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# Sports Yearbook 2013

Incorporating the Annual Review 2011 - 2012

# A word from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to the University of Cambridge  
Sports Year book 2013



Cambridge is renowned for our scholar-athletes: our students are among the best in the world at their academic disciplines, and yet the sporting successes in the pages of this review show that they develop their potential on the sports field as well as in the lecture theatre.

In 2012 we had the best possible opportunity to salute those successes, as 14 Cambridge students past and present joined the long list of Cambridge Olympians. Many congratulations to them all!

Continuing the momentum, 2013 will be a landmark of its own for Cambridge sport, with our new Sports Centre opening in August (on time and on budget!) to University students, staff and the general public.

I wish you, as ever, a very successful sporting year.

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# Chairman's Review



In this post-Olympic year, Cambridge has continued to maintain and build on its worthiest sporting traditions. Last month saw the topping-out ceremony for the new University Sports Centre on the West Cambridge site. This stunning building, on schedule to open later this year, will contain state-of-the-art fitness, training and competition facilities for a wide range of sports and activities, which will be available to students, staff and members of the community. It will complement the many existing sports pitches,

indoor and outdoor courts, boathouses, gyms and swimming pools already provided by the University and Colleges. To these may eventually be added, if funds can be found for further phases of development on the West Cambridge site, indoor tennis courts and an Olympic-size swimming pool. Meanwhile, the University boat clubs are developing a new, shared boathouse at Ely in anticipation of the women's race moving to the Tideway in 2015.

All these facilities, of course, would be nothing without the sportsmen and women who use them to construct their own fitness and ability to compete. These pages demonstrate the wealth of enthusiasm, determination and talent which exists in the University, and records the fixtures and events which will form some of the best memories of their time in Cambridge for those who watched or took part. The opportunity to take up a new sport, or indeed any sport for the first time, or to develop an existing commitment to a particular sport, is an important part of what Cambridge has to offer as a residential University and an academic community. By helping to maintain their mental and physical health and fitness, sport directly supports the intellectual endeavours of members of the University and helps them to achieve their goals in learning and research.

I am very proud of what the University has achieved in recent years in making such substantial improvements to its provision for sport, and I am also very proud of the commitment made by teams and individuals to raising their game while at Cambridge. I congratulate them all on another year of sporting excellence and look forward to many, and even better, in the future.

Debbie Lowther  
Chairman, Sports Syndicate

# Director's editorial

The final paragraph of the Director's Editorial for the Sports Yearbook 2012 speculates that the year (2012) will probably be a unique experience in our lifetime. The Olympic and Paralympic Games of 2012 were by any measure a resounding success and raised the profile of Great Britain, London and British sport to a level that it has not achieved in the past.

For those for whom sport represents a significant part of their daily life the Games provided a landmark by which they will measure all other sporting occasions. For those whose interest is not primarily in the sporting arena, the Games provided an entirely alternative vision of society in Great Britain and specifically London.

The historical and cultural settings for the two magnificent opening ceremonies, the multicultural and international focus reflecting on life in London today and the celebrations of the Paralympic Games, capturing the imagination of the nation and topped by superb organisation, puts the Games as arguably the most successful sporting event in history. And what about those facilities and the Olympic Park?

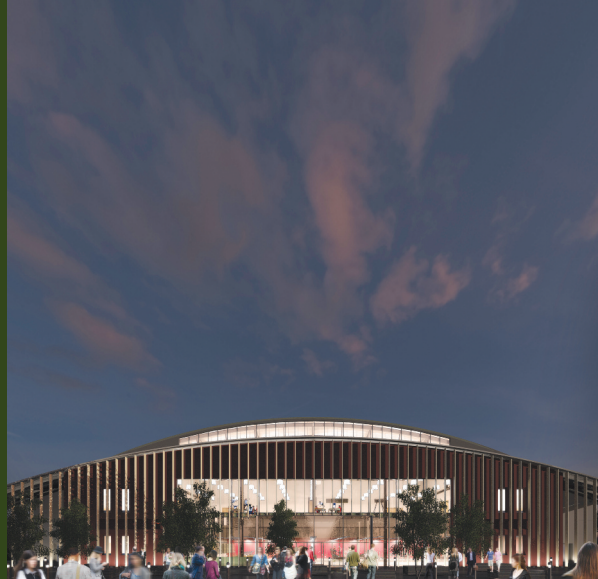


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However, now our work begins to transform the Olympic Park into viable community facilities with programmes that increase our participation levels to sustain the health of the nation and to gain the benefits that sport can bring to both the individual and community at large. This is a major challenge for any nation investing in such Games and one which is now being actioned throughout the Country by all our sporting agencies.

It can be seen from the contents of this Sport Yearbook 2013 that Cambridge has played its part in developing our young talented athletes, current students and alumni, several of whom performed with great credit at the Games representing the highest level in their sport. The contents illustrate that Cambridge continues to play an important role in fostering good practice and excellence in all forms of sport as it has done throughout its history.

As in previous years the Yearbook incorporates the Annual Review 2011-12 and we have continued the practice of separating out the list of Officers, Blues and Half-Blues as this has proved a most welcome and successful format.

Our focus for 2013 is the completion of the construction and opening of the University's West Cambridge Sports Centre, representing the single biggest investment by the University in its central sporting facilities. The Centre will make a step change in the provision of both formal competitive sport and the requisite training environment and the opportunity for undertaking exercise for health, either individually, using the wonderful new training studios, the fitness suite or the conditioning rooms, or through the vast range of classes that will be on offer catering for all tastes.

The Centre will also offer the first major opportunity to engage all University staff in exercise programmes on an equal footing with students. The Centre will be open to all members of the University and to a significant number of public users. It will become the focal point for sport and exercise in the University and the future governance of sport will help to draw the University Clubs, the Colleges and all members of the community together in an agreed development strategy.

Our sincere thanks go to the many volunteers and supporters who contribute so much to Cambridge University sport and without whom the benefits of our endeavours would not be achievable. To members of the Sports Syndicate and its Committees and in particular its Chairman, Debbie Lowther and all University Officers who have worked for sport during the year we offer our sincere thanks.

We are now seeing the benefits both financial and in general support of our vast alumni base. If we are to continue to develop international level facilities at Cambridge it will be essential for our alumni to work with us and to continue to make such donations that have made it possible to move forward on the West Cambridge site.

In conclusion last year's edition reported an expectant air of optimism about the future. There is still work to be done on the West Cambridge Sports Centre but its opening for operation in August 2013 will herald significant changes in our provision of sport and we must ensure that our investment delivers for all the community at whatever level of participation that they might choose.

Tony Lemons  
Director of Physical Education.

# Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme

**Talented  
Athlete  
Scholarship  
Scheme**



The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme, better known as TASS, is a unique partnership between National Governing Bodies of Sport and Higher Education, providing financial and professional support to elite young athletes who are committed to continuing their education.

All athletes are nominated by their relevant National Governing Body to receive a scholarship, funded through UK Sport. Every scholarship includes key services such as Strength and Conditioning, Performance Lifestyle Management with trained mentors and help towards competition, training and equipment expenses. Many of the athletes have already competed on the national or international stage.

In recent years the number of sports involved with TASS has decreased, as has the number of athletes. Despite this, the number of University of Cambridge students who benefit from a TASS award remains higher than in any other single institution in the East region, with 3 being supported in 2011/12. The P.E. Department also supported 3 sixth form student athletes from within the region.

Commenting on the continued success of elite young athletes at Cambridge, TASS Administrator Simon Cornish said "It's fantastic that we can give such good support to these athletes coming to Cambridge in order to balance their studies and the achievement of their sporting ambitions. Hopefully, some time in the not-so-distant future, all of the athletes will look back at the exceptional Strength and Conditioning support from Tristan Coles and Helen Boyle as being vital to their successes!"

## **2011/12**

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Matthew Halliday	Clare	Orienteering
Mairead Rocke	Churchill	Orienteering
Fiona Hughes	Queens'	Cross Country Skiing

# Eric Evans Awards 2011/12

The Eric Evans Fund was set up in 1996 following a benefaction from the friends and colleagues of the late Eric Evans, a graduate of St Catharine's College who gained a Full Blue playing for the University Football Club against Oxford in 1975 and 1976. The fund is intended to support students who wish to improve their personal sporting performance beyond University level or to enable them to undertake qualifications in connection with officiating, coaching or the administration of sport.

The Fund is managed by the Director of Physical Education and two other persons appointed by the Sports Syndicate. The current Managers are Mr Tony Lemons (Director of Physical Education), Dr Joan Lasenby (Trinity) and Dr John Little (St. Catharine's), the current Senior Treasurers of the Women's and Men's Blues Committees respectively.

In 2012 there was a further increase in the number and quality of applications for funding, making the Fund Managers' considerations as difficult as ever. Those who were successful were inevitably competing at least at National level, with genuine ambitions of competing on the World Stage. In addition to the 23 students who received awards to enable them to enhance their sporting performance, funding was also given to 5 students to complete coaching qualifications in a variety of sports.

<b>Student</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>College</b>
David Nelson	Rowing	Hughes Hall
Daniel Longman	Rowing	Christ's
Andras Kapuvari	Water Polo	Jesus
Matthew Houlden	Athletics	Homerton
Matthew White	Rowing	Peterhouse
Hayley Simmonds	Cycling	Gonville and Caius
Faye Sandford	Rowing	Gonville and Caius
Jonathan Cook	Athletics	Jesus
Michael Hook	Rowing (Coxing)	Clare
Lenka Veselovska	Rowing	Pembroke
Katrin Harding	Orienteering	Clare
Man Sze Hui	Tennis	Hughes Hall
Constantine Markides	Tennis	Wolfson
Frederik Floether	Tennis	Churchill
Samantha Mullender	Rowing	Magdalene
Nicolas Kernick	Rowing	Sidney Sussex
Rupert Price	Rowing	Robinson
Gwyneth Jones	Netball	Pembroke
Lucy Griffin	Rowing	Christ's
Anna Keisenhofer	Triathlon	Emmanuel
Henry Delacave	Skiing	St Catharine's
Diana Burk	Modern Pentathlon	Trinity
Chloe Loh	Swimming	Gonville and Caius
Paul Collings*	Football	Homerton
Charlotte Burford*	Health and Fitness	Girton
Ross Elsby*	Athletics	Pembroke
Gwyneth Jones*	Football	Pembroke
Sam Bourne*	Rowing	Hughes Hall

\* = Award for Coaching/Officiating



# Hawks' Charitable Trust Awards 2011/12

The Trust was established in January 1996 with a relatively small endowment capital donated by some of the members to provide grants to current Cambridge University students, male and female, whose sporting activities were being inhibited by financial constraints. A very generous bequest from David Jennens (Clare College 1947-51, Rowing) increased dramatically the size of the endowment capital in 2003, and the capital fund now stands in excess of £550,000, enabling a disbursement in 2010 of £20,000 (capital being conserved for the growth of the fund). The Trust is now the single largest charity devoted to funding sport in the University.

There are 5 Trustees, all Hawks – they are Christopher Pratt (Chairman), Sir Roger Tomkys, John Marks, Guy Brennan and Tim Ellis. Since 2007, to ensure joined-up thinking, the Awards Committee has been joined by Dr Joan Lazenby of the Ospreys. Information has, since the inception of the Trust, been exchanged with the managers of the Eric Evans Fund, which is the only (and quite small) fund run by the University itself. The Trustees' policy currently is to provide a larger number of modest awards rather than a very limited number of larger sums. Applications have to be endorsed by a University Senior Member to confirm financial need; grants are normally only awarded in sports of Blue or Half Blue status, taking into account if need is equal, the level of sporting excellence and the academic level.

In 2012 a sum of £20,000 was awarded to some 106 students from a total of 149 applicants. Awards are made in amounts ranging from £100 and £750. The top four £750 awards are named for major benefactors of the Trust, being David Jennens (Rowing 1949-51), Sir Adrian Cadbury (Rowing/Skiing 1949-52), Bob Barber (Cricket/Athletics 1954-57) and Sir Arthur Marshall (Athletics 1922-26). This policy will continue and expand as account of further contributions allow.

Applications are normally submitted by a date which is defined in the middle of the Lent term and advertised to all colleges and sports clubs. The trustees make their decisions before the end of that term. Each year the awards are announced in the University Reporter and either at the end of the Lent Term, or early in the Easter Term, a reception is arranged at the Hawks' Club at which the awards are made.

There is little doubt of the value of these awards to the individuals who receive them, nor, to judge from the number of excellent applications, the fact that they are necessary in the current student financial climate. The Fund is now by far the largest in the University to provide help to sportsmen and women and the Trustees are convinced that prudent management will allow the total level of the awards to be increased steadily over the years. Certainly this is the aim, for there is even less doubt about the success of those to whom awards have been given than their need; their names have featured in summer and winter Olympics, World, and European Championships and Commonwealth Games, as well as myriad international and national competitions across the sporting world.

In addition to expanding the current range of support to individuals the Trustees would wish in the future to:

- Make occasional much larger individual awards (where for example, major international potential can be identified).
- Support Clubs or Teams on a general basis.
- Consider supporting the establishment or development of sporting facilities.

To do this we need considerably more capital, and attracting that is a fundamental objective. In addition to its current activities the Trust can facilitate the transfer of funds should any Hawk have a particular project, within the charitable objectives, that he wishes to endow.

## **Donating to the Trust**

If any member of the Club wishes to hear further about the policies of the Charitable Trust or feels that they would like to contribute any sum, large or small to the Endowment, via gift or legacy please contact Chris Pratt, the Hawks' Company Secretary, who also chairs the Trust and will be delighted to provide further information. It is certainly a very worthwhile cause and because it is a charity (registered no 1052904), the Chancellor of the Exchequer adds to every donation made by Gift Aid and subtracts legacies from estates before inheritance tax.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Award</b>
Perkins (Emma)	Athletics	Newnham	Jennens
Abrahams (Ashley)	Shooting	Peterhouse	Cadbury
Taschimowitz (Naomi)	Athletics	Trinity	Barber
Thomson (Oliver)	Canoe (kayak) Polo	Fitzwilliam	Marshall
Cook (Jonathan)	Athletics	Jesus	
Dixon (Bradley)	Modern Pentathlon	Trinity	
Livesey (Alana)	Lacrosse	Churchill	
Nelson (David)	Rowing	Hughes Hall	
Harper (Ryan)	Athletics	Corpus Christi	
Walshe (Eleanor)	Lacrosse	Robinson	
Dinsmore (Andrew)	Golf	St John's	
Hampshire (Fiona)	Sailing	St Catharine's	
Szlachta (Wojciech)	Cycling	Pembroke	
Walters (Erin)	Lacrosse	Clare Hall	
Gossage (Lucy)	Triathlon	Downing	
Radvan (Josh)	Modern Pentathlon	St Catharine's	
Thorp (Michael)	Rowing	Homerton	
Dudgeon (Emily)	Athletics	Clare	
Edmundson (Isabel)	Eventing	Newnham	
Firth (David)	Rifle shooting	Trinity	
Keen (Polly)	Athletics	Downing	
Maughan (Jake)	Squash	Emmanuel	
Pitt Ford (Charles)	Rowing	Pembroke	
Price (Rupert)	Rowing	Robinson	
Boanas Evans (Isabel)	Rowing	Murray Edwards	
Kennedy (Gus)	Cricket	Corpus Christi	
March (Tom)	Horse Riding	Fitzwilliam	
Railton (Anna)	Rowing	Pembroke	
Rootsey (Thomas)	Swimming	Jesus	
Wagner (Thomas)	Athletics	Sidney Sussex	
Brown (Robin)	Cross Country	Jesus	
Wigham (Eleanor)	Fencing & Rowing	Selwyn	
Young (Alexander)	Triathlon	St John's	
Carpenter (Joel)	Swimming	Fitzwilliam	
Dillon (Henrietta)	Swimming	St Catharine's	
Hodgson (Paul)	Triathlon	Trinity	
Reynolds (Heather)	Archery	Jesus	
Morgan (Hannah)	Rowing	Clare	
Ross (Alexander)	Water polo	Gonville & Caius	
Ban (Vin Shen)	Shooting	Christ's	
Grant (Liane)	Water polo	Jesus	
Harrison (David)	Hockey	Trinity	
Houlden (Matthew)	Athletics	Homerton	
Jennings (Joel)	Rowing	Clare	
Legg (Robert)	Tennis	Downing	
To (Ho-On)	Swimming	Trinity	
Waterhouse (Dale)	Swimming	Clare	
Collas (Oliver)	Shooting	Trinity Hall	
Doslikova (Barbora)	Volleyball	Clare Hall	
Faulkner (Josie)	Water polo	Clare	
Marshall (Henry)	Swimming	Downing	
Osmjana (Ksenija)	Volleyball	Pembroke	
Phelps Bondaroff (Teale)	Ice Hockey	Clare	
Reid (Caroline)	Rowing	Jesus	
Richards (Kate)	Rowing	Queens'	
Schwalie (Petra)	Volleyball	Newnham	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Award</b>
Smyrilli (Christiana)	Volleyball	Downing	
Longman (Danny)	Rowing	Christ's	
Roberts (Christian)	Athletics	St John's	
Sandford (Fay)	Rowing	Gonville & Caius	
Szabo (David)	Athletics	Churchill	
Balding (Daniel)	Hockey	St Catharine's	
Beinortas (Tumas)	Basketball	Homerton	
Haar (Chris)	Basketball	Downing	
Schramm (Moritz)	Rowing	Fitzwilliam	
Ting (Geordie)	Golf	Clare	
Totten (Richard)	Football	Trinity	
Veselovska (Lenka)	Rowing	Pembroke	
Vidakovic (Ana)	Volleyball	St John's	
Yan (Han)	Pistol Shooting	St Catharine's	
Broadway (Ross)	Football	Gonville & Caius	
Byatt (Emma)	Fencing	Jesus	
Corley (Swimming)	Swimming	Downing	
Garner-Jones (Michael)	Swimming	St John's	
Hartley (Paul)	Football	Fitzwilliam	
Hui (Man Sze)	Tennis	Hughes Hall	
Tusting (Edward)	Modern Pentathlon	Fitzwilliam	
Austin (Fergus)	Rugby Union	Gonville & Caius	
Campbell (Elizabeth)	Rifle shooting	Wolfson	
Game (Holly)	Rowing	Girton	
Griffiths (Rory)	Football	Trinity Hall	
Huxley (Joe)	Football	Homerton	
Jurik (Tomas)	Ice Hockey	St Catharine's	
Markides (Constantine)	Tennis	Wolfson	
Marsh (Harriet)	Rowing	Emmanuel	
McClellan (Charlotte)	Rowing	Emmanuel	
Spiby Loh (Chloe)	Swimming	Gonville & Caius	
Grover (Chloe)	Swimming	Robinson	
Hall (Nicholas)	Shooting	Christ's	
Oleinikovas (Vladimas)	Water polo	Girton	
Burk (Diana)	Modern Pentathlon	Trinity	
Ejmont (Andrzej)	Athletics	Sidney Sussex	
Hsieh (Pei-Shan)	Volleyball	Clare Hall	
Johnson (Mark)	Football	Girton	
Kapuvvari (Andras)	Water polo	Jesus	
Kerrigan (Danny)	Football	Fitzwilliam	
Lines (Christabel)	Rowing	Downing	
Smith (Michael)	Football	Trinity	
Childs (Anthony)	Football	Homerton	
Day (Emily)	Rowing	Emmanuel	
Geerts (Jaason)	Ice Hockey	Sidney Sussex	
Gioe (David)	Ice Hockey	Corpus Christi	
Hoyer (Christine)	Rowing	Wolfson	
Kernick (Nicolas)	Rowing	Sidney Sussex	
Seward (Emily)	Ultimate Frisbee	Emmanuel	
Sherman (Georgia)	Swimming	St John's	

# Amateur Boxing Club

## [www.CUABC.org.uk](http://www.CUABC.org.uk)

CUABC was founded in 1896, making it one of the oldest boxing clubs in the country. It aims every year to give as many members of the university as possible the tools of fitness and skill to make them into boxers. This is done through a combination of training in the historic Fenner's gym, interval training and personal road and weight work. The club also expanded its social side this year, with various meetings in the Hawks' club and local establishments to bring the squad closer together. In addition to this, the training took on new dimensions, with a training camp in Belfast and gym bouts against other clubs.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

**6th March 2012, Town Hall, Oxford  
Cambridge 3 Oxford 6**

Cambridge went into this Varsity with high hopes after a good season of preparation. Unfortunately, Oxford came quickly out of the blocks and built up an unassailable 5-0 lead. Despite three strong performances in the latter four fights earning Cambridge their respect, it was still a disappointing loss for CUABC.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

CUABC fielded several fighters in the first ever English University Boxing Series, co-ordinated by the ABAE. This was mainly done to gain certain members more experience in the ring. However, we had three competitors make it into the semi-finals of their respective weight categories, making it a successful endeavour for the club.

## **Looking forward to 2012/13**

CUABC has many plans for the next year, including corporate sponsorship deals, exotic training camps and the vision to host Varsity in Cambridge for the first time in ten years.

# Association Football Club (Men's)

[www.cuafc.org/](http://www.cuafc.org/)

Cambridge University Association Football Club is the body that oversees all football at Cambridge University, including the Men's and Women's University teams and the College leagues. CUAFC has approximately 60 playing members who compete in various BUCS leagues, cup competitions and, of course, in the annual Varsity Match with Oxford. The club was generously sponsored by Morgan Stanley for the 2011/12 season, which enabled the club to operate on so many different fronts. During this season, the Men's Blues played in BUCS Midlands Conference 2B and the Falcons in Midlands Conference 4B. A third men's side, the Kestrels, is formulated from the best College players toward the end of Lent term, to take on Oxford in a Colleges' XI Varsity Match. Having narrowly missed out on promotion in 2010 and 2011, the Blues went into the 2011/2012 season hoping it would be third time lucky as they sought to claim that illusive BUCS title.

## Varsity 2011/12

**13th March 2012, Cambridge City's ProEdge Stadium, Cambridge**

**First: Cambridge 2 Oxford 2; Cambridge won 4-3 on penalties**

10th March 2012, Grange Road, Cambridge  
Second: Cambridge 1 Oxford 3

After a nervy start from both sides, the first glimpse of promise for the Light Blues came after ten minutes when forward Danny Kerrigan showed mercurial close control to draw a foul on the near touchline, although the resulting free kick came to nothing. Five minutes later, assured hold up play from number 9 Sherif fed captain Hartley, who jinked his way past the Oxford midfield to thread in Kerrigan on the right hand side of the box. Cutting inside, Kerrigan went down claiming a foul, though Premier League referee Kevin Friend saw otherwise. At the half hour mark Kerrigan again lifted the crowd, this time drifting inside, between centre-back and full back, to deliver a

rasping cross that just evaded the attacker on the near post. Cambridge continued the pressure around the Oxford penalty area, finally making the breakthrough in the 34th minute. A break from May in midfield fed Kerrigan, who squeezed the ball under the oncoming Oxford keeper.

The Light Blues doubled their lead five minutes later. A throw-in from the right-hand side allowed Sherif to lay the ball off for onrushing skipper Hartley, who calmly curled the ball into the top left hand corner. Oxford provided nothing in response and the Light Blues finished the half in complete dominance, passing from back to front with poise and menace.

The second half started as the first had ended, with Oxford unable to control the midfield and Cambridge again looking threatening. A well-crafted free kick almost led to a third. Two dummy runs over the ball hoodwinked the Oxford defence who simply ball-watched as the ball was passed into the centre of the box and laid off for a ghosting midfielder, who cross evaded the Light Blue forwards.

At 65 minutes, a triple Oxford substitution had an immediate impact, with the Dark Blues now looking threatening on the break. Before long, a whipped cross from the right cleared Cambridge's centre halves, only to be headed in inadvertently by a back-tracking Totten. The Light Blues looked edgy from then on and failed to maintain possession as they had been doing. They still looked dangerous in and around the box however, and struck the woodwork mid-way through the half. At the other end, poor defending cost the Light Blues in the 80th minute as an Oxford substitute wriggled free in the box and finished from a tight angle.

The match finished 2-2 and, with no extra time, went straight to penalties. The first four penalty kicks were all converted with ease, Oxford having taken first. Oxford then missed, the penalty scuffed wide of the left upright, only for Cambridge to miss in a similar manner. Order was restored as both sides converted

their next penalty. The pressure of the fifth penalty proved too much for Oxford however, as their penalty was blazed high and wide; Rick Totten then kept his head to calmly slot home the winning penalty.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

#### **Men's Blues:**

#### **BUCS Midlands Conference 2B – Winners**

Men's Falcons:

BUCS Midlands Conference 4B – Runners-up

BUCS Midlands Conference Cup – Quarter-Finals

The Men's Blues enjoyed their most successful season for many years in 2011/12, as they finally ended the season as BUCS Midlands 2B League winners, after three seasons as runners-up. The side did so in some style too, ensuring promotion with two games to spare. The Blues will now be playing in BUCS Midlands Championship 1A for the 2012/13 season. This league is one below the top BUCS football league and one in which the Blues have not featured since the 2005/06 season. The strength of the squad over the past season has been exceptional, with no less than 26 different players representing the Blues throughout the season. This was shown by the strong performance of the Falcons, who went on a fourteen match unbeaten run, finished 2nd in their BUCS league, and outperformed the Blues in the BUCS Midlands Conference Cup, by reaching the quarter-finals.

#### **Other News – League Positions**

In January 2012, the Men's Blues embarked on their annual winter tour, which is aimed at preparing the side for the second half of the football season. This year the trip to La Manga, an internationally renowned football training venue, was combined with three days in Gibraltar. Here the Blues enjoyed a couple of training sessions before taking on the Gibraltar under 21 side; the Blues ran out 2-1 winners. In La Manga, the Blues took on Cartagena Reserves in what is fast becoming a challenging and enjoyable annual fixture against a very good side. This year, for the first time in three attempts, the Blues ran out 5-3 winners in an end-to-end encounter.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

This coming season, the Men's CUAFC squads are looking forward to playing in more competitive leagues following the promotions of both the Men's Blues. The Men's Blues have a very talented group of players staying together, with seven of this year's Blues Varsity starting XI remaining in Cambridge. On top of the BUCS league campaign, the Men's Blues winter tour will again go ahead, with La Manga being the most likely destination. CUAFC's outreach to its Old Boys will continue in 2012/13; firstly with a more up-to-date website, and secondly with the annual Old Boys' Match and Dinner due to take place in early November. Steps are also being taken to move the Varsity Match back to London in order to attract an audience that encompasses an increased proportion of CUAFC Old Boys whilst also drawing in large numbers of current University students.

# Association Football Club (Women's)

[www.cuafc.org/](http://www.cuafc.org/)

According to the Football Association website, football is the sport most participated in by women and girls in the UK, with 1.38 million playing regularly. The presence of women's football in our university represents this well and Cambridge University Women's Association Football Club has two competitive teams, the Blues and the Eagles, each comprising a squad of eighteen. The Blues play in BUCS, whilst the Eagles play in a Sunday league of local clubs.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **3rd March 2012, Marston Sports Ground, Oxford Blues: Cambridge 1 Oxford 3**

Second: Cambridge Eagles 2 Oxford Furies 3

The 27th Women's Varsity football match was a very close and hard fought match, which Cambridge were unlucky to lose. Oxford took the lead before half time with a header from a corner which was lifted by the wind. Cambridge put great pressure on the Oxford defence in the second half, and Amelia Southgate scored a stunning equaliser: a free kick from 30 yards out, into the top left corner of the Oxford goal. Despite strong Cambridge efforts to find a winner, Oxford scored a breakaway goal with ten minutes to go. The determination and quality that Cambridge exhibited throughout the second half has given the team much encouragement for next year's Varsity match.

The match between the Eagles and Furies was a similarly close affair, with Cambridge looking the better team in the second half. The first Oxford goal was scored during a period of scrappy play in the opening minutes and their second in the eighty ninth minute as a counter attack resulting from Cambridge attempts to push up and equalise. An Eagles side that was vastly improved from last year has shown much promise for future success.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Cambridge Blues won the Midlands 2B BUCS League and have been promoted for next season. Having played last season in the Eastern Regions Premier League, the Blues took the decision to leave and re-enter BUCS as it had become extremely difficult to field a full team during the holidays, and they won their BUCS league in their debut season. The Blues showcased their quality in Michaelmas, losing only one game and a highlight being an excellent 4-0 victory over the University of Leicester. A spell of poor form after Christmas was overcome with composure and professionalism towards the end of the season, which secured league victory. We went into our final game knowing that only a win would clinch us the league title, and did so in style with an 8-1 defeat of Leicester.

## **Looking forward to 2012/13**

We look forward to competing in the Midlands 1A BUCS League next year.

# Athletic Club

[www.cuac.org.uk/](http://www.cuac.org.uk/)

CUAC is one of the oldest athletic clubs in the world, established in 1857, and run entirely by students. We compete against Oxford three times a year, with the Freshers Match in November, the Indoor Field Events and Relays Match in February, and the main Varsity Match in May. The first Varsity Match was held in 1864, pre-dating the modern Olympics by 32 years. CUAC athletes also compete in a variety of other competitions such as BUCS Indoor and Outdoor Championships, Cambridgeshire County Championships, and England Athletics U20 and U23 Championships.

In three out of every four years, CUAC and OUAC unite as the Achilles Club to compete against American Universities in the oldest international athletic series in the world. The Harvard-Yale matches date back to 1894 and the Penn-Cornell series has roots in 1921. The 2012 season was a year off from the tour but in the next round held in 2013, the English Universities tour the US over Easter to compete against all four of the US institutions. CUAC caters for athletes at all levels, and our membership in recent years has ranged from Senior GB Internationals to relative beginners. Our collective aim is simple: to beat Oxford 4-0 in the Varsity Match, and to have fun doing it.

## Varsity 2011/12

**19th May 2012, Roger Bannister Athletics Track, Iffley Road, Oxford**

**Men's First: Cambridge 107 Oxford 104**

**Women's First: Cambridge 97 Oxford 102**

Men's Second: Cambridge 109 Oxford 103

Women's Second: Cambridge 85 Oxford 115

Getting the day off to a perfect start in the Men's Blues match was Rhys Hodnett, winning the Hammer Throw with 46.20m, his maiden Blues standard, and Christian Roberts winning the opening track race over 400m Hurdles with a 55.37s season's best. Matthew Houlden

won the Long Jump with 6.72m, before Onakeno Mario-Ghae produced the performance of the day in the High Jump, jumping 2.04m to rapturous applause. Jonathan Cook cruised to an effortless victory in the 800m, followed by a second win just two hours later in the Mile in a race that will be remembered for many years to come.

As the afternoon progressed and Oxford tried to mount a comeback, Tom Watkins won the 3000mSC with a 9:33.45 personal best and Matt Houlden set new windy and legal personal bests, winning the Triple Jump with 14.70m(w)/14.52m. Toby Haseler and David Allwood rounded out the field events with wins in the Shot Put (13.48m) and Discus Throw (40.20m). The Men's Blues match, which had remained finely poised throughout the day, finally went the way of Cambridge 105-99 after a victory in the 4x100m Relay. Oxford were favourites in this race and had the faster runners on paper, but the Cambridge team had worked tirelessly on their changeovers, which made all the difference on the big day.

The Women's Blues Match began with Jennifer Lovell, fresh from breaking the CUAC record in the Pole Vault the previous weekend, winning with an outstanding



Jennifer Lovell





Lizzie Thompson

vault of 3.30m. Women's Captain Rose Penfold led from the front on the track, easing to victory in the 800m with 2:18.46. Lizzie Thompson had a day to remember; winning the Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump with new personal bests of 5.08m, 10.67m and 1.55m, as well as coming second in both Hurdles races. CUAC's throws squad leader Helen Broadbridge won the Discus Throw and Hammer Throw comfortably with 38.41m and 45.38m respectively.

Despite winning fewer events overall than their Oxford counterparts, the determination and depth of the Women's Blues team was evident in picking up enough 2nd and 3rd place points throughout the day to ensure that heading into the final event, the 4x400m Relay, the match hung in the balance. Despite a storming final leg from Helena Wace, the women's team was beaten on the line by just a quarter of a second, and lost the overall match 102-97.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The opportunity of a lifetime was presented to Cambridge Athletes at the 2012 BUCS Outdoor Athletics Championships, which was the test event for the Olympic Stadium as part of the London Prepares series. With over 56,000 tickets sold over the course of the four day event, the atmosphere was amazing and an experience that all athletes involved will never

forget. As usual, the Cambridge team showed their strength with a number of season's bests and personal bests recorded, as well as numerous semi-finalists, finalists and medal winners.

Cambridge finalists included Polly Keen who finished 5th in the 2000mSC, Toby Haseler coming 6th in the Shot Putt, Jennifer Lovell placing 7th in the Pole Vault, Tom Watkins taking 14th in the 3000mSC and Will Mackay earning 14th place in the 10,000m. There were also excellent performances by Rhys Hodnett and Matt Grant, both of them qualifying for their finals in the Hammer Throw and 3000mSC respectively but unable to compete due to injury. Particular congratulations go to Emma Perkins who took the silver medal in the High Jump with a fantastic leap of 1.78m and to Emily Dudgeon who also took silver after a storming run of 2:06.36 in the 800m.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

We at Cambridge University Athletic Club see that Cambridge has a huge source of untapped talent and that if we were able to harness this, we believe that we could consistently be ranked at the top of the BUCS Championships medal tables alongside High Performance Centres such as Birmingham and Brunel. Athletics can be considered as the baseline sport from which other sports stem, and its training is complementary to that of almost every other sport. As such, this year we will be working harder than ever to encourage as many people as possible from other University level and college level sports to take part, and we can continue being one of the University's most successful sports clubs.

### **Emily Dudgeon**

After her amazing run at BUCS where she took the silver medal in the 800m, Emily Dudgeon has gone from strength to strength with some outstanding performances this year. Her other major achievements this season include winning the National under 20 title and this subsequently qualified her to compete at the World Junior Championships. In addition to this, Emily finished 4th at this year's Olympic Trials and her current personal best is less than two seconds off the Olympic B qualifying standard.

# Cambridge University Cockerel Badminton Club

[www.cucbc.soc.srcf.net](http://www.cucbc.soc.srcf.net)

The Cambridge University Cockerels Badminton Club (CUCBC) provides training and matches for the top players in the University. The squad consists of around 40 players selected from 300 trialists in Michaelmas term. It enters two teams to compete in the BUCS Badminton league, with many past teams enjoying success. The club is also represented in the yearly BUCS Individuals tournament in Nottingham, with the season culminating in the Varsity match against Oxford. The club also runs a league for College level play, as well as the annual Cuppers tournament.

## Varsity 2011/12

**24th-25th February June 2012, Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford**

**Cambridge Overall 28 Oxford Overall 47**

**Men's First: Cambridge 1 Oxford 14**

**Women's First: Cambridge 6 Oxford 9**

Men's Second: Cambridge 8 Oxford 7

Women's Second: Cambridge 2 Oxford 13

Men's Third: Cambridge 11 Oxford 4

Results from recent years meant it would always be difficult for the Light Blues playing at Oxford against a team with national experience. The overall defeat of 47-28 overshadowed the tight affair in many of the games where Cambridge missed out on those crucial points. With Varsity held over two days, Cambridge ended the first day to tie 17-17 with all to play for. However, the break in play resulted in a loss of momentum for the second day.

The Women's First team matches were intense and often required a deciding third set. Scores exceeding the normal 21 point set-up were a common sight, with both sides vigorously cheering on their team. Despite the commitment and determination that could be seen from the First team, they lost 9-6. The Men's First team struggled with form and injuries but

fought for every point. However, Oxford's organisation and coaching saw them take the marginal points required to win the doubles games, working well under pressure and digging deep to fight back large point deficits, condemning Cambridge to a 14-1 defeat.

The Men's Second team edged a narrow 8-7 win, with the deciding match going to the third end 25-23 which was followed by an 11-4 win for the Men's Third team. The Women's Second struggled with conditions and lost 13-2.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

Matches in the BUCS league were difficult, with the loss of several First team men and women's players. For the men, survival after promotion into Midlands 1A conference was always going to be difficult, as the standard of opponents had greatly improved from last year. The team narrowly lost both crucial encounters with East Anglia 5-3 and, despite a win and draw with Birmingham Third, the men's team have been demoted.

The women's team were also faced with a tough season, after remaining in the Premier South division. The team, however, quickly learned to play well with the new players and pairings and was unlucky to lose home matches to Cardiff and Southampton, both 5-3.



Away matches are always difficult, requiring full days to travel; despite this, matches were close. The women's team did finally manage to win in their last match, a home match against Exeter. Nevertheless, the women have also been demoted.

At the BUCS Individuals tournament, a difficult draw ended with both Men's Doubles pairs losing to the 1st and 3rd seeds in the round of 64. In the Women's Doubles, Kate Marshall and Maithili Parikh lost narrowly in the last 32. In the other entries, our players did not progress past the first or second rounds.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Each year, the badminton team makes noticeable improvements in Varsity and this year was no different. The results reflect harshly on the efforts made by the Cambridge team, which has undergone significant restructuring and change. CUCBC will be a significant beneficiary from the new Cambridge University Sports Centre when it is completed and we eagerly await the opportunity for increased training which, hopefully, will translate into more successful results.

# Basketball Club



[www.srcf.ucam.org/cubbc](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cubbc)

The Cambridge University Basketball Club was founded in the 1950s and since the 1990s has boasted two teams, the Men's First (the Blues) and the Men's Second (the Lions). The Blues and Lions train under the assistance of coaches Nebojsa Radic and Elias Mounchlianitis respectively, enjoying around eight hours of training time in addition to weekly games during the regular season. Both the Blues and the Lions compete in the BUCS League, and have enjoyed various successes in recent years, including both teams finishing 2nd in their respective leagues this year. The social calendar kept the team's spirits high all year long, highlighted by the Christmas and Annual Dinner festivities that brought together both men's teams as well as the two women's squads. With a number of returning players, we look forward to a fantastic season in 2012/13.

## Varsity 2011/12

### 4th March 2012, Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford First: Cambridge 66 Oxford 91

Second: Cambridge 65 Oxford 55

Having secured 2nd place in the BUCS Midlands Division 1, the Blues travelled to Oxford anticipating a challenging but nonetheless enjoyable Varsity Match against Premiership title contender Oxford. A strong first half further nourished the hope of securing Varsity victory for the first time in several years. Special mention should go to Kaladerhan Agbontaen's impressive opening minutes before sustaining an injury that would ultimately end his season. However, outstanding rebounding by President Tobias Uth and excellent distribution by point guard Job Godino proved to be insufficient. The Dark Blue squad dominated their home court and outclassed a tired Cambridge team, having played three games in the previous ten days. The final score

91-66 is certainly respectable, but with plenty of returning players, such as first year shooting guard Ed Scott, the Light Blues are keen to turn their BUCS successes into a Varsity one.

The Lions, led by Coach Elias Mouchlianitis and Captain Lukas Endl, showed a solid first half performance against their Oxford opponents in what was a close game from the tip-off. Despite going in at half-time down by two points, the Lions showed how the intense training under Coach Mouchlianitis had been worth it all season long, outpacing the Dark Blues. By the end of the game, the Lions' rigorous defence and the strong performances of Justinas Kanopa and Benj Crawford-Shape resulted in a well-deserved 10 point win for the Light Blues, their second consecutive Varsity Match win.

### BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

Following a successful promotion campaign during the 2010/11 season, the Cambridge Blues looked to cement their place in a division they had longed to be



in. Despite defeats by powerhouses Loughborough and Coventry, both with national standard star players, the Blues utilised their sharp shooting and effective offence to give them the points difference required to secure 2nd position. Thanks go to Captain Chris Haar for his commitment and desire to achieve this year, as well as to coach Nebojsa Radic whose wisdom has, as always, proven very useful in developing experienced players.

As for the Lions, the 2011/12 season was also a very successful one. Thanks to the experience of many returning players, the team started the season strong, winning the first games of the year, even putting in a convincing performance against Loughborough, one of the best university teams in the country. However, injuries troubled the team throughout Michaelmas term, but with the two most important BUCS League games not set to take place until Lent term, several key players were able to

recover in time. Against Oxford, a superb team effort led to an important victory in double overtime. This put the Lions in a position to challenge for promotion, only needing a win against Cranfield University. However, with tired legs by the final game of the season, the pace and skill of the Cranfield team meant that the Lions finished 2nd in the BUCS League, a respectable achievement nonetheless.

#### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

With a number of returning players for both squads, the Blues and Lions are both looking forward to successful seasons next year, building upon both teams finishing in 2nd place in their respective BUCS League this year. The club is also extremely excited about the development of the new Sports Centre; the new basketball courts and strength and conditioning facilities will prove invaluable if the Blues are to break the spell of recent Varsity defeats and if the Lions are to continue to build on their recent form against the Oxford Second team.

# Women's Basketball Club

[www.cuwbbc.org.uk/](http://www.cuwbbc.org.uk/)

Cambridge University Women's Basketball Club is comprised of two university teams. The Blues team competes in the BUCS Midlands 2B Division. In their inaugural season, our Second team, the Panthers, have competed in a local league. One of the aims of our club is to promote basketball in the University and to encourage women to play. In order to achieve this, CUWBbC runs a College League to encourage women to become more involved in sports. We currently have ten teams competing in the league, which is divided into two divisions.

#### **Varsity 2011/12**

**4th March 2012, Iffley Road, Oxford**  
**Blues: Cambridge 48 Oxford 72**

Second: Cambridge Panthers 35 Oxford Second 22

CUWBbC returned from Oxford with a mixed bag of results – a victory for the Panthers and a defeat for the Blues team.

The Panthers started eager to repeat their victory from last year. However, the Oxford Seconds put up a

strong fight, keeping the first half a tight contest between the two teams. The second half saw the Panthers pull away and they began to find their sweet spots under the basket, with notable contributions from Kristina Jucikaite and Stephanie Polderdijk. The first win of the day was hence comfortably put away.

Cambridge Women's Blues went into the game as the underdog. Although Cambridge had topped the Midlands 2B division this year, Oxford was literally in a different league; two leagues above in the Premier South. The Blues struggled to find their footing in the first half, and suffered from the punishing three-pointers that Oxford was putting away, reflecting its home court advantage. However, an outstanding performance from point guard Paloma Navarro injected much needed team morale, and set the stage for some well-executed underbaskets from Katerina Glyniadaki. A much closer second half in terms of point difference nevertheless saw a defeat of the Light Blues.

CUWBbC hopes to improve this result next year when we host the Dark Blues in Cambridge, and appreciate all the support received so far.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The 2011/12 season has seen a great deal of success for the Blues team, led by coach Amalio Fernandez-Pacheco. We competed in the BUCS Midlands 2B Division this season, placed top of our league and are thrilled to have been promoted.

We were also very successful in the Midlands Conference Cup. The Blues had a convincing win of 58-32 against Northampton University in the quarter-finals, from which we proceeded to play Loughborough. Playing away with only eight players and no coach, against a twelve player strong

Loughborough squad, tensions were high. However we were able to squeeze a one point victory in double overtime to move to the Conference Cup Final. The Blues finished their 2011/12 season with the Championship game against Worcester. Playing away, the Blues put up a good fight but were unable to come away with the title, losing 53-44.

### **Other News**

2011/12 was a very eventful season for CUWBbC. The club has been increasingly growing in popularity over the last few years. At the end of last Michaelmas Term 2010, we were approached by Oxford and asked to gather players to play against their Second Team at Varsity 2011. As a result of the great interest and raw talent in the College League, we were able to create a College All Stars Team. The resounding success of the match, with the All Stars winning 40-25 (after only practising together for five weeks) convinced us to launch a Second Team. The committee worked hard over the summer to set up the team, which we named the Panthers. The new coach, Blaine Landis, has successfully led the Panthers in their inaugural season.

In other news, players from the Blues and Panthers teams took the plunge together and participated in a sponsored swim to raise money for charity. The swim was done in support of Christian Aid, which works to realise change on a global scale, to eradicate the causes of poverty and strives to achieve equality, dignity and freedom, regardless of faith or nationality. As a club we raised £367.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

The Blues team is excited about having gained promotion and are looking forward to hopefully achieving similar levels of success. CUWBbC is also looking forward to the Panthers' future successes. With quite a few players graduating this year, we will be welcoming new players into the club.

# Boat Club

[www.cubc.org.uk/](http://www.cubc.org.uk/)

**7th April 2012**

**Cambridge won by 4 ¼ lengths**

Cambridge had the weight advantage going into the race, with an average 7.9kg per rower more than Oxford. They had two returning Blues, to Oxford's one. However, they were still considered the underdogs, due their form during the season. Cambridge won the toss for stations and chose the Surrey station.

At the start Oxford took a ¼ length lead, rowing slightly faster than Cambridge, at 44 strokes per minute. By the mile post, Oxford had only a small lead, with warnings from the umpires for the crews to move apart. This continued under Hammersmith Bridge and Oxford seemed ready to make a push around the outside of the bend.

However, the race was disrupted as a swimmer was spotted in the path of the boats. Oxford cox de Toledo was the first to see him, raising her hand, and the umpire, John Garrett, waved the red flag, stopping the race.

After twenty minutes, the race recommenced with the crews starting level, heading towards the bottom of Chiswick Eyot, and Oxford gained a ¼ length lead in

the first few strokes. Oxford were on the outside of the bend and being warned to move away from Cambridge. They did not, and the blades clashed. This resulted in the Oxford number six breaking his blade. Of course, the race was effectively over from this point, and Cambridge won by 4 ¼ lengths.

Oxford appealed over the clash at the end of the race, but Garrett explained the decision to continue the race, saying, "Crews have to abide by their accidents. I was warning Oxford at the time of the clash, as they were off station. I was comfortable Cambridge were in the right place on the river, so it was right and within the rules to allow the Race to continue."

Oxford bow man Alex Woods collapsed after the race, requiring medical treatment. There was no presentation ceremony after the race, as everyone was concerned for Woods' health. He was discharged from hospital the following day.

Cambridge President David Nelson said afterwards, "It wasn't my preferred way to win, but nonetheless, that's The Boat Race and its unpredictability is part of what makes the event so special."

In the reserves race Isis (Oxford) beat Goldie (Cambridge) by five lengths, setting a new record for the event.

# Women's Boat Club

[www.cuwbc.org/](http://www.cuwbc.org/)

Cambridge University Women's Boat Club (CUWBC) is the women's rowing club at the heart of the University. It is comprised of the most ambitious and promising athletes that emerge from the 31 College boat clubs. Formed in 1927, CUWBC exists today to supply openweight and lightweight rowers to compete against their Oxford counterparts in the annual Henley Boat Races, a side-by-side along a 2km stretch of the Henley Reach. The event, which attracts up to 7000 spectators, consists of four competitions, of which CUWBC compete in three: the Women's Blue Boat race, the Women's Openweight Reserves race (Blondie vs. Osiris) and the Women's Lightweight race. To date Cambridge has a win tally of 80 to Oxford's 53 races.

CUWBC's athletes compete in many of the UK's major national rowing events, including the Fours Head and Women's Eights Head of the River. In February 2012 it was announced that the Women's Blue Boat race, with sponsorship from Newton Investment Management, will move to the Tideway alongside the University Boat Race from 2015; the club looks forward to stepping up to the challenge of competing on the 4 ¼ mile course in London.

## Varsity 2011/12

### 25th March 2012, Henley on Thames Blues: Cambridge won by ¼ length

Lightweights: Oxford won by 1 1/3 lengths  
Blondie vs. Osiris: Osiris won by 3 ½ lengths

With five returning Blues and a returning Blondie rower in this year's Blue Boat, the 2012 crew was in a strong position to overturn a loss from 2011.

The Blue Boat flew off the start, taking 2 seats within the beginning of the start sequence, and ¾ length to 1 length by the end of the first minute. They continued to push out their lead to clear water past the 500m mark and then to 1 ½ lengths as they came past the Oxford supporters. As they passed

Remenham Farm and the Cambridge supporters, the margin was 2 lengths and the crew looked strong and confident in a solid rhythm.

Unfortunately with 300m to go, as Cambridge were making a push, the 2-girl caught a boat-stopping crab. Stern four kept their heads and continued rowing, while bow-girl Sarah Moir-Porteos helped free the blade. In this time their lead collapsed; the crews were about level and Cambridge had to build their speed back up for the line from scratch. Due to the quick thinking of the bow-girl and the collected response of the cox, the Blue Boat had only stopped for 8 seconds. However, the race was very close at the line, not quite a photo finish, but a definite contrast to the clear water Cambridge had for most of the course. The official verdict was a win by just 1 second.

In the Openweight Reserves Race, Blondie had prepared to be down off the start but to hold Osiris, before using superior technique and fitness to row back through and win.

Initially this was how it turned out, with Osiris pulling ahead and attempting unsuccessfully to 'close the door' on Blondie in the first 500m and receiving warnings from the umpire, Matthew Pinsent, for blade clashing. Nearly a length down but in clear water, Blondie were able to establish their rhythm and pushed hard to recover to a half-length overlap by Upper Thames Rowing Club. Osiris' early efforts started to tell and with their strokes shortening, Blondie looked set to draw level and then through Osiris.

Unfortunately, the crews closed again and Osiris were warned once more by the umpire. Although not clashing at the time, the strain of repeated blade clashes and rowing in rough water resulted in the two girl crabbing. The time lost to recover the Blondie blade gave Osiris an unchallenged row to the line, winning by 3 ½ lengths. This was a disappointment as the race was developing into a great contest between the crews, with a Blondie win a real possibility.

The Cambridge Lightweight Eight had a strong lead-up to the Henley Boat Races this year, with a good



depth of strength within the crew. Well-briefed and prepared to deal with whatever the race would offer, but knowing they were up against a very “together” Tethys crew, the Cambridge crew had confidence in their ability but were aware that this was going to be a hard fought race and they would have to give a perfect performance. Sadly, however, not all races go exactly to plan. OUWLRC seemed to hit a much stronger start, and were ahead at 250m.

The CUWBC Lightweights did settle from their shaky start into a strong rhythm, but by the time they had managed to consolidate and were holding Tethys, the Dark Blues had already pushed out to clear water and had begun to steer in front of Cambridge. Although CUWBC cox Harriet Marsh did her best to rally the girls and keep the boat out of the rougher water, Cambridge moved increasingly into the wash as the two crews converged onto the middle line between the two stations. The final margin was  $1\frac{1}{3}$  lengths, a disappointing result but a real testament to the Cambridge Lightweights’ determination and strength that they kept the pressure up and did not allow the race to turn into a procession.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

During the 2011/12 season the club has entered three major national events.

CUWBC entered six coxed fours in the Fullers Fours Head of the River. The top two crews placed 2nd (Madeleine Scragg, Cath Wheeler, Fay Sandford, Caroline Reid and Christine Seeliger) and 3rd (Harriet Marsh, Isabel Boanas-Evans, Sarah Moir-Porteos,

Anna Railton and Rebecca Pound) in the IM2 category, with both crews beating their Oxford counterparts.

The Blue Boat and Blondie both entered the Women’s Eights Head of the River. The Blue Boat placed 9th in a time of 20:38.71, taking the IM2 pennant for the second year in a row and finishing one place higher than in 2011. Blondie placed 44th in a time of 21:35.70.

CUWBC entered boats in the BUCS Regatta.

The Blue Boat, with one substitution, took bronze in the Championship Eights. CUWBC took gold in the Intermediate Fours category (Kate Stevens, Ellie Wigham, Rebecca Pound, Caroline Reid and Sarah Moir-Porteos) and placed 4th in the Championship Fours (Kate Richards, Cath Wheeler, Fay Sandford, Anna Railton and Holly Game). The CUWBC Lightweight boat, with one substitution, won gold in the Lightweight Championship Villis race, dominating the event and finishing with ten seconds between Cambridge and the second placed crew, Reading. The Lightweight Four (Martina Lagatierra-Wellington, Emma Copham, Emily Day and Hannah Morgan) also came 4th in the Intermediate Fours category.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

CUWBC is working with CUDO to build an extension to Goldie Boathouse to accommodate the women’s crews and create a joint training facility. A major fundraising campaign is also underway, in collaboration with CUBC and CULRC, to build a stunning new boathouse for all three clubs on the River Great Ouse at Ely.



# Bowmen

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cub/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cub/)

CUB is a very friendly club that welcomes everyone from complete beginners to very experienced archers. We compete in the BUTTS league against Oxford, Nottingham, Birmingham, Warwick, Derby, Loughborough and Nottingham Trent, as well as BUCS, the Varsity Match and local and national competitions. However, we also cater for people who just want to shoot on a Sunday afternoon.

## Varsity 2011/12

### 12th May 2012, St John's College, Cambridge Cambridge 3234 Oxford 3244

Cambridge Novices 2499 Oxford Novices 2315

The competition took place just outside New Court with sunny weather. It was fairly warm, with a few clouds, but quite windy. Gentlemen shot 3 dozen arrows at 80 yards, then 3 dozen at 60 yards, followed by 3 dozen at 50 yards. Women shot at 60, 50 and 40 yards. The Cambridge Captain was Kingsley Warren and the Oxford Captain was Matthew Langton. The competition started at 12pm and was completed at about 5pm. The top four archers from each University added their scores together for a combined team score.

In the end Oxford won with 3244 against Cambridge's 3234, so it was an incredibly close competition. Cambridge Team: Liu Zhaoyong, Tak Ho, Christopher Buckingham, Nicole Rainey.

In the Novice category, Cambridge won with 2499 to Oxford's 2315.

Cambridge Team: Matthew Bigwood, Joe Glover, Maryia Karpiyevich, Bryn Pickering.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

At the BUCS Indoors, Cambridge came 6th out of 43, with only 6 points separating 4th to 6th places, so it was a very good result. The Novice Team was 10th in their league. The Experienced Team came 5th in the BUTTS League, whilst the Novice Team came 4th. The Experienced Team got through to the 2nd Round at the British Universities Team Championship (BUTC).

## Other News

We have been working hard with our alumni group to help advance the club in terms of funding and coaching.

## Looking forward to 2012/13

We look forward to another successful year and working harder at stronger results in the BUTTS League and at BUCS, as well as winning Varsity. We intend to change the coaching structure slightly to encompass a wider range within the club. We would also like to increase the number of social activities for team bonding.

# Canoe Club

[www.cucanoe.co.uk/wp/](http://www.cucanoe.co.uk/wp/)

Cambridge University Canoe Club caters for those who have never been in a boat before, right up to hardcore Grade IV/V enthusiasts. We paddle frequently on the Cam and at a local swimming pool, running coaching courses throughout the year. We also organise regular whitewater trips to such places as Wales, Scotland and the Lake District, as well as the Alps in the summer. On the competitive side, we are most active in Canoe Polo, competing in the National League and regularly coming in the top six at BUCS. We also enter teams into the BUCS Slalom and White Water Racing competitions, as well as competing against Oxford in marathon and freestyle.

This has been a particularly outstanding year for our Men's Canoe Polo team, placing 2nd in the National League Division 4, winning the Varsity match and emerging victorious at the BUCS championship.

## Varsity 2011/12

Varsity Canoeing consists of four events: Wild Water Racing, Marathon, Canoe Polo and Freestyle.

### Wild Water Race

26th-27th November 2011, River Washburn,

North Yorkshire

Men: Oxford won

Women: Oxford won

The Varsity Wild Water Race was held at the BUCS WWR event on the River Washburn. Alison Galloway recorded the fifth best Women's K1 time overall, but Oxford won both the Men's and Women's Varsity team events.

### Marathon

2nd June 2012, River Cam

Men: Cambridge won

Women: Cambridge won

The Varsity Marathon and Canoe Polo were due to take place on the River Cam in early May, but had to

be postponed due to high water levels. Never before have we been prevented from paddling by the sheer might of the Cam. Luckily we were able to reschedule, and despite many of the competitors being in the midst of exams and one of the Oxford cars breaking down on their way over, a successful day of competition was achieved. Both the Men's and Women's Marathon were won by Cambridge, with very strong races from Mark and Pete Wilkes, Kate Ashley and Alison Galloway.

### Canoe Polo

2nd June 2012, River Cam

Men: Cambridge won

Women: Oxford won

The Men's Varsity Canoe Polo match was won by Cambridge, with the final score 4-2. Olly Thomson put in a characteristically impressive performance, scoring two of the Cambridge goals. In the women's match, the score was 1-1 at full time. The match went to golden goal, with Oxford managing to bring it to a close.

Varsity Freestyle was due to take place on the same weekend as the Marathon and Canoe Polo, at the artificial whitewater course at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. The high river levels of that weekend were not confined to the Cam, however, and the course was closed due to flooding. We were unfortunately unable to reschedule the event.

## BUCS and Other Competitions

### BUCS Canoe Polo

21st-22nd April 2012, Hatfield Water Park, Doncaster

Men: 1st place

Women: 17th place

Old boys: 7th place

B team: 5th place

The BUCS weekend is the major university Canoe Polo competition of the year. After years of going into the

tournament with high hopes, only to lose out in the final stages, our men's team at last managed to achieve victory in the Open league. Beating Newcastle, Oxford, Southampton, Durham and Sheffield on their way to the final, the team, captained by Hugh Bird, played fluidly, working together as a unit. Olly Thomson was able to both set up and score goals with remarkable skill. In the gripping final against Sheffield, the score at full time was 1-1, leading to a tense phase of golden goal extra time. The result was at last deftly sealed by Rob Anderson.

At the Canoe Polo National League Division 4, our men's team was one of the strongest teams in the league, finishing 2nd out of 10. Our Men's, Women's and B teams also competed in tournaments at Cardiff and Warwick.

# Cricket Club

[www.cucc.net/](http://www.cucc.net/)

Cambridge University Cricket Club is one of the oldest sports clubs in the University. A proud history dates back to 1820 and the club have been based at their world famous home, Fenner's, since 1848. Alumni include 21 test match captains and 62 former test cricketers. Blues are awarded, since the year 2000, to those players who play in either the one-day Varsity match at Lords or the First Class four-day Varsity, which alternates between Fenner's and the home of Oxford University CC, the Parks. In addition to the Blues team, CUCC is represented by the Crusaders' who play a series of fixtures in the run up to their Varsity against Oxford counterparts the Authentics. Cambridge MCCU consists of players from both Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin Universities, and plays in the MCCU competitions, as well as three First Class matches against county opposition.

Outside competition, the club white water trip to the Alps in July 2011 was a great success. We spent a week in the region of Argentière in France, paddling such classic rivers as the Ubaye and the Guil, before heading off to Austria and Switzerland in the second week.

## Looking forward to 2012/13

We have the club Alps trip, which should be just as excellent as last year. Our Men's Canoe Polo team will hope to continue the success of the last season, maintaining their position in the National League and defending their title at BUCS. There will also be all the usual competitions and recreational paddling throughout the year.

## Varsity 2011/12

### Varsity T20

**25th May 2012, University Parks, Oxford  
Cambridge 151-5 (Elliott 37, Evans 28\*, Best 25)  
lost to Oxford 155-4 (Agarwal 61, Williams 49) by six wickets**

Dreams of repeating the unprecedented treble of 2011 were shattered as Cambridge lost to Oxford in the Varsity T20 at the Parks.

Richards Timms won the toss and chose to bat. Cambridge got off to a good start with Timms and Tom Elliott, who hit 37 off 29 balls, making good use of the powerplay. Paul Best with 25 and Jonno Evans with an unbeaten 28 helped the Light Blues up to a decent enough 151-5 from their 20 overs, and Cambridge were confident of success.

Rajiv Sharma got Oxford off to a flyer before he was caught behind by Evans off the bowling of Jon Lodwick. Sam Agarwal was joined by Oxford captain Ben Williams and after a shaky start, the two of them mixed calm accumulation with some stronger hitting and by the time Williams was bowled by Elliot Bath for 49, Oxford were within sight of victory. Cambridge rallied and showed commendable fighting spirit to take the match to the final over, perhaps a sign that dismissing Williams or Agarwal earlier may have changed the result.

It was a disappointing afternoon for Cambridge, who were left to rue the fact none of the top order capitalised on a good start, and that the bowling was not quite as disciplined as it might have been. T20 is the sort of game where the rub of the green and a couple of individuals performing well can win you the game, and that is what happened for Oxford on the day. It was a frustrating start to the Varsity season for Cambridge.

#### **Varsity one-day match**

**16th June 2012, Lord's**

**Cambridge 269 all out (Timms 84, A. Ansari 63, Senaratne 57, Z. Ansari 37, Agarwal 5-53) beat Oxford 252 all out (Pascoe 67, Williams 35, Lodwick 4-39) by 17 runs**

Oxford captain Ben Williams this time won the toss and chose to field. Despite the early loss of his opening partner Tom Elliott, Cambridge captain Richard Timms (84), ably supported by Nipuna Senaratne (57), batted superbly to put his side in a very strong position with twenty overs remaining. The Ansari brothers, Akbar (63) and Zafar (37) added impetus to the innings and took full advantage of the powerplay, with Akbar particularly brutal, launching the penultimate over of the allotted 50 for 23. Cambridge lost their last wicket to the final ball of the innings and set Oxford a very challenging 270 for victory, a similar score to that which they defended at Lord's a year previously.

Oxford started well, before Jon Lodwick, who represented Oxford in this fixture last year, made the all important breakthrough, strangling Sam Agarwal and having him caught down the legside. When Rajiv Sharma hit Lodwick to mid-off and Owain Jones was bowled by Thomas Probert, Oxford were in trouble at 61-3. Captain Ben Williams led the fight-back with a

calm 35 before he was trapped LBW by Paul Best in the 25th over, shortly before drinks. Dan Pascoe launched a counter-attack with a hard-hitting 67 and for a while, with Davies and Wilkinson both playing cameos, it appeared as if Oxford may scrape over the line. However, Zafar Ansari, who crucially dismissed Pascoe, Lodwick, who finished with 4-39 and Paddy Sadler, who bowled the final over, were able to hold their nerve and help bowl Cambridge to victory. Three run outs were typical of a fantastic Cambridge performance in the field, and the enthusiastic student contingent in the Grandstand travelled home happy as the Light Blues triumphed, for the third year running, over their oldest rivals at the home of cricket, by 17 runs.

#### **4-day Varsity**

**24th – 27th June 2012, University Parks, Oxford**  
**Oxford 280 all out (Jones 83, Lodwick 4-55, Probert 3-68) and 215-5 (Williams 70, Jones 54\*, Lodwick 3-44) drew with Cambridge 267 (Timms 52, Elliott 44, Agarwal 3-46, Pascoe 3-53)**

The start of the first-class Varsity match was delayed by half a day because of rain, and the time lost, combined with a very slow wicket at the Parks, made a result difficult for either side to achieve.

Cambridge chose to bowl, hoping to take advantage of what appeared to be bowler-friendly overhead conditions. The bowling was disciplined throughout the reduced first day and the run rate was never able to get above 2 and a half runs per over. Wickets were hard to come by once Thomas Probert (twice) and Paddy Sadler had struck with the new ball, and line and length were the order of the day. The major resistance was provided by Owain Jones, who ended with 83, and Rajiv Sharma, who was at the crease for two and a half hours and battled his way to 39.

Two early wickets on the second morning gave Cambridge an opportunity to make inroads into the Oxford lower order. The bowling with the second new ball was good but riding their luck, aided by a couple of Light Blue fielding errors, Dan Pascoe, Jamie Davies and Tom Chadwick helped their side up to 280 before Jon Lodwick took the final wicket, and his fourth of the innings. Richard Timms was once again in superb form and along with Tom Elliott he batted Cambridge in to what was a strong position half an hour before the close. Both batsmen lost their wicket in the last

## Member Profiles

### **Zafar Ansari** (Trinity Hall, PPS)

Zafar plays for Surrey County Cricket Club and performed well for them in all formats of the game in 2011, including a role in the CB40 winning team. A left-arm spinner and left-handed top or middle order batsman, Zafar has previously represented England at U19 level. In 2011 he played for an England Development XI against Sri Lanka A and he spent December at a three-week England performance camp in Potchefstroom, South Africa. He has recently signed a new three-year contract with his county and has aspirations for a long and successful professional career. As in 2011, county commitments meant Zafar was only available for the one-day Varsity at Lord's; Zafar has played a key role in the one-day Varsity victories of the last two years. Zafar has featured heavily for Surrey in their 2012 T20 campaign, scoring runs and taking wickets on a consistent basis.

### **Paul Best** (Homerton, ASNAC)

Paul was a crucial part of our Varsity success in 2011 – performing with bat and ball in all three games. He scored 150 against Surrey for the MCCU, and took five wickets against Middlesex in April. 'Besty' is contracted to Warwickshire County Cricket Club, although he also featured for Northamptonshire on loan in 2011. He is a former captain of England U19, having led the side against Sri Lanka in the summer of 2010. He was also part of the squad for the 2010 U19 World Cup. Paul travelled with Zafar to the England performance camp in South Africa, and is equally ambitious and driven for future success in the game. Paul played in all three Varsity matches in 2012 and remains crucial to the heartbeat of the team. He has broken into the Warwickshire T20 team during the 2012 season and has performed well, taking 3-19 in 4 overs on his debut.

### **Paddy Sadler** (Churchill, PPS)

Paddy will captain Scotland to the U19 Cricket World Cup in Queensland, Australia in August 2012. He has led his country through a tough qualification period, winning 13 out of 14 matches to triumph in both the European and Global qualifying events. He has taken more Scottish youth wickets than anybody else, was appointed Blues captain at the end of the four-day Varsity match, and will lead the team in 2013. He toured South Africa with Scotland U19 in Easter of this year and has also represented Scotland A. Paddy has played in all six Varsity matches during his two years in Cambridge, as well as featuring regularly for the MCCU.

half an hour and suddenly the match was once again evenly poised going into day three.

Oxford started the third morning well and dismissed overnight batsmen Paul Best (19) and Akbar Ansari (30) within the first hour. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals; every time a partnership threatened to develop, Oxford seemed to strike, and Cambridge were unable to build a lead. Perhaps tellingly, Best, as well as middle order men Gus Kennedy, Jonno Evans and Matt Hickey all made scores in the teens, and nobody was able to convert a start into a more substantial score. Jon Lodwick, continuing his attack on his former Oxford teammates, played nicely for his 32, but Cambridge were eventually bowled out for 267, a first innings deficit of 13. A hostile spell from Lodwick and the standard pressure, which Paul Best with his left arm spin is able to apply, left Oxford three down at the close, and Cambridge entered the fourth day believing victory was possible.

Ben Williams and Rajiv Sharma batted through the entire morning session on day four and by lunchtime a draw was the most likely result. The Cambridge bowlers stuck manfully to their task and chipped away through the afternoon but Williams (70) and Owain Jones (54\*) were able to lead their side to a position of safety, without time to press for victory themselves. The slow wicket was not particularly helpful for bat or ball and the result was turgid cricket throughout the four days. Cambridge battled well and can be pleased with their efforts; the 2012 match perhaps emphasizing the great skill required by Cambridge to force victory, albeit on a better cricket wicket, in 2011.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The terrible start to the summer weather made it very difficult for the Blues to play any of their BUCS fixtures. Having gained promotion in 2011 the squad were looking forward to testing themselves at a higher level in 2012 but the inclement weather meant this was not possible. It remains to be seen who represents CUCC in BUCS in 2013, and at what level.

The annual trip to Arundel to take on the Duke of Norfolk XI was rained off, as were other high-profile fixtures such as that against the Combined Services and the visit of Cambridgeshire CCC. T20 warm up matches were played, and won, against the Free Foresters, and the Blues were delighted to host a

talented Durham CCC Academy side in the week before Lord's, as well as an MCC side including Quidnuncs Ruel Braithwaite, Anand Ashok and Charlie Hopkins, for the annual 3-day game.

Cambridge MCCU, the MCC funded side in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University, had another successful year. The three county matches against Essex, county champions Lancashire and Gloucestershire all ended in highly creditable draws, with the bowlers particularly impressive against Lancashire and Gloucestershire. Cambridge MCCU retained their BUCS Premier League crown, beating Durham at Wormsley in the final, and also won the MCC 2-day competition, completing the five match fixture list without losing. Rob Woolley (MCCU captain, ARU) will once again captain the MCC Combined Universities side this summer where he will be joined by teammates Pete Turnbull, Ben Ackland, Josh Poysden, Dean Bell and James Johnson.

The Crusaders also had a difficult season weather wise, with an extended fixture list decimated by the rain. After losing the one-day Varsity against the Authentics in the height of exam season, Cambridge

had a much better 3-day game, as day two ended with Oxford nine wickets down, in their second innings, and the scores level, and they easily won the T20, with Henry Anderson-Elliott producing a remarkable spell of bowling.

### **Other News**

Cambridge University Cricket Club was delighted to agree a sponsorship and kit deal with Gifted and Jack Wills in 2012. We look forward to working in partnership with Gifted and Jack Wills over the coming years, aiming to continue our success and development both on and off the field.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

As many as six of those who won Blues in 2012 may have left by the time the Varsity matches come round in 2013, so there is an element of re-building to be done. Paddy Sadler (Churchill) has been appointed captain and will be ably supported by Paul Best (Homerton). While experienced players are leaving, plenty of talent remains and hopes are high that with some new faces, the success of recent years can continue in to 2013.

## Women's Cricket Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwcc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwcc/)

CUWCC is a friendly cricket club open to all abilities. The core squad contains mainly county and school players, but once a week an open session is held for anyone, regardless of ability and experience. The club exists to promote the sport of cricket and we provide opportunities both for beginners to learn new cricketing skills, and for more experienced players to receive top-class coaching. CUWCC has one team entered into BUCS Midlands 1A, with a top 2 finish

leading to a Trophy Competition. The aim for the 2012/13 season is to complete a top 2 finish and push for promotion into the BUCS Premier South League.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **16th June 2012, Lords Nursery Ground Cambridge won by 126 runs**

After losing the toss and being put in to bat, captain Helen Webster made 25 in the first 5 overs to set up

the innings. Vice-captain Nikilha Ravi scored a magnificent 76, ably assisted by Piya Haria (29) and Elspeth Fowler (27), giving Cambridge a total of 215-5 from their 50 overs. Cambridge's opening bowlers Neeru Ravi (vice-captain), and fresher Piya Haria made light work of the Oxford top order, taking three wickets each in the innings. Oxford made slow progress, thanks to some fine fielding from the Cambridge side, and were eventually bowled out for 89 from 33 overs, with the remaining 4 wickets falling to Nikilha Ravi. This completed an emphatic victory for the Light Blues.

#### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

2012 was an extremely successful year for CUWCC. Despite the weather leading to a number of cancelled matches, the team managed to beat Loughborough, Warwick and Oxford on their way to a second successive BUCS Midlands 1A League title. Unfortunately exams meant they were unable to play their next round match, but the league victory in itself

was a fantastic achievement. CUWCC also fulfilled annual fixtures against the Army and MCC, and narrowly lost the end of season T20 against Oxford.

#### **Other News**

Following the Varsity win, a picture of the team appeared in The Times newspaper, with a two-page spread covering the men and women's Varsity matches, with a particular focus on the women. CUWCC is excited to be raising the profile of women's cricket in the UK.

#### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

In the 2012/2013 season, CUWCC is aiming to do the double, by winning the main Varsity at Lords and also the T20 Varsity, which this season is to be held in the University Parks in Oxford. The returning players make up an extremely strong squad, so the club is hoping to push for promotion this season. CUWCC also hopes to encourage more women to play, watch and enjoy the game of cricket.

# Cruising Club

#### **[www.cucrc.org/](http://www.cucrc.org/)**

The CUCrC was founded in 1893 and organises Team Racing, Yachting, Windsurfing, and Dinghy Sailing for members of Cambridge University. It also sponsors an alumni network that maintains a news website and organises regular social events for sailors no longer in residence. Sailors of all abilities are welcome, from people used to competing at the highest levels of the sport, through those who are more than happy with a short sail followed by a trip to the pub, to those who have never set foot in a boat before and are looking for training. The five sections of the club offer a huge variety of opportunities; there is something for everyone under the umbrella of the CUCrC.

The Team Racing Section concentrates on competitive sailing in BUCS/BUSA events and university leagues, with two regular mixed teams and a women's team for specific events. The Yachting Section has its own 38-foot boat, Kestrel, and organises frequent cruises at home and abroad, plus RYA training, as well as competing in BUCS/BUSA events. The Windsurfing Section participates in SWA events as well as enjoying the fun of frequent trips to venues on the coast such as Hunstanton. The Dinghy Sailing Section organises training, social sailing, and fleet racing at Hunts SC near St Ives.



## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **Team Racing**

**5th - 6th July 2012, Itchenor, Chichester**

**Mixed: Oxford 4 Cambridge 1**

**Women's: Oxford 4 Cambridge 1**

Although the racing was very close, with the outcome often in doubt until the last mark, Oxford's superiority told and they finished worthy 4-1 winners of both 2012 Varsity Matches held in Swallows at Itchenor, Chichester on 5/6 July. Oxford established a 3-1 lead in excellent sailing conditions on the first day, and then clinched victory with a further win in light and difficult conditions on the final day.

### **Yachting**

**31st March – 1st April 2012, Sunsail, Portsmouth  
Oxford 9 Cambridge 5**

Oxford won the Varsity Yachting Match, finishing 2 places ahead of Cambridge in the Gill Sunsail Racing Series over 31st March – 1st April 2012 at Portsmouth in light conditions in a fleet of 14 Sunsail F40s. However, the Oxford winning margin was very much slimmer than last year's walk-over, and most of the Cambridge team are available to sail in next year's match.

### **Windsurfing**

**27th March 2012, Dahab, Egypt  
Cambridge 3 Oxford 0**

Cambridge won a windy Varsity Windsurfing Match 3-0 at Dahab (Egypt) on 27th March 2012. The match arrangements were that the places of the top three sailors from each University counted. The conditions were some of the windiest experienced during the one-week Egyptian trip, and provided a feast of exciting racing. Cambridge took 1st and 2nd in each race to finish worthy winners of the match.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

### **Team Racing**

**11th – 13th April 2012, West Kirby, Liverpool  
Cambridge First: 5th**

Cambridge Second: 18th

Cambridge Firsts finished 5th in the BUSA Team Racing Championships, held at West Kirby, Liverpool on 11th -13th April 2012. The Seconds were unlucky to

have their final Swiss League 'bounce' curtailed by light winds on the Friday and finished 18th.

Cambridge Firsts sailed superbly to finish clear winners of the 17-round Swiss league part of the competition. They were drawn against Oxford Seconds in the quarter-finals and made a disappointing 2-0 exit, with Oxford sailing steadily and capitalising on Cambridge mistakes. Oxford Seconds went on to reach the final, somewhat to the chagrin of the Oxford Firsts, but lost there to Southampton.

### **Yachting**

**2nd – 5th April 2012, Sunsail, Portsmouth  
Cambridge: 13th**

Cambridge had the bitter-sweet experience of reversing the Varsity result, finishing in 13th position, 2 places ahead of Oxford, at the BUSA Yachting Championships held at Portsmouth. The event was sailed in a fleet of 29 Sunsail F40s over 2nd – 5th April 2012 in light and somewhat frustrating conditions, apart from the final day.

### **Windsurfing**

**20th - 22nd April 2012, Calshot, Southampton  
Team Event: Cambridge 5th**

Women's Freestyle: Steph Willis 3rd

Cambridge made a very enjoyable excursion to the Student Windsurfing Association (SWA) Championships held at Calshot, Southampton on 20th – 22nd April 2012, though overall success was somewhat muted.

### **Other News**

The club yacht Kestrel spent the summer of 2012 cruising in the Canaries, Morocco, and Spain, as well as making passage there from the UK.





With three Blues in their four-man team, including next year's men's and women's captains, Emmanuel powered their way to a clear-cut victory in Cuppers on 19th June 2012. Cambridge was the top bona fide university, in 8th place, at the UK National Team Racing Championships held at Bough Beech, Tonbridge on 24th – 25th March 2012. A Southampton 'University' team did finish 7th – but

they fielded a 'non-BUSA' helm. Oxford finished just behind Cambridge in 9th place.

The Cambridge Women's Team finished 3rd in the UK National Ladies Team Racing Championships held at Spinnaker Club, Ringwood on 11th – 12th March 2012. Oxford Women repeated their success of last year and retained their title, with Southampton coming 2nd.

Wessex Exempt won the Cam Cup, held at Grafham Water on 3rd - 4th March 2012. This annual CUCrC-organised event, which has a national reputation, was dominated by UK university alumni teams who filled the first seven places of the 15-strong entry. A mixed Cambridge student and alumni team finished 2nd in the World Youth Keel Boat Team Racing Championships held at Lelystad in the Netherlands in September 2011.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Fund raising remains a priority for the club, particularly for Team Racing. A new flight of team racing Firefly dinghies costs £35,000 and has to be replaced every three or four years. The club's competitive activities are restricted by having only one flight of such dinghies and the goal is to have two flights in operation by 2015.

## Cycling Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cycling/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cycling/)

The Cambridge University Bicycle Club (CUBiC) came into being on the 28th February 1874 with 11 members; within five years this figure was in excess of 260 and included all levels of members of the University, from undergraduates to Fellows. Within two months of CUBiC's formation, the Dark Blue Bicycle Club requested the first Varsity race.

This inaugural race was held on the 18th June 1874, and consisted of an 80 mile course between Oxford and Cambridge. Cambridge won. The club is still thriving today, offering competition, training and socialising to members, ranging from those just starting out, to those competing at international level. After another year of excellent BUCS results, the club is looking forward to dominating university cycling in the coming year.



## Varsity 2011/12

### 25 Mile Time Trial

29th April 2012, Oxford

**Men's: Won** (T. Weatherall, J. Dixon, E. Bradbury)

**Women's: Won** (H. Simmonds, A. Kiesenhofer, S. Gallagher)

Cambridge turned up as the undisputed favourites for this year's Varsity match, having beaten Oxford in all the recent BUCS events. The team duly performed well, with the men's and women's teams both taking decisive victories over their Oxford counterparts. A wet and very windy day saw both the riders' fitness and handling skills pushed to the limit. However, the dedication the team showed throughout the year clearly paid off. While Oxford floundered in the difficult conditions, the Cambridge riders measured their efforts to perfection, picking up four BUCS medals in the process.

### Mountain biking

11th March 2012, Crowthorne Wood, Berkshire

**Men's: Cambridge won**

**Women's: Cambridge won**

The Cambridge team took victory in both the Men's and Women's Varsity matches again this year. Dry conditions led to a fast race, putting pressure on the riders' reactions and handling skills, while the length of the race tested their endurance. Although Cambridge were plagued by mechanical issues, with the team's strongest rider forced to drop out with a snapped rear mechanism, the strength in depth of the team shone through, giving Cambridge a comfortable victory over Oxford.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

### BUCS Track Championship

Newport Velodrome

**Team Pursuit: 1st** (D. Ahearn, T. Weatherall, B. Stauch, T. Price)

The packed schedule of the track championship made this a key event in the BUCS calendar, with a huge number of points and medals on offer. Without local facilities to train on, Cambridge knew they were under pressure to pick up a result against much more experienced competition. Focusing on the team pursuit, Cambridge rode solidly in the qualifiers to gain a position in the final; however, while the

Cambridge team upped the pace in the final, the Central Lancashire team put their training and experience to good use to overhaul the Cambridge riders.

### BUCS 50km Team Time Trial

#### Princes Risborough

**Men's: 1st** (C. Pitt-Ford, T. Weatherall, D. Ahearn)

**Women's: 1st** (H. Simmonds, S. Gallagher, A. Railton)

With an excellent record in this event over the preceding years, Cambridge went into the race among the favourites for the victory in both the Men's and Women's.

In the women's race, Cambridge expected to face stiff opposition from the Birmingham team, but the pressure applied by the Cambridge women was enough to crack the Birmingham team, who fractured at the halfway point, finishing with less than the required three riders. This allowed Cambridge to cruise home to an easy victory over the rest of the competition.

In the men's race, Cambridge faced competition from strong Birmingham, Oxford and Southampton teams, as well as from the Central Lancashire team that defeated them at the track championships. Starting steadily, Cambridge matched the competition for the first half of the race, and then capitalised on fresher legs in the latter stages to pull out a winning margin as the competition began to fall away, winning by almost a minute over the Central Lancashire team in second place.

### BUCS 10 mile Time Trial

#### Cambridge

**Individual Men's: 1st** (W. Szlachta)

**Individual Women's: 2nd** (H. Simmonds)

**Team Men's: 1st** (W. Szlachta, T. Weatherall, T. Dixon)

**Team Women's: 1st** (H. Simmonds, A. Railton)

In their home event, Cambridge just missed out on a clean sweep of all the top prizes on offer, taking three gold medals and one silver. The most impressive ride of the day came from Wojciech Szlachta, comfortably taking the individual honours, as well as leading the Cambridge team to victory over a strong Birmingham contingent. On the women's side, Hayley Simmonds once again showed her strength, narrowly missing out on matching Szlachta's double gold, while taking the women's team honours alongside Anna Railton.

## **BUCS 25 mile Time Trial**

### **Oxford**

**Individual Men's: 3rd** (T. Weatherall)

**Individual Women's: 2nd** (H. Simmonds)

**Team Men's: 1st** (T. Weatherall, J. Dixon, E. Bradbury)

**Team Women's: 2nd** (H. Simmonds, A. Kiesenhofer)

In the final time trial event of the BUCS season, Cambridge came close to emulating the previous weekend's BUCS 10 achievements. The absence of Szlachta left the door open for Toby Weatherall to show his strength in the individual competition, picking up a bronze medal; as well as allowing fresher Edmund Bradbury to earn his place in the first team, helping the team to another gold medal. Hayley Simmonds picked up more hardware to finish off an amazing year, this time partnering with fresher Anna Kiesenhofer to pick up the team award.

## **Other News**

This year saw the first running of the Varsity Criterium race, held in conjunction with "The Tour", a company that runs a series of professional bike races throughout the country, including the tour of Britain. The race partnered a "Tour Series" event, held in central Oxford on closed roads and received TV coverage on ITV4. Cambridge dominated the race, taking all four of the top spots, and finished with seven riders in the top 10 to take the team honours as well. The club's committee is working alongside "The Tour" again this year to try and bring the Varsity Criterium to Cambridge for the coming season.

## **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Having narrowly finished 2nd in the BUCS cycling league table this season, the club is aiming to regain the title it held for the preceding four years, as well as continue to dominate Varsity as it has done this year.

# Eton Fives Club

[www.cuefc.co.uk](http://www.cuefc.co.uk)

Cambridge University Eton Fives Club was established in the 1920s, with the first Varsity Match being played in 1928. There are approximately 40 active members of the club, forming two teams for both the men and the women. Practices are organised throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms, with competitive fixtures every weekend against other universities, clubs and schools. The club is open to all members of the University, of all standards and levels of experience.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

**3rd March 2012, Eton College, Berkshire**

**Men's Blues: Cambridge 0 Oxford 3**

**Women's Blues: Cambridge 0 Oxford 3**

**Men's Second: Cambridge 3 Oxford 0**

**Women's Second: Cambridge 0 Oxford 3**

Despite a successful season, Cambridge were unable to defeat the Dark Blues during this year's Varsity Match. Out of the six men's pairs, Oxford narrowly beat Cambridge in all three of the Blues matches, while the Light Blues won comfortably in each of the second squad matches, with Oxford even conceding early in one case. This depth in the Cambridge men's squad bodes well for next year, when Oxford will be losing many of their best players.

The Cambridge women were unlucky to lose all six matches this year; this was not helped by the loss of certain key players from the previous year's squad, meaning that a few of the players had not played prior to the start of this season. Although some will have been disappointed with the result, there were many positive signals for the 2012/13 season.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

#### **Universities' Competition**

**12th November 2011, Eton College, Berkshire**

**Men's: Cambridge won (Rory Griffiths & Rob Wilson)**

The Cambridge First pair put in a fantastic performance, winning their group and beating

Manchester and Cambridge Second to reach the final against a Durham/Manchester pair. With Cambridge one set up, the match was unfortunately stopped due to an opposition injury, meaning that Cambridge retained the title for yet another year.

#### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

2012/13 looks set to be a busy season, with a full schedule of matches, which can be found on our website. Gonville & Caius are investigating the possibility of redeveloping two courts that were discovered on their sports ground. In addition to this, the club is beginning a fundraising appeal to support the construction of three new courts within the University Sports Centre, and anyone interested in this appeal is advised to contact the club's President.

# Fencing Club

[www.cufencing.org.uk/](http://www.cufencing.org.uk/)

The Cambridge University Fencing Club is over 100 years old, and represents one of the oldest – and best – university fencing clubs in the United Kingdom. It has both men's and women's teams, and fences primarily in the BUCS league, as well as taking part in the annual Varsity Match against Oxford, now in its 105th year. In its recent past, it has produced many athletes who have fenced for Great Britain and other nations, as well as several Olympians. It has a vibrant beginners and intermediate contingent, and aims to present a welcoming and challenging environment to all fencers, regardless of experience.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

**25th February 2012, Exam Halls, Oxford**

**Men's: Cambridge 135 Oxford 99**

**Women's: Cambridge 106 Oxford 99**

The 2012 Varsity Match was one to remember for the Cambridge Men's Fencing Team, providing retribution for last year's home defeat. Having had mixed results against Oxford in early BUCS matches, the team arrived in Oxford with a firm game plan – to build up as much of a lead as possible in the comparatively strong sabre and foil, and then attempt to stall in the final épée leg, to come out ahead in the scoreline.

The sabre team of Matthew Tointon (Magdalene), Paul Galaway (Robinson), John Stogin (King's, on loan from Princeton) and Simon Whitaker (Fitzwilliam) thoroughly demoralised Oxford and its accompanying home crowd, coming out strong winners at 45-29.

Whitaker was particularly impressive, beating Chris Jones of Oxford 5-0, reversing the scoreline from the 2011 Varsity Match. The foil team of Niccolo Mario Zanchi (Peterhouse), Richard Morris (Trinity), Matthew Fitton (Sidney Sussex) and Yan Long Choo (Girton) then followed, running out predictable winners against Oxford 45-37.

Finally, the épée team of Nicolas de Juniac (Captain, Girton), Valentin Dalibard (St John's), Matthew Rowland (Wolfson) and David Burnside (Robinson) took the piste against the highly fancied Oxford squad. As stated, the plan was to hold the line at all costs. But this proved unnecessary when Cambridge turned the tables, and applied consistent pressure to pull away from Oxford to emerge triumphant 43-33. Burnside was particularly impressive, recording a phenomenal +13 indicator to take man of the match honours, and capping a coveted three-weapon sweep.

After both a victory and defeat earlier in the season, the Women's First team came into Varsity knowing it would be a close fight. Cambridge took a convincing lead in the Épée, and followed this up with some excellent fencing in the sabre, increasing the lead further. Going into the foil match, Cambridge only had to gain thirteen points to seal victory; however this was Oxford's strongest weapon. Despite Oxford's efforts, Cambridge managed to score 20 hits in the foil, resulting in a solid victory for Cambridge.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The BUCS season did not start out well for the CUFC, with early losses in the round robin phase of the competition against Imperial, Bristol and Oxford, amongst others. This resulted in a relatively low ranking and a difficult road through the finals. In the

lead-up to the team's win in the Varsity Match, however, it pulled together and emerged much stronger, successfully fighting through to the semi-finals in Sheffield via a strong win over Bath, and eventually to the final itself against Imperial. There, the team produced some of its best fencing all year, despite the absence of the sorely-missed John Stogin, to beat the fancied Imperial to be crowned BUCS champions.

The Women's First team finished joint 3rd in the BUCS championship this year. In a year plagued with injury and absence during the season, the first two rounds did not yield the strong results that were hoped for. Even so, the team cruised through the knockout rounds to reach the final in Sheffield. Here the team faced a very strong Edinburgh side and, although there were some great individual performances on the Cambridge team, Edinburgh proved too experienced, and Cambridge were defeated, finishing joint 3rd.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

CUFC faces a year of minor rebuilding in 2012/13, with the departure of Paul Galaway, John Stogin and possibly Simon Whitaker from the men's sabre team. The rest of the team, however, remains intact and strong recruitment prospects are expected to emerge. Longstanding foil team member Niccolo Mario Zanchi, with his impeccable Sienese flair, has been elected Captain, and Cameron Miles returns to the club as President. With the majority of the 2012 team having graduated, the women's side is looking forward to welcoming a new crop of female fencers in 2013. Wins in the 2013 Varsity matches are cautiously predicted though, as always, the Cambridge-Oxford rivalry has a way of bringing out the best in both teams, rendering any firm prognostication impossible.

# Gliding Club

[www.cugc.org.uk](http://www.cugc.org.uk)

Cambridge University Gliding Club (CUGC) was founded in 1935 by a pioneering group of undergraduates. An ever-expanding membership roll, including many non-university members, soon established CUGC's position as the premier local gliding club. The club's heyday was the period following the Second World War, when operations were conducted from Marshall's Airport in Cambridge. Increasing pressure from commercial traffic at Marshall's forced a series of relocations, finally settling at the current site in 1991.

The modern-day CUGC is a purely university club split from Cambridge Gliding Club (CGC) in 1996. The two clubs work in very close affiliation at the Cambridge Gliding Centre; we share an airfield, clubhouse, and two-seat gliders for training. Gransden Lodge Airfield is located about fifteen miles west of Cambridge; the old RAF station serves as an excellent base for our operations. CUGC is privileged to own a single-seat high-performance glider of fibreglass construction, an ASW 19b with competition number "CU", for the use of solo-standard university members in training and in competition. We arrange several trial flight sessions for non-members every term, giving all members of





the university the opportunity to taste the wonder of silent soaring flight. CUGC members enjoy expeditions to other gliding clubs around the country during the vacations, particularly to hill sites, which provide a change from the East Anglian flatlands, most famously to the Long Mynd on the Welsh borders, where CUGC has a long and rich history.

Gliding is a competitive sport for determined individuals who relish a challenge, but it is still easy and safe to learn to fly under the expert guidance of experienced instructors from CGC using dual-controlled gliders. The first major milestone in a pilot's development is that magical first solo flight; members can then progress through a series of internationally accredited badges as their skills develop. There is plenty of opportunity for competition, be it advancing one's own flying skills at the Inter-University Task Week, taking on Oxford at the Varsity match, or even flying in a regional or national contest. CUGC has about 40 members, including an increasing number of women pilots, whose role we have been actively promoting in recent years. Many current and former members have reached solo-standard, obtained Bronze, Silver or Diamond badges, and held passenger and instructor ratings.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **2nd September 2012, Gransden Lodge Airfield Cambridge 38 Oxford 16**

After a succession of attempts at the Varsity Match that were aborted due to poor weather, we were very pleased to be able to welcome members of Oxford University Gliding Club to Gransden Lodge on a cloudy Sunday late in the soaring season. Each Club fielded a team of three pilots of mixed ability, with one pre-solo pilot from each University competing in a two-seat glider under the watchful eye of an instructor. Owing to the weak soaring conditions, we agreed to use a variation of the standard rules; flights would score one point for each minute of flight after five minutes, and each pilot would submit their best-scoring flight of the day towards the team total.

A passing rain shower delayed the first launch until 11:00. Chris Ballance (Oxford) and Iain Butler (Cambridge) completed check-flights with an instructor, obtaining clearance to fly solo in the two Junior single-seat gliders operated by Cambridge Gliding Centre. Early scoring was dominated by Malcolm Morgan of the Cambridge team who showed his experience by clocking up a flight of 31 hard-won minutes in the Junior, working hard at patchy, weak lift in difficult conditions that called for accurate flying and sharp decision-making. This flight would prove to be decisive; it alone outscored the combined efforts of the Oxford team.

Natasha Spottiswoode and Joel Scott-Halkes posted scoring flights for Oxford, while Iain Butler took advantage of the rising air triggered by a combine harvester working in a nearby field to score a useful 13 minutes for Cambridge. Fiona Llewellyn-Beard, flying in a two-seat glider, also scored valuable points for the home side. Conditions strengthened somewhat as the evening approached; Chris and Natasha took the opportunity to improve on their earlier scores, but it was not enough to close down the healthy Cambridge margin which was maintained until the cessation of flying.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

For this year's summer expedition CUGC will return to Edensoaring, a picturesque airfield set in the Eden Valley against the stunning backdrop of the Pennines. The site provides fantastic soaring along the whole length of a breathtaking 50 km stretch of ridge; the flying is as rewarding as it is challenging. With plenty of skilled young pilots having joined the club this year, 2012/13 is set to be a strong year for CUGC, and there will undoubtedly be yet more talent to uncover amongst next year's intake. Several members look set to go solo early next year; others will be looking to take their flying on to the next level, seeking to advance their cross-country soaring or hone their skills in aerobatics. We hope to repeat the strong Varsity performance at next year's contest to be held at Bicester airfield, the home of OUGC.

# Golf Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cugolfclub/CUGC/CUGC/Welcome.html](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cugolfclub/CUGC/CUGC/Welcome.html)

Cambridge University Golf Club is represented throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms by the Blues, the Stymies and the Ladies, who all have fixture lists encompassing many of the top clubs in London and South East England, such as Sunningdale and Royal St George's. The University Match, first played in 1878, is the oldest event in amateur golf and Cambridge lead 64-52, with 7 of the 123 matches halved.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **University Match**

**23rd - 24th March 2012, Hunstanton GC, Norfolk  
Cambridge 7 Oxford 8**

In an incredibly tight contest, with 6 of the 15 matches coming down to the 36th hole and just 3 finishing before the 34th, Cambridge struggled in the foursomes, conceding a 1-4 deficit on the first day. Geordie Ting, who miraculously recovered from surgery to remove a burst appendix just 3½ weeks before, and Andrew Dinsmore won the final foursome to provide a modicum of momentum going into Saturday's singles.

After early wins for captain Dewhurst and Ting, the Oxford middle order took the game away from Cambridge to gain the 8 points required to win the University Match for the third consecutive year. Some consolation was gained as the final four matches all went Cambridge's way, including a win for Dinsmore, who having hit the professional's shop with his approach the 18th in the morning made a regulation par in the afternoon to finish his fourth and final University Match with the magnificent record of 7 points from 8, historically the best win rate for a Cambridge player.

### **Dinner Match**

**22nd March 2012, Hunstanton GC, Norfolk  
Cambridge 3 Oxford 0**

A convincing win for Cambridge as Carl Rietschel and James Cumberland dominated the foursome match, winning 3 and 2, then both defeated their opponent in the singles, in which James had an albatross 2 on the 9th hole. Oxford consequently had to pay for the dinner following the University Match.

### **Stymies v Divots Varsity Match**

**21st March 2012, Royal West Norfolk GC  
Cambridge 7.5 Oxford 7.5**

A nail-biting finish saw Richard Duff halve the final singles match in almost total darkness to ensure that the fixture was tied after Oxford fought back strongly following a dominant start to the singles by Cambridge, including a 7 and 6 win for John Gregson.

### **Women's Varsity Match**

**20th March 2012, Hunstanton GC  
Cambridge 2 Oxford 7**

Oxford produced a very strong performance in the afternoon singles matches to take the match, having led 2-1 at lunchtime.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

Ben Wescoe, a Blue in 2010/11, won the Boyd Quaich Memorial Tournament in July 2011 with a new record score of 281, 5-under-par. The Boyd Quaich has been played over the Old and New Courses in St Andrews since 1946 in memory of two St Andrews students who were killed during WWII. A number of British universities, as well as international universities, such as Stellenbosch, North Carolina and Trinity College Dublin, are invited to send two golfers to compete in this prestigious tournament.

The Blues began the season by winning the Doxbridge trophy, hosted again by Aldeburgh GC. The unusual triangular format, in which two

matches are played simultaneously, proved an interesting challenge and the victory, by one point, was secured as Geordie Ting holed a fine putt on the final green.

Geordie followed this performance with a run to the quarter-finals of the President's Putter at Rye GC in January. The Putter is the annual singles matchplay competition of the Blues alumni, the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society and to progress this far through the draw as an undergraduate is a fine performance.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

The members of the squad who return next year look forward to the 124th University Match at Royal St. George's Golf Club and the opportunity to prevent Oxford from winning four-in-a-row. The Ladies and Stymies will play their Varsity Matches at neighbouring Royal Cinque Ports GC.



# Olympic Gymnastics Club

[www.societies.cam.ac.uk/gymclub/](http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/gymclub/)

The Gymnastics club is a friendly, social club that caters for gymnasts at all levels, from beginners to international competitors. The club continues to grow year on year, and is currently stronger than ever. We train up to five times a week, both at Fenner's gym in Cambridge and Marriott's gym in Stevenage.

### Varsity 2011/12

**26th February 2012, Abingdon Gymnastics Club**  
**Men's: Cambridge 308.6 Oxford 243.35**  
**Women's: Cambridge 156.75 Oxford 155.48**

Throughout recent years the level of gymnastics displayed at the annual Varsity match has been rising

steadily; this year's Varsity match was no exception. After months of focused and exhausting training, Sunday 26th February was the day to travel to Abingdon Gymnastics Club near Oxford to battle it out with the Oxford teams.

Having lost only one gymnast from last year's winning side, the men's team remained very strong. Singaporean fresher Aki Shanmugaratnam made a fantastic first appearance for the club, performing some spectacular and imaginative routines to finish highest out of the Cambridge men and take 2nd place in the individual competition. Men's captain Edgar Engel suffered a sprained ankle just days before the competition, but nonetheless bravely put in high-scoring performances in four events, landing on one foot where necessary. Tom Bachmann and Alex

Appleton also delivered solid routines, taking 3rd and 4th places respectively for Cambridge.

On the Oxford side, Varsity veteran Matthew Bullimore was on great form once again, taking 1st place individually. However the rest of his team lacked his level of experience, meaning Cambridge dominated the team event from the beginning and finished on 308.6 points to Oxford's 243.35, marking a second year running of comfortable victories for Cambridge.

The Oxford women's team remained as strong as in previous competitions, but this year Cambridge's women were on top form. Christy Lowe and captain

Nikhil Hui performed elegant and thoroughly prepared routines, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. With Sarah Morreau and Madeline Mitchell also performing strongly, Cambridge had the better side on the day, narrowly taking the team victory by 156.75 to Oxford's 155.48.

#### Looking forward to 2012/13

Victory for both the men's and women's sides made this year's Varsity the most successful in recent memory for Cambridge. Although several team members graduate this year, the club is hoping a strong intake of freshers will make Varsity 2012/13 equally successful.

# Hare and Hounds

[www.cuhh.org.uk/](http://www.cuhh.org.uk/)

The Hare & Hounds is the University's running club, and one of the oldest running clubs in Britain. We cater for all abilities and give any member of the University the chance to compete, both throughout the year and against Oxford at Varsity. Places in the Varsity Match teams are fiercely contested, but no one misses out as our men's fourth team and women's third team are unlimited in size. This means that the Cross Country Varsity Matches typically feature over 150 runners in total, spread across seven teams from each University.

In February, we participate in the BUCS Cross Country Championships, while in April many of our members compete in the London Marathon, which doubles as the Varsity Marathon against Oxford. The club also organises road running events, including the Boundary Run, a marathon race around the perimeter of Cambridge. Many of our members also compete on

the track for the Cambridge University Athletic Club in the summer. The Hare & Hounds prides itself on its diverse membership and active social scene and indeed includes many social runners as well as highly competitive athletes.

#### Varsity 2011/12

##### Cross Country Blues Matches

**3rd December 2011, Wimbledon Common, London**

**Men's: Cambridge 43 Oxford 35**

**Women's: Cambridge 14 Oxford 25**

Cross Country Second, Third and Fourth Team Matches

26th November 2011, Shotover Hill, Oxford

Men's Second: Cambridge 22 Oxford 61

Women's Second: Cambridge 14 Oxford 22

Men's Third: Cambridge 22 Oxford 59

Men's Fourth: Cambridge 259 Oxford 435

## Marathon

**22nd April 2012, Virgin London Marathon, London**  
**Men's (5 to score): Cambridge 14:25:42**

**Oxford 15:48:54**

**Women's (3 to score): Cambridge 7:00:46**

**Oxford 7:56:49**

The series of seven Varsity matches started poorly for the Light Blues as they came home from Oxford with a solitary win for the Women's Thirds and four defeats. Following these heavy defeats the previous week, both the Cambridge Men and Women went into the Blues Matches as underdogs. Further bad luck was to strike the Light Blues in the final week as former captain Matt Grant was forced to drop out through injury. Oxford were not without their problems, losing the in-form Jake Shelley to injury days before the race. For happier reasons, the Cambridge women also needed to call up a replacement, as Naomi Taschimowitz was ruled out of Varsity by selection for the Great Britain squad at the European Cross Country Championships.

The surprisingly dry November had left the course at its firmest for several years, leading to the expectation of two fast races. The women's race did not disappoint and Lucy Gossage picked up her first Varsity Match win in a rapid 23:17, the fastest time since 2003. However, the rest of the Light Blues were always going to struggle against Oxford's top four and the Oxford runners streamed in behind Gossage to complete a 14-25 team victory. The scoreline may have been closer had Polly Keen and Rebecca Moore not had to battle through their respective injuries during the race, but there was no doubting that Oxford were by far the better side this year.

The final race saw Cambridge attempt to stop Oxford taking a fourth consecutive win in the Men's Blues match. Unlike the six races before it, this match remained on a knife edge until the final scorers crossed the line, with positions switching back and forth over the forty minutes of racing. Robin Brown took the race by the scruff of the neck and built a solid lead, but behind him, there was little between the runners, with a pack of five Light Blues and six Dark Blues battling for the scoring positions. As the race wore on, a late shift by Richard Franzese of Oxford denied Brown the win, but it was just behind these two where the key action unfolded. Will Ryle-Hodges, sitting in fifth place half a mile from the finish, surged clear of the pair of Oxford runners ahead of him to

## Member Profiles

We are proud to have had three former Hare & Hounds members in Team GB's Athletics squad for the Olympic Games. Former Club Captain and 2008 Olympic finalist **Andy Baddeley** competed in the 1500m, placing 8th in his heat and narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final. **Claire Hallissey** represented GB in the marathon, placing 57th. **Julia Bleasdale** ran the 5,000m and the 10,000m, coming 8th in both, with a personal best time in the 10,000m.

Among our current members, **Naomi Taschimowitz** is the latest Light Blue to hit it big at international level. She has competed for Great Britain at both under-23 and senior level, including at the 2011 World Cross Country Championships. At this year's European U23 Cross Country Championships, Naomi won the individual silver medal, a performance that enabled Great Britain to win team gold.

claim a crucial third place. Behind this trio, the rest of the main pack had split decisively in Cambridge's favour as Ben Davis, Tom Watkins, Captain Will Mackay and Alex Young took 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. The Oxford runners who had kept pace with them the whole race crossed the line just seconds after Young, but Cambridge had already closed their scoring six, and victory was sealed by a 35-43 margin. After some exceptional performances had failed to beat the formidable Oxford teams of the previous three years, it took some near-record breaking times to win this time round; not since the early 1990s had a team from either University closed their scoring six as quickly as this Cambridge team.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

The BUCS Cross Country Championships in Cardiff witnessed another highly impressive display from the Cambridge men, with a strong 5th place finish achieved by the scoring quartet of Brown (34th), Ryle-Hodges (37th), Mackay (47th) and Watkins (55th). Further success was had in the 'B' race where again only four Universities were able to raise faster teams. With several key athletes affected by injury, the women's team were not able to match the high positions of previous years. Keen, having barely run in the previous two months, led the team home with in a creditable 51st.

Further success was achieved on the road, with both the men's and women's teams winning the Inter-University Hyde Park Relays. The men took victory again at the Teddy Hall Relays in Oxford, with the women taking 3rd.

Finally, the Light Blues again emphasised their road running credentials in the London Marathon, which also served as the Varsity and BUCS Marathon Championships. Cambridge recorded two more victories over Oxford in the Varsity classification, with both the men's and women's teams

comfortably faster than their Dark Blue rivals. Cambridge's two fastest finishers, Will Mackay and James Chettle, capped off a great day by taking silver and bronze medals in BUCS Championships individual classification.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

In 2012/13 we aim to give everyone a chance to enjoy running and the thrill of competition. Anyone interested in being involved with the club is advised to contact the current club captains.

# Women's Hockey Club

[www.cuhc.co.uk](http://www.cuhc.co.uk)

As half of CUHC, we have three teams which each compete in a division of the East League on Saturdays, with the Blues team playing in the Premier Division, whilst also competing mid-week in the BUCS league. Of course, each team's season has the additional focus of the annual Varsity matches against their Oxford counterparts, with the Second (the Nomads) and Third (the Bedouins) team games held in February, and Blues match in March. With approximately 50 women in the club, competition for places is very high; this season 15 players were selected from over 60 women at Fresher's Trials. We have two pitch training sessions a week and an additional fitness session. Together with the men's side of the club, CUHC strives for excellence on the pitch and is a very close knit family off it.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **11th March 2012, Southgate Hockey Club, London First: Cambridge 0 Oxford 0**

In 2011, Cambridge halted Oxford in their run of six consecutive victories with a 1-1 draw, so this year we were looking to go one better and claim the victory. The game was end to end from the off, with both teams producing fast counterattacks. A break by Maskell drew an Oxford foul and Cambridge's second penalty corner of game, with the resultant shot from Stott agonisingly hitting the post and being scrambled away from the goal mouth by Oxford. Evans in the Cambridge net made some fine saves throughout the half to keep Oxford at bay. Hard pressing work by the Cambridge forwards earned a flurry of turnovers towards the end of the half and penalty corners followed. Unfortunately Cambridge could not capitalise on these opportunities, but went into the locker room confident of having had the better of the first half.

Oxford started the second half aggressively, smashing the ball from the restart into the Cambridge corner to play for territory. Determined defence by the Cambridge back four rode out the early pressure and the Light Blues again launched a counter attack to win another penalty corner; once more coming very close. The high number of green cards in the first half had their effect in the second, with Parrish's yellow for a wayward tackle leaving Cambridge to soak up Oxford pressure. With Parrish back on and five minutes to go, it was stalemate, but then came the yellow cards in force. Cambridge captain Addy left the field for a very tight five metre decision, followed by Oxford's Constant and then Cambridge's Rickman. With nine players left on the field Cambridge conceded a penalty corner as the final whistle blew. Evans once again stepped up, tipping a good Oxford strike wide to end the game and cement her Player of the Match performance.

20th February, Iffley Road Sports Ground, Oxford  
 Second: Cambridge 0 Oxford 2  
 Third: Cambridge 0 Oxford 1

The Bedouins Varsity match this year was extremely close with both teams sharing possession and having many chances at goals. Despite the Cambridge side battling hard on the unfamiliar water-based surface, in the last minute Oxford scored a lucky goal to win 1-0. Player of the Match was awarded to Stephanie Willis for her outstanding defending.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

In the East League, the club performed strongly throughout the season. Newly promoted back into the Premier Division, the Blues managed to maintain their position in the league for next year, which was no mean feat considering 6 teams from 14 were to be relegated. A strong run of results in the autumn combined with committed and gusty play in the critical matches at the end of the season rightly ensured safety. The Nomads would have won the 2NW league, were it not for a decision from the league to deduct 6 points, which left them in 3rd place and thus not gaining promotion. The Bedouins again had a consistently strong season in Cambridgeshire



Premier League, notching up many convincing scorelines to finish 3rd.

The Blues improved in confidence and play throughout their BUCS campaign in Midlands Premier Division. An away clash against Birmingham Seconds in December saw the top two teams battling it out for the top spot going into the mid-season break. The Blues conceded in the last play of the game to suffer an agonizing 2-1 loss. When the Blues welcomed Birmingham to Wilberforce Road in the final game of the league, they put all the hard training into practice to win 3-0 and take the league title. Promotion play-off matches followed; an emphatic 8-1 win over Portsmouth and close 2-0 victory over Cardiff saw Cambridge take promotion, returning to BUCS Premier South.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

CUHC looks forward to an exciting 2012/13 season, not least because of the new playing surface being laid at Wilberforce Road, which will make our game much more transferable to other modern and water based pitches. The Blues' return to the top flight of BUCS hockey is a welcome challenge and will once again see them duel with their Oxford counterparts twice in the League before the Varsity match. After narrowly missing out this season, both the Nomads and Bedouins will once again be looking for promotion in the East League and to reverse their Varsity fortunes, making use of home advantage in the 2013 matches.

# Ice Hockey Club

<http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuihc>

The CUIHC was established in 1885. The annual Varsity match is recognised by the hockey hall of fame as the oldest ongoing hockey rivalry in the world. The club is comprised of three teams: the Blues, Women, and Eskimos, totalling over 60 athletes. The Blues compete in the highest level of national university competition as governed by the BUIHA. The Eskimos serve as a developmental team and the Women's team competes in the BUIHA Division 3.

This year has seen the Blues squad battle through some unexpected challenges. Difficulties with the BUIHA have resulted in far fewer games than usual, and we headed into the Christmas break having only played twice. With less than one third of the team returning to the line-up from last year's Varsity-winning team, we managed to rebuild our strengths from the ground up and improved in leaps and bounds from our humble beginnings at the start of the season.

The Eskimos had another fantastic season, winning the majority of their games, including a first time doubleheader in Newcastle, and a best ever result at

the Stahlpokal in Austria, coming in runners-up out of twelve. Newcomer McGinley played outstanding hockey to win Rookie of the Year Honours. M.V.P. Ross McHaig landed Defenceman of the Year and Dan Hebenstreit the coveted Most Improved. The club would like to thank and bid farewell to its long standing and long suffering captain Kevin McGlynn for his tireless dedication to Eskimo hockey.

## Varsity 2011/12

**3rd March 2012, Oxford Ice Rink, Oxford**  
**Men's Blues: Cambridge 2 Oxford 17**  
**Women's Blues: Cambridge 9 Oxford 2**

Second: Cambridge Eskimos 4 Oxford Vikings 2  
Alumni: Cambridge 1 Oxford 0

The Blues competed in the 92nd Varsity Match on 3rd March 2012 at the Oxford Ice rink. The team fought through numerous injuries and the Oxford crowd, but was ultimately unsuccessful this year. The team is already anxious to start training for next year to reclaim the storied cup.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

Key to the Blues' development has been our annual trip to Zuoz, Switzerland. The team was graciously hosted by Lyceum Alpinum and trained three times daily on the school's outdoor ice rink, surrounded by the picturesque Swiss Alps. We worked diligently with veteran coach, Franz Strum, and saw considerable improvement with each day. The week also saw the team develop a strong sense of camaraderie and solidify as a tightly knit group of friends. The trip ended on a high note as the Blues went undefeated in the annual tournament and took home the trophy with a dramatic victory over the LaPlav Men's team in the championship game.

## Other News

We are very grateful for the continuing support we receive from the Cambridge University Press, CLIC, Jonathan Hart, and our alumni.





# Judo Club

[www.judo.soc.ucam.org/](http://www.judo.soc.ucam.org/)

Cambridge University Judo Club can trace its roots back to 1906, making it one of the country's oldest judo clubs. Today we welcome adults of all standards, both students and non-students, to train with us. As such we have a wide range of abilities in our membership, from international Dan grades to beginners who had never tried the sport before coming to university.

Training takes place throughout the year, including the university holidays. We train hard, while aiming to cater for all our participants. Every year we compete in the Varsity match, the BUCS competition, and numerous other local and national competitions. In addition to training, we are a very socially active club. As well as local events like dinners and pub trips, we regularly go abroad, and have recently visited Germany, Poland and Finland.

## Varsity 2011/12

**11th March 2012, Oxford Town Hall**

**Men's A: Cambridge 2 Oxford 6**

**Women's: Cambridge 0 Oxford 4**

Men's B: Cambridge 4 Oxford 3

City: Cambridge 5 Oxford 3

Cambridge Women went into the match defending their trophy for the first time in nine years, while the Men's A, Men's B and City Teams were all looking to avenge narrow losses at last year's event.

The two City Teams opened the day's proceedings. After a close match Cambridge took the shield 3-5, showcasing the high standard of the club's non-student contingent.

Following the City Team's victory, the club's Men's B Teams also had a very close match. With six fights over, the scores were tied at 3-3, and one fight had to be refought. Cambridge won the refight to take the

shield 3-4. The B-team is mostly made of students who took up the sport as beginners at Cambridge, and this result shows that our yearly beginners' programme is in healthy shape.

Next up were Cambridge Women's Team, defending the trophy that they had won brilliantly the previous year. Unfortunately, they were severely weakened this year having lost a few key members, and they found themselves up against a vastly more experienced Oxford team. Despite fighting bravely, they were beaten by the Oxford outfit 4-0 with one fight drawn. A mention goes to Rachel Moore, who managed to achieve the draw in an exhausting contest against an exceptional Oxford player.

The final match of the day was between the clubs' Men's A Teams, featuring eight fights. This was another tough year for Cambridge, as they once again found themselves at a weight disadvantage to their opposition. Team captain Tobias Schmidutz and next year's captain Jesse Olszynko-Gryn both registered wins. Despite some other good performances, Cambridge succumbed to a 6-2 loss. It should be noted that this has been something of a transitional year for the Cambridge Men, and despite the scoreline there is good reason to be optimistic for the future.

With honours split 50/50 at the end of the four matches, there is everything to play for next year. All four Cambridge teams fought incredibly well. They should be proud of the dedication that they have shown to training and of their accomplishments on the day.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

### BUCS 2012

**17th March 2012**

Ndollo Eboumbou took a bronze medal in the Women's over 78kg Dan Grades division at BUCS. In a competitive group that included two international players, she put in some solid performances to earn a place on the podium. Men's and Women's captains

## Member Profile

### Kane Chandler

Kane Chandler (Darwin College) this year placed 7th in the under 81kg weight class at the Judo Commonwealth Championships, held in Cardiff. Kane has been a prominent member of CUJC for six years, having first joined in 2006 as an Engineering Undergraduate. In that time he has served as Men's Captain for three years, and has gone from the rank of First Kyu to Third Dan. Kane's achievements at the Commonwealth Championships were part of a very successful last eighteen months. Other highlights include winning an individual gold medal at the 2011 BUCS Championships, representing CUJC at the 2011 European Universities Sports Association Judo Championships in Sarajevo, and placing 5th at the 2011 Welsh Open. Currently writing up his PhD thesis, Kane will soon be leaving CUJC and Cambridge. He has accepted a job offer to work for Alstom in Switzerland, where he will be living not far from the training centre of the Swiss national judo squad. He intends to keep up the high level of performance that he has been achieving for the last few years at CUJC.

Tobias Schmidutz and Megan Sorensen both made it the knock out stages of their respective Dan Grade divisions, and were unlucky to miss out on medals. Ex-captain Kane Chandler, defending champion of the Men's under 81kg Dan Grades, started strongly but was narrowly beaten by the eventual bronze medallist in the quarter-finals. The club also had several entrants in the Kyu Grade divisions. Despite none of them achieving medals, there were some good performances that bode well for future years.

### Littleport Open 27th November 2011

CUJC entered seven players to the Littleport Open, and brought back two gold medals, three silvers and two bronzes. The entrants ranged in ability from experienced Dan Grades to relative novices with just a year or two of judo experience.

### Eastern Area Closed Championship 4th December 2011

CUJC entered five players, and brought back one gold medal and four silvers. This was a fantastic result to round off the year before the Christmas break.

### Warwick Invitational 4th February 2012

CUJC entered five players, and brought back three gold medals and one bronze. This competition was held in the run up to Varsity and BUCS, and was a great way for the club to get into the competition zone.

### Other News

In April, twelve Cambridge judoka spent a week in Marburg, Germany, for the 35th anniversary of the Marburg-Helsinki-Cambridge judo exchange. The trip struck an excellent, if exhausting, balance between training, socialising and experiencing local culture. Training sessions were led by a mix of German, British and Finnish coaches, allowing each judoka the chance to see new methods on the mat. With exchange participants covering the full range of judo abilities, from novice to ex-world champion, the coaches ensured that there was something for everyone.

Participants' ages ranged from around twenty all the way to around fifty. For the energetic folk, local culture offered amongst other things an aerial assault course and a karaoke night. More sedate activities came in the form of overnight camping, currywurst eating, and sauna visits. For many people this was the first time they had taken part in the yearly exchange, but after seeing how much everyone enjoyed the laidback and welcoming tone of the trip, we will no doubt see many of their faces again in Helsinki next year. As ex-world champions Florian Wanner and Michael Esser remarked at the week's last training session, "This is what judo is all about."

### Looking forward to 2012/13

CUJC hopes to continue its competitive success, beginning with local competitions in the Michaelmas term and ending with BUCS and the Varsity Match, which is to be held in Cambridge next year. As well as encouraging our intermediate and advanced players to enter these competitions, we will once again be running our highly successful beginners' course throughout Michaelmas, which welcomes students and non-students alike. Later in the year we will be jetting off to Helsinki for the annual Cambridge-Marburg-Helsinki exchange for a week of training, relaxing and socialising. All in all, 2012/13 is shaping up to be a great twelve months at CUJC.

# Karate Club

[www.cukc.org/](http://www.cukc.org/)

Cambridge University Karate Club (CUKC) was formed in 1976 by two junior grades who arrived in Cambridge as freshers and were surprised by the absence of a karate club. The club was established with the help of Sensei Bob Poynton of the Karate Union of Great Britain (KUGB) and it has since grown to become one of the University's most successful sports clubs.

This year saw our sixth consecutive win in the annual Varsity match against Oxford. The club has a distinguished competition record and under the dedicated guidance of Chief Instructor Sensei Richard Poole (6th Dan KUGB black belt), CUKC has only gone from strength to strength. Highlights of the calendar include BUCS, the KUGB Central Regions and Student National competitions, both held in Chesterfield and the Kyu Grades competition in Wales. CUKC welcomes karateka from all styles and all experience levels, has among its members everyone from complete novices to European medallists, and continues to grow and flourish.

## Varsity 2011/12

**26th February 2012**

**Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford**

**Men's: Cambridge 66 Oxford 36**

**Women's: Cambridge 100.5 Oxford 29.5**

Having risen very early to make it to Oxford for 9am, the first event of the day was the men's kata event. Liam Gabb, Ognjen Tripunovic, Paul Smith and Jerome Singh took 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th places respectively for Cambridge, giving the Light Blues a healthy lead. The team kata event was also a resounding success. The Cambridge team of Men's Captain Matt Houlden, Ognjen Tripunovic and Jerome won comfortably with their well-timed performance of the kata 'Empi'.

The men's team completed their dominance of the day's events in the kumite (points based semi-contact

sparring). Tripunovic and Benjamin were both making their Cambridge debuts. The former demonstrated excellent timing to win his fight comfortably and the latter narrowly missed out on victory. Former Men's Captain Gabb unfortunately lost his fight after a much-debated refereeing decision. The final fighter was CUKC veteran and ex-England squad member Smith who, despite his confident attempts to end the fight swiftly with a double leg sweep, secured victory by settling for simple yet effective punches in the end. In the second round of fighting, CUKC President Rasumov substituted for the Captain and won his fight with a spectacular sweep and punch combination. Already comfortably in the lead, the Cambridge men went on to win three of the remaining four fights in style. The final score was a resounding 100.5-29.5 victory to Cambridge.

In the women's kata event, Francesca Perselli and Women's Captain Emma Nunn drew for 6th place. Varsity kata veteran Tiina Pajuste then outperformed all of Oxford's competitors and took the lead. In the last individual kata of the day, Cambridge fresher Tasha Nussbaum gave a stunning rendition of 'Chantanayara Kushanku', taking 1st place and putting Cambridge in the lead. Nussbaum, Pajuste and Nunn then performed Empi in the team kata event, the same kata as Oxford chose, and beat them by a hefty points margin.

Already leading by 36 points to 18, the women's kumite then got off to an excellent start with ex-England squad member Nunn winning her first fight extremely quickly, only to be shown up by Tasha who won hers in even less time. Pajuste also won her first fight, but Iris Chan, in her Varsity debut, was beaten by a very strong opponent. In the second round Chan and Pajuste both lost out to their Dark Blue opponents but Nussbaum again won extremely quickly and Emma won the last fight of the day with two extremely strong punches.

The overall score, boosted by the fighting success, was Cambridge 66 - Oxford 36. Cambridge therefore won



Emma Nunn

by a large margin in each of the six categories, bringing back all the trophies on offer and continuing the club's winning streak. Neither the men's nor the women's team have lost Varsity since 2006.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

#### **BUCS Karate**

**17th March 2012, Sheffield**

**Men's Intermediate Kata: Craig Woodhead 3rd**

**Men's Senior Kata: Matthew Houlden 3rd**

The competition encompassed university students from across Britain and all karate styles, making this a

competition of the highest calibre. In the Men's Intermediate (brown belt) kata, Craig Woodhead ended up in the repechage. Repechage is unique to WKF rules and allows anyone that loses to the finalist a second-chance; anyone that makes repechage then has the chance to battle it out for 3rd place. Craig's prowess in kata led to victory in his repechage match and he was awarded the bronze medal; the first of the competition for CUKC. In the Men's Senior (black belt) kata, outgoing Men's Captain Matthew Houlden narrowly advanced through the rounds with successive 3-2 victories over his opponents. He finally made it to the final of his pool where he was beaten by a current international squad member and the eventual silver medallist. Houlden then won his repechage match and was rewarded with 3rd place. Six competitors bringing home two medals was an excellent result.

### **KUGB Central Regions Championships 2012 3rd March, 2012, Chesterfield**

The KUGB Central Regions Championships is held annually during our Lent Term and is open to all KUGB affiliated clubs in a designated region of the country. A squad of sixteen students and non-student members of from CUKC travelled to Chesterfield to compete and between them, they came back with 23 individual medals and - for the third year running - the 'kumite shield', awarded to the best club overall in the kumite events.

### **KUGB Kyu Grades Championships 29th April 2012, Prestatyn**

Craig Woodhead, Sebastian Mueller, Women's Captain Iris Chang and Club President Spencer Hughes travelled to North Wales, to compete at the KUGB Kyu Grades Competition. The highlights were Woodhead's 1st place in the Senior Men's Kata and Spencer's 1st place in the Kihon Ippon Kumite and the 7th - 4th Kyu Ju Kumite. Georgia Poole, also representing CUKC, took 1st place in the peewee ippon kumite and kata competitions. In the Team Kumite, Woodhead, Mueller and Hughes managed 2nd place. Poole was awarded the trophy for Ladies Etiquette and Fighting Spirit and Hughes was awarded the trophy for the Best Individual Performance in kumite and kata.

## **KUGB Student Nationals Championship, Chesterfield**

Emma Nunn, Women's Dan Grade Kumite: 2nd  
Tiina Pajuste, Women's Dan Grade Kata: 3rd  
Nikon Rasumov, Men's Kyu Grade Kumite: 1st  
James Russell, Men's Kyu Grade Kata: 1st  
Pragesh Sivaguru, Men's Kyu Grade Kumite: 2nd  
Colin Stoneking, Men's Kyu Grade Kumite: Joint 3rd  
Emma Nunn, Tiina Pajuste, Franchesca Perselli,  
Iris Chan, Women's Team Kumite: 2nd  
Tiina Pajuste, Matt Houlden, Jerome Singh, Mixed  
Team Kata: 3rd

Overall it was a highly successful day for Cambridge, even with many experienced members of the team unfortunately missing due to injury and both captains barred from fighting during the course of the competition

## **Karate England, Loughborough**

CUKC took a squad of eight competitors to the Karate England National Championships in Loughborough. This was a top level event with England team members from a number of associations present. CUKC member and instructor Petre Nicolescu won

gold in the Men's Senior Shotokan kata category with an extremely strong performance of Sochin kata, whilst fresher Natasha Nussbaum, in her first competition for CUKC, came second in the ladies shitoryu kata, losing out on a gold medal by a margin of just 0.1. She also came third in the ladies all styles event. Women's Captain Emma Nunn won gold in the somewhat under-populated Senior Ladies Open weight kumite. The day was a huge success, with a medal haul of two gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

## **Looking forward to 2012/13**

After six consecutive Varsity match victories, Oxford will be working harder than ever to prevent another Cambridge win and we will not be complacent. As is often the case, many members of the team that have been victorious on so many past occasions will be leaving Cambridge, resulting in a deficit of black belts and competition experience. The club aims to encourage the lower grades to begin competing and step up to replace their black belt counterparts in the coming 2013 Varsity match and throughout next year. The club will continue to keep an eye on the developing karate world and is always looking for new competitions to enter, new instructors to invite and new experiences for its members.



# Korfball Club

<http://korfball.soc.srcf.net/>

Cambridge University Korfball Club (CUKC) is an active, friendly and laid back club that welcomes players of all levels, from experienced players to complete beginners. Korfball is a mixed sport with four men and four women on each team. It is an exciting and fast paced game where the aim is to score goals through a hoop 3.5 metres in the air. CUKC competes and consistently performs well in the local league and BUCS national tournaments. We also play an annual Varsity match against Oxford, in which we have taken the cup for the past two years. We are a very social club, organising socials and swaps with other University sports as well as teams from the local Cambridge Korfball clubs.

## Varsity 2011/12

### 3rd March 2012, Iffley Sports Centre Oxford Cambridge 9 Oxford 9

Having drawn in a game against Oxford earlier this season, and after Cambridge's narrow 10-9 victory in the Varsity game last year, the 26th Korfball Varsity match hosted by Oxford was set to be a close affair. The first half did not disappoint. Oxford scored the first goal but Cambridge were able to respond quickly, levelling the scoreline. This set the precedent for the first half and as soon as one team scored and looked like they may be on the ascent, a reply came from the opposition, leaving little to decide between the teams at half time, with Oxford leading 5-4. After half time Cambridge came out fighting and were quickly able to equalise. However, for the first time in the match Oxford managed to sink several goals in succession, enabling them to take a 3 goal lead. Showing great composure in the latter stages of the match, Cambridge replied to Oxford's lead, scoring 4 consecutive goals, giving them a 1 goal advantage with only five minutes remaining. A massive cheer went up from the Oxford camp as

they equalised moments later. With everything left to play for, the atmosphere was electric and the final few minutes were extremely tense with both teams putting up shots to try and clinch a last minute victory. As the final whistle went, the score stood at 9 goals apiece, with Cambridge retaining the Cup from last year's victory.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12 10th - 11th March 2012, Sugden Sports Centre, Manchester

Cambridge entered into the BUCS Nationals tournament over the weekend of 10 - 11th March with high hopes of bettering last year's performance of 12th place. However, seeded lowest in the group, it was going to be a tough challenge to progress through to the top half of the draw. After losing to Edinburgh 4-3, Cambridge managed to beat Lancaster 7-3 and Cardiff 7-6, the second win being secured with a final minute shot from the half way line by Captain Thomas Hodges. This put Cambridge 2nd in the group, meaning the players could retire for the evening happy in the knowledge they had secured a place in the top eight.

The second day brought tired legs all around, and more difficult opposition. In the first match of the day Cambridge were beaten by Sheffield 14-6, followed by St. Andrews 17-7. Special mention must go to Alison Reed and Matthijs Groeneveld who both performed well whilst marking current international players. The final game of the tournament was against UEA. A very close game was halted near the midpoint of the second half after Emma Stevens ruptured a knee ligament, requiring an ambulance trip to hospital. With the game restarted, it ended 10-10 with two minutes of extra time. Cambridge immediately scored, only for UEA to reply with a goal of their own. Seconds before the final whistle, Cambridge managed to bag another, securing the Light Blues a well-deserved 7th place finish.

# Lacrosse Club

[www.culacrosse.org/](http://www.culacrosse.org/)

The Cambridge Men's Lacrosse club was founded in 1882, making it the oldest university lacrosse club in the United Kingdom, and one of the oldest clubs in the world. We play in two leagues: the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association (SEMLA) East 1 Division and BUCS, a league for university teams. In SEMLA we are able to field non-university players, and thus a number of our club members are from the local US Army base, or are non-students who work in Cambridge. However, the majority of our squad is formed by members of the University, mostly undergraduates, many of whom have only taken up lacrosse since they started at Cambridge. In total we have around 30 playing members, with a large number of 'alumni', some of whom return to play for us from time to time.

We provide an opportunity for any member of the local community or any student at the university who wishes to play men's lacrosse to do so. In the last season, by organising regular training sessions in public spaces and writing regular match reports, which have been printed by student newspapers, we have raised the profile of the club and of men's lacrosse as a sport. The club also has an excellent social side, due to both the strong team spirit we have and the weekly events that we organise.

## Varsity 2011/12

**25th February 2012, University Parks, Oxford**  
**First: Cambridge 0 Oxford 12**

Second: Cambridge 2 Oxford 4

The Cambridge men's lacrosse team travelled to Oxford to meet their rivals in the 96th Varsity Lacrosse match. The build-up in February had been about as damaging as possible to Cambridge's chances, with freak snowfall cancelling all the Light Blues' training sessions and games for two weeks at the start of February. The week prior to the match saw

Cambridge lose two key impact players on offence, Captain Carl Tilbury with an infected cut on his knee and attackman Alastair Norton tearing his groin in practice during a drill five days before the match.

The match started slowly, with Oxford dominating possession for the first ten minutes of the first quarter. They were unable to score however, with the Cambridge defence only conceding outside shots from low percentage points on the field and keeper Nick Evans eating up all of Oxford's chances. On the other hand, Cambridge failed to hold the ball on offence, crippled by the loss of two key offensive players. Oxford's high pressure defence proved very effective against the offensively wounded Cambridge side, and by maintaining it throughout the game they offered Cambridge very little in terms of settled offensive possession. Soon enough, Oxford managed to pick up a goal from a momentary lapse in the Cambridge defence. From here the game snowballed, with Cambridge on defence for almost the entire game and unable to create anything on offence, whilst Oxford worked the ball well on offence.

The game finished 12-0 to the Dark Blues, in a scoreline that did not reflect the difference between the two teams, but more the destruction of confidence in Cambridge and the ill fortune they had experienced in the three weeks leading up to the encounter. Tilbury and Norton were forced to coach and watch on the side-line, unable to help out their team, who otherwise fought valiantly to the end in a match for which ultimately they were not prepared. This season only 5 of the 13 members returned from Cambridge's 2011 First team, but a far greater number are set to appear again next year, which bodes well for their chances of taking revenge.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

With 8 of the 13 players from last year's Varsity match graduating, veterans Captain Carl Tilbury and Vice-Captain Joshua Findlay had a tough task to build upon the successes of the 2010/11 season. The first weeks of the season saw a big recruitment drive to

replace key team members, which was successful in bringing in both experienced players and beginners eager to contribute to the team this year.

SEMLA's East One division showed a higher standard than last year with all the town clubs returning, in some cases significantly, improved teams. Early season wipe-outs from veteran teams East Grinstead and Spencer 2 were a baptism of fire for the new recruits. The other games in Michaelmas were incredibly competitive; a draw against Reading 2 and nail-biting one-goal games against Walcountian Blues 2, Colchester and Croydon were promising for the second half of the season. The BUCS squad also saw strong victories, including 10-man Cambridge rosters travelling away to secure confident victories over Northampton, Reading and Imperial.

The Lent term started with several close games, including a win in the BUCS Trophy quarter-finals, but quickly regressed into a nightmare several months, with snowfall and injuries. The end of the season was also unsuccessful for the Cambridge team, including a 9-6 loss against Brighton and a number of conceded SEMLA fixtures due to problems scheduling matches into the University's eight week terms. This regrettably resulted in the Cambridge team being relegated to

East Two for next season, after finishing 9th of 10. The final game of the season, against a much stronger Northampton squad in BUCS, was at least some consolation, as Cambridge put in a 13-5 victory that showed their dominance and affirmed their strength as a team. Tilbury led the season's scoring for both goals (83) and assists (22), while attackers Findlay, Bostock and Norton were other major contributors.

### **Other News**

The Easter term brought the inaugural annual Blues vs. Alumni match. It was great to see so many alumni still playing lacrosse, and we hope to see many more return in the future. This year has seen various fundraising efforts from the club, the most substantial being securing sponsorship for next year.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Following what was most certainly a rebuilding year for the lacrosse team, next year is set to be one of growth for the long-term future of the club. Whilst hoping to return to SEMLA's East One division through promotion, the aim of the season is to reclaim Varsity victory from Oxford in February. The club is also preparing a strong recruitment drive and, assuming all goes well, hopes to enter the 2013/14 season with two teams, something it has not been able to do for several years.

# Women's Lacrosse Club

[www.culacrosse.org/womens](http://www.culacrosse.org/womens)

Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club (CUWLC) was founded in 1912 and is arguably one of the most successful female sports clubs at the University. With a squad of around 40 people we have continued to strengthen our two teams that compete in the BUCS National league. We have two training

sessions and one fitness session a week and have BUCS matches on Wednesdays. This year our two co-captains, one of whom is a member of the England lacrosse team, have been in charge of running practices and an elected student committee enables the smooth running of the club. Away matches take us all over the country and home matches are fought at Queens' College sports ground.



## Varsity 2011/12

### 25th February 2012, Oxford University Parks, Oxford

#### Blues: Cambridge 12 Oxford 6

Kingfishers: Cambridge 5 Oxford 6

On a beautiful, sunny and unseasonably warm day in February, the Light Blues squared up against their eternal opponents in the Centennial Varsity Lacrosse Match. Cambridge went into the match as the favourites; having narrowly beaten Oxford with dramatic come-from-behind heroics in Michaelmas term, Cambridge was in possession of a league-leading attack, along with what was touted as the nation's best defensive unit. Oxford took control from the opening whistle, however, scoring an early goal to place Cambridge under pressure. Excellent transition led to the first Cambridge goal, after which Co-Captain Alana Livesey won the draw and led the Cambridge attacking play. Aided by the blistering drives of Ellie Walshe, Cambridge came back at Oxford, scoring back-to-back goals. The Dark Blues remained resilient throughout the first half, preventing Cambridge from relaxing into their usual attacking flow, and continuing to pepper the Cambridge defence. The Light Blues however were able to hold Oxford to only one other goal in the half; led by Sarah Grant, the unit proved stone-solid, and goalkeeper Erin Walters produced a range of stunning saves to prevent any chance of an Oxford comeback. Further goals from Laura Plant and Dani Allard handed Cambridge a 6-2 advantage going into half-time.

Cambridge picked up where they left off from the start of the second half, controlling the play and producing a display of textbook finishing to put them out of sight of Oxford. Walshe continued to torment the Oxford defence, who were unable to deal with her speed and skilful offloads, which allowed Ellie Russell and Alice Bush to net goals for Cambridge. A small flurry of goals from Oxford in the closing minutes gave them a glimmer of hope, but as Cambridge maintained possession in their attacking end, it was clear that the victory would be Cambridge's, with a final score of 12-6. Cambridge midfielder Walshe and goalkeeper Walters were named Women of the Match. In the earlier Seconds match, the Kingfishers were unfortunate victims of a controversial call that disallowed their tying goal in a closely played 6-5 game.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

The Blues had an extremely successful season, culminating in winning the BUCS Championship Final in Sheffield in March. The final was against Birmingham University, winners of the Premier North division and 17-1 winners over Exeter in the semi-finals. Birmingham started the brightest, creating chances and exerting early pressure but the Blues took the initiative, breaking ahead 2-0 with goals from Laura Plant and Ellie Walshe. Birmingham hit back with an excellent team goal, but Cambridge remained firmly in control, with Alana Livesey firing in two powerful shots in quick succession. Following a brief timeout, Birmingham came back with two quick goals, and at the half-time whistle Cambridge were leading 5-4.

The Blues were once again slow to start in the second half, but Erin Walters in the Blues' goal produced some stunning saves. However, prolonged pressure on the Cambridge defence led to three converted goals, handing Birmingham the lead for the first time. The teams quickly exchanged goals to bring the score to 8-8 with just five minutes to go. It looked as if Birmingham would take the title as they slipped a goal ahead following a Cambridge yellow card, but Cambridge were determined not to let the game slip away and Georgie Prichard soon equalised. With scores even and just two minutes to go, the game could have gone either way. Then, with 40 seconds left, Walshe raced up the pitch to find Plant, who slotted a precise shot into the Birmingham net to seal victory for Cambridge in dramatic fashion.



## Member Profiles

### Alana Livesey

Alana has been a member of the Senior England Elite squad for the past five years. She played in the Home Internationals in 2012, which England won, along with many before that. She was also selected to travel on the Senior England tour to Florida in early 2012. Alana also represented England at the 2008 European Championships, where the team placed second.

### Laura Plant

Laura has been part of the Senior England Elite squad for the past two years. She recently represented England at the European Championships in June 2012, where the team progressed to win gold. She has another Senior England Cap from playing in the Home Internationals in 2012. Last year she represented the national senior team on the 2011 USA Tour.

### Ellie Walshe

Ellie has played with Wales since the age of fourteen and she currently is part of the senior national squad. She has played in two European Championships, reaching silver and gold medal positions in 2012 and 2008 respectively. In 2009 Ellie played for Senior Wales in the World Cup in Prague and only two years before she represented the U19 Welsh side in the 2007 U19 World Cup.

### Erin Walters

Erin is a member of the Senior Wales squad. She recently played in the European Championships in Amsterdam, where Wales obtained silver medal position. Individual success also surrounds this tournament, as Erin was ranked as the top goalie of the competition. She also went on the 2012 USA tour with Wales, and played in the 2012 Home Internationals.

This left the Blues unbeaten all season, having won Varsity, their BUCS league and the Championship. Co-Captains Iy Foster and Alana Livesey are delighted with the year's performances, which saw the Blues go from strength to strength to finally and deservedly be crowned National Champions.

### Other News

CUWLC are proud to have had Credit Suisse as our sponsors for the past two years and would like to thank them for their continuing support. The sponsorship has enabled us to secure new training grounds at the Cambridge University Press, where a flood lit Astroturf has allowed us to train together as a whole squad in an evening. The squad also benefited from a networking drinks event with Credit Suisse during our pre-season training which allowed new freshers to integrate with older members of the team and also for squad members to find out more about the opportunities for female athletes in organisations such as Credit Suisse.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

The club aims to replicate its success in the 2011/12 season in the coming year. Both teams will play in their respective BUCS leagues, where the Blues will take on the Southern Premier teams whilst the Kingfishers fight those in Midlands 1A. The Varsity Match will be held in Cambridge this year; it will always be a tough match, though hopefully with all the support on our home ground, both teams within CUWLC will leave victorious. We are looking forward to working alongside our sponsors, Credit Suisse, and would like to thank them in advance for all their help and support.

# Lawn Tennis Club

[www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cultc/](http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cultc/)

Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club (CULTC) is one of the oldest lawn tennis clubs in the world and was founded in 1881. The club caters primarily, but not exclusively, for serious undergraduate tennis players who will represent the University in the men's and women's teams. The club has roughly a hundred members and each year enters two men's and women's teams in BUCS. In 2011/12, the Men's First team narrowly missed out on promotion from the Midlands 1A to the Premier division, while the Women's First team came 3rd in the Southern Premier Division and reached the quarter-finals of the knockout competition. In addition to BUCS, the club enjoys friendly fixtures against the likes of the All England Club, Queen's, Roehampton and the International Club of Great Britain.

## Varsity 2011/12

**2nd–4th July 2012, National Tennis Centre, Roehampton**

**Men's: Cambridge 12 Oxford 9**

**Women's: Cambridge 16 Oxford 5**

The 122nd annual Varsity tennis match, held at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton, saw Cambridge beat Oxford by 12 matches to 9 and retain the Doherty Cup for a seventh year in succession.

Cambridge's young, international team was quietly confident going into the match and not cowed by the big occasion. The singles went to form, on the whole. Cambridge captain, Cameron Johnston, was outclassed against the Oxford number one, but debutants Sam Ashcroft and Rob Legg made amends. Ashcroft ground out the win, while fourth year veteran Rob Legg put the massing crowd through torments on the way to a gut-churning 11-9 final set victory.

The 2-1 lead was short-lived. Cambridge number one Constantine Markides succumbed to the accumulated

experience of Greg Weir, and Fitzwilliam fresher Jamie Muirhead was edged out by the unorthodox Heal-Cohen. Secretary Sven Sylvester kept Cambridge in contention with a battling three-set win. The result was three matches all.

Although the second set of singles matches resulted in an identical scoreline, Cambridge succeeded in showing that they were hungrier for victory. Oxford prevailed once more at numbers one and two, Cambridge dominated the middle order and honours were even at numbers five and six. With twelve matches down, there was still nothing to choose between the two teams.

Cambridge now looked the likely winners. If all three of their pairs could beat the Oxford second and third pairs, they would win the match 12-9 and retain the Doherty Cup. The tactical nous of Nick Brown and hour upon hour of drills designed to quicken our reactions paid off, as the first pair of Johnston and Ashcroft won a tight match against the Oxford third pair and the third pair of Markides and Cohen cantered to victory against their second pair. Sylvester and Muirhead were unlucky not to prevail in a ding-dong encounter against the Oxford first pair, but Cambridge were still in the ascendancy.

On a rain-interrupted final day, all three Cambridge pairs kept their composure to seal the all-important wins and retain the Doherty Cup by twelve matches to nine. Team spirit, as well as superior tennis, had won the day; special tribute must go to number eight Ryan Ammar whose unstinting support helped the team enormously.

For the women's team, this year saw a Varsity like no other, played on practically every surface but grass, and plagued by bad weather and controversy. Yet the true Light Blue spirit shone piercingly through the overcast sky as the Women's Blues surpassed themselves to win the deciding number of rubbers by the second day of the three-day event. This was their fourth Varsity victory in a row, with a score of 16-5.

As usual, Varsity took place in the prestigious setting of the National Tennis Centre, at Roehampton. The grass courts were primed and ready for use but unfortunately the weather had other ideas. Day 1, Monday 2nd July, saw near constant drizzle which delayed the start of play by almost an hour. However, it certainly did not dampen the women's desire to win. Laura Morrill, playing at number 1, opened for Cambridge. A Varsity veteran, playing her fourth Varsity and at number 1 for her third year in a row, Morrill did not bat an eyelid or miss many shots as she demolished and demoralised Oxford's number 2, 6-0 6-2. Kadi Liis Saar, the women's Secretary, playing at number 3, followed close upon her heels as she

vanquished Oxford's number 4 in a quick first set 6-1. The second set proved much tighter at 6-4, but Saar remained steady to seal the win. The last match of the first round proved no different. Marilena Papadopoulou, CULTC's stellar fresher acquisition this year, playing at number 5, took on a stronger than expected opponent as Oxford, in a last-minute cheeky tactical move, substituted in a better player as their number 6. This was to no avail as Papadopoulou showed her customary intensity and spirit on the court to win 6-0 6-2; a fantastic start to her Varsity career. Cambridge were 3-0 up after the first round.

The second round of play however threw up some difficulties. Captain Emma Kudzin, playing at number 2, stepped on court against Oxford's number 1, together with Cambridge's number 4, Amy Zhang against Oxford's number 3, and Social Secretary, Sophie Walker, Cambridge's number 6, against Oxford's number 5. Unfortunately, the rain steadily became heavier until finally the grass was unplayable and all three matches had to be taken off court, with Kudzin and Walker both down 3-2 in the first set, and Zhang up 3-2 in her first set. Sadly, these were the last points played on grass in this year's Varsity. The referee, Bob Jenkins, then made a controversial decision to send two of the women's matches onto outdoor clay, a surface that could not play more differently to grass. Kudzin, whose game is naturally suited to grass, really struggled on the clay and lost the first set quickly 6-3. At that point the rain became too heavy to continue play so the match was pulled off court once again and moved onto yet another surface: indoor hard court. Feeling far more comfortable on this surface, Kudzin fought to the bitter end against a tough opponent, eventually losing 9-7 in the second set tiebreak, her first Varsity loss in three years. Zhang, originally from the USA and an incredible addition to the women's Blues team this year, was also forced to play on the clay after the first rain break; her very first time playing on this surface. This did not faze her at all as she saw off a tricky opponent with ease, winning the first set 6-2. After the second rain delay, she quickly acclimatised to the indoor courts to win the second set 6-2 as well. In the final match of the day, Walker, drawing on her Varsity experience from last year, played a tight match against a very tough opponent, losing the first set 6-2 but showing true Cambridge grit to fight back and make the second set much closer, eventually losing 6-4. Cambridge were 4-2 up after the first day, exactly mirroring last year's score at this stage.



Day 2, Tuesday 3rd July, dawned grey and rainy. Play was once again delayed as the grass was deemed unfit for play and there was controversy over the referee's decision to give the men six hard courts to play on, but the women only two clay courts, despite the fact that both play the same format and had an equal number of matches to play. The women fought hard against this decision but were eventually shouted down by Oxford's Chairman. Drawing on their anger at the injustice of this treatment, they walked on court even more determined to prove their mettle. The first round saw Morrill, Saar and Papadopoulou back in action. Morrill gave her cheering spectators yet another master-class as she wiped Oxford's number 1 off the court, 6-0 6-3. Saar, in her element on the clay, won quickly 6-0 6-2. Papadopoulou faced Oxford's fierce competitor at number 5. She started the match a little tense but kept fighting pluckily, eventually losing 6-1 6-3, a score that did not reflect the closeness of the match. Kudzin was on next, facing Oxford's number 2. Bouncing back from the previous day's defeat, she shook off her nerves to win 6-1 6-2. Zhang played her second ever match on clay, which proved just as easy as her first, winning 6-3 6-3. Walker played the last singles match of the tournament this year. It proved a very long, tiring and tough-fought match in which she eventually succumbed in two tiebreaks 7-6 (4) 7-6 (5), but she kept up her cheerful outlook on the court until the very end and continued to send down her booming serves. So, Cambridge had extended their lead after the singles, 8-4, and in customary fashion were looking to secure overall victory by the end of the day.

The doubles continued to be played on clay. Number 1 pair Morrill and Kudzin were first on court. A seasoned and experienced pair, they strode on, rackets in hand, and played a near perfect 'golden set' to win the first 6-0. The second set did not last much longer as they finished off Oxford's number 2 pair 6-2. Number 2 pair Saar and Zhang were not far behind as they saw off Oxford's number 3 pair without a wobble, 6-1 6-2. The score was now 10-4. Cambridge just needed one more rubber to win, and it all came down to Papadopoulou and Walker. Playing at number 3 pair and facing Oxford's number 1 pair, on paper they were down to lose but they did not let this bother them. They played a good first set but were just pipped to it by the resilient Oxford pair, 6-4. However, buoyed up by the cheering crowd,

Papadopoulou and Walker fought back and played some of their best tennis to win the second 6-1. The third set was a close, gritty battle with neither side buckling but Walker's superior serving and Papadopoulou's poaching behaviour at the net saw them win 6-4. Cambridge were 11-4 up, and with one day and six rubbers left to be played could not be beaten. This was an excellent result for the team, after a year of hard work and spectacular results.

Day 3, Wednesday 3rd July, saw the third consecutive day of rain; the worst weather experienced at Varsity within memory. There was also further controversy at some of the referee's decisions, which seemed to favour the men at the expense of the women, giving them only one court in comparison to the men's three. However, Cambridge brushed this off and remained focused, in no way intending to rest upon their laurels and fully determined to win every match. All three doubles pairs continued their domination, with Morrill and Kudzin smashing Oxford's number 3 pair, Saar and Zhang beating Oxford's number 1 pair, and Papadopoulou and Walker defeating Oxford's number 2 pair in another thrilling three-setter. The final round saw the teams running out of time and daylight, so the decision was made to play a pro set (first to 8 games) instead of a full two sets. This was supposed to be the most thrilling round as the opposite pairs finally faced each other: 1v1, 2v2, and 3v3. However, Morrill and Kudzin, and Saar and Zhang threw a major spanner in the works by winning in about twenty minutes, 8-1 and 8-0 respectively. The score was now 16-4 and the third pair were aiming to beat last year's Varsity score of 16-5. Ilana Goodman, the Cambridge Women's Second Captain and first reserve, who a few weeks earlier had already captained the Women's Second to victory 14-7, came in to play in Walker's place. Unfortunately, Goodman and Papadopoulou lost in another close match, 8-6, but Goodman did herself proud and Papadopoulou never lost her fighting spirit. The final score was 16-5, a clear margin and a fantastic victory for the Women's Blues.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Men's Blues performed admirably in the BUCS Midlands 1A division and were unlucky not to return to the Premier division, finishing a single point behind Coventry University. They twice routed Leicester, recorded hard-fought wins against Birmingham and Warwick, both home and away, and showed

tremendous fight to beat Coventry away. What put paid to Cambridge's hopes of promotion was their inability to finish off Nottingham University in the opening match of the season. Nevertheless, a successful BUCS campaign laid the foundations for Varsity victory.

Although the Men's Blues lost in the first round of the BUCS knockout competition, they were surprisingly competitive against an illustrious Bath team. Sylvester and Muirhead were electric in victory and Constantine Markides justified his number one seeding at Varsity with a famous win.



# Lightweight Rowing Club

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## Varsity 2011/12

### 25th March 2012, Henley-on-Thames Cambridge won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length

Conditions on the day were near-perfect for spectators, with clear blue skies and only a slight breeze. However there was only a weak amount of stream and the wind was blowing a cross-head the whole way down the course, which meant times were not going to be record-breaking.

The CULRC crew of Nicolas Kernick, Rupert Price, Piran Tedbury, Charlie Pitt-Ford, Matt White, Simon Morris, Martin Kubie and James Wedlake coxed by Mike Hook went off the start hard and fast to take an early lead. Rowing through some quite unsettled water in the first 500m, the crew moved onto a strong rhythm at 38 strokes per minute. At this point they had moved to a healthy  $\frac{3}{4}$  length lead over Oxford.

Through the middle of the race the CULRC crew held onto the solid rhythm but Oxford put in push after push to remain in contact. Moving into the last 500m, the Cambridge crew still had the original lead they had got in the early stages of the race, setting up an exciting final burst. The crews came close in the run into the line and the CULRC stroke seat, Nicolas Kernick, started to clash blades with the OULRC

bowman. Several warnings came from the umpires launch, but the race continued without incident and the Cambridge crew put in their final push to maintain the lead, crossing the line  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length ahead. The OULRC crew appealed upon finishing the race but umpire Sir Matthew Pinsent ruled that the result was to stand.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

CULRC had some strong results at the BUCS regatta this year, unfortunately missing out on gold. Two members of the crew were missing from the men's eight, so two of our best spares, Will Kenyon and Will Hayes, got a chance to race. The heat was below par (3rd), but the repechage was encouraging (1st), and the crew rowed a well-paced final for silver, losing by only 0.02s to University of London. James Wedlake also won silver in the single, narrowly missing catching Kieran Brown of GB U23 LM4x for gold.

## Looking forward to 2012/13

Following a very strong season, the club is in a good position for next season. Many of this year's crew will be remaining in Cambridge (Nicolas Kernick, Rupert Price, Piran Tedbury, Matt White, Simon Morris (incoming President), James Wedlake) as well as many of a strong group of spares. Coupled with an excellent turn-out on the Development Camp over the summer, the squad looks in good shape to put in some excellent performances next season at the Henley Boat Races, BUCS and Henley Royal Regatta.

# Olympic Review

2012 will forever be remembered as the year that the Olympic Games came back to London and captivated the whole nation.

We take a look back at the Games and delve into the experiences and successes of Cambridge alumni, from the Olympic Torch relay to the medal podium.

## Olympic Torch Relay

**Catherine Potterton (Wolfson, 2008)**

Every time that I tell someone that I will be part of the Olympic Torch Relay, I feel a little taller. This is a big thing when you are 4'10". The most important thing to me, though, is that I was granted this honour by the University of Cambridge itself.



Photo: Samsung and Jonathan Syer

When I was 19, I became a Trustee of the Brittle Bone Society (BBS). The Society exists to support people with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI, Brittle Bones) – a genetic condition which affects the body's collagen, and causes, among other things, bone fragility and deformity. I have OI, and was supported by the BBS during my early years. As the youngest Trustee by at least 25 years, I was made responsible for Youth. I consulted with the young people of the Society, and discovered that they felt that they were not supported during their transition into adulthood.

To rectify this, I created an annual youth weekend event called VOICE, now in its third year. VOICE is designed to encourage those aged 16–30 living with OI to work towards independent living through peer support and expert advice.

The pilot VOICE event coincided with my second year of reading Politics, Psychology and Sociology at Wolfson. Cambridge was the answer to an unspoken prayer, the place where I finally felt that I belonged. It is hard to be 'different' when everyone is a little bit special. I was lucky enough to live in Toda House, which had a wonderful communal atmosphere. When raising money for the BBS, I was sponsored by many staff, Fellows and friends at Wolfson.

In 2011, just before I graduated, the BBS nominated me for a Student Volunteering Award and



Cambridge's Committee on Community Activities selected me and two other students as Gold Award winners. When Samsung were looking for Torchbearers, they approached the University and asked it to nominate three people who had 'gone the extra mile in volunteering'. We were their choice. In December, we attended a dinner hosted by Samsung at which I was one of three people interviewed by Olympic Medallist Sally Gunnell about my charity work.

**Afterword:**

Carrying the Olympic Flame was quite an experience. After a quick briefing, my group of Torchbearers were herded onto a bus and then shuttled around the route, each person being dropped off at a designated spot. Eventually it was my turn to be deposited at the side of the road. As the convoy of police officers, sponsors and media approached, I tore myself away from the cameras, and thus began the longest and shortest five minutes of my life. I really cannot put it into words. Being cheered and clapped by hundreds of strangers just for being me... it felt unreal and undeserved but also completely exhilarating. It was truly an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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# Our athletes

**An impressive 14 Cambridge students past and present competed for their respective countries in London 2012; here's how they fared in their quest for medals.**

**Andy Baddeley (Gonville and Caius, 2000)**

Cambridge's sole male competing in the main stadium finished eighth in the second semi-final of the 1500 metres event, narrowly missing out on a place in the final, despite finishing a full 7 seconds ahead of qualifiers from the 1st semi-final.

**Julia Bleasdale (Pembroke, 2000)**

Julia competed in both the 5000 metres and 10,000 metres and finished both in 8th position, remarkably one place behind compatriot Joanne Pavey in both races.

**Claire Hallissey (Robinson, 2001)**

In a highly competitive Women's Marathon, Claire finished a very respectable 57th place in a time of 2:35:39.

**Emma Pooley (Trinity Hall 2001)**

A silver medallist in the time trial in Beijing 2008, there were high hopes for repeat success on home soil. Emma finished 6th in the time trial, 40 seconds behind the bronze medallist.

She also completed the road race and played a supporting role in compatriot Elizabeth Armitstead's silver medal success – Team GB's first medal of the Games – just as she did when Nicola Cooke took gold in Beijing 2008.

**Stacie Powell (Churchill, 2009)**

Stacie was Cambridge's only alumna competing in the cauldron of noise that was the aquatic centre, in the 10m platform diving event. Stacie finished the Preliminary Round in 20th position (18th position qualified for the semi-final).



**Anna Watkins  
(Newnham, 2001)  
GOLD!**

Anna proved to be the perfect partner for veteran Katherine Grainger in the Women's Double Sculls, helping the perennial runner up finally win her first Olympic Gold. For Anna, hopefully there's more to come...

**Tom James**  
**(Trinity Hall, 2002)**  
**GOLD!**

The pressure on the all-conquering Four was only increased by the strength of the opposition boats, but Tom and the crew duly delivered the gold medal ahead of Australia and the USA.



**George Nash**  
**(St Catharine's, 2008)**  
**BRONZE!**

George and his partner in the Pair finished in Bronze medal position 0.66 seconds behind silver medallists New Zealand.





**Tom Ransley  
(Hughes Hall, 2007)  
BRONZE!**

Tom was in the Team GB Eight crew that beat out fellow former Boat Club member Jake Cornelius' USA Crew to gain a Bronze Medal.

**Annie Vernon (Downing, 2001)**

It was a case of 'what might have been' for the Annie and the rest of the Team GB crew in the Eight at Eton Dorney, finishing 5th in the flagship rowing event, 8 seconds behind gold medalists USA.

**Rod Chisholm**

Competing for Australia in the Lightweight Double Sculls, Rod and his partner finished 3rd in the repechage and went on to win the C final.

**Jake Cornelius (Emmanuel, 2006)**

Jake and the USA Eight crew narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing 4th, one place and four tenths of a second behind Team GB.

**Silas Stafford (Gonville and Caius, 2008)**

Rowing for USA in the Pair, Silas and his partner finished their semi final in 4th position and went on to finish 2nd in the B final.

**Annie Lush (Emmanuel, 1999)**

Annie and Team GB's athletes in the Elliott 6m event were narrowly knocked out in the quarter finals by the Russian crew, who went on to lose the Bronze medal match.

## Andy Baddeley reveals what it was like to be an athlete at London 2012.

Despite the fifty shades of red, white and blue on display, the screams inside the Olympic Stadium were simply the outpourings of support from 80,000 people who had come out to watch Our Greatest Team. In the process they showed me personally, Team GB and most importantly the rest of the world, that Britain really does have the best supporters in the world.

I felt incredibly proud to be a part of Team GB for a home Games. Whilst all of the athlete interviews from all the sports may have lent the "crowd were incredible" sentiment an air of cliché, that is simply because there is no way to describe how it felt. It was and still is, impossible to describe the wall of noise, the electric atmosphere of anticipation, or the feeling of pulling on the British vest. But suffice it to say, as a country we showed everything that is Great about Britain.

After the tribulations I mentioned in the previous blog, I arrived in the village ready to go, and to soak up the atmosphere. I moved into our apartment with Chris Tomlinson, Robbie Grabarz, Andrew Osagie and Ross Murray, where I was sharing a room with Chris Thompson.

Day one of athletics arrived, and it was finally time to don the vest in anger. It was a usual race day of nervous waiting, coupled with an air of "is this real" and "s\*\*\*, this is the Olympics!". Time slipped by and suddenly I was at the warm up track, where I can only really describe the atmosphere as the calm before the storm. By this point we all knew this wasn't a normal major championships - watching a full stadium roar Jess on to a world heptathlon best in the hurdles in the morning session made sure of that! I had a walk around the warm up track with my coach, and then lay down for a quick read to clear my head. Stretching, then a very early jog as we had to contend with an unusually long 50 minute call time. I did a few easy strides, grabbed my spike bag and headed into final call.

For once, all the officials were speaking English, which was strangely comforting. For anyone wondering what goes on in there - our bags are checked to make sure spikes are the right length and that no one has an iPod or phone, or any branding that's not allowed. The call room is basically a big room with dividing walls separating it into pens so that each heat is segregated from the others. Plain walls, and eerily quiet as each athlete goes through their routine. There is the occasional bit of banter to break the tension, and the officials try to stop any jogging around. Then it was time for the long walk through the tunnel to the main stadium - 8 minutes of walking in silence feels like a long way. We were given our front name bibs with transponders attached (which provide 100m splits for all the distance athletes), leg numbers and it was time for spikes and a few strides on the short straight under the stands.

Then it was time for one of the most incredible moments of my life. We came out from underneath the stands in single file, and there was a surge of deafening noise spreading outwards as the crowd spotted the Team GB colours. If I thought that was loud, I was in for a rude awakening as my name was announced on the start line. If I had clapped my hands in front of my face I wouldn't have been able to hear it. The sound had such a physical positivity, that I felt taller, I felt lighter. Then we were off, and despite tripping with 120m to go, I felt great and qualified in an automatic spot.

After crossing the line, in a mixture of excitement and relief, there was a brief chance to soak up the atmosphere and to acknowledge the crowd before hiking back to the warm up track via the longest ever mixed zone! A quick warm down and the chance to talk to my coach whilst getting a massage, then I hopped on the bus back to the village. I went straight into the (6000 seater) dining hall before heading back to Team GB medical HQ for an ice bath.

Fast forward less than 24 hours, and I'm sitting with the guys in our apartment in the village with no idea of what's about to happen. Super Saturday. Need I say more. We watched three of our friends and teammates win the biggest prize in world sport, it was incredible. So incredible that I had to take myself out for a walk around the village to calm down and relax before trying to get some sleep before my own Olympic semi-final.

So then it was my turn again, it was Sunday, with much the same routine as Friday. I was drawn in the second semi-final, which was made up of 13 athletes after the reinstatement of Nixon Chepseba who had stumbled in his heat. First 5 athletes from each semi would qualify automatically, with the next 2 fastest overall also progressing. I felt good in the warm up, nervous but ready to go. Then we got out on the track and the noise hit me again, I've run out of superlatives for the way that it made me feel.

The gun went, and the rest is a blur. The pace felt incredibly fast, but what was not necessarily obvious was that it was fluctuating - always the toughest way to run. Not only was the pressure applied at the front inconsistent (by an obviously keen-to-stay-out-of-trouble Chepseba), but the rest of us were scrapping for position and doing our best to avoid stumbles and fallers. I felt like I was going as hard as I could go right from the gun, and when I knew that I really needed to move up through the field I was already at my red-line and just couldn't make it happen. I ran hard to the line but finished in an agonising 8th place - 7th place 0.4s ahead of me qualified for the final.

How I felt back at the warm up track is perhaps the most difficult thing to explain. The event that I had been training for over the last four years was over,

and I was one place away from a second consecutive Olympic final. Obviously I was disappointed, but it wasn't quite as simple as that. The closest word I can think of is empty. It was a case of "ok, well what now?". There's no urgency to recover, to get an early night or to think about training again. Perhaps lost is also appropriate.

Another reason for such complicated emotions was my own constantly shifting goal posts. Four years ago I was confident of competing for a medal in London. A smattering of small injuries over the next few years meant that it wasn't quite so straightforward, and as I mentioned in the previous blog, at the end of 2011 I wasn't even sure I would make the team. But so consistent was my training from September 2011, by the time I ran a PB over 3000m in May 2012, I knew that I was back at my best - stronger and faster than in 2008. But, also as per the previous blog, my four week lead in to the games was far from perfect, and even if only subconsciously, the goal posts moved again.

Yes, I was disappointed not to have a chance to compete for a medal, but I was also (and perhaps more importantly) proud to have fought my own demons and won, and to have represented Team GB on the biggest stage of all.

## Claire Hallissey tells us about her time at Cambridge and how she went on to compete on the biggest stage of all ...

I was already a very keen sportswoman before I arrived at Cambridge to begin my undergraduate studies. Although I started my sporting life as a swimmer, the endurance that I had built from this meant that I easily made the transition to running 800m and 1500m when entered into inter-school competitions by my PE teacher. Throughout school I split my time between the two sports, but gradually developed a greater love for running. Although there was no indication of the level that my running would eventually reach, I was becoming a regular member on the inter-county cross-country and athletics teams and this small degree of success encouraged me to focus on running and not swimming at university.

As we were heading into the cross-country season at the beginning of the academic year, the Hare and Hounds was top of the list of societies that I wanted to join at the Freshers' Fair. I was welcomed into the club from the very beginning, spending a weekend at the Manchester relays less than a fortnight after arriving in Cambridge. The frequent trips away to races throughout my time at Cambridge proved to be a welcome escape from the intense academic working environment, although having to catch up on work from Saturday lectures was slightly less welcome! The busy lifestyle, and time-management skills that it encouraged, also helped me to prepare for the future demands of full-time marathon training.

My early experiences of fairly mediocre 2nd team performances in the fierce Oxford/Cambridge rivalry of the Varsity matches, and the great guts and

determination shown by the Blues runners, made me determined to improve my running over the coming years. The hard work paid off and led to the highlight of my Cambridge running career, when I was ladies' captain of the Hare and Hounds alongside club captain Andy Baddeley in my 3rd year at the university. My running had improved enough to gain a place on the Blues team, and we won both the men's and women's competitions.

After leaving Cambridge in 2005, I continued to build on my running endurance and moved up to racing half marathons. This transition resulted in my selection for the World Half Marathon Championships in Birmingham in 2009. A year later I was in New York running my first marathon, and discovering that 26.2 miles appeared to be my perfect distance.

Several altitude training camps, and an awful lot of miles later I found myself standing on the start line at the London Olympic Marathon. I feel especially fortunate that my Olympic debut was in a home Games, as the atmosphere on the streets of London was fantastic and the crowds around the course were almost deafening. The home support really helped to carry me around the wet and twisty course, which was particularly challenging after a strenuous 12 months in which I had pushed my body to the limit in order to secure my Olympic selection. I really enjoyed my first Olympic experience and was satisfied with the race, but it has left me even more determined to get to Rio in 2016 so that I can have another attempt. After completing my race I had a whole week to relax and enjoy life in the Olympic village, of which the huge range of food was definitely one of the highlights. I also got to watch many of my fellow athletes competing in the Olympic stadium, including Mo Farah winning the 10,000m to complete his double. Having been unable to attend the Opening ceremony as most of the Team GB athletes were in Portugal, it was great to be able to be a part of the Closing ceremony and finally set foot on the Olympic athletics track. It all seemed a million miles away from my days spent speeding around Wilberforce Road and Jesus Green while at Cambridge!

# Modern Pentathlon Club

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Modern pentathlon involves five sports: the physical activities of running and swimming, and the skilled events of show jumping, air pistol shooting and épée fencing. Our Cambridge club provides facilities for members to take part in all these disciplines. We compete in university-based and external competitions throughout the year, with efforts geared toward the highlight of the year, the Varsity Match against Oxford in March. We are a Full Blue sport and cater for a range of abilities and commitment levels, with the main aim of most of our members being selection for the Blues team at Varsity. Some of our members enjoy success at both national and international level. In addition to its sporting ambitions, CUMPC is a highly sociable club with regular trips to the Hawks' club.

## Varsity 2011/12

**30th-31st March 2012, Tonbridge School, Kent**  
**Individual Men's - Harry Tabor, Oxford**  
**Individual Women's - Henrietta Dillon, Cambridge**  
**Team Men's - Cambridge 27 748 Oxford 30 008**  
**Team Women's - Cambridge 21 736 Oxford 22116**

Reserves Individual Men - Tom Bloomfield, Oxford  
Reserves Individual Women - Diana Burk, Cambridge  
Reserves Team Men - Cambridge 7488 Oxford 8232  
Reserves Team Women - Cambridge 5028 Oxford 5368

The Varsity Match this year was held over two days in Tonbridge in Kent. Coming off the back of very promising results in the BUCS Championships a few weeks earlier, both Light Blue teams were looking for strong performances. The first event was the fencing, with the women leading off and securing a sizeable lead going into the second event. Georgie Ward and Emma Byatt both took 18 out of a possible 22 hits, equalling the women's fencing record. The men had tough opposition against some experienced fencers but also emerged with a narrow lead, Josh Radvan taking 1st and a solid start to the competition.



The second event that day was the swim, an event which has seen considerable progress from both universities in recent years. Yet again, the strength of the Cambridge women shone through and they extended their margin with a series of excellent swims. The Light Blue men fought well against an extremely able Dark Blue team, but dropped points badly to fall behind at the end of the first day. Individually, Henrietta Dillon and Brad Dixon broke the women's and men's records, respectively. At the end of the first day, the Light Blue women led by 1740 points, whilst the men trailed by 868 points. Henrietta Dillon and Brad Dixon led the individual events.

The first event of day two was show jumping, traditionally an event in which the somewhat unpredictable nature of horse riding can turn the competition on its head. This proved to be the case



again this year. The inexperience of the Light Blue women led to some heavy losses in points, allowing the more experienced Dark Blue side to capitalise and take the overall lead. The men suffered from some bad luck and likewise dropped further behind in the scores.

Going into the final event, which is a combination of running and shooting, the women had a large hurdle to clear, but their superior physical abilities meant victory was not unobtainable. The men, despite tremendous improvements in running over the last year, faced an insurmountable margin. Henrietta Dillon maintained her lead but Brad Dixon slipped down the results after an unfortunate ride, allowing Josh Radvan to take the top spot entering the combined.

The Light Blue women pulled out all the stops in the combined event with some huge personal bests, winning this event also. Diana Burk moved up from the Reserves to win by an astonishing 56 seconds, after filling in for the injured Hannah Darcy. However, it was sadly not enough to negate the Dark Blue advantage from the ride. The men ran superb races and finished close to the Dark Blue score for the combined, an event in which the Dark Blues have dominated in recent years. Individually, Henrietta Dillon produced a great performance to take 1st overall and gain her Full Blue. Josh Radvan was narrowly pushed into 3rd place, gaining his Full Blue along with Brad Dixon. Edward Tusting missed his Full Blue by only 4 points. The Dark Blues also took victory in both Reserves matches, although Diana Burk claimed victory individually for the women.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

**Triangular Match (Cambridge, Oxford, Army)  
14th September 2011, Sandhurst Royal Military Academy**

**Individual Men's: Brad Dixon 3rd**

**Individual Women's: Laura Plant 1st, Henrietta Dillon 2nd**

**Team Men's: Cambridge 2nd**

**Team Women's: Cambridge 1st**

### **BUCS Championships**

**9th-10th March 2012, Iffley Road, Oxford**

Cambridge once again produced a strong performance in the annual BUCS Championships, with a team of Brad Dixon, Josh Radvan and Edward Tusting securing 2nd place, beating teams from Bath, Oxford and Loughborough in the process. The men also had success individually, with Brad Dixon and Josh Radvan taking 2nd and 4th, respectively.

### **Other News**

CUMPC are very grateful for the generous sponsorship they received from Bancroft Wines this year and will again receive for the upcoming year. The additional funds will be used largely to extend the training available to members.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

With a strong contingent of returning athletes for 2012, new men's captain, Edward Tusting, will be looking for a strong season, kicking off with the annual Triangular Match against Oxford and the Army in September. A good summer of hard training should see them well geared up and a few new recruits to bolster the ranks will set them in good stead. The calibre of the athletes this year is such that they may see some success in the national competitions as well. The exceptionally strong Cambridge women will unfortunately lose several athletes this year and so the new women's captain and this year's Varsity match champion, Henrietta Dillon, will be hoping for an intake to match this year's, with another victory in Novice Varsity in October.

# Netball Club

## **www.culnc.org**

CULNC plays an important role in Cambridge Women's sport, being renowned for sporting excellence as well as great team spirit and dedication to both on and off court aspects of the sport. We have a squad of just eighteen, producing two teams, the Blues and Jays, which both compete in the British Universities and College Sport (BUCS) leagues, as well as the regional BUCS cup knockout tournament and, of course, the annual Varsity matches. As well as the University component, the club runs a Ladies and Mixed College League and the annual Cuppers Tournament, which is well supported and provides a vital opportunity for netball to be played and enjoyed at all ability levels within the University.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **25th February 2012, Iffley Road, Oxford Blues: Cambridge 33 Oxford 45**

Second: Cambridge Jays 33 Oxford Second 25

The Varsity matches proved to be a day of mixed results, but what stood out was the exceptionally high level of netball being produced by all four teams, testament to a year of dedicated training.

The Jays match was extremely close fought with Cambridge being behind at half time. However, the third quarter saw the Light Blues fight back and, with some excellent shooting from Gwyneth Jones and Laura Gibson, Cambridge pulled it back and took the lead. Katie Hamilton and Ira Kleine rattled the Dark Blues' attack and forced many turnovers. The last fifteen minutes were tense but Cambridge kept their nerve and secured a well deserved victory. The match really displayed the team's progress throughout the season. The whole team produced an outstanding performance and Georgia Archer-Clowes at WA was named player of the match by Oxford.

The Blues match was a fast and tense game from the beginning and the intensity never dropped. The Light Blues took the lead in the first quarter and were dominating Oxford, with shooters Gina Dalglish and Jade Lane on top form. However, a tactical substitution made by Oxford proved to be the turning point and Oxford took the lead in the second quarter. The teams were closely matched in speed and agility and the final score did not reflect the true battling and close run nature of the match that was clear to all spectators. Cambridge made some radical changes in the third quarter and the team fought determinedly to the end. Hannah Pennicott was named player of the match by Oxford. Although this was a disappointing loss for the Blues, with much of the squad staying on and Varsity returning to home soil, there are high hopes of success for both teams next year.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Blues finished top of the first division last season and this was going to be a tough act to follow, with strong teams from Birmingham and Loughborough in the division. After some disappointing losses the team really came together when we playing league leaders Birmingham and lost very narrowly by only one goal. In the BUCS Cup they went on to beat Premier Division team Gloucester in a tightly fought match 37-34.

The Jays had a fantastic year; they were top of their division for much of the season. However, after a few losses, unfortunately they finished second. Although they did not gain promotion this year, it is very much in their sights for next season. Their Varsity win was undoubtedly the highlight of their season.

## **Looking forward to 2012/13**

The club will once again be entering the BUCS leagues and knockouts next year and hope to produce yet another fantastic season. However, there are quite a few members of the current squad leaving this year so the club is looking to recruit some new talent and put in a lot of hard work to prepare for next season.

# Orienteering Club

[www.cuoc.org.uk/](http://www.cuoc.org.uk/)

Founded in 1970, Cambridge University Orienteering Club is now one of the largest university orienteering clubs in the country, and the squad has grown significantly over the last three years, thanks to a seemingly tireless supply of enthusiasm for the sport from its members. The club competes almost every weekend at events in East Anglia and across the country, but our main competitions each year are the Varsity match and BUCS, both at the end of Lent term.

While the main purpose of CUOC is to train for and race at orienteering events across the country, members also put considerable efforts into organising events for orienteers from other clubs to compete at. In 2011/12, the club organised the annual BUCS competition for the first time in its 41 year history, in addition to our regular Cambridge City Race. This was not an easy task as both events attract around 300-400 competitors with high expectations. Furthermore the club decided that the relatively flat and uninteresting terrain around Cambridge was unsuitable for BUCS, with the Lake District providing a much more demanding, if logistically challenging, alternative.

## Varsity 2011/12

**10th March 2012, Burnham Beeches, South Buckinghamshire**

**Men's First: Cambridge 5:43:51 Oxford 4:25:33**

**Women: Cambridge 3:08:35 Oxford 4:25:18**

Men's Second: Cambridge 5:40:21 Oxford 7:30:15

The Varsity Match is made up of a Men's Course and a Women's Course, which are designed to test the best athletes' capability to navigate at speed. Held abroad every three years, the Varsity Match returned to the UK after last year's trip to the Czech Republic. This year there was also a men's second team competition, a slightly shorter but equally technical course.

Cambridge took its largest squad since 1986 to the 2012 Orienteering Varsity Match in Burnham Beeches, Buckinghamshire, allowing a full B-team competition to take place for the first time in years. It was a weekend of mixed fortunes for Cambridge. The Cambridge women comprehensively beat Oxford by some 76 minutes, locking out the podium positions in the process. Mairead Rocke won the women's course in a time of 55:14, a full eleven minutes clear of second place CUOC runner Katrin Harding. Andy Strakova finished third, finishing off a Cambridge 1-2-3. Oxford currently have a very strong men's squad including several members of the GB team, and Cambridge have been unlucky with injuries, resulting in a defeat for the men's first team. Matthew Vokes challenged the top Oxford runners for



the podium, but just missed out on third place. Mark Salmon, James Hoad and David Maliphant were the final three athletes to count for Cambridge but could do little against the strength of the Oxford squad. The men's second team restored honour to Cambridge and recorded a convincing win by 109 minutes, giving Cambridge an unofficial 2-1 victory over the Varsity Weekend.

### **BUCS 2011/12**

#### **17th-18th March 2012, Loughrigg Fell and Bigland, Lake District Cambridge 3rd place**

Orienteering BUCS is a two day championship with scoring based on individual performances on Day 1 and a relay on Day 2. This year Cambridge organised the championship in the Lake District, placing additional challenges on CUOC athletes, who had to balance the demands of competition with the pressure of running an event for hundreds of students. CUOC had some good results despite atrocious weather conditions on Loughrigg Fell on the Saturday, most notably Mairead Rocke (4th) and Katrin Harding (9th). Solid performances from both teams saw CUOC in 4th place overnight, just one point behind Oxford in 3rd.

The sun made a welcome return for the relay at Bigland

the following day, where the contest for 3rd place was affected by both Oxford and Cambridge's First teams in the men's relay being disqualified for rule infringements. The Cambridge Women's First team of Katrin Harding, Andy Strakova and Mairead Rocke finished in an impressive 5th position, with the Men's Second team of Hallvard Indgjerd, Henrik Lieng and David Maliphant coming in with a time of 137 minutes in 12th position. This was just enough to put CUOC ahead of Oxford, leading to Cambridge's first top-three placing in recent years.

### **Other News**

Following their successes at BUCS and other prestigious events this year, Katrin Harding and Mairead Rocke were selected to represent Great Britain at the international level this summer. Katrin will run at Junior World Orienteering Championships, to be held in Slovakia in July 2012, and Mairead will compete in the World University Orienteering Championships in Spain, also in July.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Looking ahead, preparations are already under way for the annual training tour to the Lake District, the student Sprint Orienteering event, and the public 'Icenian' race in Thetford Forest. The 2013 Varsity Match will be organised by recent alumni of Cambridge at a location to be confirmed. CUOC will be training hard to make

## Polo Club

### **[www.cambridgeuniversitypoloclub.com](http://www.cambridgeuniversitypoloclub.com)**

At CUPC, we offer an exciting and cost-effective way of enjoying the sport of polo, catering for players of all abilities. The only requirement is a reasonable level of competence at riding; it is not a sport for those not

confident in the saddle. We have our own string of ponies and play all year round, using an arena in the winter months. We regularly send teams to tournaments and host many ourselves, with the year culminating in the Varsity match at Guards Polo Club in June.

## Varsity 2011/12

### 9th June 2012, Guards Polo Club, Windsor Cambridge 13 Oxford 2

The 2012 Polo Varsity match at Guards Polo Club on Saturday 9th June was one of the finest examples of Light Blue achievement in the 134 year history of the match. Despite a difficult and frustrating lead-up to the match due to poor weather conditions, the Light Blue side was on top form, thanks to the resourcefulness of the team's weather-beating tactics and stoicism in the face of muddy training sessions. Cambridge went into the historic match the underdogs with a poor track record in recent years, but after intense training both in this country and abroad in Argentina, the team was confident of a win.

Two veterans of previous Varsity matches, Alex Rose playing at 3 and Jamie Hepburn at back, were accompanied by the baby of the squad, Sam Browne, and the last minute surprise player up front James Marshall. Superb team play and support from behind led to a famous victory with 8 goals (including converted penalties) from Sam Browne. James Marshall had a few grievances with gravity and hit the ground at high velocity on several occasions, whilst both players at the back held their nerve and delivered calm defensive play. From the off, some highly aggressive play from Cambridge put Oxford

onto the back foot with five goals rammed home in the first chukka. A strong Oxford team talk brought the Dark Blues two hard earned goals, but some strong ride-offs and accurate backhands from the Cambridge 1 and 2 up front turned any defensive play to tatters. Chukkas 3 and 4 saw the goal margin increased with some enormous shots from the back by Jamie Hepburn and Alex Rose. Some impressive individual play was shown by Oxford's Tom Meacher, although this achieved little in the face of the Cambridge onslaught. After the dust settled, the final score was 13-2, one of the largest margins of victory ever seen in the Varsity match. Sam Browne deservedly won the Most Valuable Player award, and one of the Cambridge ponies, Easter, won Best Playing Pony; a clean sweep for the Light Blues.

### BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

This year Cambridge has been the team to beat on the University circuit. Performing well in the Exeter Cup at Druid's Lodge, and dominating a number of other inter-university matches and tournaments, including the Cool Hooves tournament and the London Invitational tournament, and one of the highlights of the year was the SUPA Nationals in February. Here, Cambridge became champions at beginner, novice and intermediate level, beating all other university teams and taking home a great deal of silverware.

# Powerlifting Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuplc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuplc/)

Cambridge University Powerlifting Club exists to facilitate strength training within the University and particularly to supply a powerlifting team to compete

in the annual Varsity powerlifting match. As well as dedicated powerlifters, our membership includes sporting people from various other disciplines, as well as a number of people who train simply as part of a healthy lifestyle, without sporting ambitions.



The club is friendly and open and encourages new members, regardless of previous experience. If you are interested in lifting weights it is important not to feel intimidated by the weights you might see more experienced people lifting.

### Varsity 2011/12

**26th February 2012, Iffley Road Sports Complex, Oxford  
Cambridge 1027 Oxford 1071**

This was a tight victory for Oxford in one of the most intense Varsity competitions in CUPLC's history. Our three top lifters were Alp Notghi (totalling 540kg in the three lifts at a bodyweight of 79kg, achieving the Full Blue standard in the club this year),

Krish Mahbubani (totalling 262.5kg at 50kg and being the highest scoring woman the club has ever had), and Adam Comer (totalling 475kgs at 82.5kgs). High scoring was ubiquitous this year with nine lifters surpassing the Half Blue standard in Wilks points: Krish Mahbubani (337.2), Adam Comer (318.2), Alex Katsis (315.7), Alex Freer (314.5), Dan Ivstan (312.9), Calvin Wakeford (310.9), Oliver Gam (309.6), Max Frenzel (306.3), and Wil Solano (306.2).

Unfortunately heroic water loss efforts proved too much for our high scoring lifters Andrew Hodgson and Angus Higgins who were unable to attain their opening lifts in the Squat and Bench respectively. Although Andrew injured his back during his Squat attempts he still managed to top the highest Bench Press of the competition with a token 150kg.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

The club will build upon a solid Varsity performance this year with two general strategies going into 2012/13. Firstly, we have built contacts with professional British and European champion powerlifters, who will offer coaching sessions in Michaelmas term for experienced members to improve their technique to the highest levels for Varsity. Secondly, we have started to devise structured training programmes for beginners to the club with little powerlifting experience. The aim is to teach correct and safe technique, make strength gains, and increase training experience whilst removing the guesswork in the initial stages. We also aim to establish contact with BUCS and GBPF (Great Britain Powerlifting Federation) to enter experienced members into additional powerlifting meets, and have informal meets against other universities to give beginners a taste of competition. It is hoped the focus on beginner development will provide the club with a solid foundation of future lifters.

# Rackets Club

The Rackets Club calendar focuses heavily on the annual Varsity match held at Queen's Club, London, in the Lent term of each year. There is one team, including a First and a Second pair, chosen from a squad of around six players. Due to there being no rackets court in Cambridge, practices take place at Hailebury School.

## Varsity 2011/12

**7th March 2012, Queen's Club, London**  
**First: Cambridge 1 Oxford 2**

Second: Cambridge 0 Oxford 3

With two of last year's Varsity team returning and two new faces, the team looked strong going into the Varsity match at the Queen's Club, although they knew from the previous year's experience that getting a result against a strong Oxford side would be tough. Tom Elliott, a Sidney Sussex fresher came in to play in the number one spot with Ed Kay to complete the First team. Captain James Watson and Cameron

Lemon, another fresher, formed the Second pair. The format of the matches was two singles matches and then one doubles match. In his singles James Watson came up against very strong opposition and despite some crowd-pleasing hitting and occasional flashes of brilliance, he succumbed to a loss.

The only successful singles victory for Cambridge came from Edward Kay who showed real quality to overcome the Oxford 2nd seed. When Tom Elliott was soundly beaten by his opposite number, it set the tie up for an exciting doubles decider and Cambridge sensed an unlikely victory. Unfortunately for the Light Blues, they never managed to clinch the key points at the business end of the sets, and lost after an entertaining match. Nevertheless, there are strong signs of improvement in the team and with a good intake next year, the team will be hopeful of overturning recent Oxford dominance.

## Looking forward to 2012/13

There is the possibility of a merge with the Real Tennis Club being considered.

# Real Tennis Club

[www.curtc.net/](http://www.curtc.net/)

The Cambridge University Real Tennis Club is currently thriving, with its student membership at a high level. We are

always ably assisted and coached by our three professionals, to whom much gratitude is due, and supported by students from yesteryear who are keen to continue their contribution towards real tennis at Cambridge.

## Varsity 2011/12

**24th-25th February 2012, MCC, Lord's, London**

**Men's First: Cambridge 2 Oxford 4**

**Women's First: Cambridge 1 Oxford 5**

2nd-3rd March 2012, Oxford University Real Tennis Club, Oxford

Men's Second: Cambridge 3 Oxford 3, Oxford won

Women's Second: Cambridge 0 Oxford 6

The men's doubles on the Friday began well for the Dark Blues, with Miles Jackson and Johnny Beale dominating the second string doubles to come out on top 6-1, 6-0, 6-1 against the Cambridge pair of Jules Camp and Oliver Watson. Cambridge took their revenge in the next match through some incredible volleying by 4th seed player Edmund Kay, and solid back court play by captain James Watson, which proved too much for the nervous Oxford pairing; the score was 6-0 6-4 6-5.

Thus Saturday began with the scores tied at one rubber each with a thrilling day of singles to look forward to. Once again following on from the great example set by the successful women's team that morning, Johnny Beale completed a focused 6-2 6-3 win over Edmund Kay, despite some continued talented hitting by the latter. Following this came the contest between Oxford debutant Miles Jackson and Oliver Watson. Whilst the slight handicap advantage favoured Miles, the outcome of the match was far from certain. However, Miles held his nerve to complete a 6-3 6-2 and leave the match score 3-1 in the Dark Blues' favour.

The second seed singles was to be contested between Jules Camp and the Oxford captain, the two of whom had also faced off the previous year. The Cambridge team were hoping that Jules would exact revenge for the year before, whilst Oxford knew they needed just one more victory to secure the Varsity win. Oxford got off to a good start, securing the first set 6-2. The second set was, however far more closely contested, with tensions high both on and off the court, and the score reaching 5 games apiece. The match finally ended with Alex emerging in front, securing the overall match victory for Oxford.

The spectators could have been forgiven for believing the last match would not be as interesting given that

Oxford had already amassed an unassailable lead. However the two players involved fought out an intensely close and riveting match. James Watson eventually came through to win for the Light Blues 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, but it was a match to remember, with both players retrieving seemingly impossible shots throughout and providing a very fitting ending to a weekend of excellent tennis.

In the women's matches, Sophie Dannreuther, playing at number 4, got Oxford off to a terrific start, losing only one game in her rapid and emphatic 6-1, 6-0 win over Kate Kirk. This performance was followed almost exactly by Cam Ormsby who beat Emily Brady 6-0, 6-2 with a commanding performance.

The number 1 and 2 player captains played first: Maggie Henderson-Tew against Emma Samia-Aly, who brought a winning streak of a dozen matches to the tournament and proved a tough, in-form opponent. Maggie won the tight first set 6-5. The next two sets went to Emma 6-4, from a 3-all position. This encounter was as long as the preceding two matches together and the loss meant that Oxford could not win the Varsity match on the first day. Vicki Ormerod finished her final exam at 9:30 that morning and raced up to Lord's to take on last year's Cambridge captain, Lucie Browning. Lucie was clearly determined to avenge her 3-6, 2-6 defeat by Vicki at last year's Varsity, but it was not to be, with Vicki winning 6-4, 6-2.

In the doubles, Lucie Browning and Kate Kirk were matched against Vicki Ormerod and Cam Ormsby. This was a tactical Cambridge pairing, as Kate was over 25 points weaker than the strongest player on court. She positioned herself in the galleries and proved highly effective. Lucie was on fire and Cambridge started like a whirlwind, completely unsettling the apparently much stronger Oxford pairing. The first set went to Cambridge 6-2 and at 5-all, Oxford were staring down the barrel of a surprising loss, but they played the big points well and nipped the set 6-5. After that, the momentum was with Oxford, who took the set 6-1 to give their team an unbeatable 4-1 lead in the overall match. The next doubles was neither as exciting, nor, happily for Oxford supporters, as nerve-wracking, as Maggie and Sophie ran out winners against Emma and Emily 6-5, 6-2. Oxford won 5-1 overall, repeating their winning score in the 2011 Varsity Match.



### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

A total of 35 students from eight Universities participated in the Inter-Universities Tournament, which was hosted by the Cambridge University Real Tennis Club for the fourth successive year. There were two tournaments running in parallel, an Individual Handicap competition and an Inter-University Cup, in which teams played two singles and one doubles in each round. In the Individual Handicap James Thomas (Cambridge) proved too solid an opponent throughout, and in the final took the match 8-4.

In the Inter University Cup competition, Oxford produced a clinical display to win both singles matches 10-0 in their semi-final against Middlesex and their experience gave them the advantage in the doubles, and they progressed to the final.

Cambridge and Bristol shared the singles matches in the other half of the draw with Oli Watson (Cambridge) defeating Ian Finlayson (Bristol) 10-3 and Tom Lewis causing Cambridge to be concerned by defeating Jules Camp (10-4). James Watson strengthened the Cambridge team in the doubles, by combining well with Jules, to defeat the Bristol pair and set up an Oxbridge grudge match in the final.

### **Member Profiles**

#### **James Watson**

This year's outgoing captain has again competed in competitions at the highest level, winning the Division 2 National League title and making progress in both the British Open qualifiers, which is open to professional and amateur level, and the British Amateur Singles and Doubles Championships.

#### **Jules Camp**

This year's incoming captain wanted to make the most of the opportunities on the real tennis circuit and progressed to the Division 4 National League final, the National Category C final, a tournament for those in a similar handicap range, as well as the Seacourt Silver Racket final qualifiers, an International Handicap Tournament, professional and amateur.

The first singles match between Jules Camp (Cambridge) and Alex Evans (Oxford) turned out to be the match of the weekend, with Jules winning 10-6 and taking revenge for his defeat in the Varsity match the previous year. The First string singles was between Simon Roach (Oxford) and James Watson (Cambridge), and after some close early exchanges, James came through 10-5. The doubles was a closely fought match in which Cambridge led at the beginning, only to see Oxford claw back and get to 7 games first. Then James Watson justified his superior ranking by leading the Cambridge team to save a match point and later to eventually win the doubles 8-7. Cambridge won 3 matches to nil.

### **Other News**

Several members of the Varsity teams played in the National League this year across many divisions. Notably James Watson played in Division 2 with the club's Assistant Professional, and they took the championship in an exciting final against Holyport in June. Jules Camp contested the Division 4 final, but lost to a strong Oxford team. Jimmy Campbell and Matt Barr played in Division 6, reaching the semi-finals before being knocked out by Hampton Court.

Ali Hakimi, James Watson, Ed Pearson, Jules Camp, Ed Granger and Lucie Browning went on the US Tour in 2011. Tales of copious hospitality, constant merriment and club grandeur and tradition travelled far, prompting a visit to the USA by an enthusiastic band of students from the Cambridge University Real Tennis Club. Except for Aiken, South Carolina, the other seven major clubs along the east coast of the USA were visited with a busy match schedule.

A common theme on the tour was the impressive way in which the team took to each of the foreign courts as if they were playing at home. The added sharpness gained from the touring experience gave the team an extra edge. Excellent tennis from each of the touring members ensured a complete clean sweep, winning all six of the tour fixtures against the American club opposition, which also included adding more silverware to the CURTC trophy cabinet by winning the Fowler-Hamilton Cup at Prince's Court, Washington.

Overall the trip was a fantastic experience both on and off the court. It was an excellent opportunity for all of our players to get more match experience and improve on different aspects of their game. We thank all of those from the USCTA as well as the club professionals and members for their enthusiasm in hosting us and willingness to organise so many enjoyable and competitive fixtures. We were looked after extremely well and made to feel most welcome at all times. We are also very grateful to Harrow Sports and the Cambridge University Giraffe Club fund for their generous sponsorship.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

We are always keen to attract more students to play this game, whether they have experience at racket sports before or not. As we look towards the start of the new academic year, focus again will be towards improving technique, a method that has worked so well in the past when it comes to matches that matter. Team training sessions are an essential part of this, as everyone has their own valuable input that others can learn from. It is also important for students to try and gain competitive match experience by playing in some of the bigger, national tournaments.

# Revolver and Pistol Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/curpc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/curpc/)

CU Revolver and Pistol Club is one of the University's three target shooting clubs. Most of our shooting is done with air pistols, sporting rifles and gallery rifles between 10 and 25 metres. We normally meet twice a week for training at the Queen Elizabeth Way range near the boathouses, as well as extra sessions, when there is time, in the run-up to matches. We face off against Oxford in two Varsity matches each year, one in Spring using air pistols and one in Summer with gallery rifles, as part of the Imperial Meeting at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley. The club membership has recently grown and we now have members shooting at many levels, from complete beginners up to international competitions.

### Varsity 2011/2012

**Summer Varsity - Gallery rifle**  
**15th July 2012, National Shooting Centre, Bisley**  
**Mixed First: Cambridge 742 Oxford 701**

The Summer Varsity match at the Imperial Meeting was another success, with a slightly larger margin than last year. This year the course of fire was altered to be half precision and half snap-shooting but both teams coped well with the change. Oxford's team was very inexperienced compared to ours but stepped up and gave us a decent match. On our side, David Firth did particularly well, having never used a gallery rifle three days before the match, yet he turned in a very respectable 184 ex 200. Our squad of eight also won three of the four university matches, all by clear margins. Once again the only match we lost was due to a rifle malfunction, a problem we hope to settle once and for all next year.

### **Spring Varsity - Air pistol**

**12th February 2012, Wantage Indoor Range, near Oxford**

**Mixed First: Cambridge 2114 Oxford 2155**

**Mixed Second: Cambridge 1959 Oxford 2075**

**Women's: Cambridge 1961 Oxford 1976**

The air pistol Varsity match was held at Oxford's Wantage range in February. Sadly Oxford retaliated for last year's Summer Varsity, as a disjointed build-up allowed them a clear win in the First team match and an easy win in the Second team match. Thankfully the Cambridge women's team was there to retain some of our honour by coming out on top. A great deal of effort was put in by a lot of people to ensure that this match ran smoothly and the club would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their help over the year.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

This year club members have competed in a variety of matches from local level up to national standard. The club team managed a win in their division of the NSRA summer league, securing promotion to the

next division. In the winter league, the club came 2nd (by 2 points out of a possible 6000) in the third division of the NSRA league. There were also good individual performances at various competitions, with Sophie Reed placing 3rd in her division in the Welsh Open and winning her division of the 10m standard pistol at the British Airgun Championships. Vin Shen Ban also had good performances over the year with a strong performance in the Eley competition and a win in the Army air pistol competition. Vin and Jonny Waite joined Sophie at the British Airguns and both put in strong performances.

### **Other News**

This year Haendler & Natermann have continued to support our club; supplying us with high quality ammunition and allowing us to compete at a high level, without worry that our ammunition will let us down.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Next year the club hopes to continue to build on its successes this year, as well as further increasing its engraving bills across a range of competitions.

# Riding Association

<http://www.srcf.ucam.org/curiding/>

The Cambridge University Riding Club is an active club of over 100 members, catering for all abilities. We organise a range of riding activities from weekly lessons to hacks and polo sessions. Our four best riders (plus two reserves) compete for the University as a team in BUCS and at Varsity. We enable all our riders to enjoy a competitive atmosphere by holding jumping and dressage Cuppers as well as a gymkhana during the year for club members.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

**8th March 2012, Rycroft Equestrian Centre, Oxford  
Cambridge 168 penalties Oxford 183 penalties**

This year saw a resounding victory for Cambridge in the annual Varsity Match, making them the winners of eight out of the last nine meetings. The Varsity Match was undoubtedly the highlight of the year for the Riding Team. The competition consists of two dressage tests and two show jumping rounds, in

which each team member rides a different and previously unseen horse, drawn at random. Similar to the BUCS league, each rider has a maximum of seven minutes to warm up for dressage and no more than four practice fences before the jumping phase. This is a very different format to typical competitions and is designed to test a rider's ability to quickly get the best out of any horse.

After a very competitive dressage phase, Oxford were leading by almost 20 points. However, our show jumping performance throughout the season left the team optimistic about their chances. In the jumping phase, everyone pulled out flawless rounds to overtake Oxford and secure the victory for Cambridge. Despite Oxford's home advantage, the final score stood at 168 to 183 points. An excellent show jumping performance by Clark Glasgow was duly rewarded with 2nd place individually and Oli Lawrence finished very strongly behind him in 3rd.

#### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

Despite achieving a confident victory in the first round of the BUCS league, some tough judging and fierce competition left us 2nd behind a strong team from Writtle Agricultural College, who went on to finish 3rd nationally. The team therefore did not qualify for this year's national final. However, the four

league matches produced some excellent individual results, with Cambridge claiming at least two of the top five places at every competition.

Both Kate Walters and Clark Glasgow qualified for the regional competition as individuals, with Clark securing a place at the National Finals in Hartpury.



#### **Member Profile**

##### **Izzy Edmundson**

I have been riding since the age of five and continued to do so through my school and university years. Inevitably I applied for the Cambridge University riding team, and gained a place in my first year.

During my second year, I captained the team to the National Finals where the team finished 6th. Individually I finished 5th in the show-jumping section. Following this performance, I was put forward for selection for the GB student equestrian team. I was selected to be part of the team of three to represent GB at the World Student Equestrian Finals in 2011. The team obtained gold in the dressage and bronze in the combined training.

Outside university, I also compete at international level on my own horse. I also keep several youngsters going at national novice level. In 2009 I was short-listed for the U21 GB Eventing squad to compete at the European Championships.

Having graduated, I now aim to pursue eventing professionally, with five rides for the season, which ends in October. On my top horse, I aim to finish the season at Blenheim CCI \*\*\* with a view to compete at a CCI \*\*\*\* in 2013.

Finally, I have been extremely lucky to receive funding from the university and I encourage anyone who is enthusiastic about their chosen sport to apply.

# Rifle Association

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cura/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cura/)

Cambridge University Rifle Association (CURA) competes in full bore target shooting in two disciplines: Match Rifle and Target Rifle. Target Rifle involves prone single shot precision shooting using aperture iron sights at 'round bull' targets at distances from 300 to 1000 yards. Match Rifle is similar but uses telescopic sights and is shot at longer ranges, with matches being shot between 1000 and 1200 yards. Our season begins with our annual training week at Bisley during the Easter vacation. Throughout the Easter break and the summer term we have numerous weekend matches against many different clubs, counties and countries, regardless of the weather. Rifle shooting is a very sociable sport, open to men and women who compete on an entirely equal basis. During the summer vacation we enter the National Rifle Association Imperial Meeting, which is the highlight of the year and includes dozens of competitions, both team and individual. CURA currently holds the record both for most Varsity wins (105-34 in the Target Rifle Varsity match) and the longest consecutive Varsity winning streak, with 24 straight years.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **Match Rifle**

**12th July 2012, Bisley**

**Cambridge 812 Oxford 776**

### **Target Rifle**

**20th July 2012, Bisley**

**Cambridge 1141 Oxford 1127**

The Match Rifle Varsity began in calm conditions, although that quickly changed. Nevertheless, the experience of the Cambridge team showed through, with the team of Ashley Abrahams, Nicholas Hall, Michael Judge and Matilda McAleenan off to a strong start after 1000 yards, creating a 14 point lead with 285 out of a possible 300, to Oxford's 271. At 1100 conditions were trickier, favouring the more

experienced Oxford coaches. However, they could not overcome a determined Cambridge team, who increased their lead by a further 11 points. Even with this sizeable margin, complacency could not be allowed, as it would only take a couple of bad shots to eliminate the lead. Cambridge's nerve and concentration held though, finishing with a final score of 812 with 57 V-bulls (or bulls-eyes) to Oxford's 776 with 43. Of particular note is that all four of the Cambridge shooters finished higher in the individual scores than Oxford's team. Nicholas Hall top scored with 212 with 21 V-bulls.

The Target Rifle Varsity match occurred a week later. The day of the match dawned and the team awoke to calm conditions, putting the focus on our shooting abilities rather than our coaching ones and guaranteeing a close match. Whoever handled the pressure better would emerge victorious. Oxford had a much more experienced team, including International and county shots, but Cambridge had been training very hard all year and were confident in their abilities. The first shoot at 300 was always going to be the most pressurised of the day. Oxford blinked first, their captain succumbing to the pressure and dropping 14 points, giving us a slender 11 point lead out of 400 with 372. Oxford rallied though and at 500 yards, despite some outstanding shooting from Cambridge, only one point separated the teams, giving Cambridge a 12 point lead going into the final distance. Oxford started 600 strongly while Cambridge struggled with the wind; at one stage the two teams almost drew level. Cambridge managed to find their rhythm after an initial wobble though, and managed to regain and eventually increase their lead. In the end, Cambridge won with 1141 with 100 V Bulls to Oxford's 1127 with 93. This victory had special significance as it was the 150th anniversary of the first Chancellors' Challenge Trophy Varsity match. Ashley Abrahams top scored with 146 with 15.

### **Other News**

Alongside the Varsity Matches, Cambridge also found time to win the Universities Long Range, finish 3rd in

the F W Jones match and 4th in the BUCS Aggregate. Cambridge's exceptional performances over the years have helped many members gain places in international teams. For 2012, Ashley Abrahams and Michael Judge shot with the Great Britain Woomera squad, Ashley and Nicholas Hall both shot for England in the Five

Nations match and reserved for England in the Elcho. Carl Salji shot for Ireland in a friendly, non-cap match against Wales and North London. In a year where 75% of the Association were new to target shooting this year, the successes enjoyed by both the team and individuals represent a massive achievement.

# Rugby Fives Club

<http://www.cu-sparrows.org.uk/>

Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club is a small but historic club that was founded in 1892 and the Varsity fixture has been played since 1925. Since then, Cambridge has won 52 times compared to Oxford's 30 wins. There are two main annual fixtures for the club; the first being the BUCS championships in late November and the second being the Varsity match in mid-February. All other fixtures, played against schools and other clubs around Cambridge and London fit in between these two. We currently have twelve players and compete with a first team of eight and second team of four when availabilities permit.

## Varsity 2011/12

**18th February 2012, St Paul's School**  
**First: Cambridge 290 Oxford 158**

Reserves: Cambridge Sparrows 138 Oxford Beavers 119

The strongest Cambridge side for some years defeated Oxford convincingly in the 2012 Varsity Match at St. Paul's, sponsored by Champagne Pol Roger. Both teams featured a majority of Old Paulines, demonstrating the excellence of the school's Fives in recent years, and at times it was almost like a home

match for both sides. This, if anything, only served to increase the rivalry, although the match was played, as ever, in the best traditions of sportsmanship.

Oxford's Hine led his team by example in the singles, playing superbly to defeat Beverly, the 2007 Cambridge captain. Cambridge came back strongly, however, by taking the remaining three singles matches to lead at lunch by 13 points.

In the doubles, Cambridge's well-balanced First and Second pairs looked impressive and won all their matches with something to spare, although Oxford's top pair offered stout resistance throughout the afternoon. Cambridge 3, with both players new to the Varsity Match, also played well to record wins in all their games, while Oxford 3 prevented a clean sweep in the doubles by narrowly defeating Cambridge 4 in two hard-fought games.

In the reserves match, Cambridge Sparrows, fielding four more Old Paulines, just had the better of a wider-ranging ensemble of Oxford Beavers, with the ever-faithful Wilman brothers in attendance. This was a close encounter; the final outcome determined by the fine play of Rowland and Sloper, the Sparrows' First pair.

Report courtesy of: [www.rfa.org.uk](http://www.rfa.org.uk)

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

In the Annual BUCS championships Cambridge had a very strong showing in both the singles and doubles. In the singles tournament Elliott Malone, Thomas Chase and Jacob Brubert all made it to the second round, and Edmund Kay reached the final following two three-game epics the day before, but ended up losing in the final to Luke Thomson of Loughborough, 15-9 15-6. In the doubles tournament,

Second pair Elliott Malone and Alan Beverley played some hard hitting Fives to reach the semi-final and were unlucky to lose in the semi-final 16-14 15-5. The First pair of Edmund Kay and Thomas Chase played some tough matches en route to the final, including the First pair from Loughborough, but in the end Durham's First pair (Peter Hanton and Alex Griffiths) proved too good, beating the Cambridge pair 15-9 16-15.

# Rugby League

<http://www.cuarlfc.co.uk/>

Founded in 1979, CUARLFC has been competing against Oxford in the prestigious Varsity match ever since, with the series currently standing 16-15 in Cambridge's favour. In addition to the Men's First team Varsity Match, the club also competes in an Old Boys' Varsity match and a Women's Varsity match. Due to an increasing squad size, this year we are hoping to establish a Cambridge Second team. We take a real pride in developing our players, so while many have not played Rugby League before joining the club, we are always well represented in the South East England Squad.

The 2011/12 season has been a rebuilding year for the club, with a new head coach, a new chairman and a restructured committee. With the foundations that have been put in place this year, the club's committee are confident that we are progressing in the right direction and that Varsity success is not far away.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **8th March 2012, Richmond Athletic Ground Cambridge 0 Oxford 48**

Cambridge were thoroughly outplayed in the Varsity match by a very physical, experienced and clinical Oxford side.

The corresponding league positions of the two sides suggested that this was always going to be a tough night for the Light Blues. However it was actually Cambridge who started the brighter, penetrating the Oxford line and camping out deep in Oxford territory. The Oxford defence was resolute, and it was to their credit that the game remained scoreless for the first ten minutes.

Oxford soon began to work their way back into the game, with their large pack laying the foundations, upon which they could unleash their tricky backs. Their first score came from a break down the left hand side, spreading the ball through the hands and out flanking the Cambridge defence. This score set the tone for the rest of the first half with Oxford crossing the Cambridge line a further three times.

The second half was a similar tale to the first; Cambridge trying hard, but running into a defiant Dark Blue wall. Conversely, Oxford's strong runners looked dangerous with ball in hand and they managed to score a further four tries in the second half to widen the scoreline to 48-0. Despite the poor result, the Cambridge side was full of heart and if this same commitment is channelled into the growth of the club, they can be sure to be competitive in forthcoming seasons.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

Following a restructuring of the leagues over the summer, this year the club was entered into the BUCS South League. This was a competitive league, including teams such as Brunel, St Mary's and the eventual champions, Oxford Brookes. Highlights of

the season included a fantastic 46-44 victory over Brunel in our first game of the season and a victory over Oxford Brookes A in the first round of the BUCS Cup competition.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

The establishment of a Second team, competition in all four Varsity matches and a top two finish in the league will define a successful 2012/13 for the club. In addition to this, the club has plans for a winter training camp abroad, increased sponsorship and an extended social side to the club. Overall, the next couple of seasons promise to be packed with excitement as the Rugby League Club hope to carry on its growth, and eventually begin to realise its full potential.

# Rugby Union Football Club

[www.curufc.com/](http://www.curufc.com/)

CURUFC is a wholly amateur student rugby club aiming to offer a rugby environment that is as 'professional' as possible. There are three regular teams: the Blues, the LX Club and the U21 XV, together with occasional fixtures for the U21A XV and the Colleges XV. The Blues have a strong midweek fixture list incorporating top professional clubs and universities whilst the LX Club and U21 generally play at weekends. In addition, in the Lent term an U20 XV competes in the RFU national constituent body U20 competition.

The club has a great tradition of touring, with different squads touring Japan, South Africa, Scotland and the USA in recent years. On midweek afternoons there are twenty College teams who compete in a structured league system. There are three leagues, with each

team playing against the other on a home and away basis. The Lent term is used for the knockout Cuppers tournament, with the finals being held at Grange Road during the last week of term. In addition the season ends with a Colleges sevens tournament.

Colleges rugby is very important in Cambridge and unique, in that Division One is used to trial experimental laws for the RFU and IRB. This scheme also attracts referees to come and referee in the Cambridge league and contribute to the friendship and fun which flourishes in our sporting environment.

There is a chance for every rugby player at Cambridge to aspire to play in a Varsity match. Annually there are now five Varsity matches played at Blues, LX Club, U21, U21A and Colleges level, ensuring that over 100 players gain the honour of playing against the Dark Blues. The Varsity series culminates at



Twickenham in early December with the curtain raiser of the U21 match and then the world-renowned Blues Varsity match.

### Varsity 2011/12

#### **8th December 2011, Twickenham Stadium, London Blues: Cambridge 10 (10) Oxford 28 (13)**

30th November 2011, Iffley Road, Oxford  
Cambridge LX 17 Oxford Greyhounds 24  
8th December 2011, Twickenham Stadium, London  
U21: Cambridge 11 Oxford 19  
29th November 2011, Grange Road, Cambridge  
Cambridge U21A 15 Oxford Whippets 21  
25th November 2011, Grange Road, Cambridge  
Colleges XV: Cambridge 18 Oxford 3

The 130th Varsity Match was decided by a brilliant second half from Oxford University, as fifteen unanswered points clinched the game. Tries from Man of the Match Karl Outen, Tom Mitchell and Will Kane saw the Dark Blues run out 28-10 winners after a close first period.

Cambridge started brightly, as their potent rolling maul earned a penalty, which Steve Townend stroked over. However, Oxford responded quickly with the first try, prop Kane burrowing over from a ruck. Shortly afterwards, a Bramham-Law penalty stretched the lead to 10-3, but the pace of Cambridge's back three offered hope of a response. It was former Durham full-back Tom O'Toole who made the decisive move, brilliantly chipping the Oxford line and hacking on for

the chasing Blake. Although the TMO ruled that Hudson had reached the ball first, Cambridge had a five metre scrum and Dave Pearson awarded a penalty try when Oxford collapsed their retreating set-piece. Clearly elated by bulldozing the much-lauded Oxford forwards, Cambridge began to show greater belief and adventure, threatening out wide repeatedly.

With the game delicately poised at 10-10, the tension increased and both sides tore into each other, with more huge tackles from Carter and Malaney, before Bramham-Law regained the lead for Oxford with a penalty. Another powerful maul induced American flanker Asbun to come offside in desperation, but Townend's strike fell agonisingly wide and Oxford maintained a 13-10 advantage at the interval. If the match was in the balance at half-time, no one could argue with Oxford's dominance after the break. The Dark Blue superiority at the tackle contest was clearly evident and after controlling territory and possession for ten minutes, it was Oxford's turn to use their maul, Outen touching down for 18-10.

Desperate to claw back some ground, Cambridge strayed offside as Morris again threatened, and Bramham-Law stretched the lead with a penalty. Although Cambridge threw on their bench, with particularly effective contributions by Young and Wolf, Oxford's experienced pack allowed them no leeway, with captain Carter a rock at the heart of the defence. As the clock went past 70 minutes, a set-play gave Mitchell room to wriggle over and a late Cambridge rally was not enough to dent a convincing and well deserved Dark Blue victory.

# Women's Rugby Union Football Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwrfc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwrfc/)

At Cambridge Women's Rugby Football Club we welcome anyone who wishes to become a member, whether they are complete beginners or have played before coming to university. We provide fantastic opportunities for a range of skill levels, encouraging anyone to join who wants to try out the sport. Women's rugby is an ever-growing sport, continually increasing in recognition. The aim of the club is to promote women's rugby, give everyone a chance to play, and of course to have as much fun and success as we can.

We currently have around 40 members in the club, a number which increases year on year, and the dedication of our players and our two coaches allows us to participate in both the BUCS National League, and the RFU's women's league. Moreover, we put out two teams for the annual Varsity match against Oxford University, the location of which alternates yearly between Cambridge and Oxford.

## Varsity 2011/12

**3rd March 2012, Iffley Road, Oxford**  
**Blues: Cambridge 8 Oxford 28**

Cambridge Tigers 48 Oxford Panthers 7

With 50 minutes on the clock, Cambridge led 8-6 but a torrid final quarter saw them fall to a 28-8 defeat. The Cambridge side seemed to run out of energy and found it difficult to put up a strong defence against Oxford's number 10 who had a good kick and managed several times to pop the ball over the defensive line. The Light Blues' sole try came from Keno Omu while Julie Valade kicked a penalty.

In the Second XV match, the curtain-raiser to the Blues Varsity match, the Cambridge Tigers took on the Oxford Panthers. The first quarter was fairly even and attritional, with Cambridge enjoying marginal territorial advantage. Then the floodgates opened with number 5 Antonia Robbins crossing for the first try, which was

duly converted. Good sniping breaks from number 8 Bryony Coombs and number 3 Harry Maxwell preceded number 12 Amy Nicholson reaching the Oxford line in an amazing full pitch run. Coombs then breached the defence and converted the try. The final points of the first half came from a breakaway move in the Cambridge twenty-two started by number 15 Faith Ege and scored by Nicholson. Number 7 Becky Jones scored the first try of the second half as the Tigers really turned the screw. Powerful runs from Nicholson and number 9 Browning put number 11 Kat Smallwood through to score. Cambridge camped for a while on the Oxford line before number 14 Tia Knight carried over. A good charge-down by number 2 Fi Douglas preceded Coombs' second try. Good territorial advantage was then gained by number 10 Bridget Hipwell and number 4 Steph Leddington. Oxford got their consolation try at this point after a breakaway. It was converted with a kick that needed some help from the crossbar before making its way to the far side of the posts.

This was the first loss for the Light Blues in five years, but the eighth year running without a loss for the Tigers.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

CUWRFC play in the Championship Midlands in a national RFUW league. This league is of a high standard, where our relatively small sized forwards are faced with much larger packs, putting them at a disadvantage in the scrums. We have generally maintained a top 3 position in this league, thanks to the skills and fitness we gain. This year we lost most of our previous Blues team and welcomed a large number of new players. Unfortunately we dropped to 7th place in the league but now have a strong team, which we can develop and improve on for next year.

CUWRFC also competed in the BUCS Midlands Championship 1A. The packs we face in the university leagues are generally of a similar stature to ourselves and therefore less intimidating, especially for new players. These matches provide a good introduction to a proper game for new players and, despite often struggling to get a team together due to university

commitments, we finished the year tied in the competition points at the top of the table with Nottingham University. However, Nottingham won the league due to a better head-to-head points difference.

For the first time in recent history, we also participated in the BUCS Sevens program. After placing third in the Midland Regional Qualifier in April, CUWRFC Sevens went on to the National Tournament in Coventry in May. Two comfortable wins against Bedford University and Liverpool University, and a close loss to defending champions UWIC, saw the Light Blues through to the top 8 knockout stages, where they were defeated by a strong Durham squad.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

With the large intake of new players this year, next year we will be focusing on continuing to make the huge improvements, both for individuals and as a

team, that we have seen this year. Our Varsity match is set for 2nd March 2013, this time back on home turf, and we will be hoping to reclaim the trophy.

### Member Profile

#### Sammy Graham

Sammy has been playing rugby for most of her life. She always makes a huge impact on the pitch and puts in some of the biggest tackles despite her small stature. Sammy was competing at a high level of rugby before coming to Cambridge. She played for Chinnor Chicks U15s, Aylesbury U18s, Richmond and most notably England U20s. Unsurprisingly, she intends to continue with rugby after graduating from Cambridge.

## Ski & Snowboard Club

[www.cussc.org.uk/](http://www.cussc.org.uk/)

As a club we have massively expanded the number of competitions entered this year, with dominating performances at BUISC indoor, coming 2nd overall in the team event, entering local King's races in Michaelmas Term and entering BUSC in Saalbach in Easter. We hope to continue in the same vein next year, but with even stronger performances.

### Varsity 2011/12

**December 2011, Val Thorens**

**Men's: Cambridge won**

**Women's: Cambridge won**

This year's Varsity skiing saw Cambridge swoop in and dominate the slopes. It was double delight for the

Men's and Women's Blues teams as they secured victory over the Dark Blues in the Alps.

Jean Paul Espinosa and Sarah Hughes were the stand out performers for the Light Blues, each taking home individual crowns. The Light Blues' star freshers, Espinosa and Mike Pelton, who have both represented Great Britain, ensured that Oxford were quivering in their suits before the flood-lights were even lit. With performances in both the Giant Slalom and Slalom that showed their expertise, they were set for victory. Reigning Varsity champion Pete Calvert, who unfortunately lost his title, joined them alongside ex race captain Ed Gardner, fourth year Rob Sills and last year's star fresher Henry Delacave. The strong six battled through the difficult snow conditions and secured a well deserved win.

Cambridge also sent a very competitive Women's Blues team. The battle was on before the final team was even selected, meaning that the Light Blues were confident that they would win. Incredible performances from second year Sarah Hughes saw her ranked 8th against the men overall, whilst Catherine Pelton, previous Giant Slalom champion, achieved predictably great times. With good times from the remaining members (Sam Davies, Frances Brill, Jos Trayler-Clarke and Larissa Normanton), the team won by some margin.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

#### **March 2012, Pontrefact- BUSIC Indoor Cambridge 2nd overall**

The team suffered an unfortunate loss to Loughborough in the final dual slalom, but it was nevertheless a strong performance by the team.

#### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

We look forward to a greater number of entrants into the BUSC Main Event in Easter with a strong team. We also plan to diversify into other types of skiing; not just alpine but cross country and ski touring.

## Small Bore Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cusbc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cusbc/)

Cambridge University Small-Bore Club and our sister club, Cambridge University Rifle Association, are amongst the oldest Varsity sports clubs in Cambridge. The club shoots with a small-bore target rifle over a range of 25m. Small-bore rifles shoot a .22 inch diameter bullet and are single shot, breech loading rifles. Most of the shooting is done in the prone position, although later in the year there is the opportunity to shoot standing and kneeling. The club has a strong size, with over 60 members joining this year.

During the year CUSBC has teams shooting in the Cambridgeshire leagues and BUCS competitions. Towards the end of the season we have a few annual "shoulder to shoulder" matches. This includes one against Greshams School, which acts as a good warm up for the important Heslop first team Varsity match against Oxford, held in Bisley. There is also the Bentata women's team Varsity match, the Kensington second

team match and the Lerman three position match (prone, kneeling, standing).

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **18th February 2012, Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, Oxford**

**Heslop: Cambridge 1519 Oxford 1499**

**Bentata: Cambridge 754 Oxford 657**

**Kensington: Cambridge 1486 Oxford 1418**

**Lerman: Cambridge won with 972**

The Cambridge University Small-Bore Club has once again recorded a clean sweep across all Varsity matches. In a season where the club has experienced large growth, team selection was far from easy and strength in depth was obvious throughout.

In a strong team performance, the First VIII (Heslop match) recorded a convincing victory of 1519 vs. 1499 (ex 1600). The captain, Oliver Collas, got the top score of the match with 196 (ex 200). By scoring over

195, he is now eligible for a Full Blue, dependent upon later results. Ashley Abrahams, James Diviney, Alex Dowle and Jonny Waite all shot well to record Half Blue scores.

Liz Campbell's women's IV beat Oxford in one of the biggest wins on record, 754-657. Kay Sharpington's brilliant 190 ex 200 earned her the top score, whilst Matilda McAleenan and Minty Sainsbury impressed on debut.

The Second VIII (Kensington match) produced a stunning 70 point win. Nick Hall, unlucky to miss out on a First team place, held his nerve well to achieve the top score with 192.

The three position team completed the clean sweep with their fine score of 972, winning by over 120 points with every member shooting superbly. Tom French's relaxed attitude paid dividends as he scored 253. This capped a successful year for the club and, with the huge influx of new members, we are hopeful for next season.

#### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The 2011/12 season has been a huge success. Once again, after a strong recruitment effort, the club grew in numbers, this year to over 60. Even more

rewarding was the large number of people that continued to shoot throughout the full year, with the range regularly full in sessions throughout Lent term. Team selection was tough, with vast strength in depth shown by four members of the Second team scoring 190 or more.

Greshams withdrew from our annual match, but CUSBC did compete against a strong GOGS side, unfortunately being defeated, despite a score of 194 from Matilda McAleenan. For the first time in a number of years, three CUSBC shooters entered the CSA Championship, with Olly Collas placing highly in B class with 582/600. This is a great event at the end of Michaelmas and both clubs are keen for the link to be strengthened next year. Matilda McAleenan won the novice competition with 191/200, while five other shooters scored 185 or more.

Christ's triumphed in Cuppers; both Nick Hall and Vin Shen Ban scored 196/200 to give a massive 392 total.

In BUCS competitions, a resurgence in the final part of the season saw Cambridge A placed 3rd in the league. Olly Collas qualified for the individual final but was unable to attend. David Firth achieved 30th and Ashley Abrahams 31st.

# Squash Rackets Club

[www.srsc.ucam.org/cusrc/](http://www.srsc.ucam.org/cusrc/)

The CUSRC has a squad of around 40 players across three men's and three women's teams. Although the club itself is comprised of exclusively skilled and experienced players, it also runs the college leagues, involving over 40 teams and 200 players who range in level from novice to club level. The men's team hold a

strong record in recent Varsity history (thirteen wins out of fifteen), had varied success throughout the season against touring teams and London clubs, and have performed well in BUCS, narrowly missing out on promotion to the Premier division. The women have had a strong team within Cambridgeshire, previously winning both the county league and cup. Unfortunately, in recent years the Women's Blues have



been struggling against Oxford due to some very good Dark Blue players not yet graduating. Overall the atmosphere in the club is very friendly, with a hearty amount of competition.

### Varsity 2011/12

**18th February 2012, Royal Automobile Club, London**

**Men's First: Cambridge 2 Oxford 3**

**Women's First: Cambridge 1 Oxford 4**

Men's Second: Cambridge 2 Oxford 3

Women's Second: Cambridge 3 Oxford 2

Men's Third: Cambridge 5 Oxford 0

Women's Third: Cambridge 3 Oxford 2

After a year of hard training and dedication to the team, both the Men's Blues and Women's Blues felt confident taking on Oxford in February. The matches were held on neutral territory at the Royal Automobile Club in London, a prestigious club for one of the oldest squash matches in the world.

The women kicked off at 1.30pm with Victoria Sawyer (reserve) and Chantal Heppolette (Fifth string) going on first. Unfortunately, despite hard battles, Tory and Chantal both found themselves on the wrong side of 3-0 results. Next on court were Sophie Walker (Fourth

string) and Andrea Kuesters (Third string). Sophie struggled against a strong Oxford opponent, again losing 3-0, but on the other court Andrea provided some hope for the team with a comfortable 3-0 win. Last on court were Rebecca Palmer (Second string) and Francesca Ritchie (First string). With an extremely strong top end to the Oxford order, both players fought valiantly but ultimately in vain, with Rebecca losing 3-1 and Francesca 3-0.

At 4pm the men went on court. Having lost a large proportion of the team from the year before, the match was set to be the toughest in years. First on were Steve Nichols (reserve) and Jon Anderson (Fifth string). The Oxford reserve started extremely strong and despite a great effort to win the third game Steve eventually lost 3-1. On Court 1 the battle was intense, with Jon taking a 2-1 lead but unfortunately being unable to finish the match and losing 3-2 to an impressive Oxford player. Next on were Rik Keating (Fourth string) and Cambridge captain Jake Maughan (Third string). Both players quickly dispatched their counterparts to very few points with the Oxford number 3 unable to keep up with the ferocious pace of the Cambridge captain. With the match now in the balance, Henry Pelham (Second string) and Mike Mackay (First string) took to

the court. Mike was facing an incredibly strong opponent and, despite an incredible effort, was simply unable to deal with the superb touch and skill of the Oxford number 1, losing 3-0. This left the match down to the second strings, and after going 2-1 up, victory looked likely, but a collision in the fourth game gave the Oxford player a chance to recover and allowed him to come back and win the match 3-2. This was Cambridge's second defeat in fifteen years and the chance to take it back cannot come soon enough.

The Second and Third teams had their Varsity match two weeks later. The Men's Third team won 5-0 but unfortunately the Second team lost 3-2. Both women's teams won 3-2.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Men's First team had an impressive season in the Midlands 1A division this year, earning a playoff for the Premier league. Unfortunately, to qualify for the top flight, the team were required to play Loughborough, a team that came 4th out of the eight premier league teams this year. A close 3-2

loss resulted, which does beg the question of how the team would fair against the lower half of the top division.

CUSRC also sent a mixed team down to the Roehampton University cup and won, beating fifteen other universities in a difficult knockout championship.

### **Other News**

The club has secured generous sponsorship from ATASS Sports, and this partnership is continuing next year.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

With many key players again leaving at the end of the season, the club is hoping for a strong influx of new members. The teams will continue their matches in the Cambridgeshire league, BUCS and other annual fixtures. Ultimately, both Men's and Women's Blues are keen to return to winning ways against Oxford, and the men also wish to consolidate their position in the BUCS league and again push for promotion.

# Swimming & Waterpolo Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuswpc/](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuswpc/)

The Swimming and Water Polo club encompasses four Blues teams, as well as a Second team for each. As such, membership is high, and a strong team spirit defines the club, whose cooperation allows a logistical and social edge, which many similar teams at other Universities lack. The variety of teams means that there is a wide range of fortunes in terms of results, but overall the club is in good health, with all four teams in the top of their BUCS divisions.

### **Men's Swimming**

The swimming team has not had the easiest year; despite having several very talented swimmers, a lack of intake meant that the team was thinly stretched and results suffered accordingly. Nevertheless, the men have been competitive at several big meets and this is testament to how strong they have been as a team.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **18th February 2012, Rosenblatt Pool, Oxford Oxford 50 Cambridge 40**

Varsity opened with the 200m Individual Medley, where Cambridge's Dale Waterhouse and Tom Rootsey were unable to keep pace with Oxford's Tom Booth, and gained 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Next was the 100m Backstroke, where Mike Garner-Jones and Tom Rootsey came 3rd and 4th against James Jurkiewicz and Oxford's star recruit Jordan Anderson. The 200m Freestyle Cambridge record remained elusive for Andy Corley, but he was still able to take 1st place, with Josh Little coming in 4th. In the 100m Butterfly, team captain Joel Carpenter took a second off the Cambridge record to touch first ahead of Kouji Urata of Oxford. Brad Dixon of Cambridge came in a respectable 3rd against Oxford captain Joe Northover.

Andy Corley again dominated the middle-distance events, taking out the 400m Freestyle, whilst Brad Dixon was unable to keep pace with Kouji Urata of Oxford for 3rd. Tom Hill and Ho-On To were up against Cambridge alumnus, Dane Rook, now swimming for Oxford, who touched first, with Tom and Ho-On in 2nd and 3rd. The men's 100m Freestyle was the closest race of the day with Dale Waterhouse being out-touched at the wall by 0.02 for 2nd place, but still taking a substantial chunk off the Cambridge record.

Leading into the final relays section, Cambridge was 2 points behind Oxford. Unfortunately, this required Cambridge to win both relays to take the men's trophy. The much smaller Cambridge team had to be spread thin between the two relays and Oxford's considerable depth of swimmers made for two easy victories for Oxford in both events.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

On the weekend of the 11th-12th November 2011, the Cambridge University Swimming Team headed up to Sheffield to compete in the BUCS Individual Short Course Championships. Swimmers were competing against other students from universities all round the country, including top sporting universities such as Loughborough and Bath, so competition was intense. This was a great opportunity to see how the new swimmers would do, as well as a chance for more seasoned members to improve on previous personal bests.

The men had a good weekend of swimming; Andy Corley swam a quick 1:57.07 in the Men's 200m Freestyle and was on personal best pace in the Men's 400m Freestyle. This year's men's captain Joel Carpenter was on sprint form over the weekend, producing solid swims in the men's 50m and 100m Butterfly events.

The following weekend, selected swimmers travelled to Surrey to compete in the regional qualification round of the BUCS Team Championships where they placed 4th overall, earning a position in the national final in March. Blues qualification times were achieved by Andy Corley in the 200m Freestyle (1:56.85) and by Joel Carpenter in the 100m Butterfly (58.10). The overall scores were Bath 206, London 175, Oxford 150, Cambridge 132, Southampton 107, Hertfordshire 100, UWE 66 and Exeter 65.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

With a large turnover of members, resulting in only three of the Varsity squad returning for 2012/13, the Men need to ensure that a high intake of talented swimmers is secured, and that training maximises their potential to preserve their competitive domestic position and hopefully build a solid foundation for further success in the future.

### **Women's Swimming**

This year saw quite large changes to the composition of the women's team. Having lost a few members to graduation last year, we took on five new members from the Michaelmas trials, and a sixth during Lent term, making the numbers up to thirteen women on the University swimming team. Aside from Varsity, the main competitions that swimmers compete in are BUCS individuals, and two rounds of BUCS team championships, the former being a qualifying round and the latter a national final.

## **Varsity 2011/12**

### **18th February 2012, Rosenblatt Pool, Oxford Cambridge 32 Oxford 58**

There was a strong start to the match, with Henrietta Dillon (women's captain) and Katherine Pickard taking first and second place in the 200m Individual Medley, both gaining the Blues times in that event. Oxford, however, soon took the lead, despite great performances from Heather Moore in the 100m Backstroke and Chloe Spiby-Loh in the 200m Freestyle.





In the 100m Butterfly, despite beating last year's winning time by over a second, women's captain Henrietta Dillon had to settle for 2nd place behind Oxford's Justine Schluntz. In the second round of individual events, Oxford showed their strength in depth by taking 1st place in every event; although Katherine Pickard in the 400m Freestyle and Georgia Sherman in the 100m Breaststroke made sure that it was not an easy fight for them. The 100m Freestyle was an extremely close race, with great swims from both newcomer Lydia Woodward and Chloe Spiby-Loh, who narrowly missed the Blues qualification time. However, a late push from Oxford saw Lydia and Chloe pipped to the post. Heading into the relays, the team knew the scores were against them but still pulled out some incredible swims, with the time from the 4 x 50m Freestyle relay team being the fourth fastest ever recorded. However, it just was not enough to defeat the Dark Blues and eventually Cambridge conceded defeat.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The first competition for the women's team was the annual Cambridge relays gala against six other teams. We saw strong swimming from all the new members, and overall won the meet with a comfortable margin of 7 points. We spent most of Michaelmas making sure we were building up a strong training base, and all of our new intake took the opportunity to swim in the BUCS individuals competition in Sheffield in November. Particular mention goes to Megan Connor who came 5th in the final for 50m Backstroke and achieved Blues times in the 100m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle, and to Katherine Pickard who achieved the Blues time in the 200m Individual Medley.

The BUCS team competition took place a week later, and again some strong swims from a combination of our older and newer members secured us a place in Division 1 in the final round in March. When we came back to Cambridge, it was straight into the City of

Cambridge Open meet. There were no standout performances, due to illness and fatigue from returning from training camp only two days prior. However, it was still a chance to get some race practice and show our depth as a team. Cambridge faced tough opposition in the BUCS Teams Championship Finals, swimming in a lane between Oxford and Loughborough. We managed to come in 9th place, and hope to maintain our position in Division 1 next year.

### **Men's Water Polo**

The men's water polo team has been going from strength to strength in recent years. Left with a strong core from last year's team, expectations were high and another strong intake has put the team in a very good position. With a pool of more than 30 players regularly training, there have been as many as 20 players competing for positions in the First team and a strong Second team. Wins in Varsity, a high BUCS finishing position and SUWP silverware reflect this strength. Hopefully the gains by the team will be built upon in the coming years.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **18th February 2012, Rosenblatt Pool, Oxford Cambridge 9 Oxford 8**

Cambridge won a thrilling encounter against Oxford in February this year. It followed a tense match two weeks earlier when the teams had drawn a tight game

9-9. This set a precedent for the first two quarters, with goals traded without any major breakthroughs. Contributions from Riccardo Di Pietro and Andras Kapuvari kept the Light Blues level. However the third quarter saw Oxford pull away, ending 7-4 and capitalising on some poor Cambridge finishing. This set up one of the most exciting finishes to a Varsity in recent years; without any goals scored in the first two minutes, Cambridge were left with five minutes to reduce a three goal deficit. Something clicked into gear and this reality lent a sense of urgency to the Cambridge game, which prompted some much improved finishing and three goals brought the score back to 7-7 in just over two minutes. The Oxford response did little to slow the resurgence and two more goals, the last of which was with 30 seconds remaining, saw Cambridge retain the Varsity trophy with the first away win since 2002.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

At the semi-finals in Leeds, the men qualified 2nd from their group, with a strong win over Warwick, a draw against Oxford and a forfeited game against UEA. This left them with a tough group, including last year's winners Manchester, runners-up Bristol, and Durham.

First was the Durham match, and a strong start saw goals from Crichton and Kapuvari, with the Light Blues drawing out a three goal lead and staying comfortably in control for the duration of the match, ending 12-8 up.

The following day, Bristol was the next hurdle. A slow start saw three goals put past Cambridge, but the resilience that was becoming a byword for Cambridge Water Polo kicked in and at the end of the third quarter the scores were even again at 7-7. However errors from Cambridge let Bristol retake the lead and their best players took two opportunities and proceeded to close out the game.

This left a must-win encounter against Manchester, who had earlier dominated Bristol to win by 11 goals to 2. However this did not put off the Light Blues, who kept to their game plan and prevented Manchester going about theirs, keeping the scores tight and outshining their play in attack. However, halfway through the fourth quarter, with four minutes to play, a mistake allowed Manchester to take a two goal lead. As the Blues piled forward to rectify the deficit and



Hamish Crichton

retain any hope of progressing, the experienced Manchester team exploited the gaps opening up and finished four goals up. Considering the strength of opposition, who again went on to finish 1st and 2nd, the team are only missing clinical finishing, and a focused and consistent mentality, to stop them attaining national level honours.

The Light Blues took a team to Cardiff International Pool for the SUWP finals tournament in its inaugural year. Following some mixed results in the group stages, Cambridge won all their games to take home the silverware.

The Seconds have been consistent all season, earning several respectable results in UPOLO and finishing in the middle of their Division 3 BUCS group. With many players here for two or more years, this is a team which shows great promise and is expected to earn promotion next year.

### **Other News**

Congratulations to Hamish Crichton, who won the National Domestic title with Lancaster, weighing in with a significant contribution and featuring heavily in Sky Sport's coverage of the event. As captain next year, the team expects great things.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

The aim for the team will be to take their potential to the next level and to achieve at the highest level domestically, reflecting the ability latent within the squad. More consistent play would see results improve significantly. With all players in the team now having big game experience we can expect a natural progression and improvement.

### **Women's Water Polo**

This year the club lost most of its players from the previous year and has had a large intake of freshers, bringing our squad up to 25 players. For the first time this year we have had a First and Second team. The First team plays in the Southern University Water Polo league, where we got through to the last four, and in BUCS, where we got into the semi-finals. The Second team played in the UPOLO league, where we got to the finals and were placed 5th.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

#### **18th February 2012, Rosenblatt Pool, Oxford Cambridge 11 - 5 Oxford**

Away at Oxford, surrounded by Dark Blue supporters, Cambridge Women's Water polo team whipped out an amazing win, securing an 11-5 victory.

Despite fielding a weakened team, from the start Cambridge still evidently had the mental edge. Cambridge quickly stuck in the first goal from Anna Sutcliffe, which was the first of 6 well-aimed lob-shots over the course of the match, making her by far the highest scorer of the day. Finishing the first quarter at 3-1 the team then stayed two goals up over the next quarter, as Oxford put all their energy and focus into the game, while the Cambridge side comfortably played at their own pace, looking very much in control.

Shortly after halfway, the Oxford team was clearly waning, with fewer stronger players and dropped the intensity, allowing a gateway that Cambridge took with both hands. Goals came from Becky Hulbert, Fran Brandon, Tamsin Owen and Josie Faulkner, illustrating the strength of the whole squad. By the fourth and final quarter, Oxford flagged still further, as the victory was apparent and, upon the final whistle, the entire squad and coach all piled, screaming, into the water.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

After convincing wins against Oxford, Imperial and Birmingham, the women's team sailed through the preliminary round of the BUCS National competition into the semi-finals in Leeds. However, this was to be Cambridge's toughest competition yet, with matches against Bristol, Manchester and Edinburgh.

First was the Manchester match, and despite some really tight defence from the whole team, Manchester gained an early lead. This was then turned around in the second quarter, with two goals from Josie Faulkner, undeterred by her broken finger, and one from Claire Martin, alongside the strong defence of Tamsin Owen and Charlotte Chuter. The team put up a brilliant fight and improved enormously in the latter half of the match, but unfortunately Cambridge's five goals were not enough to catch up with Manchester, and the final score was 10-5. The second match of the day was against Bristol, and the star of this game was

undoubtedly Claire, who collected a total of four goals. The end result was Bristol 8, Cambridge 5.

For the final match the team was more focused and played with serious aggression. The final quarter was the best by far, with goals from Claire and Fran and some fantastic defensive play from Anna, but this was not enough to catch up with Edinburgh's lead and they took a 7-2 victory. The final score does not reflect the fact that a huge amount of the game was played in Edinburgh's half, with Cambridge gaining 13 man-ups. However, Edinburgh's strong defensive strategies and excellent goalkeeping meant that we were unfortunately unable to convert these into goals. In UPOLO, the team played Essex, UCL and UEA, both home and away. We won four, drew one and lost one.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

Having trained up a fairly new team this year, the club has a huge amount of potential for 2012/13. We are hoping to make the BUCS finals next year, which would secure the starting seven players Full Blues. In addition, we are hoping to really establish the Second team, especially since many Second team players will be staying for another year or two. We are also planning on another winter tour pre-Lent term, which we had this year. The tour improved our play drastically, finishing with us beating a highly skilled Majorcan team; particularly impressive considering that water polo is a more mainstream sport in continental Europe.

# Table Tennis Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuttc/CUTTC/CUTTC.html](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuttc/CUTTC/CUTTC.html)

The CUTTC provides opportunities for enthusiastic players of all levels to practise and play competitive table tennis. The club sends teams to the Cambridge and District League Championships, the BUCS Championships and the annual Varsity Match against Oxford. We currently have two teams in the BUCS Premier League: one Men's and one Women's. We provide weekly coaching sessions, free to members, for all standards, as well as advanced sessions for experienced players. Numerous social events are also put on throughout the year.

### **Varsity 2011/12**

**11th March 2012, Iffley Road, Oxford**  
**Men's First: Cambridge 10 Oxford 0**  
**Women's: Cambridge 4 Oxford 6**

Men's Second: Cambridge 7 Oxford 3

Overall, the Cambridge team did excellently at the 69th Varsity Table Tennis match. Cambridge lead Oxford in cumulative totals for all three events.

The Men's First team won 10-0, making this their ninth win in the row, and the third consecutive whitewash. The team consisted of Wing Chan, Nicholas Leung, Takehiro Kojima, Hamish Yeung and Bernd Linke. The team's players also made up the squad that won the BUCS Premier South division this year, and the

strong Varsity result is an excellent end to the season. Since everybody won their matches, it is quite hard to single out any particular person.

The Men's second team won 7-3, equalling the result last year. It started off with two very tight matches, both ending 11-9 in the final set, and special congratulations to Rick Chen and Thierry Stulemeijer for holding their nerve and giving Cambridge the lead. The other matches were also very tough, but the team's depth proved too much for Oxford, who tried to salvage some points by placing one of their strongest players in fourth position, and he managed to win two out of the three matches that Oxford won. The team was Thierry Stulemeijer, Rick Chen, Ansgar Walther, Sami J. and Akira Murakami. Sami J. deserves special mention for his performance, given that he had not played competitive table tennis for a long time, and his effort and dedication to the match paid off. Ansgar and Akira also did excellently to come back from a 2-1 deficit in the doubles, finally winning 11-2 in the deciding set.

The women's team unfortunately lost 6-4, the same result as last year, but it was perhaps even more tantalising, given the chances and the team that we had. Gengshi Chen was an excellent captain this year. Elva Wang, a new CUTTC member, joining just two weeks before Varsity, was promoted to first place in the team as we quickly realised her table tennis prowess. The Oxford team was very surprised to see Elva, and initially was scared. However, we were unable to utilise our advantage, and lost the first two games, setting the Cambridge team up for a very difficult path as they tried to claw back the points. Vanda Ho and Bella Wu played very well, winning a singles each and partnering together to win their doubles match. The team consisted of Elva Wang, Gengshi Chen, Vanda Ho and Bella Wu.

Finally, no match report can end without a man of the match. We would especially like to mention Hamish Yeung, whose Varsity appearance makes this his seventh First team match for the Light Blues. CUTTC are indebted to his work, as former captain, team player and coach, and we are sad to say that this was his final Varsity appearance for Cambridge.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Cambridge team returned from a long weekend at Nottingham University for the British Individuals

University Championships 2012. We had quite a lot of team members this year (10 playing and 1 non-playing), and in general, the competition was larger and stronger than last year. As is expected, there were wins and losses all across the board, and whilst we had an excellent medal success with silver in the Men's Doubles, this should not steal the limelight from the many excellent performances from the team.

Starting with the women, congratulations to Gengshi Chen, who played very well to get her group into the main event. Yuting reached the quarter-finals of the plate competition, and together with Hong, reached the women's doubles quarter-finals.

With the men, Akira reached the last 6 of the plate competition. Nick and Wing were unlucky not to be seeded correctly due to a misspelling, and consequently had to play seeded players in the last 64 and last 32 respectively. Hamish played very well to get to the last 32, but that was as far as the men could get in the singles.

In the mixed doubles, Wing and Gengshi progressed to the second round, where they were beaten 3-0. In the men's doubles, Hamish and Bernd reached the second round, losing to a pairing which included a former Thai junior international.

The headline for us, however, has to be the silver medal in the Men's Doubles. Wing and Nick made an



Wing Chan

excellent pair, and battled through several rounds en route to the final. This included beating seeds Mark Simpson and Paul McCreary in an epic five set victory.

#### **Other News**

This year we were very privileged to be sponsored by ATASS Sports, who have provided us with financial assistance and have offered their services to us.

We look forward to an ongoing partnership with them. We also were incredibly proud to announce the first ever table tennis Full Blues, which were awarded to Wing Chan and Nicholas Leung for their previous table tennis experience internationally and their services to Cambridge University Table Tennis. Nicholas takes over the Men's Captaincy from Wing Chan.

# Trampoline Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cutc/index.php](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cutc/index.php)

Cambridge University Trampoline Club (CUTC) was founded in 1984, and has grown in size and strength ever since. We aim to introduce the sport of trampolining to a wider audience, and have a committed and diverse membership from high level coaches and competitors to complete beginners. The club is unusual in its provision of year round training for its members, and encouragement of non-student membership, providing fantastic training and social opportunities for all members of the club. We have a reputation of being a friendly, open club; anyone who takes an interest in the sport is encouraged to join and share our enthusiasm. Members have the opportunity to compete throughout the year if they wish to do so, and all members are proud to celebrate and share individual successes. A number of social events also occur throughout the year, encouraging interaction between the student and non-student membership.

#### **Varsity 2011/12**

**3rd March 2012, Iffley Road Sports Complex, Oxford**

**Cambridge A 150.4 Oxford A 145.5**

Cambridge B 141.7 Oxford B 139.9

Cambridge C 141.5 Oxford C 112.8

Cambridge travelled to Oxford this year in search of their sixth straight Varsity Match victory over the Dark Blues. The day started with the C Team and Reserves competition, where the Cambridge C Team of Beth Walsh, Alice Bucker, Laura Keys and Charlotte Houldcroft proved far stronger than their Oxonian counterparts to take the competition with ease, with Walsh taking the win in this category.

Next up was the B Team competition. This proved to be the tightest competition of the day, with only 2.8 separating the overall scores of the Cambridge and Oxford Teams. Andrew Pirrie of Cambridge led the Light Blue Team of Katie Bertrand, Manuela Hospenthal and Alan McCreanor to their victory in this category, placing first. The B Team competition also saw the opposing Club Presidents of Bertrand and Roxanne Swerdlow up against each other, and Cambridge President Bertrand won this rivalry.



The final competition of the day was that of the A Team. The Dark Blues were expected to win this category, having named Kristof Willerton, a British and International Tumbler in their A Team. However Willerton did not compete, opening up the competition to an eventual Light Blue win. David Chapman took the overall win in this category, with Myffy Cairns also putting in a strong performance at her first Varsity Match to take 2nd place. The other Cambridge A Team members of Helen Smith and Sarah Pearcey also put in solid performances.

After the Match, Cambridge was treated to Formal Hall at Mansfield College, a rare opportunity for the Light Blues to sample Oxford Formal cooking.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

BUCS Regionals took place at the University Park Sports Centre, University of Nottingham again this year. Cambridge sent two competitors: Katie Bertrand (BUCS 3 Ladies), and Laura Keys (BUCS 4 Ladies). Both put in strong performances; Bertrand achieved a score of 47.1 to place 6th, only one position off qualification for nationals, and obtaining her Half Blue. After her set, Keys looked to be in a strong position for qualification, but was unfortunate to crash out of her voluntary. BUCS Nationals took place at the Centre for Sport,

University of the West of England, Bristol. David Hewlett (BUCS 1 Men); David Chapman, Gareth Tear, Alan McCreanor and Andrew Pirrie (BUCS 2 Men); and Helen Smith and Sarah Pearcey (BUCS 2 Ladies) all competed for Cambridge. There were a number of strong performances, and particular mention goes to the Men's Team of Hewlett, Chapman and Pirrie who placed 3rd in the Team Competition.

At the end of Michaelmas, a small number of members took part in the 2011 Manchester Open. Alan McCreanor placed 2nd in the Advanced Men's competition, while first time competitors Alice Bucker and Laura Keys placed 2nd in the Novice Ladies Synchro. At the end of Lent, some members travelled to Belfast for the 2012 Irish Student Trampoline Open (ISTO). Bucker and Keys continued their synchro success, placing 1st in the Ladies 1 Synchro. Keys was also successful individually, placing 4th in Intermediate Ladies. Helen Smith also put in her strongest performance of the year to place 6th in Elite Ladies.

### **Other News**

The club ran its first Level 1 Coaching Course this year, under the guidance of newly qualified Coach Tutor Barry Bryce. Andrew Aistrup, Deborah Giveen, Alan McCreanor and Beth Walsh all successfully passed their assessment in January. Gareth Tear undertook his Level 2 Coach qualification this year, successfully passing his assessment in April. These successes ensure the number and range of coaches available to the club for the next few years are maintained and increased.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

The club hopes to continue its successes in competitions next year, particularly with the Varsity Match, where we are aiming for our seventh straight victory. A number of long term competitors are graduating and leaving the club in June 2012, and we hope that new members from September 2012 are able to fill their place.

The club is also looking to run its second Level 1 Coaching Course in 2012/13. We hope to encourage more members through this course, further increasing the pool of coaches available. Funding for members to take further coaching courses will also be available next year, and we hope this will encourage members with the Level 1 qualification or higher to further their coaching education.

# Triathlon Club

<http://cutri.soc.srcf.net/>

Triathlon, where competitors swim, cycle and run, is a relatively new and highly challenging sport, requiring mastery of three disciplines and is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. Inspired in particular by current British Olympic talents, nationwide participation in triathlon is growing enormously year on year. CUTriC is a relatively small Cambridge sports team. CUTriC competes in two Varsity matches each year: the Varsity duathlon (run, bike, run) in Lent Term and the main match, the Varsity Triathlon in Easter Term, both over the popular 'sprint' distance (750m/20km/5km).

Sticking to the theme of 'three', both Blues teams consist of three athletes. Cambridge Men's Blues have been highly successful over the years; having won both matches for the last three years, and have defeated the Dark Blues at over 80% of their encounters. Due to an exceptional Oxford women's team at present, the Cambridge women have been unfortunate not to enjoy the same success in the past couple of years, despite world-class talent, for instance, Lucy Gossage. A mob match scored Second team also competes at both Varsity matches, with athletes ranging from complete novices to the highly experienced. CUTriC also sends a strong team out to BUCS sprint triathlon in Easter term.

## Varsity 2011/12

**13th May 2012, Grendon Lakes, Grendon**

**Men's Blues: Cambridge 3:14:42 Oxford 3:24:36**

**Women's Blues: Cambridge 4:03:35 Oxford 3:48:11**

Grendon Lakes was once again the venue of the annual Varsity triathlon, which took the 'sprint' format of a 750m lake swim, lumpy 20km bike ride and a fast-paced 4.2km run. This year the venue was also the site of a European qualifying race, helping to create an even more exciting atmosphere as new members stepped up to their first ever race, whilst experienced members looked to improve on past performances.

In the Men's Blues race, the swim saw top Cambridge men Alex Young and Paul Hodgson work together to lead the pack and exit the water together. From this point on, Alex led the race, eventually finishing 1st in a time of 1:02:14. Brilliant performances from Paul Hodgson in 2nd and Doug Morton in 4th ensured Cambridge took the win in style, beating Oxford by a margin of 9 minutes 54 seconds. Paul Hodgson will receive a Half Blue for his performances in Varsity, as well as the BUCS championships.

In the Women's Blues race the Cambridge team of Madzia Kowalski, Lowri Richards and Josie Faulkner were unable to defend against a strong Oxford team, and were beaten by 15 minutes 24 seconds. Oxford also went home with the Second team trophies in both the Men's and Women's races, using their large team to take advantage of the mob match scoring system.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12

**6th May 2012, St. Mary's Sports Centre, Calne, Wiltshire**

**Cambridge Men: 9th**

**Cambridge Women: 24th**

BUCS Sprint Triathlon once again returned to Calne for a 750m pool swim, a hilly 25km bike course and an undulating 5km run. Cambridge's contingent of triathletes ranged from the novice to the highly experienced, with great races from all athletes.

In the men's race, Paul Hodgson put in some fast swim and bike splits to put him in a great position going into the run, but a wrong turn on the run cost him his race, eventually finishing 23rd. Neil Houlsey wasted no time in catching up for his relatively weak swim to pull through the field on the bike and run to finish 30th. Captain Richard Secker-Johnson put in a quick bike split to close the Men's First team in 51st. In the women's race, a solid all-round effort saw Lowri Richards lead Cambridge home in 42nd. Despite fitting in a couple of extra lengths in the





swim, Madziel Kowalski put in a strong bike to finish 51st, and Bridget Senior's swimming pedigree shone through, closing the team in 66th place.

### Other News

CUTriC would like to thank Primo Cycles and The Eco Experts for their continued sponsorship.

### Looking forward to 2012/13

CUTriC hopes to continue to expand in 2012/13 and further promote the sport of triathlon within Cambridge. The club hopes to hold a Cuppers type event, likely an aquathlon (swim/run) in Michaelmas, with the hope to establish a Varsity match against the Dark Blues over this format. There are also plans to establish a relay-format race within the Varsity Triathlon match. With all of the Cambridge Men's Blues team returning next year, the men's team will look to extend their winning streak, and improve on their BUCS performance. The Women's Blues and the Second teams are certain to return stronger than ever in order to avenge the Dark Blues' wins this season.

# Volleyball Club

[www.srcf.ucam.org/cuvc/index.php](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuvc/index.php)

The Cambridge University Volleyball Club (CUVC) currently consists of four teams: the Women's Blues, the Men's Blues, the UCCW (Women's Second team), and the UCCM (Men's Second team). The Blues teams have a long history of success and have consistently ranked among the top universities in the country in BUCS and Student Cup competitions. In addition, both Blues teams have taken part in the European University Championships in previous years. The Second teams play in the regional leagues, gaining important game practice and representing the University on a local level. All four teams battle against

Oxford in the annual Varsity matches. The club also runs inter-college competitions; a Lent indoors tournament and a summer outdoors Cuppers.

### Varsity 2011/12

**26th February 2012, Iffley Road Sports Complex, Oxford**

**Men's Blues: Cambridge 3 Oxford 2**

**Women's Blues: Cambridge 3 Oxford 0**

With impressive performances on the Oxford court, both Cambridge Blues teams prevailed to clinch double Varsity victory for the first time in 12 years.

The Blues women opened with a decisive three-set victory (25:20, 25:15, 25:20), setting the stage for the men to test their stamina in a point-for-point thriller (16:25, 25:20, 20:25, 25:22, 15:9).

The Cambridge women approached the match with a 3:0 record versus Oxford in the regular season, but the home court advantage and excitement of Varsity proved troublesome in the opening set. The Dark Blues began with a sizable lead, but the Cambridge women soon reclaimed their orientation on court and within a matter of points, they quickly resumed dominance. Not unlike their performance in the recent Student Cup Finals Match, they again exhibited top form with well-placed powerful serves, fierce fast-tempo hits and precise defence. Oxford's women fought hard, but ultimately, Cambridge echoed their 2011 Varsity Victory, and regular season supremacy, with a three-set victory, led by MVP Christiana Smyrilli.

Unlike the women, the Men's Blues stepped onto the court without experience from a regular season match, forced to draw upon memories of a painful 2011 Varsity loss, which was the first in the last seven years. In the first set, Cambridge played tough, but Oxford easily took the set. The second set saw Cambridge veterans Christian Luginsland and Michael Waelchli lead the team with masterful hits set by Bartek Redlick. Following their lead, the two Cambridge middles, Bram De Ridder and Bennett Waxse, struck a few solid quick attacks and threw up key blocks to quiet the Dark Blue middle. The exciting turn of events was helped by a rousing Cambridge crowd; with everything in place, Cambridge decidedly won out the set. In the third set Oxford again proved to be stronger and repeatedly evaded Cambridge's best defences to take the win. With full support of the crowd, the Light Blues started the fourth set with enthusiasm and flawless defence



of Alessio Strano and Naoya Okamoto. Oxford did not seem to get a point down and with a few key service breaks to Oxford's star outside hitter, Cambridge secured a narrow victory. With this momentum, the men, as well as the crowd, were eager to see Cambridge finish on top. Ultimately, the pressure proved to be too much for Oxford and the Light Blues struck blow after blow to decisively claim the final set.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2011/12**

The Women's Blues team is continuing its ascension to a strong presence in the UK university volleyball scene with yet another very successful season. After ranking in the top four in the 2010/11 BUCS Championship Final, the nearly undefeated team ranked 1st in the BUCS Women's Midlands Conference 1A league, qualified for the 2011/12 BUCS Championship Final and placed 3rd, improving on last year's performance and winning bronze medals.

In February, the Women's Blues competed in the Volleyball England Student Cup. After a car crash and road closures delayed the team, the Volleyball England Cup organisers kindly postponed the second quarter-final of the day so that Cambridge could face Northumbria, a strong opposition that had eliminated them in the 2011 competition. The seven players that

made it, four of whom had been in the crashed car just a couple of hours earlier, turned the humiliating first set, which went 25-12 in favour of Northumbria, into an empowering win: 25-21; 15-12. Then things took a turn for the better: the rest of the squad arrived in time for the semi-final against Bath and confidently secured the well-deserved medal. Finally, all remaining energy was devoted towards a spectacular final, won by University of London Union in a close battle (25-23; 29-27). The end of the day saw a triumphant squad taking silver, achieving a record performance for Cambridge University Volleyball by overcoming adverse circumstances through determination, perseverance and team-play.

### **Other News**

The club was generously supported by ATASS.

### **Looking forward to 2012/13**

With about half of this year's squad, as well as a talented coach Jean Jacquet already committed to the 2012/13 season, the Women's Blues are looking strong for the year to come. Playing in the Volleyball England Student Cup, as well as in the BUCS Championship Finals, and taking part in the European Universities Volleyball Championships are reachable goals.

# Ospreys

[www.ospreys-cambridge.com](http://www.ospreys-cambridge.com)

Ospreys has had a hugely successful year this year, with impressive individual member and alumnae achievements, as well as a new brand and a packed calendar of events, bringing female athletes across Cambridge together.

The year started with the second Hawks' and Ospreys' Charity Ball, which raised £5,000 for Right to Play with a shirt signed by Mark Cavendish as one of the auction items.

A new Speakers' Dinner series was met with huge enthusiasm; two sponsored dinners were hosted with over 50 attendees, the Citi dinner at Trinity College, and the Freshfields dinner at The Varsity Hotel. Our two speakers were Cambridge alumnae Phyllis Agbo and Annie Vernon. Vernon rowed for Team GB in the Women's Quadruple Sculls at London 2012. Stacie Powell, who spoke at our alumni dinner in December, also competed at the games, in diving.

The announcement of the news that the Women's Blue boat is moving to the Tideway in 2015 is an exciting step forward for female athletes in Cambridge, along with the anticipation of the new sports centre to be completed next summer.

Ospreys this year has brought together a diverse range of women, and these new facilities and increased exposure will only help to strengthen the community and continue to improve on our success. We are confident that Ospreys next year will go from strength to strength.

# Positions and Awards

## Association Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	Dr John Little	St Catharine's
Junior Treasurer	Wendy Little	
Blues Captain	Paul Hartley	Fitzwilliam
Falcons Captain	Kalil Rouse	Jesus
Secretary	Rory Griffiths	Trinity Hall

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Anthony Childs	Homerton	•		
James Day	Jesus	•		
Daniel Forde	St John's	•		
Rory Griffiths	Trinity Hall	•		
Paul Hartley	Fitzwilliam	•		
Mark Johnson	Girton	•		
Stefan Karakashian	Girton	•		
Danny Kerrigan	Fitzwilliam	•		
James May	Christ's	•		
Chris Peacock	Trinity	•		
Jamie Rutt	Trinity	•		
Haitham Sherif	Girton	•		
Rick Totten	Trinity	•		
Zac Baynam-Herd	Queens'		•	
Simon Court	Fitzwilliam		•	
Harry Dempsey	Corpus Christi		•	
James Eales	Queens'		•	
Favourite Frizell	Robinson		•	
Alex Gandhi	Gonville & Caius		•	
Chris Hutton	Selwyn		•	
Jamie Innes			•	
Fergus Kent	Pembroke		•	
Alex Lunn	Trinity		•	
Kalil Rouse	Jesus		•	
Ben Ryan	Queens'		•	
Daniel Sellman	Downing		•	
Mike Smith	Trinity		•	

## Women's Association Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	Amelia Tearle	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Dr John Little	St Catharine's
Blue's Captain	Manon van Thorenburg	St John's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Amelia Southgate	Christ's	•		
Amelia Tearle	Jesus	•		
Marielle Brown	Corpus Christi	•		
Elizabeth Robinshaw	Pembroke	•		
Melissa Bale	St John's	•		
Elisabeth Furtwangler	St John's	•		
Katie Sandford	Jesus	•		
Charlie Carr	Trinity	•		
Manon van Thorenburg	St John's	•		
Kate Robinson	Newnham	•		
Natacha Crooks	St John's	•		
Alison Stone	Newnham		•	

## Athletics Club

Position	Name	College
President	Tom Wagner	Sidney Sussex
Senior Treasurer	Robert Harle	Downing
Men's Captain	Ryan Harper	Corpus Christi
Women's Captain	Rose Penfold	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Ross Elsby	Pembroke	•		
Onakeno Mario-Ghae	Girton	•		
Emmanuel Gbegli	Emmanuel	•		
Rhys Hodnett	Homerton	•		
Emmanuel Akinluyi	Christ's	•		
Christian Roberts	St John's	•		

Jonathan Cook	Jesus	•	Ayo Adeyimi	Churchill	•
Matt Houlden	Homerton	•	Ian Houlby	Trinity Hall	•
Toby Hasler	Corpus Christi	•	Ben Lewis	Jesus	•
Rebecca Moore	St Catharine's	•	Felix Schaaf	St John's	•
Jennifer Lovell	Jesus	•	Owen Drage	St Catharine's	•
Polly Keen	Downing	•	Freddy Bunbury	Emmanuel	•
Helen Broadbridge	Jesus	•	Zaamin Hussain	Jesus	•
Will Ryle-Hodges	Queens'	•	Neil Houlby	St John's	•
Tom Watkins	Trinity Hall	•	Tom Elton	Corpus Christi	•
Devin O'Brien	Girton	•	Angus Fitchie	Jesus	•
David Allwood	St Catharine's	•	Fran Thompson	Newnham	•
Justas Dauparas	Girton	•	Joanna Mobed	Murray Edwards	•
Lloyd Hilton	Jesus	•	Kate Russell	Newnham	•
James Charleston	Fitzwilliam	•	Charlotte Frost	St Catharine's	•
Amin Ahmadnia	Trinity	•	Maria Preuss	Newnham	•
Robin Brown	Jesus	•	Joy Lisney	Clare	•
Will Mackay	Robinson	•	Nora Rossberg	Newnham	•
David Szabo	Churchill	•	Sophie Dundovic	St John's	•
Sam Hyatt-Twynam	Jesus	•	Julia Wedmore	St John's	•
Tom Wagner	Sidney Sussex	•	Lowri Richards	Robinson	•
Ryan Harper	Corpus Christi	•	Tessa Stewart	Darwin	•
Rebecca McLean	St Catharine's	•	Grace Copplestone	Newnham	•
Eleanor Flanagan	St Catharine's	•	Fiona James	Jesus	•
Lucy Crossman	Gonville & Caius	•	Sarah Williams	King's	•
Rachel Kitchen	Magdalene	•	Hannah Church	Gonville & Caius	•
Helena Wace	Peterhouse	•	Rebecca Rosenberg	Newnham	•
Rose Penfold	Emmanuel	•	Alexis Tymon	Newnham	•
Lizzie Thompson	Trinity Hall	•	Kate Ashley	Peterhouse	•
Emily Craven	Murray Edwards	•	Patricia Lewis	Newnham	•
Katie Sandford	Jesus	•			

Jocelyn

Traylor-Clarke	Newnham	•
Helen Hillyard	Newnham	•
Rosamund Conroy	Downing	•
Matthew Fried	Jesus	•
Tom Neill	St Catharine's	•
Henry Husband	Trinity	•
Richard Brown	St Catharine's	•
Alistair Davies	Girton	•
Thomas Graeber	Wolfson	•
Matt Leach	Churchill	•
Alex Young	St John's	•
Roger Poolman	Queen's	•
Sam Ashcroft	Jesus	•
James Chettle	Clare	•
Michael Collins	Trinity	•
Tom Porteous	Gonville & Caius	•
Nyma Sharifi	St John's	•
Miles Horn	St Catharine's	•
Peter Townsend	Gonville & Caius	•
Paul Hodgson	Trinity	•
Will Smith	Girton	•

### Badminton Club

Position	Name	College
President	James Frost	
Senior Treasurer	Dr John Bray	
Men's Co-Captain	Haixi Yan	Downing
Men's Co-Captain	Roger Yin	Emmanuel
Women's Captain	Jo Brant	Clare

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Jo Brant	Clare			•
Emily James	Robinson			•
Sammy Jones	Christ's			•
Kate Marshall	Magdalene			•
Maithili Parikh	St John's			•
Mary Wang	Trinity			•
Amit Alleck	Sidney Sussex			•
James Li	Robinson			•
Gilbert Ng	Girton			•
Sam Pickup	St John's			•

Haixi Yan	Downing	•
Roger Yin	Emmanuel	•
Jennifer Li	Gonville & Caius	•
Jessie Ke	Gonville & Caius	•
Martha Hawker	Newnham	•
Jie Min Lee	Newnham	•
Sophie Wu	Trinity	•
Jen Roberts	Trinity	•
Christina Hu	Gonville & Caius	•
Tom Beaumont	Selwyn	•
Balint Gal	Trinity	•
Boris Hackett	Gonville & Caius	•
Louis Tam	Robinson	•
Jon Whitby	Pembroke	•
Keonwoo Yi	Downing	•

### Basketball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Tobias Uth	Girton
Senior Treasurer	Nebojsa Radic	Language Centre
Blues Captain	Chris Haar	Downing
Lions Captain	Lukas Endl	Robinson

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Edward Scott	Gonville & Caius	•		
Job Godino	Hughes Hall	•		
Kaladerhan Agbontaen	Jesus	•		
Ioan Coleman	St John's		•	
Joe Griffiths	Robinson		•	
Markus Kunesch	King's		•	
Benj Crawford-Sharpe	King's		•	
Darren Xu	Trinity		•	
Jack Ramsden	Pembroke		•	
James Jarema	Homerton		•	
Jin Zhang	Clare Hall		•	
Justinas Kanopa	St Edmund's		•	
Lukas Endl	Robinson		•	
Nicholas Ngorok	Magdalene		•	
Tadas Kartanas	Girton		•	
Vaggelis Giannikas	Engineering		•	
Yanjia Gao			•	

### Women's Basketball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Ritika Sood	King's
Senior Treasurer	Nebojša Radić	Language Centre
Captain	Catherine Nezich	St Edmund's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Catherine Nezich	St Edmund's	•		
Sara Merino-Aceituno	Lucy Cavendish		•	
Katerina Glyniadaki	Murray Edwards		•	
Hilary Costello	Churchill		•	
Femke Jansen	Trinity Hall		•	
Athena Tan	Emmanuel			•
Natalie Loh	Girton			•
Malika Cantor	Newnham			•
Sarah Sheldon	Murray Edwards			•

### Boat Club

Position	Name	College
President	George Nash	
Senior Treasurer	Dick Price-Jones	
Vice President	Jack Lindeman	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Dave Nelson	Hughes Hall	•		
Jack Lindeman	Hughes Hall	•		
Niles Garratt	Hughes Hall	•		
Mike Thorp	Homerton	•		
Ed Bosson	Pembroke	•		
Alex Ross	Gonville & Caius		•	
Steve Dudek	St Edmund's		•	
Moritz Schramm	Fitzwilliam		•	
Alexander Scharp	St Edmund's		•	

## Women's Boat Club

Position	Name	College
President	Isabel Boanas-Evans	Murray Edwards
Senior Treasurer	Simon Cope	
Lightweight Captain	Charlotte McClean	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Anna Railton	Pembroke	•		
Caroline Reid	Jesus	•		
Cath Wheeler	Queens'	•		
Fay Sandford	Gonville & Caius	•		
Holly Game	Girton	•		
Isabel Boanas-Evans	Murray Edwards	•		
Rebecca Pound	Trinity Hall	•		
Sarah Moir-Porteos	Downing	•		
Kate Richards	Queens'	•		
Charlotte McClean	Emmanuel		•	
Christabel Lines	Downing		•	
Emily Day	Emmanuel		•	
Emma Copham	Selwyn		•	
Hannah Morgan	Clare		•	
Lenka Veselovska	Pembroke		•	
Martina Lagatierra-Wellington	St John's		•	
Olga Kasyanova	St Edmund's		•	
Harriet Marsh	Emmanuel		•	
Anna-Lena Elkington	Clare			•
Christine Seeliger	Wolfson			•
Eleanor Wigham	Selwyn			•
Frances Knight	Christ's			•
Helena Schofield	Trinity Hall			•
Lucy Griffin	Christ's			•
Marthe Kloeking	Christ's			•
Rose Tallon	Sidney Sussex			•
Chris Clark	Queens'			•

## Bowmen

Position	Name	College
President & Captain	Tak Ho	Fitzwilliam
Senior Treasurer	Prof. Greer	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Liu Zhaoyong	Hughes Hall			•
Tak Ho	Fitzwilliam			•
Chris Buckingham	Selwyn			•
Nicole Rainey	Trinity			•

## Amateur Boxing Club

Position	Name	College
President	Kevin Morgan	St Catharine's
Senior Treasurer	Dr Martin Ruehl	Trinity Hall
Captain	John Lacy	Darwin

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Borna Guevel	Hughes Hall	•		
Chris Webb	Queens'	•		
Chris Kelly	Churchill	•		
Chris Meurice	Corpus Christi	•		
John Lacy	Downing			•
Nick Melgaard	Corpus Christi			•
Guy Sucharitakul	Robinson			•
Aron Schleider	St Edmund's			•
Seb Pender	Peterhouse			•

## Canoe Club

Position	Name	College
President	Forbes Lindesay	Robinson
Senior Treasurer	Sam Waller	Engineering
Captain	Chris Booth	Robinson

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Oliver Thomson	Fitzwilliam	•		
James Cooper	Clare			•



## Cricket Club

Position	Name	College
President	Roger Knight	St Catharine's
Senior Treasurer	Ken Siddle	Churchill
Captain	Richard Timms	Gonville & Caius

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Richard Timms	Gonville & Caius	•		
Tom Elliott	Sidney Sussex	•		
Zafar Ansari	Trinity Hall	•		
Paul Best	Homerton	•		
Akbar Ansari	Trinity Hall	•		
Nipuna Senaratne	Jesus	•		
Jonno Evans	Darwin	•		
Matt Hickey	Trinity Hall	•		
Jon Lodwick	St John's	•		
Paddy Sadler	Churchill	•		
Thomas Probert	Peterhouse	•		
Phil Hughes	Downing	•		
Gus Kennedy	Corpus Christi	•		
Tom Maguire	Gonville & Caius		•	
Robin Thompson	Gonville & Caius		•	
Tom Deasy	Peterhouse		•	
Mike Carson	Trinity Hall		•	
Akshay Deshmukh	Gonville & Caius		•	
Akshat Agarwal	Gonville & Caius		•	
Jasper Joyce	Robinson		•	
Michael Taylor	Gonville & Caius		•	
Tim Swinn	Gonville & Caius		•	
Tom Elton	Corpus Christi		•	
Henry Anderson-Elliot	Trinity		•	
Rajan Bhopal	Girton		•	
Chris Blake	Christ's		•	

## Women's Cricket Club

Position	Name	College
President	Parisah Seyed-Safi	St John's
Treasurer	Elspeth Fowler	Pembroke
Captain	Helen Webster	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Neeru Ravi	Pembroke	•		
Nikilha Ravi	Downing	•		
Helen Webster	Emmanuel	•		

Ellie Davies	Fitzwilliam	•
Elspeth Fowler	Pembroke	•
Lily Fritz	Trinity Hall	•
Piya Haria	Robinson	•
Roxanne Morison	Murray Edwards	•
Charlotte Rogers	Robinson	•
Sybil Stacpoole	Jesus	•
Parisah Seyed-Safi	St John's	•
Ruth Simmons	Newnham	•

## Cruising Club

Position	Name	College
Commodore	Honor Fell	Newnham
Senior Treasurer	Tom Ridgman	Robinson
Team Racing Captain	Josh Flack	Emmanuel
Yachting Co-Captain	Imogen Whittam	Trinity Hall
Yachting Co-Captain	Matt Deacon-Smith	Girton
Windsurfing Captain	Jack Tawney	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Fiona Hampshire	St Catharine's	•		
Josh Flack	Emmanuel	•		
Will Kalderon	Emmanuel	•		
Honor Fell	Newnham	•		
Milly Stephens	Emmanuel	•		
Dawn Wilkinson	Jesus	•		
Sarah Hughes	Queens'	•	•	
Lilly Carlisle	Newnham	•	•	
Francine Counsell	Corpus Christi		•	
Rosie Finlinson	Homerton		•	
Arthur Henderson	Robinson		•	
Tim Palmer	St Catharine's		•	

## Cycling Club

Position	Name	College
President	Dan Ahearn	Downing
Senior Treasurer	Dr. Ken Platts	Fitzwilliam
Co-Captain	Toby Weatherall	King's
Co-Captain	Hayley Simmonds	Gonville & Caius
Co-Captain	Sarah Gallagher	Selwyn
Co-Captain	Ming-Chee Chung	Trinity

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
James Dixon	St Catharine's	•		
Hayley Simmonds	Gonville & Caius	•		
Toby Weatherall	King's	•		
Sarah Gallagher	Selwyn		•	
Anna Kiesenhofer	Emmanuel		•	
Ed Bradbury	Jesus		•	
Ben Kenneally	Trinity		•	

### Eton Fives Club

Position	Name	College
President	Rodney Knight	
Senior Treasurer	Peter Reynolds	Magdalene
Men's Captain	George Illingworth	Queens'
Women's Captain	Elana Osen	Magdalene
Secretary	Rory Griffiths	Trinity Hall

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Shyam Sakhrani	Jesus		•	
Alex Rattan	King's		•	
Anneliese O'Malley	Gonville & Caius		•	
Anastasia Noraev	Peterhouse		•	

### Fencing Club

Position	Name	College
President	Valentin Dalibard	St John's
Senior Treasurer	Geoffrey Grimmett	Churchill
Men's Captain	Nicolas de Juniac	Girton
Women's Captain	Sophie-Ann St. Clair Jones	Homerton

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Richard Morris	Trinity	•		
Matthew Fitton	Sidney Sussex	•		
Matthew Rowland	Wolfson	•		
David Burnside	Robinson	•		
John Stogin	King's		•	
Yan Choo Long	Girton		•	

### Gliding Club

Position	Name	College
Chairman	Iain Butler	Fitzwilliam
Senior Treasurer	Dr. Peter O'Donald	Emmanuel
Captain	Malcolm Morgan	Girton

### Golf Club

Position	Name	College
President	Prof. Adrian Dixon	Peterhouse
Senior Treasurer	Chris Blencowe	Pembroke
Blues Captain	Charles Dewhurst	St John's
Women's Captain	Kim Bergman	Christ's
Symies Captain	Thomas Hodgson	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Charles Dewhurst	St John's		•	
Nicholas Ramskill	Emmanuel		•	
Paul Schoenberger	St Catharine's		•	
Andrew Dinsmore	St John's		•	
Alex Silver	Jesus		•	
Geordie Ting	Clare		•	
Lucas Birrell-Gray	Robinson		•	
Nick Patrick	St John's		•	
Adam Lewicki	Clare Hall		•	
Oliver Flynn	Clare		•	
Kim Bergman	Christ's			•
Iona Stevenson	Homerton			•
Courtney Gill	Trinity			•
Harriet Boswell	Clare			•
Rebecka Ahl	Peterhouse			•
Georgina Harris	Pembroke			•
James Cumberland	Jesus			•
Carl Rietschel	Trinity			•
Thomas Hodgson	Jesus			•
Felix Hill	St John's			•
Alister Inglesby	St John's			•
Lawrence Burton	Homerton			•
Cameron Smith	Downing			•
Johann Hattingh	Darwin			•
Paul Loudon	St Edmund's			•
Rob Halbert	Jesus			•
John Gregson	Homerton			•
Richard Duff	Girton			•

## Olympic Gymnastics Club

Position	Name	College
President	Jolyon Winter	Homerton
Senior Treasurer	Dr. C.A. Tout	Astronomy
Men's Captain	Edgar Engel	Trinity
Women's Captain	Nikhol Hui	Pembroke
Secretary	Nika Anzicek	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Edgar Engel	Trinity		•	
Alex Appleton	Girton		•	
Tom Bachman	Girton		•	
Christian Vaquero-Stainer	Selwyn		•	
Aki Shanmugaratnam	Emmanuel		•	
Jolyon Winter	Homerton		•	
Nikhol Hui	Pembroke		•	
Sarah Morreau	Fitzwilliam		•	
Christy Lowe	Newnham		•	
Madeline Mitchell	Gonville & Caius			•
Connie Schoene	Hughes Hall			•

## Hare and Hounds

Position	Name	College
President	Dr. Joan Lasenby	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Dr. Neil Mathur	Churchill
Men's Captain	Will Mackay	Robinson
Women's Captain	Polly Keen	Downing

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Robin Brown	Jesus	•		
Will Ryle-Hodges	Queens'	•		
Ben Davis	Magdalene	•		
Tom Watkins	Trinity Hall	•		
Will Mackay	Robinson	•		
Alex Young	St John's	•		
Lucy Gossage	Downing	•		
Sam Ashcroft	Jesus		•	
James Chettle	Clare		•	
Polly Keen	Downing		•	
Rose Penfold	Emmanuel		•	
Rebecca Moore	St Catharine's		•	
Orla Tuohy	Wolfson		•	
Mairead Roche	Churchill		•	
Matt Leach	Churchill			•
Matt Halliday	Clare			•
Oliver Maskell	Christ's			•

Peter Gould	Magdalene	•
Rowan Brackston	Jesus	•
Will Bowers	Trinity	•
Peter Townsend	Gonville & Caius	•
Allegra Fryxell	Gonville & Caius	•
Joanna Mobed	Murray Edwards	•
Alice Duncan	Selwyn	•
Julia Wedmore	St John's	•
Jane Thomas	Gonville & Caius	•

## Hockey Club

Position	Name	College
President	Gus Kennedy	Corpus Christi
Senior Treasurer	Dick McConnell	St John's
Men's Captain	Rupert Allison	Jesus
Women's Captain	Melissa Addy	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Graeme Morrison	St Catharine's	•		
David Harrison	Trinity	•		
Felix Styles	Jesus	•		
William Cairns	Trinity	•		
Daniel Balding	St Catharine's	•		
David McLean	Queens'	•		
Rupert Allison	Jesus	•		
Nicholas Parkes	Jesus	•		
Rory Preston	Gonville & Caius		•	
Augustus Kennedy	Corpus Christi	•		
Oliver Salvesen	St John's	•		
Samuel Grimshaw	Jesus	•		
Charles Hardy	Churchill	•		
Melissa Addy	Jesus	•		
Victoria Evans	St John's	•		
Rebecca Naylor	Murray Edwards		•	
Charlotte Banfield	Emmanuel	•		
Clare Parrish	Clare	•		
Hannah Rickman	Pembroke	•		
Georgina Kilbourn	Trinity Hall	•		
Susannah Stott	Pembroke	•		
Abby Gibb	Jesus	•		
Alexandra Maskell	Darwin	•		
Isabel Smith	Girton	•		
Danielle Moyles	Jesus	•		
Sarah Lee	Murray Edwards		•	
Lucie Browning	Fitzwilliam	•		
Anna Wilson	Jesus	•		
Pippa McClure	Downing			•

James Charleston	Fitzwilliam	•
Mark Borsuk	King's	•
Carmen Lok	Newnham	•
Abigail Johnson	Emmanuel	•
Ellen Musson	Queens'	•
Holly Krelle	Darwin	•
Harika Iridag	Girton	•
Therese De Souza	Emmanuel	•
Ellie Marsh	Homerton	•
Siobhan Henderson	Pembroke	•
Holly Peters	Homerton	•
Rachael Smith	Homerton	•
Annabel Cooke	Murray Edwards	•
Emily James	Robinson	•
Franzisca Sambale	Emmanuel	•
Jilly Tovey	Gonville & Caius	•
Rebecca Lane	Christ's	•
Zara Reid	Christ's	•
Oliva FitzGerald	King's	•
Pippa Horton	Gonville & Caius	•
Joanna Stewart	Newnham	•
Charlotte Frost	St Catharine's	•
Catriona Cox	St Catharine's	•
Hannd Darcy	St Catharine's	•
Emma Bornebroek	Murray Edwards	•
Joanna Leeper	Murray Edwards	•
Heather Shakerchi	Downing	•
Madeline Skipsey	Magdalene	•
Stephanie Willis	Pembroke	•

### Ice Hockey Club

Position	Name	College
President	Carl Mazurek	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Teale Phelps Bondaroff	Politics & Int. Studies
Captain	Thor Richardson	St Edmund's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Thor Richardson	St Edmund's		•	
Carl Mazurek	Jesus		•	
Alex Volsky	St Edmund's		•	
Oscar Wilsby	King's		•	
Jake Harris	Downing		•	
Mark Yaniw	Downing		•	
Tom Jurik	St Catharine's		•	
Adrian Camacho-Fielding	King's		•	
Alex Campbell	Trinity Hall		•	
Jiro Sakai	Queens'		•	

Teale Phelps-Bondaroff	Clare	•
Nick Codrington	Christ's	•
Jaason Geerts	Sidney Sussex	•
Callum MacGregor		•
Dave Gioe	Corpus Christi	•

### Judo Club

Position	Name	College
President	Robert Blackburn	Clare
Senior Treasurer	Malte Grosche	Trinity
Men's Captain	Tobias Schmidutz	Trinity
Women's Captain	Megan Sorensen	St John's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Tobias Schmidutz	Trinity			•
Gergely Racz	Sidney Sussex			•
Edward Taylor	Jesus			•
Vlad Crisan	King's			•
Marton Farkas	Trinity			•
Megan Sorensen	St John's			•
Anna Baxter	Robinson			•
Rachel Moore	Murray Edwards			•
Ceri Jones	Jesus			•

### Karate Club

Position	Name	College
President	Spencer Hughes	St John's
Senior Treasurer	Jane Blunt	Cavendish
Men's Captain	Jerome Singh	Gonville & Caius
Women's Captain	Iris Chang	Murray Edwards

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Matthew Houlden	Homerton		•	
Emma Nunn	King's		•	
Nikon Rasumov	Darwin			•
Matthew Benjamin	Girton			•
Ognjen Tripunovic	Trinity			•
Natasha Nussbaum	Jesus			•
Francesca Perselli	Fitzwilliam			•

## Korfball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Ben Chia	Hughes Hall
Senior Treasurer	Howard Laffling	
First Team Captain	Thomas Hodges	Selwyn
Second Team Captain	Helen Webster	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
William Buttinger	Emmanuel		•	
Ben Chia	Hughes Hall		•	
Matthijs Groeneveld	Christ's		•	
Thomas Hodges	Selwyn		•	
Edward Mackenzie	Magdalene		•	
Errenn Ore	Homerton		•	
Jack Stockdale	Robinson		•	
Alex Touze	Magdalene		•	
Emma Griffiths	Newnham		•	
Rebecca Hams	Queens'		•	
Alison Reed			•	
Emma Stevens	Wolfson		•	
Cat Stokowska	Jesus		•	
Helen Webster	Emmanuel		•	
Susannah White	Magdalene		•	

## Lacrosse Club

Position	Name	College
President	Sally Mantell	Newnham
Senior Treasurer	Matthew Halliday	Clare
Captain	Carl Tilbury	St John's
Vice Captain	Joshua Findlay	Robinson

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Alastair Norton	St Catharine's		•	
Nick Howe	Trinity Hall		•	
Nick Evans	Clare		•	
Chris Cavanagh	Clare		•	
Paul Brazinski	Fitzwilliam		•	
Matthew Halliday	Clare		•	
Kai Leung	Robinson		•	
James Whittle	Homerton		•	
Jaco Conradie	Girton		•	
Michael Lipton	Trinity		•	
Ben Langridge	Gonville & Caius		•	
Charlie Douty	Christ's		•	
Siddarth Jain	Clare		•	

Milan Mecklenburg	Sidney Sussex	•
Xun Luo	Gonville & Caius	•

## Women's Lacrosse Club

Position	Name	College
President	Alice Bush	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Maira Gardiner	Clare Hall
Co-Captain	Alana Livesey	Churchill
Co-Captain	Isabel Foster	St John's
Secretary	Fran Owen	Sidney Sussex

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Emilie Aguirre	Corpus Christi		•	
Daniella Allard	Robinson		•	
Alice Bush	Jesus		•	
Isabel Foster	St John's		•	
Sarah Grant	Jesus		•	
Anna Harrison	Trinity		•	
Laura Leong-How	Corpus Christi		•	
Alana Livesey	Churchill		•	
Laura Plant	St John's		•	
Georgie Prichard	Jesus		•	
Anna Pugh	Christ's		•	
Suki Ritchie	Jesus		•	
Ellie Russell	Christ's		•	
Leah Schabas	Selwyn		•	
Eleanor Walshe	Robinson		•	
Emily Ahlers	Jesus		•	
Alia Ardron	Christ's		•	
Olivia Bridgman-Baker	Trinity Hall		•	
Raphaella Carruthers			•	
Amelia Duncanson	St Catharine's		•	
Katherine Gist	Trinity Hall		•	
Jo Hall	Homerton		•	
Eleanor Jeffreys	Selwyn		•	
Laura Kirk	Trinity		•	
Marina Lindsay-Brown	Murray Edwards		•	
Sally Mantell	Newnham		•	
Stephanie MacAulay	Emmanuel		•	
Pippa Nicklin	Emmanuel		•	
Fran Owen	Sidney Sussex		•	
Fran Posada-Brown	Queens'		•	
Francesca Ritchie	Murray Edwards		•	
Jasmine Sawyer	Jesus		•	
Charlotte Wood	Jesus		•	

## Lawn Tennis Club

Position	Name	College
President	Sir Geoffrey Cass	
Chairman	Dr Richard Barnes	Emmanuel
Senior Treasurer	Pieter van Houten	Churchill
Men's Captain	Cameron Johnston	Christ's
Women's Captain		

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Cameron Johnston	Christ's	•		
Sven Sylvester	Trinity	•		
Constantine Markides	Wolfson	•		
Jamie Muirhead	Fitzwilliam	•		
Sam Ashcroft	Magdalene	•		
Rob Legg	Downing	•		
Charlie Cohen	St Catharine's	•		

## Lightweight Rowing Club

Position	Name	College
President	Rupert Price	Robinson
Senior Treasurer	Bill Nolan	Robinson
Vice- President	Piran Tedbury	Downing
Hon. Secretary	Jon Fuhrmann	Girton

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Mike Hook	Clare	•		
Nicolas Kernick	Sidney Sussex	•		
Rupert Price	Robinson	•		
Piran Tedbury	Downing	•		
Charlie Pitt-Ford	Pembroke	•		
Matt White	Peterhouse	•		
Simon Morris	Christ's	•		
Martin Kubie	Pembroke	•		
James Wedlake	Downing	•		

## Modern Pentathlon Club

Position	Name	College
President	Bradley Dixon	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Alison Schwabe	Vet. Medicine
Men's Captain	Josh Radvan	St Catharine's
Women's Captain	Emma Byatt	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Henrietta Dillon	St Catharine's	•		
Josh Radvan	St Catharine's	•		
Bradley Dixon	Trinity	•		
Katie Kedward	Fitzwilliam		•	
Georgie Ward	St Catharine's		•	
Ellie Spelman	Jesus		•	
Edward Tusting	Fitzwilliam		•	
Matthew Elliot	Trinity		•	
Benjamin Baker	St John's		•	
James Alexander	Robinson		•	

## Netball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Emily Lester	Murray Edwards
Senior Treasurer	Laura Gibson	St John's
Blues Captain	Hannah Pennicott	Newnham
Seconds Captain	Jess Creak	Newnham

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Jade Lane	Jesus	•		
Gina Dagleish	Murray Edwards	•		
Sophia Anderson	Newnham	•		
Liz Dagleish	Fitzwilliam	•		
Hannah Pennicott	Newnham	•		
Chloe Maine	Emmanuel	•		
Laura Spence	Homerton	•		
Sarah Grimmer	Clare Hall		•	
Katie Hamilton	Queens'			•
Ira Kleine	Emmanuel			•
Holly Gilbertson	Christ's			•
Georgia Archer-Clowes	Churchill			•
Lottie Mungavin	Queens'			•
Gwyneth Jones	Pembroke			•
Laura Gibson	St John's			•
Jess Creak	Newnham			•
Emily Lester	Murray Edwards			•

## Orienteering Club

Position	Name	College
President & Men's Captain	David Maliphant	Fitzwilliam
Senior Treasurer	Prof. Mike Bickle	Earth Sciences
Women's Captain	Andy Strakova	Newnham

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Matthew Vokes	Corpus Christi	•		
Mark Salmon	Jesus	•		
James Hoad	Christ's	•		
Mairead Roche	Churchill	•		
Andy Strakova	Newnham	•		
Katrin Harding	Clare	•		

## Polo Club

Position	Name	College
Club Captain	Simon Bewsey Dyke	St Edmund's
Senior Treasurer	Dr Mark Johnston	
Polo Manager	Imran Jumabhoy	Hughes Hall
Secretary	Sophie Hall	Newnham

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
James Marshall	Clare	•		
Sam Browne	Fitzwilliam	•		
Alex Rose	St John's	•		
Jamie Hepburn	Gonville & Caius	•		

## Powerlifting Club

Position	Name	College
President & Captain	Wilberth Solano	Downing
Senior Treasurer	Nigel Spivey	Emmanuel
Secretary	Varun Choda	Fitzwilliam

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Adam Comer	Churchill	•		
Alex Katsis	Trinity Hall	•		
Alp Notghi	Trinity Hall	•		

## Rackets Club

Position	Name	College
President	Howard Angus	
Senior Treasurer	Julian Camp	
Captain	James Watson	Trinity Hall

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Tom Elliott	Sidney Sussex		•	
Edmund Kay	Emmanuel		•	

## Real Tennis Club

Position	Name	College
Men's Captain	James Watson	Trinity Hall
Women's Captain	Emma Samia Aly	Fitzwilliam

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
James Watson	Trinity Hall		•	
Jules Camp	Corpus Christi		•	
Oliver Watson	Pembroke		•	
Edmund Kay	Emmanuel		•	
Lucie Browning	Fitzwilliam		•	
Emma Samia-Aly	Fitzwilliam		•	

## Revolver and Pistol Club

Position	Name	College
President	Tony Garwood	
Senior Treasurer	John Emmines	Safety Office
Captain	Sophie Reed	Murray Edwards

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Sophie Reed	Murray Edwards		•	
Jonathan Waite	Clare		•	
Stefan Kuppen	St John's		•	
Clark Barrett	Sidney Sussex		•	
Alexander Hackmann	King's		•	
David Firth	Trinity		•	
Matilda McAleenan	Gonville & Caius			•
Han Yan	St Catharine's			•
Christopher Jackson	Peterhouse			•
Kay Sharpington	Homerton			•
Diana Burk	Trinity			•

## Riding Club

Position	Name	College
President	Stephanie Ng	Robinson
Senior Treasurer	Khadija Caroll	Pembroke
Captain	Charlie Flammiger	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Oli Lawrence	Gonville & Caius	•		
Clark Glasgow	Downing		•	
Georgie Frank	Clare			•
Charlie Flammiger	Pembroke			•
Kate Walters	Newnham			•

## Rifle Association

Position	Name	College
President	Lt Col ST Pollington	
Senior Treasurer	Dr M Holness	Trinity
Captain	Ashley Abrahams	Peterhouse
Secretary	Nicholas Hall	Christ's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Ashley Abrahams				•
David Firth				•
Thomas French				•
Nicolas Hall				•
Michael Judge				•
Stefan Kuppen				•
Matilda McAleenan				•
Carl Salji				•
James Bryson				•
Elizabeth Campbell				•
Hannah Fisher				•
Kay Sharpington				•
Oliver Taylor				•
Jonathan Waite				•

## Rugby Fives Club

Position	Name	College
President	Bob Dolby	
Senior Treasurer	Peter Reynolds	
Captain	Elliott Malone	Churchill
Hon. Secretary	Thomas Chase	Churchill

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Alan Beverley	Girton			•
Edmund Kay	Emmanuel			•
Thomas Chase	Churchill			•
Jacob Brubert	Queens'			•
Jack Malde	Clare			•
James Lane	St Catharine's			•
Elliott Malone	Churchill			•
Peter Judge	Robinson			•

## Rugby Union Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	Prof. Mark Bailey	
Chairman	Nick Bennett	Fitzwilliam
Treasurer	Austin Jessop PhD	Fitzwilliam
Captain	Rob Malaney	St Edmund's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Hugo Cobb	Magdalene			•
Mat Thomas	St John's			•
Greg Cushing	Ridley Hall			•
Sam Hunt	Girton			•
Oliver Wolfe	Christ's			•
Sam Young	Emmanuel			•
Fergus Austin	Gonville & Caius			•
David Allen	Pembroke			•
Rob Malaney	St Edmund's			•
Ben Martin	St Catharine's			•
Scott Annett	Clare			•
Jason Kururangi	St Edmund's			•
Stuart Brown	Clare			•
Mark Murdock	St Edmund's			•
Will Briggs	Magdalene			•
Don Blake	Hughes Hall			•
Steve Townend	Downing			•
Rob Stevens	Jesus			•
Kristian Cook	Hughes Hall			•
Matt Guinness-King	St Catharine's			•
Paul Loudon	St Edmund's			•
Tom O'Toole	St Edmund's			•



## Women's Rugby Union Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	Victoria McEvoy	St John's
Senior Treasurer	Ian Mills	
Captain	Keno Omu	Selwyn
Vice Captain	Anna Soler	Magdalene
Seconds Captain	Charlotte Browning	Magdalene

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Charlotte Galloway	Hughes Hall		•	
Katie Pearcey	Murray Edwards		•	
Catherine Osbourne	Homerton		•	
Julie Valade	Christ's		•	
Fiona Gillanders	Queens'		•	
Naiara Bazin	King's		•	
Jess Gurney	Newnham		•	
Keno Omu	Selwyn		•	
Charlotte Hill	Trinity Hall		•	
Sammy Graham	Jesus		•	
Vicky McEvoy	St John's		•	
Laura Clapham	Robinson		•	
Lauren Iredale	Girton		•	
Anna Soler	Magdalene		•	
Clare Donaldson	Newnham		•	
Tess Walker	Selwyn		•	
Fi Douglas	Emmanuel		•	
Harriet Maxwell	Trinity Hall		•	
Steph Leddington	St John's		•	
Antonia Robbins	Queens'		•	
Lizi McLoughlin	Emmanuel		•	
Becky Jones	Girton		•	
Bryony Coombs	Emmanuel		•	
Charlotte Browning	Magdalene		•	
Bridget Hipwell	Trinity Hall		•	
Kat Smallwood	Girton		•	
Amy Nicholson	Pembroke		•	
Angelina Munabi	Murray Edwards		•	
Tia Knight	Selwyn		•	
Faith Edge	Jesus		•	
Tash Faulkner	Sidney Sussex		•	
Laura Oxley	Hughes Hall		•	
Claire Davis	Selwyn		•	
Hannah Church	Gonville & Caius		•	
Emma Clements	Newnham		•	
Sasha Hajnal-Corob	Queens'		•	

## Amateur Rugby League Football Club

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	Dr R McConnel	St John's
Captain	George Laing	Gonville & Caius
General Manager	Darren Wood	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Greg Cushing	Ridley Hall		•	
Charlie Holland	Robinson		•	
Rupert Grace	Selwyn		•	
Harry McAleer	Clare		•	
Muhammed Jaffer	Selwyn		•	
Andy Winfield	St John's		•	
Tom Elton	Corpus Christi		•	
Fred Bromley	Magdalene		•	
James Bousher	Trinity Hall		•	
Tim Hillel	Downing		•	
Matthew Commin	Robinson		•	
George Laing	Gonville & Caius		•	
Aidan Devane	Christ's		•	
Nick Hewett	Corpus Christi		•	
Craig Sturrock	Queens'		•	
Rhys Hodnett	Homerton		•	
Chris McKeon	Gonville & Caius		•	

## Ski & Snowboard Club

Position	Name	College
President	Peter Calvert	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Patrick Welche	Physics
Race Captain	Frances Brill	Girton

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Jean Paul Espinosa	St John's		•	
Sarah Hughes	Queens'		•	
Pete Calvert	Trinity		•	
Henry Delacave	St Catharine's		•	
Michael Pelton	Jesus		•	
Jocelyn Trayler-Clarke	Newnham		•	
Frances Brill	Girton		•	
Catherine Pelton	Murray Edwards		•	

## Small Bore Club

Position	Name	College
President	Lt Col Pollington	
Senior Treasurer	Dr. Marian Holness	Trinity
Captain	Oliver Collas	Trinity Hall
Secretary	Alex Dowle	Emmanuel

Victoria Sawyer	Murray Edwards	•
James Pearson	Christ's	•
Dan Murell	Clare	•
Jon Patel	St Edmund's	•
James Watson	Trinity Hall	•
Tom Mitchell-Williams	Queens'	•

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Oliver Collas	Trinity Hall		•	
Ashley Abrahams	Peterhouse		•	
James Diviney	Gonville & Caius		•	
Alex Dowle	Emmanuel		•	
Jonathon Waite	Clare		•	
Kay Sharpington	Homerton		•	
David Firth	Trinity			•
Matilda McAleenan	Gonville & Caius			•
Stefan Kuppen	St John's			•
Nick Hall	Christ's			•
Nick Gates	Emmanuel			•
Tom French	St John's			•
Vin Shen Ban	Christ's			•
Liz Campbell	Wolfson			•
Araminta Sainsbury	Emmanuel			•
Max Kerney	Churchill			•

## Squash Rackets Club

Position	Name	College
President	Geoff Moggridge	King's
Senior Treasurer	Amee Devani	
Men's Blues Captain	Jack Styles	Girton
Women's Blues Captain	Rebecca Palmer	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Michael Mackay	St John's	•		
Henry Pelham	Fitzwilliam	•		
Jake Maughan	Emmanuel	•		
Rik Keating	Gonville & Caius	•		
Jon Anderson	Christ's	•		
Steve Nichols	Fitzwilliam		•	
Francesca Ritchie	Murray Edwards		•	
Rebecca Palmer	Emmanuel		•	
Andrea Kuesters	St John's		•	
Sophie Walker	Peterhouse		•	
Chantal Heppolette	Queens'		•	

## Swimming & Waterpolo Club

Position	Name	College
President	Josh Little	Corpus Christi
Treasurer	Rachel Long	Queens'
Men's Captain (Swimming)	Joel Carpenter	Fitzwilliam
Women's Captain (Swimming)	Henrietta Dillon	St Catharine's
Men's Captain (Water Polo)	Dan Woolcott	Girton
Women's Captain (Water Polo)	Tamsin Owen	Girton

## Swimming

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Joel Carpenter	Fitzwilliam	•		
Andy Corley	Downing	•		
Dale Waterhouse	Clare	•		
Brad Dixon	Trinity	•		
Tom Rootsey	Jesus	•		
Tom Hill	Jesus	•		
Ho-on To	Trinity	•		
Henrietta Dillon	St Catharine's	•		
Katherine Pickard	Newnham	•		
Mike Garner-Jones	St John's		•	
Henry Marshall	Downing		•	
Josh Little	Corpus Christi		•	
Lydia Woodward	Newnham		•	
Chloe Grover	Robinson		•	
Heather Moore	Fitzwilliam		•	
Emily Darley	Girton		•	
Georgina Gearing-Bell	Girton		•	
Georgia Sherman	St John's		•	
Anna Von Essen	Trinity Hall		•	
Anne Warren	St Catharine's		•	
Chloe Spiby-Loh	Gonville & Caius		•	

## Water Polo

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Hamish Crichton	Fitzwilliam	•		
Matthew Ingrams	St Catharine's	•		
Riccardo Di Pietro	Downing	•		
Dan Woolcott	Girton	•		
Bruno Frederico	Jesus		•	
Pete Lucas	Queens'		•	
Mike Gormally	Churchill		•	
Matija Marijan	Clare		•	
Joshua Hirschowitz	Pembroke		•	
Tom Maxey	Jesus		•	
Andras Kapuvari	Jesus		•	
David Leigh	St Catharine's		•	
Alexander Davies	Trinity		•	
Josie Faulkner	Clare		•	
Anna Sutcliffe	Fitzwilliam		•	
Tamsin Owen	Girton		•	
Becky Hulbert	St Catharine's		•	
Julia Heckenhurst	St Catharine's		•	
Marie St Leger Jean	Trinity Hall		•	
Charlotte Chuter	Wolfson		•	
Fran Brandon	Newnham		•	
Alex Kellaway	Homerton		•	
Kate Wendelboe	Magdalene		•	

These are lifetime aggregate Blues figures for the water polo teams. The swimming figures are this year's awards only.

## Table Tennis Club

Position	Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
President & S.T.	Prof. Simon Maddrell	Gonville & Caius			
Vice President	Wing Chan	Trinity			
Men's Captain	Nicholas Leung	Magdalene			
Women's Captain	Vanda Ho	Murray Edwards			
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours	
Wing Chan	Trinity	•			
Nicholas Leung	Magdalene	•			
Yuting Wu	Churchill		•		
Hong Jiang	Homerton			•	

## Trampoline Club

Position	Name	College
President & Co-Captain	Katherine Bertrand	Sidney Sussex
Senior Treasurer	Dr. Helen Watson	St John's
Co-Captain	David Chapman	Robinson

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Katherine Bertrand	Sidney Sussex		•	
Alan McCreanor	St John's			•
Gareth Tear	Fitzwilliam			•
Laura Keys	Trinity			•
Myfanwy Cairns	Homerton			•
Manuela Hospenthal	Jesus			•
Andrew Pirrie	Sidney Sussex			•
Elizabeth Walsh	Emmanuel			•
Alice Bucker	Trinity Hall			•
Charlotte Houldcroft	King's			•

## Triathlon Club

Position	Name	College
President	Simon Gilbert	Downing
Senior Treasurer	Lucy Gossage	Downing
Captain	Richard Secker-Johnson	Trinity

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Paul Hodgson	Trinity		•	

## Volleyball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Jon Clarke	
Senior Treasurer	Jim McElwaine	St Catharine's
Men's Captain	Bennett Waxse	
Women's Captain	Barbora Doslikova	Clare Hall
Men's Vice Captain	Hanns Hagen Goetzke	Zoology
Women's Vice Captain	Alice Pie-Shan Hsieh	Clare Hall

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Alice Pie-Shan Hsieh	Clare Hall	•		
Barbora Doslikova	Clare Hall	•		
Maria Anna Monnheimer	St John's	•		
LeAnn Canady	Murray Edwards	•		
Ksenija Osmjana	Pembroke	•		
Christiana Smyrilli	Downing	•		
Debbie Bin Deng	Wolfson	•		
Katharina Bitzan	Homerton	•		
Cindy Woods	Darwin		•	



