigh School</i>		
BETHAN MONCUR	15	
<i>City of London Freeman's School</i>		
ALICIA MURPHY †	42	
<i>Henrietta Barnett School</i>		
RHIANNON OSBORNE †	39	
<i>Kingswood School</i>		
SOPHIA PADT †	48	
<i>Latymer Upper School</i>		
GEORGIE BURROWS †	7	
<i>Canford</i>		
BELLA PADT	64	
<i>Latymer Upper School</i>		
ANNALISE WHITEHEAD	12	
<i>The Abbey School</i>		
LYDIA COPELAND	36	
<i>Oakham School</i>		
HATTY DARLING †	14	Captain
<i>Malvern College</i>		

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Captain	1	ANDREW OXBURGH † <i>Elizabeth College & Repton School</i>
Gk	0	GEORGE OYEBODE † <i>Whitgift School</i>
	20	THOMAS CLAUGHTON † <i>King Edward's School, Birmingham</i>
	5	JADON BUCKERIDGE † <i>The Portsmouth Grammar School</i>
	2	NICHOLAS LEACH † <i>The Perse School</i>
	7	THOMAS WILLIAMS † <i>Epsom College</i>
	99	CONOR MAGOWAN † <i>The Perse School</i>
	13	ARTHUR HUGHES <i>King's College School, Wimbledon</i>
	8	THOMAS BARRETT † <i>George Watson's College</i>
	18	RYAN KAVANAGH † <i>Whitgift School</i>
	10	ANDREW FANTHORPE † <i>Trinity School, Croydon</i>
	47	JOLYON DANNATT <i>Chichester High School for Boys</i>
	6	NOAH FRANCIS † <i>Whitgift School</i>
	15	HENRY TAYLOR † <i>Eton College</i>
	11	JOSHUA KEELING <i>Alley's School</i>
	9	ALEXANDER COPESTAKE † <i>Beechen Cliff</i>
	22	JACOB SCHIELE <i>Heinrich von Gagern</i>

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FERGUS FLANAGAN † <i>Oundle School</i>	0	Gk
TOBY BROOKS <i>Eastbourne College</i>	1	Gk
EDWARD SIDES † <i>Notre Dame High School</i>	2	
FERGUS MCNAB <i>Firrhill High School</i>	3	V-Captain
ROBIN WATTS † <i>Sullivan Upper School</i>	6	
MATTHEW PYMAN † <i>Lymm High School</i>	7	
MATTHEW JERVIS † <i>Taylor's School, Northwood</i>	8	
KIERAN GILMORE † <i>Simon Langton Grammar School</i>	10	
JOHNNY STAUNTON SYKES <i>St John Bishop Catholic High School</i>	11	
OLLIE DUCKWORTH † <i>RGS Guildford</i>	13	
MATT COCKERILL † <i>RGS Guildford</i>	15	Captain
MARCEL HEDMAN <i>Whitgift School</i>	16	
JONATHAN PARKE <i>Salesian College</i>	21	
BEN DUDGEON <i>d'Overbroecks College</i>	26	
JAMES CAMPKIN † <i>Portsmouth Grammar School</i>	52	
HUGO PARRY † <i>Merchant Taylor's School, Northwood</i>	62	
SEAN GILMORE <i>Simon Langton Boys' Grammar</i>	69	

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CAMBRIDGE MENS BLUES SEASON REPORT

Despite a large turnover of players from last season to this, the new-look men's Blues side did not take long to settle in and start winning games. This was helped by a strong influx of new talent to go with the core of returning blues, as well as retaining the services of our coach, Charlie Bannister. With a healthy 9 points taken from their first four games in East Prem A, as well as winning their first three BUCS matches, a very solid foundation was laid from which to build. Of this early run of fixtures, three games involved coming from behind to win in the dying moments, so the mental toughness and determination of the squad could never be doubted. In some respects, many improvements have been made since then, with the Blues putting in good performances against some of the best sides in the region. It has been frustrating, however, that on too many occasions these performances have not been turned into points. Sitting in a very comfortable 6th position in East Prem A, the Blues have consistently beaten the teams below them, but have been let down by the occasional lapse against the better teams, resulting in a few slightly undeserved scorelines.

After a well-deserved Christmas break and the annual January training camp, the Blues returned to Cambridge looking to really push on in both leagues. Sadly, a couple of unsuccessful away trips to Exeter and Cardiff stalled the push for promotion in BUCS, although Saturday fixtures continued to bring success. Fifteen goals in the first two Saturday games after Christmas showcased their intentions for the term, as they aimed to close in on the group of teams above them.

Overall, sitting a comfortable 2nd in BUCS, as well as 6th on Saturdays with a real ambition to catch those ahead, the season has been a both very satisfying and very infuriating. The team have played some superb hockey, but have at times found themselves searching for ways to put together the complete performance. Despite this, if they play to their potential, the Cambridge Blues will go into the Varsity match with the confidence to win back the trophy they lost only a year ago.

Matt Cockerill

Captain 2017/18



From left to right back row: Kieran Gilmore, Matthew Roberts, Sean Gilmore, James Campkin, Fergus Flanagan (GK), Johnny Staunton-Sykes, Matthew Jervis, Marcel Hedman, Edward Sides

Front row: Hugo Parry, Robin Watts, Ollie Duckworth, Fergus McNab (VC), Matthew Cockerill (C), Matthew Pyman, Jonathan Parke, Ben Dudgeon

Missing: Toby Brooks (GK), Charlie Bannister (Coach)

CUHC BLUES RESULTS

East League Prem A

23/09/17	CoP 1	2-5	L
30/09/17	Ipswich 1	3-2	W
07/10/17	Spalding 1	3-1	W
14/10/17	Blueharts 1	3-1	W
21/10/17	St Albans 1	2-6	L
28/10/17	Saffron Walden 1	0-1	L
04/11/17	Chelmsford 1	4-2	W
11/11/17	Letchworth 1	2-2	D
18/11/17	Bedford 1	4-2	L
25/11/17	Harleston Magpies 1	1-2	L
02/12/17	Wapping 1	0-3	L
13/01/18	Spalding 1	9-3	W
20/01/18	Blueharts 1	7-3	W
27/01/18	St Albans 1	1-4	L
03/02/18	Saffron Walden 1	5-0	W
04/02/18	CoP 1	1-8	L
10/02/18	Chelmsford 1	3-3	D
17/02/18	Ipswich 1	3-0	W
24/02/18	Letchworth 1	3-2	W

South Prem B

11/10/17	Bath Uni 2	3-2	W
18/10/17	Exeter Uni 2	6-5	W
25/10/17	Oxford Uni 1	1-2	L
01/11/17	Cardiff Uni 1	4-3	W
15/11/17	Canterbury CC Uni 1	13-0	W
29/11/17	Bath Uni 2	3-2	W
24/01/18	Exeter Uni 2	1-3	L
31/01/18	Cardiff Uni 1	1-2	L

Varsity Results

Blunderers	1-0	Cambridge Win
Bedouin	2-0	Cambridge Win
Squanderers	3-1	Cambridge Win
Nomads	3-0	Cambridge Win
Wanderers	1-3	Oxford Win

WANDERERS (2ND TEAM) SEASON REPORT

‘Oh for F*ck’s sake’; The Wanderers have uttered this after many a game this season. A promising start to the season saw a couple of points on the board, but the youthfulness of our much changed team soon showed. While a 100% win record in BUCs propelled the Wandies towards certain promotion, troubles in front of goal saw the first half of the Saturday season pass without a win. Off the pitch however, the team suffered no such problems, consuming a record 156 litres of cocktail and killing it regularly on the Cambridge d-floor. Eventually, this solidity off the pitch finally showed and the Wanderers won 2 games in a single weekend. The boys have found form at a crucial time and are more than ready to repeat last year’s mammoth win. It’s been a pleasure leading the Wanderers this season and I cannot wait to tear up the other place with them.

Alex Kirkpatrick

Wanderers Captain 2017/18

SQUANDERERS (3RD TEAM) SEASON REPORT

The Squanderers have had a challenging start to the season. After several legendary Squanderers retired at the end of last year, we were lucky to embrace such a large fresher intake: twelve of the players will be making their debut for the Squanderers today. The Squanderers find themselves towards the bottom end of their league as a result of a particular aversion to winning, and also to losing, having drawn the most games out of anyone in the East Leagues. Perhaps this is a foreshadowing of a repetition of last year’s result? The team has been continually developing throughout the year and recent results have been very promising, especially against some of the best teams in the league. The Squanderers have been hard at work to carry this momentum forward into varsity and are ready to secure five from five again at the other place.

Harry Brignal

Squanderer’s Captain 2017/18

BLUNDERERS (4TH TEAM)/COLLEGE ACADEMY REPORT

The college academy was first set up in the 2015/16 season with the aim of capitalising on Cambridge's excellent College Leagues set-up. CUHC had noted the flair, skill and enthusiasm for hockey and sinking pints in the College Leagues, and felt we were missing an opportunity to develop the strength and depth of the club. The result was the CUHC Academy – free student led training sessions at Wilberforce Road for anyone who was interested. The Academy sessions have been well attended by both men and women, and we would have loved to play a Women's 4th team match – this will certainly be an aim for future seasons. CUHC is immensely grateful to all members of the club who have helped with coaching sessions this year. The Blunderers themselves have been gradually building on last year's varsity success, holding one training session attended by eight players to date. With living legend Robbie Zhao between sticks, we're confident that will be sufficient to see off the Spores like a pint of toma once again.

Ed Sides

CUHC President 2017/18

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOCKEY SQUAD

2018 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Matthew Cockerill**
 D.O.B. 27/12/1996
 School RGS Guildford
 Year 3rd
 Subject Engineering
 College St John's
 Previous Blues 2016, 2017
 Shirt No. 15

When you look at Matthew you can be forgiven for thinking that you aren't looking at a natural sportsman. Shaped like an oversized thumb, Matt had struggled to find his sporting calling before rolling into hockey at school. Since then he has developed one of the slowest wobbles and biggest wind ups around and can be found spaffing long balls all over the East League. Off the pitch it has been a testing year for Matthew. His parents moved to Singapore over Christmas taking most of his hair with them. Supporters should beware the famous Cockerill afterburners and the inevitable further follicle fall out that will ensue. A Belgravia Centre collection bucket will be passed around after the game, please give generously. A joy to follow out and play alongside, it will be a privilege to don the light blue with him again on Vday.



Name **Fergus Flanagan**
 D.O.B. 20/09/1994
 School Oundle School
 Year 3rd
 Subject Engineering
 College Gonville and Caius
 Honours Wanderers Colours 2016, CU Rifle Association Full Blue 2015
 Previous Blues 2017

The type of car someone owns can tell you a lot about the driver. For Ferg, this could mean he plays in goal like the showboating, high pace, little regard for safety Ford Capri. Rushing out, trying to pull off a spectacular save while treading the fine line between foul and assault. Alternatively, it could be the more practical style of his Audi A4, a solid figure with regard to save choice but still not as secure as you would perhaps want. Finally, the dull style of his Subaru Forester could dominate, making the easy saves but not attempting anything too dramatic due to fear of doing his back in. When the big day comes, I know Ferg will be secure in goal, he'll make good decisions and not be afraid to pull off a spectacular save when required.



Name **Fergus McNab**
 D.O.B. 15/08/1993
 School Firrhill High School
 Year 3rd
 Subject Earth Sciences (PhD)
 College Magdalene
 Honours Occasionals Colours 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Previous Blues 2016, 2017
 Shirt No. 3

In a peculiar turn of events, Fergus has chosen his 7th year of university hockey to lay academic and ornithologic commitments aside for maximum hockey club involvement. Not content with his administrative roles of VC, club captain and wanderers coach, he is also an established driving force of the social scene. At any given moment Ferg will be seen topless, banging cans against his head surrounded by screaming crowds of freshers. What's the cause of this strange turn of events? It's hard to ignore the correlation of this behaviour with his new housemate, a notorious bad influence. Others believe that co-authoring his first paper on Turkey-bacon with games legend Patrick Patrick could be the root of these troubles. Whatever the reason, Oxford should know that the calm, gentle, nervous wreck of a man that left their ranks has finally come of age.



Name **Toby Brooks**
 D.O.B. 16/11/1997
 School Eastbourne College
 Year 1st
 Subject Natural Sciences
 College Clare
 Honours Wanderers Colours 2018
 Shirt No. 1

A first in exams last year has sadly left Toby incapable of participating in normal uni life. Simple games leave this intelligent man quivering. "Which numbers does one miss out in sixes and sevens?" and "My nightmares are of Ferg Flan shouting 'giz'" show the struggles of a Cambridge NatSci. However, do not be fooled: Toby is no ordinary NatSci. With a pout straight from Derek Zoolander and a haircut from FIFA '98, who knows what the night will hold. Tim VKs in hand, he soon Brooks his seal. And finally, after a night of dancing he is spotted Wanderering to Queens explaining that he's visiting Matt Roberts. On the pitch, he is a presence in goal and in his free time Toby's hobbies include pub golf, crocheting and making cameos as a Cindies bouncer.



Name **Edward Sides**
D.O.B. 24/06/1997
School Notre Dame High School
Year 3rd
Subject Mathematics
College Emmanuel
Honours Wanderers Colours 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 2

When the news that there had not been a single applicant for the role of club president reached the ears of Edward Sides, a sharp twinkle appeared in his eye – a twinkle paralleled only by a triumphant return to the Cindies dancefloor with 4 light blue VKs. He spied an opportunity. He did not know what it entailed, but he did know that the title sounded cool. A few sponsorship issues later, and with eventual access to the club bank account, Sido grew into his role and, amazingly, with the admin under control, his hockey seemingly improved too. He has (mostly) been a rock at the back this year and is looking forward to crushing Oxford again after last year's demolition job with the Wanderers.



Name **Robin Watts**
D.O.B. 23/11/1997
Year 2nd
School Sullivan Upper School
Subject History
College St Catherine's
Previous Blues 2017
Blues
Shirt No. 6

Missing Person! It's a bleak grey morning at the Wilberfortress and we are still waiting for Robin Watts, he's late yet again. He was last reported as grudgingly playing half back whilst admiring the midfield. No one has been able to locate him and we are all deeply concerned, has he got lost on the way to the barber to sort out the lid? Who knows? So please, if you see someone who fits the following description contact us at CUHC ASAP - THIS IS NOT A DRILL. Characteristics: (i) Tubby round the edges; (ii) in the event of a sprint, he'll expend a lot of energy with very little return (very rare don't worry); (iii) will try to run circles around you by speaking a lot but not actually saying very much. If found, please feel free to keep him. From a worried, yet better hockey player.



Name **Matthew Pyman**
D.O.B. 29/03/1997
School Lymm High School
Year 3rd
Subject Natural Sciences
College Sidney Sussex
Honours Wanderers Colours 2016, Futures Cup U16
Previous 2017
Blues
Shirt No. 7

The Pyscopus Pymea or "Trimo" is a small migratory songbird that spends the brighter months at Wilberforce Road, and the darker in Cindies. Similar in appearance to the rare "Slides Kingfisher", it is identifiable by its oversized quads and dark spiky plumage, as opposed to the salt and pepper of the kingfisher. The Trimo's song has been known to win not only many a gameshow but up to three female's hearts at once (hence "Trimo") - early observers initially suggested "Quadmo", but due to the low rate of occurrence this was dismissed. The Trimo has a splendid turn of speed, often taking competitors by surprise (it is very difficult to believe that such small limbs could move so fast) and as such it will invariably outmatch any adversary when they meet on the plains of astroturfia - keen ornithologists among you would be well served attending varsity to see such an occurrence (or two).



Name **Matthew Jarvis**
D.O.B. 15/03/1996
School Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood
Year 4th
Subject Medicine
College Girton
Honours Wanderers Colours 2017
Shirt No. 8

Matt arrived in the Blues squad this year with strong Wanderers and mediocre college rugby credentials. His main asset – a monstrous flick: long overhead out the back and hard off the top at penalty corners. Although we were soon convinced of his goal scoring potential, things initially didn't quite click. He flicked to the left, he flicked to the right – Matthew Jarvis, his flicking was ok but there was room for improvement. One weekend in late November, though, he found his way into the goals. He just couldn't help but slot them deep into the top corner. And things have only gotten better since Christmas! Jarvis has already clocked eight finishes in competitive play this calendar year, a feat that has required relentless concentration as well as strength and technique. Oxford will surely be quaking in their shoes.



Name **Kieran Gilmore**
D.O.B. 28/01/1995
School Simon Langton Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject Earth Sciences (PhD)
College St Catharine's
Previous Blues 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 10

There was initial joy as the Gilmore clan's third most intelligent child managed to grovel his way back into Cambridge and CUHC for another 4 years. Unfortunately, it soon appeared that the silly grad just wasn't quite up to scratch and after copious amounts of PMBing was unceremoniously dropped from the Saturday team. Although this fallen giant has been resigned to train with the Wandies on Mondays, he was charitably offered the chance to join the boys for BUCSWednesdays which he gleefully snapped up. Kieran's absence on the pitch has reflected his substandard offerings as an older brother. Hoping to gain valuable nuggets of wisdom from a supposedly wiser man, I've instead been left to feed off the scraps of aggressive ramblings in the club. Despite these shortcomings, Kieran's undeniably a pretty handy player and should do a decent job on Oxford come VDay.



Name **Johnny Staunton Sykes**
D.O.B. 12/08/1994
School St John Bishop Catholic High School
Year 1st
Subject Chemistry (PhD)
College Jesus
Previous Blues 2015, 2016
Shirt No. 11

Making more Saturday matches than Tinder ones this year, Jonny shows real dedication to the team. I look forward to hearing about Jonny's updates on his quest to find 'the one' at training sessions and his motto of 'just don't eat and you look ripped' appears to be working for him as his college heart throb finally accepted to go on a date to Harry Potter world with him. Being a PhD student, double blue and quite old, I expected Jonny to be a big character in the team and one to respect. Unfortunately, his reputation was quickly diminished in Michaelmas by wearing a questionable denim jacket to Ballare and having 'Creepy old man! Creepy old man!' chanted at him. Blake is one of the top 5 strikers in CUHC and I wish him luck on the big day. Bring it home Jean Valjean!



Name **Ollie Duckworth**
D.O.B. 23/01/1998
School RGS Guildford
Year 2nd
Subject Natural Sciences
College Gonville and Caius
Honours Wanderers Colours 2017
Shirt No. 13

Donald Duck is an anthropomorphic white duck with a yellow-orange bill, legs, and feet. He typically wears a sailor shirt and cap with a bow tie. Donald is most famous for his semi-intelligible speech and his mischievous and temperamental personality. His relatives, known collectively as Clan McDuck, include Scrooge McDuck (uncle), Huey, Dewey and Louie (nephews) and Ludwig von Drake (uncle). The combination of these physical attributes, a strong family support system, and a now stable relationship with long time love interest - Daisy Duck - should ensure a performance at the Varsity Match. Quack.



Name **Marcel Hedman**
D.O.B. 31/05/1999
School Whitgift School
Year 1st
Subject Natural Sciences
College Churchill
Honours Futures Cup U17, England U18
Shirt No. 16

Marcel is quite an unpredictable bloke; he has a surprising talent for rapping and has had, until recently, an understated acting career. However, as a first year natsci he normally has lectures at 9am and so a visit to grid reference 52°12'02.2"N 0°06'46.9"E at about 8:55am will enable you to see the lad in what has become figuratively one of his favourite places in Cambridge. Like most freshers, his aptitude for drinking games over this year has been questionable (almost as questionable as Parry's or Deme's lids), recently confiding to some shocked members of the team that he didn't know what 'a game of fives' was. On pitch, he is a force to be reckoned with and will definitely bring his A-game to Southgate.



Name **Sean Gilmore**
 D.O.B. 20/09/1998
 School Simon Langton Boys' Grammar
 Year 1st
 Subject Engineering
 College Jesus
 Honours Futures Cup U17
 Shirt No. 69

When the freshers arrived in September it became clear that Sean da Paul was the Custard Cream of the crop being nothing Short(bread) of quality both on and off the pitch. Never one to be a Jammie Dodger when it comes to nights out, he has been the subject of many challenges including serenades and dances that really raised the Temperature of the establishment before moving on to the (McVitie's) Club, where his figures climb as high as five million and forty naughty shorty. Since moving into Jesus College, Sean GilmOreo has done most of his cooking in another college's kitchen, there must be a lack of hob(nob)s in Jesus. Here he prepares his pre-game food which consists of many things but no green banana. Sean has been a great addition to the squad and it will be a pleasure to play alongside him on Varsity day.



Name **Jonathan Parke**
 D.O.B. 13/09/1997
 School Salesian College
 Year 1st
 Subject Engineering
 College Clare
 Honours Wanderers Colours 2018
 Shirt No. 21

Freshers' trials are generally a tedious affair but this year 'guy with orange stick' really stood out. Sent straight into the Wanderers squad, it was soon discovered that 'guy with orange stick' was in fact called Jonathan Parke, and he was quickly renamed after the eponymous footballer Ji Sung. He continued to impress throughout Michaelmas term, particularly with his strength and skill on the ball and his work-rate on nights out. However, on selection for the Blues we were greatly disappointed to discover that his knowledge of South Korea's underdog 2002 World Cup campaign was somewhat lacking. Despite this set back he has slotted into the midfield nicely and brings much-needed improvement to the team's rig/lid ratings.



Name **Ben Dudgeon**
 D.O.B. 10/02/1997
 School d'Overbroeck's College
 Year 3rd
 Subject Engineering
 College St Catherine's
 Honours Wanderers Colours 2016
 Previous 2017 Blues
 Shirt No. 26

Ben Dudgeon is currently a third year Engineer at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. A little-known fact about Ben Dudgeon is his occasional participation in the popular fantasy board game Dudgeons and Dragons. Questing through the Dungeons of Oxford he was eventually able to escape to the sacred isles of Cambridge. It was here he began his journey to becoming a level 99 magus, forging his magic hat and gryphon wand on the way. With these objects he has been able to conquer many an Oxford team, leaving tears and decimation in his wake. He is now hoping to complete his quest and become an Arch-magician when he accomplishes his final adventure and defeats the dark blues on the 4th of March.



Name **James Campkin**
 D.O.B. 10/05/1998
 School Portsmouth Grammar School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Natural Sciences
 College Fitzwilliam
 Honours Wanderers Colours 2017
 Shirt No. 52

With Thomas Jackson leaving CUHC to start work as a Russian spy, there was a vacancy up top in the Men's Blues. Not that Campkin would have noticed. Even so, this year he has managed to force his way into the team with the help of his lightning quick hands, and a superior knowledge of kitchen appliances. Following his breakthrough year in the Wanderers', James has continued his improvement throughout this season. Despite looking sharp on the pitch, off it James seems to live in his own little world. The man spends most of his waking hours staring into space - for all we know he has the answers to all of life big questions, it's just a shame that getting through to him is like Facetimeing someone in Australia with terrible time lag. Oxford beware though; whilst he may not be the best at fishing, few defenders leave the pitch without being skinned by CUHC's resident Peter Crouch.



Name **Hugo Parry**
D.O.B. **18/11/1997**
School **Merchant Taylor's School, Northwood**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Engineering**
College **St Catherine's**
Honours **Half Blue 2017, Wanderers Colours 2017**
Shirt No. **62**

When (Prince) Huggles arrived at Cambridge he told everyone the only reason he didn't flick ahead of me at school was because the coach didn't like him – how things have changed. At uni, Hugo has worked endlessly on his pull-out game (pyramid run) – exemplified by his big nights out in Cindies and Life. Remarkably his lid has also gotten worse. However, on the pitch, Hugo gained sponsorship from Aratac when 14 years old (his promotional video is well worth a watch) and has continued to develop since. He always puts in 100%. The only downfall can be controlling this 100% effort (let's call it that). Oxford should be scared of his goal threat and he will be hugely missed in his year out. Keep the amino Sundays going in your off-season and stay blessed x



Name **Charlie Bannister**
Coach

The Men's Blues are once again indebted to Charlie Bannister for his efforts as coach throughout the season. His knowledge and levelheadedness are a constant help at training and on match days. He is so insightful on the hockey field that it still comes as a great surprise when he fails to recognise that the team is severely struggling after a big night out. "I honestly don't know what's come over you this evening lads!" Charlie is now a Varsity Match veteran (and has the stash to prove it); his experience and steady hand will go a long way towards bringing a performance out of the boys today. Hopefully we can "make it work"!



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CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S BLUES REPORT

The women's Blues began the season with high expectations of building on the successes of last year, in which the team finished 6th in the Premier Division of the East League and 4th in the BUCS Premier A South league. A high turnover of players for the second year in a row meant the women's Blues welcomed an influx of talented new players this season. Joining a solid core of nine returning Blues, these players, bringing with them their unique skillsets, have all become crucial members of the team.

A slow start to the season, in which the women's Blues struggled to put away a run of hard fought matches, resulted in disappointing positions in both leagues two months in to the season. But with the team and coach finally clicking in the run-up to Christmas, the women's Blues began converting their performances into well-deserved wins. Tripling their point to game ratio, the team has begun to climb up the table in the East League. Thanks to our brilliant coach, Darrel Cassidy, the team have seen massive improvements since he joined us and I think the whole team will agree in saying it has been a pleasure working with him this season.

A transformed team from that at the start of the season, I'm very proud of what the team has come to achieve thanks to everyone's hard work, on and off the pitch. I've thoroughly enjoyed playing hockey with all the girls, and I look forward to stepping on to the pitch with them for our biggest performance to come this Varsity Day.

Hatty Darling

Women's Blues Captain 2017/18



Back row (Left to Right): Lydia Copeland, Annalise Whitehead, Bethan Moncur, Lucia Corry.

Middle Row: Clare Marsh, Bella Padt, Molly Buxton, Freddie Briscoe (GK/VC), Hatty Darling (C), Amy Edwards, Darrel Cassidy (Coach).

Front Row: Georgie Burrows, Hattie Bevan, Sophia Padt, Rhianna Miller, Rhiannon Osborne, Alicia Murphy.

NOMADS (2ND TEAM) SEASON REPORT

The Nomads have had a fantastic season far. We currently sit third in the table in our Saturday league, but our sights are set on a higher podium position. This is not just optimism as an opposition team recently declared us 'the best team in the league' and rightly so as, of course, the team is full of next-level talent. Coincidentally, we are also third in our BUCS league. We have some tough opposition in Nottingham and our BUCS nemesis Loughborough, who we will face again in the next stage of the BUCS cup in what will be a nailbiter. We are lucky to have 8 hockey freshers in the squad. These young ladies have brought pace, skill and 'fitness'. However, we would not be the Nomads without our CUHC veterans who bring composure, discipline and power to the team. The squad has really gelled together, creating fluid and dynamic movement on the pitch. The Nomads team spirit is not confined to the Astro, we work as a unit, taking CUHC and the D-floor by storm and we plan to display all our talents to Oxford on the 18th February, both on and off the pitch. Previous Nomad teams have set quite a precedent, with Varsity wins in the last two years. This may put on the pressure but the 2018 Nomads are more than a match for Oxford and we will come out strong.

Beth Barker

Nomads Captain 2017/18

BEDOUINS (3RD TEAM) SEASON REPORT

The Beds have had a variable start to the season. With a huge intake of hockey freshers adding strength to every line on the pitch the beds currently sit 5th in the table. Off the back of the new year we have had some strong results with the team being back and raring to go. Having initially struggled to link up together coaching trio Luce, Gbuzz and Roberts have pulled the team together developing the beds into a slick cohesive unit. Team bonding has been an important part of the team this year with players learning about each other's fun facts, childhood favourites and favourite foods! Throughout the season the beds have been strong attenders at both training and socials both as part of good practice for the big day. Last year the beds dominated both on and off the pitch, so the Mavericks had better watch out for the beds have big plans for a repetition of this!

Tamara Norman

Bedouin Captain 2017/18

CUHC WOMEN'S RESULTS

East Prem A

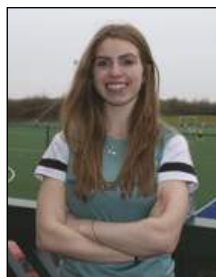
23/09/17	CoP 1	1-5 L
30/09/17	Ipswich 1	0-2 L
07/10/17	St Albans 2	0-2 L
14/10/17	Wapping 1	1-2 L
21/10/17	West Herts	1-10 L
28/10/17	Old Loughts 1	3-0 W
04/11/17	Sevenoaks 2	0-3 L
11/11/17	Canterbury 2	4-2 W
18/11/17	Maidstone 1	1-0 W
25/11/17	Cambridge City 2	1-1 D
02/12/17	Norwich Dragons 1	2-0 W
09/12/17	CoP 1	3-4 L
06/01/18	Ipswich 1	0-2 L
13/01/18	St Albans 2	2-2 D
20/01/18	Wapping 1	2-4 L
27/01/18	West Herts 1	1-4 L
03/02/18	Old Loughts 1	1-0 W
10/02/18	Sevenoaks 2	2-3 L
24/02/18	Canterbury 2	1-2 L

BUCS Prem A South

04/10/17	Bath Uni 1	2-2 D
11/10/17	Exeter Uni 1	0-5 L
18/10/17	Cardiff Uni 1	0-1 L
25/10/17	Oxford Uni 1	0-2 L
01/11/17	Bristol Uni 1	2-5 L
08/11/17	Bath Uni 1	1-2 L
22/11/17	Exeter Uni 1	0-4 L
29/11/17	Cardiff Uni 1	1-2 L
24/01/18	Oxford Uni 1	1-2 L
31/01/18	Bristol Uni 1	0-0 D

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOCKEY SQUAD

2018 PEN PORTRAITS



Name Lucia Corry
D.O.B. 09/12/1996
School Forest School
Year 3rd
Subject HSPS
College Magdalene
Previous Blues 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 13

Having navigated the stormy light blue seas and mysteries (any takers on shirt 17?) of second year, Captain Luc decided to keep her intentions clear as a wise #fun 3rd year. Despite this, Luc decided that 2 secret boyfriends was the way to go, before realising the one true love of her life. Nowadays this sporting pair are inseparable; every match, night out and Pat Val debrief they're there, often in noticeably similar outfits. Her injury prone partner in crime shares a deep love for all things Wandies and a keenness for a PMB (pre-match-banana). It was only a matter of time before this closeness came to a head, 1 year on from the 17 mystery, when the annual kit-swap-confusion resurfaced*. Despite this, the Lucia Corry fan-club (lead by her DoS) will be in full force today as this double act arrive at Southgate together, side by side, fruce united... and her boyf will probs be there too. With skills galore, talent unrivalled and genuine exceptional hockey ability, this girl is a star who shines so bright that everyone will be with her, willing her on to a Varsity victory today. *nb only spice served was a suspiciously spicy korma.



Name Freddie Briscoe
D.O.B. 03/09/1996
School Norwich School
Year 3rd
Subject Engineering
College Corpus Christi
Previous Blues 2016, 2017
Shirt No. 1

In this episode, we will journey across the globe, delving deeper into the light blue oceans, to bring us an understanding of Life beneath the waves. Welcome to Blue(s) Planet II.

With new technology, we have caught glimpses of the unique (Fredspotted cat-shark. Despite plenty of creatures on the reef, a team of experts have been following this one lone shark. Early in the season, our shark has spotted one potential, and begins the courting ritual. Rhythmic dances capture the attention of a young ocean sunfish, separated from the rest of his clan. With more Gills than normally expected, so to survive in certain Temperatures, he succumbs, lured with temptation of water biscuits. Although these make up much of this species' diet, they are also known to tuck into sea cucumbers when resources are depleted.

Once a year, in around February, many species gather for what is regarded as the greatest spectacle on Earth. A shoal of fish, carried by the currents, descend to ocean depths, guided by the barraKuda. Here it is easier for individuals to be picked off. Success. She has attracted two Ma(n)ta Rays, and seals the deal.

Deceivingly quick and highly defensive of her lair, she does not take lightly to intruders and defects attacks from other predators with ease. The Fredspotted catshark truly is the most fearsome creature of the blue.



Name Annalise Whitehead
D.O.B. 04/03/1999
School The Abbey School
Year 1st
Subject MML
College Robinson
Shirt No. 12

Annalise arrived fresh-faced in September, her linguistic skills qualifying her for our trek up to Leeds for preseason. She was soon astounded by her fellow teammates wit in giving her a distinctive theme tune – 'it's the sound of Annalise!'. Thoroughly humbled, she decided to buckle down and get to work on the real reason she was here: to get into every club photo possible. But she was met with a challenge – her escapades in Cindies were numerous but Life evaded her, given her college friends frequented it on Vendredi. Eventually in January she managed to get in. However, conspiracists believe her club photos could be faked as her face is identical in all of them – has she even been out at all? To coin her catchphrase – Annalise 'you are a legend' and will shine today in your Varsity debut.



Name Rhiannon Osborne
D.O.B. 20/02/1998
School Kingswood School
Year 2nd
Subject Medicine
College St Catharine's
Previous Blues 2017
Shirt No. 39

Cannon / kanan / noun

1. A large, heavy piece of artillery, typically mounted on wheels, formerly used in warfare

"They would enter the Wilberfortress, under the cover of the defending cannon"

2. A heavy cylinder of hollow drum that is able to rotate independently on a shaft

The earliest known cannon appeared in China in the 12th century using gunpowder as the primary propellant. Now, in the 21st century, the cannon prefers propellant in the form of VKs for the Ballare battleground. Cannons were used primarily as anti-infantry weapons until 1374, when cannons were recorded breaching enemy walls. Correctly speaking, our cannon is a gun, with a high muzzle velocity and a flat trajectory, useful for hitting targets. Oxford better watch out for our Cannon breaching enemy lines and hitting targets come V-Day (not to be confused with Cannon's role in D-Day).



Name **Bella Padt**
D.O.B. **23/01/1999**
School **Latymer Upper School**
Year **1st**
Subject **Geography**
College **Emmanuel**
Shirt No. **64**

"What has Bella done this year other than press ups and boys?"

Despite giving the impression her life is a mess, Bella is a role model to us all. She throws herself into all aspects of CUHC, with lots of success both on the pitch and in the clobber. She is keen to learn from her teammates - when Molly taught Bella 'the hook' she mastered and used it perfectly on the same day - but also enjoys sharing and is always up for a swap on a night out. Bella has been the most committed to S&C, turning up late to every training session just so she can be punished with press ups*. As well as her ability to make everyone laugh, Bella's skill and commitment have been invaluable this season. If she performs as well in the Varsity match as she does in her late-night antics, she will definitely be one to watch.

*Calling them press ups is a bit of a stretch. None of us have ever seen press ups quite like Bella's... if we'd even call them press ups at all.



Name **Alicia Murphy**
D.O.B. **19/12/1997**
School **Henrietta Barnett School**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Engineering**
College **St Catharine's**
Honours **Nomads Varsity 2017**
Shirt No. **42**

Alicia may be the smallest on the team, but what she lacks in stature she makes up through her commitment, character and low-key sass. Despite being described the 'little one' by an opposition player, she is a force to be reckoned with as she has demonstrated through an unprovoked attack on Amy's cousins after an away game and her sassy remarks when made to do shuttles in training.

Some have gone even further to call Alicia 'half a person'. The better half of Alicia is without a doubt her mother, Elaine, who has provided copious amounts of cake to be enjoyed with our match teas. We can only hope that she will have delivered once again for the Varsity game.



Name **Rhianna Miller**
D.O.B. **23/08/1997**
School **St John's School**
Year **3rd**
Subject **PBS**
College **Fitzwilliam**
Honours **Nomads Varsity 2017, England NAGS U16**
Shirt No. **59**

Heyyyy

U up??

been drinkinn with nick Mil-leerrr

was bigg night tho nott as big as Wednesday night #tri-mooooo love the hokcey galss theyre the best also luv the hocky boyss but their too skinnyy I prefer cwtch with big rugby boyy preferably welsh tho Im not fussey!! cant wait to have kidds with my boyy and drive my white range roverrr round surrey

Ahhh gotta gett up for s an c tomorrow love fitness with mattt the fitness instructor so Im gonna do lots of fitness with matt the fit fitness instructor to get fit so I can be good at fitness and impress matt the fitness instructor... gotta be fit for varsity so i can smmash o****fooorddd

Better not end up in addies againn tonitee oooops shhh kept that one quiet lool

Ohhh rhi-annaaaaaa



Name **Bethan Moncur**
D.O.B. **06/04/1999**
School **City of London Freeman's School**
Year **1st**
Subject **Engineering**
College **Newnham**
Honours **JRPC Tier 2 U17**
Shirt No. **15**

Bethan Moncur, 18

"Just a first year engineering my way through the dating scene"

Active 20mins ago

About Bethan

I've been a key member of the mid-field and defensive line and play the important role of Blues Bib Secretary. I've really embraced the TEAM aspect of hockey not only can I switch between the midfield and defensive line but I'm also up for a swap on a night out too, on and off the pitch I've got pretty good game!

I have really settled into university life becoming particularly close to my Newnham porters, in fact they even came to put me to bed one evening and were more than happy to help when I set the kitchen alight. (note: smoke inhalation is apparently not an excuse to miss training) and my tutor is happy to help should I have any college incidences.

I'm new to tinder and just can't stop the boys from swiping right, hoping my success with the boys will translate onto the pitch for a HUGE win against Oxford.



Name **Lydia Copeland**
D.O.B. 27/02/1994
School Oakham School
Year 1st
Subject PGCE
College Jesus
Shirt No. 36

"Loughborough walks on water and so we f***ing oughtta na na na..." came chanting this Lufbrah, leggy lass turning heads as she entered the Wilberfortress. Dressed in varying shades of purple stash she proudly showed off her sporting heritage recounting outrageous stories from her undergrad days which at the time seemed well behind her...or so she thought...Miss Copeland as her pupils refer to her has worked hard this year to juggle the school-hockey-sesh balance. With a finite number of days off from school, Miss Copeland has had to plan meticulously when the most appropriate days would be to a) have a migraine b) go to a wedding in Scotland or c) have a job interview. Options a) b) and c) have all been used on various Mondays after excellent and sometimes poor 'Life' decisions which have amounted to option d) an injury induced dance move disaster, less planned but an equally necessary day off work. Lyds the Ledge has been a quality addition to the team, we have no doubt that Lyds the Lad will smash it against the other side today, finally the Cambridge Blue will replace that unfortunate Lufbra purple!



Name **Molly Buxton**
D.O.B. 07/11/1995
School King Edward's School
Year 4th
Subject Philosophy and Management Studies
College St Catharine's
Honours Nomads Varsity 2016, 2015
Previous 2017 Blues
Shirt No. 17

Molly is exceptional at playing hockey at the back, left of the pitch. Though some have said her spatial limitations make her a 'one-dimensional player', Molly has proved them wrong with her ability to aerial and bang in goals. In fact, Molly has many dimensions. When she is not telling everyone how easy her degree is, Molly is associated with dance parties, raves and wedding songs playlists. But though Molly has many hobbies/interests, hockey remains her number 1 favourite. In spite of living 0.5 miles further from Wilby, Molly has reduced her lateness by 81.482% this year, arriving £19 late across the whole season. This extra time on the pitch, the white powder seen in her pre-match gum shield and the help of her hockey boyfriend playing for CUHC with blue/orange shoes have allowed Molly to re-egginate her hockey this year. A force to be reckoned with, Molly is one to watch this Varsity.



Name **Sophia Padt**
D.O.B. 23/02/1997
School Latymer Upper School
Year 3rd
Subject Geography
College St. Catharine's
Previous 2016, 2017 Blues
Shirt No. 48

Sophia Wilhelmina Padt has shown her silky skills throughout the season to destroy the opposition on several occasions. However, Miss Padt has also shown her skillz on the D floor this year. Unfortunately there has been no improvement on her dance moves just like her taste in men. This slippery serpent has been fraternising with the enemy or should I say 'her rock'. Her Dad, I mean boyfriend is going to have a tough time deciding who to support on Sunday. Their relationship really seems to have blossomed over the past term when they went on a romantic paintballing trip.... Or that's what Bella seemed to think. Unfortunately, those bruises on her neck were not fooling any of us. Soph's love of hockey and lack of studying this term has become apparent when she swapped clothes for, 'seasoned sausage, originally from Italy, usually eaten cold in slices,' Salami should not replace clothes under any circumstances! So with many goals on the horizon for Soph this Varsity, the big question that we all want to ask is which side will she be on today, Ooford or Cambridge?



Name **Hattie Bevan**
D.O.B. 27/10/1996
School Cheltenham College
Year 2nd
Subject Natural Sciences
College Gonville and Caius
Previous 2017 Blues
Shirt No. 51

To what extent does Beverley Battie Heaven deserve her nickname 'dweeb'? 'dweeb': an individual presenting themselves in a foolish manner, likely associated with a story that will end in a unanimous DOD. Battie continues to remind us of her 'gap yah' with the frequent mention of Oman. After falling ill abroad, some worming tablets and swigs from shampoo bottles sorted her out, albeit a little queasy. Vomit appears to be captain chunderpants' go-to move - winning the highly contested Christmas dinner toilet talent show and using her sickness to lure an unnamed squandie into the Cindies toilet for a date he wouldn't forget. Despite all this, Battie Heaven has silky skills, especially in the 3D department**. Beverley has fooled Oxford into thinking that this is the only skill she can do, but after her Friday afternoon dates with Darrel we expect to see Battie Ctrl+Alt+Deleting goals on V day. (**if she can find her stick)



Name **Amy Edwards**
D.O.B. **25/11/1998**
School **Victoria College Belfast**
Year **1st**
Subject **Engineering**
College **Gonville and Caius**
Shirt No. **3**

Amy "Imy" Edwards, 003

Your mission, should you choose to accept it: Infiltrate the Light Blues' Fortress and lead them to victory against the dark side

Key information to aid the transition from Norn Iron (provided on a need to know basis):

1) The Pads are in fact related, Bella isn't just over-friendly with Sophia's parents

2) Satsumas are a small round fruit similar to tangerines

3) The showers at Wilby can not be described as paar shaars but can be luke-warm on a good day

In order to gain their trust, use endearing Northern Irish slang and win them over with traditional traybakes such as fiftens, so you should.

Start by establishing yourself as an unbeatable centre back- put your body on the line if you feel it is necessary. Be warned! You may have to move up the pitch on occasion, at such high altitudes nose-bleeds can occur so proceed with caution.

Do not underestimate the rivalry between these two teams - watch out Oxford, 003's coming for you.



Name **Claire Marsh**
D.O.B. **03/05/1997**
School **Cranleigh School**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Geography**
College **Churchill**
Previous **2017 Blues**
Shirt No. **10**

A church somewhere in Cambridge

I, the Lord of Wilberforce Road,
I have heard my teammates shout,
All who dwell on astro and grass,
My skills will save.
I who was the sassy fresh,
I who still am so damn sassy,
How can I help them to win,
Where shall I play?

Here I am Blues, it is I blues
I have heard, you calling on the pitch
I will play Hatty, if you lead me
I will hold, the centre of the team.

I, the rep of Legend stash,
I have played both front and back,
I have wept for lack of goals, and still I slay.

I will break Oxford's heart,
Give them skills and they will part.
I will throw my tackles at them.
How shall I score?

Here I am Oxford, it is I Oxford
I have heard you're tryna get a win,
I will go forth, to your P spot,
I will smash, the balloon in your net.



Name **Georgie Burrows**
D.O.B. **12/06/1996**
School **Canford**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Natural Sciences**
College **St Catharine's**
Previous **2017, Nomads**
Blues **Varsity 2016**
Shirt No. **7**

¡Hola! ¡Me llamo G-buzz y soy obsesionado con los chicos españoles! En mi gap year yo aprendiendo español to hablar a muchos muchos chicos. Durante las vacaciones yo spent mucho tiempo intimato con mi amigo especial. ¡El was muy muy guapo y inteligente y mature like mi! ¡In facto, el was mi profesor! Nosotros cuddled by el mar y watchamos el sunset en los trees. ¡It was perfectamente - mis dos amores hombres y green plantas! ¡El environment is mi enorme passionante! Unfortunately, necesité return a Cambridge to mi grande set y mi "famous warrior" is travelingo en South America. ¡Soy hope que los cannibales no lo eatando...! Pero now estoy ready a kick mucho ass en el pitch de hockey. ¡Instead de score unos chicos voy a score muchos goals!



Name **Hatty Darling**
D.O.B. **05/06/1996**
School **Malvern College**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Natural Sciences**
College **Christ's**
Previous **2016, 2017 Blues**
Shirt No. **14**

Ode to Captain Hatty

You may have heard of our captain, Hatty,
Leading us out for her third Varsity,
'DEFENDER Darling'
With her fit disguised sling
Is a bit of a hockey celebritie

One thing to note about the way Hat leads,
She strives to look after all our needs,
And know everyone's location
All over the nation,
Even Molly, the soc sec in Leeds.

This season, Hat has disciplined her hunnies,
No one is late, or they suffer late fees,
And you oft hear bark
'mark.mark.mark!'

It even woke up some interviewees.
Like all great leaders, she is set on the win,
Meaning sometimes things need to go in the bin,
Two coaches, friends' clothes,
In a taxi, Hatty's nose,
But whatever, we stick by our captain.

As a player, Hatty is skilful but gritty,
Off field, she is sometimes quite witty,
No doubt, this season was a test,
But Hat has come through as the best (of the best),
It will be an honour to play beside you at varsity.



Name **Darrel Cassidy**
Coach

Darrel The Kiwi Cassidy, the legendary New Zealand International hockey player, joined us this season in the hope that some of his crafty skill would rub off on us. Darrel's first match coaching us was against Canterbury, however, I don't think he got the memo. Turning up in full Canterbury stash wasn't exactly what we expected. He also didn't sing Oklahoma which was down right disappointing. However, what he did bring was drive and enthusiasm, helping us to aim for those big victories. With losses being turned to wins and goals being scored, we knew he was the man for us. The language barrier has been an issue throughout the season, Hattie Bevan who now responds to Beverly, enjoys private one on one sessions to delete many goals.

However, two questions remain on our mind on the 118th Varsity match;

1. Will he take us to victory?
2. Does he ever take his ruck-sack off?!

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in today's Varsity match*

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Hockey became a recognised school sport at Elizabeth College Guernsey in 1910 and the College was soon able to claim to have produced one of the greatest English hockey players, Arthur (AD) Ogilvy (3384). Ogilvy was capped for England from 1926 to 1935. An edition of the Illustrated Sporting News in 1936 described him as a supreme artist who 'at outside-left is as fine a sight as the hockey field has to offer'.

Matches started against Victoria College in 1924 after Principal Dr Hardy, a keen hockey player himself, took personal charge of the game. Enthusiasm for the sport was rekindled after the exile years of WWII when Robin Roussel (4475), a graduate of Loughborough and Leicester county hockey player, returned to the College as a games and geography master.

Old Elizabethan Roger Self (4959) was Hockey Manager for the Great Britain team which won a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and he opened the new all-weather pitch at Foote's Lane in 1990. Since that time several pupils have been chosen for national teams, including Kelvin King (8272), England U16 goalkeeper, Ben Lanoe (8619), who was selected for the England Under 18 team. In 2008, Adam Clark (9801) played in the England Under 16 team and a year later was promoted to the Under 18 squad, his brother Andrew Clark (10004) followed in his footsteps to play for England Under 16's. More recently Andrew Oxburgh (10217) was selected for the England Under 16 team before leaving for his sixth form at Repton School where he played for England Under 18 and won the National Schools' Championship.

Hockey is the major game in the Lent Term with teams at all school ages from U12 to seniors. We regularly compete in the West Divisional finals although most of our hockey at senior level is played against local men's teams. We are fortunate to welcome a number of visiting teams each year, such as Felsted School, Parkside School, Churchers College, Cheltenham College Junior School and these provide the bulk of our matches at junior level. Each year we have matches against our traditional rivals, Victoria College, Jersey which were first played in 1924. At 1st XI level Elizabeth have enjoyed the advantage, to the extent that we have 47 wins to 21 with 15 draws.

We would like to wish Old Elizabethan Andrew Oxburgh the best of luck in today's match as he captains Oxford.

A. Good, Head of Hockey, Elizabeth College



Andrew Oxburgh
representing
Elizabeth College,
Guernsey

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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PREVIOUS SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS SCHOOL MATCH – THE BOGDAN CUP

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	Oakhams	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	Greshams	11 - 1	Marlborough College
2006	Eton College	4 - 2	Loretto
2007	Tonbridge	2 - 2	Bishop's Stortford
2008	Abingdon	1 - 2	Cranleigh
2009	Workshop	6 - 1	St Georges' College
2010	Repton	0 - 2	RGS Guildford
2011	Oakhams	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	Oakhams	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



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