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Match Programme

10.45am (water)

Schools Match (boys)
Old Loughtonians HC v MCS Oxford
Charlie Cooper & Tom Pilgrim

10.45am (sand)

Schools Match (girls)
Newcastle High School v JAGS
Millie Ely & Lexi Rockall

12.10pm (water)

Alumni Women
Oxford v Cambridge
Mike Hudson & Phil Everett

12.10pm (sand)

Alumni Men
Oxford v Cambridge
Gary Joy & Nick Lockhart

1.15pm (sand)

Super Cuppers
St Catz/Sommerville v St John's/Newnham
TBC

1.55pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Women's Match
Mia Dewing & Sophie Parker
Match Official: Janet Sutton

3.55pm (water)

Oxford v Cambridge Men's Match
Max Davidson & Harry Raffan
Match Official: David Cooper

First Aid available via the main bar or the Announcer on the balcony



Welcome to the 125th JMAN Varsity Hockey matches

I am delighted to welcome JMAN Group as match sponsors for the tenth time. JMAN Group are general management consultants who provide simple solutions to complex business problems, very ably staffed by numerous alumni from both OUHC and CUHC.

In 2024 the spoils were shared between the Universities.

The Dark Blues grabbed the Men's trophy in 2024. They won 1-0 in a very closely fought affair with a single penalty corner scored by current captain Lewis Collins the sole difference after 70 minutes. The Light Blues lead the series by a margin of nine, 57 to 49, with 18 matches drawn.

After the Ladies match last year, the trophy again headed up the M11. Cambridge showed a dominant display on the pitch, comfortably running out the winners with a 4-0 victory. Cambridge stretched their lead in the series to four. Cambridge have 52 wins to Oxford's 48. There have been 24 draws.

Congratulations to all 64 squad members. By stepping out on the pitch today you join a very select few to receive a Full Blue in Hockey. Enjoy your day, it is a fantastic showcase of all you have worked towards this year. Make fantastic memories, it is a day you will not forget. I was fortunate enough to captain two Dark Blue teams and play in several others, and I am delighted to say I am still friends with a number of those from both shades blues who took part. I hope you in the future will be able to say the same.

It is great to see four junior teams battling for the Lochhead and Bogdan Trophies. In the Boys game for the Bogdan Trophy, MCS Oxford play Old Loughtonians. In the Girls game for the Lochhead Trophy, Newcastle Highschool take on James Almey's Girls School.

It is the twenty second 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.

On behalf of both universities, the sincerest thanks and debt of gratitude that we could never repay must go to James Gordon. James has diligently and generously lead the University Hockey Match Committee 12 years, having been first involved when he captained a Dark Blue side in 1983. His fantastic and often thankless work has ensured the continued success of the Varsity Hockey Matches enabling so many to have such a wonderful experience to cherish. I know that all who have played under his tenure is beyond grateful for all the work he has done.

Johann Perera

Chairman of the University Hockey Match Committee

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SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CLUB

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

PRESENTATIONS

Player of the Match Trophies

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

THE MEN'S UNIVERSITY MATCH

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

The MCC invited the game to Lord's in 1969 where it remained for 22 years until the need for a synthetic surface caused the move to Reading in 1991. After 6 years, the match was moved to the National Hockey Stadium in Milton Keynes and today, for the twenty first 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	1938/39	Cambridge	3-2	1988/89	Cambridge	1-0
1890/91	Oxford	3-2	1945/46	Draw	3-3	1989/90	Cambridge	4-2
1891/92	Draw	2-2	1946/47	Cambridge	3-0	1990/91	Oxford	3-1
1892/93	Oxford	3-1	1947/48	Cambridge	2-0	1991/92	Oxford	2-1
1893/94	Draw	1-1	1948/49	Oxford	3-1	1992/93	Oxford	3-0
1894/95	Draw	3-3	1949/50	Cambridge	1-0	1993/94	Oxford	5-0
1895/96	Cambridge	3-1	1950/51	Oxford	4-0	1994/95	Oxford	4-0
1896/97	Cambridge	4-0	1951/52	Cambridge	6-3	1995/96	Oxford	4-1
1897/98	Cambridge	4-0	1952/53	Oxford	5-2	1996/97	Cambridge	2-0
1898/99	Cambridge	5-2	1953/54	Oxford	3-1	1997/98	Oxford	4-0
1899/00	Cambridge	3-2	1954/55	Cambridge	2-1	1998/99	Draw	2-2
1900/01	Cambridge	4-1	1955/56	Cambridge	2-0	1999/00	Oxford	2-1
1901/02	Oxford	3-2	1956/57	Draw	0-0	2000/01	Cambridge	3-1
1902/03	Oxford	3-0	1957/58	Oxford	5-1	2001/02	Draw	1-1
1903/04	Oxford	1-0	1958/59	Draw	0-0	2002/03	Oxford	3-2
1904/05	Oxford	3-1	1959/60	Cambridge	4-1	2003/04	Oxford	3-2
1905/06	Cambridge	4-1	1960/61	Oxford	2-0	2004/05	Cambridge	3-2
1906/07	Cambridge	3-2	1961/62	Cambridge	3-2	2005/06	Oxford	2-0
1907/08	Cambridge	3-1	1962/63	Oxford	3-0	2006/07	Cambridge	4-3
1908/09	Oxford	6-3	1963/64	Oxford	2-1	2007/08	Cambridge	3-1
1909/10	Oxford	5-4	1964/65	Draw	2-2	2008/09	Oxford	4-1
1910/11	Cambridge	4-1	1965/66	Oxford	1-0	2009/10	Oxford	3-1
1911/12	Oxford	3-1	1966/67	Cambridge	1-0	2010/11	Oxford	5-2
1912/13	Cambridge	7-2	1967/68	Oxford	1-0	2011/12	Cambridge	5-3
1913/14	Oxford	2-1	1968/69	Draw	2-2	2012/13	Draw	1-1
1919/20	Oxford	3-1	1969/70	Cambridge	2-0	2013/14	Cambridge	2-1
1920/21	Cambridge	4-1	1970/71	Cambridge	1-0	2014/15	Cambridge	2-2
1921/22	Cambridge	3-2	1971/72	Cambridge	1-0	(shuttles)		
1922/23	Cambridge	4-1	1972/73	Oxford	1-0	2015/16	Cambridge	2-1
1923/24	Oxford	3-0	1973/74	Draw	0-0	2016/17	Oxford	2-2
1924/25	Oxford	3-2	1974/75	Oxford	3-1	(shuttles)		
1925/26	Cambridge	3-2	1975/76	Oxford	7-0	2017/18	Oxford	3-1
1926/27	Cambridge	4-1	1976/77	Cambridge	2-1	2018/19	Cambridge	3-2
1927/28	Cambridge	5-1	1977/78	Cambridge	2-1	2019/20	Cambridge	5-0
1928/29	Cambridge	3-1	1978/79	Oxford	6-1	2020/21	Cambridge	
1929/30	Draw	2-2	1979/80	Cambridge	1-0	(shuttles)		1-1
1930/31	Oxford	3-2	1980/81	Draw	2-2	2021/22	Oxford	3-1
1931/32	Draw	1-1	1981/82	Cambridge	4-1	2022/23	Cambridge	2-2
1932/33	Cambridge	2-0	1982/83	Cambridge	4-1	(shuttles)		
1933/34	Cambridge	4-1	1983/84	Cambridge	2-1	2023/24	Oxford	1-0
1934/35	Draw	0-0	1984/85	Cambridge	2-0			
1935/36	Oxford	1-0	1985/86	Cambridge	3-1			
1936/37	Oxford	3-0	1986/87	Draw	0-0			
1937/38	Draw	1-1	1987/88	Cambridge	2-0			

| Played: 124 | Cambridge: 57 | Oxford: 49 | Drawn: 18 | Goals: Cambridge: 239 | Oxford: 232 |

THE WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY MATCH

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

PREVIOUS WOMEN'S MATCH RESULTS

1898	Cambridge	1941	Oxford	1979	Drawn
1899	Cambridge	1942	Cambridge	1980	Cambridge
1900	Cambridge	1943	Cambridge	1981	Cambridge
1901	Drawn	1944	Cambridge	1982	Cambridge
1902	Cambridge	1945	Oxford	1983	Oxford
1903	Cambridge	1946	Cambridge	1984	Drawn 1-1
1904	Cambridge	1947	Oxford	1985	Drawn 3-3
1905	Cambridge	1948	Oxford	1986	Oxford 4-1
1906	Cambridge	1949	Cambridge	1987	Oxford 4-2
1907	Cambridge	1950	Cambridge	1988	Oxford 2-1
1908	Cambridge	1951	Cambridge	1989	Cambridge 3-0
1909	Cambridge	1952	Drawn	1990	Drawn
1910	Cambridge	1953	Drawn	1991	Cambridge 4-1
1911	Cambridge	1954	Drawn	1992	Oxford 1-0
1912	Oxford	1955	Drawn	1993	Drawn 1-1
1913	Cambridge	1956	Cambridge	1994	Drawn 0-0
1914	Cambridge	1957	Cambridge	1995	Drawn 1-1
1915	Cambridge	1958	Oxford	1996	Cambridge 3-0
1916 - 1918	No Match	1959	Oxford	1997	Drawn 0-0
1919	Drawn	1960	Drawn	1998	Cambridge 2-0
1920	Oxford	1961	Oxford	1999	Cambridge 4-1
1921	Oxford	1962	Oxford	2000	Drawn 1-1
1922	Oxford	1963	Cambridge	2001	Drawn 1-1
1923	Drawn	1964	Cambridge	2002	Oxford 1-0
1924	Oxford	1965	Oxford	2003	Oxford 3-0
1925	Oxford	1966	Drawn	2004	Cambridge 2-0
1926	Drawn	1967	Oxford	2005	Oxford 1-0
1927	Cambridge	1968	Cambridge	2006	Oxford 6-2
1928	Oxford	1969	Cambridge	2007	Oxford 3-1
1929	Drawn	1970	Cambridge	2008	Oxford 2-1
1930	Oxford	1971	Oxford	2009	Oxford 2-1
1931	Cambridge	1972	Drawn	2010	Oxford 3-2
1932	Oxford	1973	Cambridge	2011	Drawn 1-1
1933	Oxford	1974	Cambridge	2012	Drawn 0-0
1934	Cambridge	1975	Cambridge	2013	Cambridge 2-0
1935	Cambridge	1976	Oxford	2014	Oxford 3-2
1936	Cambridge	1977	Cambridge	2015	Cambridge 2-1
1937	Oxford	1978	Oxford	2016	Oxford 2-1
1938	Oxford			2017	Oxford 4-0
1939	Oxford			2018	Oxford 2-1
1940	Oxford			2019	Oxford 2-1
				2020	Cambridge 3-3
				2021	Cambridge (shuttles) 1-1
				2022	Oxford 2-0
				2023	Cambridge 1-0
				2023/24	Cambridge 4-0

| Played: 124 | Cambridge: 52 | Oxford: 48 | Drawn: 24 |



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 creation of the Marcon-Dyer Club in 2015 coincided with the 125th Anniversary of the first Varsity Match, and OUHC's foundation. OUHC is undertaking a revitalised drive to improve its alumni database, provide information about significant updates occurring at OUHC, and develop alumni engagement to enhance the Dark Blue connections between OUHC and its alumni, particularly with the upcoming OUHC Alumni Day in May 2025. To join the Marcon-Dyer Club mailing list and ensure you stay up-to-date with all the latest newsletters and information we send out, please email OUHC Alumni Secretary, Matt Williams, at: matthew.williams@vincents.org or go to our website at: <https://www.ouhc.co.uk/alumni>

OUHC undertook a major fundraising drive that successfully created an endowment, which will help secure the Club's financial future. Thank you to all the alumni who generously contributed to this and for their continued support of the Club. Together, we can ensure that future OUHC members will experience the Club as fondly as you remember it. While all student members of the Club contribute each term, the rapidly rising costs of running the Club are unsustainable. Any donations would be welcomed and would contribute to the vital transport, equipment and coaching costs needed to deliver performance hockey at Oxford. Donations can be made through the following website: www.development.ox.ac.uk/sport/clubs/field-hockey

Finally, and arguably most importantly, we wish the very best to all those taking to the pitch today and thank those who 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 has in recent years donated a total of £27,000 to support the cost of the University Matches.

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. It is the intention in the foreseeable future to close the 1890 Account which receives the subscriptions of remaining members and to hope that all remaining members will transfer their membership to one of the two University Clubs. 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 who support the club with donations and regular gifts.

The Rev Bernard William Vann was a 1910 Cambridge Hockey Blue and The Vann Club is named in his honour. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Bernard Vann 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 arranges an annual alumni weekend in January each year with a social on Saturday night and old boys and girls games on Sunday. Every three years the Saturday night is upgraded to a black tie dinner at Jesus College and on January 18th 2025 we had a fantastic evening, celebrating CUHC, catching up with old team mates and sharing stories across the generations.

Another function of The Vann Club is to keep CUHC alum up to date with the club's season via newsletters distributed by the University of Cambridge Alumni and Development Office. If you don't receive these termly emails and you would like to, please contactalumni@cuhc.org.uk

Running CUHC is increasingly expensive and we are incredibly grateful to Vann Club members who support Cambridge hockey financially. These donations and regular gifts enable the club to sustain its current offering and keep subscriptions at a manageable rate for students, while enabling us to maintain the development of performance hockey at Cambridge. We continue to have a great response to our fundraising messages and our annual donations have now increased to almost £7,000 from around 90 donors. We have also received several incredibly generous one-off gifts and in particular we would like to thank David Beech, who was awarded a Hockey Blue in 1955, for his donation which has enabled "The Vann Club Bursary" to be established for those students who would otherwise not be able to afford to play University hockey.

If you would like to become a Vann Club Member by supporting the club, either with a one-off donation or through a regular gift, a link to the fundraising page is here: <https://www.philanthropy.cam.ac.uk/give-to-cambridge/cambridge-university-hockey-club>

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC MEN'S BLUES

The Men's Blues have once again made a solid start to the season, putting in some impressive displays while bringing together a mixture of strong returners, new joiners and an bustling contingent of Os. Following the departure of a number of key players last year, it has been especially encouraging to see so many new faces quickly develop into important members of the team.

Staying at the top table of BUCS is always the team's top priority. Despite an early start in minus third week, we have shown a growing ability to compete in this league, picking up draws in a 4-4 thriller with Newcastle before taking a first ever point from Bath at this level. After ending another season in 8th, a playoff in April against either Cardiff Met or Edinburgh will see the Men's Blues aim for a record extending fourth season in the National Premier League. On a Saturday, we have once again ventured into the South Central Premier Division with the aim of returning to National League hockey. While at times we have got it oh so right, a combination of unavailability and injury has conspired to leave us with work to do after Christmas. The same could also be said of our socialising.

Looking towards the rest of the season, the Blues are targeting an extended run in the Vase, while competing to be at the top end of the league on a Saturday. An end of term trip to Southgate on the 9th of March promises to be a big date in everyone's diary, as the Blues look to retain the trophy at the 125th Varsity Match.

Lewis Collins

Captain 2024/25



Back row, left to right: Alec Adair, Daniel Cryer, Akash Dubb, Daniel Cox, Jonathan Howard.

Middle row: Archie Vaughan, Rory Buckridge, George Davison, William Silver, Thomas Way.

Front row: Caspar Beyer, Euan Dyer, Lewis Collins, Joseph Haslehurst, James Edminston.

SOUTH CENTRAL MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 1

Bournemouth	3-2	W
Henley	4-3	W
Marlow	0-2	L
OBU	8-1	W
Staines	2-3	L
Amersham and Chalfont	2-1	W
Haslemere	1-2	L
South Berkshire	3-2	W
Slough	3-1	W
Basingstoke	3-3	D
Henley	0-2	L
Marlow	0-2	L
Bournemouth	1-5	L
OBU	1-1	D
Trojans	1-2	L

BUCS: MEN'S PREMIER (NATIONAL)

Nottingham	0-6	L
Birmingham	0-4	L
Newcastle	4-4	L
Durham	1-6	L
Bath	1-1	D
Exeter	0-6	L
Loughborough	1-4	
Nottingham Trent	0-1	L

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEN'S SQUAD

2025 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Lewis Collins**
D.O.B. 25/02/1998
School Southend High School for Boys
Year 4th
Subject DPhil Environmental Research
College Jesus
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 5

Peep Show: Varsity Day
[Cast: Mark Corrigan as LEWCOL; Jeremy Osborne as TRANTA]
[LEWCOL awakes and checks his phone. 9th March, 07:03. 16 WhatsApp notifications: 1 missing ball crate, 2 pre-hoc apologies for lateness, 13 memes involving Shrek.]
LEWCOL: [speaking to his reflection] OK, here we go, Varsity day. How do I feel? Fulfilled, check. Excited, check. Unified, check. Just another ordinary day. Ha-ha.
[Now pitch side, TRANTA – flat white in one hand, briefcase in the other – approaches LEWCOL.]
TRANTA: So, what do you reckon? Are we winning Varsity or not?
LEWCOL: I don't know. I don't want to end up like the Tabs. There are strong arguments on both sides, it's a moot point. This Varsity is moot!
TRANTA: It can't be moot. You can't have a moot Varsity. You need to decide, man.
LEWCOL: Yeh, you're right, Tranta. I was just fooling around... Guess I'll just have to go bin another winner.
[Pre-game, changing room 3, the MBs gather around TRANTA.]
TRANTA: The vows you are about to take are to be made in the name of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts...
LEWCOL: [turning to TRANTA, hands on hips]. You know what, Tranta, I don't think this is appropriate, nor, actually, relevant. Let's just get out there and win.
[The final whistle blows. The MBs bundle in ecstasy.]
LEWCOL: [Turning to TRANTA with a wary grin] Our Father...



Name **Jonathan Howard**
D.O.B. 26/09/2004
School The Perse
Year 2nd
Subject Geography
College Regents Park
Shirt No. 20

Dear King Charles:
Hi, my name is Shoe Howard : top playaaa in the south-central region and best hockey player in my family.
Stumbling across the honours list, I noticed you'd accidentally submitted my sister Tess's name instead of mine, and so I thought I should remind you why I rightfully deserve this honour:
"An MBE is an honour given by the British monarchy to recognize:"
1: 'Outstanding achievement'
- I am a bit of BNOG around my ends due to my instinctive ability to break out of zonal collapses by entering the Flo(w) state, executing my silky 'tiki'" taka tekters' to rizz up the oppo.
2: 'Long term service to the community'
- I have spent the last year perfecting my home brew recipe for all my fellas to enjoy as well as entertaining the masses with my (a)rousing shoe-chop performances.
Ps. Your fingers are lengers pls add me back on snap I promise I'll pay double and send you those foot pics.



Name **Elliott Denis**
D.O.B. 04/07/2001
School Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles
Year 2nd
Subject DPhil Atomic and Laser Physics
College Lady Margaret Hall
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 90

Elliott "hangs past" De Knee possesses an extraordinary reputation for being able to reach from positions no one would expect, and not only due to his 38.5 inch wand. Intercepting passes, and your thoughts, our resident go-go-gadget arms has brought committed stability to a previously un-hinged management of the rearguard. After attempts to get him going up top were met with consistent complaints, the Eggman found instant joy when returning to his usual position at the back, hitting the spot with consistent performances straight away. Away from the pitch, our anime-loving, Guinness deleting, Belgian, former polyglot, laser physicist, has decided to learn German and Japanese, to prepare for his UK citizenship test. I'm no expert, but I think weeks of sleepless nights (in the lab) have left him a little scrambled. If he gets some rest the week before Varsity, Cambridge are in serious trouble.



Name **James Edminston**
D.O.B. 03/12/2001
School Magdalen College School
Year 1st
Subject DPhil Nuclear Fusion
College Magdalen
Shirt No. 2

Varsity: Return of the Jedi (Episode CXXV)
[Cast: Lewcol as EMPOROR; Tranta as VADER; Jed as LUKE]
[Vader walks into The Rusty Bicycle to find the emperor wearing a navy hooded cloak. Darth Vader kneels (good boy).]
VADER: [Vader enters, slowly reaching for the Grey Goose.] The MBs squad will be completed on schedule.
EMPOROR: You have done well, Lord Vader. I sense you wish to continue your search for young Skywalker.
[Vader stalks the low-ceilinged area of Plush, searching for Luke]
VADER: You cannot hide forever, Luke.
LUKE: I will not fight you.
[After a tenaciously diligent scrap breaks out across the smoking area, Luke moves over Vader and holds the blade of his stick to the Dark Lord's throat.]
EMPOROR: Good! Your hate has made you powerful...
LUKE: Never! I'll never turn to the dark side. You've failed. I am a Jedi, like my father before me
EMPOROR: So be it...Jedi. If you will not be turned, you will be destroyed.
[Blinding bolts of mint flavored sauce flow from his fingertips]
To be continued on 8th March 2025...



Name **Joseph Haslehurst**
D.O.B. 13/10/2002
School Sir William Borlase's Grammar School
Year 4th
Subject Physics and Mathematics
College Exeter
Previous 2024 Blues
Shirt No. 12

Thank you very much to Joseph who agreed to sell his section in the program for the decent price of 200 Tesco garlic breads, a very fair bloke. We will be taking cash bets any time before pushback next to the big tree (which is next to the smaller one).

Odds:

- Lewcol screamer 4/1 (We define screamer)
- Cryer kicks the ball over 10 times 3/1
- Eggman over or under 6'10 1/1
- Tranter wearing shorts 3/1 (5/1 if he's in wellies as well)
- Adair first touch miss trap 1/4
- Shrew wakes up on time for the match 10/1
- Over ten flip-flaps from John's son Johnson 2/4
- Cox under 2 yellows 7/1

Again, many thanks to Joseph and good luck in his final varsity.



Name **George Davison**
D.O.B. 31/05/2005
School Highgate
Year 2nd
Subject Chemistry
College St. Edmund Hall
Previous 2024 Blues
Shirt No. 14

I would love to be able to begin this with the sentiment that John's Son has been invaluable to the MBs both on and off the pitch. Unfortunately, he has attended as many socials this year as nights AV has spent in fresher accommodation. As such, I offer forth the few facts we do know about our resident KGB agent:

- Brilliant guitar player
- Evidence 'nervous rizz' works irl
- Talented chef (off-pitch only)
- Ralhhh, my flip flaps are so lengers
- Year-round Tree climbing enthusiast
- SportsFeds favourite correspondent
- Gymshark signed athlete (XS edition)
- A prime example of an angry iPad kid
- Less than average at chemistrys
- Loves observing species of Trees
- Only allowed out every Trys weeks
- Nuff said.

I wish him all the best at Varsity.



Name **Alexander Adair**
D.O.B. 28/01/2005
School KCS Wimbledon
Year 2nd
Subject English
College St. Edmund Hall
Previous 2024 Blues
Shirt No. 9

The 9 shirt has been worn by many, but immortalised by a select few – the likes of Shearer, Suarez, Ronaldo and Adair; the greats. Between them they have 1040 career goals, made 1073 memes, and bitten 3 people (as of Feb. 2025). AA9 may not be of the same goal scoring calibre, but he has very occasionally shown us glimpses of something special – beating defenders with a burst of pace or some 3D dribbling – notably when his girlfriend comes to watch, or if we play Exeter (A) – weird. He has become a key member of our midfield this season, favouring the self – coined "terrorism ball" over tiki taka hockey, but alas, he has assured me that this strategy works from extensive FIFA experience. I would please ask that Cambridge allow him a couple of minutes to warm up his first touch, and in return we promise not to abuse RB finesse shot.



Name **Archie Vaughan**
D.O.B. 08/08/2003
School Ecclesbourne School
Year 4th
Subject Physics and Mathematics
College St. Catherine's
Previous England U18, English Universities
Previous 2022, 2023, Blues 2024
Shirt No. 8

Mr Vaughan has made a few discoveries this year, of which precisely zero have any relation to theoretical physics.

1. A new companion - Archie noticed he had someone new in his life, someone he was always texting, looked forward to seeing and missed when they weren't around. To his horror he realised this person was Jack Tranter (Read: 'Slabhead').
2. He is legally blind, explaining why he was wearing his 'nans curtain' [Anon Ex MBs Capt], as a cardigan.
3. The female gender.
4. Walking hockey – a last-ditch attempt to be fit for the biannual friendly Vs Whitgift ('I'm only 2 years older'), despite the helpful advice of 'just stretch your hammy' [Anon MBs Capt].

Unfortunately for the Tabs, a slow, blind, wifed-up Vaughan is still inevitable on the pitch, if not a little boring off it #gamegone.



Name **Euan Dyer**
D.O.B. 23/06/2003
School Haverfordwest High VC School
Year 4th
Subject Physics
College Merton
Honours English Universities
Previous Honours Wales U23
Previous Blues 2022, 2023, 2024
Shirt No. 7

"Bo shuda! At last, we have the mighty Shrewbacca" - Jabba the Hut. A long time ago on a Welsh farm far far away shrew was born. Nothing is known about his first 18 years, except his grandfather was a wine merchant. Here's a summary of shrew's life in 'the largest city I've ever seen'. In Episode I, he was spotted in some rowing action on the sofas of Vininies. Episode II saw him cook tortellini for 56 straight days. The 3rd episode ... happened. Shrew has adopted a new time zone for episode IV, but over a breakfast/dinner reunion, he remarked "Jedi mind tricks don't work on me. Only money." Alas \$munz aka the phantom menace returned, shorts on inside out, to finish what he started. Well, we hope. We really need him. There's no meme - Shrew is still missing.



Name **Rory Buckeridge**
D.O.B. 16/06/2003
School The Portsmouth Grammar School
Year 2nd
Subject Spanish and Portuguese
College Trinity
Previous Honours England U18
Previous Blues 2022, 2023,
Shirt No. 6

Roz has kept suspiciously quiet about his year abroad antics. Replying with vague answers of 'teaching in Brazil'. Unsatisfied, I had a sneak look at his diary, the one he keeps on his bedside table next to the tissues. Turns out that Roz had actually spent his year in Mexico, where he created an illegal cockfighting ring. Soon after, he got the attention of the Sinaloa cartel, eager to partner up. It was then that Roz developed his love of Latinas, where he fatefully spent the night with El Chapo's daughter (named Bridget weirdly). Furious with this El Chapo put a hit out on Roz, who narrowly escaped by crossing the baluarte bridge (pronounced Hythe), with the help of Coxy and Hill80. I also expect Roz to evade the tabs press with his excellent hockey ability come varsity. He will be sorely missed next year.



Name **Daniel Cryer**
D.O.B. 06/04/2004
School All Hallows Catholic School
Year 3rd
Subject Engineering
College St. Edmund Hall
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 15

There are two things that you should know about Daniel 'Cruzz' Cryer: his strange obsession with the gym, and with the Continent of Asia.

Not a single training session has passed without reference to Asia or the infamous 'Dumpy' glute builder". I'm glad that after months of hearing about how desperate he was to escape the Oxford engineering department and head to south-east Asia, he has finally secured regular trips down there. He continues to reminisce nightly about the way Asia embraces his every coming.

We do worry however, about the physical toll the trips exert. He assures us that the bruises he returns with are from cupping muscle therapy and not the result of a violent mugging. Asia has also induced a new passion for football, so look out for a trademark Cryer knuckleball at the back post today!



Name **William Silver**
D.O.B. 26/03/2000
School Exeter School
Year 2nd
Subject DPhil Neuroscience
College Wolfson
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 13

"Penguins have wings and can't fly, yet the Eastern Imperial Eagle has wings and soars through the sky. I think there might be a misconception around the critical elements allowing flight. Not wings... something else entirely..." (Silver's daily thoughts, probably).

Silv-DAWG or just Silver, or Ag in the periodic table which stands for Absolutely Gun-at-hockey, might be called silver but he is made of gold (aww so sweet). Our favourite little Goldilocks with his gorgeous luscious locks BOMBOCLAITT. Silver is always ready to BOOM BOOM SHAKE THE ROOM; best worm action I've ever seen...

Anyway, changing topic, if I had a nickel for every in-between-the-legs passes that worked I would have no nickels, or silver coins for that matter.

Will Silver ever turn up on time for hockey? Who knows... One thing is for sure though, he will never forget his vape (for quick halftime tokes) nor his suspicious shoulder holder (pain is pleasure apparently).



Name **Caspar Beyer**
D.O.B. 16/11/2004
School Chaterhouse School
Year 1st
Subject Spanish and Linguistics
College Oriel
Previous England U21 Honours
Shirt No. 10

Mole has been a phenomenal addition to the side this year, helping the team to some memorable results with his insider knowledge, including a 7-1 thrashing at the hands of Durham. Despite moles being blind, Caspar knows exactly where the goal is, keeping the Saturday side at a respectable mid-table position, despite their best efforts. Clearly, Caspar's astounding goal tally has been a huge help for the men's blues, so much so that the OUHC higher-ups have refused any transfer requests from the player. It's clear Mole will develop much more as a player in south central 1, as well as in the annual Varsity matches for many years to come. I hope the varsity trophy will be adequate compensation this year.



Name **Thomas Way**
D.O.B. 06/04/2004
School Radley College
Year 2nd
Subject French and Italian
College Balliol
Shirt No. 109

Tom Way - TW - Trigger Warning - because man's not scared to shoot his shot. He has a Way with words and hELLA rizz. Probably learnt a lot from a book of cheese-y pickup lines. Though I heard that the author filed a complaint for plagiarism. Cringey ahh. What he lacks in height he makes up for in [not found or lacking evidence]. Wazy told me the other day: "I am the greatest player to ever grace an astro", "fair" I replied (I did not agree), "do you agree?" he pressed, "yes" I lied (could not let my favorite midget's ego shatter like his ankles in defence).

I contacted the Oxford English Dictionary asking to add a "wazy" as a word to the English language to define something that is slightly more than one meter in size but not much more. They've yet to respond, asking for evidence of such an object. So, I sent them a picture of **redacted**. Hope that's cool.



Name **Daniel Cox**
D.O.B. 20/11/2002
School Dr Challoner's Grammar School
Year 3rd
Subject Medicine
College Brasenose
Previous England U21 Honours
Previous 2024 Blues
Shirt No. 23

Coxy is such a mummy's boy. Before uni he met his mum's new partner, Archie (sorry Coxy's dad) and became his number 2 admirer (#1 is Coxy's mum). From then on Coxy has tried to copy Archie and get close to him as best as he can in a number of ways which I will list:

1. Got into Oxford to be closer to Arch
 2. Finally got Archie to play at reading with him
 3. Faked injury so could go to physio with Arch
 4. Started seeing one of Archie's best mates
 5. Tried to get onto the council of boozers (unsuccessfully)
 6. Started kissing his mum goodnight (just like Archie)
- p.s. I would like to congratulate Coxy on being 1 day sober from snus today! (applies to any day before 10am).



Name **Akash Dubb**
D.O.B. 13/01/2004
School King Edward VI School
Year 3rd
Subject Medicine
College Trinity
Shirt No. 0

Kash Money, a fictional character invented by Akash Dubb upon matriculating at Oxford, is a very wise man. Still living off his reputation as the (self-proclaimed) best medic, he has impressed Lew Col via means of unapologetically slating off every other keeper in the club. Somehow this worked, and Akash can now take his place as the second-best medic in our Varsity squad. Akash keeps a tight grip over our backline. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for his bowels, which involuntarily empty themselves following Jamal's crewdwas in his significant others bed. We love Kash Money, despite his fictional nature, and hope he keeps his sheets clean for at least 70 minutes, come Varsity.




Name **Oliver Monblat**
D.O.B. 28/07/2005
School Dulwich College
Year 2nd
Subject Politics,
Philosophy and
Economics
College St. Edmund Hall
Shirt No. 1

Sure! Here is some information about cheese:
Cheese is a beloved dairy product enjoyed worldwide in a variety of forms. It's made by curdling milk, usually from goats (eg. LeBron) and then processing the curds into a 6ft 4 mountain. There are over 1,800 types of cheese, ranging from creamy Brie to sharp cheddar or crumbly blue cheese. Cheese can be aged for months or even years, which develops its complexity and depth of flavor although our resident cheese seems to like to seek out the younger ones. The texture also varies, from soft and spreadable to firm and grated. It's often used in cooking, frequently found circulating loose game in tiki-bar. Aside from its delightful taste, cheese is packed with nutrients, including protein, calcium, and 300kg pin squats (woof). However, it's also high in fat and loves waffling, so it's best enjoyed in moderation (to maintain sanity). Whether melted, sliced, or crumbled, cheese always enhances the experience of any meal!



Name **Jack Tranter**
(Coach)

The MBs would like to extend our deepest personal gratitude to our beloved coach, #2 Tranter in the oxford (Essex) area, and official sponsor of the club postseason GB tour to turkey (A)! (now officially sponsored by Bet365). Jack's coaching position marks OUHC's flagship move to work alongside the make-a-wish foundation, helping underappreciated goalkeepers after experiencing years of neglect (#notsaltyaboutGibson). Jack is a masterful tactician of biblical proportions, capable of rousing speeches that have his flock of dark blue angels ascending to the celestial plane as they grace the hallowed turf of Iffley road. He is known not just for his command of prose, poetry and prayer but also for his constant and unwavering commitment to the team. We all wish him the best of luck on his return to the varsity match, and have our fingers crossed for the success of his pending hair transplant!!



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC WOMEN'S BLUES

The start of this season saw a huge intake of new talent to the Women's Blues. Alongside welcoming a new coach, Johann Perera, this has led to an exciting first half of what we hope to be a great season of finding a new team identity and building a strong performance culture. Entering back into South Central Prem after several years in National League has led to a highly competitive series of Saturday fixtures, leaving us currently in strong contention to win the league. Highlights included a final minute winner against Reading, the table leaders at the time (seriously epic), as well as bagging a 5-0 win at home on the day of Matriculation with 5 freshers coming late/leaving early throughout the course of the game. In BUCS, we currently sit at the top of the table after two long away day-wins in Swansea and Exeter, as well as consistent Wednesday performances at the fortress.

Thank you so much to all the girls and to Johann for all of their hard work throughout this season and for being such a privilege to captain. Stand-in coach Mwillo said it best: "you guys are like... a sisterhood". With such a breadth of talent and grit in this team, we are coming into Varsity with high expectations, ready to fight for the trophy and show what we are made of!

Lucy Stopford

Women's Blues Captain 2024/25



Left to right: Henriette Capel, Harriet Miller, Evie Chappell, Bea Jones, Rosie Chen, Clare McFall, Ella Robinson, Honor Whitome, Emily Chevassut, Connie Topel, Emily Hersch, Ella Downham, Isabel Fennell, Jess Cottee, Olivia Agnew, Bibi Elliott, Betrys Galloni, Lucy Stopford (C), Holly Weale.

SOUTH CENTRAL WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION 1

Oxford Hawks	2-1	W
Oxford City	0-2	L
Salisbury	2-1	W
Wycombe	3-0	W
Winchester	5-0	W
Reading	2-1	W
Bournemouth	3-1	W
Fareham	0-1	L
Basingstoke	1-1	D
A&C	2-2	D
Oxford Hawks	3-0	W
Oxford City	5-1	W
Salisbury	5-0	W
Wycombe	4-0	W
Maidenhead	5-0	W

BUCS PREMIER (NATIONAL)

Swansea	4-1	W
UCL	2-0	W
Bournemouth	1-0	W
Southampton	2-2	D
Exeter 2s	3-1	W
Bristol	1-1	D
Cardiff Met	2-2	D

OXFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SQUAD

2025 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Lucy Stopford**
D.O.B. **29/10/2002**
School **James Allen's Girls' School**
Year **4th**
Subject **Chemistry**
College **New**
Previous Blues **2022, 2023, 2024**
Shirt No. **5**

Despite rising to the high status of captain in her final year, L.Stops still suffers from 'frosh-chat' side effects and so leaves many an OUHC member baffled when in conversation. After the success of v.1 of the Stopford Dictionary (Bambury, 2023) it would seem an update is long overdue. Therefore, with the help of Google Translate, I have defined some more of L.Stops key phrases:

Stopford Speak -> English (v2).

'will be a movie' -> Phrase used in order to convey the exceptional potential of an upcoming social event.

'anyone seen the Veo?' -> Question proposed as a way of locating JH. He can usually be found running late/still in 5A.

'massive grrrr' -> Indicates frustration or anger about a situation. Commonly used when the gym staff believe that she is cancelling S&C so the WBs can attend a social.

'late fines in play' -> A reminder sent into the WBChat in order to keep the team on time for matches. 'Author's note: This scheme does not apply to L.Stops as she is only ever late if she has labs, she is stuck in the lab, Weale is driving her to Hawks or her lab supervisor wants a meeting'. 'see you in Parkend' -> Statement used on a Wednesday to indicate that she is about to leave spoons and go home.

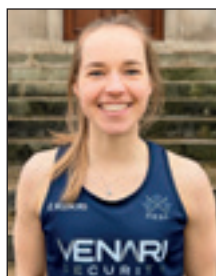
'slay' -> Repeatedly used to describe the dreamy quality of hockey the WBs are playing. This positive descriptor will likely be used with extreme frequency in the Varsity match this year.



Name **Holly Weale**
D.O.B. **14/12/2002**
School **Bristol Grammar School**
Year **4th**
Subject **Earth Sciences**
College **St Anne's**
Previous Blues **2023, 2024**
Shirt No. **10**

A Weale is a rotating component that is intended to turn on an axle bearing. Weales allow heavy objects to be moved easily (@jamesvappetperformance miss u xx) or transportation while supporting a load (see weekly commute to parkend with the burden of (self-appointed) role of fun fourth year). Weales are also used for other purposes: looking at starfish, logging into @ouhc-secretary@gmail.com to make sure Toj is doing her job right, football (only casually) and headbutting shoulders. The historical significance of the Weale cannot be underestimated; evidence of early Weale activity (or almost activity - it's ambiguous) can even be seen informing the activity of some newer WBs in the modern day.

In order for wheels to rotate, a moment needs to be applied to the wheel about its axis by application of force (examples include blazing back from an away game to make it in time for parkend (speeding ticket incurred), running away from a boy you've kissed, victory laps after smashing Johann at Catan). I wish this Weale the best of luck in her final varsity.



Name **Henriette Capel**
D.O.B. **11/12/1997**
School **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Immunoinformatics**
College **St Anne's**
Previous Blues **2024**
Shirt No. **2**

There once was a player called Har

We all thought that she was a star

She plays in defence

And on journeys immense

From the back seat she drives the car

Though uncommon in limericks is true

So much to say so here is verse two

We love her, she's great

Benching 40k weights

People like Har, they are few

Don't leave yet cos we're not finished yet

Because how could we possibly forget

She's pretty she's blonde

She's a wiz at python

She'll make the tabs look silly I bet



Name **Harriet Miller**
D.O.B. **10/11/2004**
School **Hurstpierpoint College**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Chemistry**
College **University**
Previous Blues **2024**
Shirt No. **33**

A quiz:

(somewhere in the distance) "zimmi zimmiimiiii, zimmi zimmiimiiii". Who's singing?

a) our social sec Haz

b) Miller (only rugby boys call her that, did you know she loves rugby boys)

c) Adair (scenario 1): Haz is probably close by (they love a game of zimmi zimmi)

c) Scenario 2: oh wait, Adair is with his gf. Haz is nowhere to be seen.

Ah! There she is, what is she doing?

a) Building Bridges with other sports teams

b) herding the group to Parkend (it's 10:30 - crewdate's gone well)

c) putting on facepaint (no one asked her to, she loves it)

d) avoiding Adair's gf

A little while later in tiki...What is she most likely to be doing?

a) following around the SPOcial sec? (new year's resolution didn't last long)

b) Dabbing/throwing it back

c) honestly no idea, pops up out of nowhere with limbs everywhere and then she's gone. Most likely a progression/mix of all three.

All correct? Congrats on a stunning performance, much like our one and only folding chair; Cambridge don't stand a chance.

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Name **Olivia Agnew**
D.O.B. 14/11/2000
School Edinburgh University
Year 1st
Subject PGCE
College Pembroke
Shirt No. 15

"Hello aul,

Ah just wanted to start by saying tank ye all so much fer coming. It's such a pleasure to be able to celebrate dis wonderful occasion with y'all. (Noises coming from the back table - Liv looks concerned). A big welcome to my parents, friends from Edinburgh an' uv course OUHC sat over dere in da corner. (Frem yells something incomprehensible, Haz dabs, Liv raises her glass).

When I began writin' dis speech, de only ting which came to mind was hockey. See, it's me life now. (Stoppy nods her head in approval). Beating' Fareham, showerin' naked wid de girls an' tuckin' into a bowl o' potatoes. That's the life.

Ah, cheers fer havin' me, Caleb Thanks a million! Have a grand evenin', dance yer heart out, drink like there's no tomorrow, and may the craic be mighty!

Shoe de tabs, bleed dark blue', an' win' wash bin, sure as day!

Ah, love ye all!"



Name **Betrys Galloni**
D.O.B. 23/11/2004
School Sevenoaks School
Year 2nd
Subject Chemistry
College Lincoln
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 17

New imessage from Johnson
Johnson : Hey Tree how are you xx
Me: Pretty awesome actually, munched a massive W yesterday and the freshers haven't asked if I'm coming out yet (would hate to break the news). What about you?
Johnson: Omg well done slay #girlboss. I'm pine thanks. Also can you send me your lab report pleaseeeeee I'm so stuck fir real.
Me: Johnsonnnnnnnnn you said you were going to do it this week...I have been busy breaking ankles, dropping wisdom on the maveraginos and throwing squat racks at Har (I'm wham).
Johnson: well don't be a birch about it, I'm only oaking.
Me: I actually did it 2 weeks ago (academic weapon certified). I'll send it over in a second, but I should probs go...it's a short corner and everyone is waiting. That tab in the goal looks seriously nerryyyy lol...

*ball injected to tree. Ella falls over. Tree runs round everyone then slams it in the goal hooooooooo-leeceee

*Varsity social masterclass dropped

*9am attended

*9am departed at 9.04am



Name **Bea Jones**
D.O.B. 24/01/2004
School The Judd School
Year 3rd
Subject Maths
College Lincoln
Previous Blues 2024
Shirt No. 21

A typical away day for Bea:

7.00am – Wake up, do a maths problem

7.30am – Wonder why my boyf... friend hasn't texted me good morning yet

9.00am – Consider foam rolling, make a tower of foam rollers instead

10.00am – Go get the hire car from the Enterprise, make sure it's bigger than everyone else's

10.21am – Tut at people who are a minute late to the meet time

10.43am – Roll my eyes at the second back seat driver comment of the morning

10.44am – Nibble at the third back seat driver comment of the morning

11.00am – Debate turning the car around

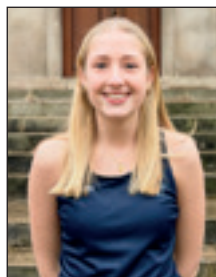
12.30pm – PB time. Time to rinse



Name **Ella Robinson**
D.O.B. 15/05/2006
School Kingston Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject Biology
College Keble
Previous Honours England U18
Shirt No. 9

Dear Diary,

Today, the trees blossomed, the birds were chirping – oh how I love this ecosystem! With a hockey stick in hand and my shinpads on I sprinted a quick 10k before my field trip and off I went to sample – you guessed it - a field! The beauty of nature inspired me to write a little poem:
To rugby number one,
We had lots of fun,
A Baba's dance on the floor,
I just wanted more,
Ten minutes later was number two,
And sadly for number one he had to watch too!
The night came to a close quite sadly,
And I just want to play hockey SO badly,
Luckily, I found a MB to walk me home,
I now know his neck is a no-go zone,
I just love hockey, sliding on the floor,
Stoppy can I please drag flick some more?
Hockey love,
Ella (I want a nickname)



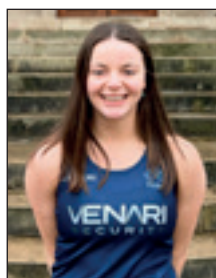
Name **Evie Chappell**
D.O.B. 21/09/2005
School St Mary's Ascot
Year 1st
Subject Biochemistry
College St Edmund Hall
Shirt No. 7

19, 5ft11, 38.5" GOLD hockey stick
#winnerenergy
competitive drinker on Wednesday,
Thursday and Saturday (not exclusively)
here for the social (lowkey even with
my Tutors)
gluten free so plz don't poison me
Only successful in face-paint
#Ithinkchevsowesmeadrink
IMPORTANT: I'm looking for a tall man
with curtains
'My ideal first date...' wouldn't be on
Wednesday because it's Parkend (had
8/8 Michaelmas attendance #major-
commitment). Thursday is fine bc I'll
still make it to 6:30am S&C (al-
though probably just lying on the
floor)
'I'm weirdly good at...' zimmy zimmy
clap clap zimmy zimmy, but only bc
I have special tactics #nocoachingsorry
'My greatest strength...' is definitely
my 15kg squat PR from last week
#hench
'What if I told you that...' I dance like
an inflatable tube man outside a
carwash (watch out!)
'A life goal of mine...' is to QOM the
cycle to Ilfley (for non-Strava nerds,
Queen of the Mountain)



Name **Honor Whittome**
D.O.B. 31/05/2005
School Wellington
College
Year 1st
Subject Engineering
College St Peter's
Shirt No. 4

Honor by name and honour
by trade. On the hockey
pitch, little fresher Honor
lives up to her name; her silky
skillz earn respect from her
teammates, she has the vision
of a hawk (tuah) making
opposition fear her and is
devoted to her fresher duties
in OUHC (she has none). Off
the pitch she shows her hon-
our and devotion in other
ways; earning the most respect
and admiration from former
Men's Blues captain saw her
help bridge the gap between
freshers and fourth years. Her
diligence in maintaining this
relationship meant date
nights often involved bringing
her hockey kit ready for early
morning training and letting
him win the games, so his
morale wasn't damaged for
their inevitable BUCS prem
W the next day. I am so
excited to see Honor play at
Varsity and to see the pre-
game gifts she drops in the
chat beforehand.



Name **Jess Cottee**
D.O.B. 10/8/2005
School Royal Grammar
School Newcastle
Year 1st
Subject Geography
College St Edmund Hall
Shirt No. 6

instrumental
to the tune of supermarket flowers
I took the supermarket flowers from
the window sill
Cleaned the mess that was left on
the wall
Packed up my hockey bag with
broccoli clothes
Checking egg Sheeran was with me
*getting ready for the social inter-
lude*
Got my tiki wristband and my bod
card
Climbed a fence, and fell down on
the floor
He (bouncer) always told me,
"Don't you cry when you're down"
WBs, there's a tear every time that I
play
Oh, I'm in Oxford I'm soooo far
from the North
I'm the new Cottee but i am the
fourth
So I sing oh Jess Cottee
Why did you swerve and fall down
on that hottie
When you fell down he was there
holding you up
Tape your ankles and go
And we'll walk you back
And say hallelujah you're home
Evie has promised to sing if required :)



Name **Emily Chevassut**
D.O.B. 5/6/2002
School Uckfield
Community
College
Year 5th
Subject Medicine
College Magdalen
Previous 2024
Blues
Shirt No. 11

INTRODUCING: Em 'The
Rev' Chevassut, our feisty for-
ward and powerhouse on and
off the pitch. Veteran fifth-year
medic, Em balances hospital
shifts with tearing the opposi-
tion defence apart. Witnesses say
she's got a knack for dodging
cyclists and scooters while flying
through the streets of Oxford –
after all, no one can outrun this
rocket. Rumour has it she once
commandeered a tuk tuk from
an Indian prince just to make it
to S&C on time... Saving lives
during the day and murdering
the dancefloor by night, Em's
sass and allure are unmatched.
Her speed and agility leave
defenders scrambling AND her
energy is endless, fuelled by
caffeine (usually her third coffee
of the day) and giggles. Keep an
eye out for the flash of blonde in
the front row, blink and you'll
miss her.
Top Trump Card:
Strengths - Unmatched Speed -
Blinding Power - Weapon #hench
Weaknesses - Decaf lattes,
cashmere sweaters and Indian
commen



Name **Emily Hersch**
D.O.B. 16/11/2005
School Kingswood School Bath
Year 1st
Subject Chemistry
College St Hugh's
Previous Honours Wales U18
Shirt No. 3

Emily Hersch? Who is that? Oh you mean Frem! Here's a quick rundown of this crazy, CoC* obsessed fresher.

Despite some serious hockey skill, Frem is above all renowned for crimes against sweetcorn bags, a severe pre-workout addiction (MyProtein please sponsor us) and smooth(ish) moves (tute partners better watch out!).

If she's not complaining about trekking from the far reaches of Oxfordshire (St Hughes), she's probably found trying to rearrange Wbs socials to fit in her (much more important) duties as Womxn's Welfare officer for St Hugh's CoC Soc or doing Evie's tute sheets for her.

Finally, if you want to get in Frem's good books these are some of her favourite things on earth: her garmin (does it even count if it's not on Strava?), bench press, nibbling umpires, porridge and rinsing the Oppo. Have I mentioned that she just LOVES CoC?

*Clash of Clans



Name **Connie Topel**
D.O.B. 17/02/2006
School Perse School
Year 1st
Subject Classics and German
College Oriel
Shirt No. 8

It's a typical match day: Connie wakes up to a call from Stoppy. A long week of Iliad classes and a tireless search in the Notty Notti market for a Goyard bag, means she's slept in... again. She 'quickly' does her iCONNIEc hair and makeup (not forgetting her blue eyeliner #bledddarkblue #wbs4life #sisterhood). She arrives in style. A quick journey allows Connie just enough time to draft some text messages and do her weekly M&S shop (despite her fines night contributions). She arrives ready to warm up and shake off her 'travel sickness' (Oriel bop) before starting the game. An M&S meal mid-match means Connie rinses people all over the pitch – just as her fellow freshers will rinse her for not being at Parkend on Wednesday, or the Wednesday before (we're still waiting...). After the game Connie rushes back, not to Vinnies, but to think of other fixed kitchen appliances (besides an aga) and, of course, read the Iliad before bed.



Name **Rebecca Waggett**
D.O.B. 20/04/2003
School King Edward VI School
Year 4th
Subject Biomedical Sciences
College St Hilda's
Shirt No. 42

7 questions you need answered about Becca:

W here was she for 6 weeks last term? South Africa mate.

A nd what was she doing there? Curing HIV.

G oing to score today? Absolutely.

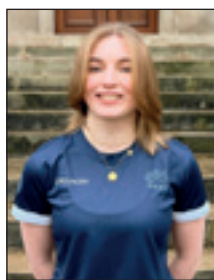
G utted she's being coached by Johann again? For sure.

E ver going to miss a parkend? Unlikely.

T hinking shed ever crash a rental car? You'd be very wrong. No comment.

T hinking she's seeing a rugby boy? Wrong again. Unconfirmed.

If you are feeling like these 7 questions leave you wanting to know some more about the woman we know as B.Wags, you would not be alone. Becca may have been born in Winchester, but she was definitely made in the Mavs (see co-Captaincy era). This impressive trajectory up through OUHC's teams can only be explained through her serious hard work and dedication - to the social. Today, there should be no doubt in your minds that she will leave everything, including her ankles, on the pitch. In her final Varsity you must send your prayers to the Tabs, as Bex will surely find a way to put that ball in the goal hole.



Name **Bibi Elliott**
D.O.B. 27/10/2005
School Perse School
Year 1st
Subject Russian and French
College New
Shirt No. 1

Bibi is the squad's multilingual marvel, effortlessly switching between Russian, French, and the universal language of hockey saves. Originally from Cambridge, she traded her roots for a Dark Blue smock—though, as a later addition to the team, she's been sporting 'Brooke' on her back all too often (but luckily without inheriting her 'channeling' obsession too).

Bibi seamlessly blends her academic commitment with her social life—her thing for foreign boys might just count as field research. A natural blonde (which can't be said for everyone on the team), she's the heart of both the goal line and college gossip. She skillfully avoids S&C sessions with the same agility she uses to block shots, yet somehow she's always exactly where she's needed.

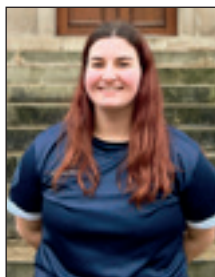
Come Varsity day, the Tabs had better be ready for Bibi's quick reflexes, sharp wit, and relentless saves. Here's to a debut sure to leave an impression - best of luck, Bibi!



Name **Clare McFall**
 D.O.B. 02/03/2024
 School Brighton College
 Year 4th
 Subject Chemistry
 College St Catherine's
 Previous 2024
 Blues
 Shirt No. 18

President manifesto
 I'm Cloz (a.k.a Clare McFall, current pres) and here are the reasons you should vote for me to lead you next year (again):

- 1 Promote 1-to-1 sessions with the MBs (I, myself, have tried and tested this method - would recommend :))
 - 2 Abolish early S&C (never been but heard nothing good happens before 8am) #livelovefitness
 - 3 Communicate solely through gifs #imfunnyipromise
 - 4 I'm a self-proclaimed fun fourth year, never miss a social #parker4life
 - 5 Work seamlessly with the committee. Yes, a team couldn't play because a kids party booked the pitch, but these things happen, mistakes are made #selfaware
 - 6 Always put hockey first - the chemistry toilets hate to see me coming on a Thursday #badger
- I should probably mention I'm graduating this year but just love the club so much (haven't applied to any jobs for next year) and want to continue to better the OUHC legacy.
 Hockey love, Cloz *dab gif*



Name **Ella Downham**
 D.O.B. 28/09/2004
 School Roundhay School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Medicine
 College Exeter
 Shirt No. 2

G is for gosh! Those less-youthful people are great at hockey! (or something to that sentiment)

E is even though vertically I am subtle, I am feared by opposition all over the greater south central area.

R is for Rads. Eat sleep breathe the rads. Making political statements at Christmas dinner, leading the social charge, making epic saves: you name it, I've done it.

R (again) is for RAD-
 DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD
 DSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS.

I also just wanted everyone to know that my £200 in late fines was actually a complex smear campaign run by an unidentified opp. Snakes everywhere fr.

Y is for yay! It's a saturday meaning I'm playing for the WBs, Rads, Rens and maybe might dabble for the other the opposition if they ask me tbh.



Name **Johann Perera**
 (Coach)

This year Johann was welcomed back to the Women's Blues (the last time he coached the WBs, he was a 3rd year undergraduate and the freshers were just starting secondary school). Jo has brought so much knowledge, expertise and hard work to this position and there is no way that we would have been able to achieve what we have so far in the first half of the season without him. He is a man that is hard to describe in so few words, so I have decided to summarise him in his likes/dislikes:

Likes:

- Degrees. Give me more degrees.
- His ginormous speaker.
- Starting sentences with "When I was (insert committee position here) in (insert a long ago year) I..."
- Getting involved with the girly gossip en route to away days.
- Y1
- Tactical decoys (mids/kids interchangeable really).
- Warm weather training camps (inspired by madam president)

Dislikes:

- Doing his degree(s)
- Laughter (@ Chev I hope you don't think I'm joking)
- Mislacing his cones
- Skipping the gym
- Losing (@ tabs watch out)
- Present day OUHC (take me back to the golden age a.k.a the year I was in charge)
- The fact the WBs now idolise MWillo

Having led the MBs to a big fat W in 2022, he looks to lead the WBs to an even bigger fatter W circa 2025 bosh. Thanks so much for everything Jo!

OLD GEORGIANS HOCKEY CLUB

- We run 10 senior sides across Men's and Ladies section
- We can offer hockey for all standards from performance to social
- Men's 1st team current Premier League champions outdoor and indoor.
- Voted the England Hockey Performance team of the year.
- Ladies' 1st team currently in National League Conference East
- Coaching from both current and former internationals
- Based at St Georges College Weybridge which is less than 30 minutes on the train from Clapham Junction



We are a family club
and welcome all



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Gk	1	BIBI ELLIOT <i>Perse School</i>
	2	HENRIETTE CAPEL † <i>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>
	3	EMILY HERSCH <i>Kingswood School Bath</i>
	4	HONOR WHITOME <i>Wellington College</i>
Capt	5	LUCY STOPFORD † <i>James Allen's Girls' School</i>
	6	JESS COTTEE <i>Royal Grammar School Newcastle</i>
	7	EVIE CHAPPELL <i>St Mary's Ascot</i>
	8	CONNIE TOPEL <i>Perse School</i>
V Capt	9	ELLA ROBINSON <i>Kingston Grammar School</i>
	10	HOLLY WEALE † <i>Bristol Grammar School</i>
	11	EMILY CHEVASSUT † <i>Uckfield Community College</i>
	15	OLIVIA AGNEW <i>Edinburgh University</i>
	17	BETRYS GALLONI † <i>Sevenoaks School</i>
	21	BEA JONES † <i>The Judd School</i>
	33	HARRIET MILLER † <i>Hurstpierpoint College</i>
	42	BECCA WAGGETT † <i>King Edward VI School</i>

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

SERENA COLE	1	Gk
<i>Repton School †</i>		
LOTTIE GILL	2	V Capt
<i>Newcastle High School</i>		
ELLA HORDERN †	4	V Capt
<i>Pate's Grammar School</i>		
GEORGIA BOZIANU †	5	Capt
<i>Saffron Walden County High School</i>		
CARAGH HASPEL †	9	
<i>Trinity School, Croydon</i>		
SOPHIE LEVY †	10	
<i>Leicester Grammar School</i>		
FENELLA CLARKE	15	
<i>The Perse School</i>		
GEMMA TAYLOR †	16	
<i>The Cherwell School</i>		
CIARA BOADEN †	18	
<i>Royal Grammar School, Newcastle</i>		
EMMA FURNESS	24	
<i>St George's College, Weybridge</i>		
LUCY WADLEY	25	
<i>The King's School, Worcester</i>		
CHARLOTTE MORGAN	26	
<i>The King's School, Worcester</i>		
SARAH ALSAAD †	28	
<i>Hymers College</i>		
TABBY EVANS	29	
<i>Epsom College</i>		
CHARLOTTE LORD †	59	
<i>Altrincham Girls Grammar School</i>		
JESSICA LOGAN †	72	
<i>Ipswich High School</i>		

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Gk	0	AKASH DUBB <i>King Edward VI School</i>
	2	JAMES EDMINSTON <i>Magdalen College School</i>
Capt	5	LEWIS COLLINS † <i>Southend High School for Boys</i>
	6	RORY BUCKERIDGE † <i>The Portsmouth Grammar School</i>
	7	EUAN DYER † <i>Haverfordwest High VC School</i>
	8	ARCHIE VAUGHAN † <i>Ecclesbourne School</i>
	9	ALEX ADAIR † <i>KCS Wimbledon</i>
	10	CASPAR BEYER <i>Chaterhouse School</i>
	12	JOSEPH HASLEHURST † <i>Sir William Borlase's Grammar School</i>
	13	WILLIAM SILVER † <i>Exeter School</i>
	14	GEORGE DAVISON † <i>Highgate</i>
	15	DANIEL CRYER † <i>All Hallows Catholic School</i>
V Capt	20	JONNY HOWARD <i>The Perse</i>
	23	DANIEL COX <i>Dr Challoner's Grammar School</i>
	90	ELLIOT DENNIS † <i>Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles</i>
	109	THOMAS WAY <i>Radley College</i>

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TOBY HOLMES <i>Haberdashers' Adams</i>	1	GK
WILL LAIRD † <i>Magdalen College School</i>	3	Capt
THEO FLANAGAN † <i>Trinity School, Croydon</i>	7	V Capt
CALUM BROWN † <i>Sir William Borlase's Grammar School</i>	8	
JOE GREER <i>Allerton Grange School, Leeds</i>	9	
RAUNAQ RAI <i>Norwich School</i>	10	
WILF STOKHUYZEN <i>Tonbridge School</i>	27	
OLLIE KNIGHT † <i>The Perse School & Hills Road 6th form college</i>	36	
NICHOLAS JOHNSEN <i>Trinity School, Croydon</i>	44	
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WILL STUBBS <i>Dr Challoner's Grammar School</i>	62	
JAMES CAKE <i>St George's, Weybridge</i>	68	
OWEN DYSON <i>South Bromsgrove High School</i>	72	
FEMI OWOLADE-COOMBES <i>Whitgift, Croydon</i>	75	
SAM STEVENS <i>Bristol Grammar School</i>	78	

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CAMBRIDGE MENS BLUES SEASON REPORT

This year, the Deals have been busy exploring some new locations across East Anglia. After a restructuring last year, which saw almost half the league go down, we've found ourselves with ample time in front of goal. At time of writing, the Men's Blues have not been challenged on Saturdays with 15 wins from 15, 108 goals scored at a goal difference of 99. Competitive hockey has come on Wednesdays, where the boys fought an excellent campaign, narrowly missing out on promotion from BUCS Premier South, coming 2nd in a strong league with 6 wins, a draw and a single loss. Off the pitch, the squad took on a productive preseason cultural trip to the bright lights of Edinburgh, an excellent bonding trip with some North Sea dips, Celtic establishments and friendly conversation with the local Padel team, where a love for everyone's second favourite sport was nurtured. Following a successful first half of the season, the boys came into Christmas raring for a big Lent term. It kicked off with a second away trip, ever so slightly more hockey focussed, down to Hampshire for 3 days of camp at Old Thorns, thanks to our Senior President, Andy Cairns. The boys made ample use of the facilities, with our freshers fully embedding themselves within the spa community of the hotel and two of our more senior members slightly unimpressed at how quickly the golf course was ruled out of action. It has been a pleasure to work with a great squad throughout this season, as well as our coach, Charlie Bannister, whose wisdom is (somehow) far beyond his years. Despite the unique challenge of this season, the boys have gone above and beyond to put themselves in the best possible position to get the business done when it comes to the Dark Blues at Southgate.

Will Laird

Men's Blues Captain 2024/25



Back row from left to right: Sam Stevens, James Cake, Joe Conway, Will Stubbs, Toby Holmes (GK), Nicholas Johnsen, Wilf Stokhuyzen, Raunaq Rai, Calum Brown.

Front row left to right: Owen Dyson, Femi Owolade-Coombes, Ollie Knight, Will Laird (C), Theo Flanagan (VC), Joe Greer, Henry Murphy

EAST MENS DIVISION ONE NORTH

21/09/24	Cambridge University 2	Won 8-0
28/09/24	St Ives 1	Won 7-0
05/10/24	Cambridge 1	Won 8-3
12/10/24	UEA Men's 1	Won 5-2
19/10/24	Spalding 1	Won 9-0
02/11/24	Harleston Magpies 2	Won 5-1
09/11/24	Wisbech Town	Won 11-0
16/11/24	City of Peterborough 2	Won 6-1
23/11/24	Norwich City 2	Won 9-0
30/11/24	Cambridge City 2	Won 8-1
18/01/25	St Ives 1	Won 6-0
25/01/25	Cambridge 1	Won 7-1
27/01/25	Cambridge University 2	Won 3-0
01/02/25	UEA Men's 1	Won 5-0
08/02/25	Spalding 1	Won 11-0

BUCS: PREMIER SOUTH

16/10/24	Oxford Brookes Men's 1	Won 5-3
23/10/24	Cardiff Met Men's 1	Draw 3-3
30/10/24	Cardiff Men's 1	Won 3-0
06/11/24	Bristol Men's 2	Won 6-1
13/11/24	Exeter Men's 2	Loss 2-1
27/11/24	Bristol Men's 1	Won 2-1
04/12/24	Bath Men's 2	Won 3-1
29/01/25	Southampton Men's 1	Won 5-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOCKEY SQUAD

2025 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Toby Holmes**
D.O.B. 30/03/2005
School Church Aston
Year 2nd
Subject Mathematics
College Queens'
Shirt No. 1

Profile: Toby "Tobes" Holmes

Absolute: Curie

Hates: Balls in his onion sack

Despite 'Tobes' towering stature, which makes him an absolute fortress in goal, his quiet, kind, and humble personality makes him seem like the kind of bloke who'd rescue a spider rather than swat it. Strangely, though, he spends his weekends dishing out bone-crunching two-foot tackles to unsuspecting 50-year-old players on the East Leagues Hockey circuit and the college football pitch. Guess all that pent-up rage from dealing with everyone's least favourite "entrepreneur" trying to meags him at training needs somewhere to go...

Bristol: Have your crampons

Tobes has also been known to let fly during the occasional Queens football pub golf night on a Wednesday. One particularly memorable evening was immortalised in a video of him, chanting through the streets of Cambridge and declaring that Bristol should (to paraphrase) "ditch their crampons" and focus on their hockey. For anyone who isn't Jano—because he's so bloody cool guys—this is a reference to the use of "Snow" or "Charlie". Despite the odd flash of wildness, Tobes' calm personality on and off the pitch makes him an adored member of the squad. He'll no doubt come out of Varsity with a clean sheet—and a clean nose.



Name **Will Laird**
D.O.B. 23/11/2003
School Magdalen College School
Year 3rd
Subject Medicine
College King's
Shirt No. 3

In a case that has stunned the sporting world, Men's Blues Hockey captain Will Laird has been found unquestionably guilty of crimes against hockey, financial responsibility, and basic emotional intelligence. Despite being widely regarded as a participation trophy in human form, Laird somehow weaselled his way back into the starting XI post-injury, leading many to wonder whether his selection was based on ability or simply an aggressive commitment to buying new stash.

Further damning evidence has confirmed that Laird torched £3,000 on golf clubs in a desperate bid to improve his laughably tragic game. Experts have concluded that this investment has yielded no noticeable improvement, though it has succeeded in making him look like a slightly richer, equally terrible golfer. One source commented: "His golf game has the consistency of his reputation - occasionally promising, mostly disastrous."

Speaking of which, a recent turn of events has seen Laird fully embrace his badboy ways once again. While many expected a period of quiet reflection, insiders report that his well-documented aversion to commitment remains firmly intact. Ever the strategist, he appears to be in search of something that doesn't exist - the perfect balance of companionship without responsibility.

Additional charges include an unhealthy obsession with a certain elite establishment (which we still legally can't name), a refusal to get his hands dirty in any aspect of life, and an overall aura of delusion.

Despite overwhelming evidence against him, Laird continues to plead innocence, insisting his leadership is "inspirational." The jury, however, took one look at the case and swiftly ruled: delusional, with no chance of appeal.

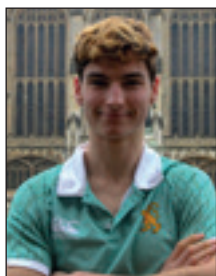


Name **Theo Flanagan**
D.O.B. 22/07/2003
School Trinity School, Croydon
Year 4th
Subject Earth Sciences
College Sidney Sussex
Shirt No. 7

A couple excerpts from Flanman's memoir:

Page 45: "Yep, that's me. You're probably wondering how I ended up in this situation." As a Megamind impersonator, I'm glad this quote has been applicable to at least one circumstance in my life. I'd love to say that I was doing it for charity, or for solidarity with the unfortunate situation C'Wolvz had up top but no - I just really wanted a Smurph's ball sack on my bald head. It was firm yet supple, sweet yet earthy, fuzzy, very fuzzy - the sort of fuzzy when a few hairs get stuck in your teeth... Wait, no, that was the peach I ate earlier.

Page 182: Some of you may know that the USA accidentally created highly advanced earthquake detection techniques back in the '60s, when trying to monitor Soviet nuclear testing. What you may not know is that I was able to contribute to some 21st century breakthroughs in seismological research, something, as a rock licker, I am very proud of. What did I do you may ask: SNORE. Later in life, I was even lucky enough to be entrusted with rejuvenating the undulating profile of some of the greens at Augusta National (see Chapter 6: Theo Fore-nagan).



Name **James Cake**
D.O.B. 29/10/2004
School St George's, Weybridge
Year 1st
Subject Engineering
College Trinity
Shirt No. 68

Cakey AKA Cake AKA Cakeo. A new player in the squad. The first time I lay eyes on him I noticed his Old Georgians socks and knew instantly that I was in the presence of greatness. He is someone that is truly lovely to be around. Always looking out for you; making sure you're alright; and generally being a nice person.

That is of course, if you're on his team. If you happen not to be then low and behold you're in deep trouble. Never have I seen someone with such defensive character. Players freeze as they approach him. Knowing the only possible outcome is losing the ball. After most training sessions Cakey does extra running. As far as I can tell the only reason for this is so he can humiliate the oppositions attack come game day.

Unfortunately, for Cake, his defensive ability's do not translate to anything of value in the romantic scene. He found this out the hard way near the start of his time at Cambridge. But perseverance is key and James did not give up. Now, when this was written at least, he has found a special connection.

Cakeo is a member of Trinity College; arguably the most prestigious oxbridge college. And, having seen him in lectures, he is completely out of his depth. But of course this is what makes James special; he is constantly pushing himself to go further and to work harder. I wouldn't choose anyone else to have as my centre back.



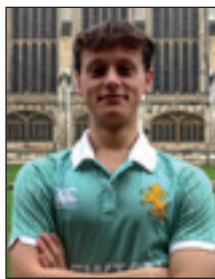
Name **Sam Stevens**
D.O.B. 25/10/2005
School Bristol Grammar School
Year 1st
Subject Engineering
College Sidney Sussex
Shirt No. 78

Launch Risk Assessment
Launch Item – Rocket
Launch Site – Wilby Siddle
Hazard Identification
Hazard 1 – Distraction
Risk – High (Equivalent to wearing a shirt with a pocket around Ferni). While Ste(V-drag)ens may be able to handle this risk, skipper left speaking to women off the training schedule. The unexpected rocket sighting on the Wilby siddle provided significant distraction to Radar, among other members of the team.
Hazard 2 – Priorities?
Risk – Extreme (Imagine playing the semi-zonal press in a close game). It is unknown how Stevens will split his time between his duties to Jacquavius and his rocketry. If push (pass) comes to shove, Stevens must continue to prioritize his role as holy suitcase sec over anything else, including any future space exploits.
Hazard 3 – Sid Bar
Risk – Moderate (like the number of cones CBAN uses most sessions). Despite the commitment to his rocketry, Stevens has managed to make a name for himself both at Sid(eline ball) bar and fresher box. Stevens prefers not to drink from the fresher box, making short (corner) work of Conway's wine collection instead.
Result of Assessment – There was never any doubt that Ste(V-drag)ens would make it as a Cambridge engineer with his wealth of experience handling rockets. We look forward to all future rocket sightings.



Name **Nicholas Johnsen**
D.O.B. 04/04/2002
School Trinity School, Croydon
Year 5th
Subject Chemistry
College Pembroke
Shirt No. 44

Nicholas Johnsen, Nicky J, Nico, El Pres, or anon FYT. This man's preference to go by literally anything other than Nick epitomises his desire to strive to avoid being normal. Looking at him, this is abundantly clear. Whether it's warming up in a bright red tank top that makes one question where all the brioches are going, or it's opting to bring a pepper grinder on the BUCS bus after deeming it inadequate to 'pre-pepper' his pasta, he is full of eccentricities. They say it's a fine line between genius and insanity. If you're at all unconvinced which side of the line Nicholas falls, just ask him about kit swap two years ago. Although you wouldn't think it based on his reaction to seeing a nomad take her top off, Nicholas is a veteran of the team. With age comes wisdom, and with wisdom comes knowing the exact amount you can abuse the opposition (ideally in front of their children) before getting carded - Cakey take notes. This experience will undoubtedly serve him well on the big day. So if you see a lanky Norwegian bloke making flat, reverse stick tackles, you might want to keep your children clear of the coaches' bench if you see him heading that way.



Name **Henry Murphy**
D.O.B. 19/07/2005
School Devonport High School for Boys
Year 2nd
Subject Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
College Lucy Cavendish
Shirt No. 48

11:43 Henry rolls out of bed, still in black tie, and strolls down Grange Road. An ant overakes him. Then a slug. I know what you're thinking though - Lucy Cav can't afford Grange Road real estate can it? Correct, Henry is a pigeon amongst the Catz. The fresh air is nice, but not as nice as dean Somerset air.
14:21 Henry arrives home. Much to his dismay, the pirates' little legs have made a 10 minute cycle into a 2.5 hour voyage into the wilderness. He thinks about Conno's pipe to stay enthusiastic. Even better than the Nimbus 2000.
14:22 Henry drinks 5 pints of Inches. The good stuff. He mumbles something about tractors and scones.
15:12 Henry gets to work on laying his first (second, maybe even third!) pipe of the day. Henry is a young plumbing apprentice, and his most recent struggle has been installing a new sink drainage system - or as Henry calls it "sumfin the soze of the channel tunnel."
19:10 Henry mourns his pennyfarting (a stolen kids bike) and sets off to training. His bike breaks down and then he realises pipes don't transfer across to bikes, and they're a bit different to tractors because they only have two wheels. He ends up building a thermal conductive industrial pipe system outside Churchill by accident.
19:15 Henry has already dished out five bad jokes. Nobody laughed - 'theigh musnit understaaaaahnd moi doi-ai-ec', he thinks to himself. Unusually, everyone understood him this time round, but the joke remains a mystery.
19:45 Henry has already tried to steal Freddie H-S's personality 15 times. The boat shoes, social sec: and a Bed girlfriend were just the start of his attempted personality theft. He has now started developing a lisp. By the end of training, Henry is telling Chan about how his grandfather's inbred goldfish invented the telescope, an instrument even bigger than "the biggest poip oive ever secid"
21:54 Henry arrives home, consumes 15 pork pies and another half pint of golden nectar, and hits the hay (literally, of course!)



Name **Joe Greer**
D.O.B. 10/10/2003
School Allerton Grange School, Leeds
Year 3rd
Subject Physics
College Downing
Shirt No. 9

"I don't walk away from fights, I prefer running." A familiar refrain from Joseph Reginald Apple Greer, a somewhat tall spindly man, and a lightning rod for danger. But he won't be running anywhere on March 9th except after the ball like a blind dog in a meat market. Born to do one thing, and one thing only, his single-minded fixation on the wondrous sport of hockey began at the tender age of 2 and a half, when, during the Christmas holidays, he accidentally contacted a fallen Christmas bauble with the candy cane clenched in his chubby little fist. A true Eureka moment (step aside Archimedes), which marked the beginning of his illustrious career. Sometimes referred to as the GOAT, it is unclear whether this is in reference to his stellar skills, or due to his tendency to chew on things, and his coarse and furry chin. A big fan of baby food, the bible, and taking home silverware, the general populace should guard their knives and forks, and oxford the varsity trophy.



Name **Ollie Knight**
D.O.B. 27/10/2001
School Magdalen College School, Oxford
Year 3rd
Subject Music
College Jesus
Previous Blues Varsity Blues 2023
Shirt No. 10

Who is Ollie Knight? We see him every week, but do we really know him? Luckily our Chinese comrades have given us the technological advances needed find out, with the help of DeepSeek:

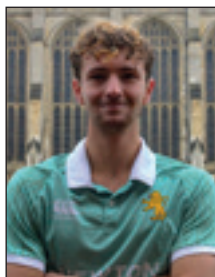
Sure, here is a varsity profile for Ollie Knight.
Name: Ollie Knight. Age: 32 (allegedly)
Position: Anywhere except Mash

Background: Ollie Knight appeared at Cambridge University one foggy autumn evening, hockey stick in hand, and simply joined the team. No one knows where he came from, but rumours say he was raised by wolves in the Scottish Highlands and taught to play hockey by a retired Canadian lumberjack.

Playing Style: Ollie's hockey skills are as mysterious as his origin story. He's known for his signature move, the "Knight Shift", where one minute he is making his mark on the pitch and then as soon as night falls, Knight is nowhere to be seen. His psychology PhD brings a mental game few possess, easily intimidating opponents. It's well known that his whispers of "You're not afraid of losing, you're afraid of your father's approval" has left many an O'ford player trembling.

Personality: Ollie is a man of few words, often communicating through a series of grunts, nods, and the occasional "YOU'RE S***". He's been spotted meditating in the changing room before games, surrounded by candles and chanting what sounds like the theme song to Teletubbies.

Legacy: Ollie Knight may forever remain an enigma, but one thing is certain: he's left an indelible mark on Cambridge University hockey and his legend will live on in the annals of history.



Name **Joe Conway**
D.O.B. 20/11/2005
School Magdalen College School
Year 1st
Subject Natural Sciences
College Gonville & Caius
Shirt No. 50

Conway: the man, the myth, the Mblues bib sec. His hands? Filthy. Jaw? Clenched. Favourite hobby? Lacrosse. A hockey prodigy possessed with a fiery drag flick and skills often labelled as witchcraft in the Div 2 East League. Despite this however, he's a man easily distracted. Famously, amidst a chaotic night of social integration at Hawks he was caught ogling at himself in the mirror while muttering "God I'm magnificent". Other distractions include scarily cheap red wine, Green King IPAs and the (groundbreaking training drills of the) Wblues much to the disappointment of the uncollected bibs.

For the purists out there, look away. His playstyle is at times baffling, his decision making questionable but more often than not he produces the goods. Hopefully come V day, Joseph can put on his technicolour dreamcoat and provide the team with more magic.



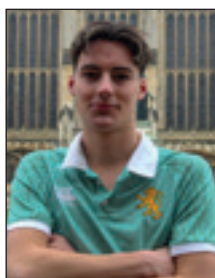
Name **Raunaq Rai**
D.O.B. 24/09/2001
School Norwich School
Subject Data Intensive Science
College St Edmund's
Shirt No. 10

Radar 'Raunaq' Rai, 27, has lived most of his adult life in the shadow of his girlfriend, Charlotte Gill. For years, he remained there, happy, content, peaceful. However, it was his move to hallowed turf that turned out to be the last straw. Upon arrival, incessant comparisons as 'not quite as good as her' and claims that he 'missed her too much he had to apply' ended up breaking the camel's back, proving to be the catalyst in his transformation.

A dark, wood panelled room, nestled behind a neoclassical facade deep in the [retracted for legal reasons] served as the breeding ground for these enlightening thoughts. A world beyond her? A world where people know me, for me? Deciding against the conventional approach, Radar 'Benito' Rai opted for the lesser road path, a strategic military coup of the women's side of the club. Groundwork was laid through toiled and complicated relationships with the freshers, building their trust through relentless bullying followed by a forced, but deceiving, apology. His army was assembled, each brainwashed 18 year old spurred on by their own countless grievances against the women's side. No finer group of Dealers have we seen in recent years.

Two stages formed this plan, claimed by Rai to be 'gifted to him from divine creation'. The first stage of the plan was, to his credit, a true masterpiece in deception, censorship and treachery. Rai used his controlling grip of social media, through his 'friendship' with mogul Mr 'Rupert' Stubbs, to stir up controversy regarding the political management of an institution labelled 'the Normads'. In the shadow of this media storm, he took control of this establishment in one fell swoop, an under the table offer to a tipsy Vice President Garrod. This places him within striking distance of his true prize, toppling the Women's blues senior management team...

Author's notes: At time of writing, I live in fear of Rai's tyrannical government, publishing this exposé has forced me into hiding. The world waits to see this fascist dictator's next move, as the iron-fisted regime rolls on.



Name **Wilf Stokhuyzen**
D.O.B. 31/01/2006
School Tonbridge School
Year 1st
Subject MML
College St Johns
Shirt No. 27

Wanted: Wilf Stoko
Often seen: Johns' ents, hanging of [retracted]

Weakness: Edinburgh

Features: naturally brunette, out-swing

This dangerous criminal is known to place wandering arms (hook) over innocent nomads and lull unsuspecting beds (line) back to his dingy johns room (sinker). Many a person has fallen prey to his gardening gloves as he stares, confused, at a passing bird or plane. His fiendish career began with daring heists and robberies, leaving but one clue as to the culprit, his belt. One witness stated the following: "Wandies/ex-squandies captains are better". The malefactor has clearly left the masses unhappy and unsatisfied. In an escape from local authorities he took to Scotland, but this merely left him worse for wear as his misbehaviour led him straight to the bottom bunk. So he made an extravagant return to Cambridge, making a name for himself on the pitch for outrageous MS Dhoni esque forehands and adventurous v-drags. With his flamboyant skill and talent, this wrongdoer is one to keep an eye on come V-day.



Name **Femi Owolade-Coombes**
 D.O.B. 04/12/2005
 School Whitgift, Croydon
 Year 1st
 Subject Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology
 College Queens'
 Shirt No. 75

His name is Femi Owolade-Coombes. At age 8 he learnt to code. Age 12 he started the world-famous company HakiFerno. His LinkedIn is a thing of beauty including meeting the Sultan of Brunei and receiving an award from the British Prime Minister. You may read this and think "what a respectable young chap". You would be mistaken. Femi's summer spent investigating the greenery of Thailand's cities must have changed him. His recent (and more impressive) accolades have cemented him as a popular figure across the entirety of CUHC (queue pinocchio nose extending gif). Please can someone let him know that the Blundies are in fact not the women's 2s.

In lieu of Femi's recent achievement of a Third Class Honours in his Maths module, his Michmas term will be presented as a series of statistics:
 100% Friday Mash attendance
 14 late arrivals to training
 96mph average speed en route to Edinburgh
 7 pockets ripped during first CUHC social
 2 BUCS warnings for improper conduct whilst watching the WBlues
 789 Reeds watched during lectures
 1 salsa dancing date
 Thank goodness Femi found a loving girlfriend two weeks in otherwise we would have witnessed his continued pursuit of his college mother on top of his other antics. However, this blue eyed angel has not only made an impression on the hockey club but also on one notable rugby blue. He was quoted shouting "who the [redacted] are you, you [redacted]". That was the Steward of Hawks. Jokes aside, Femi is a lovely bloke and has shown that he is turning a new leaf by applying to be Queens' JCR treasurer. So, if he totals his or his victim's car, Queens really will pay.



Name **Owen Dyson**
 D.O.B. 26/06/2005
 School South Bromsgrove High School
 Year 2nd
 Subject Engineering
 College Jesus
 Shirt No. 72

Reporting to you live from the Mash dance-floor is the Deals, with one question on their lips: "Where on earth is Owen Dyson?" "Kemi, have you seen your strike partner?" asked DCI Handrail.
 "Hey buddy, I think I last saw him at Christmas dinner. Do you want a VK? Queens' are paying! Femdawg replied.
 The Deals head back to Revs, the scene of the crime. All that is left is a pile of gravy-coated vegetables assorted into a pyramid on top of a Santa hat. They can still hear the faint sound of the bouncer shoving Owen out the door at 9:30pm. He is nowhere to be seen. Stubbs suggests that maybe it was all a ruse and that he was just hanging out with his girlfriend again. The Deals have started to suspect that he actually prefers hanging out with her than them. They head to Downing (a Dyson talent), but realise that he would've probably stopped by the engineering department to steal all of the electrical tape and gormlessly stare at the building. He is nowhere to be found.
 The Deals begin to lose hope. Maybe he's defected to college football or coaching the nomads. They reluctantly decide to head to Southgate. The game pushes back, will he ever turn up?
 Into the final minutes. 1-1. Laid slaps another careless pass way too hard into the D. The Deals turn to watch it sail out for a 16. Or not. Owen Dyson full body slides. The ball is nowhere in sight. Owen almost wasn't either, as there was a big leaf on the ground (reminds me of that awful venue lflfy road). His chin is more grazed than his voice sounds with his stupid Brummy accent. He still scores. Crowd erupts. Cban cracks a smile. World peace is solved.



Name **Calum Brown**
 D.O.B. 16/09/1998
 School Sir William Borlase's Grammar School
 Year 4th
 Subject Maths and Physics (PhD)
 College Pembroke
 Shirt No. 8

In preparation for the 125th Jman™ Varsity Match, Calum Brown decided that the standard of hockey here in England was not good enough, so hopped on a plane to India for a 3-week training camp with the Indian national side. His dedication to CUHC is evidently stellar - he has not once in his career missed training "for his hamstrings" or to "work on his PhD". In fact, he is so committed that he is dragging out his PhD for the 8th year to play more hockey - surely there is a rule somewhere against this? Fortunately, however, this season the geriatric has actually managed to play over half (!) of our league games and still appears to be in one piece. The nurses at the care home have been really kind to let him out this frequently - hopefully they will approve a little day trip to Southgate for a thrashing of Oxford on the 9th March.



Name **Will Stubbs**
 D.O.B. 11/04/2002
 School Ardingly College
 Year 3rd
 Subject HSPS
 College Christ's
 Previous Blues Varsity 2022, 2023
 Shirt No. 99

"Stubbs, in an attempt to Green-wash his reputation (it's always the economists) not only pretends to cut hair, but has now also taken to writing self-promo in the form of a Varsity profile... about himself:
 Heyyyy guys, in real Stubbs fashion I actually CBA to write this stupid profile. All I want to do is wash dishes and pretend to enjoy other menial household chores, hoping that an Osprey (preferably a lacrosse one with half a boyfriend) will catch sight and think I'm really wholesome. Might whack on a female empowerment podcast while I go do that - I am over 6ft by the whey, and weigh about 175 LBs (that's a bloody lot). If anyone needs a trim, I'm AAK-uah-ly really good, and do free barbering for ospreys - my opening hours are typically between 1 and 3am and marketing consists of a quick "you up?" text with "welfare physio" also offered in the lacrosse free trial (exceptional candidates Wilby offered follow up coffee).
 Get to Southgate to see my excellent CHange of position in the D (let's hope my hamSTRING doesn't snap) and watch me sCore against Oxford in HD on the 9th March."



Name **Charlie
Bannister
(Coach)**

To those not well versed in this specimen that we all know as C.Ban, this will provide an illuminating perspective onto a truly unique figure. There is far more to Charlie than the stony cold vibe that he gives off on the sideline. In fact, we have discovered a few of the things which bring a smile to the great man's face: stellas, onion sacs, Radar, more stellas and most notably (to HBans dismay), cones. He runs (to use one of his own analogies...) around with his tail wagging furiously like a puppy dog at the sight of these fluorescent rubber beauties. The abounding love doesn't end there. What could (easily) be expressed with a few cones, C.Ban seems to go above and beyond, a slave to his burning desire to produce beautiful works of 'coneistry'. Less is more is clearly not a phrase C.Ban is familiar. Is he sending messages to aliens? What is the hidden meaning of all this? Questions famously asked as the poor cone sec trudges towards the final cone wondering if he will make it back in time for tomorrow's 9AM. Look out on V Day for some more minimalist works inspired by the great man as we warm up in our flash stash. Finally, let's all hope for the sake of the Bannister household that the boys in (the better shade of) blue can bring it home.



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CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S BLUES REPORT

The WBlues, having sadly lost some key players at the end of the 2023/4 academic year, looked to recruit new talent during preseason. Off the back of our Blues Tour to Edinburgh this year, we were fortunate enough to find some incredibly strong additions to the squad, helping us to maintain our position at the top-half of the table in our debut to national league - a fantastic achievement.

Highlights include a stint at the top of the table following a strong 5-1 start against Cannock in September and a recently hard fought away game against Loughborough 2s which saw them take 3 points from just one lucky short corner, though the score-line was much more reflective of the WBlues' ability compared to our first encounter with such a strong side. Our intensive training camp to the Old Thorns Spa and Hotel in January must have paid off.

BUCS Premier League has been less forgiving; facing up against the top university teams in the country has been no easy task but we have consistently showed up, despite ongoing availability issues, and used these games to focus on relentless defensive tactics and game management - keeping Durham and Edinburgh to only two goals, much to their frustration.

We look forward to putting this work into action against Oxford on March 9th and will hopefully bring back the third win for Cambridge in three years. GDBO.

Georgia Bozianu

Women's Blues Captain 2024/25



Back row (Left to Right): Adam Price (Coach), Caragh Haspel, Serena Cole (GK), Katie Wakefield, Lottie Gill (VC), Georgia Bozianu (C), Sophie Levy, Lucy Wadley, Emma Furness, Charlotte Lord.

Front row (Left to Right): Jess Logan, Gemma Taylor, Ella Hordern (VC), Charlotte Morgan, Ciara Boaden, Sarah Alsaad, Fenella Clarke, Tabby Evans.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE MIDLANDS WOMEN'S

21/09/24	Cannock 1	Won 5-1
28/09/24	Stourport 1	Lost 3-2
05/10/24	Loughborough Students 2	Lost 5-1
12/10/24	University of Birmingham 2	Won 2-0
19/10/24	Beeston 2	Won 4-1
02/11/24	Oxford Hawks 1	Won 3-0
09/11/24	Bedford	Won 2-0
16/11/24	St Albans 1	Drew 1-1
23/11/24	Cambridge City 1	Lost 4-2
30/11/24	Cannock 1	Drew 1-1
01/02/25	Stourport 1	Lost 2-1
08/02/25	Loughborough Students 2	Lost 1-0

BUCS PREMIER NATIONAL

25/09/24	Nottingham Women's 1	Lost 4-0
09/10/24	Birmingham Women's 1	Lost 8-0
16/10/24	Edinburgh Women's 1	Lost 2-0
06/11/24	Durham Women's 1	Lost 2-0
13/11/24	Bath Women's 1	Lost 4-1
04/12/24	Exeter Women's 1	Lost 5-0
29/01/25	Loughborough Women's 1	Lost 7-0
05/02/25	Nottingham Trent Women's 1	Lost 6-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOCKEY SQUAD

2025 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Serena Cole**
D.O.B. 06/08/2001
School Repton School
Year 6th
Subject Medicine
College Trinity
Shirt No. 1

Serena Serenaaa
I never really knew that she could save goals like this
She make a man wanna be in Mash Como se llama? Serena. A keeper? Si. "IS EVERYBODY MARKING?"
Serena Serenaaa
Oh Serena when you save p flicks like that
You make the sideline go mad
So be wise Oxf'rd and keep on
Failing to score past Serena
Ohhhh Serenaa in goal tonight
You know her hockey don't lie
She flies planes and saves lives
Her quick reactions, don't mention
Her reverse hit? It is perfection
Hey Serena I can see you're bossing admin
And it makes me feel lazy
And I didn't have the slightest idea
Until I saw your one trillion Important Admin emails
And when you walk up to indoor
Nobody cannot ignore the way you move your body
And everything so unexpected, the way you right and left it
So you can keep on saving it
I never really knew that she could give a speech to two hundred alumni like this
She make Oxf'rd's forwards want to van-ish
Como se llama? Serena. Our keeper? Si. "I LOVE THE WANDIES"
Serena Serenaaa



Name **Georgia Bozianu**
D.O.B. 28/11/2000
School Saffron Walden County High School
Year 2nd
Subject Neuroscience PhD
College Pembroke
Shirt No. 5

Reporter 1: Breaking news, it is confirmed that Ms Bosnian has been re-elected for her 17th semester as President of Gbozianna (formerly known as Europe)

Reporter 2: well it's come as no surprise, with substantial fines (tax) and imprisonment for non-compliance to the regime, crime rates have never been lower!

Reporter 1: yes and it's said that with the re-election there are expected to be a few amendments to the current statutory law

Reporter 2: of course, mandatory walking time will be moved 30 minutes earlier to 4:30am and daily exercise now includes 7893 squats, 100km cycle and a 50km zone 4 run.

Reporter 1: well it's nothing compared to our saviour and President, who has this all done by 7am in time for rowing

Reporter 2: Can I be honest for a minute. I cba with the increase in exercise, it's a dumb idea...

Reporter 1: CUT recording. Are you stupid!? You should NOT have said that.

** red dot appears on reporter 2's chest. A sniper shoots. The reporter drops to the floor.

Reporter 1: silly fresher, had it coming.
Long live General Boz. Amen.



Name **Lottie Gill**
D.O.B. 04/10/2000
School Newcastle High School
Year 2nd
Subject Grad Medicine
College St Edmunds
Shirt No. 2

Lottie is amazing at hockey and Oxf'rd should be scared. Now we've got that out the way...

If you didn't already know, she does medicine, it's not like she mentions it at all or has convenient "7am supervisions" during sccc that she just cannot miss. If she isn't talking about medicine she is probably blaming her boyfriend for something which is most definitely her own fault, such as something being stolen from her bag which is then mysteriously returned 2 minutes later.

If you see someone strapping on the pitch, it's most likely Lottie. She likes to blame umpires for her miskill and tripping over her own feet, after which she will claim a card is definitely due. If you feed her a bagel, she usually rediscovers her love for hockey and no longer finds the freshers insufferable (well most of them anyway).

If Lottie isn't falling on the hockey pitch, she is most likely falling off her bike. I frankly think it is her own fault for having a "race bike" that has yet to be used for more than a 2km cycle, even though she claims this is her year to complete an ironman.

She also unfortunately struggled so much to make friends this year that she had to not only force her boyfriend to come to Cambridge, under the promise of "an amazing standard of hockey", but has also made friends with people who are yet to turn 21, despite rumours of her pushing 30.

Despite all of this, we love you Lottie and please score many many dragflicks xx



Name **Ella Hordern**
D.O.B. 24/08/2001
School Pate's Grammar School
Year 6th
Subject Veterinary Medicine
College Homerton
Shirt No. 4

Ella is the baddest, maddest member of the wblues. She hates on freshers for fun. She literally steals balls from the ball bag to throw at them when they don't run fast enough, then proceeds to fine them for losing precious wblues possessions. on the pitch, Ella's genuinely terrifying, with opposition players leaving Wilby in tears, mumbling "that right back was just so mean." Her name alone should be enough to make any Oxford forward rethink their sporting career... off the pitch, Ella's just as ruthless, Ella is the biggest boozier, stealing Lola's tickets straight from under the freshers' noses because she's "just more fun than them". Ella is also the wamnest member of the wblues. She eats raw meat for breakfast. Ella is unstoppable, nothing and no one is safe.

...for those that know Ella, we'd all testify that not one word above is true. In all seriousness if you don't know Ella and you're trying to track her down, this description absolutely won't work. We'll try again... we've never met someone as kind and supportive as Ella. Ella Hordern is the PoM of CUHC. Ella somehow manages to balance a full-time vet med final year degree, with being undoubtedly the best defender in the conference, with still somehow being the nicest person alive - seriously, it's infuriating. For Ella's final Varsity with CUHC (of c!) we wanted to thank Ella for everything she's done and continues to do for the WBlues, and for setting the standard of what it means to be a part of this club. Our New Year's resolution for 2025? Be more Ella. And if you've ever had the pleasure of meeting her, you'll know exactly why. GDBO x



Name **Sophie Levy**
D.O.B. 07/05/2005
School Leicester Grammar School
Year 2nd
Subject Modern & Medieval Languages
College Sidney Sussex
Shirt No. 10

As welfare secretary, Sophie Levy is committed to maximising the wellness of the wblues.

Here are 5 ways she has promoted wblue well-being:

(1) Risk-assessment - Sophie successfully demonstrated the potential safety hazards of the wblues warm-up, utilising advanced technology such as the veo (for further analysis), and cbot (for player imitation).

(2) Safe-transport - Sophie no longer drives for the wblues, to maximise our squad number by minimising risk to life. She instead leaves command of the motorways to more reliable members of the club, like Ferni.

(3) Relationships - Sophie kissed some frogs to assess potential partners for the wblues, and has been 25% successful in her matchmaking. In her noble endeavours, she has also improved wblue relations with the men's side of the club, and neutralised a potential threat under the strobe lights of Tignespace.

(4) Cooking - Sophie has nourished the wblues with dinners, DOD bakes, and chat. I couldn't rank the three but her risottos and cookies are great.

(5) Health - Sophie has encouraged an open dialogue within the wblues, around physical well-being, that she started with an honest conversation about the brown stains on the back of her white tracksuits. Caragh and Cmorz have since felt comfortable to share similar struggles.



Name **Caragh Haspel**
D.O.B. 29/11/2004
School Trinity School, Croydon
Year 2nd
Subject Engineering
College Girton
Shirt No. 9

day in the life crag edition

My alarm beeps, its 5:30am. I jump out of bed ready to start the day with a smile on my face. I nuck jule back into bed as I go to make him breakfast. I decide not to push my culinary ability, and make eggs benedict on homemade crumpets. I shed a tear as he leaves for the boat club, it is so hard to be parted from him all day. I sit down and read the lecture notes ahead of the lectures today, one can never be too prepared! I head back to my spotless room and change into my carefully ironed dress, I slip into my patent heels and skip off to my bike, excited to seize the day.

I enjoy a gentle cycle to the engineering department, making sure to stop at every pedestrian crossing, and apologise to the van that rams into me. I stroll into my first lecture early, taking my seat on the front row. Halfway through the lecture, Bercal goes off. I ignore it as I do not want the lecturer to ask me why I am taking instagram photos in front of 300 people, that would be so silly! I am too locked in to my learning to discuss the squandies formation. After the lecture ends, I head to willy for a hockey match.

In the pre match talk, I agree with everything adam says. We head out onto the pitch, I shake hands with the umpires and promise a calm match played in good spirits. The match starts, a young girl is running with the ball as I gently take it off her and apologise for brushing her shoulder. One of the opposition gets a green, 2 yellows and a red card, all in 45 minutes! I think to myself, what a silly thing to do, that could never be me! The match ends with no confrontation, just the way I like it.

Later that evening I head to curry king for a CUHC social, I sip my singular glass of peach schnapps and eat my whole curry. I dodge a piece of naan being slapped at Lains face and wonder what Cmorz is doing with squock. We head to Kikis, but as I arrive I realise that I forgot my ticket! I politely tell the bouncer this, and he understandably tells me that I am not allowed in. I agree with him and calmly walk away, punching him would not get me anywhere. I walk back to Girton as cycling after consumption of alcohol would be irresponsible. I wave to the paramedics helping drunken youths. I get home, don't go to the toilet (I have complete control of my bowel system), tuck myself into bed and think about getting my work marked up 3 weeks early the next day.



Name **Charlotte Lord**
D.O.B. 24/07/2004
School Altrincham Girls Grammar School
Year 2nd
Subject Engineering
College Girton
Shirt No. 59

The Lord's Prayer

Our Clord, who art in Girton,
hallowed be thy length;
thy varsity come;
Oxford wilby done;
on the pitch as well as the club.

Give us this DOD bake - our weekly snack,
and forgive crag for getting it again,

as we forgive those who do not knock on the door.

And lead us (not) to lectures;
but deliver us from Jesus.
For CURUFCHC is life,
the wblues and the squandies,
for ever (and gboz)

Bosh



Name **Ciara Boaden**
D.O.B. 07/12/2004
School Royal Grammar School, Newcastle
Year 2nd
Subject HSPS
College Queens'
Shirt No. 18

It was just another Monday morning for the Cbot 3000. Extracting her Lolás hard drive she thought about the previous night's seamless human integration. Actually, 'thought' might be an exaggeration: analysing the collected Cbot found that the phrase 'man's bare waved' had been used a pleasing 37 times. Whilst unsure why her flatmates said this so much, she nonetheless adapted, assimilated.

Our robot headed to the toaster for breakfast and stuck her head in the appliance to get some sweet sweet voltage... ERROR! FLUIDS DETECTED IN CPU. Suboptimal. Cbot scanned over the night's memory archives: maybe it was the piss in the men's bathroom, or even the one in the alley. But then it came to her, in flashes. A neck... a tie... a maintenance man... it was a different kind of fluid.

After a quick recalibration Cbot moved on towards sidge. She had a new North Face bag, that same one everyone had, but in unique pink colour for a guise of authenticity. "Ha! They'll never know I'm a robot!" Time for a suppo, something about modernity. "Easy peasy, i'm literally peak human progress". The feedback wasn't quite what Cbot expected: "your essay was just a bunch of zeros and ones, is this some kind of joke?". Oh no, said fluid must've caused a binary translator failure. Nevermind. Cbot remembered she was voted best newcomer in Cambridge sport. She was better than everyone else, a renaissance bot. Time for Quinch!



Name **Gemma Taylor**
D.O.B. **12/03/2003**
School **The Cherwell School**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Physics**
College **Trinity**
Shirt No. **16**

The WBlues are Gemma's second favourite sports team, right after Wolves. When I enquired as to whether she would rather Wolves win a match or the WBlues win varsity her reply was nothing short of blasphemy. In case anyone is doubting whether her unmatched support of Wolves is justified, I implore you to simply look at their track record this season, as I'm sure it would be enough to inspire even the most determined football hater to follow the team. Although the WBlues aren't her favourite team, she still managed to stick with us for four years, and even managed to sneak an extra year into her undergrad degree. This was obviously motivated by nothing other than her desire to be part of the team for as long as possible.

When I asked about her biggest regret of the season, she turned to me with a look in her eyes that I have only ever seen directed at umpires as she told me of a photo taken of her showing affection to what was our team mascot. The said mascot has since gone missing. No-one knows where, but I did see some stuffing coming out of Gemma's hockey bag the other day...

On the pitch, she's a force to be reckoned with, and her silky skills will I'm sure put Oxford to shame. For those who haven't seen Gemma absolutely decimate any opposition she faces yet, she will be pretty easy to spot on Varsity, so fear not. Oxford better prepare to be absolutely rinsed.



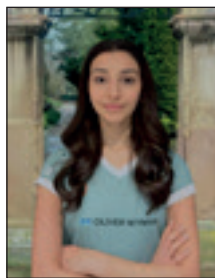
Name **Jess Logan**
D.O.B. **26/07/2005**
School **Ipswich High School**
Year **2nd**
Subject **Engineering**
College **Emmanuel**
Shirt No. **72**

ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART
BLUES VARSITY
Sunday 9 Mar 2025. 13.00 to 15.00
Paper 1. JESS MECHANICS
STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
A computer to be carried at all times for emergency work
A spare breakfast bar for hungry teammates
SECTION A
Answer all questions from this section
1 It is a typical morning before a game at Wilberforce Road. You are sat in the changing room with the rest of the team. Assume that Jess has not crashed her bike on the way there.
(a) T is the time between Jess entering the changing room and leaving after the team talk. Calculate the proportion of T spent knitting.
(b) An aerial can be assumed to follow a parabola with constant $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$. Derive an expression for the frequency of aials thrown over the fence of the pitch.
(c) Assume that Jess has been voted DOD for saying something out of pocket to Adam. Rate the quality of her DOD bake.
2 By reducing the number of Engineering group projects, the probability of Jess being seen on a night out is increased by a factor of 1.05. Given that Jess is seen after 9pm, explain why:
(a) You will not meet her boyfriend
(b) She will be able to do a Box Step Waltz



Name **Charlotte Morgan**
D.O.B. **26/04/2004**
School **The King's School, Worcester**
Year **3rd**
Subject **Medicine**
College **Murray Edwards**
Shirt No. **26**

A day in the life of cmorgs
7:00 AM: Morgs wakes up early, hockey stick in hand, Saxon on - she loves it.
7:10 AM: Morning mindfulness. Morgs briefly reflects on her two-week reign as Nomads captain. Leadership? Overrated. WBlues? Forever.
9:00 AM: Morgs arrives at Wilby. Training goes well - she scores a screamer, even she's surprised. Adam raises an eyebrow, nods slowly, and mutters, "Maybe..." as he considers her for his all-time star 11. Progress.
12:00 PM: Lunchtime. Morgs yaps - went to Edinburgh, yap, nothing happened, yap. Nobody asked, the second years don't listen.
4:00 PM: Adam introduces her to the new Cam City Aussie recruit. Morgs calls it "networking." The rest of us call it... well, we're not so sure.
6:00 PM: Morgs pushes aside her own antics to play matchmaker, adopting and pairing up our favourite fresher couple. Another win for the CV.
9:00 PM: Morgs heads to bed, dreaming of her first goal of the season and wondering if Adam's pre-season "Who's she?" might one day become "That's Cmorgz."
GDBO x



Name **Sarah Alsaad**
D.O.B. **04/08/2000**
School **Hymers College**
Year **6th**
Subject **Medicine**
College **Murray Edwards**
Shirt No. **28**

Presenting complaint: Patient arrived with a number of inexplicable symptoms, the combination of which had resulted in episodes of wildly abnormal behaviour - physical examination revealed a wanton disregard for sobriety or sensibility. Past medical history: With a long, long history (six years) of complications (CUHC-cest), Saz presents as an incredibly complicated (entertaining) patient. Having had a brief reprieve from intervention last year, she is back and more badly behaved than ever, as evidenced by her antics in revs this Michaelmas....
Diagnosis: Looking at the pattern of symptoms with which she is afflicted, one can only assume that she is suffering from Sharkosis Aquatica: a deadly, virally transmitted, reptilian condition.
Prognosis: Treatment options are limited. The most effective remedy is to avoid freshers entirely. Despite the malady, Saz, a relentless forward with an unflinching ability to convert deflections, continues to wow on the pitch and should be medically cleared for March 9th, in anticipation of a huge (and final) Varsity win.



Name **Fenella Clarke**
D.O.B. 17/10/2005
School The Perse School
Year 1st
Subject Medicine
College Corpus
Shirt No. 15

Since arriving at uni, Fenella has committed herself to her studies (as well as the WBlues) in many ways:

- Exercise physiology: Fenella arrived at preseason in September armed with the highest strava activity from the summer of all the freshers (statistic not independently verified)

- First aid: Fendog became the dedicated medic sec of Michaelmas term however, while she would diligently bring the first aid bag, it was often found empty of any required equipment (a foil blanket but no ice packs?)

- Nutrition: Fenella has found that she no longer needs to eat DoD bake as she now has (James) Cake already at home

- Future planning: in preparation for medical rotations, Fendog has ensured that she has rotated into every position of our formation, excluding goalie (unless Adam has some new tactics for the 9th March?)

Hopefully scoring faster than her and Cakey, Fendog is ready to smash Oxf'd in the Varsity match this year and for many, many to come (she's on a six year course)



Name **Emma Furness**
D.O.B. 14/01/2006
School St George's College, Weybridge
Year 1st
Subject Veterinary Medicine
College St Catharines
Shirt No. 24

Emma Furness isn't just a vet, she's a rare breed and the absolute GOAT. She clearly has more lives than her feline patients, surviving not only a near cat-astrophic encounter with a car whilst biking to Wilby but also regular hare-raising swerving from Tabby, thanks to her otter-this world reflexes. On pitch, she's a real beast, clawing back possession, slithering around defence, completely un-baa-thered by their badgering, scoring a purr-fect, flamboyant, eggs-quisite top bins against UCL in preseason. She is paws-itively unstoppable, leaving opponents deer-anged in her wake. No wonder she's a fantasy hockey league favourite; it would be udder madness to leave her off the team. She may have ducked any proper fresher role as 'water bottle injector sec', but she managed to milk it for all it was worth anyway. There is no doubt that Emma is 'drippin' in Furness and her leg-hen-dary hockey can never be reined in.



Name **Lucy Wadley**
D.O.B. 28/11/2005
School The King's School, Worcester
Year 1st
Subject Geography
College St John's
Shirt No. 25

Lucy Wadley: perhaps the worst ball sec the WBlues has ever seen, she Luce-s more balls than WBlues fixtures in BUCS prem. Between a mysterious hair straightener burn, a 40-minute late arrival to meet time, and some de-Luc-sional decisions in alleyways, her greatest hockey achievement might just be dodging DOD. A true Luce cannon, she keeps us all on our toes. Although she's recently switched to the defensive line, Lucy's pursuit of a geography degree means she's always Luce-ing herself in the colouring lines. On the pitch, she is abso-Luce-ly fearless, leaving no Luce ends in the D, keeping her razor-sharp Luce-id mindset and ensuring the attackers can never Luce her!



Name **Tabby Evans**
D.O.B. 31/10/2005
School Epsom College
Year 1st
Subject Theology
College St Catherine's
Shirt No. 29

Wednesday night. A wild tabby is spotted in her natural habitat: curufc. As she watches the rugby unfold in front of her she points out the blues players she knows from club nights - all of them. After 80 minutes of discussing Hawks (this has now been banned at training due to occurring too frequently), the full time whistle blows. Tabby mounts her bike and weaves her way down the road, cutting off anyone in her path, to arrive at Harvey court for yet another freshers box. Here, tabby gets in her second S&C session for the week as she is left running for her mum on multiple occasions (isn't "run for your mum if you've gotten with a rugby boy" getting old now?). Soon the blue lagoon inspired box is finished and tabby can uber over to revs in search for her next DoDable event. Alas, no new boy to be seen but never fear - Pete is stood by the wall instead.



Name **Nik Bentley**
(Manager)

To introduce Nik, we have decided to talk you through a timetable of his typical Saturday:

9 am: wake up and repost the CUHC post on the games this weekend.

10 am: reflect on the week's training while eating breakfast (painfully reminded by his tooth that he's missed too many sessions this season)

11 am: drive to Wilby with Adam - since Adam's move they now only live five minutes apart. We believe they may have separation anxiety from each other. Please provide information on how we can support them with this issue.

12pm: get the wblues into the correct mindset with a quick motivational speech then prepare for the structured warmup he's planned to the minute (this includes laying out the balls for said warm up. NB: these are his balls as we've lost all ours)

1pm: anxiously watch the wblues. Panic when he forgets to start the timer at the start of the quarter.

2pm: send the wblues winning score into GMS (creating friends and foes in the process), yap with anyone around for match teas (conversation topics include: his children, GK training, and his favourite: the wblues)

3pm: drive home with Adam to then watch the game on veo, yearning for a behind the goal view but he forgot his camera... again



Name **Adam Price**
(Coach)

After only one term with Adam as our coach, us freshers have already become well acquainted with his most notable moments. Just in case the match isn't exciting enough, we've come up with a bingo card of Adam-esque moments for you to watch out for (don't worry, you won't have to try very hard).

'OUT'

'NO THE OTHER OUT'

'RETREAT'

'HOLD'

A very 2000s flat cap

Slow country music during the warm up

Sabrina Carpenter during the warm up (have you heard of her?)

'[insert name of a player x5]'

Dance moves - celebrating a corner?

Jumps on Nik (bonus points if his cap falls off in the process)


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From the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) through to Sixth Form, sport is embedded in both the curriculum and co-curricular programme. Starting at just three years old, NHSG pupils benefit from specialist physical education, laying strong foundations for their future sporting development. Hockey is introduced in Year 2, with a focus on fundamental movement skills, and as our pupils progress through school, our "Sport for All" philosophy ensures that every girl has the opportunity to train and compete at a level suited to her abilities.

Competitive opportunities are central to our hockey programme. Our weekly Senior Games programme on Wednesdays enables players to transition from participation to elite-level competition. Our fixtures allow the girls to compete regularly during the week, and encourages them to play in club matches over the weekends.

Alongside our school level programme, we benefit greatly from being part of the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) family of 26 schools, where we compete with other outstanding teams from across the country. The annual GDST Rally, which includes hockey and other sports, is the highlight of our sporting calendar, and each year, at NHSG, we host an U14 Northern GDST Hockey Rally, where we welcome around 11 schools to Newcastle for a weekend of competition and camaraderie. This event is further enriched by inspirational guest speakers from GB Hockey – this year, we were honoured to welcome Sarah Jones.

Our strong sporting culture has meant that a number of our pupils have progressed through the England and Scotland hockey performance pathways. One such success story is Lottie Gill, an NHSG alumna who now plays hockey at Cambridge University. Lottie and her sister both excelled in hockey during their time at NHSG, and we take great pride in watching Lottie continue to thrive. As Lottie takes to the field today, we extend our best wishes and will be cheering her on from the sidelines.

We are very much looking forward to taking part in the Varsity for the first time, and would like to send our good wishes and thanks to all the players, coaches, officials and everyone involved in what is sure to be a wonderful day of hockey.



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Teams

We have 9 Men's Teams and 6 Women's Teams.. Our M1s play in Division One South of the National League, M2s in East Prem and the M3s to M8s play in the East Area League. Our Supervets play in the London Area League. The W1s play in the East Conference of the National League and the other teams all play in the East Area League. There is also a men's and women's development team.

Our Youth section (U18, U16, U14) is one of the biggest and most successful in the country (both indoors and outdoors) with more than one team in each age group. Many of our Colts play representative hockey at County, Regional and National level.

We have a thriving Minis Section (U12, U10, U8, U7 & U6) which meets on Sunday mornings and the U12/10 Boys & Girls also train midweek.

We hope the Varsity games are enjoyable for all today and if you would like to find out more about Old Loughtonians HC, please contact our General Manager Jack Tranter at gm@oldloughtonians.co.uk

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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	Caldy Grange
1979	Cranleigh	4 - 0	Framlingham
1980	Magdalen CS	0 - 2	Bishop's Stortford
1981	Langley Park	2 - 1	Chatham House
1982	Dulwich	1 - 1	St Edwards, Oxon
1983	Canford	1 - 1	Stowe
1984	Oakham	1 - 1	Bedford
1985	Charterhouse	0 - 3	Wellington College
1986	Cheltenham	0 - 0	Dean Close
1987	Kingston GS	5 - 1	Taunton School
1988	Cranbrook	1 - 6	RGS High Wycombe
1989	Whitgift	2 - 2	Tonbridge
1990	Kingston GS	3 - 1	Marlborough
1991	Stowe	2 - 1	Cranleigh
1992	Felsted	3 - 0	Radley
1993	Cheltenham	1 - 3	Bradfield
1994	Wellington College	3 - 0	KCS Wimbledon
1995	Whitgift	2 - 4	Greshams
1996	Charterhouse	0 - 3	Canford
1997	Monkton Combe	2 - 3	St Edwards, Oxon
1998	Dulwich	5 - 1	Radcliffe College
1999	Stowe	0 - 1	Framlingham
2000	Kingston GS	5 - 1	Marlborough
2001	Eastbourne	1 - 3	Felsted
2002	Cranbrook	2 - 2	The Leys
2003	Uppingham	2 - 2	Whitgift
2004	Charterhouse	4 - 2	Wellington College
2005	Gresham's	11 - 1	Marlborough College
2006	Eton College	4 - 2	Loretto
2007	Tonbridge	2 - 2	Bishop's Stortford
2008	Abingdon	1 - 2	Cranleigh
2009	Workshop	6 - 1	St Georges' College
2010	Repton	0 - 2	RGS Guildford
2011	Oakham	0 - 4	Whitgift
2012	Perse	3 - 1	Magdalen College
2013	Churchers	7 - 0	Birkdale
2014	Reeds	3 - 1	Kingston GS
2015	Charterhouse	2 - 0	Cheltenham
2016	Eastbourne	2 - 4	Norwich
2017	Repton	4 - 4	Warwick
2018		P - P	
2019	KES Birmingham	2 - 3	RGS Guildford
2020	Ipswich	2 - 0	William Borlase
2021	No match: COVID		
2022	Kingston GS	2 - 3	Katharine Lady Berkeleys
2023	Tonbridge	3 - 3	Warwick
2024	Repton	8 - 4	MCS Oxford

GIRLS SCHOOL MATCH – THE LOCHHEAD TROPHY

2008	St Edwards, Oxon	2 - 1	Cheltenham Ladies
2009	Bablake	1 - 3	King's Warwick
2010	Greshams	0 - 1	Clifton
2011	Oakham	4 - 1	Epsom
2012	Marlborough	2 - 2	Rugby
2013	Churchers	0 - 5	Oundle
2014	Norwich	2 - 1	Cheadle Hulme
2016	Eastbourne	10 - 1	Magdalen College School
2017	Belfast Academy	3 - 2	Reeds
2018		P - P	
2019	Malvern College	0 - 3	Norwich
2020	Victoria College Belfast	0 - 1	Bradfield
2021	No match: COVID		
2022	Sevenoaks	11 - 0	Pates GS
2023	St Andrews Dublin	0 - 0	Brighton College
2024	RGS Newcastle	7 - 0	Felsted

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