

# 124th Varsity Hockey Matches



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We are proud to be a sponsor of the 124th Varsity Hockey Matches and look forward to an exceptional day of competition.

# Match Programme

**10.45am (water)**

Schools Match (girls)  
RGS Newcastle v Felsted School  
**Hattie Burdett & Tom Pilgrim**

**10.45am (sand)**

Schools Match (boys)  
Repton v MCS Oxford  
**Phil Everett & Gary Joy**

**12.15pm (water)**

Mixed Old Blues Match for the Lawless Trophy  
**Nick Lockhart & Mike Hudson**

**1.45pm (sand)**

Oxford v Cambridge Men's Match  
**Joshua Perry & Matty Smith**  
Match Official: Chris Row

**3.30pm (water)**

Oxford v Cambridge Women's Match  
**Katy Peart & Tanya Sargeant**  
Match Official: Janet Sutton

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## ***Welcome to the 124th JMAN Varsity Hockey matches***

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

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2023 was a Light Blue wash, which the Dark Blues will want to avenge in 2024.

Cambridge grabbed the Men's trophy in 2023. They won on shuffles after the match had finished 2-2 after 70 minutes. The Light Blues lead the series by a margin of nine, 57 to 48, with 18 matches drawn.

After the Ladies match last year, the trophy headed up the M11. Cambridge nabbed a narrow but deserved 1-0 win. Cambridge stretched their lead in the series to three. Cambridge have 51 wins to Oxford's 48. There have been 24 draws.

Congratulations to all 64 squad members. Enjoy your day. You will not forget it. It is 41 years since I was fortunate enough to captain a team in a Varsity Match, but the memory is still fresh and I am still mates with a number of those who took part in 1983. Hopefully, you will be able to say the same in 2064.

It is great to see four leading schools battling for the Lochhead and Bogdan Trophies.

In the Boys game for the Bogdan Trophy, MCS Oxford play Repton.

In the Girls game for the Lochhead Trophy, RGS Newcastle take on Brighton College.

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.

The world lost a great man since the Varsity match in 2023. Bob Bogdan, who appeared for Cambridge in 1975 has died. However, Bob will be watching today's games, with a broad grin on his face and a scotch in hand. Bob spent his career inspiring schoolchildren in geography, hockey & bonhomie. Bob served on the Varsity Match Committee for decades. Put simply, he was a really good egg.

***James Gordon***

*Chairman of the University Hockey Match Committee*



# OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

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## SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CLUB

*Southgate Hockey Club is pleased to host  
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## PRESENTATIONS

*Player of the Match Trophies*

The Men's Old Blues are playing this morning for the Lawless Cup and the Women's Old Blues for the Boizot Trophy. In each of the University Matches, an award is made each year to the Oxford *Player of the Match* and the Cambridge *Player of the Match*. These are selected by a committee of distinguished Old Blues and it has become traditional for them to present a 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 | 1937/38 | Draw      | 1-1 | 1986/87 | Draw       | 0-0 |
| 1890/91 | Oxford    | 3-2 | 1938/39 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 1987/88 | Cambridge  | 2-0 |
| 1891/92 | Draw      | 2-2 | 1945/46 | Draw      | 3-3 | 1988/89 | Cambridge  | 1-0 |
| 1892/93 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1946/47 | Cambridge | 3-0 | 1989/90 | Cambridge  | 4-2 |
| 1893/94 | Draw      | 1-1 | 1947/48 | Cambridge | 2-0 | 1990/91 | Oxford     | 3-1 |
| 1894/95 | Draw      | 3-3 | 1948/49 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1991/92 | Oxford     | 2-1 |
| 1895/96 | Cambridge | 3-1 | 1949/50 | Cambridge | 1-0 | 1992/93 | Oxford     | 3-0 |
| 1896/97 | Cambridge | 4-0 | 1950/51 | Oxford    | 4-0 | 1993/94 | Oxford     | 5-0 |
| 1897/98 | Cambridge | 4-0 | 1951/52 | Cambridge | 6-3 | 1994/95 | Oxford     | 4-0 |
| 1898/99 | Cambridge | 5-2 | 1952/53 | Oxford    | 5-2 | 1995/96 | Oxford     | 4-1 |
| 1899/00 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 1953/54 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1996/97 | Cambridge  | 2-0 |
| 1900/01 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1954/55 | Cambridge | 2-1 | 1997/98 | Oxford     | 4-0 |
| 1901/02 | Oxford    | 3-2 | 1955/56 | Cambridge | 2-0 | 1998/99 | Draw       | 2-2 |
| 1902/03 | Oxford    | 3-0 | 1956/57 | Draw      | 0-0 | 1999/00 | Oxford     | 2-1 |
| 1903/04 | Oxford    | 1-0 | 1957/58 | Oxford    | 5-1 | 2000/01 | Cambridge  | 3-1 |
| 1904/05 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1958/59 | Draw      | 0-0 | 2001/02 | Draw       | 1-1 |
| 1905/06 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1959/60 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 2002/03 | Oxford     | 3-2 |
| 1906/07 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 1960/61 | Oxford    | 2-0 | 2003/04 | Oxford     | 3-2 |
| 1907/08 | Cambridge | 3-1 | 1961/62 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 2004/05 | Cambridge  | 3-2 |
| 1908/09 | Oxford    | 6-3 | 1962/63 | Oxford    | 3-0 | 2005/06 | Oxford     | 2-0 |
| 1909/10 | Oxford    | 5-4 | 1963/64 | Oxford    | 2-1 | 2006/07 | Cambridge  | 4-3 |
| 1910/11 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1964/65 | Draw      | 2-2 | 2007/08 | Cambridge  | 3-1 |
| 1911/12 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1965/66 | Oxford    | 1-0 | 2008/09 | Oxford     | 4-1 |
| 1912/13 | Cambridge | 7-2 | 1966/67 | Cambridge | 1-0 | 2009/10 | Oxford     | 3-1 |
| 1913/14 | Oxford    | 2-1 | 1967/68 | Oxford    | 1-0 | 2010/11 | Oxford     | 5-2 |
| 1919/20 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 1968/69 | Draw      | 2-2 | 2011/12 | Cambridge  | 5-3 |
| 1920/21 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1969/70 | Cambridge | 2-0 | 2012/13 | Draw       | 1-1 |
| 1921/22 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 1970/71 | Cambridge | 1-0 | 2013/14 | Cambridge  | 2-1 |
| 1922/23 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1971/72 | Cambridge | 1-0 | 2014/15 | Cambridge  | 2-2 |
| 1923/24 | Oxford    | 3-0 | 1972/73 | Oxford    | 1-0 |         | (shuttles) |     |
| 1924/25 | Oxford    | 3-2 | 1973/74 | Draw      | 0-0 | 2015/16 | Cambridge  | 2-1 |
| 1925/26 | Cambridge | 3-2 | 1974/75 | Oxford    | 3-1 | 2016/17 | Oxford     | 2-2 |
| 1926/27 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1975/76 | Oxford    | 7-0 |         | (shuttles) |     |
| 1927/28 | Cambridge | 5-1 | 1976/77 | Cambridge | 2-1 | 2017/18 | Oxford     | 3-1 |
| 1928/29 | Cambridge | 3-1 | 1977/78 | Cambridge | 2-1 | 2018/19 | Cambridge  | 3-2 |
| 1929/30 | Draw      | 2-2 | 1978/79 | Oxford    | 6-1 | 2019/20 | Cambridge  | 5-0 |
| 1930/31 | Oxford    | 3-2 | 1979/80 | Cambridge | 1-0 | 2020/21 | Cambridge  |     |
| 1931/32 | Draw      | 1-1 | 1980/81 | Draw      | 2-2 |         | (shuttles) | 1-1 |
| 1932/33 | Cambridge | 2-0 | 1981/82 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 2021/22 | Oxford     | 3-1 |
| 1933/34 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 1982/83 | Cambridge | 4-1 | 2022/23 | Cambridge  | 2-2 |
| 1934/35 | Draw      | 0-0 | 1983/84 | Cambridge | 2-1 |         | (shuttles) |     |
| 1935/36 | Oxford    | 1-0 | 1984/85 | Cambridge | 2-0 |         |            |     |
| 1936/37 | Oxford    | 3-0 | 1985/86 | Cambridge | 3-1 |         |            |     |

| Played: 123 | Cambridge: 57 | Oxford: 48 | Drawn: 18 | Goals: Cambridge: 239 | Oxford: 231 |

# 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 |
|             |           |      |           |      | (shuttles)    |
|             |           |      |           | 2021 | Oxford 1-1    |
|             |           |      |           | 2022 | Oxford 2-0    |
|             |           |      |           | 2023 | Cambridge 1-0 |

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

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

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

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

The timing of the creation of the Marcon-Dyer Club in 2015 coincided with the 125th Anniversary of the first Varsity Match, and OUHC's foundation. OUHC is undertaking a major drive to improve its database, to provide information about significant updates occurring at OUHC; especially the upcoming alumni tournament. Due to the recent Global Data Protection Regulations on electronic communications, we are now unable to legally contact a large proportion of our alumni database- to ensure that you remain in touch and receive all the latest newsletters and information that we send out, please follow this link:

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

Alternatively, the club's founders, Duncan Graves ([duncan.graves@gmail.com](mailto:duncan.graves@gmail.com)), Sam Mallinson ([mallinson.sam@gmail.com](mailto:mallinson.sam@gmail.com)), and current OUHC president, Grace Annetts ([ouhcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ouhcpresident@gmail.com)), would love to hear from you. The club has undertaken a major fundraising drive that succeeded in creating an endowment, which will go a long way towards securing the club's financial future.

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



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

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

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

There has been another very important aspect to The 1890 Club. As sponsorship and central funding became harder to find, The 1890 Club assumed a key role in providing financial support for the Universities through helping to finance the University Hockey Matches. In recognising the significance of this day in the lives of all participants, The 1890 Club 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 anticipation is already growing for the next one, which will be held on January 18th 2025 – add this date to your diaries! Full details of the event, and how to buy tickets, will be circulated by email and on social media in late spring. Another function of The Vann Club is to keep all CUHC alumni up to date about 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 contact [alumni@cuhc.org.uk](mailto:alumni@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 continue 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>

## RAB



In 1994 Bob Bogdan wrote an article about me in the Varsity Match programme, as I had served on the Varsity Match committee for many years and was leaving the country to take up a Headship in Zimbabwe. 30 years later, I felt that I should return the compliment, but sad that it should be following his untimely death last year.

Following Gordonstoun, he went to St Andrew's University, where he represented the Scottish universities at hockey, followed by a PGCE at St Catharine's College, Cambridge where he obtained his hockey blue. In his obituary in The Times "he is renowned for having introduced the sliding tackle to hockey in the days of grass pitches".

I first met Bob when I played hockey for Surbiton against Cambridge University in November 1974. A few months later I met him again in the early hours after the Varsity Match; he said that he had received an offer of a job teaching at Charterhouse and, knowing that I had taught there, wanted my advice. I obviously said the right thing because he joined the school later that year and stayed there for 40 years.

Our paths crossed many times: we both played for Surbiton, in the Easter holidays we usually met at a schools festival, either in Oxford, The Hague or Bloemendaal and went on numerous Travellers tours to Holland and South Africa. He was a very reliable defender, who always enjoyed his forays into the opponents 25, and a great tourist.

I ran the hockey at Wellington and Bob was master i/c at Charterhouse. Wellington v Charterhouse on the hockey field was always a game that both sides wanted to win. The first inter-school match that Charterhouse played, was on 15 February 1936 and it was against Wellington. Since that year the schools never missed a fixture, despite war and weather, and it was appropriate that the 50th fixture was played at Lord's as a curtain raiser to the Varsity Match. It might have helped that both Bob and I were on the Varsity Match committee at the time! I thought I had done fairly well running the hockey at Wellington for 17 years, but this has paled into insignificance in the light of Bob's 38 year stint at Charterhouse. During his time at Charterhouse, the status and standard of hockey improved enormously and many overseas tours to such places as Malaysia, Hong Kong and Australia took place.

Bob served for many years on the Varsity match committee, joining in 1984. He was responsible for the schools' curtain raiser match and when he retired from the committee in 2016, it was decided that the boys' schools should play for the Bogdan Trophy. Mike Barford's abiding memory of Committee meetings (usually over dinner) is that he, Bob and Ken Lochhead were often last to leave and he and Bob got the last train from Waterloo, Ken the milk train, sometimes with not very much time in hand.



When he retired from Charterhouse, he returned to Aberdeenshire where his family came from. When his parents were still alive they lived at Barra Castle and many of his friends were entertained there. Bob lived near Rothiemay and in 2019 became chairman of the Scottish Castles Association and spent much of his time touring the castles and castle ruins in his vintage 1930s Riley. He would always come down to London for the Travellers Dinner and the Varsity Match, often returning to Aberdeen on the night sleeper.

I will remember Bob fondly; a perfect gentleman, never losing his temper, a marvellous sense of humour, a generous host and terrific company.



### *Mike Bawden*





## CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC MEN'S BLUES

We started the season with two main goals this year. Firstly, we decided that a realistic goal would be to stay up in BUCS prem. We had a spartan 4-3 win against Bristol at the start of Michaelmas, with a last-minute winner from our marksman, Lewis “Baggins” Collins. Limbs ensued. This was a massive win for us as Bristol are currently on zero points, so this win could be the difference between staying up and going down. We've fought well in the other matches, taking Notts by surprise and being 3-2 up at half time although like in the rest of the games, we struggled to maintain pressure for the whole game.

Secondly, we are trying to get promoted back into National League, this is a tough task as although I strongly believe we are technically the best team in the league, it is hard to get results consistently and for everyone to turn up every weekend. We have put ourselves in a good position to achieve this goal going into Christmas, with a clinical 7-1 win against Henley in 9th week.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable first half of the season, and I am looking forward to what the second half holds in store for the Men's Blues.

***Archie Vaughan***

*Captain 2023/24*



***Back row, left to right:*** Daniel Cox, Tobias Robinson, William Silver, Magnus Sesodia, Elliot Dennis, Joseph Haslehurst, Alexander Adair, Matthew Zahra, Lewis Collins.

***Front row:*** George Davison, William Couston, Louis Bowker, Joshua Nurse, Nathan Coltart, Archie Vaughan, Euan Dyer, Dan Cryer, Beno Wiltshire.

## SOUTH CENTRAL MEN'S PREMIER

|            |                    |     |   |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| 23/09/2023 | Trojans (H)        | 3-0 | W |
| 30/09/2023 | Marlow 1 (H)       | 1-1 | D |
| 7/10/2023  | Oxford Hawks 2 (A) | 2-1 | W |
| 14/10/2023 | Slough 1 (H)       | 3-1 | W |
| 28/10/2023 | Reading 2 (A)      | 5-2 | L |
| 4/11/2023  | Bournemouth 1 (A)  | 3-2 | W |
| 11/11/2023 | Staines 1 (H)      | 3-1 | L |
| 18/11/2023 | South Berks 1 (A)  | 4-0 | W |
| 9/12/2023  | Henley 1 (H)       | 7-1 | W |
| 13/1/2024  | Marlow 1 (A)       | 3-2 | W |
| 20/1/2024  | Oxford Hawks 2 (H) | 1-0 | W |
| 27/1/2024  | Slough 1 (A)       | 6-1 | W |
| 3/2/2024   | Bournemouth 1 (H)  | 1-0 | W |
| 4/2/2024   | Oxford OBU 1 (H)   | 2-0 | L |
| 10/2/2024  | Trojans (A)        | 2-2 | D |
| 17/2/2024  | Haslemere 1 (A)    | 3-3 | D |
| 24/2/2024  | Staines 1 (A)      | 3-1 | D |

## BUCS: MEN'S PREMIER (NATIONAL)

|            |                    |     |   |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| 4/10/2023  | NTU 1 (H)          | 2-0 | L |
| 18/10/2023 | Bristol 1 (A)      | 4-3 | W |
| 15/11/2023 | Bath 1 (H)         | 3-1 | L |
| 22/11/2023 | Durham 1 (A)       | 4-0 | L |
| 6/12/2023  | Nottingham 1 (A)   | 6-3 | L |
| 21/1/2024  | Exeter 1 (H)       | 7-1 | L |
| 24/1/2024  | Loughborough 1 (A) | 2-0 | L |
| 7/2/2024   | Birmingham 1 (H)   | 4-1 | L |

## BUCS MEN'S NATIONAL VASE

|            |                    |     |   |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| 21/02/2024 | Loughborough 2 (H) | 4-1 | W |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|

# OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEN'S SQUAD

## 2024 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Beno Wiltshire**  
 D.O.B. 18/04/2002  
 School Rugby School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College St Catherine's  
 Previous 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 111

Wiltshire (/wɪltʃər, -fjər,[1] abbreviated: Bean) is a ceremonial county in South-West England. The county has an area of 1,346 sq mi and a population of 720,060. Two-thirds of Wiltshire, a mostly rural county, lies on chalk, a soft, white limestone. The vibrant county flourishes through its white-powdery scenery, with an abundance of undulating highlands. It is an agricultural hub, with seasonal supplies of melons. Nevertheless, to counter a recent downturn in the economy, the council is offering tokens of up to £150 for eating out, with Hungarian cuisine being most popular. Tourism continues to be vital. Fortunately, after the enlargement of Lacock, a historic village featuring in Downton Abbey, international visitors have flooded into the county. Wiltshire also holds national awards, voted McFluzz Huzz champion and most proficient Fortnite player (367 wins). Good luck to Wiltshire in the upcoming E-Sports Varsity.



Name **Joseph Haslehurst**  
 D.O.B. 13/10/2002  
 School Sir William Borlase's Grammar School  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Physics  
 College Exeter  
 Shirt No. 12

I once saw the fresher called Joseph Hazlehurst attempting to army crawl out of Vinnies without using his arms or legs. 'Impressive!', I thought, 'I must inform the skipper, this bloke will go right to the very top'. When I asked the baked-goods enthusiast about the origin of his drive and ambition he said, "If you don't tinkle in the sink, you will sink in the tinkle", this sounded like it came from experience. Just inspirational. As a philanthropist, Joseph has been liaising a lot with the charity (outreach) sec. With the amount of meetings they've had, one can only assume he's almost brought an end to climate change (and probably needs some new Canterbury trackpants). When taking breaks from charitable work, Joseph likes to eat ready meals, take naps and miss sitters in training. I wish Joseph luck in his first varsity.



Name **Will Couston**  
 D.O.B. 07/03/2002  
 School Radyr Comprehensive  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Engineering Science  
 College Trinity  
 Honours Wales U23  
 Previous 2022, 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 16

"How To Make A Goose-Man: an Engineering Review"  
 Making a Goose-Man is no easy feat. It requires precise engineering and a thorough understanding of the environment a goose can thrive in (OUHCMBs (not a pond). This particular Goose-Man was created in the (frankly quite irrelevant) (where people do naughty things to sheep) land of Wales. Probably due to its origins, not enough material was available to make a full-size Goose-Man (see Shrew for further evidence) hence resulting in a vertically challenged goose (a duck). The engineers who designed Goosey describe his brain as their magnum opus. Even NUS could not handle the heat this man was cooking. There are however some defects in this Goose-Man, especially in the connections between the brain and the mouth. Goosey created an algorithm to predict the outcome of our league, but no man could ever predict what will come out of that man's mouth (beak? idk anymore). If you talk to William (that's his name), occasionally (oH WhEn tHe OooOoOssss) you will have to ignore the honking, whistling and barking, and simply admire the engineering masterclass.



Name **Toby Robinson**  
 D.O.B. 25/07/2001  
 School Eton College  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Law and Spanish Law  
 College Lincoln  
 Shirt No. 17

Tob(y) can always be found with a beam, both on his face after S&C and in close proximity in Parkers. In fact, Toby returned from his year in Madrid, not with a tan, but a strange obsession with steel(ing) beams. Initially, the conversation on steel beams, and the refusal to join the boys in Spoons seemed bizarre. Goose, as a budding engineer, was concerned about this engagement. He felt that steel beams have association with existing buildings and that for the future it may be more viable looking for alternatives. However, he continued to search for steel beams in Vinnies, at Ifley, and during morning walks. A working hypothesis on this obsession is his shoulders complete lack of structural integrity, which often requires handheld support. Despite his problems with dislocation, Toby will have no issue locating the goalhole come Varsity.



Name **Matthew Zahra**  
 D.O.B. 30/01/2004  
 School Stewart's Melville College  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject Computer Science  
 College Balliol  
 Shirt No. 11

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Name **Elliott Denis**  
 D.O.B. 04/07/2001  
 School Ecole Européenne de Bruxelles 1  
 Year 1st  
 Subject DPhil Atomic and Laser Physics  
 College Lady Margaret Hall  
 Shirt No. 90

An excerpt from the upcoming unauthorised biography, Eggs and Carrots: The Fall of Elliott De Knee – ‘Egg’Man often confuses his left and right with his middle, which is indecently lengthy. This confuses opposing midfielders on a Saturday, but infuriates his chosen field late on a Wednesday. Having risen to prominence with a precarious balancing act involving (just) one oval-shaped and one long (decaying) object, Egg attracted Lotts of attention, and quickly garnered a rather elongated reputation. Recent success, however, has Hinged on the width rather than the length of his prized asset. The JBL boombox really is something, (out of the gutter, seeds). Although the music it plays is, well, varied. The songs often start very, very quickly, and the volume is always high. But after around 20 seconds, when I’m just finding my rhythm, the boombox often cuts out, and proceeds to contemplate its own existence, while I continue to dance alone and in silence, dejected and above all dissatisfied. I trust Egg will be able to perform at a hard level for at least 3 minutes cum Varsity day.’



Name **Archie Vaughan (C)**  
 D.O.B. 08/08/2003  
 School Ecclesbourne School  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Physics  
 College St Catherine's  
 Previous England U18, English Universities  
 Previous 2022, 2023 Blues  
 Shirt No. 8

As a master of delegation, Arch takes a laissez-faire approach to both captaincy and life. Often conveying his intentions via single emojis, Arch's comms (to teammates and lizards alike) are second to none – a skill gleaned from 1-1 Blues GK training. Captains are also required to lead by example, though Arch most certainly does not. People are often found wandering on a Wednesday night (9pm) why he has a white gumshield in and how he lost his friend Mary?

Speaking of lost friends, Arch (pseudonym: ‘Coxy-mumleng’) worships the Cox clan. After years of unrequited sexts, Coxy finally agreed to play with Arch this year (and play hockey) which was ‘one of [his] greatest honours’ (moist).

Come varsity, C\*mbriidges attempts to stop this bloke will fare much the same as many a bouncer and restaurant wall – they’ve got no chance.



Name **Lewis Collins**  
 D.O.B. 25/02/1998  
 School Southend High School for Boys  
 Year 3rd (7th)  
 Subject DPhil Environmental Research  
 College Jesus  
 Shirt No. 5

‘How to get a Blue’ by Lewis Collins  
 Step 1: Play your first varsity in a shade of light blue before the freshers are teenagers

Step 2: Work your way through the Cambridge teams, and also play some hockey

Step 3: Decide loyalty means nothing and pursue a PhD on rocks in dark blue colours

Step 4: Realise the Blues captain plays in your position and spend two years working out what to do about it

Step 5: Use your new position as treasurer (and your PhD funding) to persuade Reading hockey club they want said men's blues captain

Step 6: Make the team, start scoring clutch goals and occasionally threaten people with GMS bans for not paying subs (seriously pay your subs)

Step 7: Make your appearance on the 3rd of March

Bosh just like that, put on your tightest pair of chinos and your navy blues blazer (that's the one I always wanted). Only 8 years in the making...easy



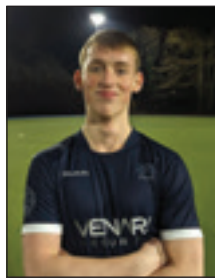
Name **Josh Nurse (VC)**  
 D.O.B. 04/07/2001  
 School Whitgift School  
 Year 1st (4th)  
 Subject History  
 College College of Knowledge  
 Honours English Universities  
 Previous 2021, 2022, Blues 2023  
 Shirt No. 22

01/09/2023, 4pm, Ifley: "BARSHHH!" I hear in the distance. On the pitch, I see a sub-6-foot man (fishing pole emoji) hitting reverses top bins, "pretty flair" he murmurs to himself. That was all the introduction I needed.

Much like the free-thinker Lucilio Vanini, Nurse believes that natural laws govern the OUHC MBs (nomological determinism). For example: "Thou shalt never mention the language of Finland, or thou shalt suffer the consequences", or, "If thy liege doth proclaim: "big vins fellas, gonna get loseey", thine attendance at Vinnies is besought, to partake in this noble quest."

In other news, NurseHole excels at blowing (he plays the trumpet). It is said that during his time in Italy, his blowing was so exquisite that euphoric locals would shout: "Bella!" (Beautiful) or "Timbro datario?!" (if it was a Wednesday).

He is leaving us at the end of this year but do not fret because much like the howl of a lost wolf, his pull-day grunts will always resonate far and wide, allowing us to locate the Hole (can be hard). Nuff said.



Name **George Davison**  
 D.O.B. 31/05/2005  
 School Highgate School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College St. Edmund Hall  
 Shirt No. 14

Dear John,  
 It's been a while since we were last in touch, a quick update on how your son is getting on.

On the work front, Johnson has become a self-proclaimed #eccold-librarian and has been logging more hours on his trusty iPad than a spoilt toddler. Unfortunately, most of these are from rewatching his match highlights on the Vee and pre-social research. Queries such as "Why do I need to give an example after chopping a pint?" and "How to use nervous rizz?" have been spotted on Johnson's search history. To avoid being stumped on future speed-dates, I suggested Johnson change his KGB-agent-looking haircut to something less intimidating. He looked angered by this comment, and hastily replied «HET». He then proceeded to open up his organic chemistry notes to a chapter called Nerve Agents, grabbed his lab coat and ran off. Confusing behaviour I must say, but I'm glad Johnson has found a way to ease the nerves before matches.

Best Wishes,  
 The MBs.



Name **Louis Bowker**  
 D.O.B. 10/01/2003  
 School King Edward's School, Birmingham  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Geography  
 College Hertford  
 Previous 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 18

I struggled to imagine what it would be like to watch your child have a non-speaking part in the school play, that was, until I met Bowker. Our resident NPC can offer nothing more than mediocre chat in a range of subjects including, but not limited to, his geography dis., his (apparent) 5k time, and Wednesday's social arrangements. Not included in this list, however, is his girlfriend, who he will not allow you to meet as he acknowledges he is punching far above his weight. I originally thought NPC's were incapable of showing emotion, although after hearing Bowker cry like a b\*tch at training I know this isn't true. Although you know exactly what you're getting from this man's chat, this cannot be said for his reverse-stick hitting. Safe places to hide include: the goal. I hope the NPC can prove me wrong on Varsity day.



Name **Euan Dyer**  
 D.O.B. 23/06/2003  
 School Haverfordwest High VC School  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Physics  
 College Merton  
 Honours Wales U23  
 Previous 2022, 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 7

10 Shrew Factoids:

1. Mae Shrew yn mwynhau 'mam hoffwn i [translation un-available...].'
2. It is known that Shrew is as Welsh as they come, oh wait, he was born in Chichester!
3. Last year he was asked if he was aged 12 by a drunk woman in a pub.
4. Furthermore, she asked if a fellow OUHC member was his dad.
5. He's a huge supporter of Milford Haver hockey club and is often heard chanting 'up the Milfs' at their matches!
6. Used a constellation (Cassiopeia) to rizz a girl.
7. Not allowed at S&C since his membership of the 'Swole Patrol' was revealed.
8. There are no card readers in Pembrokeshire, hence he had never used a debit card before university.
9. Exercises by walking to training since his bike was stolen.
10. Refuses to buy a new bike due to a vendetta against Oxbikes.





Name **Nathan Coltart**  
 D.O.B. 13/04/2002  
 School Wellsway School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College Wadham  
 Previous 2022, 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 1

Before I start this profile, I just want to say thank you to Frank for such a great ride. Amazing handling and great comfort, but it's so quick. I won't be walking for a while now. In short, I really appreciate the bike you gave me. Anyway, moving on.

Great stoics are famed for their emotional mastery. Take the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, who ruled strong despite periods of war and disease. But no great Stoic has had to face the trials of being OUHC kit sec in a year where OUHC lost over 200 balls. For this Frank stands above all who came before. As such He has decided to write a book. Having been given a sneak peak, here are a few quotes:

'Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be, just do the opposite of what Coxy is doing.'  
 'Accept the things fate binds you to, like being stuck in a changing room with Gooseman. And learn to love it, or at the very least pretend you're busy by stretching.'



Name **Alex Adair**  
 D.O.B. 28/01/2005  
 School KCS Wimbledon  
 Year 1st  
 Subject English  
 College St Edmund Hall  
 Shirt No. 9

When I first met Mr. Adair, he was adamant to tell me that he was 'well hard' and 'tough as nails', however, after getting to know him slightly better, it turns out that Alex is actually quite soft at heart. We first saw this when he told Nurse that "Parkers just isn't the same without you \*leans in for a kiss\*". He also later revealed that he loves Rom-Coms, and his favourite film is 'The Holiday'...

What separates most MBs from the average player is that they are meant to be quite smart as well as 'traffic players'. Although I can attest to the latter, Alex has managed to weasel his way into this university purely through Teddy Hall's strict mullet quota. However, what he lacks in smarts he more than makes up for in tactical awareness. I have witnessed this man operating in slick 3-man weaves and even winning in numerical underloads on multiple occasions. We are yet to see him transfer this to the pitch.



Name **William Silver**  
 D.O.B. 26/03/2000  
 School Exeter School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject DPhil  
 Neuroscience  
 College Wolfson  
 Shirt No. 13

Will: legal document detailing your wishes regarding the distribution of your assets. For example, that everything you own: one pair of white Playerlayer shorts; one black Patagonia fleece, and 30 pieces of Silver be given to your friend Bilton Keynes, as a reminder of his betrayals. See Henley Regatta 2022 for details.

Silver: lustrous metal valued for its electrical conductivity and decorative beauty. While typically inert, tarnishing your legacy by relocating causes Silver to darken in colour, a process known as getting better at hockey.

Will Silver: Dawg. Golden haired labrador with friendly and expressive eyes who must be kept active to stay out of trouble. See "anyone got ma blazer" and references therein. This variety teaches himself new tricks, and when successful at Varsity longs to hear the magic words: "Good boy So proud of you big cock!"



Name **Magnus Sesodia**  
 D.O.B. 21/08/2001  
 School Tonbridge School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Physics  
 College St Peter's  
 Previous 2022, 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 19

Magnus once told me that he only plays hockey because it is convenient. Thank God that it has remained this way for his whole time at Oxford because where we would be without those hands frankly scares me. Mags is notoriously impartial and neutral, always finding a way to be positive and avoid confrontation even when Toby or Goose force it upon him. He always finds a way out of tricky situations, both on the hockey pitch and socially. Not only for himself but also for others, as his girlfriend found out, who was fireman lifted and promptly escorted out of a bop. He is also resourceful, as having lost his water bottle he brought water in a Tupperware container, which he claims is "actually much better" than a bottle. It's been a pleasure to play with him the last few years, and I wish him all the best at his final Varsity.



Name **Daniel Cox**  
D.O.B. 20/11/2002  
School Dr Challoner's  
Grammar School  
Year 2nd  
Subject Medicine  
College Brasenose  
Honours England u21  
Shirt No. 23

Coxy – a man of many words, and few talents. Living in the academic shadow of a certain Akash Dubb, and still unable to get selected for the Saturday squad, you really have to applaud the effort this man puts in. He knows he may not be able to edge a spot into the Saturday title charge via his hockey skills, so spends hours trying to integrate into the team with what he thinks is top quality chat – sadly, Coxy bowls more wide balls than if Stevie Wonder were to bowl an over. Being a medic (somehow?), Coxy has plenty of time to work his way towards selection, and hopefully work on his social skills (pauses in conversation are not a cue for a “your mum” joke). To be fair, he does love the boys and we wish him, and more importantly, any of his future patients, all the best (they may very well need it).



Name **Daniel Cryer**  
D.O.B. 06/04/2004  
School All Hallows  
Catholic School  
Year 2nd  
Subject Engineering  
College St Edmund Hall  
Shirt No. 15

Dan “Da Baby” Cryer is a top bloke, a true OUHC member, and well worthy of his title of deodorant sec. Despite spending a lot of his free time in the gym working on his rig (fair play tbf), he has yet to see the benefits of making him faster on the pitch, and he is built like a top heavy fraction. Although, this must have helped him in his pursuits of the WBs captain; I've heard he hoped this would increase his chance of securing the blue this year – only time will tell. All jokes aside I look forward to seeing him shine on the big day and hopefully increasing that goal tally into the even numbers. But if nothing else, his younger brother, the better Cryer, will be joining next year to outperform him at Engineering and Hockey, so we have that to look forward to.



Name **Jack Tranter  
(Coach)**

OUHC was tasked with finding a new MBs coach this season, and immediately sought out the no.1 Tranter in Oxford. Unfortunately, Eve politely declined, and we have instead settled for the lesser-known Jack Tranter. We can now gladly confirm this is the first Make a Wish™ OUHC has fulfilled. MCS' proud 'Hockey Professional' is rarely found outside the painted lines, but when he is it is probably smashing VKs with the (school?) boys and shouting 'Unayyyyy' at the Plush Bar staff. I enjoy my conversations with Jack, but when I hear the familiar 'Back when I was at Notts...' I know my beloved coach is likely to implicate himself in some human rights violation. I will now end this profile with a short list of events that never actually happened: Bowker scoring a reverse stick goal, Jack's Wales career, the Moon landing, Jack's hair transplant.



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## CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OUHC WOMEN'S BLUES

The Oxford University Hockey Club Women's Blues have welcomed lots of fresh new faces this season, which has contributed to an exciting, competitive team environment. After a busy pre-season featuring some big wins against Witney, Warwick Uni and Bristol Uni, we were faced with some tough Saturday fixtures in National Conference Midlands. However, with each fixture came new learning opportunities, which we were able to channel into lots of impressive performances, including resilient games vs top of the league teams Cambridge City and Repton. The WBs are ready to bring together all they have worked on to earn some crucial results in what promises to be a thrilling second half of the season, both away and at the Iffley fortress. The South Prem BUCS League has been a chance for the whole team to push forwards, earning hard-fought wins against teams such as Cardiff Met and Swansea. Looking forward to the Vase cup competition, the team aspires to reach the finals once again and bring home the BUCS Big Wednesday win. As always, Oxford are coming into Varsity with big expectations and ready to fight for the trophy.

*Alice Jackson, Charlotte Knights*  
*Women's Blues Co-Captains 2023/24*



*Left to right:* Bea Jones, Harriet Miller, Corabella Hill, Emily Chevassut, Clare McFall, Betrys Galloni, Lauren Taylor, Megan Cottee, Lotti Knights, Alice Jackson, Izzy Dowling, Naomi Hyde, Lara Bampfield, Lucy Stopford, Holly Smith, Holly Weale, Bella Izzard, Rosie Chen.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE MIDLANDS WOMEN'S

|            |                      |      |   |
|------------|----------------------|------|---|
| 23/09/2023 | St Albans 1 (A)      | 7-1  | L |
| 30/09/2023 | Cannock 1 (H)        | 5-1  | L |
| 7/10/2023  | Bedford 1 (A)        | 2-1  | L |
| 14/10/2023 | Beeston 2 (H)        | 10-0 | L |
| 21/10/2024 | Belper 1 (H)         | 1-1  | D |
| 4/11/2023  | Cam City (A)         | 4-1  | L |
| 11/11/2023 | Doncaster (H)        | 2-0  | L |
| 18/11/2023 | Repton 1 (A)         | 4-1  | L |
| 25/11/2023 | Birmingham Uni 2 (A) | 3-3  | D |
| 27/1/2024  | St Albans 1 (H)      | 4-1  | L |
| 3/2/2024   | Cannock 1 (A)        | 6-2  | L |
| 10/2/2024  | Bedford 1 (H)        | 1-0  | W |
| 17/2/2024  | Beeston 2 (A)        | 6-0  | L |
| 24/2/2024  | Belper 1 (A)         | 4-2  | W |

## BUCS PREMIER (NATIONAL)

|            |                   |     |   |
|------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| 11/10/2023 | Cardiff 1 (A)     | 2-0 | W |
| 18/10/2023 | UCL 1 (A)         | 1-1 | D |
| 25/10/2023 | Exeter 2 (A)      | 2-1 | L |
| 1/11/2023  | Cardiff Met 1 (H) | 4-3 | W |
| 15/11/2023 | Cambridge 1 (H)   | 1-0 | L |
| 22/11/2023 | Bristol 1 (A)     | 1-1 | D |
| 31/1/2024  | Swansea 1         | 1-0 | W |
| 7/2/2024   | Southampton 1 (H) | 5-2 | W |

## BUCS NATIONAL VASE

|            |                    |     |   |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| 21/02/2024 | Loughborough 2 (A) | 6-0 | L |
|------------|--------------------|-----|---|

# OXFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SQUAD

## 2024 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Alice Jackson**  
 D.O.B. **08/10/2002**  
 School **Rugby School**  
 Subject **English**  
 College **St Catherine's**  
 Honours **English Universities**  
 Previous **2023**  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. **7**

Alpal works for Red Bull, which she asked me to add to her profile as she is determined to make it known to anyone and everyone that she is really cool. It is her cool, calm and collected manner that leads the team so inspirationally into matches... No sorry, that's the other captain. Alpal is crazy (it's what living in the dawg house does to you), missing Gam S&C is a mortal sin, much like being late to warm-up, not sprinting into half-time and daring to put a red into the spreadsheet. Comparing her captaincy style to her POA at 9pm on a Wednesday evening demonstrates just how eager Alpal is to stick to a tight regime – gym,hockey,sleep,gym,hockey,sleep quickly becomes double apple Lost Mary, jaeger bomb, tiki power pose, MB, crash bike, dawg house – and the latter routine is invariably followed by a not-so-wholesome brunch (proxy Hilly, Cryer and Eggman) and a once over with the massage gun. Also, if you are wondering what Alpal stands for: Always Likes Pooping After Lunch.



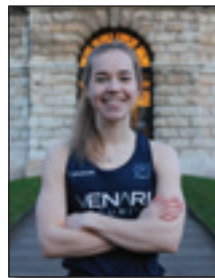
Name **Lotti Knights**  
 D.O.B. **01/12/2002**  
 School **The Perse**  
 Subject **History**  
 College **St Peter's**  
 Previous **2022**  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. **3**

Typical Wednesday for Captain Knights:  
 I wake up at the crack of dawn and make myself an eggspresso. For some motivation I went to meet my eggs-ellent friends in the library for a bit. Turns out I'm a proper egg-head so I was majorly productive. Omelet smarter than I look!  
 Then, the WBs match! I played eggs-quisitely but the defence looked a bit scrambled at times. Despite this, we still won - which is lucky as I hate being beaten.  
 Afterwards, I had an eggs-tra long chat with my co-captain Alpal but it turns out she can't take a yolk.  
 Before I knew it, it was time for Parkend. I was super eggs-sited for a boogie. I knew eggs-actly how my night would end. Scrambled eggs in bed - the perfect late night snack.  
 What an egg-cellent day.



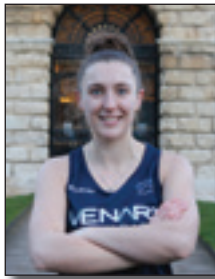
Name **Naomi Hyde**  
 D.O.B. **14/12/2002**  
 School **Cleeve School**  
 Subject **Law**  
 College **Somerville**  
 Shirt No. **3**

On a sunny Saturday, Naomi heads to her goal for a big Wbs match. Amidst team attacks, thoughts swirl. Did she play too much hockey this week? All Wbs sessions, Mavs away match, extra Rads training. Should she prioritise her degree? A ball hurtles, Naomi jumps, a mid-air save. Multi-tasking? Law on the pitch? A short corner looms, thoughts shift to her twin, a potential stand-in. A ninja-like save denies a goal. But if Beth plays the matches, she will miss Pip's dairy-free cake. Monday and Friday morning S&C? Impossible, Beth can do a hang power clean. Could she even convince Beth to drive her smelly car, the storage box of her goalie gear? The opponent advances, Naomi snaps back, a quick reflex, another brilliant save. The final whistle, Naomi smiles, two victories. Over the oppo and her Law degree.



Name **Henriette Capel**  
 D.O.B. **11/12/1997**  
 School **The Perse**  
 Subject **Protein Informatics**  
 College **St Anne's**  
 Shirt No. **2**

```
class Teammate:
def __init__(self, name, college, subject,
nickname):
self.name, self.college, self.subject, self.nickname = name, college, subject, nickname
def tackle_opponents(self): return "Save our a'ses with unstoppable tackles."
def bioinformatics_skills(self):
return "Decodes DNA with ninja precision, unleashes bioinformatics jokes, and boasts Zimmi Zimmi virtuosity."
def social_escapes(self): return "Remains a defensive rock, utterly unskillable!"
# Meet cool queen Harrrr!
har = Teammate("Henriette Capel", "St Anne's", "Computational Biology", "Harrrr")
# Hockey pitch's force, bioinformatics maestro, and laughter virtuoso!
intro_and_skills = f"""
Meet {har.name}, the cool queen from {har.college}, studying {har.subject}. Known for {har.tackle_opponents()}. When not ruling the turf, she {har.bioinformatics_skills()}. Social escapes reveal her self-sconce finesse, making her the laughter maestro.
# Composure and coolness personified!
conclusion = f"""
Here's to Harrrr! A bioinformatics maestro and our go-to for cool composure!
# Combine the sections for the final profile
full_profile = f'{intro_and_skills}{conclusion}'
print(full_profile)
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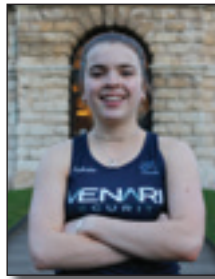


Name **Lara Bampfield**  
 D.O.B. 19/02/1996  
 School University of Iowa  
 Subject Assyriology  
 College Hertford  
 Shirt No. 4

The loveliest member of the wbs, Lara aka Junior Dean of Stanford hall is always on hand with pastries and tea, and worldly advice from her three(!) degrees at three different unis (and her time in America of course).

A big fan of ancient history, Lara is also ancient - legend has it she's older than Yo, although the answer to that is encoded in Assyrian so perhaps that will forever remain a secret. She also REALLY likes ducks.... @Tabs pop a couple on the sideline and she might get distracted. Or offer her another duck tattoo. Or a new duck dressing gown...

But don't let this old sofie fool you - she's lethal in front of goal. Willing to quite literally throw herself at the gk (see pics from last year's varsity) there's no cross ball she won't slide to get to, even if it's all the way in Iowa!

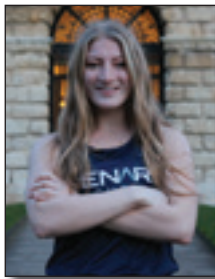


Name **Lucy Stopford**  
 D.O.B. 29/10/2002  
 School James Allen's Girls School  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College New  
 Previous 2022, 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No.5

Subject: please sort my accommodation out !!!  
 Dear New Domestic Busar,  
 I hope this email finds you well, because I am definitely not ok writing this. My name is Lucy Stopford, but if you call me Lucy no one will know who you mean, so just call me Stopp.

Diving straight into the accommodation side of things, the college in your infinite wisdom, decided to house me in a hotel 30 minutes away for 3 whole months. Although the OAP bus pass and free food were helpful, I decided I would stay in Cowley, specifically 5A, often, only so I could save time and energy in getting to hockey, no other reason. With all my many injuries, I really felt the benefit of staying so close to Iflley. I would say I got some training in with the other members of OUHC but tbh my skills are elite and none of them can throw an aerial like me or left-right-goodnight their way up the pitch so I didn't really need it. Having moved back into college now things still aren't going right. It took me a week to realise my plumbing wasn't working... and now all the locks have broken so as you can see I'm having a bit of a mare. Given that I am a FUN third year and still go to more Parkends and socials than the freshers I thought this accommodation malarkey would throw a spanner in the works but it seems nothing can stop me. As I'm sure you're aware, I am one of OUHC's most loved & sociable members and all I need is my sleep and my overnight oats and I'm ready to go with a fat smile on my face and tales of my antics to cheer up my teammates.

Although I haven't let all this wear me down I would appreciate accommodation that was fit to live in in the near future.  
 Kind regards, Lucy Stopford Stopp



Name **Corabella Hill**  
 D.O.B. 21/09/2000  
 School Clifton College  
 Subject PPE  
 College Queen's  
 Shirt No. 9

Corabella's year 6 English homework: "Write a poem about someone that inspires you"

There is a girl, who owns some pearls,  
 She lives in a mansion, a vast expansion  
 Her hair is golden, slightly beholden  
 There is a trend, to see the boyfriend  
 A rugby boy, in full corduroy  
 Yet despite being muddy, she still needs to study

To do PPE, is no easy plea,  
 She sits in the gym, thinking of him  
 But at 6 o'clock, it's time to knock

A ball, a stick, she needs to flick  
 She's sick, she's slick, she's pretty quick  
 No time to browse, gotta feed 'em cows  
 Oh wait they're sold, it's fine she strolls  
 With her dog, he's a god, a god damn dog

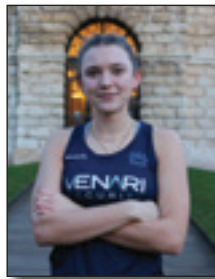
Back to the farm, she hears the alarm  
 It's time to hunt, or punt, which ever one grunts

For she's fancy, quite fancy, she likes the name Nancy

She inspires, burns fires, lives in the -shires

Her name is Cora, almost like flora  
 But that's not formal, far too normal  
 It must be posher, into the washer

Down in the cellar, they come up with Bella,  
 Now put them together, you get Corabella



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

Recipe for 1 OUHC Secretary

Servings: 1  
 Rating: \*\*\*\*\*  
 Spice Level: \*\*\*/\*\*\*\*  
 Prep Time: length of Star Girl by McFly  
 Cook Time: 70mins  
 Ingredients: 100g Bristol references, 100g nibbles at umpire , 2 platts, 50g block tackles, 3 teaspoons of mixed up pitch bookings & missing umpires, 1 Meg, Heaped spoon of charm, 1 can of kindness, 300g rocks

Prep: 1 monster or red bull, 1 coffee no milk , 1 star girl by McFly, 1 missing umpire sorted, 1 angry email to sports fed re pitch booking

Method: 1. Heat Tiki to 180C. 2. Start by adding bowl of yog & granola, one black coffee, three emails to sports fed and one rock to a bowl 3. Mix well to combine and divide between OUHC secretary, OUHC player, degree, social life, Meg & rocks 4. Add unrequited love of 6 heartbroken men and SDR sir

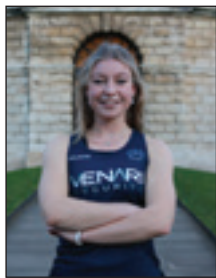
5. Poor mixtures into bowl made of rocks (preferably from Bristol)

6. Bake for 70mins. While it bakes, nibble on green card from umpire

7. Once cooked, leave to cool

8. To make the icing, beat the black & kindness with a big, big splash of competitiveness - don't be stingy with this splash

9. To add finesse, sprinkle on the best block tackle in the OUHC, the injections of a God and the infectious positive energy of a golden retriever and some rocks



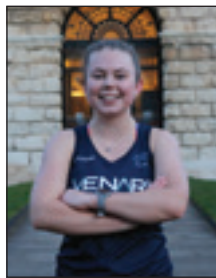
Name **Emily Chevassut**  
 D.O.B. 06/05/2002  
 School Uckfield Community College  
 Subject Medicine  
 College Magdalen  
 Shirt No. 11

Dr E Chevassut, Wednesday appointment record  
 9.00 am : Patient – Charlotte Knights  
 Inquiry – Probs some knee issue  
 Prescription – Wait...I had a patient at 9am??  
 10.30 am: Patient – Al pal ms Jackson  
 Inquiry – sus foot bump  
 Prescription – exclusive wear of birkensocks (+the occasional colourful HOKA), booting footballs around in any spare time to bag that cheeky spare blue  
 12.00 pm: Patient - Matt MCS-hat  
 Inquiry – he did say... no no I do remember... uhhhhhh...  
 Prescription – will just cut about up top to be on the safe side  
 1.30 pm – Emily Chevassut  
 Inquiry – just wanted a bit of me-time thh  
 Prescription – N/A  
 3.00 pm: Patient – unidentified tab  
 Inquiry – broken ankles (victim of my v-drag)  
 Prescription – hahahah lololol see ya \*skips down Headington Hill to show up just in time for the BUCS PB in full scrubs\*



Name **Holly Smith**  
 D.O.B. 18/06/2003  
 School Bedford Girls' School  
 Subject Geography  
 College Keble  
 Previous 2022, 2023 Blues  
 Shirt No. 16

Apart from her reliable pre-match bagels and notorious love of anything social, not much is known about this elusive member of the blues. One thing for certain, however, is that without her in the back line, the refs would definitely have less eye rolling and sass to put up with.  
 Nevertheless, Smithy is a force to be reckoned with on the pitch. Quiet but deadly, she doesn't back away from a fight (which may have led to a few cards). A truly reliable member of the team, Smithy is usually the first to arrive but also usually the first to leave – rumour has it that Smithy isn't too keen on a post-match shower. When she isn't casually running wholesome half-marathons or complaining about S&C, Smithy can be found stalking the oppo, picking any balls that come near her. We would truly be lost without this formidable half-back and the Tabs had better be scared because she won't take no for an answer!



Name **Lauren Taylor**  
 D.O.B. 16/08/2004  
 School Nottingham High School  
 Subject Law with French Law  
 College St Hugh's  
 Shirt No. 14

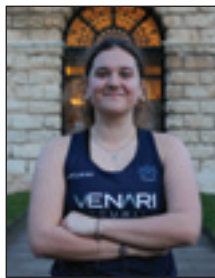
L is for leading the Wbs social scene,  
 A is for alpha bar's no 1 fan  
 U is for my unmatched power poses  
 R is for renegalz for whom I am a dedicated coach (shoutout to my assistant cry(er) baby)  
 E is for ending up on Cherwell floor  
 N is for the nibbliest of the nibblers  
 T is for questionable cheeky Tiki antics  
 A is for ambushing the Parkend photographer  
 Y is for yay I have finally grown into my size 8 flipper feet  
 L is for left right goodnight, watch me tear up the left wing and out of sight  
 O is for opp of the Merton porters  
 R is for Radcam life (neck)  
 With Lozza T's mr worldwide love for OUHC #bleeddarkblue she is an integral member of the hockey and social scene. Whether that's escorting certain freshers to Peter's bar or being a dedicated sober angel, Loz does it all. Future magic circle lawyer Peter pettigrew , Loz is a force to be reckoned with #midfieldmaestro #tabscrying #case-closed



Name **Betrys Galloni**  
 D.O.B. 23/11/2004  
 School Sevenoaks  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College Lincoln  
 Shirt No. 17

This is a short discussion of our findings following our investigation into the mysterious ways of our very own Tree Galloni  
 Abstract: Wake up at 6.30am no later, drop down do 100 press-ups whilst doing a tute sheet and wearing your OUHC match shirt visualising the inevitable destruction of the tabs #grindset #TreeGoggins #Bleed-DarkBlue  
 Experimental: Always easy on the eye with her silky skills the only block tackle tree cant get round is the curb outside Jamal's...#whompwhomp  
 Mother Treesa seeks to stabilise everyone's negativity like the resonance forms of a conjugate base and despite her tenuous relationship with the thermodynamics course paradoxically our One-Pinky-wonder Trees's shitty shitty bang bang chat seeks to exponentially increase the entropy of the universe and only adds to the collective unhingedness of the mighty Wbs #winwash(chat-shit)bin #putitontheTAB  
 Activity:  
 17+ 14 = chemistry #TreesaMayand-BorisJohnson  
 Conclusion: A little tree only five foot 3, In midfield she is key, But first comes her degree, She'll shoe the tabs just you wait and see.





Name **Clare McFall**  
 D.O.B. 02/03/2003  
 School Brighton College  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College St Catherine's  
 Shirt No. 18

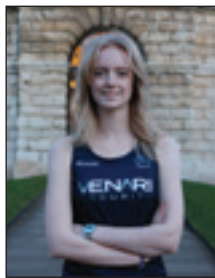
Clare Rachel McFall (pronounced Cloz) hails from the cathedral city and civil parish in West Sussex, Cichester #active.

While we were all in bed (sleeping, like a dickhead), Cloz arose from her slumber to grind in the early hours of the morning. Post Parker's vomit on her sweater already, moms spaghetti. Because someone's gotta carry the boats. Never take days off! Stay hard! (latter part also heard from a blind man's bedroom)

Cloz began life in the rads (woah) (repeat X2).

But there was something in the air this year. I could sense things were different this year. A warm weather training camp in Mehico while the rest of the wbs were in Oxford saw Cloz in tip top shape, but not for long as a boo boo on her finger delayed her inevitable rise to power (whomp whomp).

But then she stopped chopping VKs, and started pushing herself. She upped her game, made a leap, learnt to think on her feet. Put her life in the hands of others and held their hands in hers. Sure, Clare Rachel McFall was born in Cichester (a cathedral city and civil parish in West Sussex, England), but she was made in the Rads.



Name **Bea Jones**  
 D.O.B. 24/01/2004  
 School Judd School  
 Subject Maths  
 College Lincoln  
 Shirt No. 21

Picture this: It's a typical Friday night. You're playing a tense game of Top Trumps. You look down at your next card. Aha! Guaranteed W. It's the ultimate card, the one and only:

BEA JONES AKA HOCKEY DEMON  
 Numeracy: 100

Love Life: 98 (Shame her boyfriend is at the Other Place.)

Plans for the Christmas Vac: 100 (See above)

Versatility: 100

Green Cardability: 91 (Elbow discrimination at its prime)

Athleticism: 100 (1 Bea stride = 4 normal strides)

Humour: 105 (bonus points for unintentionalness)

V-drags: 100 (Bosh)

S&C Gainz: 88 (unfortunately, she only discovered protein and chicken in January. Beast mode pending.)

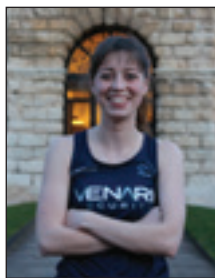
Pressing: 100

Taylor Swift Karaoke: 96 (Lyrical knowledge is there. Tune needs refining)

Commitment: 100 ("Where's the revision playlist for the club?")

Driving: ... oh. Er. Maybe don't choose that one.

Decision time. She's got too many assets. But the choice is obvious: "Bea Jones - Defenders Rinsed: Infinity!"



Name **Bella Izzard**  
 D.O.B. 09/10/2003  
 School The Perse  
 Subject Geography  
 College Keble  
 Shirt No. 32

Most likely to: be diagnosed with obsessive crush disorder

Favourite TV show: My strange addiction

With her silky skilful drags around the goalie (and around the clubs), Bella's performance is 100% throughout her day-to-day life. She is so committed to hockey that she even goes to sleep with her hockey backpack - ready and raring for the 6.30am training sessions!

Always with the most rogue stories to tell, you never quite know what she is going to do next. But whether its falling for another boy (or the same one. again.) or running flames around the pitch, she brings it all, and leaves nothing behind (except maybe her shins #splintered).



Name **Izzy Dowling**  
 D.O.B. 31/12/2004  
 School Sedbergh  
 Subject Classics  
 College Merton  
 Shirt No. 38

Email: FrizzyDowling@mertonhatesfun.co.uk

Subject essay due Michaelmas week one  
 Salve Fra John Endicott,

I am just emailing in respect of the (roughly) 17 incomplete pieces of work you have requested. Unfortunately, this week has been a difficult one. Sic vita est :( I have happened to suffer from a chronic migraine (Exeter Away match), a particularly nasty bout of food poisoning (Parkend Bridge double) and was chased by an escaped rogue cow in Christ Church meadow (all the way to Alpha bar for lunch in the covered market, would you believe it!).

You may think that this has something to with my unwavering commitment to the Women's Blues TM #bleeddarkblue #badger #morioninvictus. But you would be incorrect. I am perfectly aware that I can, in fact, put red on the spreadsheet when I am not available!

I can promise that this work will be with you in the next 5-7 working days weeks/ when I can fit it around my hockey/social commitments recovery from chronic illness.

All the best! Veni, vedi, vinnies,

Izzy Dowling

P.s anything you heard from the Merton porters last Wednesday is a lie.



Name **Megan Cottee (Coach)**

D.O.B. 11/12/2002  
School RGS Newcastle  
Subject Geography  
College Hertford  
Previous 2022, 2023 Blues  
Honours England U16, U18, Women's Blues Captain 2022/23

Yh hockey is great. But anyway FOOTBALL. I'm not like other hockey girls, I live, sweat, and breathe Newcastle FC. aka the love of my life. To prove my dedication, I have put down some of my favourite Newcastle facts:

- 06/01/24 is the best day in the history of English Football
- I want to get married at St James' Park
- Sunderland are worthless
- Tune into BBC Sport to see me crying on national television (soon to be posted on YouTube)

But I suppose I should mention hockey too. This year I am returning to Southgate as assistant coach, and ready to bring home another Varsity trophy/ hat. I have a place ready for it, right behind my statue of Alexander Isak (future husband). Can't wait to return to the pitch and the disabled loos. Newcast... oops I mean Oxford for the win!



Name **Matt Wilson (Coach)**

Matt has really found his feet at OUHC and has become a fully fledged WB not only as a coach but also in the art of sarcasm and story telling. Some stand out favourites include the wanted man living upstairs story, becoming a self advocating lawyer and his floating explanation for the box of wine which I'm sure will find it's way back to us after a good old tab shoeing. As always Matt himself wanted to say something so here he is: guys I just wanted to say MORE ENERGY, MORE FOOTWORK, MORE PASSION... Oh and one more thing I really like my MCS cap and when it got muddy I was sad... one more thing I was thinking we should do another tactic just feel like shark, hammer, default, tree, push, relay and fire need another friend... Wait one last thing remember if a babies crying whatever you do don't go towards it- run away! LAST THING, FOR REAL, I PROMISE... FTT!



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| <i>Leicester Grammar School</i>                |             |             |
| <b>KAREN RODRIGUEZ</b>                         | <b>12</b>   |             |
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| <b>TOM RICHARDSON</b><br><i>Bishops Diocesan College</i>                     | <b>54</b> |               |
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† Denotes Old Blue

# CAMBRIDGE MENS BLUES SEASON REPORT

The Deals have had a season of two halves, starting with 4 frustrating, narrow losses to kick things off in the league as the team was still coming to fruition. Amidst those losses, the team took a truly enjoyable culture trip to Bruges, for a mix of team bonding, hockey, boat touring and bar storming. This certainly improved morale, and the game ‘international smash or bounce’ proved to be an important stress reliever. As the BUCS league started, results began to pick up, as losses turned into draws, and then draws turned into wins. The team felt strong approaching the Christmas period having found our mojo after having switched a well-known centre back in the club to play up front, as well as having a late addition to the squad which further strengthened the midfield.

With the New Year came a training camp in Hampshire, which was a lot more hockey focussed than Bruges, with two games in two days against local national league teams. On the back of the form before Christmas as well as the hard work at the training camp, the Light Blues have stormed into 2024, with an unbeaten streak in the league of 10 games at the time of writing. It has been a true pleasure to work alongside my trusty vice-captain, Seb Walton, who has been extremely supportive on and off the pitch, as well as with our coach, Charlie, who has been pivotal in transforming this squad into a sharp, competitive collective. The stodgy play that was seen in September and October 2023 is now a thing of the past, and the team have been rinsing oppositions recently with a new brand of ‘total hockey’ and are looking forward to doing the same to the Dark Blues on March 3rd.

*Olly Doggett*

*Men's Blues Captain 2023/24*



**Back row from left to right:** Will Laird, James Edmiston, James Southorn, Obi Callaghan, Samir Sardana, Ryan Simms, Tom Richardson, Calum Brown, Chenyang Li (GK).

**Front row left to right:** Ollie Knight, George Phillips, Seb Walton (VC), Olly Doggett (C), Theo Flanagan, Ben Lindars, Olly Gedney.

## EAST PREMIER

|            |                           |          |
|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 16/09/2023 | Old Loughtonians          | Lost 0-1 |
| 23/09/2023 | Saffron Walden            | Lost 0-2 |
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| 11/01/2024 | Letchworth                | Drew 1-1 |
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| 10/02/2024 | Dereham                   | Won 6-2  |
| 17/02/2024 | Old Southendian           | Won 3-2  |
| 24/02/2024 | Chelmsford                | Lost 3-5 |

## BUCS: PREMIER SOUTH

|            |                   |          |
|------------|-------------------|----------|
| 11/10/2023 | Bristol 2s        | Won 3-1  |
| 18/10/2023 | Exeter 2s         | Lost 0-2 |
| 25/10/2023 | Bath 2s           | Drew 2-2 |
| 01/11/2023 | Cardiff 1s        | Lost 2-4 |
| 15/11/2023 | UCL 1s            | Won 5-1  |
| 29/11/2023 | Reading 1s        | Won 3-2  |
| 31/01/2024 | Oxford Brookes 1s | Lost 0-1 |
| 07/02/2024 | Cardiff Met 1s    | Lost 2-3 |

## NATIONAL VASE

|            |            |          |
|------------|------------|----------|
| 21/02/2024 | Bristol 1s | Lost 0-7 |
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# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOCKEY SQUAD

## 2024 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Chenyang Li**  
 D.O.B. 17/10/2003  
 School Eton College  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject Economics  
 College Eton College  
 Previous Wanderers  
 Blues Varsity 2023  
 Shirt No. 1

Despite what you may expect, Chen began the year with an aching desire to be the keeper for the Women's Blues. This all started when he decided to two-foot the prospective WBlues keeper right before the pre-season tour to Belgium, and then miraculously volunteered his services as a replacement for the WBlues.

Once we arrived in Bruges, Chen's commitment to the women's side was only cemented further; he refused to speak with any of the MBlues except for the sporadic passing nod. On one occasion a brave anon. Planman tried to burst Chen's aversion to conversing with the MBlues. However, this was swiftly met with a straight-faced Chen telling said person to 'go P'ck himself'.

Unfortunately for Chen, Li's ankles recovered and he had to settle for his second choice (The MBlues). Fear not, Chen's resentment for the MBlues continues. At training he is frequently found taunting anyone taking shots at him. Phrases such as "P'ck me that was slow" and "jesus you're sh\*t" are common-place.

Whilst his hatred for the MBlues is the source of on-going mystery, his keeping skills are so palpable you can almost taste them. Perhaps if we win Varsity the MBlues may just surpass the WBlues as the Old-Etonians favourite team.



Name **Obi Callaghan**  
 D.O.B. 10/04/2003  
 School St Anselm's College  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject Theology  
 College Lucy Cavendish  
 Previous 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 2

Obi Callaghan. Centre back or Central Cee? His Soundcloud presence would hint at the latter. He famously wants 'no drama' yet every week gives his supervisors news of a melodramatic family tragedy to explain why he's still not handed in his essay. Truly, this man's real passion is Theology. This year marks the second blue for the self-proclaimed 'best player in the North', so watch and enjoy his unparalleled composure on the ball. If only he could compose better music!



Name **Will Laird**  
 D.O.B. 23/11/2003  
 School Magdalen College School, Oxford  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject Medicine  
 College King's  
 Previous 2023  
 Blues  
 Shirt No. 3

Arriving in Cambridge last year, Will took CUHC by storm with his infectious energy and scabies. It was a busy Michaelmas for some! Since then, he has taken on more responsibility in true Laird fashion, assuming the role of kit secretary. This has allowed him to combine two of his true loves: hockey and stash. His third true love appears to be tradition, which might explain why he fell ill following the announcement that the men would play first this year.



Name **Samir Sardana**  
 D.O.B. 19/12/2001  
 School Merchant Taylors' School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Manufacturing Engineering (MET)  
 College Gonville and Caius  
 Previous Squanderers  
 Blues Varsity 21,  
 Wanderers Varsity 22,  
 Blues Varsity 23  
 Shirt No. 4

The literature agrees unequivocally that Samir, in his old age, has become rather secretive. He claims ad nauseam to have become 'boring' and 'sensible'; two adjectives that would mortify his Barry contemporaries. When pressed on his affairs, he typically mumbles something obtuse about 'MET'; an acronym many deals have endeavoured to decipher. The leading theories are outlined in this review.

The oldest proposed solution is 'Massive Engineering Tryhard'. However, given his propensity for vomiting in the department, most modern deals are skeptical of this hypothesis. 'Medic Ensnaring Technician' is generally agreed to be more likely, referencing certain supine off-spin tutorials. Another leading candidate is 'Most Enchanted Teenager'. Evidence for this theory is hardly required [1]. Others have proposed 'Most Extraordinary Tama', which - given his reverence for the hallowed beverage - has broad support. At least one denizen of Cambridge has hailed him as a 'Massively Embarrassing Twat'. Whether this is deserved for wearing his Blues blazer to La Raza is left to the reader's discretion. 'Mega Enraged Toddler' was also proposed, but dismissed forthwith after recalling that Samir has, in fact, never nibbled [2].

However, this deal asserts that none of the above theories are truly edifying ways to Samirillo. I posit instead that 'MET' in fact stands for Mega Extra Turbo-hooned, which is somehow a trivialisation of his commitment at kit swap. However, an unassailable conclusion remains elusive, and the mystery of CUHC's silliest fourth year seems likely to endure.

Ref: [1]: 'GT', [2]: Not found.



Name **James Edmiston**  
 D.O.B. 03/12/2001  
 School Magdalen College School, Oxford  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Natural Sciences  
 College Corpus Christi  
 Previous Wanderers  
 Blues Varsity 2021, Blues Varsity 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 5

The profile of J. Robert Oppenheimer has risen considerably over the past 12 months. What many people still don't know, however, is that the 'J' stands for Jed. Our very own Jed has two passions in life: Friday night trips to Corpus bar and nuclear physics. For the best part of two years he cultivated a mediocre academic and sporting career, until suddenly: a breakthrough. The details of that fateful evening are murky but witnesses say that Jed downed five cold Asahis in a row, muttering something about 'faster than Ted', and then proceeded to recite hindu scripture to a terrified yet captivated audience. He then silently pointed to the blazer of the Corpus drinking soc president, who meekly handed it over. As he donned it, he lifted his gaze skywards and proclaimed, 'Now I am become death, destroyer of worlds'. Jed's subsequent ascendancy last year to CUHC president and a mysterious internship in a nuclear facility in California are of considerable concern to this author. When pressed about his stateside activities last summer, he demands to see the interrogator's security badge and accuses them of collaborating with Levi Strauss. However, if there's anything he dislikes more than public inquiries led by Levi Strauss, it's Oxf'rd. It is understood that a crucial part of the matchday preparations this year wilby to give Jed a picture with Strauss' head photoshopped onto the Oxf'rd players, hand him an Asahi, and watch him rain fury down on the pitch. You may want to bring a good pair of sunglasses.



Name **Oly Gedney**  
 D.O.B. 25/02/2002  
 School Tonbridge School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Engineering  
 College St Catharine's  
 Previous Wanderers  
 Blues Varsity 2021, 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 6

Following the mysterious disappearance of the half-back Oliver Gedney earlier this season, Doggy got to designing a new player for the team. And after many hours of turmoil and tinkering he had done it. His creation was identical to Gedney in every way but one: his unstoppable thirst for goals. Although initially cautious, the desperate times gave Doggy no choice and the Gedney-tron 2.0 was born - an indestructible force of pure power. No goal in the land was safe and Doggy was left wondering if anyone would realise what he had done and that this was no ordinary man. This latest invention operates on fully organic fuel comprised largely of bananas, nuts and a selection of flavours of ready-to-eat chicken. The innovative new design is now totally alcohol-free, and some new software patches mean that any local or global warmings are no longer any concern. However, he does have one weakness... Vegetables. They turn this indestructible machine into a covering mess of fear. It is impossible to say how this could have happened. How could such a formidable being be paralysed by something so small? But it was too late. Doggy had no chance to turn back. He will just have to hope that the Gedney-tron 2.0 will operate fully as planned on the big day!



Name **Theo Flanagan**  
 D.O.B. 22/07/2003  
 School Trinity School, Croydon  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Natural Sciences  
 College Sidney Sussex  
 Previous Blues Varsity  
 Blues 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 7

What a menace of a human. The first time I met Theo was on a cold Tuesday evening, when I was training for the first time with the Squandies. Reflecting on that affair, Theo later would tell me: "I don't really remember much, but to be honest I thought you were going to be a bit sh\*t." Fair enough. First impressions aside though, Theo is a wonderful human being. My most favourable impression of him was when he ran screaming down Sidney Street last season, shirtless but still enrobed in his beloved Blues blazer, cementing his place as 2023 captain with a traffic cone crowned on his head. When Theo gets it wrong, you'll know about it. Other accolades include topping the WBlues' list of favourite MBlues most eligible bachelor, least attractive hairstyle, and generally most chill guy in CUHC. I mean, the guy even hosts swaps now and again, although he will get prickly if you touch his rocks, or his alphabetically and colour-coded wall of cereals.



Name **Calum Brown**  
 D.O.B. 16/09/1998  
 School Sir William Borlase's Grammar School  
 Year 3rd  
 Subject Applied Maths and Theoretical Physiscs (PhD)  
 College Pembroke  
 Previous Wanderers  
 Blues Varsity 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 8

Hamstring is one of the oldest and wisest players in the MBlues this year. On the pitch Hamstring brings a level of skill and flair that you might not expect from an ageing pensioner, whenever his Calum's permit him to play. Off the pitch, Hamstring spends some of his time doing his PhD in Theoretical Physics (yawn). Hamstring takes a slightly laissez faire approach to his doctorate, typically rocking up to the office at about 13:00, before spending 2 hours staring blankly at a whiteboard, deep in thought, and then decides to call it a day and heads home. Truthfully, Hamstring spends most of his free time stretching, which also spills onto the pitch; during any break in play, Hamstring takes the opportunity to get into a cobra pose or to stretch out his back. Whilst this does result in strange looks from the opposition and umpires, Hamstring argues that it gives the team the edge in the psychological battle, as well as keeping the back-to-back winner of 'CUHC's Most Fragile' Bloke award in the game.





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

Doggy's commitment to spreading the rumour of the fines masters' financial crimes is probably rooted in an attempt to deflect from his own monetary misdemeanours. Frequently introducing himself as the 'Dog of Malcolm Street', this man has spent most of his time at Cambridge creating one of the largest pyramid schemes in history, xxxxxxx (for legal reasons the name of this company has been redacted).

When he is not busy scamming half of Cambridge, Doggy likes to engage in a regular schedule of ice baths, tree-hugging, and yoga sessions. In true gap year style, he would say that waving one's hands in front of a body of cold water is a way of channelling one's inner spirit and cultivating mental fortitude. In all fairness, he might be right on this one as he's a real dawg on the hockey pitch, and you can trust he will bag some goals come March 3rd.

O captain! My captain! Like the protagonist in the notorious poem by Whitman, this special bloke may not be here next year but when his time is done I trust that:

The ship wilby anchor'd safe and sound,  
 its voyage closed and done,  
 From fearful trip the victor ship  
 will come in with object (Varsity Trophy) won.



Name **James Southorn**  
 D.O.B. 12/11/2003  
 School King's College School, Wimbledon  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject Modern and Medieval Languages  
 College Churchill  
 Previous Wanderers Blues Varsity 2023  
 Shirt No. 12

It was always James' dream to be the first from his school to go to Cambridge. Alas, he was closer to number 1000, and so satisfied his right wing leanings by joining the college created by one Winston Churchill. During his time here, he has been further radicalised in the picturesque halls of the former Tory leader. Joining CUHC in his first year, James fell out with our former captain, who based our style of play on going down the weak foot. Problems arose when young Southorn was unable to go any further to the right. James 'Benito' Southorn is a man who prioritises two things above all, the British Monarchy and the United Kingdom's shock departure from the European Union in 2016. From this, he plans to spend his year abroad far from home, in Boston, Lincolnshire, learning the teachings of the Three Wise Men (sat at the Wetherspoons bar). We hope he returns a well-rounded young man and maybe, just maybe, he will learn the name of a single member of CUWHC. We cannot understand why he doesn't yet know one?



Name **George Phillips**  
 D.O.B. 22/12/1999  
 School John Hampden Grammar School  
 Year 6th  
 Subject PhD Chemistry  
 College Selwyn  
 Previous Wanderers Blues Varsity 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, Blues Varsity 2023  
 Shirt No. 22

Born in 1991, El Jefe, (G-baby to his nearest and dearest) is returning for his 7th Varsity match against Oxford. Since his freshman year in 2011, when he arrived at this marvellous establishment, fresh-faced, rosy cheeked and 3ft 5, he was gone from strength to strength on and off the hockey pitch. Year by year he has grown in authority and stature, and now, like a giant redwood, dwarfs his teammates. During his 13 years at the University (excluding a brief sabbatical where he got lost on a field trip and became the god of an uncontacted Amazonian tribe), he has gained great renown around Selwyn and throughout the wider University community as a bastion of strength and wisdom. Like the Jesus college horse, you get deaned if you touch him, and he too is displayed in a glass cabinet at the annual may ball. After his PhD concludes, he plans to return as a coach, and with Jefe as our next glorious leader, Oxford may as well throw in the towel now, as, if they ever had a chance at winning a Varsity match, that sliver of hope is rapidly evaporating.



Name **Ben Lindars**  
 D.O.B. 30/03/2002  
 School Aylesbury Grammar School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject PGCE (Secondary) Science with Biology  
 College Homerton  
 Previous Imperial College London 1st XI 2021, 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 34

Ofsted report: Ben Lindars  
 Quality of teaching: Despite this being his first year, Ben has demonstrated a great understanding of his teaching materials. His students are already well versed on the basics such as 6s and 7s, but also show potential in more advanced content such as matchbox. His score would be improved if his music lessons included more than listening him sing Beneath Your Beautiful on repeat. Especially if he could actually sing. 4/5  
 Mentorship: Ben sets a poor example to his students, having never been seen out on a school night. How is the next generation supposed to avoid getting it wrong if all they have for role models are the likes of Laird? It's a good thing the UK celebrates deals day with a bank holiday so Ben can fully embrace the educational benefits of Vball. 2/5  
 Extracurricular: Ben has greatly enriched his students cultural knowledge through many extracurricular activities. A highlight of the year was the field trip to Hawks. Exposing young minds to the delights of Harrier and Toma will undoubtedly give them a great advantage later in life. 6/5  
 It's been a pleasure to get to know Mr. Bindars this year and we will be sorry to see him move on next year.  
 Overall judgement: Outstanding.





Name **Ollie Knight**  
 D.O.B. 09/08/2001  
 School The Perse school / Hills Road 6th Form College  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Psychiatry  
 College St Edmund's  
 Previous Oxford Brookes First XI 2021, 2022, 2023; GB colleges; Futures cup; HIPAC 2  
 Shirt No.36

The following extract is taken from today's CUHC courtroom hearing:  
 Judge Bannister: Mr Knight, you are on trial under suspicion of not loving the Deals. Please may the prosecutor, Mr Doggett, come forward to present his case. // Mr Doggett: Your Honour, I present to you the following offences. Mr Knight has failed to attend countless socials this year. He missed Christmas Dinner, Halloween Swap, and White Lie to name a few. He probably hasn't even heard of the matchbox or card games. // [Mr Sardana shakes his head disapprovingly in the audience.] // Mr Knight didn't even attempt to grow a moustache for November – he could be looking like Mr Jefe by now if he had! Not to mention his pitiful BUCS attendance and claiming to have 'shin splints' when he doesn't want to participate in trainings and East League matches. // [Mr Brown looks nervously at his feet] // Judge Bannister: Mr Knight, how do you explain yourself? // Mr Doggett: But I haven't finished!! // [Mr Laird is heard muttering "massive nibble that" in the audience.] // Judge Bannister: Mr Doggett, please sit, and let us hear from the defendant. // Mr Knight: Your Honour, may I remind you of my Stars performance. I put on my best Lionel Richie impression and sung my heart out. Do you think I'd have danced all night long, risking my shins, if I didn't love the Deals? And Mr Doggett, I find it interesting that you're forgetting to mention that I beat you in Stars. Similar to how I'd turn up to S&C to find out you were still in bed after DJ'ing the night before. // [Mr Knight continues to fight back, also arguing why he should be put on straight strikes from top D in corners and Mr Doggett argues back.] // Judge Bannister: [Having thrown his notebook on the desk and mumbling something incoherently] Enough! Deals, I have heard enough. I hereby announce that I find the defendant to be guilty. That is, of course, unless the defendant stays for a PhD and plays four more Varsities...



Name **Tom Richardson**  
 D.O.B. 04/10/1997  
 School Bishops Diocesan College  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Engineering for Sustainable Development  
 College Magdalene  
 Previous Stellenbosch University (2016-19) & Western Province (2018) Men's 1st XI  
 Shirt No. 54

In the busy hockey calendar of the MBUs, sometimes the season tends to blend together. However, some moments really stand out when looking back through our long list of draws. My current favourites so far include... Callum Brown's physical assault against Chelmsford, Doggy's affinity for hitting the post that would make even Darwin Nunez proud, but of course, the best being the arrival of Tom Richardson. With a Baywatch physique that could make Adonis blush, and moves on the hockey field that strike fear in every East League midfielder, Tom's a double threat of athleticism and charm with an unmistakably cool Springbok accent. His late arrival to the team may have surprised some, but rather foreshadowed his consistent lateness to Wilby every Saturday morning. Tom may very well hate hockey, or maybe he should just accept he's a grown man at this point and needs his 8 hours. But what he lacks in punctuality he more than makes up for on the pitch. Whether he's riding the waves, shredding the slopes, or leaving fellow East Leaguers in the dust, this guy is as cool as the South African Cape is hot. And without the ball, he hunts down his opposite number similar to the lions living in his backyard. Oh, and did I mention he's not just easy on the eyes but also on the planet? Tom's studying Sustainable Development, proving that his heart is as big as his biceps. Regardless of whether Tom is voting himself for MoM or frantically running down Mill Road (meet was 30 mins ago), he will always put in a top shift for the Deals, and expect no different come March 3rd.



Name **Ryan Simms**  
 D.O.B. 05/08/2000  
 School Banbridge Academy  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Energy Technologies  
 College Clare Hall  
 Previous U16 National team training squad, All Ireland Schoolboy Winner  
 Shirt No. 77

I stopped playing hockey for 4 years, so if I play badly today that might be why. Either way though, back in my hay-day I was one hell of a hockey player, gracing the pitch for the Ireland U8 boys team (there's 7 hockey players in the whole of Ireland). I have an incredible drag flick and I love overtly practising it at the end of training to show Chban my commitment to the team. Light blue is super cool, but I prefer a beautifully rich clover green. Similar to the colour I wore when I played for Ireland. I also love moaning in a faintly depressing Irish accent. Kind of like a Northern Irishman. I'm not from Northern Ireland though, because I actually played hockey for the Republic of Ireland if you didn't know. Climate change is fun. Well, not fun... but I kind of study it and I actually love green ener- god green is nice, it reminds me of when I played for Ireland. IRA this, EU that, god the Brits are so funny with their whole Brexit malarky. Anyway, enough waffle. You can spot me on the pitch today by my size 18 feet. IRELANDNDD



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

In First Year, Wally already saw himself as a Blue intouchable, a delusion fuelled mainly by his 'age group stuff'. However, with 2nd year came booze, crippling self-esteem following dry patches on Lolas D-floor, and an addiction to pre-workout. Wally was a shell of a man, often lashing out on CUHC group chats saying things like "lol I h8 the Blondies", and accusing the rest of the club of staging a coup against him, despite then leaving the Men's CUHC WhatsApp on his own volition. These were dark days, but now in his final year, having assumed the role of Vice-captain and the no.99 (yes, he chose it himself... how pretentious), he has matured to white-collar crime, embezzling everyone's fines to fuel his obsession with buying darts. One thing's for certain though: like the great sportsmen... Cantona, McEnroe, Zidane, Wally's raging hot temperament doesn't affect his sheer class on-pitch. Addiction to pre-workout? Now an addiction for nutmegs. Dry patches? Now (very) wet patches. Following his hat-trick today, he will probably de-clothe, revealing the tattoo across his chest that says "I'm gonna be a banker-suck it!", and the crowd will be unable to do anything but smile and bathe in this man's toxic glory.



Name **Charlie Bannister**  
**(Coach)**

CBan bleeds light blue, like a unicorn. Retirement age isn't something that exists for this man and, like said unicorn, seems to exist in a mythological, even legendary dimension due to his immortality. Last year he confided in the team that he could be coming to the end of the road as coach for Cambridge. None of us believed him, as he is rumoured to be the original character in the tale "The boy who cried wolf". However, contrary to popular belief, Cban's demise didn't present itself in the jaws of a slobbering canine. Instead, after the famous third cry for help, and in the face of real danger, Cban thought quickly on his feet on how to deter the wolf, so came up with the 'ripple' technique in the 4-2 zonal press there and then, which guiled the hound into a deep sleep. Spectators might be lucky enough to see this press in action today - a testament to the legacy of Charlie's long, illustrious, and extremely varied career. It has been a true pleasure getting to know Charlie this year, and I wish him the very best for his long future with Cambridge.

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# CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S BLUES REPORT

The 2023/24 season is set to be one for the history books for the Women's Blues. As we gear up for the much-anticipated Varsity Match, I am proud to reflect on our achievements throughout the season so far.

This season marks our third year under our coach Adam, and second year supported by our goalkeeper coach, Nik. Following the disappointment of narrowly missing out on promotion last year, we approached this season with determination and intent. A successful pre-season – joined by an exceptional fresher intake – laid the foundation for a strong league campaign. Apart from a drawn match against Cambridge City in our opening fixture, we have won every game in the East Prem league and currently stand as promotion favourites, sitting 8 points clear of 2nd place (with a game in hand!). If we maintain this momentum, we'll mark our entry into the Women's National League for the first time in the club's history.

In parallel, our BUCS campaign has mirrored our success in the Saturday league. We've achieved promotion into the BUCS Prem league for the first time, and are looking forward to progressing in the National Vase competition. Over the winter, we also ventured into the indoor game. To our surprise, we won the East area tournament and subsequently clinched the North Nationals title, securing victories against teams that compete in the outdoor Prem! We won't dwell too much on what happened once at the National finals...

Despite a successful training camp at Old Thorns, the rest of the second half of the season hasn't been without challenges, and we had an unfortunate run of injuries. We've managed ourselves carefully over the past few weeks, however, to ensure peak fitness and readiness for the Varsity Match. Although only five returning Blues are in the squad today, the breadth of talent within this team is exceptional, and I'm confident that this will translate into the well-earned retention of the Varsity trophy.

## *Lily Bacon*

*Women's Blues Captain 2023/24*



**Back row (Left to Right):** Bethan Moncur (injured), Charlotte Lord, Sophie Levy, Georgia Bozianu, Florence De Houwer, Karen Rodriguez, Lottie Gill, Libby Reid, Caragh Haspel.

**Front row (Left to Right):** Jessica Logan, Ciara Boaden, Ella Hordern, Etta Magill (VC), Lily Bacon (C), Lil Bingham (GK), Gabriella Holland, Georgie Turner.

## EAST PREMIER

|            |                      |          |
|------------|----------------------|----------|
| 23/09/2023 | Cambridge City 2s    | Drew 1-1 |
| 30/09/2023 | Broxbourne           | Won 4-3  |
| 07/10/2023 | Cambridge City 3s    | Won 7-0  |
| 14/10/2023 | Norwich City         | Won 5-2  |
| 21/10/2023 | Chelmsford           | Won 4-0  |
| 28/10/2023 | City of Peterborough | Won 2-1  |
| 04/11/2023 | Harleston Magpies    | Won 3-0  |
| 11/11/2023 | Blueharts            | Won 4-0  |
| 18/11/2023 | Bishops Stortford    | Won 7-1  |
| 22/11/2023 | City of Peterborough | Won 4-0  |
| 25/11/2023 | Upminster            | Won 2-0  |
| 13/01/2024 | Cambridge City 2s    | Won 2-0  |
| 27/01/2024 | Cambridge City 3s    | Won 2-0  |
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| 03/02/2024 | Norwich City         | Won 5-1  |
| 10/02/2024 | Chelmsford           | Won 4-0  |
| 24/02/2024 | Harleston Magpies    | Won 3-0  |

## BUCS: PREMIER SOUTH

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| 11/10/2023 | Exeter 2s      | Won 2-1  |
| 18/10/2023 | Bristol 1s     | Drew 3-3 |
| 25/10/2023 | Swansea 1s     | Won 4-2  |
| 01/11/2023 | Cardiff 1s     | Drew 1-1 |
| 15/11/2023 | Oxford 1s      | Won 1-0  |
| 29/11/2023 | UCL 1s         | Won 4-0  |
| 31/01/2024 | Southampton 1s | Won 4-1  |
| 07/02/2024 | Cardiff Met 1s | Drew 0-0 |

## NATIONAL VASE

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| 21/02/2024 | Durham 2s | Lost 2-3 |
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# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOCKEY SQUAD

## 2024 PEN PORTRAITS



Name **Lil Bingham**  
 D.O.B. 31/12/2004  
 School Dixons Sixth Form  
 Year 1  
 Subject Geography  
 College Queens'  
 Shirt No. 1

Lil, being a geographer and (probably) terribly fond of rocks, as that's all I'm aware of that exists within the geography world (apart from ox bow lakes obsv), will, I'm sure, be all too pleased with me using multiple rock jokes throughout her profile, although as my geography knowledge is limited to GCSE lock-down syllabus, I must ensure to apologise in advance for all rock-based inaccuracies.

Like the white cliffs of Dover shining in (presumably) Dover providing a beacon for the homecoming sailors battling against the storm, seeing Lil ready to stop any incoming attackers that have managed to slip past the net of our stoic defensive line fills me with joy, as it saves me from looking like an idiot whenever I'm in entirely the wrong position in the press and the opposition break through. Whether they're thirteen or forty five, Lil will defend as solidly as pressured carbon and look just as fabulous while doing so.

In addition to her achievements in managing to impersonate a wall of (insert very long list and hard to break rock that isn't diamond as I've already used that one here) in front of goal, she has also managed to avoid concussion, which seems to be an incredible achievement for her given her track record. The magnetic force between goalies and getting walloped is as strong as the attraction between the wbluts and winning though, so she did have her knee crushed during a bus game, but cleverly thought to get injured well before varsity, unlike most of our players



Name **Lottie Gill**  
 D.O.B. 04/10/2000  
 School Newcastle High School  
 Year 1  
 Subject Graduate Medicine  
 College St Edmund's  
 Shirt No. 2

Lottie is a stickler for the rules, and she makes the umpires know that. Picture this: an aerial is soaring through the sky towards Lottie who is stretching the pitch with fantastic height; her arms are extended, and her feet perfectly posed to take this ball on the move. As she gracefully captures the ball out the sky and gently places it on the floor ready to drive 1v1 with the keeper, a gruff 55-year-old East Leagues regular bounds over and throws herself aggressively into the playing space of poor, vulnerable Lottie. A whistle. Lottie smiles blissfully and thinks to herself, thank god we can always rely on the umpires to regulate the safety of the game, eh!

But alas, no! The umpire calls us up for danger. The gruff woman has won the ball... "WHAT?!" Poor helpless Lottie exclaims, her face growing more scarlet by the second. The umpire sniggers. The wiry hairs on his chin gleam with drops of sweat as he shouts at her, "Them's the rules darlin'". Something in Lottie changed in that moment.

The wind stopped. The hairs on Lily's neck stood up in apprehension.

Lottie seemed taller. It could have been a trick of the light, or maybe I was just in awe, but she stood at 6ft7 in that moment.

Thunder rumbles over the hill that cloaks the pitch in darkness; but Lottie shines bright. "Um NO! I KNOW tHE RuLEs!!!" Lottie bellows.

Everyone drops dead in reverence. Adam asks Lottie: "Are you alright?"



Name **Lily Bacon**  
 D.O.B. 01/02/2002  
 School Chelmsford County High School for Girls  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Management Studies  
 College Jesus  
 Previous Blues Varsity Blues 2021, 2022  
 Shirt No. 3

Bbbbacon has made her return from the distant land of Paris! Who knows if it was the WBlues that brought her back or the fear of the Parisian rats. Either way, we are very glad to have her back, what a return it is to leadership of the WExcitings! Lily B had an unfortunate start to her captaincy with two trips to Addenbrooke's, two broken bones, and two new gloves! Helpful advice from Coach A-dog was to totally revamp her style of play (followed by cries of outrage from her team), others suggested the age-old motherly advice of drinking more milk – calcium does help you grow big and strong! But to her, two broken bones in half a season only means two things: double gloving (no chat allowed for this) and keeping at it with her valiant tackle! If Lily's bone-crushing incidents have done anything, it's made her even more keen to crush Oxford!

Lily is our rock at the back, mopping up here, there and everywhere, although apparently not her own spillages; one Wednesday afternoon she graced the pitch with a shiny, fluorescent yellow stain... clearly such a fan of Curry King, she couldn't resist saving some for later! A little bit of spice and a whole lot of skill, this girl couldn't be more of a threat on the pitch! We couldn't ask for a better captain and can't wait to see her bring home the Bacon!



Name **Ella Hordern**  
 D.O.B. 24/08/2001  
 School Pate's Grammar School  
 Year 5  
 Subject Veterinary medicine  
 College Homerton  
 Previous 2020, 2021, Blues 2022, 2023  
 Shirt No. 4

No clouds in her stones  
 Let it rain, she hydroplanes in the back

Passin' around through every zone  
 When she comes, Oxf'd gone  
 She rocks – she's Ella  
 She flies higher than weather  
 With her Y1 or better  
 I know her (I know her)  
 In anticipation for annihilation  
 Oxford sh' t bricks for Vday  
 Hey, Ella Hordern is back  
 With Little Ms. Bacon, Lily, where you at?

She has my heart, and freshers can't tell us apart

She loves vet magazines, she'll always be my star

Baby, 'cause on the pitch, Oxf'd can't see no way past

And that's why I need her there; she's just got so much flair, \*applause\*  
 When the sun shines, we'll defend together

She really has been here forever  
 Said she'll always be my friend  
 GD/BO, she gon' stick it out to the end

Now that we're winning more than ever  
 Know that she's still an animal lover  
 Oxford can't stand under our umbrella  
 Oxford can't stand under our umbrella, Ella, Ella



Name **Bethan Moncur**  
 D.O.B. 06/04/1999  
 School City of London Freemen's School  
 Year 2nd  
 Subject PhD Manufacturing Engineering  
 College Darwin  
 Previous Blues 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023; UK School Games 2016  
 Shirt No.6

1952 AD. Bethan Moncur joins the University of Cambridge, establishing a connection that endures the test of time. Her devotion to Cambridge transcends mere academic pursuits, as she becomes a constant in the university's esteemed varsity matches.

Bethan's reputation precedes her, awarding a reverence that some speculate has been immortalised in a dedicated statue at Wilby. These claims remain unverified, but I will say this: Bethan Moncur is an absolute cornerstone to the Blues Varsity Squad\* and she has the experience and wisdom of the entire Oxford side in her left thumb alone. Her contributions to the triumph of the 2020 Varsity Match were nothing short of legendary, securing her status as one of CUHC's most notorious figures.

Despite rumours of retirement, Bethan's insatiable appetite persists, with even the Rugby Blues Squad vying for her talent. Proving lethal with or without a hockey stick to hand, Oxford wilby having nightmares about her for months to come. Yet, like the tragic hero Achilles, Bethan is not without vulnerabilities; her fragile ACL serving as a poignant reminder of mortality.

And yet, her unyielding passion for The Game drives on. Is a fifth always followed by a sixth? We're about to find out.\*\*

\*Profile written before the discovery that Bethan had sadly destroyed her ACL.

\*\*Check back in 2025 to find out



Name **Caragh Haspel**  
 D.O.B. 29/11/2004  
 School Trinity School, Croydon  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Engineering  
 College Girton  
 Shirt No.9

Rooted in the Stoic tradition, the act of self-help can be executed in a physical, mental, intellectual or emotional manner. Since receiving a self-help book from her secret santa, Caragh Haspel has been fervidly committed to amelioration in all of these spheres.

Physical: valuing adequate amounts of sleep, Caragh doesn't let Blues training disturb her naps.

Mental: with her physical rehabilitation enhancing this domain, Caragh pursues her newfound passion for baking by ensuring her weekly Dod allocation.

Intellectual: Caragh is dedicated to making her 9am presentations (by Voi) on a Monday, even after inexplicably waking up in leopard print pyjamas in Fitzwilliam College post-Lolocoaster. Despite having to run out of said presentation in order to chun, her devotion is simply exemplary.

Emotional: a testament to her emotional discipline on the pitch, Caragh has received only one red card since commencing her journey of self-improvement.



Name **Sophie Levy**  
 D.O.B. 07/05/2005  
 School Leicester Grammar School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject French and Spanish  
 College Sidney Sussex  
 Shirt No.10

Sophie's affiliation to languages transcends many different countries but on the hockey pitch the only language Sophie speaks is top bins and breaking ankles. What follows is a dictionary of the words Sophie lives and loves by: Fashionista - modelling herself on Amy Winehouse, Sophie struts the catwalk constantly; training is not an exception. A headband, trousers and a pair of fluffy gloves never fail to make an appearance on the pitch - a self proclaimed sidge gaily through and through.

Vroóm - The sound feared by all on the motorway, especially Adam, as Sophie proudly announces her debut motorway experience as we mount the M11. It is said by some that she revs harder on a Saturday than on a Wednesday night.

Debliterated - The power and resilience Sophie holds as a goal-scoring machine doesn't appear to translate off the pitch. Having crippled her ribs by coughing, Sophie took the role of manager seriously for a few weeks, glass of mulled wine in hand.

Vélo - Sophie called into question her love for the French, damaging the Anglo-French relation by crashing her bike into a French woman. Her antics concerning bikes extend to her love life as well. Sophie has a unique methodology, tying her bike to others as a way to gain their attention.

La Squândie - on the topic of the coming together with a shared language, Sophie likes to bridge barriers with the men's team by practising the art of bisoux with fellow CUHC-ers

La crème de la crème - Sophie loves to appreciate the culinary excellence of French patisseries in her own special way - off her brother's friend's chest. Stay posted for the next Onions stash drop, you won't be disappointed.



Name **Karen Rodriguez**  
 D.O.B. 12/06/2002  
 School Grammar School at Leeds  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Management Studies  
 College St Catharine's  
 Shirt No.12

She met a grandma in the summer, and she missed her in the spring. She argued with managers about everything.

She loves an angle and a lean and a WANDering eye, "He said he's my year too!" and I'm like "Kaz nice try".

But she was so much fun, and she had such cool friends,

And she would take out every oppo, and her skills would never end.

Another Day, another Dog, another dill, another dime,

And when her fam said something wrong, she'd just "¿por qué no?!" and whine.

So I miss her some lectures when I'm feeling depressed, 'Til I remember every time she slapped my MBLue friends.

Do I love her? Do I rate her? I guess it's clear by now,

If I had to choose, I would say it right now.

I want her at the back, Wanna make Oxf'rd really jealous, Wanna make them feel bad.

Oh, I want her at the back, Cause then again we really need her, and she'd rather be a tab.

Oh, she wants sweet revenge, And her feet want a wash again,

I want her at the back, back, back!!!





Name **Ciara Boaden**  
 D.O.B. 07/12/2004  
 School Royal Grammar School Newcastle  
 Year 1st  
 Subject HSPS  
 College Queens'  
 Shirt No.18

Swapping her cricket bats for hockey sticks Ciara's sharp skills will be sure to break some Oxford ankles as she slips past with her liquid hockey.

But if liquid hockey gets a bit slippery, thankfully she's already familiar with all 3 emergency services. Having 2 called on her just wasn't enough, after all, you know a second is always followed by a third.

Her lack of ability to chop a pint doesn't diminish her from her Geordie roots and it's a good job she hits the ball as hard as she hits into Cambridge buses. Maybe cycling shouldn't be her third sport?

Ciara's love for CUHC is evident both on and off the pitch, with the blundie swap leaving a question only the sharpest Cambridge mind could answer.

This gal really is the ci(ara) to the team's fin-tastic performance.



Name **Gabriella Holland**  
 D.O.B. 24/06/2002  
 School Parmiter's School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Chemistry  
 College Selwyn  
 Previous 2020 Blues  
 Shirt No.20

Oxford beware! Because the great Gabby Holland is about to indoor skill the hell out of this Varsity game. With her unparalleled skills she can twist and turn her way around an entire defense, after which she will dryly put the ball in the goal wherever she fancies it, be it left, right or centre, through the goalie's legs or in a top corner, there is nothing that Gabby Holland cannot do.

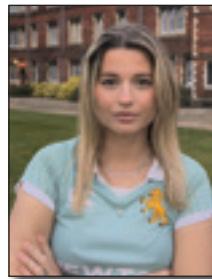
One would think that science is Gabby's true love, as she has a degree in Natural Sciences, a Master's in Natural Sciences (with a preference for Chemistry), and as if that was not enough science, the determination to pursue a PhD in... you guessed it right, even more science!

However, one could not be further away from the truth. Hockey runs through Gabby's veins (has been scientifically proven) and after leading the team to an amazing indoor performance, reaching the Super 6s Championships, there is no one more determined than Gabby to showcase her skills and light-blue killer-instinct on the mighty Southgate pitches.



Name **Libby Reid**  
 D.O.B. 09/01/2005  
 School Royal Grammar School Newcastle  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Geography  
 College St John's  
 Shirt No.20+1

Silliest fresher going. Evidenced by her confusion between the Tyne and the Thames but luckily her hockey is as liquid as these bodies of water. It does, however, raise the question, what do they actually learn in Geography? Definitely not the functions of a desk chair but one would hope common sense covers that. She loves to talk back but has nonetheless received fewer green cards than DMs from rugby boys. A testament to her charm even if it wasn't enough to get past the Lola's bouncers. Hockey or not, she never fails to entertain, and it's a good job she shares the same love and passion for hockey as she does for CURUFC men. The left/right distinction may be a challenge for her both directionally and politically, but the way she'll tear up Oxford on Varsity, you won't be able to tell.



Name **Georgia Bozianu**  
 D.O.B. 28/11/2000  
 School Saffron Walden County High School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Neuroscience  
 College Pembroke  
 Shirt No.23

The WBlues gained a number of postgrad freshers this year, but none so committed as Georgia to achieving external validity in her cognition and brain science research. Her first experiment in the wild: electronic device sabotage without raising the suspicions of other group members. When neither planting the device on a moving vehicle nor submerging it in a water fountain worked, the committed researcher resorted to the only remaining method: international smash or bounce. For her next experiment, Georgia adopted an ethnographic approach to investigate interpersonal dynamics between CUHC members. The experiment had to be reset after an alumnus infiltrated the sample; however, the inaugural kit swap marked the restart of participant recruitment. It seems the only exclusion criteria for participants is a career in financial services. The final experiment unfolds today, where Georgia will play an active role in exploring the link between flair stick skills and psychological damage inflicted upon opponents - we anticipate a strong causal effect. If this fresher can clean up O'ford's attacks as well as she does a brand-new bathroom, everyone will be in trouble.



I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone & write GT a dating profile.

Georgie 'Rizzle My Nizzle Kicks' Turner. An aspiring radio host. Juicy, juicy, sorry, GT, has you covered from Taylor Swift to Taylor Swift (Taylor's Version). Recently, she's been trying her hand at piano - ask her to play you something from her favourite film, La La Land!

If you're unsure how to find her on a first date, you'll hear her trademark Hawk Squawk™ or Posh Guggle™ within a 5 mile radius. Or your dogs might. Alternatively, look for the girl arriving 30 mins after the proposed time.

Karaoke song: Elton John's 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart'. Get her to perform this on a bus - she really goes places.

3 words to describe her: Committed, Driven & Unflappable.

Name **Georgie Turner**  
 D.O.B. 29/03/2001  
 School Ripon Grammar School  
 Year 4th  
 Subject Management Studies  
 College St Catharine's  
 Previous Nomads Varsity Blues 2022, Blues Varsity 2023  
 Shirt No. 49

\* A geographer, GT took the 'Go Green' message to heart, regularly showing up to training in head-toe green (face paint sometimes included). It's a shame that this commitment didn't extend to her Veganuary attempt.

\* Chea-T will do anything it takes to score, but she really saves her finest game for the most important moments, especially if said moment is 5'8" and adorned with curtains. Or Varsity.

\* An Oprey through and through, she is unflappable. Just don't ask her to eat any of the following: bananas, mangoes, pineapples, oranges, fruit salad or tomatoes.

2 Truths & 1 Lie: GT is High Maintenance, a Nibbler & WExciting

With her silky skills, speedy turns, and reverse picks, Oxf'd don't stand a chance. There's no-one else I'd rather have on my team - GT is W!rreplaceable. She may fail to show up on time, but she never fails to deliver (or does she fail to deliver? or does she never deliver?). Southgate won't know what's hit it.

Note: Only reply to this profile if you have a Blues blazer and/or are on Hawks' Committee. Thank you.

(not all at once though, GT is a misogynist, not a polygamist).



Name **Charlotte Lord**  
 D.O.B. 24/07/2004  
 School Altrincham Girls Grammar School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Engineering  
 College Girton  
 Previous UK School Games 2021  
 Shirt No. 59

She's scored against them once before

On Vday there wilby more and more

Started as forward, now a defender

You'll see why when Oxford surrender

She will out run everyone any day (or night),

In Australia ... on a beach ... even the police lost sight!

In a match she has not yet been defeated,

Revs stairs tho ... they saw her yeeted

On the journey back - if a she's had too much fun,

She will open the window and out of it chun

For CUHC she'll put her body on the line,

she'll bruise like a peach and tell us she fine

when she's on the ball Oxford shall fear,

She carve through them like the snow on her gap year

a mature fresher some would say, but she'll steal an instrument she knows she can't play

She is the Charlotte Lord, many times she has scored!)



Name **Florence De Houwer**  
 D.O.B. 22/05/2000  
 School Paridaens institute  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Master of Law  
 College Trinity Hall  
 Previous Belgian champion Open League Honour Division 2022  
 Shirt No. 62

Meet Flo, the goal-scoring powerhouse. As a forward, she's renowned for her knack for scoring goals, weaving through the defence with finesse and precision. Off the pitch, Flo's love affair with law is in its sixth year, and she's eager for even more! She is eyeing up a law PhD, which luckily for Oxford, will be back in Belgium. When she's not buried in law books, you might catch Flo braving the waters, albeit reluctantly, for early morning rowing sessions with Tithall. Despite her aversion to both water and early mornings, she claims it's all for the sake of witnessing breathtaking sunrises - though we're pretty sure those happen regardless of rowing involvement. Let's hope Flo's debut in the Blues Varsity match fares better than her first race with Tithall, which ended in a dramatic crash (allegedly not her doing). She's determined to show that light blue outshines dark blue and will lead us to victory. With Flo on the pitch, Oxford better watch out, because their goal will never be safe!



Name **Jessica Logan**  
 D.O.B. 26/07/2005  
 School Ipswich High School  
 Year 1st  
 Subject Engineering  
 College Emmanuel  
 Shirt No. 72

Whether it's amazing hockey or fake Irish accents, Jess can do it all. She is known best for her aerials, and only the occasional squarrel, as well as her constant need to bring potatoes to matches. From hockey tours in Bruges to indoor tournaments in Birmingham, she will have her potatoes. However, off the hockey pitch she is unseen. Maybe she actually values her degree? I can't say the same for the rest of us, but then again, Engineering is actually a serious degree (or so I'm told).

Jess can do both outdoor and indoor hockey, able to stop goals at both ends... I'm afraid Caragh still hasn't forgiven her for this but that's just what a good defender does! For Varsity, our hope is to smash Oxf'd and to actually see Jess at a social.



Name **Etta Magill**  
D.O.B. 18/09/2002  
School Beauchamp College  
Year 3rd  
Subject Law  
College Fitzwilliam  
Previous 2021, 2022 Blues  
Shirt No. 94

As the leading contributor to late fines this year, Etta epitomises the phrase “better late than never”. Given she consistently drives the 5-minute cycle to Wilby for efficiency, fresher me was slightly confused by this. However, future-lawyer Etta believes strongly in her rights, be that her right to arrive just slightly after the meet time, or in the case of Sunday morning s&c, to just not attend at all.

Etta's had some highs and lows this year, namely almost starring on BBC's Woman's Hour, hoping to discuss a certain creepy crawly infestation with her boyfriend's mum, before being axed at the very last minute. It was a tough day, but we think they were just nervous she'd outshine them all – much like Oxf\*rd should be actually.

This is Etta's 3rd and final Varsity, so O\*ford players should def's know to be scared already. She has hands for days and her speedy skills make defenders look silly... on and off the pitch, Etta's pretty flair. So, when we do hear Etta's souped-up car finally pull into the Wilby carpark, we're just glad she's made it in the end.



Name **Nik Bentley (Coach)**

I asked Nik what he wanted in his Varsity Profile and he told me how much he enjoyed last year's and how it was short and straight to the point. So, without further ado, introducing Nik - an amazing goalkeeper coach and someone who always gives great advice but will leave your messages on read for days. His favourite team is of course the Wblues and even if it isn't, I'm going to say it is. In his spare time, he enjoys hating Broxbourne, complaining about your mercian kit and torturing goalkeepers with a lacrosse stick (not that I have a personal vendetta against this or anything). And for Varsity, all Nik wants is to not get jumped on by Adam after our amazing win against the dark blues. We thank Nik for all of his hard work this season and I hope this profile was concise enough!



Name **Adam Price (Coach)**

When one thinks of an infant's first words, you would expect the terms 'mama' and 'dada' tend to come out of the mouth of most children. However, Adam Price was not like most children; as his parents eagerly awaited the first utterings from his lips, they were struck with amazement as their little boy suddenly cried “POINT AT PRESSURE!”. Since this moment, “point at pressure” has been not just a passion for Adam, but a lifestyle. If you were to take a shot every time he discusses “point at pressure” in a training session, then you would probably end up at Addies. In order to prevent total consumption by his “point at pressure” infatuation, Adam makes sure to dabble in other fields from time to time. Be that writing the next number one radio hit or inventing new words in a team talk, his ‘flair’ doesn't only come out on the pitch. Although, when given the opportunity, Adam will join in a training session, his ‘flair’ resulting in him skilling everyone and not passing the ball for 20 minutes. We still love you though Adam, thanks for being the best coach ever <3

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All pupils receive regular hockey training and are able to participate in school matches. Repton has crafted a programme that enables the School to field teams across all age groups, ensuring it is inclusive and that boys and girls are given equal footing. Tuesdays and Saturdays are the main days for fixtures against schools, with the boys and girls 1st XI teams engaging in matches against universities and senior club sides; an invaluable part of a player's development. The most talented hockey players can also opt for hockey coaching during all three terms.

The hockey facilities at Repton are world-class and every pupil has access to our Olympic-standard water-based Astroturf pitches and team of specialist coaches. In September 2023, former England and GB Hockey Captain, Adam Dixon, joined the coaching staff as Director of Hockey alongside European and Commonwealth medallist, Michael Hoare who took up the position of Head of Performance Hockey.

Repton has firmly established itself as the most successful hockey school in the country having won 49 national titles since 2005 across every age group for both girls and boys in both indoor and outdoor hockey.

Repton's High Performance Programme has turned out five Olympians since 2008 bringing home a collection of gold and bronze medals at London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020, including GB's gold medallists Georgie Twigg and Shona McCallin. As well as three Commonwealth Gold Medallists at the 2022 Birmingham Games.

Pupils training with the England U21s, U18s and U16s squads are given additional support to ensure they successfully balance their schoolwork whilst maximising their sporting ambitions. This level of specialist support continues as pupils move towards Higher Education when the coaches and Repton's HE team use their global outlook to guide pupils towards the right course at the best university to enable them to continue playing at the highest level.

Our team is very much looking forward to being part of the 124th Varsity match and we wish the best of luck to all players, coaches and umpires taking part in today's Varsity.





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Sport plays a central role in the life of MCS pupils and provides some of their fondest memories of their time at school. We aim to provide a sporting option for everyone and to inspire each pupil to 'be the best they can be'. Whether that will be representing their country in their age-group, playing for the 1st team in one of our focus sports or climbing on the climbing wall, we hope to nurture and support each pupil's aspirations.

There are now more pupils playing sport at MCS than ever before, and we have seen the benefits of living a healthy, balanced lifestyle – in the classroom and on the pitch. In 2022, the Senior Boys Hockey 1st XI won the Tier 2 National Hockey Cup 4-3, beating Bradfield College with a last-minute short corner. The following year, the 1st XI and U16A teams qualified for the finals at Lee Valley – not only a tremendous achievement for the boys, but a fantastic day out for the 200+ travelling supporters! The 2024 season has started well, with the U14, U16 and 1st XI squads all still in the Tier 2 knockout stages and 23 senior teams regularly competing against the strongest schools in the region. MCS has always been known as a strong hockey school – and the current pupils are continuing this trend nicely!

Our sports programme has two specific aims – Performance and Participation. The Performance side is designed to promote excellence and encourage success within our competitive sides. We are keen to support individual success too, as pupils have represented county, regional and national teams, showcasing the depth of talent throughout the school. At present, we have four alumni playing First-class cricket as well as a recent Year 11 leaver playing Championship football. In addition, four current pupils are on regional academy contracts.

The Participation aim is to ensure that there are as many pupils playing sport as possible and that the experience is enjoyable, inclusive and fun! Each pupil has the opportunity to represent the school in competitive fixtures throughout the year and an impressive number (93%) represented the school last year. In addition to growing participation, we aim to continue to develop a lifelong love of sport in our pupils, that sees them continue to play at university and beyond.

Please come along to a fixture and see our teams in action. For further information, visit our website ([www.mcsoxford.org/sport/](http://www.mcsoxford.org/sport/)) and our online sports portal ([www.mcssport.org](http://www.mcssport.org)).



## RGS NEWCASTLE

Over the last 10 years RGS Newcastle Hockey has grown to be the strongest in the North of England and now we regularly performer on the national stage. It is a major sport for girls and boys, and we provide a vibrant diet of hockey opportunities for all ages from Year 3 to Year 13. As part of our curriculum, we offer a weekly games afternoon lesson for each year group, as well as providing regular before school and after school clubs. This gives pupils a platform to represent the school on a weekly basis as part of our Saturday programme where we compete against schools in the region, or on a local level during the week. Essentially our aim is to provide the right competitive challenge for every pupil within the hockey programme. Focusing on participation which then allows for numbers to grow, to then focus on high performance later in the journey. As an academically selective school that does not offer scholarships, we pride ourselves on the 'growing our own talent' and creating 'Academic Athletes'. As a result, we emphasis the importance of creating the right pathway for our students so they can be in the most appropriate hockey environment, and by making sure that time spent on our one Astro is fun and purposeful, with high quality coaching and well-structured practices.

It has given me immense pleasure to see the hockey programme grow over the last 10 years, at the beginning the intended outcome was to ensure as many pupils continue to play hockey after they leave the RGS, which is why this event is so important to us. With Megan Cottee as Captain for Oxford but also potentially three others 'Old Novocastrians' involved in the day (Libby Reid and Ciara Boaden for Cambridge, Libby Chrisp for Oxford). The unintended consequence of our flourishing hockey program has been 4 Junior International Hockey players, Tier 1 Quarter Finalists 2023, and Tier 2 National Champions 2022 and countless bus journeys and fun at national and regional finals in outdoor and indoor . I'm also delighted that we're able to support Megan today with her sister Jessica as our 1st XI Captain, but also have her sister Laura attending despite her injury this season, she is one of our most successful international player and has been a true role model this year, it is a true family affair back in Newcastle with Caitlin lined up to make a big return in Year 11, after an ACL injury and also Bethany who's team recently came 2nd in the U13 ISHC National Finals at Beeston HC. It's fair to say Megan has been an inspiration to all her siblings but more importantly as a former captain and international herself, she has inspired a whole generation of hockey players at RGS.

As I hope you can see we're like a family, which is why this is sad to say my last major event as Head of Hockey for RGS, so I hope as a team we can do justice to this amazing competition by representing Megan in the way she has represented RGS so many times, with passion and determination. I would also like to wish all the players, coaches, and officials the best of luck in this 124th Varsity Match

# PREVIOUS SCHOOL RESULTS

## BOYS SCHOOL MATCH – THE BOGDAN CUP

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

## 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        |

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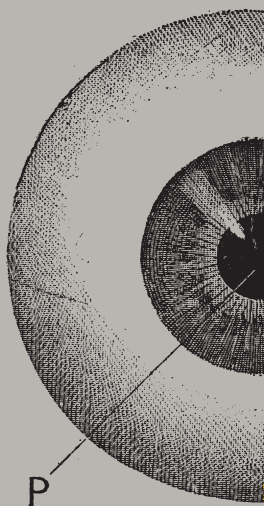


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