



Ice Hockey Varsity 2022

March 11th, 12th, 13th - Cambridge Ice Arena





Weekend Programme

Friday 11th March

21:00 - Cambridge Narwhals vs Oxford Vikings A

Saturday 12th March

16:00- Cambridge Women's Blues vs Oxford Women's Blues

19:00 - Cambridge Men's Blues vs Oxford Men's Blues

Sunday 13th March

16:00 - Cambridge Huskies vs Oxford Vikings B

19:00 - Cambridge Alumni vs Oxford Alumni



Welcome to the 104th and 39th Varsity Matches!

We are delighted to welcome you to this year's Varsity Matches. This weekend we celebrate the 104th Men's Varsity Match and the 39th Women's Varsity Match. It is a particularly special year for the whole club, marking both the 40th anniversary of Women's Ice Hockey at Oxford and Cambridge as well as our first Varsity Match as a merged club! After 40 years of coexistence between the CUIHC and the CUWIHC, we are delighted to be united as one club for Varsity 2022. The previous club names were understandably problematic as the CUWIHC had both male and female players while the CUIHC referred exclusively to the Men's Blues. We are thrilled to be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Women's Ice Hockey at Cambridge as a merged club.



The CUIHC and OUIHC are two of the oldest ice hockey clubs in the world. Founded in 1885, they predate professional leagues, international federations and almost everything in the ice hockey world. In the Winter of 1885, the Oxford Blues and Cambridge Blues ice hockey teams travelled to St. Moritz in the Swiss Alps to play their first Varsity Match. This legendary Varsity Match is likely to have been the first ice hockey match to ever have been played in Europe. Along with its dark blue archrival, the CUIHC is part of the oldest ice hockey rivalry in the world, culminating each year in the annual Ice Hockey Varsity Match.

Founded in 1981, the CUWIHC was one of the founding members of the British Women's League along with their Oxford rivals. We owe our thanks to Deborah Coyne, an Oxford scholar from Ontario, who founded the Oxford University Women's Ice Hockey Club. This then led to the formation of the Cambridge University Women's Ice Hockey Club. In 1982, the inaugural Women's Blues Varsity Match was held in Bristol.



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CUIHC Men's Blues Captain's Message

Dear Friends and Fans of Oxbridge hockey!

On behalf of the Cambridge Light Blues, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 104th episode of the oldest rivalry on ice!

Every season presents us with a new set of challenges. Such challenges are essential in helping us to push our limits and nurture the best in ourselves. Last year, we were challenged to find ways to train during a series of lockdowns and to play the Varsity Match without game practice and with a short bench. We have grown stronger and this year, we are ready to embrace the task of challenging the venerable Dark Blues for the King Edward's Cup in the 104th Varsity Match.

The team which you will see tonight is a result of six conscientious months of preparation. We are incredibly proud of our 14 players who include undergraduate and postgraduate students in disciplines ranging from politics to engineering, business to medicine. This team features players of high qualities and significant experience. Moreover, these ingredients are supplemented by camaraderie and team spirit to deliver a team which is more than the sum of its parts. We were fortunate to undergo our annual training camp in Zuoz, where we transformed a group of talented players into one cohesive unit. The team is a family and we care for each other on and off the ice.

We would not have made it here without our supporters. We wish to thank Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz, the very helpful staff of the Cambridge Ice Arena and Gattiker Ice Rink, the Sports Centre and our S&C coach Tristan Coles, all of whom created the perfect conditions for our preparation. We are incredibly grateful to our coach and the soul of the CUIHC, Professor Bill Harris. Your guidance, energy, dedication to hockey, and support for the club are an inspiration to all of us. We would also like to thank the alumni who are always eager to come back and support the team. It is thanks to you that the intangible team spirit can be passed on to the new generations of players. We especially thank our teammates who listened to our guidance and prepared diligently for tonight's battle, balancing academic challenges with hockey, succeeding in both, to represent the University, their respective colleges, and thereby, all of you in the Cambridge community!

Finally, we would like to thank all you, our fans and supporters, for your unrelenting support. We believe that tonight's game will be as memorable to you as to us. As one of our alumni put it: "There are small ships, there are big ships...the best ships of all are friendships and championships!"

Yours in hockey since 1885,

Ivan Grega and Matthew Neville

Co-Captains, CUIHC Men's Blues

Player Profiles - Meet the Cambridge Men's Blues



Jonathan Parker, #3

Jonathan "Jeep" Parker is a true beauty on and off the ice. The only Englishman on the team, his impeccable manners will leave you speechless while he proceeds to outclass you in every way imaginable. Be it his choice of warmup shoes, adhering to 19th century Covid protocols, scheduling MCR meetings in the middle of the night, or growing a full beard in 3 days, this champ just never fails to deliver. Graduate of the great SOUTH Manchester school of ice hockey, Jeeper's skills include launching creative counter-attacks, snapping long-distance shots with ultimate precision, and decking players that are twice his size. His defensive skills are on a whole different scale, comparable to the best British ice hockey

defenders of all time... whoever they may be. There's no question that Jeep will obliterate his opponents without breaking a sweat and proceed to celebrate with a cup of "Earl Grey" and a dozen pints.

Tomos Griffiths, #8

It's hard for many to believe that rookie Wheelzy 'Tomos' Griffiths is a Welshman, given how quickly he's picked up a small town Ontario style of play on and off the ice. Wheelzy's game day strategy starts when he walks into the arena, intimidating opposing teams with striking good looks, impeccable physique, and heavily branded Tommy Hilfiger apparel. On the ice he breaks out his namesake speed and power, which his fans know carries over directly to the club post-match. Look out for a big performance by this big tort law guy in Varsity 2022.





Figure 1: Transformation of an elephant

Scott Partington, #10

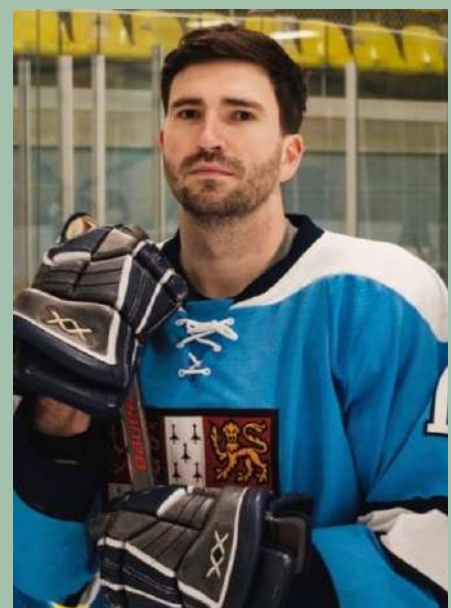
“Transformation of an elephant: The Scott Partington Story”

In spite of being seemingly ... delusional, it has long been established in the hockey community that Scott Partington is the best puck-moving defenseman in the league (Division 1, South, Checking). He first arrived in

Cambridge in the fall of 2018 as a baby elephant (Fig. 1a), with a solid hockey background from Ithaca, New York. His puck-moving qualities and intense 1 on 1 pressure are not to be questioned on- or off- the ice. His judgement, on the other hand – why otherwise would he claim that someone who scored zero points per game is better than himself (being point-per-game)? After a successful year (indeed scoring 8 points in 8 games), he left us for two years, in the hope that intensive treatment at a prominent US institution would help mitigate his delusion. This was in vain, but fortunately the unmistakable laughter remains. The baby elephant returned to Cambridge this year as a mature elephant (Fig. 1b, note the appearance of facial hair). He is now trying to become the best puck-moving forward in the league, but he remains one of the few players who, when shooting at an empty net, hits all goalposts (DING-DING-DING) without finishing. It might have broken his heart a few times, but what matters is that the blood pumping through it is distinctively light blue. We stand by our elephant and we are sure he will not miss an empty net tonight.

Evan Talbot, #14

As one of the many Canadians on the squad, Evan, or ETGT, does not bring much unique experience to the team. He isn't even the team's only married 30-something MBA from Calgary. Evan got off to a rocky start in first term, always slacking off and thinking he could miss practices because of minor inconveniences like a weekend trip to London or broken ribs. Of course he could have prevented the broken ribs if he wasn't sporting ancient shoulder pads made back in the early days of Cambridge's existence. Recently his MBA training has started to pay off as he learned the art of showing up. After only a few weeks back on the ice, he earned himself the nickname of snipe-god for his unmatched ability to go bar-down a foot away from an empty net in warmup. After a few more weeks in training,



he started to find his element and has since become an invaluable asset to our offence, the official team meme-lord, and a prominent member of the CUIHC.



Lucas Maddalena, #16

Legend has it that there is something in the soil in the Niagara peninsula that sophisticates the grapes used in the region's successful wineries—Lucas Maddalena, home grown in the region, has aged like a fine wine with an electrolyte tablet dropped into it. Granted, sophistication does not suffice when trying to describe this soft-spoken, silver-tongued, never-dusty, often-wheeling, comedian. A wise person once described Lucas as “someone you'd want to walk you home.” Little did they know, always a team player, Lucas exclusively walks home from

Hawks in groups of 4. When he's not grinding in the lab, he serves as the club photographer, skate sharpener, electrolyte distributor, and motivational speaker. The team was collectively relieved when Lucas started trying again after finding out he was eligible for a 5th Varsity match. An absolute CUIHC legend, Lucas is a leader on and off the ice and can be relied upon to perform the fundamentals of the game expected of a veteran.

Jack Yan, #21

Jack Yan is always well dressed, 30 something, married, and likes planes. I say likes planes, but he works at Airbus and likes to scare and mentally twist the arms of any team-mates with a fear of flying. Poor Marty has not been the same since Zuoz. This walking, talking, but not quite writing advert for Grammarly.com also happens to be pursuing an MBA (oh god, not another one). Our second team member to hail from Calgary this year shows great on-ice competency, and I should wager a hefty chunk of his tuition fees on at least one light-blue goal from #21 tonight. I say should, as anyone who cheers for the Flames is pretty much a lost cause. Classic Facebook posts for Jack include: "What will Kate Middleton wear?" c.2011, "Hah... Liberals..." c.2011 and, "lost my cell phone again" c.2008.





Samu Marosi, #28

Samu performance forecast for 2022: On-ice performance remains elevated for this spicy new listing, despite supply chain disruptions, resulting in significant off-ice volatility driven by overarching trends of tiredness and commitment to the Hungarian social circle. Samu (Sha-Mu) Marosi entered the market in the 3rd quarter of 2021 in complete obscurity. With sporadic attendance and a quiet demeanour, “Shamzy” was too shy to correct the team after being called Sam for the first month of practice. Entering Q4, this undervalued asset began to show signs of life with

a distinct fashion of converse high-tops for every occasion, blaming an ear infection for his disregard for coaching directions, and displaying undiagnosed colour blindness with his insistence that Cambridge Blue is grey. Despite strong showings in pre-season exhibitions, it’s been difficult to forecast future performance through a haze of cigarette smoke and an inability to attend team workouts. However, entering 2022, Shamzy gained significant exposure during the annual training camp in Switzerland, lighting up the scoreboard, landing vicious hip-checks on teenagers and saving his biggest cellys for goals he didn’t score. The consummate teammate, Shamzy is always willing to share investment advice and unsolicited history lessons on his favourite warlords. This once undervalued gem is starting to peak at just the right time with a renewed focus and dedication to the Varsity Match. If you sleep on the opportunity to cheer for this dust god, you risk waking up with a headache over all the foregone gains. For those looking for a high-risk, high-reward investment on an impaired asset, you should really invest in Shamzy, in fact, you'll want to invest more in this Hungarian unicorn...that Samu goes hard.

Matthew Neville, #31

Matthew Neville, the Men’s Blues netminder and President, has had an enviable CUIHC career. Being a brick wall every game, leading the Blues to 3 Varsity victories in 3 years, while also being a sieve in practice to boost his teammates’ confidence, takes an unimaginable level of adaptability, mental fortitude and skill. Indeed, his 0.890 SV% and 3.01 GAA makes him the 7th most successful goaltender in CUIHC’s 137-year-long history (BUIHA Cambridge University Blues All Time Goalie Statistics). This has apparently earned the Ottawan some privileges; he refuses to pick up pucks after practice and adds bus stops exclusively for himself when the team travels to away games. As with all goaltenders, #31 displays many goalieisms including enjoying taking pucks to the dome and choosing to undertake a PhD to study



testes. This goalie rarely gets undressed by players on the ice, but certainly enjoys doing so at swaps where he is often found wearing his neighbour's clothes. Such off-ice performances, which are best left out of this bio, together with his stellar career in between the pipes and his tenure in CUIHC leadership make Matt Neville one of the all-time beauties of this team. As President, he has put in countless hours to organise practices, games, and Varsity Matches and has steered our Club into the light with the opening of a new home barn, the Cambridge Ice Arena. Most importantly, Matt loves the boys, and the boys love him. We are lucky to have him.



Jonathan Konig, #34

An undergraduate fresher from Toronto, Jonathan 'Konesy' Konig has continued the esteemed bloodline of the niche 3-in-1 Blues player who majors in compsci, rows for their College, and contends strongly for The Künsnacht Cup™. When not sitting on Aiden's lap or feeling upset over the lack of appreciation for his intricate swap costumes, this zookeeper with a passion for flamingos is trying his best to address any questions/concerns related to Christ's catering and facilities. On nights out, there's a good chance you'll find Konesy partying mischievously with a nice set of melons in hand. No matter his level of consciousness, Konesy admirably manages to find his way

back to College – a feat made all the more impressive if you consider his poor sense of direction. On the ice, Konesy is a skilled and fierce defender. He handles the puck like it's on his string and he stops intruders better than a pair of locked doors at a closed M&S. A CUIHC legend in the making, Konesy will be a key player for the Blues this Varsity and in years to come. You can safely bet \$30Bn on that.

Evgeny Goncharov, #57

Evgeny "the Cannon" Goncharov is the testament of the statement "A man of such his size can have the slightest touch." It is amazing how hard he skates and hits, while continuing to have the silkiest of moves and the accuracy of a sniper. It was reported that he had allegedly checked a train off its rail with one of his infamous clappers (this was after a bird hunting session). Off the ice, his teammates pride him as one of the greatest mathematicians of all time. But the irony is that he doesn't seem to have the ability to count, given how many "too many men" minors he has taken. Probably the only thing he counts is the number of broken glass panels after lining opponents into the end wall



or missing the crossbar by a mile. I guess he didn't hit a single bird during hunting season after all.



Ryan Tan, #68

Ryan Tan, like Auston Matthews, hails from an unconventional geographic location for a hockey player. Native to Singapore and studying Engineering, he will not speak a word about it unless asked. It is this tremendous discipline and discretion to separate his work life from his hockey life that makes people overlook Ryan as a hockey player. However, Ryan is a national team calibre player. When you see him at the Varsity match, Ryan will have competed under the Singapore flag at the IIHF World Championships in 2022. His silky long strides while skating are only outclassed by his silky long hair... while skating. Ryan's qualities are best

witnessed on the ice, both the skating and the hair. A player with few downsides, except for his propensity to exceed doctor's advice on rest, Ryan will make the opposing team wish they were more talented.

Martin Limback-Stokin, #88

(To be read with a Russian accent) Hullo! The very Slovenian (or is it American?) Smarty McMarty, has been enabled by weeks of medical training, to perform a perfectly executed rectal exam at the drop of a hat. Rumour has it that upon receiving a multi-million dollar sponsorship from McDonalds, Marty opted for payment in store credit. The smallest member in the league, the trajectory of Marty's wrist shots often exceeds double that of his height. Being the front line hero of Peterborough, an icon of the locker room, with the help of his amazing wingers, he'll definitely make the team winners. He bulked up with the hawk at Hawks, and will do his best not to fall on his face when the puck drops. In the end this is all that we ask, love you buddy. *Imaginary pat on your butt.





Aiden “AAA” Tamasauskas, #91

After retiring from a short, lucrative career in the vegan leather industry, AAAiden “AAA” TAAAmAAAsAAAuskAAAs moved to Cambridge to pursue a long, lucrative career as Martin Limback-Stokin’s personal lawyer. This year Aiden has enjoyed a light schedule of three moot courts, twelve essays, and twenty-seven supervisions per week. When he is not reading thirty-six law textbooks simultaneously, he is only reading 10 law books simultaneously. During the remainder of his expansive free time, Aiden drinks scotch, writes a memoir about his AAA hockey days, and mentors his young protégé Jonathan Konig (nomme de guerre: ‘Konesy’). An elite power forward, Aiden wins tough

battles everywhere from the Cambridge Ice Arena to the Supreme Court (for the uninitiated, that is the AAA of courts). He has been an integral part of all the team’s successes this year and will undoubtedly play a huge role in the Varsity match.

Ivan Grega, #97

Ivan, born and bred in Slovakia, is our fearless captain and coach. Despite his youthful appearance, he is in fact a PhD student. Do not fret, I am sure he will utilise his extensive knowledge of engineering to make a synthetic beard to cover that baby face in no time!

While other members of the team utilise the early hours of the morning to get much needed rest, Ivo can always be found getting intimate with the erg machine in the gym. Today the boys will be following his famous words of “Start at 100% and then increase”. Ivan personifies leading by example and will no doubt tear it up at Varsity 2022.





OUIHC Men's Blues Captain's Message

Hello all and welcome to the 104th Ice Hockey Varsity Match (VM). Our last VM in Cambridge was March 2020 - mere days before the pandemic upended our daily lives and nearly 2 years of hockey! But at long last, hockey is back and we are thrilled to be in Cambridge for another Varsity.

Our season, while an improvement on last year's cancelled season, has had its stops and starts due to the pandemic. Games were cancelled in October-December, though we had a successful exhibition game against the Royal Air Force Bluewings and a challenge match against the Southampton Spitfires. Thankfully our regular season games were back by late January, and we've had a successful BUIHA season thus far with our eye on the BUIHA's 2022 Merit Cup—much like we have our eye on winning the 2022 Varsity Match!

While we missed being on the ice during the pandemic shutdown, as they say - absence makes the heart grow fonder. It's not fresh sharpened skates or a new stick that makes us love hockey. It's not just the big wins, long bus rides, the snipes or cellies: it's always the team. We play hockey for each other, and for the opportunity to play together. The pandemic put that all into focus - and we are thrilled to all be back on the ice together.

We are grateful to be back together as a team, and we are looking forward to meeting Cambridge again on their home ice as we did in March 2020. It seems fitting that we return to Cambridge for another VM—but this time with some hardware to bring home!

Best,

Matthew Downer (C)

Christian Norton (A)

Eric Budgell (A)

Player Profiles - Meet the Oxford Men's Blues



Christian Norton, #13

Hello! My name is Christian and I am an Assistant Captain for the Oxford Men's Blues. I'm from Annandale, Prince Edward Island. I grew up playing minor hockey on PEI, and I played for the St Peter's Pioneers, Morell Mustangs, and Montague Norsemen. I didn't plan to play hockey at Oxford. But, as luck would have it, my college dad was on the team and he dragged me along to tryouts in 2018 and the rest is history. It's been an honour playing on this team, and I am looking forward to the 104th Varsity Match. Favourite Quote: "suit up peasants"

Grierson Turpie, #16



Henry Rhyu, #17

I was born in South Korea, but I spent most of my life in Canada - 10 years in Vancouver and 5 years in Toronto. During my time in Vancouver, I fell in love with the game of ice hockey. My favourite hockey memory growing up was playing prep school hockey at Yale Hockey Academy before signing with a Junior "A" level team in the British Columbia Hockey League. I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent the Oxford Blues at the 104th Varsity Match and am looking forward to doing what I can to help the team win. Favourite Quote: "People don't always remember what you say or what you do, but they always remember how you make them feel" - Maya Angelou

Sean M Hazaray, #19

Originally from Toronto, Sean has marvellously avoided any snow during the pandemic, and is living the dream in California; consulting for a number of sports car companies while completing his MBA at Oxford Said Business School.

Favourite Quote: “Legs feed the wolf”

**Matthew Downer, #22**

Matthew, originally from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, is a DPhil student in Clinical Neuroscience at Oxford. His research focuses on understanding recovery and outcomes from cerebrovascular diseases, and he also works on the COVID-19 response at home in Canada. When not in the lab, Matthew is an avid stay at home defenceman who overly enjoys sending Google Forms to his teammates while watching reality TV.

Favourite Quote: “Hockey is all about love. And you gotta trust the science” - Aaron Frank

Eric Budgell, #33

Hailing from the BEST London (i.e. Ontario, Canada), Eric will be competing in his 4th and final Varsity this year, marking the end of a long run with the Blues that has included stints as our club president and current alternate captain. With an encyclopaedic knowledge of club history, Eric is the only father on the team (that we know of) and he owes much to his very patient wife Ritta, who puts up with far more ice hockey than she ever might have guessed when they met in South Africa. Watch out for Eric Jr too -- he might only be 2 years old, but he's a regular at the rink and already looks set to follow in his father's skates!

Favourite Quote: “Every day is a great day for hockey”





Nils Lager, #53

Nils spent his first twenty years grinding at the ice among polar bears and woke leftists in Stockholm, Sweden. Although he may lack the slick hands of Bäckström or Nylander, he can still (try) to bang some bodies in more of a Kronwalling style of play (when not in economics class, drawing graphs of dead-weight losses). His hair might have gone too thin to grow a mullet like a proper hockey player, but he still sure knows how to kill a PK and get in the opposition's head.

Favourite Quote: "Oh no" - Phoebe Buffay

George Batchkala, #67

I am a DPhil candidate in Health Data Science with the Department of Engineering. I work on developing computer vision algorithms for medical imaging, particularly early lung cancer diagnostics. I am in my first year of research so it's still early days. Now, to hockey. I played hockey as a kid for 5 years and then had a 10-year gap before I seriously considered getting back. In 2019, Oxford University Ice Hockey Club gave me a chance to come back into the good old hockey game, and for that I am grateful. It's my third varsity, but the first one with the Dark Blues. Go Oxford!



Jeffrey Fasegha, #77

Favourite Quote: "We move"



Jaewon La, #87

Jaewon was born in Daegu, South Korea and grew up in Vancouver, Canada where he attended West Vancouver Secondary School. Currently in his 4th year, Jaewon is investigating methods of crater identification to be used by the next generation lunar landers. Aside from ice hockey, Jaewon enjoys badminton, movies, and baking. Favourite Quote: "Life is easy. Just stay un-dead"

**Aidan Richardson, #88**

Aidan was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada; a city with the most outdoor ice rinks per capita in the world. Aidan worked as a professional engineer in Canada's oil and gas industry before founding a low-carbon fuel startup technology with the University of Calgary. Aidan completed his MBA at Oxford last year and played in the Oxford - Cambridge Varsity match. He enrolled in another engineering science degree this year at Oxford so he could have the pleasure of beating Cambridge in this game. Favourite Quote: "The price of greatness is responsibility" - Winston Churchill.

Mikhail Agureev, #90

Hey! My name is Mike. I am from Moscow, Russia. I have been a huge fan of ice hockey ever since early childhood. Even though I lived in England for over 5 years and didn't play the sport, my passion for ice hockey ignited even more. I support the Washington Capitals in the NHL. Favourite Quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you never take"





Jacob Honig, #91

Jacob was born in London then lived in Sweden. His mother is from Bangladesh while his father is from Holland.

Favourite Quote: "11-4. Enough said."

Wade Kamphuis, #97

I'm a Canadian from northern Alberta. I'm also Dutch, from Rotterdam. I grew up in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, but the heat and sand couldn't keep me from playing ice hockey—I played for the Dhahran Saad Falcons, from peewee to men's league. Outside of ice hockey, I enjoy falconry, tennis, and Christian Union activities.

Favourite Quote: "Some may have more talent but that is no excuse for anyone working harder than you" - John Tavares



Eli Harris-Trent, #98

Eli loves hockey so much that he often shouts "I love this game!" when he steps onto the ice for practice. If Eli were an animal, he would be a silverback gorilla, primarily because it would take at least 10 shaqs to beat him in a fight. Eli would like to thank his dad, Bill, without whom none of this would have been possible. He would also like to thank Henry Middlebrook, without whom all of this would have been possible, but who is a nice guy to have around. Eli is from Austin, Texas. Favourite Quote: "The Tao does nothing, yet leaves nothing undone." - Lao Tze





CUIHC Women's Blues Captain's Message

We are thrilled to have you join us for what is guaranteed to be an exciting varsity match! We have waited a long time for this day to come and can't wait to hit the ice and battle for the cup! The past two years have been tough – a series of COVID lockdowns took away our season and we were uncertain that this year would be any different. But we stayed hopeful that we would be on the ice again: doing fitness sessions in the park, stickhandling in our living rooms, and playing roller on outdoor tennis courts. And sure enough, this season brought back the hockey life we once had!

The 2021-2022 season has been full of ups and downs, from exciting early season wins to devastating losses late in the season, from the easing of COVID restrictions

to the continuing positive cases within the team and from an influx of promising new recruits to their departure as only one-semester exchange students. However, the Cambridge Women's Blues took all these challenges in stride and persevered as an even stronger unit. Every member of the squad has carved their role into the framework of the team, which is illustrated in their profiles. This year's team is formed of three lines with eight half-blues and nine recruits. Players hail from locations including Canada, USA, Spain, Sweden, Holland, New Zealand, and the UK. 4 rookies started playing ice hockey for the first time this year having crossed over from elite-level figure-skating, roller derby and football.

We would like to thank our supporters – the families who bought hockey gear for Christmas, the friends who put up with Friday and Saturday night commitments, and the community for making us feel the home ice advantage. We are indebted to our peerless coaching team: Joe Allison and Rachel Holland and our advisor Bill Harris. Thank you for providing our club with invaluable teaching, inciteful feedback, and relentless support. We are also grateful to our teammates for all the shifts they put in this year. From fighting back from goal deficits to skating sprints on Friday midnight practices to pushing those killer sleds in S&C, this squad has shown an endless supply of enthusiasm and determination.

Finally, this year marks 40 years since the beginning of this historic rivalry and founding of the Cambridge women's team in 1981. Even though over the years so much has changed for the team; players and coaches have come and gone, new rinks have been built, and the leagues have changed, the strength and spirit of the original team endures. We are proud to wear the Cambridge crest on our jerseys to honour those who came before us, and the sacrifices they made to keep women's ice hockey growing and thriving at Cambridge.

Joa and Saashi

Player Profiles - Meet the Cambridge Women's Blues



Yasmin Siraj, #6

Yasmin—known as Yaz to the team—could skate before she could read. At age 2, she began her incredible figure skating career in Boston, Massachusetts, where the rink had to change the age rule because she was so talented (and threw so many fits because she wanted to skate). When she isn't killing it on the ice, she is an MPhil student in Bioscience Enterprise, casually changing the venture capital world, performing in Carnegie Hall as a classically trained pianist, spreading her infectious smile, and doing triple lutzers on lakes in

Norway. How does she do it all?! Yasmin moved from Cambridge (USA) where she did her undergrad, to our Cambridge (which we all know is better) and has continued to crush everything she does. She started playing ice hockey just this year but has been absolutely unstoppable as a forward. Her skating is so powerful and graceful that she slips past you without you even knowing. Watch out for those hot pink laces to just zoom zoom past you!

Saashi Bedford, #7 A

Fourteen-year-old Saashi was encouraged by her British parents to take on hockey after moving to Canada to make sure she would settle in well. And we are so glad she followed that advice! Around ten years later and after graduating from McGill University, she started her PhD at the Department of Psychiatry in Cambridge and got back on her skates. She has been an essential addition to the team as our beloved Alternate Captain, with her amazing advice always helping the team improve. She is a fierce centre whose strong shots and energetic ability to fly around the ice will definitely be useful in leading the team to our fourth victory in a row. Outside of the ice, she loves to practice some other very Canadian mountain sports. Quoting our team's captain, 'anything to add, Saashi?'





Katy Cartlidge, #8

Katy is from Bristol and is a fourth-year engineering student at Jesus College. She originally wanted to do figure skating, but since that wasn't an option in Cambridge, she decided to play hockey instead – and she is killing it! Katy is a reliable winger, always getting to be where she needs to be to support her linemates and making sure she gives each shift her all. Coincidentally she is also working on an ice-related project for her course. Katy enjoys baking, playing college football, and is learning to figure skate. Last term, she had the unfortunate

experience of accidentally walking in on the Warbirds (men's team) naked in the shower! Yikes!"

Joa Hoshizaki, #9 C

Native of the ice hockey fanatic nation of Canada, this fearsome gal grew up on the ice and can skate as naturally as any of us can walk. With a predilection for any sport that provides the opportunity to rough up an opponent, don't expect her to go easy when there is speed and big sticks involved. Joa does it all, not only does she play almost every position on the ice, she's also the Captain and Head On-Ice Cheerleader with chants that can get anyone amped up. But don't be fooled, this generalist is also a skilled specialist, formidably protecting the defensive zone where none can get past, not least without dodging her nimble footwork and lightning-fast strikes. One to watch, especially if you like to see other players left in the dust...



Juliana Cudini, #11

Jcud may seem like your typical Canadian who wasn't allowed to play ice hockey as a child for fear of concussions but that's only because... she is. This netminder only rose to the challenge of the sticks a year ago when the team was in need. Swapping from centre to goal, she proved she was the team's ride or die. Her sensational dance moves in the net almost match her epic saving skills but

then again with the saves she's making; she'd have to have moves like Jagger (a reference to a popular song of her generation). 'Kid Cudi' might spend her days slacking off by studying malaria transmission/genomics but when the goalie kit is adorned, the team knows... Houdini's here on business and the real work begins. No less sporting commitment could be expected from an ex-competitive swimmer who spent 14 years in the net of an inferior field sport and was a provincial badminton mixed doubles champion in high school. Luckily the Hockey Gods rescued this athletic beast and brought her to the home of heroes where she now guards our net with the skill and precision only achievable through hours of YouTube videos and real-life combat! We have no doubts she will go into this battle with strength, determination, and heart.

Elizabeth Bearblock, #17

Elizabeth Bearblock is a fifth-year medic taking the ice for her second varsity match. She is a fearsome and feisty opponent, known for her rock-solid defensive skills and big blocks. Consider yourself warned, if you cross her path, you will likely get #Bearblocked. She is a former figure skater and started her ice hockey journey with the Huskies in 2019, but as a half-Canadian she already had the game running through her veins. Now, she lives and breathes for the sport and her teammates, even making time to be our admin-queen and chauffeur in her unbelievably busy schedule.



Sonya Xu, #23

If you are casually scrolling through Instagram and see someone hiking, dog sledding or on a foodie adventure in a new country, you're 100% on Sonya's feed. When she's not on the ice poke-checking her opponents, Sonya's probably making you jealous of her globetrotting lifestyle. Just like Beyonce, Sonya hails from Texas, but then she moved to Jay-Z's neighbourhood and went to school in New York so she's basically music royalty. Blue Ivy might inherit her parent's wealth, but Sonya definitely got her swag from that family, which is evident when she writes you a message on her personalized, high-end

note cards or rocks her colourful sneakers. Don't be fooled by her bright smile and infectious laugh, this girl is a beast on the ice. She'll butter you up with chocolate, candy and baked goods, but that sweetness turns to fury when she puts on those skates!



Simrat Sodhi, #25

Our club president and life and soul of the party, Sim makes sure team spirit is never lacking, and can always be relied on to provide 90's pump up music, good jokes, and even better chirps at the opposing team. When she's not on the ice or training as a medic, you can find her cheering on her home team of the Toronto Maple Leafs or trying to convince Tom Horton's to become our next team sponsor. Sim began her hockey career in 2019 just in time to move across the pond and don her blue jersey. With her love and knowledge of the game, Sim took to hockey like a pro. She has been racking up points on

the ice this year and is hungry for goals - she will be a force to be reckoned with at this year's varsity!

Ali Sutherland, #28

Ali is unmissable on the ice, not just because of her towering 6'1" frame but also her impressive game manoeuvres, poised positioning and swift skating. Her smile is as wide as she is tall and once you look into her eyes, it's hard to look away. Though she played hockey growing up in Canada, it wasn't until Cambridge that she became a true student of the sport, falling deeper in love with the game along the way. She sticks to the cold with her PhD too, where she's studying the human evolutionary genetics of ancient Arctic populations. Most importantly, Ali's motherly instincts and qualities make her a great parent to both her 20 teammates and 20 houseplants. If you ever need a hug or a maple syrup-based product, Ali's your girl.



Rachel Adkins, #33

Lockdown was incredibly productive for Rachel, as she discovered her love for ice hockey and her favourite team - the Maple Leafs. Having taught herself how to rollerblade over lockdown and starting her own university roller sports club 'Hot Wheelz', Rachel is now trading in those wheels for blades! Despite being one of the newest members



of the team, she has demonstrated her natural talent for being a defender. Her friendly and chatty disposition turns to aggression on the ice and as a lawyer, she will threaten to take you to court in the defence. Her fanbase knows no bounds, as they show their support with banners, shouts from the stands and often a rapid delivery of Timbits to the team! Off the ice, loves to have a boogie (and has done for 12 years) and is a big Swifty. If Rachel remembers to take out her airpods before the match this time, Oxford won't know what's hit them!



Gabby Budd, #42

Gabby is new to the team this year having made the transition from roller derby to ice hockey- and we are glad to have her! Having completed medical school in New Zealand, Gabby made the move to the UK to do her PhD and add a doctorate to her doctor status. Don't be fooled by her laid-back nature off the ice, Gabby is a valued defenceman, always ready for the poke check and giving her all on every shift. With hours of cardio racked up from her lengthy cycle to and from the rink each practice, Oxford will barely stand a chance of keeping up with her!

Ella Ykema, #71

Ella Ykema (that's ee-keh-ma for when you're cheering her on) is originally from the Netherlands and moved to Cambridge to study veterinary medicine. Having speed skated and played field hockey growing up, Ella had the perfect combination of athletic skills to excel as she does in ice hockey. Off the ice Ella has taken a year out from vet school to complete a master's degree in developmental biology, studying finger regeneration in mice models. Ella joined the CUIHC in 2019 and is an amazing addition to the Women's Blues. Keep a look out for the wicked backhand shots from #71!





Maggie Zhang, #75

Maggie hails from the land of Ikea, meatballs, ABBA, Spotify and most importantly, winter. She was built to be on the ice and got her start as a figure-skater. Three years ago, she fell into try-outs and joined the greatest sport of all time. Even still, no matter how hard we try, she still looks as elegant on the ice as she did in her figure-skating days: she crosses-over with finesse, skates backwards with poise and poke-checks with grace. It might have something to do with her moonlighting as a dancer when she isn't on the ice. But don't underestimate her because she is armed and ready to attack her opponents and she will do it with style.

Melissa Yuan, #88

Returning for her third season of ice hockey, nothing (not even a field hockey injury to the face) could stop Melissa from returning as a defender for her second Varsity match. After toying around with playing as a forward all year, trying every position on the ice except for goalie, she has at long last returned to her rightful place as a defender, and Oxford should be all the more scared for it. Don't be fooled by her lovely smile and friendly demeanour - she's fast, strong, and known to occasionally throw in a cheeky tackle and take down the opposition. Not only is she a versatile and valued player on the ice, but she also seems to be doing just about everything off the ice, between playing on the field hockey varsity team, holding THREE positions on the CUIHC committee, organising Jesus May Ball, being a supervisor, and even running a half marathon, all on top of being a 4th-year medic. How this verifiable superwoman finds the time and energy, we'll never know, but you can be sure she'll be a tough opponent on the ice. Good luck trying to score with Melissa on the ice, Oxford!



Marina Mateo, #89

Marina began skating at the age of 6, and she brings the grace of figure skating to all aspects of her life: from beautifully crafted CUIHC Instagram posts to cute skate laces (sadly mismatched after they turned out to be too short and she had to tie two of each together)! Don't let that elegance fool you,

though – she learned to skate as a survival skill from being thrown on the rink every evening, so she’s as tough a hockey player as they come. When Marina’s not on the ice, you might find her at sidge working on her MPhil in Social Anthropology, writing for the Tab or dressed up for a fancy dinner. This is her third year with CUIHC and she’s hungry for victory, so if Oxford hears any Spanish coming from nearby, they’d better watch out.



Jennifer Marsh

We were delighted when Jenn agreed to join our team as a centre this year. Half American, half British, she learnt to play hockey at the age of 4 in Fargo, North Dakota. Her many years of hockey experience are visible as soon as she hits the ice, scoring goals and getting voted player of the game in her first ever match representing the University earlier this term. When not at the rink, she studies Hawaiian volcanic eruptions as part of her Earth Science masters. Not only is she fluent in ice skating, but she can also understand and speak

Mandarin fluently. She will most certainly be a valuable player in this year’s Varsity Match.

Julianna Emanuel

Despite hailing from sunny Los Angeles, Jules is no stranger to the cold temperatures of the ice rink. The frosty Pennsylvanian air at UPenn convinced her to swap a swim cap for a goalie helmet in 2018, and she never looked back. Now trading in her red jersey for a light blue one, Jules is a force to be reckoned with between the posts. An old soul, Jules keeps the scoreboard down with a seamless hybrid style of butterflies, blocker punches, and 1960s kick saves that keep her opponents guessing. Think Marty Brodeur meets surfer babe. The pre-game shivering just makes her stronger – she’ll leave her opponents California dreamin’ they were able to get past her.





OUIHC Women's Blues Captain's Message

Following a COVID year of sporadic hockey and an unofficial Varsity merged with Vikings B we weren't really sure what to expect when we ran for co-captaincy.

So imagine our delight when we were met with the wonderful and talented squad that is the WB, it has been an absolute pleasure captaining this year. Most notable achievements include introducing nearly half the team to their first McFlurry while driving a minibus through a McDonald's Drive Thru at 1am, and eating cake after every practice courtesy of the last player on the ice each week.

We have had players joining with huge ranges of experience and have worked hard together throughout the last term to support each other and grow as a team. It has been truly inspiring watching the experienced players step forward and help coach and support newer players and enable the growth of the team throughout the season. The leaps and bounds this team has made is a testament to their hard work and dedication both on the ice at grueling 7am sessions, 1am sessions and in the classroom during off-ice theory sessions. It has been our pleasure to watch the development of each player, and it is a joy to play beside each of them.

When we ran for captaincy we were told “Co-captaincies never work”. But now we’ve achieved “you two are the exception.” With Sasha at head of logistics and Abi at the mic, we have made sure the presence of WB’s has been felt throughout the club. Our presence in OUIHC has grown this year through club inclusion initiatives and club-wide socials, and through the hard work of our players which has seen over six members of the team promoted to the most advanced practice squad, with many others progressing as a result of their determination and dedication.

Despite a season with less games than usual the progress made by the team can be seen with our hard fought win against Cambridge last term, a 13-0 win against Birmingham Lions C and only one game lost; to the Oxford Vikings B (but we are ready for a rematch!)

We have stood together as a team through some challenges (and not just late nights) and grown over the season. We hope Cambridge are ready to face our squad as we jump from strength to strength. We are certainly ready to end this season on high and we hope the women know we are proud of every last player.

Work hard, play harder, skate like crazy.

Your co-captains,

Sasha and Abi

Player Profiles - Meet the Oxford Women's Blues



Sophie Fischer

Sophie can do just about anything in skates, that is, right up until you put her in full kit and then she's not so elegant. She has a violent streak, knows taekwondo and isn't afraid to knock you out if you cross her on the ice. She has been known to get her supervisor to come to her so she never has to leave the rink, not even for her one true love - pizza. If you ever need a recommendation, Sophie has ordered from every pizza place in Oxford so she's a bit of a connoisseur. When Sophie isn't kicking ass at taekwondo or showing off on skates, she's busy maintaining her 500+ day duolingo streak or studying for her computer science masters.

Suzanne Antelme

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood... and Suzanne picked the Dark Blue. Despite being born in Cambridge and her parents being alumni, this future poet laureate has thankfully seen the light and brought her immense hockey talents to OUIHC. She may be only a first year at the university, but don't let that fool you! The years of playing hockey in Switzerland have made her a true force to be reckoned with. Much like the Swiss flag, Suzanne is a big plus on the Women's Blues. But Tabs beware, she will be far from neutral in this Varsity match!





Sasha Webb (C)

Co-captain Sasha Webb is a fierce defender of her team, on and off the ice. Do not be fooled by her calm and quiet demeanor. This is merely a facade to mask her extraordinary planning, plotting, and execution skills. When she's not telling off skaters for removing their helmets (no team is exempt from a Sasha-scolding) she can be found checking Yuri into the boards or hitting Abi with her stick for being annoying. Sasha is considered by many to be the real brains behind any worthwhile initiative at OUIHC, including this year's very successful club-wide Practice Squads, and the even more successful "last player on the ice provides cake for next session" rule.

Her ability to attend late-night hockey, early-morning rowing and all day placement at the hospital has led many to question whether or not she's a robot, and the rest just questioning her sanity. Always ready to defend every player (and equally likely to hit them for speaking over the coach), Cambridge better be following the rules, or else have cake stashed up their sleeves!

Vanessa Wynter

Vanessa Wynter...How do I begin to explain Vanessa Wynter?

Vanessa Wynter is flawless.

I hear her skates are insured for \$10,000.

I hear she figure skates for the national team...in the US.

Her favourite movie is Varsity Blues

One time she met the Cambridge Women's Blues captain.

And she told her she was scary.

One time she punched me in the face during a game...it was awesome





Tasha Durie

Tash is a force of nature not to be messed with. Years of stopping goals on the ice, field, and wheels (roller hockey too?? what can't she do) have prepared her for this day. While she's new to the ice this Bambi has a knack for falling right on the puck before it can slide in net. She may still not know what all this "off-side" business is about but she happily keeps the goal crease warm. Good luck trying to get any pucks past her. Rumor has it she's brought forwards to tears of frustration in the past and who's to say it won't happen again. She's excited to make the tabs weep and we're excited for our front row seats.

Sabrina Yue Wang

Sabrina is the MILF of Ouhc. A veteran to the club, Sabrina shows us all how it's done: on the ice, you'll blink on your backcheck and miss Sabrina as she elegantly transfers the puck across the back of the net; off the ice, you'll blink at the bar only to see Sabrina halfway down a pint of her substance of choice. Whether on or off ice, though, Sabrina is a kind, friendly and integral part of the OUIHC community - we're extremely lucky to have her back another year!



Leanne Iorio

In a terrible stroke of bad luck for Cambridge, Leanne has hopped the pond from Chicago and – pausing briefly in Scotland for an undergraduate degree – come to bless the Blues with her inaugural hockey season. A fierce battler and a quick study, she's fully equipped with a healthy loathing of the Cambridge jerseys (really guys, what is that colour??) which will come in handy when she's routing them from the boards in her favourite role as defence. Should duty call, though, Leanne is more than ready to Le-run Cambridge over in the offensive zone!



Joana Baptista

Joanna is a doer and is killing it at pretty much everything. Studying economics and management? No no not enough, let's become a social entrepreneur, speak at TEDx! Already physically exhausted from ice hockey? No way let's smash it in field hockey too. How she finds time to do all this and still be a great friend, socialite and teammate is probably one top contender for the 8th wonder of the world. She is one fierce and photogenic skater, so watch out for her on the ice, maybe ask for some life tips too!



Emily YoungMin

Winchester - known for the longest medieval nave in Europe (get good) and now for Emily YoungMin, a force majeure in a bright pink helmet. She's already scored one goal against Cambridge this season and is hungry for more, plus some of those sweet vegan cookies (she's not actually vegan, just gives off that vibe). This third year medic is not licensed to patch you up after kicking your ass, but she can make up for it by telling you all about the role of mitochondria, so have no fear. A woman with a wide range of hobbies, Emily can be found at ice hockey (uni), ice hockey (ALTS) or lying down in ice hockey (uni or ALTS). With that amount of practice this girl practically lives and breathes hockey - once she remembers to sharpen her

skates more than once a decade it's gonna be over for the rest of you.

Katie Zhang

Katie is more of a threat to Cambridge than her mathematics problem sheets are a threat to her. Despite her missing a few practice sessions because of said sheets, Katie has been 75% following Daft Punk's holy words: 'Bigger, better, faster, stronger'. Having just started playing ice hockey for the Bikes this year, she's fast, strong and agile, all of this condensed into a very short girl that is sure to get around the Tabs and steal their pucks. Nothing is getting past her defence, and we hold Katie in high esteem for her performance.



Hillary Scanlon

Coming from Canada, skating and hockey are clearly in Hillary's blood. She skates effortlessly and puts the rest of us to shame. Each training session Hillary brings with her endless enthusiasm, energy and joy (and we're not just talking about Margarita) and is therefore everyone's favourite addition to the session. We're lucky to have Hillary on the team for her conveniently large (and perfect for socials) accommodation just as much as her sharp defender skills. She is an inspiration and nothing can hold her back, except perhaps Sasha's stick-tapping speed during the warm up. Hillary is an absolute legend breaking down barriers all

around her; setting off to a varsity ready to make national history is just another day for her.



Katie Schreiber

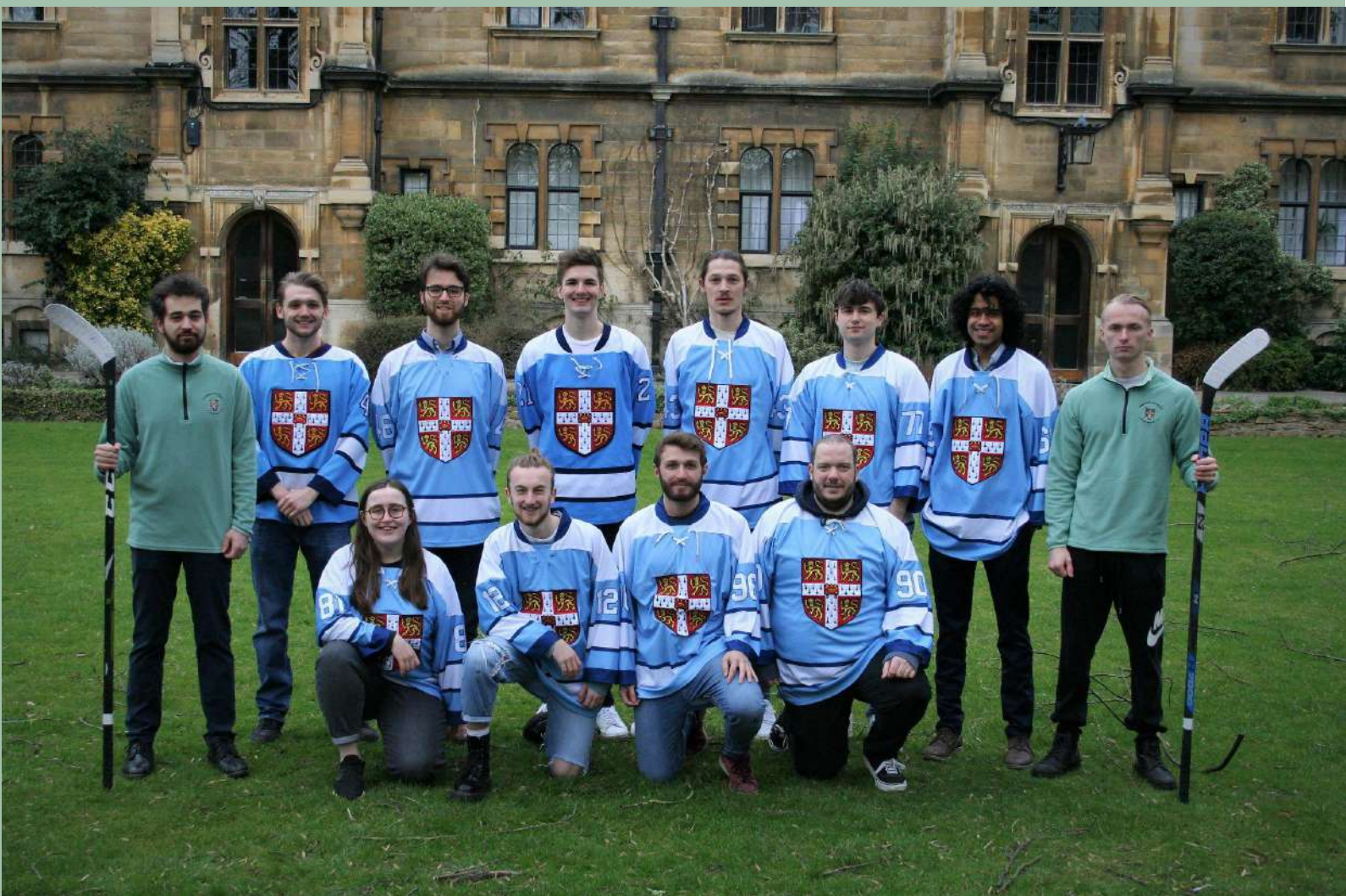
Katie actually just meant to go to a weekend conference in Dublin. But after getting a bit tipsy and setting off for an impromptu night marathon she somehow wandered into Oxford, where the local ice hockey club learned of her Minnesota roots and promptly conscripted her into the Blues team. Her career as active-duty Space Force second lieutenant has since been put on hold while she pursues the equally vital strategic objective of Varsity victory, and nabs a Social Data Science MSc on the side. Don't let her petite stature and midwestern friendliness fool you – Katie is a hardened Air Force Academy graduate who will bat your shots out of the air and take your cybersecurity systems down, in Chinese, and then

smile and say sorry. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Emma Silverman-Walker (A)

Make no mistake, you may spot Emma cycling around the streets of Oxford on a children's bike, but that "A" on her jersey doesn't stand for "adolescent." Our fearless leader competes in the big leagues both on and off the ice. This Stanford University graduate, Fulbright Scholar, MSc holder, Editor of the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration, and doctoral candidate was supposed to be in Turkey this weekend (did we mention she speaks fluent Turkish?), but even the lure of travel couldn't keep her off the ice for this Varsity match. If the fear-ridden boos of Cambridge fans last year tell us anything, it's that this crowd is all too familiar with the storm Emma is about to bring to the ice. Sorry Cambridge!





CUIHC Huskies Captain's Message

Welcome to the 4th Varsity match between the Huskies and Vikings B, and a massive thank you to those who have come to support our developing team! Being the development team, the Cambridge Huskies provide a great opportunity for members of the Cambridge University to join the beautiful world of ice hockey. The Huskies have seen amazing growth since they became a BUIHA-registered team in 2019. Starting off our first BUIHA season with a 28-0 loss to Birmingham Lions C, the team put a lot of work into getting stronger, and this work ethic became evident when a repeat match against Birmingham Lions C ended in a 4-4 draw! The Huskies carried on training hard during the COVID-stricken 2020-21 season, and came back to the 2021-22 season with a 19-2 win against Birmingham Lions C.

What a turnaround! So far this season, the Huskies have a record of 4 wins and 1 loss, and will undoubtedly keep up this form all the way until the end of the season!

Such an eventful start to a promising journey would not have been possible without Bill Harris, the guardian angel of Cambridge Hockey. Thanks to Bill's tireless dedication, we have seen a rink built in Cambridge which allowed for our team to be formed. We would also like to thank the Cambridge Women's Blues for allowing the first members of the Huskies to train with them before the Huskies became an independent team, and for their continuing guidance. Last but not least, we thank our fantastic coach, Joe Allison, who has sacrificed his sleep and continued training our team despite the late Tuesday night training sessions without taking even a single paycheck. The development of this team would not have been as successful if it were not for his commitment!

The Huskies are excited to bring their form into the most important match of the season against Oxford. Having lost the first two Varsity matches, the Huskies were finally able to get their hands on the long-coveted Stanley Puck for the first time after our last Varsity match. We are determined to keep the trophy in our hands, and show once again that light blue is the superior blue!

Petr Dostal

Player Profiles - Meet the Cambridge Huskies



Leo Nagy, #7

Leo “The Lion” Nagy is 130 pounds of Hungarian-Slovak muscle, which comes in handy when hunting wild boar at home. The lion is always found with a smirk on his face, Leo can play anywhere, pass anywhere, and is always on hand for a sarcastic comment to the guy in the zebra shirt. Despite Leo’s mastery of growing and drinking wines, he loves a “coupla Fozzies” after a game, especially when he scores. I’d bet my enter worthless object here that he scores tonight!

Alex Faria, #10

After being brought up in the mean streets of Kirtlington, Alex set his sights on Molecular Microbiology at Bath. Now he is at Wolfson, a college I definitely knew existed, where he studies something probably very interesting. At a spritely 28, Alex is a D for the Huskies; a hard worker, he trains diligently – always turning up to training and only ever being a little bit hungover at matches. How will Faria fare in the far future? Who knows, but be aware that while he’s on the ice, no player or puck will come close to the Huskies’ net.



Jamie Ellis, #12

Jamie is one of the newest members of the infamous Huskies D-line, and oh boy what an addition he is. Hailing from the red fortress itself, this Robinson boy certainly knows how to build a wall, and Oxford isn’t knocking it down. His years in theatre have done him well, in fact he’s so good at acting you won’t even see him coming until you’re lying on the ice wondering how it all went so wrong. His accuracy is unparalleled - this

legend has a 300 high score on Wii Bowling so you can be sure he'll snipe the back of the net from across the rink. Since he's a muso, it's only fitting to describe what it's like trying to get past him by quoting the legendary Eminem: "You only get one shot, don't miss your chance to blow, this opportunity comes once in a lifetime because Jamie will break your legs."

Callum Fernando, #15

Coming all the way from the A&E department of the Bedford Hospital, Callum "Fernando" Fernando is back to keep hold of what is rightfully his – the Stanley Puck. He has spent the last two years treating people and getting them back onto their feet, but he will sweep you right off your feet with his pinpoint shooting accuracy. In his last Varsity match, Callum crushed Oxford's hopes and dreams with his goal when he intentionally bounced the puck off of the goalie's leg. What trick shot will he think of this year? Oxford beware, none of your body parts are safe from Callum's hunger for goals.



Petr Dostal, #21 C

Leader, skipper, Captain...that's what Petr is. As one of the longest tenured Husky, Petr has experienced it all, from participating in a faux varsity match in 2018 to now captaining in the fourth official varsity between the Huskies and Vikings B. Spending his days learning to help people in hospitals, Petr spends his evenings on the ice trying to send people to said hospitals. As a skill-based player, expect Petr to weave, deke and blow by the opposition, but getting on his bad side will lead Petr's inner Jagr to emerge and straight to the penalty box he'll go. If there is one

person who can get the Huskies' version of the Gordie Howe hat trick (a goal, an assist, and a penalty) it's Petr.



Gianmarco Raddi, #22

From his early days in the north of Italy, through his travels across the Atlantic, Gianmarco somehow found himself in Cambridge long enough to push solid grey hairs out of his thick skull. Lucky for him that's exactly what a successful Ice Hockey player needs. Having only started skating 7 months ago, Gianmarco has picked up the sport with exceptional speed, and although he still trips over his own shadow sometimes, has become an integral part of the Huskies for his relentless enthusiasm and agility

simply because the CUIHC senile hasn't been formed yet. His efforts are just what might secure the 2nd Varsity for the team.

Andrius Ovsianas, #33

"I am speeeeeeed"...that is Andy's mantra. The Lithuanian rocket cannot be stopped once he speeds up by either the opposition or himself. Racing up and down the rink, Andy is a foundational piece to the Huskies' defence. Odd man rush? No problem. 5-on-1? No problem. No goalie? No problem. Andy won't be beat. Even on the offensive side Andy is always a handful for opponents. With feet that move faster than any brain can process, no one knows where Andy will end up...not even him. Any contending team needs difference makers on their team, and Andy is the Huskies' X-Factor.



Eric Wieser, #36

A veteran of the Varsity game, Eric is ready to once again stand against the Vikings. Having already survived through an Engineering degree, there is not much left that can scare him, and Oxford definitely won't do the trick. When he isn't climbing his way up a mountain, Eric is spearheading the way for his team into enemy territory. Being a reputable github-er, Eric will

commit to pushing his opponents away from the puck and pulling his teammates to victory.



Nicholas Delaney, #40

One of the team's most eligible* bachelors and a founding member of the CUIHC Delaney separatist wing, this husky pup is always ready to party. As the social sec, Nick has been responsible for such thrilling events as "one trip to Gardies" and "pocketing the tenner donated to the team by one of our many fans". Although he hails from Birmingham, he has worked hard to craft a more exotic personal image, spending time in Taiwan and making sure you know that his surname is "maybe Norman, not definitely Irish". When not

downing an IPA pre match or indulging in a Tuesday night fireside brandy, he also makes a pretty good winger, bringing skills gained in the pit at metal shows to his frequent and devastating on-ice brawls.

* unconfirmed

Alex Rice, #46

It's one thing to go to hockey practice from 11pm to 1am on a weeknight. It's another thing to cycle several miles there and back. But someone who cycles there and back in half of his kit, while wearing the other half on his back? He's dedicated. Or insane. Alex Rice is both. Who else is crazy/devoted enough to block every shot they see, even in a scrimmage, or volunteer to coach a practice when only 4 people were present (and still somehow make it one of the best sessions of the term)? So when you see Alex Rice on the blue line, be prepared to face it all: shot-block guru, breakout master, shootout king, coaching prodigy, cycling masochist, quads-of-steel insanity.





Filip Hrcirik, #68

Centuries have foretold his coming and now he is here. Many have challenged Filip, none have memorable names; they lead simple lives of retirement, some forever recovering from their encounter with him. It is difficult to say from whence such a goliath has risen, what mythic beans he consumed to acquire such fortis. In physical endurance he is cousin to the pine and the rock, he consumes challenges and sweats solutions, exudes virtue and bliss. Before the age of freezers, he carved out ice blocks from frozen lakes to export to warmer landscapes, simply by skating on the ice. Winners write history, and the chapter he will pen will not be

kind even to the best O*ford has to offer.

Ishaan Lohia, #69

Ishaan "Fastest Glove in the East" Lohia is something of an urban legend among BUIHA clubs. Some say an opposing team once asked him to be replaced with a brick wall so they had a better chance of scoring against the Huskies; others say he gained his anticipation and fast reactions from being raised by wolves. What we do know is that his name alone strikes fear in the hearts of the opposition, and the flash of his leather invokes despair in hopeful forwards. Five hole, seven hole, high blocker, it matters not: when Ishaan is between the sticks, all points are covered. He has long awaited the day that a worthy challenger should come forth and challenge him to a 1-on-0 duel, but until that day arrives, he will continue to catch and deflect pucks for the Huskies as if those pucks were but pesky flies.



**Jakub Ciukiewicz, #77**

The Kuba 'n missile crisis' Ciukiewicz

Hold on to the edge of your seats, this Plymouth player is about to go nuclear! An Engineer from Fitzwilliam College he's done the maths, he's prepared the blueprints and he's ready to take on any O*ford player. An experienced forward and defenceman, Kuba is not shy about giving or receiving. However, O*ford be warned any attempts to skate past him will be met with a swift tackle and erupting applause from CamFans. When Kuba knocks you to the ground don't expect him to give a puck, he's got a game to win

and an opposition to destroy.

Orla Delaney, #81

Joining the team this year, Orla has been helping secure Huskies victories all over the ice. In fact, she has done this quite literally, playing many different positions throughout the season, including multiple in one game. Oxford would be wise not to underestimate Orla, and will have to keep an eye on this versatile player at all times.



Tazz Chowdhury, #90

So Tazz is a Huskies defender,
 if they come up close then we'll send her:
 to scupper their passes,
 and hand them their asses;
 She'll make those from Oxford surrender!
 Her penalty sheet may be clean,
 but don't rule out her being mean;
 when down on your luck,
 she'll steal your puck,
 and nail our breakout routine!

**Dushanth Seevaratnam #91 A**

Dushanth has an icy stare, a mean forearm shiver and loves a cold shower. Funnily enough this makes him perfect for the game of ice hockey. Some say Dushanth can fire a puck into a net 100 metres away just the flick of his right big toe. Those people would be wrong but he is quite good at a 10 metre distance with a decent hockey stick. Dushanth will be at Cambridge forever it seems and this is his (insert year here)th year at Cambridge making him one of the senior players on the team. But don't let those wise cheery eyes deceive you, this man WILL do whatever it takes

to get another Huskies varsity win. He will sell his heart. He will sell his soul. He will not sell his board games. But he will try his best - good luck Oxf*rd getting a goal past this elite defender.



Marc El Houry, #96

A medical student, Marc is compassionate, polite, and respectful. On the ice however, he is ruthless, foul-mouthed, and impudent. Marc previously played for the Imperial Devils before moving to Cambridge a few years ago. He was finally convinced to get back on the ice by a fellow Husky Gianmarco, and has brought his eagerness, optimism, and energy along with him. Watch out Oxford, Marc has a particular set of skills. A set of skills developed over a two-team career. Skills that make him a nightmare for players like you. He will deke past you, he will "accidentally"

high-stick you and he will beat you.

Conor Farrell-Foster, #98

This man has the most fabulous British accent from the whole squad. His abilities to charm ladies are beyond the scope of any mortal human - this might be due to his beautiful moustache, which he proudly wore for four weeks. Although born in a western country, his soul and mind are pure Slavic gold (covered with Adidas sweat-clothes, of course). We are talking about one and only Mr Conor. Mr Conor is easily the best player on our team. His skating and puck-covering abilities are definitely on the level of a pro-level player (or a soon-full-blue player). In addition, his back-checking, which is very rarely seen, is of gargantuan importance when there is a sudden change in game. With his progress, I wouldn't be surprised if he would be a captain of Huskies in 5 years and join the Men's blues in about 10 years!





Damion Box

Damion the Imperial. Curse of Mandalore. Terror of Alderaan, Tatooine and Oxford. His powerful baritone voice once shook the Halls of Streatham Ice Rink. The Big Ben crumbled under Damion's powerful slap shots, its wretched remnants under renovations for years after the devastating barrage (yes it was our own Damion, what else). Now Oxford will be facing the onslaught, the horror, the devastation. Pray for them, for Damion shall show no mercy.

Filip Ayazi

Having joined halfway through the year, Filip may be a newcomer to the team, but ice hockey is in his blood. Do you know who won the bronze medal at the 2022 ice hockey Olympics? Slovakia. And guess where Filip is from? Yes, you guessed it, Slovakia! With his hockey blades flashing like lightning over the Tatra Mountains, and his shots resonating like thunder, Filip is ready to channel his inner Marian Hossa and show what Trencin players are made of!



Michael Hofstetter

Doing everything that he can to represent the University of Cambridge, Michael even refuses to use a pair of proper hockey skates. Why? There is simply not enough blue on them! You may think that he is a beginner when you see him step on the ice in his pair of blue rental skates, but make no mistake, Michael is a seasoned inline hockey player. He has decided to swap out wheels for sharp blades so that he can conquer games on a new surface as he makes a mockery of defenders when he dekes them.



OUIHC Vikings B Captain's Message

The Vikings B have been a wonderful team to captain. In spite of chaotic rotating training schedules including both (very) early morning and (very) late night sessions, the commitment and passion alike have been unwavering, if not increasing throughout the season. Every single player has grown massively in terms of both skill and understanding of the game, and every game we have played, everyone has brought their all. Looking at the team play now, two terms in, it is difficult to believe that many of our squad are playing their first ever season of ice hockey.

Being a development team, most of the Bikes players started the season at a stage of ice hockey skill-evolution where they were surprised whenever something practised in training ended up being the right way to play the game – turns out if

we pass, we are more likely to score, who knew? This, however, is now in the long forgotten past (or so I claim), and our game results can attest to that.

The Bikes kicked off their season with a 3-0 win against our own Women's Blues, and followed it up with a 15-0 game against Birmingham's C team. After two shutouts, our goalie (playing his first season) looked unstoppable, but we met a tough opponent in UEA Avalanche with a 7-4 loss. The team, however, is not despairing, and we are ready to go back to winning games!

After last year's non-existent season culminated in a mixed Varsity game played by a squad of both Women's Blues and Vikings B players (the Wikes), and ended in a very close 7-6 loss for Oxford, the Bikes are ready to show what an entire two terms of training can do to a team. With one of the strongest C-team rosters known to BUIHA, and our beloved player-coach Nathan Tree, the Bikes have all the ingredients needed for success. The result? Guess we'll find out! One, two, three, BIKES!

Yuri Evdokimov

Player Profiles - Meet the Oxford Vikings B



Minakshi Ashok, #2

Look out because here comes Mishi - and set your watches back because she always comes at least ten minutes late. Quick with a joke and even quicker with a puck, Mishi's moments of brilliance aren't just limited to the ice. This ancient elder of OUIHC will have your goalie quaking, just as soon as she learns to make herself tall enough to screen them successfully. When people aren't looking over the top of her head they're admiring her bright orange training jersey or her quick moves both on and off the ice. Better congratulate her quickly after the game, because if you hesitate you'll miss her and she'll already be in the club.

Manos Daoulas, #3

Manos 'Greece in the Crease' Daoulas may have joined us because his girlfriend told him to, he may be new to the game, he may also still need help with his suspenders. Don't let these ironclad facts fool you because he is a demon between the pipes. With 2 shutouts in his first 2 games and some displays of athleticism generally reserved for wrestling, this Greek goalie/boxer is a man to be feared. Watch out Huskies!



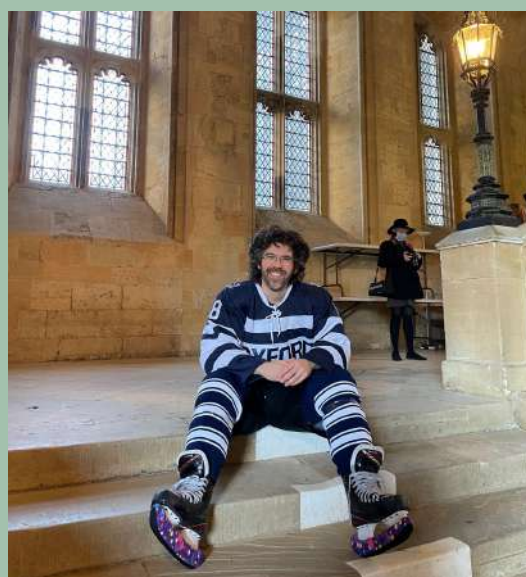


Cas Widdershoven, #5

Cas Widdershoven has been clogging up the lanes of the BUIHA for a few years now, with plenty of goals to his name. However, his greatest achievement since playing hockey comes from being photographed as the oldest thing in Oxford whilst on a scavenger hunt. With back-to-back Varsity losses, he hopes to change his luck, by being as wanted shooting a puck by the Cambridge goalie, as a flood is to his motherland. Our expectations are High this year so let's hope he goes pedal to the medal and brings the Stanley Puck home.

Sasha Soane, #8

Some say each grey hair represents every pound spent on completing his MBA at Oxford. Others believe they represent every pint drunk in St Aldate's Tavern. Either way, we know for certain, they don't represent goals scored for the club. In his yearlong endeavour to find the best place for a night out in England, he ended up spending one in a Serbian airport. Single-handedly bringing the average age of the squad up by a generation, Sasha provides a wealth of wisdom and experience to the team. Despite receiving a PhD from MIT, the concept of a comb is still a distant technological marvel yet to be discovered in Sasha's morning routine. Being softly spoken and always cheery, it's difficult to imagine him as a hockey player; but don't let that fool you! The moment he makes contact with the ice, laser focus and precision overcome all other sensibilities, with the last thing the opposition sees being a flash of grey and silver before realising they're yet another point down.





Ben Wiltshire, #9

Hailing from Cardiff, Ben joined the Vikings in 2019 and immediately proved himself to be one of the strongest skaters on the team. Despite playing roller hockey all his life, Ben has also shown a strong grasp of the offside rule and 5 on 5 positioning. Ben is as fun on the ice as off, and no team with him on the bench will ever be lacking motivation. Unfortunately, due to a rugby injury, Ben has missed most of the 2021-22 season and is looking

forward to getting a win in his first game back. No matter how the game is going his upbeat attitude and keen tactical mind will ensure the Bikers pull through.

Harvey Wilson, #11

The machine: Ever turned up to a training session and heard a resounding crack echo around the ring? That was Harvey working on his slap shots. The man has one of the nastiest slap shots that has ever been seen in the Bikes. Not that that is much of a compliment, but his slap shots speak for themselves. As an engineer, he has made himself into an ice hockey machine. He began in the world of roller hockey, which allowed him to master his stick skills and now is one of the most dedicated members of the team. Cambridge has a lot to fear, especially their goalie when they hear the sound of Harvey's stick connecting with the puck at the halfway line.



Rafael Ouwerx, #12

A historian by day, a pro hockey player by night. When he isn't analysing primary sources, Raf spends his time honing his on-ice skills. He can usually be found terrifying a nearby goalie with his killer slapshots. This may be his first season with OUIHC, but don't let that fool you. On the ice he's a force to be reckoned with, and, having scored a hat trick in his first ever game, it's fair to say he's a natural. Deadly on the wing, light blue jerseys will want to watch out for his speedy strides and silky stickhandling.



Mark Anderton, #13

Gramps is back again for another Varsity, having spent another year not learning how to skate properly. Aggressive as ever, Bambi is known for slide tackling himself into the boards on a regular basis. Will he get the puck? Will he fall over? No one ever really knows - but it's this element of surprise that he really brings to the table (there's really nothing else). A king of the locker room warmup playlist, this OAP truly knows how to generate hype. In his spare time, this geezer likes walking up mountain trails for some reason. Legend

has it he's still trying to find his sense of humour up there. I'm not sure why though, since he's always full of jokes at training. And by that I mean him falling over and everyone laughing at him. We love you Mark xxx try and stay on your two feet this Varsity :))



Andrew Paulley, #26 A

Picture this. The year is 1998; an unsuspecting spring in Waterloo, Ontario. And yet for Cambridge this day will come to bear more significance than anyone at the time could have foreseen. Andrew Paulley's (left) dream sport on the ice is curling, but he makes do with ice hockey, and only sometimes forgets which sport he's playing (for example when he

skates himself into the net instead of the puck). Paulley's idiosyncrasies include training in a different number game jersey to the one he plays in (because 13 is so much better than 26?) and dropping the gloves on members of his own squad, in training no less. His only real shortcomings are rowing, debating and not knowing how to take a photo for the Varsity booklet. However, as a truly formidable centre and one of our top goal scorers, we forgive him, and think Paulley should definitely appear in the nightmares of whatever netminder is brave enough to get in his way.

Yuri Evdokimov, #28 C

Yuri Evdokimov is our dedicated and optimistic captain who has never missed a 12:30am practice. Many athletes claim they eat, sleep, and ____ for their sport, except for Yuri as no one has seen him sleep. The team would be concerned except for the absolute energy he brings to the ice as if he's always running on a full tank. You can see the Russian speeder barrelling down the boards making everyone else appear as if they are standing still. Once in the attacking zone, Yuri (usually) knows what he is doing, and the stats demonstrate it. In the defensive zone, Yuri has been known to be more of a goalie than a defenseman. It has been observed that Yuri has blocked more shots on net than the Oxford's goalie needed to save period over period. In practices, Yuri can be seen narrowing in on his shot blocking technique and preparing to stop any challenge (including Cambridge) crossing the blue line.



Matt Foster, #32

Matt never set out to be a hockey star. Originally from Chelmsford, Matt cultivated an early passion for gymnastics. His skills and strength in jumping and somersaulting should have steered him to figure skating, but surprisingly he decided to pursue music with a specialisation in organ performance. After a fruitful residency in Bury St Edmunds, where he had time for reflection, Matt decided that he should go to Oxford University. It was fortunate he did so because at Oxford Matt found his true calling; Matt was going to skate defence for the ice hockey club. His gymnastic finesse is best seen in the graceful way he falls whilst skating. Yet, Matt is determined and continues down the path to becoming the club's hockey enforcer. Off ice, Matt spends his time working on his degree and is always happy to play with his pipes and show off his organ.



Sean Herrington, #42

Sean's commitment to ice hockey is captured perfectly by the combination of his love for *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and his choice of jersey number – 42. As one of the more seasoned players on the team, Sean combines speed, elegance and power to establish himself also as one of the most formidable. Though normally in defence, Sean enjoys scoring as much as any wing and will happily skate past any and every Cambridge player if he sees anything that looks like an opportunity. All this aside, however, Sean is best known for dropping his stick at non-contact ice hockey, and styling on complete beginners, much to the dismay of the committee. This should, however, be exactly the skill required to best Cambridge this Varsity :)

Dan Kwok, #51

Hailing from the mean streets of Welwyn Garden City Dank Wok is a big lad known for changing his hair colour as often as a normal person changes their clothes. Not a fan of dressing normally either, Dank is usually found in what regular folks call fancy dress, with his Scooby Doo outfit taking pride of place in his wardrobe. His dress sense, researching batteries in his DPhil combined with his ninja-like skill of being able to rapidly manoeuvre around all of the unimportant space on the ice makes the Duracell slogan of "No other battery looks like it. No other battery lasts like it" all the more fitting for Dank. Maybe next time we'll see him dressed as their famous pink bunny. Always seen with a cheeky smile on his face Dank is either planning something mischievous, trying to hide the fact that he's just let one rip or away with the fairies. Truth be told, it's probably a combination of all three. Dank has been a consistently strong player in the Bikings and is a top goal scorer, watch out Cambridge!



Leonard-Petru Turica, #53

Leo's sport matches his personality perfectly: perpetually chilled yet forever chaotic. When he's not dropping courses, running late, babbling about physics, squeezing in a quick cig or polishing his nose piercing, Leo is speeding down the ice, effortlessly darting and weaving round any fool who dares challenge him, leaving them bewildered in a puff of, sometimes literal, smoke. A physicist on and off the ice, he has experimented with and aced basically every position. Cambridge better watch out for this versatile and speedy physicist - if his pure skill doesn't dazzle them, his nose piercing sure will!

Lewis Phillips, #62

When your mother played for GB you certainly have a lot to live up to... And this man does! Lewis made his debut in Cambridge against the Narwhals and is back to take on another light blue squad. Having spent the first half of the season recovering from surgery he is out to show some Huskies he means business.



Nathan Tree, #89 A

What I have in common with my goalie stick is that Nathan has dented both of us. But the thing about Nathan that pushes me more than his slapshot is his guidance and advice. Both for hockey, and for life, I never could have asked for a hockey mentor, and friend, better than him. Is it unfair that we would probably play two leagues under if Nathan wasn't on the ice with us? Probably. Is it terrifying to see him take a shift, no matter what side I'm on? Absolutely. I hope one day to be as good a man as Nathan is, cause God knows I'll never be half as good a player. So, Huskies, make sure you fasten your helmets tight and get out of the way, the Ginger Reaper is in town.

Oliver Warren, #94

Even though he has moved on from Oxford into the adult world of jobs and taxes, the Ginger Flash has never given up that Biking spirit. No matter how late we train or how much work he has in the morning, you can count on Ollie to drive all the way from London and bring his enthusiasm on the ice. When he comes



down, he is sure to leave his mark on the ice with some tactical positioning and hard-fought battles. His shots on the ice being as dangerous as his shots off the ice, Oli is known for being the sesh master. Always up for a pint or two, or a cheeky dance on the cheese floor, I'm certain Ollie is looking forward to the match as much as he is to the afterparty!



Owen Sinclair, #96

Speed, versatility, luscious locks. Impossible, they say, for a man with a lid that good to play so well. But no, it's all too real. Many onlookers, including this entirely humbled author, find themselves struck by this goal scoring maniac, who, it is rumoured, once to have caused the rink to melt due to slapshots that were just on fire. Unlike the ice, that fateful day, this man can take the heat, with a cool, calm hand under pressure that will make any opposition SHIVER.

Philip Hagelberg, #98

After coming to Oxford to do a master's in Econ from Birmingham, Philip has plenty of experience on ice as well as in the library. He has spent enough time on both to grasp a good understanding of the team's 'quirks' and the drills in practice. Somehow in a university team he appears to be one of the most figured out and reliable on the team on and off ice, always finding space and ready to break out. He is cheerful, easy to get along with and has a good laugh with the rest of the team. Cambridge better keep an eye out for him, as he is a very useful and reliable player on the ice.



Narwhals Captain's Message

Narwhals Hockey in Cambridge has a long history. Formerly the Cambridge Eskimos, we felt the time was right for a name change due to the sensitive nature of the name Eskimo. We went through several names before we settled on the Narwhals. With a fresh new look, we are certainly the same team people have grown to love and fear. Before, and during the pandemic, we have consistently trained to bring our game to a high level. We have consistently built a strong team, a family, that we are proud to share the ice with.

The great rivalry between the Cambridge Narwhals and Oxford Vikings is what drives us. We are proud to host them this year and are looking to extend our winning streak. In the end, we are all players that love the game and fight hard on the ice but shake hands and share stories after. We have all come from different places but have come together for one purpose, the love of Hockey!

Regards,

Dan McConnell #10

Captain

Player Profiles - Meet the Cambridge Narwhals



Bill Harris

What can we say about Bill? He IS hockey in Cambridge Bill has been playing hockey all his life. He is a good Canadian boy that has inspired us all to be better players. He gives more than he takes from Cambridge Hockey, and tirelessly devotes himself to all the Varsity teams and the Narwhals. Without Bill, there wouldn't be Narwhals Hockey and we are forever indebted to him and his tireless pursuit of a home for Cambridge University Hockey.

Dan McConnell, C

Dan joined the Narwhals 7 years ago after arriving in Cambridge from Canada. He considers it an honor to play with Bill Harris and all the Narwhals past and present. Hockey in the UK has been a great experience, getting to play with people from all over the world. The level of hockey is excellent, and the Narwhals feel like home.



Michal Horniak (A)

Michal is a seasoned Narwhals veteran. He has a passion for the team and plays his heart out in every game. He knows how to pick the top corner and go side to side finding the 5-hole. He carefully finds the right spot in the slot to hang out and wait for that pass to bury in the net!



Ryan McGinley

Made in Scotland! Ryan has been a Narwhal for many years and is a delight to watch on the ice. He has moves that continue to impress and has ruined many a Goalie's groin on the breakaway!

Raymond Pallister

Ray is a defenceman that is very hard to beat. He can go end to end and has a very good shot from up close or from the blue line. He can play a very good physical game.



Andrew Stephenson

Andy is one of the longest running Narwhals. He skates hard and plays hard. Andy is a Narwhal for life!



Robert Stephenson

Robert is a new Narwhal. He is really tenacious and continues to drive hard in the corners. He is a welcome addition to the team.

**Andrei Mourachkine**

Andrei has been a Narwhal for a couple of years. He has a passion for progress and always works behind the scenes to better the team. He has made steady progress over time and often parks himself in front of the net to pop in the rebounds.

Bryan Woolgar O'Neil

Bryan is a gentle giant...and a hard hitting defenseman. His presence is felt on the ice when digging into the corners and clearing opposing players from the front of the net like bowling pins.





Andrzej Pajak(G)

Andrzej is a big presence between the pipes. During his time as a Narwhal, he has developed his craft. He is a virtual wall to opposing players. Always ready and willing to do what it takes to win.

Cole Smith

Cole is a skilful player with filthy hands. His goals are pretty and he quickly draws the ire of opposing teams as he dances around them on his way to the net.



Simon Keress

Simon is a player's player. He will do absolutely whatever he can for the team. He has played a mixture of Ice and Roller hockey throughout his life. Opposing players rarely find a way around him and he will defend Narwhal's territory.

Peter Vincur(A)

Peter is a skillful centreman that has lightning speed and the ability to split the defensemen and make them look like they are standing still. He goes hard all the time and is always a positive influence on the team.

**Norbert Rozwada**

Norbert is our toughest Narwhal! He is a really nice guy, until he hits you....the you realize how much he loves to play. He is a heads up defenseman that can go end to end, and is a huge asset to the team.

Gabor Orban

Gabor is a Hungarian power forward that has an eye for the play, and always finds openings in the net. He has some filthy hands and can always put in the top corner of the net with his quick release.



**Jakub Bryol**

Jakub is a defenceman that plays heads up hockey, has a wicked shot and can dance around an entire opposing team with ease. Always with a smile on his face, especially when he leaves opposing forwards flat on the ice with his quick changes of direction.

**Radim Bryol**

Radim is a very skillful grinder that makes plays and puts the puck in the back of the net. He plays hard all the time and is a joy to watch.

**Martin Kalavsky**

Martin is a big man on the blue line and always works hard to get the puck out of the zone and turn it into a play. He has a pretty good shot from the point and can put points on the board

**Marc Plumridge**

Marc is a pit bull! He works hard all the time and can push his way into the zone and charge the net. A big man with a big heart and will do whatever it takes to get the win.

**Kristian Benko**

Kristian is an offensive defenceman that is confident in the zone, and is a key playmaker.

Greg Babbitt

Greg is a new Narwhal this year. He is an American superstar defenseman that can go end to end and score pretty goals. He always has his heads up and he can dangle around opposing players and collect ankles along the way.



OUIHC Vikings A Captain's Message

Dear OUIHC Supporters,

In uncertain and turbulent times of a global pandemic, climate change and now war, the camaraderie and love of the game of ice hockey has helped us Vikings navigate these stormy seas together to be a stronger unit than ever. It has been an atypical season, but one where we have finally got to play a few games and practise more regularly. We have reacquainted ourselves with the ice and our homes with the comforting smell of drying hockey kit. We have studied well,

nursed our injuries, drank beer from skates and bestowed new viking armour; we have dared greatly to know both victory and defeat.

As we approach the climax of our season, facing The Cambridge Narwhals - our mightiest foe - we collect our thoughts and remember how very fortunate we are that in this moment hockey is our battle. It has been many years since the Vikings have won this match and held the cup; it is time we remedied this.

The Vikings have set sail, blades sharpened and sticks taped, we are ready.

*Yours Sincerely,
Bobbo*

Robert W. Koivula

Player Profiles - Meet the Oxford Vikings A

Noah Preston

Blink and you'll miss him; Noah can skate coast to coast faster than your eyes can track. Never fear- if you can't see him you can still identify him by the infamous "yee-haw" heard around the rink. Famous for his unpredictable (and more often than not, successful) stunts, this Texan enjoys sassing refs, embarrassing goalies, and vexing the opposing team. If you've lost the puck and Noah had it last, it's probably in the net.

Henry Middlebrook

Purple; the colour of power, royalty and now the colour of Henry Middlebrook. Henry doesn't call it a breakout, he calls it "going for a slow skate" as by the time he looks up he's left everyone behind; opposing and fellow skaters alike! Never fear, Henry is perfectly capable of scoring unassisted, of scoring assisted and of providing the assists. With his speed and skills, any Narwhal in his path is sure not to stay there for very long.

Filip Borowiak

Fil the thrill, a robotics student whose play is perfect down to the smallest detail. His magical skills and raw tenacity put him straight to the top of the team's point scorers. Watch this wunderkind craft some beauty before your very eyes.

Aneel Brar

Aneel "can my bio have the words 'dad bod' in it?" Brar puts the 'old' in 'gold standard player'. Our top goal scorer for Vikes this year, he is sure to scare the socks off of any goalie, and has been known to lend them his socks in return. This finesse player travels far every week to play with the best team in Oxford, and travels even further around the ice in every game. Don't be fooled by his sweet smile, as he's already got the puck past you! Centre of the geriatric line, Aneel is here for the win - and he'll take a hattrick while he's there.

Emma Walker-Silverman

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Emma winning MVP for yet another Vikes match? And well deserved as Emma can skate circles around any player on the ice. Don't hesitate near the puck or she will already have scooped it up and will be performing her signature "sprint" across the ice with it. She coaches, she captains, she scores- is there anything our Emma can't do? Ride a bike for grown-ups maybe?

Ben Verboom

Contrary to his name, Ben “Boomer” Verboom is young and in his prime (definitely, absolutely, don’t question it). If you’re ever in doubt as to his actual age, he can firmly reassure you of his adolescent mental age as he messes around with the puck when he’s supposed to be listening, and dispenses pearls of wisdom such as “all children are stupid”. Just as likely to score on you as he is to shake your hand, you can’t help but laugh with (or at) this fantastic winger.

Robert “Bobbo” Koivula (C)

The Hockey Dad of OUIHC, Bobbo knows how to keep his team in line. Recognisable by his borderline offensive green laces-and-tape combo, and his keenness to score an own-goal in almost every game, Bobbo is a testament to the team he has led and shaped throughout this season. Just make sure security checks him at the door to ensure he’s not smuggling any extra players inside within his ridiculously large kit bag. The team would follow Bobbo through thick and thin, and he has the respect of every last man. Oh, and woman.

Sam Crane (A)

Joshua’s brother Sam is no stranger to the ice. Born and bred at the rink, some say Sam learned to skate before he could walk. When he’s not coaching or drawing pictures of cars, Sam can be found repelling girls with his impressive Pokémon card collection. Don’t be alarmed if you can’t understand him when he talks to you; he’s not drunk, that’s just his accent. A friend to almost everyone in the club, and almost everyone outside it too, Sam is sure to win you over, and is also just sure to win!

George Fox

Another familiar face returns to the fray - Foxy is back in action and you better believe he’s going to put on a show. This former NYR junior academy player has got buttery smooth mitts and is no stranger to standing up for his teammates in the face of trouble. He’s prepared to dangle, dip, dive, duck and dodge anything the Narwhals have got to throw at him.

John Angus Macaulay

Not John, not Angus, not Donal, sometimes John Angus, but usually Macaulay, is as solid a hockey player as they come, it’s as clear as day when you see him on the ice. If we could reach a consensus on what we’re meant to call him on the ice that would be great.

Thomas Bellero

Don’t worry you’re not seeing double; Thomas “Budget-Noah” Bellero is actually a separate person to Noah despite his best efforts. Although there are rumours he can’t grow the same moustache, the truth is he keeps it that way for maximum aerodynamic potential so he can cross the ice at even greater speeds. Bellero is the only player in Vikes mandated to wear a suit to every game, to atone for his terrible choice in headwear. Improving faster

than anyone could possibly have anticipated, Bellerio is one to look out for; don't underestimate him!

Katie Scheibner

Small and mighty takes on a whole new meaning when it comes to Katie Scheibner. Polite, sweet and absolutely deadly, Katie plays every position on the ice and plays it well. Rumour has it she puts springs in her skates and propellers on the back of her pads, and that's what makes her so bouncy and lightning fast. The Narwhals may think themselves safe playing a checking game against someone her size, but they'd better think again; Katie has some tricks up her sleeve and we can't wait to see her deploy them.

Brendan McFadden

The Minnesota Machine, with speed so quick you'll only see him doing one thing, celebrating. You wouldn't expect an English student to be top dog but when you have this level of skill there's not a single Narwhal that can stop him. 'To score or not to score', well you will find out.

Ricardo Gonzales-Ludlow

Did you know there are some good Mexican ice hockey players? No, neither did we, until we met Ricardo, now we know; that there are some, not Ricardo though, he's not good, he's awesome!

Marlon Williams

Marlon will never fail to make his teammates smile off the ice- just as he'll never fail to make the opposing team cry on the ice. He's as easy to make friends with as he is difficult to check, and we pity any Narwhal who tries to take him down. Marlon is always ready to score, always ready to play and always, without fail, the last player on the ice. Don't be late to join the Marlon fanclub, as seats are filling up to watch this winger ace this match.

Jakub Ulik

Surely not another Vikes D with dreams of being a forward? Jakub is just as likely to break out with the puck as he is to take it from an offensive player before it makes it into the net- and that's pretty good odds for both!

Michal Drobny

Gracing with us with his presence on a brief jaunt home from his playing in the Canadian juniors, this Slovak machine is back in action wearing dark blue. 'Big Energy' has all the competitive edge you could ever ask for, a quality that frequently wins him top spot on the PIMs leaderboard, all the while raking in those sweet sweet assist points. You'd better hope Cambridge has an exterminator handy because this pest is ready to wreak havoc upon the Narwhals.

Kevin McGlynn

Another steadfast member of the very talented geriatric line, Kev “The Yeti” McGlynn won’t miss a single opportunity to put the puck in the net. Luckily he can see above the heads of every other player, and always knows the best pass or shot to make. If you’re ever confused as to where he may be on the ice, look for the giant towering over everyone else or any suspiciously dyed woolly outfits.

Brandon Finch

If you’re in a pinch, call Finch! Another veteran coast to coast OUIHC D with a lethal shot. From the blue line or just in front of the crease - jump, duck or dive out of the way it's coming and it won't stop for anything but the back of the net.

Benjamin Duvieusart

You would have thought that between working for his degree, running his VERY successful French tutoring business (100% customer satisfaction, we hear) and running the entire club as OUIHC president, Ben “Duvi” Duvieusart wouldn’t have the time to be the outstanding defenceman he is. And yet time and time again Duvi will protect the goalie, get the puck and facilitate a winning breakout. His versatility lies in his ability to play a stellar game as a forward and even as an emergency scrim goalie in a pinch. If you can get him a box to stand on so he can successfully screen the goalie, nothing will stop him!

Tim Donnison (A)

Tim Donnison knows how to make any goalie feel at ease. You may think he’s skating slow enough for you to steal the puck but that's not slow- it’s *effortless*. Tim makes playing defence look easy as he strolls around the ice, holding the puck safe while assuredly searching for the next pass. A Veteran of OUIHC and another core member of the geriatric line, Tim somehow finds the time outside of his role as Alumni Officer to train and play his own games when he’s not organising others. Tim is a D you will struggle to get around, and you will regret going up against!

Sean Herrington

Sean is to date the only player to deploy enough chaos and confusion to entirely avoid a well-earned penalty. If you can’t find him on the ice that’s because he’s never quite sure where he’s playing, and can be found breaking out as a winger or covering the net as a goalie. He’s a dependable guy both on and off the ice, and if the goalie can’t quite reach the puck not to worry- he’ll cover it for you! (Sean, if you’re reading this, that was a joke, please never cover the puck again!). As our treasurer this year Sean has consistently proved that numbers and spreadsheets make for better company than people, and has worked incredibly hard to keep OUIHC well and working.

Kim Slessor

Kim's time is more coveted than the Holy Grail, and we are lucky and grateful to have her in our net. We haven't told Kim this is a checking game for the safety of all Narwhals players- putting her in net won't stop her! When she's not fiercely defending the net, Kim can be found fiercely defending her teammates and fellow goalies, or treating everyone to post-training brownies. Kim is multifunctional, multitalented and definitely not a goalie you'd want to cross. Her advice for her team is legendary: "Puck goes in net, player doesn't go in net."

Eli Harris-Trent

Eli is the sweetheart of OUIHC, with a fanclub larger than the club itself. As if training every week with Men's Blues wasn't enough, Eli attends other team's practice sessions to train the goalies, and to play centre whenever he gets the chance. Mother-hen of the net minders, word on the street is he's building an army of goalies to take on Cambridge MBs. He'll dazzle you with his Oxford-themed pads, charm you with his smile and block every puck within a six foot radius of the goal. Then congratulate you on a great game well played. We have been incredibly lucky to have Eli with us at OUIHC this year, and he will be sorely missed; that is if we can't convince him to fly back and play with us every week!

Stefano Sacco

We told Stef that this year for his bio we'd write him a word for every game he has played for OUIHC. So- here goes! Stef is