

Incorporating the Annual Review 2009 - 2010

Sports Yearbook 2011

University of Cambridge Sport





A word from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to the University of Cambridge Sports Year book 2011



I am delighted to introduce this annual review of sport at Cambridge. Our students develop their sporting talent through competition at College, University and national level: these pages include accounts of their many successes over the past year. I know from my own student career that passion for study and passion for sport are often complementary, and I am proud that Cambridge produces excellent achievers in both spheres. The world knows Cambridge for its sporting history as well as its academic prowess, and we measure our successes in Olympic medals as well as Nobel Prizes. Our eyes are on London 2012!

Thank you for your support of Cambridge's dedicated sportsmen and women - and I wish you a successful sporting year ahead.

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Chairman's Review



I am delighted with the breadth and depth of commitment to University sport demonstrated in this Annual Review. Enthusiasm for and participation in sport contributes greatly to the richness of academic life in Cambridge. It is not just that, as all the evidence shows, a brain works much better and for longer if it lives in a fit and healthy body. From college-level Bumps and Cuppers competitions to the Varsity Match and the Boat Race, watching and participating in sport binds the community together and helps it reach out to the world. While college-level sport allows students (and the occasional enthusiastic post-doc or Fellow) to relax and make friends, serious participants in University-level sport acquire time- and projectmanagement skills which enhance their academic achievements and are much sought after in the increasingly competitive graduate jobs market. Even for those who go down four places in the Bumps and

end up at the foot of their division, the memories of winter sunrises over the river and the camaraderie of the crew will remain a joy for life. For those who are awarded Blues for representing the University, the honour and recognition will last forever.

I am also delighted that the University's Planning and Resources Committee has now approved the business plan for the long-awaited Sports Centre on the West Cambridge site. The project seems to have had an unusually long gestation period even by Cambridge standards. According to Dr. John Marks, Life Fellow of Girton College and devotee of University sport, it was already being discussed when he was first in Cambridge in the aftermath of the Second World War. Interest in and support for the project has grown in the intervening years, and it is now recognised that the need for a Sports Centre has become pressing. The new Centre will be built on the West Cambridge site, a short cycle ride from the existing athletics and hockey facilities at Wilberforce Road. We hope to have Phase 1 open in time for the start of the 2013/14 academic year, with Phases 2 and 3 following when funds allow. This can only help to generate even greater enthusiasm for and participation in sport at all levels across the University.

This Review is a record and a celebration of a year of impressive sporting achievement and I congratulate all those whose names appear here and hope that many others will be inspired to take part and compete in the future.

Director's editorial

We are delighted to present for your interest and information the 2011 Cambridge Sports Yearbook. This, as last year, incorporates the Annual Sports Review for 2009/10 that summarises, in articles submitted by the University sports clubs, their activities and achievements during the academic year. For ease of reference we have separated out the lists of Officers, Blues and, Half Blues. May we thank all those who have submitted reports and wish all the clubs continued success and particularly in their annual dual with Oxford.

Of note in this years report is the high standard and the number of applicants for sports bursaries to the Eric Evans Fund, the Ospreys and the Hawks' Club. The role profiles provide an interesting insight to the range of talent at Cambridge and is illustrative of the significant number of students performing in sport at the highest level with many having realistic expectations of selection for the 2012 London Olympics.

Our general theme this year is racket sports with contributions from the worlds of Tennis, Squash and Real Tennis. Philip Brook, who as a student working with Sir Geoffrey Cass established the current tennis facilities at Fenner's. Sir Geoffrey went on to become the President of the Lawn Tennis Association and Philip now elected Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club. This is a major role in British Tennis and we offer our congratulations and best wishes. Overall responsibility for arguably the world's greatest tennis tournament will certainly keep him busy. Harry Leitch has successfully combined his studies in Medicine with an international squash career. Yes it can be done, but not without absolute focus, excellent time management and a sympathetic Fitzwilliam College. Harry has captained the Squash Club, has played in eight Varsity matches and represented Scotland at the Commonwealth Games. Robert and Karen Hird are two of triplets; both represent Cambridge at Real Tennis. Their sister represents Oxford University. Breakfast conversation after the Varsity match must be interesting. We offer our thanks for their time and contribution.



In conclusion we thank the many members of the Sports Syndicate and its Committees, and particularly the Chair, Ms Debbie Lowther, all who give generously their time and experience to help University sport. Our new Vice Chancellor, the Registrary and many University Officers have given significant support to the cause and there is an expectant air of optimism about the future.

Let us hope that 2012 not only celebrates a successful 2012 Olympics but also marks the launch of a new era of sport at the University.

Tony Lemons Director of Physical Education.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme

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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 and will be aiming to be among Great Britain's medal hopefuls at London 2012.

TASS underwent significant changes in 2008/9 and the University became part of a regional 'Hub' of 6 institutions, together providing services to athletes across the East of England. Despite this, the University was still able to boast having 6 of its students within the scheme, the largest number of any Further or Higher Education Institution in the region. We also provide the same high quality of service to 4 external students.

The high number of University athletes gaining TASS scholarships has continued from 2009/10 - when we had seven TASS athletes studying at Cambridge, when no other Institution had any more than two.

One of this year's new intake Fiona Hughes, a 1st year Engineering student from Queens' College, represented Great Britain at the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver in 2010. A full profile can be found later in this review, along with profiles of three more of the University's TASS athletes: Mairead Rocke, Bradley Dixon and Matthew Halliday.

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. We can be extremely proud that we have an Olympian coming here to continue her studies. 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!".

Anthony Crutchett, who was supported on the TASS programme for his 4 years at Cambridge between 2006 and 2010, is now fencing full-time and continues to receive Strength and Conditioning from Tristan Coles.

2009/10

Athlete College Anthony Crutchett Downing **Bradley Dixon** Trinity Matthew Halliday Clare Anna Railton Pembroke Mairead Rocke Churchill

Sport

Fencing (Sabre) **Modern Pentathlon** Orienteering Rowing Orienteering Orienteering Triathlon

2010/11

Alex Young

Victoria Stevens

Athlete Matthew Halliday Mairead Rocke Victoria Stevens Bradley Dixon Joshua Radvan **Fiona Hughes** Charlotte Roach

College Clare Churchill Jesus Trinity Queens' Trinity

Jesus

St John's

Sport

Orienteering Orienteering Orienteering Modern Pentathlon St Catharine's Modern Pentathlon **Cross Country Skiing** Triathlon

Eric Evans Awards 2009/2010

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 2010 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. Profiles for some of the successful applicants can be found in this Yearbook. In addition to the 16 students who received awards to enable them to enhance their sporting performance, funding was also given to 9 students to complete coaching qualifications in a variety of sports.

2010

Student Anthony Crutchett Robert Hird Henry Day Karen Hird

Joseph Wheeler Alex Young Lucy Gossage Samantha Cutts Edward Dickson Joel Carpenter Chris Bellamy **Charles Pitt-Ford** Anna Railton Andrew Nichols Sarah Crossman **Fiona Hampshire** Laura Duke* Angharad West* Girton Leah Schabas* Selwyn Lauren York* St John's Amelia Duncanson* St Catharine's Robinson William Mackay* James Chettle* Clare **Robin Brown*** Jesus

St Catharine's St Edmund's St John's Downing Emmanuel Trinity Hall Fitzwilliam Homerton Pembroke Pembroke Sidney Sussex Oueens' St Catharine's Newnham

College

Downing

St Catharine's

Trinity

Shooting Triathlon Triathlon Shooting Rowing Rowing Rowing Cycling Sailing Sailing Athletics Lacrosse Lacrosse Lacrosse Lacrosse Athletics Athletics Athletics

* = Award for Coaching/Officiating

Jesus

Samuel Ashcroft*

Sport

Fencing **Real Tennis Real Tennis** Ruaby Union Equestrian Swimming Athletics

Hawks' Charitable Trust Awards 2009/10

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 2010 a sum of £20,000 was awarded to some 80 students. There are usually well over 100 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.

The future? 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.

Trust Awards 2010

Eva-Marie Hempe

Jamie Hood

Mark Johnson

Student College Sport Tommy Bajorek Sidney Sussex Swimming Mark Baxter Football Selwyn Chris Bellamy Homerton Rowing Laure Bierer St Catharine's Rowing Joshua Bleakley St Catharine's Table Tennis Emily Bottle Trinity Hall Swimming Rosamund Bradbury Jesus Rowing Frankie Brown Jesus Cricket **Robin Brown** Jesus **Cross Country** Matthew Bryan Peterhouse Rowing Joel Carpenter Fitzwilliam Swimming **Owen Churton** Clare Athletics **Beth Colman** King's Rowing Andrew Corley Downing Swimming Patrick Crossley Homerton Rugby Anthony Crutchett Fencing Downing Hardy Cubasch St Edmund's Rowing Emmanuel Samantha Cutts Riding Constance Dagget Girton Riding Henry Day St Catharine's Shooting BARBER James Day Football Jesus Edward Dickson Trinity Hall Shooting CADBURY Sam Dobin Trinity Athletics Athletics Mark Dyble Clare Josie Faulkner Clare Waterpolo Football Stuart Ferguson Kina's Julia Fisher Clare Hall Rowing James Gordon Jesus Sailing Lucy Gossage Downing Triathlon Liane Grant Hughes Hall Waterpolo Chloe Grover Robinson Swimmina Wolfson Football David Gwyther Greg Hall Gonville & Caius Sailing Hamish Yeung St Catharine's Table Tennis Johann Hattingh Darwin Golf

St John's

Girton

Hughes Hall

Rowing

Ruabv

Football

Named Award

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Student	College
Michael Johnson	Jesus
Anya Jones	Fitzwilliam
Danny Kerrigan	Fitzwilliam
Robert Legg	Downing
Harry Leitch	Fitzwilliam
John Lindsay	Downing
Josh Little	Corpus Christi
Max Little	Trinity
Hermione Mackay	St John's
Tom March	Fitzwilliam
Henry Marshall	Downing
Chris Maynard	St John's
Nicholas McLoughlin	Christ's
Thomas McNeil	Hughes Hall
Lisa Meegan	Sidney Sussex
Hannah Morgan	Clare
Josh Mouland	King's
Kevin Musselman	Peterhouse
David Nefs	Churchill
Laura Nelson	Corpus Christi
Shane O'Mara	Hughes Hall
Clare Palmer	Downing
Louis Persent	St John's
Charles Pitt-Ford	Pembroke
Elizabeth Polgreen	Downing
Anna Railton	Pembroke
Heather Reynolds	Jesus
Julia Robson	Trinity
Dane Rook	Darwin
Thomas Rootsey	Jesus
Tina Schwamb	Girton
Peter Salvay	Jesus
Ian Simson	St John's
Lucy Spray	Newnham
Nora Staack	Sidney Sussex
James Strawson	Trinity
Rachel Sweeney	Darwin
Naomi Taschimowitz	Trinity
Emmalina Thompsell	Gonville & Cauis
Pernille Thuesen	Christ's
Ho-On To	Trinity
Caroline Walerud	St John's
Angharad West	Girton
Joseph Wheeler	St Edmund's

Sport Football Rowing Football Tennis Squash Shooting Swimming Football Rowing Riding Swimming Football Waterpolo Athletics Rowing Rowing Athletics Hockey Athletics Football Rowing Athletics Athletics Rowing Rowing Rowing Archery Rowing Swimming Swimming Volleyball Golf Athletics Athletics Rowing Rowing Taekwondo Athletics is Handball Rowing Swimming Basketball Lacrosse Rugby

Named Award

JENNENS

MARSHALL

Philip Brook – Tennis and Maths

As I take on the role of Chairman of The All England Lawn Tennis Club, home of Wimbledon – arguably the finest tennis tournament in the world – I have had many moments of reflection on being asked to take on this amazing opportunity and thought 'Why me? How did I end up here?'

I am not sure I have very good answers to my questions, but I do know that I would not have been where I am today had it not been for an innocuous 'flyer' which landed on the doormat at my parents' house many years ago offering a week of free tennis lessons.

At the time, Pauline Whetton, a local tennis coach was looking for new junior players to join her programme at Rastrick Tennis Club. At the same time, my brother David and I were in our early teens, sport mad, but had not tried tennis. This seemed like an opportunity too good to miss. Pauline had an infectious enthusiasm for the sport and a great ability to teach. A week later I was hooked. David took up golf.

From being a teenager, my mother would say 'the two things that Philip is most interested in are tennis and maths'. She was probably right. By the time I was looking to go to university my tennis and my maths were both quite good, and I was encouraged to apply to Cambridge. Back then, Fitzwilliam had a great reputation for sport and seemed to be the natural College to which to apply. I was lucky enough to win a place to Fitz and in 1974 went up to Cambridge to study mathematics.

The maths was tough, but Fitzwilliam was definitely a good choice of College. I was very



fortunate to be there at the same time as both Alastair Hignell and Eddie Butler, two young men each of whom would go on to do great things in rugby, firstly as international players for their respective countries and then in the media.

Tennis at Cambridge was definitely an important release from the study books and it certainly kept the team busy, practising during the week, but particularly at weekends when we played matches.

However, not all was well with Cambridge tennis at that time. While we had a very strong team, we had almost no funding from the University to help with the costs of running the club. The lack of funding became critical during my second year, to the extent that, as well as playing the tennis, the team would take responsibility for buying, preparing and tidying up lunch and tea each time we played a match. That was before we took the opposing team to 'The Fort St George' for a post-match review over a few beers. Thankfully, the situation eased very considerably in my final year when Sir Geoffrey Cass took over responsibility for Cambridge tennis and somehow managed to find money to meet the day-to-day costs of running the club and for essential repairs and maintenance. Geoffrey and I became great friends that year and remain so to this day.

One of the added attractions of being on the varsity tennis team

was that it offered the opportunity to work at Wimbledon during The Championships. Better still, the job was to operate the Centre Court "manual" scoreboard. This was my first taste of Wimbledon - being paid to sit on Centre Court, do a little work and to watch my tennis heroes up close – how good was that. My best moments during those times were to play my small part in scoring the finals when Bjorn Borg won in 1976 & 1977 and Virginia Wade in 1977.

I left Cambridge in 1977 with an honours degree in Mathematics and three successive wins over Oxford in varsity tennis, the final year as Captain of the team. I also had the opportunity to represent the combined Oxford & Cambridge tennis team that played against Harvard & Yale in the 'Prentice Cup' in USA in 1976. My mother was definitely right – tennis and maths... in that order!

Tennis and maths didn't stop there. After graduation I trained and qualified as an actuary and have spend the past thirty years working in the profession, firstly in reinsurance and subsequently in financial consultancy. I continued to play tennis for Yorkshire, but also started to try to give back to the sport by involving myself in tennis 'administration'. For fifteen years I was the Treasurer of the International Lawn Tennis Club of GB and for the past thirteen years I have been a committee member of the All England Club.

I have learned a lot about Wimbledon in my time as a committee member. There have also been some memorable moments. One of my highlights has to be when I took Goran Ivanisevic for his post-match press interview after he won the Mens' Singles Championship in 2001. Here he was, a 30 year old wildcard entry with little chance of progressing through the



tournament, and yet he won it. During that interview he uttered the now famous words'l don't care if I never pick up a racket again, I am Wimbledon Champion'. I had the less difficult task of closing down the stream of questions so that we could leave the room.

Wimbledon is an amazing place. What makes it so special is its ability to innovate, yet at the same time maintain those traditions that keep it unique. By doing so year after year it has undoubtedly strengthened its position as the world's premier tennis tournament.

Innovation has been pretty intense in the last 10-15 years. The grounds have undergone a major transformation including building a new No.1 Court, new facilities for players and media, a new museum, a new Court 2 and - the jewel in the crown - the roof on Centre Court which was completed in 2009 at the end of a massive, three year engineering project. In 2011 we will see the opening of new Courts 3 & 4 while a number of other infrastructure projects are already in the pipeline.

Additional examples of innovation include the use of 'Hawkeye', and the increasingly widespread use of digital media to access information about Wimbledon. In 2010 the Wimbledon 'App' was downloaded by over 800,000 iphone users. Hopefully, 2011 will see the first broadcast of Wimbledon in 3D, live in over 500 cinemas worldwide.

Maintaining Wimbledon's traditions has also been an equally high priority. I like to call it 'thoughtful inactivity', because that is exactly what it is – we debate the traditions, and very often decide to preserve them, typically by taking no action. The best examples would be the grass tennis courts, the white clothing for players, the lack of overt sponsorship around the grounds, the 'Wimbledon ballot' and the on-day queue - that allow opportunity to buy tickets for show courts and the 'advantage' final set - without which we would not have had the dramatic and historic 70-68 final set Mahut in the 2010 Championships. We've also shied away from playing music at the change of ends, introducing on-court coaching or scheduled night sessions, all of which are features of some other tournaments.

Wimbledon 2011 will be my first year as Chairman. I am very lucky to be taking on the role at a time when things are in such great shape, thanks to my predecessor Tim Phillips. My main priority over the coming years will be to keep this great institution moving forward – continuing to innovate while also maintaining its celebrated traditions. That's the great skill - knowing what to change and what to leave alone.

2012 will be an interesting and challenging year for all of us involved in Wimbledon. Just 20 days after the completion of the 2012 Championships, we will open our doors again and welcome the tennis world to the Olympic games. It promises to be a fantastic event in its own right and it will be the second time that Wimbledon has played host to the event.

The first was in 1908, when all of the gold medals were won by British players – how about that for a suitable omen for next year?

Harry Leitch – Balancing Act



I'm an MB/PhD student and have been haunting the corridors of Fitzwilliam College for over seven years now. I took a year off during my undergraduate studies to compete at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, where I reached the quarter-finals in the men's doubles. After completing my part 2 I joined the clinical school at Addenbrookes and enrolled on the MB/PhD programme, which combines clinical studies with a PhD in my chosen subject – developmental and stem cell biology. Combining clinical studies, research and teaching (I supervise physiology to undergraduate medics at Fitz) is a challenge in itself but with the addition of squash life is fairly chaotic.

I'm passionate about research and my ultimate goal is to be a successful academic medic. If I am to achieve this it is imperative that academic work is my top priority. However, it became clear that the frustration of coming so close in Melbourne had left me with unfinished business on the squash court. For a while it was difficult to try and reconcile the desire to achieve my sporting goals with my now drastically reduced training opportunities. However, I found that concentrating on quality rather than quantity of training and taking a more relaxed approach allowed me not only to maintain, and even improve, my playing standard but also to enjoy my squash more than ever.

The build up to Delhi started 3 years ago. We chose to target the doubles competition as this form of the game is less widely played and has a much more even playing field than singles. I forged a new partnership with Scottish number 1 singles player (and world number 50) Alan Clyne – my previous partner John White having retired. I also joined forces with rising star Lisa Aitken for my first foray into mixed doubles. Qualifying took us from Manchester to Madras and then onto Melbourne and, with some good victories, we booked our place on the plane to Delhi. Being part of Team Scotland at a multisport event is a unique experience - truly inspirational. The Games village was 'functional', not the horror stories reported in the press but undoubtedly below expectations for a major sporting event. The squash facilities were excellent however, with one of the best show court arenas I've ever seen.

The first week was taken up with the singles tournament. For us the priority was getting in some doubles training but we all had a run in the singles to keep us sharp and to get comfortable in the arena. I even managed a win over the world number 79 – not bad for a doubles player (!) and a welcome morale boost leading into the main event. And the doubles certainly started off with a bang. Our opening mixed doubles was against world number 1 and singles gold-medallist, Nicol David, and her partner Ong Beng Hee, ranked 17 in the world, on the show court. To everyone's amazement (apart from us!) Lisa and I blew them off court 2-0 in just over 30 minutes. All the hard work paid off with that win and it proved to everyone just how different a game doubles is. We followed up with victories against Canada and Kenya to make the quarter-finals. Unfortunately Lisa suffered a stress-fracture to her ankle in the warm up and so our competition ended at the quarter-final stage; a cruel blow when we were progressing with such momentum.

In the men's doubles we were seeded 6th and after solid wins against Pakistan and Botswana we beat the top Indian pair and home favourites in the last 16. Our quarter-final was against the 3rd seeds and much-fancied English pairing Peter Barker and Daryl Selby (world numbers 8 and 9 respectively). We dominated from start to finish playing some of our best doubles and emphatically 'sent them homeward to think again'! In the semi-finals we played multiple world champion David Palmer and fellow top-ten player Stewart Boswell, the 2nd seeds from Australia. The first game lasted an hour and ended in a sudden death point at 10-all. That point slipped away and despite trying everything in a tight second game we just couldn't break down the impressive Aussie pair. We gave our all and came very close, but at the highest level the margins are so small. After a night's sleep we threw everything at the Bronze medal match but were once again beaten by some pesky Australians. Everything they say about 4th place is true and it hurt, falling just short of our goal. However, on reflection we can be proud that we performed to our full potential on the biggest stage in squash and almost pulled it off. So, what now? Well, unfortunately that unfinished business is still there and the quest for that elusive medal will have to go on for another 4 years as we build towards Glasgow 2014. I guess that will mean a few more years of chaos for me yet! It is a bit scary thinking about how everything will pan out but ultimately I know where I want to go and I hope that if I just keep my head down and give my all in the lab, on the wards, in the classroom and on the squash court everything will work out OK.



Amateur Boxing Club

www.CUABC.org.uk

CUABC exists to teach the art of boxing in the University of Cambridge, and to field a team in the annual Varsity match. We seek to develop students of the University in physical ability from any level into confident, skilled athletes.

103rd Varsity Boxing Match result: Cambridge 5 - 4 Oxford. Cambridge leads 51- 48.

The feeling on the bus from Cambridge to Oxford on 09 March 2010 was electric, with Head Coach Ben Blowes and Junior Coaches Richard 'Dolph' Hardy and Lee Mitchell leading their 9 boxers with the same determination of purpose that they had taking over the gym for the first time in October 2009. Ben never asked more of his athletes than he asked of himself – he is a sub 3 hour marathon runner. All the boxers had won their places through grit and determination against fierce opposition throughout the year, and the 5-4 victory in the match over Oxford was similarly earned.

The VM match was thrilling from beginning to end, a match where the Coaches recognised that every shot thrown would count. This analytic approach conditioned the coaches' and the boxers' attitude. James DeGale, British Olympic Heavyweight Boxing Gold medalist joined the team on the night, and donned a CUABC shirt with the team before the match began. Left in the ring after a noisy and hostile "face off" was Faisal Nasim. Adrenaline ran high with Oxford clearly keen to avenge their 9-0 defeat of 2009. Nasim's opponent Chen was the dominant boxer who tore out of the blue corner with classy rapid straight punching. Nasim never quite managed to rally himself to box off the back foot and make clear space, and Chen closed him down, denying him the opportunity to be the stylish free-flowing boxer he had shown himself to be in previous bouts. He lost on a unanimous points decision.

Second up in the red corner for Cambridge was young Jason Blick (whose brother had boxed for Oxford in 2009). Blick carried a lot on his shoulders going into this bout, with family rivalry, and a closer knowledge of his Oxford opponent than other CUABC boxers. Blick suffered in Oxford Town Hall, between the crowd and Pearson, his larger and more experienced opponent, and was overwhelmed from the first bell. He was unable to release the very heart and guts that had won him his VM place in a fierce bout against teammate Shanley earlier in the season. The referee stopped the contest in the first round.

Third up for Cambridge was the irrepressible Brett Shanley, a plucky character all season in the gym. Shanley was able to move in and out of contact in the ring, but he was never able to out manoeuvre the more capable Oxford boxer Upton. In a good three round contest Upton proved the stronger boxer and took the bout on a unanimous points decision.

The home crowd were, by this point, enjoying a nuclear ecstasy. Ben Blowes in the CUABC corner had seen his first three boxers defeated, yet never wavered. Oxford seemed to have promised revenge for 2009 to the home crowd, and their coaching team were clearly excited by the chants of "9-0" by Oxford supporters. Bout 4 saw the first of OUABC star boxers, the former Scottish amateur national Fields step into the ring, against Cambridge's Fergal McCool. The first round belonged to Fields, and his technical skill paid off. Yet McCool was to prove how much he had developed as a boxer, and how synchronized he was with his coaches' instruction in not losing his nerve in the second and third rounds.

McCool was unsuccessful in gaining a place on the 2008 VM team, and gave up boxing the next season, only to watch the 2009 victory from the wings. From day one, there was no doubt in his mind that a Cambridge Blue's blazer was his for the taking. A superb all round athlete, who could probably have competed on the track for the university, his athleticism shone in the second and third rounds.

Fields became increasingly reliant on technical skill, as McCool



dominated from the centre of the ring, patiently chalking up the points on the scorecard. By the end of round 2 it was clear who was actually scoring. It was enough. The home crowd, who had been chanting "9-0!" at the end of third round were greatly reduced in volume as McCool's hand was raised, and Cambridge supporters erupted in praise for their man.

The fifth bout was a much anticipated clash between the two captains: Chris Webb for Cambridge and Pickering for Oxford. "Pickles", as he became affectionately known in the Cambridge camp, cannot have fancied his chances much as he stepped into the ring. Webb, had demolished his Oxford opponent the year before, although Pickering had led his team from the front with impressive physique and improved skill.

Webb, however, was relentless and delivered a constant stream of precision shots from every conceivable angle from the first to the last bell. Pickering was battered and bruised at the end of the first round, tired at the end of the second, and left hanging onto Webb several times during the third. There was no doubt at the end of an emphatic CUABC win in the ring, and the Nasim fan club led the chanting now: "it's so quiet at Oxford!" And it was. The Cambridge vice-captain followed his captain into the ring for bout 6 against the two times Oxford Blue Walton. He seemed to have been brought out of retirement for this match, as he had participated in the OUABC wins of 2007 and 2008, but not in the defeat of 2009. Walton was on fine form and displayed great athleticism and skill, but then so did Chadwick. His last bout for Cambridge had ended when Ben Blowes threw in the towel, and it was this incredible drive to restore his boxing fortunes that led Chadwick on.

Both boxers moved gracefully, both landed heavy shots, both were fit and demonstrated huge stamina, and the contest in the ring was splendid. The quiet grace between Walton and Chadwick after the bout gave credit to their teams. Again, it was the Cambridge man who landed most scoring shots, and this was how the judges unanimously awarded the bout to Chadwick. Cambridge fans were again ecstatic, and Oxford were in uproar as the match levelled at 3-3.

It was not the Oxford boxers who were defeated first, but their coaching team. Even with the Olympic champion in the crowd, the Oxford coach kicked over a stool, remonstrated with the judges and stormed out of the hall. The chaos continued in the dressing room, until they could be coaxed back to continue the match. The contrast in conduct between boxers and coaching staff could not have been greater. Eventually the night was restored through the MC's fair-minded intervention and appeals for calm, and the boxing was allowed to resume.

Bout 7 saw new boxer Ssegawa-Ssekintu Kiwanuka take on OUABC's Guevel, a kickboxing champion. Kiwanuka may have been the inexperienced boxer, but Guevel had not anticipated being hit guite so hard. Kiwanuka brought himself off the ropes in the first round and worked so hard that the initial flurry from Guevel was halted. An increasingly desperate fight through the second round led to a third where the rules of 'last man standing' applied. Kiwanuka was sent into the third with the encouragement from the Head Coach that only Guevel stood in between him and a Cambridge Boxing Blue. It was motivation enough. Guevel seemed incapable of a defence as Kiwanuka landed one jab after

another. Out pointed on a majority decision, the bout went to Cambridge, who moved into the lead for the first time in the match.

The consistency of Cambridge coaching over the 2009-10 season came to the fore in the eighth bout, in a magnificent display of coaching integrity. Burlton for Cambridge, in his first boxing match, stepped up to the plate to take on OUABC's Morris. As in the second bout, the size and experience of the Oxford boxer was obvious, although Burlton ducked and weaved in the first round with an athleticism that demonstrated why he was chosen for the Varsity Team. However, Morris proved the stronger and, after clearly losing the first two rounds, the Head Coach lived up to the pastoral care he promised to his boxers from the outset, that he would not allow them to be hurt. He allowed his boxer the dignity and grace not to return for a third round. In the atmosphere of Oxford Town Hall that night, the decision between coach and boxer can only be applauded, in the conviction of true sportsmanship. The match was now level at 4-4.

So the 103rd Varsity Match came down to the final bout of the night with Barton "The Bear" Dear accepting all of Cambridge hopes and aspirations, and unfazed by it all. His ice-cold determination was noted by team-mate Shanley on his way to the ring, with the words "I'm going to win this". Oxford chanting of "Oggie! Oggie! Oggie! Oi! Oi! Oi!" was then replaced with "Oggie! Oggie! Oggie! Bart! Bart! Bart!" by one enthusiastic father who had flown across the world to witness his son's magnificent performance.

After three one-sided rounds, getting up and under the Oxford boxer's greater reach, and scoring with the minimum of fuss, the whole room knew that the strong Texan's right arm would be raised for the heavyweight bout, for the Varsity Match, and the Truelove Bowl.

Town Vs Gown, 30 January 2010

Ed Chadwick (CUABC) LOST to (MET POLICE) Fergal McCool (CUABC) LOST vs. (MET POLICE) James Phillips (CUABC) LOST vs. Martin (MET POLICE) Rob Pepper (CUABC) LOST vs. Smith (FULBOURN ABC) Elliot Chambers (CUABC) WON vs. Goddard (MET POLICE) Ssegawa-Ssekintu Kiwanuka WON vs. Tichanow (ICENI ABC) by K.O Matt Linsley (CUABC) WON vs. Rob Liu (CUABC) Hely Matthews (CUABC) LOST vs. Clayton (MET POLICE) Chris Webb (CUABC) WON vs. (ICENI ABC)

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Association Football Club

www.cuafc.org/

CUAFC continues to represent University football at Cambridge, competing in various BUCS leagues, cup competitions and, of course, the annual Varsity match against Oxford. Currently, the club has around 60 members across the Mens and Women's teams and is generously sponsored by Morgan Stanley. The Mens Blues and Falcons teams, and Women's teams, all compete in BUCS leagues, with a third Men's side formulated from the best players in the College leagues to complete the line up for the annual Varsity matches. The Women's Blues also compete in the Eastern Region Women's Football League. At the turn of the year, the Men's Blues currently sit in 1st place in BUCS Midlands Conference 2B, whilst the Women's Blues have an FA Women's Cup First Round Proper match against Norwich City Ladies to look forward to. Both teams will be chasing League promotions this season, whilst the Men's Blues will look to avenge their 2010 Varsity defeat to Oxford at Cambridge United.

Men's Varsity

Friday 30th April at The Abbey Stadium, Cambridge United Football Club Cambridge 1-1 Oxford (AET, Oxford won 5-3 on penalties)

The moving of the 126th Varsity Football Match from Craven Cottage to Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium was not enough to help Cambridge stop Oxford leaving victorious as their Bahamian International Goalkeeper Dwayne Whylly saved miraculously from Mark Baxter's penalty in a foreseeable shoot out.

Goalkeeper Stuart Ferguson was reduced to a kicking game but his clearance on the half hour was flicked on by striker Hylands for the rapid Matt Stock whose pace and trickery put Oxford left back Squires in a trance conceding a reckless penalty. Baxter made no mistake this time sliding it out of harm's reach.

The crowd were ecstatic for at least a minute as hesitant chants reflected the diffident performance. Only after Hollywood acrobatics from Whylly, who palmed to safety an in-swinging corner, and a comfortable save from Ferguson with his feet, could both teams rethink their approach for the second half which proved more eventful.

James Kelly, Oxford's technically gifted left midfielder, provided the outstanding moment with a twenty-five yard free kick flying beyond the helpless Ferguson into the bottom left hand corner in the 88th minute.

With overdue passes to his feet and with time to turn, Stock threatened to put the game beyond Oxford setting up Paul Hartley to strike a long range effort into the gloves of Whylly and forcing an opportunity for James Day who headed wide.

The energised Stock stood out as Cambridge tormented Oxford in

their pursuit of a second goal. Kerrigan soon felt the brunt of two horrendous hacks from Oxford for which Premier League referee Lee Mason issued the only yellow card of the game but denied Cambridge another penalty for the first of the two challenges.

Ending the affair in live play was not to be as the final Oxford corner landed innocently, and symbolically, on the top of the Cambridge net. If Cambridge appeared the more deserving they were left lauding praise at the hands of the Oxford goalkeeper who produced the finest moment of creativity in the game to couple five faultless Oxford penalties.

University of Cambridge Falcons 1 – 0 University of Oxford Centaurs (AET)

In a dramatic finish to the game, the Falcons managed to come away with victory in this year's Varsity match.

The sunny conditions that greeted the fans who turned up to watch were however not matched by bright play on the pitch. For most of the match, the teams cancelled each other out with Oxford offering stern resistance but little attack whilst Cambridge could not capitalise going forward.

With the game seemingly fizzling out to penalties, Broadway finally broke the deadlock in spectacular fashion. Receiving the ball just inside the box, he unleashed an unstoppable shot that went straight into the top corner. Mass celebrations followed, and, despite Oxford going close in the final minutes, they were fully realised moments later with the final whistle. It rounded off a fantastic year for the Falcons, who also enjoyed a successful league campaign ending with promotion.

Season Results

Mens Blues:

BUCS Midlands Conference 2B – Runners Up BUCS Midlands Conference Cup – Runners Up Mens Falcons: BUCS Midlands Conference 5D – 1st Place; promoted to Midlands Conference 4D

2010/11 Activities

The Mens Blues will be fulfilling their annual trip to La Manga Club, Spain, to train at the Football Center and fulfil two fixtures. This will include a tie against Cartagena FC Reserves.

The Annual Old Boys Dinner will be held in November 2011.

Women's Varsity

Saturday 20th February at Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford Oxford 0-1 Cambridge

The Blues comfortably won their varsity match, with the final score not representing their dominance over Oxford.

Supported by a large contingent of travelling fans the Light Blues started how they intended to continue. They piled pressure on the Oxford defense, with captain Leesa Haydock nearly opening the scoring early on. The pressure told with Oxford giving away a couple of free kicks just outside the penalty box which Emma Eldridge forced two good saves out of the Oxford keeper. Catherine Murphy burst into the Oxford penalty area and was hacked down by a defender but no foul was given. Cambridge continued to have all the play, with goalkeeper Sara Hainzi having no saves to make and yet more chances were squandered.

Finally, after 40 minutes, the Light Blues were rewarded with a welldeserved goal. Winger, Masie-Rose Byrne played a delightful one-two with Ashley Winslow. Byrne then fired a cross into the box finding Kate Robinson who calmly shot into the top right keeper leaving the goal keeper helpless. Only minutes later Robinson was denied another goal, which was deemed to be offside.

The second half saw an improved Oxford take to the field and the Cambridge defence was tested for the first time. Murphy and Eldridge thwarted the Oxford strikers whilst Griffiths and Bellfield prevented the wingers putting in any testing balls into the box.

The midfield continued to be bossed by Haydock and Romy Trigg-Smith, both putting great balls through for the wingers to chase. Even the introduction of Victoria Clarkson up front and Laura Nelson down the wing failed to get Cambridge the decisive second goal.

Cambridge managed to close out the game for a 1-0 victory without Oxford having any clear cut chances. The Blues hope to build on this performance for the rest of the season and retain the trophy next year, when the match will be held in Cambridge.

League and Cup Results

This season saw the Blues put together one of their highest finishes in the Eastern Regions Premier League, finishing fifth out of twelve. This was helped by the week-in-week-out availability of all players, especially outside of term time, with the season running from mid-August to the end of May.

The Blues again reached the County cup final, narrowly losing to a last minute goal, making the final score 3-2 to Peterborough.

Eagles (2nd Team) Season Review

The Cambridge University Eagles started off the 2009-2010 season on the right foot with a new coach from the University of Warwick, Sam Jones. Dave Dempster and Sam Jones worked with the Eagles to improve their fitness throughout the year. This training paid off: the team finished 4th in the BUCS Midlands League (ahead of Warwick and Nottingham).

An inconsistent performance throughout the season, mostly due to unavailability for away games, prevented the Eagles from making it past the round of 16 in the Midlands Cup. The highlight of the season was Varsity Match 2010, despite a disappointing loss (3-2). While many players suffered from injuries, the Eagles fought hard to equalize the match in the first half, with Van Thorenburg's strike bringing the score to 1-1. In the second half, a surprise goal scored by Gale (a defender), gave Cambridge the lead. The Oxford Furies however dominated in the final quarter, guaranteeing them a win for the second year in a row.

Athletic Club

www.cuac.org.uk/

Cambridge University Athletic Club (CUAC) was the first university-wide athletic club to be established in the UK in 1857, followed by Oxford in 1863. This perhaps makes CUAC the oldest university athletics club in the world.

The first Inter-Varsity Athletics match between the two Universities took place in 1864, 32 years before the birth of the modern Olympics. Today, Cambridge competes with Oxford throughout the year in various invitational competitions and in particular in our 3 Varsity Matches, these being the Freshman Match in Michaelmas Term, the Field Events and Relays in Lent Term, and the Varsity Match itself in Easter.

In 3 out of every 4 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. Every 4 years, including 2009, the English Universities tour the US over Easter to compete against all 4 of the US institutions.

CUAC also has an active social scene, with both the Alverstones and Alligators Clubs holding regular outings with other university sports clubs.

CUAC welcomes athletes of all abilities and is keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the club. Men's Blues: Oxford 102.5 Cambridge 107.5 Women's Blues: Oxford 89 Cambridge 112 Men's 2nd Team: Oxford Centipedes 99 Cambridge Alverstones 113 Women's 2nd Team: Oxford Millipedes 76 Cambridge Alligators 122

15th May 2010, Iffley Road, Oxford

The 136th Varsity Sports was a huge success for Cambridge University Athletics Club with a 4-0 thrashing of Oxford at Iffley Road. This success was all the more notable because it included the first away victory for the Men's Blues team for 22 years, and with a particularly young team.

The club knew they had a great opportunity of emulating the success of the 3-1 victory the previous year, but the aim was to go one further, and to win every category, which was duly achieved. The Men's Blues match was predicted to be especially tight, and so it proved, with only 5 points separating the teams.

The day went especially well for the Cambridge Men's Blues on the track. 1-2s in 6 out of the 10 track events secured important points. A particularly crucial moment came with the Cambridge whitewash in the Men's Blues 100m. Storming runs by Mark Dyble and Amin Ahmadnia secured maximum points for the Light Blues and went some way towards easing CUAC nerves going into the relays. The hurdlers also proved a formidable force; whitewashes for the team of Christian Roberts and Eamonn Katter in both the 200m and the 400m hurdles underlined how important the barriers are for Cambridge's future prospects,

President Lucy Spray led the way with a win in the 400m and second place behind women's captain Kate Laidlow in the 200m, and things followed smoothly on from there for the Light Blue girls. Laura Duke's match record in the Women's Blues Hammer Throw provided another highlight on the way to a comprehensive victory over the cream of the Oxford female talent; the overall winning margin was a huge 112-89. Duke's versatility was a key feature of the successful performance - her talent for all the throwing events and even the long jump and pole vault illustrate her centrality to future plans.

Louis Persent, arguably the most distinguished figure in Cambridge athletics following medals at both the World and European Junior Athletics Championships, took a comfortable victory in the 400m in a blistering 46.72 seconds, very close to his personal best, before winning the 200m and running a superb leg in the 4x400m relay.

In the event, the disqualification of the Oxford Men's Blues team in the 4x100 relay considerably eased the pressure, and victory in the 4x400 secured the overall result. The relays were an important part of the match for the Light Blues - victories in 3 of the 4 contests secured big points for the away team.

Emma Perkins followed her surprise victory in last year's high jump with a triplet of successes in the long, high and triple jump, gaining a staggering 15 points on her way to winning the Susan Dennler Trophy for the best performance in the Womens' Match. Naomi Taschimowicz's match record in the Women's Blues mile was a clear statement that her class is by no means limited to the cross-country field. Amanda Scott's victory in the 5000m completed the set of Cambridge victories in the endurance events. Other women's successes came as Kate Laidlow backed up last year's victory in the 400m with a 100m and 200m double. This bettered her second places for the Cambridge team in these events in 2009, and was indeed a performance worthy of the women's Captain.

Both Cambridge second teams performed outstandingly to claim their victories and these wins reflect the quality in the club as a whole. The challenges of resisting complacency on the back of such a resounding victory, and of recruiting new blood to plug the gaps left by departing graduates will undoubtedly be significant. But the foundations have been laid for a very positive future for the Light Blues and the club should be extremely proud of their successes in 2010.

Other Performances

In addition to a dominant display at the Varsity match, CUAC athletes have excelled in other competitions throughout the year. In November's Freshers' Varsity match, this year held in Oxford, the men's team began a highly successful season with a comprehensive win of 100-79. Individually, Ed Moyse earned a triple win (400m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump) with Mark Dyble (100m, 200m), Felix Schaaf (Discus, Shot Putt) and Mickael Decressac (Javelin, Hammer Throw) achieving double wins. Decressac gained a championship best in the Javelin of 60.22m, earning him the Freshmen's Medal, awarded to the best performance at the Freshmen's Match. The women were narrowly defeated but still displayed some promising performances, with Laura Duke achieving a triple win (Hammer Throw, Shot Putt, Long Jump) and an impressive victory for Kate Laidlow in the 200m, winning by a margin of two seconds.

CUAC carried this good form into the indoor season with the men dominating the Varsity Field Events and Relays as they had done the previous year, winning by 12 events to 2, with Ben Richardson bettering his own championship best performance in the 60m hurdles. The women were beaten by 8 events to 6, despite some superb performances. The 4x400m team narrowly missed the championship best, and the Pole Vault team of Laura Duke, Sarah Williams, Suzanne Tobin and Theresa Hall achieved a championship best, with 7.60m. Another highlight of the indoor season was a bronze medal at the **England Athletics U20 indoor** championships for Rory Graham-Watson in the 800m.

2009 marked the year of the Achilles Transatlantic Tour, when CUAC combine with OUAC to represent the Achilles club in the oldest international athletics fixture in the world. Competing against a combined Harvard-Yale team, the Men's Team achieved a historic victory, winning by 10 events to 9. This was the first time the Achilles team had won since 1993. Individual wins were achieved by Ben Richardson (110m Hurdles), Louis Persent (400m), Ian Simson (Triple Jump), Mickael Decressac (Javelin) and the men's 4x100m team. Ben Ellis achieved a double win in the 100m and 200m, as well as being a member of the sprint relay team, which earned him an award for most valuable performer. Entering as the underdogs, the women performed above expectation, losing by 12 events to 7, in a result much closer than anticipated. Laura Duke achieved an individual win in the Hammer Throw, and Florence Cavalli achieved the Blues standard in the pole vault despite an injury. The teams then journeyed onwards to compete at the prestigious Franklin Field, Philadelphia. Here they faced much tougher competition, in the form of a combined Penn-Cornell team. With many of the winning athletes from the previous match unavailable or injured, they were unable to repeat their performance of the previous week. The individual winners were Ben Richardson (110m Hurdles), Paolo Natali (5000m), Laura Duke (Hammer). The men's 4x400m was a highlight of the day and fantastic end to the tour as anchor runner Louis Persent took the baton in last place, despite solid runs from the rest of the team, and slowly closed the gap down the back straight earning the win in the final strides, having made up 30m on the last leg. In 2010 Penn and Cornell will travel to Great Britain and continue this historic series.

CUAC athletes had further success at the BUCS Championships, with the men achieving 4th place in the team standings, beating the High Performance Centres at Birmingham and Brunel. In doing so they gained 3 silvers and 1 bronze as well as some excellent performances. The silvers were won by Paolo Natali (3000m Steeplechase), Louis Persent (400m), Rory Graham-Watson (800m) and Humphrey Waddington (Triple Jump). The bronze was won by Paolo Natali in the 3000m Steeplechase.

Alongside this CUAC produced 7 finalists and 5 semi-finalists. There have also been other superb performances from CUAC athletes past and present. Phyllis Agbo, who graduated in 2007, is currently ranking second in the UK for the heptathlon and has achieved the 'B' entry standard for the World Championships in Berlin. She has also been invited to an international for the top 20 heptathletes in the world. Her long jump personal best this year takes her to 15th on the UK alltime rankings.

The former women's captain Grace Clements was ranked 4th in the UK in 2008 for heptathlon and has also represented Great Britain. Former Cambridge students Steve Green and Ben Carne were ranked 3rd and 8th respectively for the 400m Hurdles in the UK. Louis Persent, a current Johnian, has been selected to compete for GB in a junior international match in Germany this year, having been ranked 3rd in the under 20 age group in 2008 for 400m.

Badminton Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cucbc/

The Cambridge University Cockerels Badminton Club (CUCBC) consists of around thirty active members. Teams are put out to compete in the BUCS Badminton league enjoying a strong tradition, with many past teams enjoying success in the Premier League, as well as advancing deep into the yearly BUCS Individuals tournament in Nottingham. The Club also plays a yearly Varsity match against Oxford, and runs a league for College level play, as well as the yearly Cuppers.

Men's Varsity: Oxford 14-1 Cambridge Women's Varsity: Cambridge 9-6 Oxford It was a grim day for the Cambridge Men's squad in

general. The 1st and 2nd team were totally outclassed, with Cambridge only managing to wrestle one game from Oxford 1sts, courtesy of Peter and Arjun in a thrilling three setter of a doubles match. The 2nd Men's team fared little better, only managing to take two games off Oxford. The final scores: 1-14 to Oxford for Men's 1sts, 2-13 to Oxford for Men's 2nds.

There was more to cheer for in the match between the 3rd teams, with some gutsy badminton being played to end up narrowly losing 7-8 to Oxford.

The Women's team fared much better, beating Oxford convincingly across the board. Oxford could not match the depth of the Cambridge squad, and the final results stood at 9-6 for the 1sts, and 12-3 for the 2nds.

Overall however, Cambridge suffered a defeat to the tune of 31-44, allowing Oxford to take revenge for the year before, when Cambridge won a narrow victory.

League Report

Men's:

After a promising start drawing with Loughborough this year saw a team depleted through injury and other commitments demoted down to division 2A. Despite the unfortunate league result, the BUCS individual event saw Robert Hird and Peter Galloway proceed to the last 16 knocking out the third and fourth seeds and so hopefully meeting the Full Blue conditions. In the BUCS cup the men's team, struggling for players, did not proceed past the first round.

Women's:

A fantastic season saw the women's team finished 3rd in the premier division narrowly losing out on second place in their final match. Strong performances by Karen Hird and Catherine Murphy put them into the last 16 at the BUCS individual Championships again earning Full Blue status. The women's team also faired well in the BUCS Cup, reaching the quarter-finals.

Basketball Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cubbc/

The Cambridge University Basketball Club has two teams, a men's first (Blues) and a second (Lions) team. Both team play in BUCS league and cup competitions at a fairly high standard. The University team train up to four times a week and usually play at least one game per week during the first two terms. Each team competes in a Varsity match which is held at the end of February.

Varsity

21st Februrary 2010, Iffley Road Sport Complex, Oxford Oxford Blues 117-64 Cambridge Blues

Oxford 2nd 61-50 Cambridge Lions

Both Oxford teams showed their strength and the reason they are all ranked 1 division higher than their Cambridge counterparts during a competitive but ultimately disappointing weekend.

Blues

The first team match of saw the return of the England Universities duo of Reed Doucette and Stephen Danley - both college players from the US and a key part of an Oxford squad that finished this year as the third best team in the country. The Light Blues had no choice but to be aggressive early on to combat Oxford's size advantage. Excellent strong inside play from Richard Marting and outside shooting from Chris Haar and Milos Puzovic put the teams level at the end of the first quarter. Unfortunately, the first quarter completely exhausted the Light Blues and the Dark Blues looked much fresher and keen to put the game out of Cambridge's reach. As the match wore on it became apparent just how fast and welldrilled the Dark Blues were. Apart for some good offensive one-onone plays from Torsten Geelan the Light Blues had no way of stopping Oxford from getting open shots and opening fast breaks. Nevertheless, Cambridge showed some excellent phases,

and with all of the Oxford starting line-up leaving this year the future looks brighter than the past. It will be interesting to see how Oxford fare without their star players next season.

Lions

Cambridge Lions began the day as perhaps the most favoured to upset their rivals. A strong start to the first quarter by the point guard Lewis Cannon gave a small but respectable advantage to the Light Blues. He was followed by strong rebounding from John Feng and good inside play from Oscar Wilsby. Dark Blues sacrificed height on the court by choosing to field players with good longrange shooting ability. This reaped the benefits and the teams went to half-time level. The third quarter scoring drought from Light Blues and continued good long-range shooting from the Dark Blues allowed Oxford Twos to pull away. The end result was a close 61-50 loss for the Light Blue team, but having played the game without their coach they came away fairly

satisfied and itching for revenge next year.

Other Competitions and Results

The Blues competed in the highly competitive BUCS Midlands League Division 1 this season. After good showing at the annual preseason tournament at Kelsey Kerridge and convincing win in the first game expectations were high. Unfortunately due to illness and injuries to the several key players the Blues lost the next five games and by the Christmas the season was effectively finished. Most players from this year will remain in Cambridge next year, and the Blues will hope for a better showing in BUCS competitions next year.

The Lions team this year consisted of mostly new players. It took them a good part of the first half of the season to become welldrilled team but once they have reached their peak there was no limit to their play. Good on-season work was rewarded with five consecutive wins in BUCS Midlands League Division 3. The team next season will be unchanged and it will be expected that the Lions contest for promotion next year.

At the end of the season the University team was invited to the annual Bocconi Basketball University tournament. A mixed team, consisting of Blues and Lions players, convincingly won the tournament.

Other News

From 13th to 20th December a team of current and past Blues players was invited to tour Serbia. Having a Serbian coach and current player certainly helped smooth the trip over, but all of the committee played their parts in getting it organised and carrying it off.

During the trip the team played four teams from Macedonia and Serbia - all of an extremely high standard and with a majority of the players looking to play professionally in Europe. First up were Skopje - a 17/18 year old team from the Macedonian capital. The difference in quality between British and East



European basketball was immediately apparent, with any slight mismatch (of which there were many) or poor pass being punished ruthlessly. Nevertheless, a second half rally and some key shots down the stretch kept the scoreline respectable.

The next two games were very different stories. Playing the FMP and Partizan academy sides we were ranged against a collection of players who are all aiming to make a career in basketball. Despite keeping the game against FMP within 12 points for three quarters, they were playing very much in 1st gear and upped it in the 4th quarter to open up a fortypoint advantage. The ball movement and fast breaks were at times exquisite. Obviously trying to outdo their local rivals, Partizan fielded by far the strongest side of the trip, and held the Blues to 4 first quarter points whilst racking up 40 themselves. As a learning experience, lessons don't come much better than that! However, the final score of 107-33 was not as terrible as it appeared.

The final game of the tour was against Belgrade University, who were easily the most comparable to a British team. A weary Cambridge team battled in vain to avoid the Eastern whitewash, but eventually fell in a close game by 12 points. With a full squad, fresher legs and perhaps more urgency this result would have been different.

Women's Basketball Club

www.cuwbbc.org.uk/

Varsity

Oxford 62-37 Cambridge

The Cambridge Light Blues, led by captain Kathleen Beniuk, president Kim Lamza, and coached by the talented and well organized Sam Qian, took a strong team to the varsity match. The Light Blues fought hard in the match and despite great defensive efforts, were unfortunately bested by the Dark Blues and their tall American all-star. Final Score: Oxford 62 -Cambridge 37.

The team is looking forward to returning the favour on our home

court in February 2011. 2009/10 Team members: Kathleen Beniuk (c), Kim Lamza, Alexandra Zieritz, Briony Jones, Hanna Hörnberg, Paloma Navarro, Caroline Walerud, Stephanie Ko, Stephanie Polderdijk, Tina Herringshaw, Sarah Sheldon, Ritika Sood, Laura Nelson, Nicola Hands, and Malika Cantor.

Plans for 2010/11

This year we are happy to have a new coach, Amalio Fernandez-Pacheco from Zaragoza, Spain. Amalio is working hard to train the team in preparation for Varsity, which is to be held on 26 February in Cambridge. The club is, for the first time, fielding a Seconds Team, showing both the interest and dedication to women's basketball in Cambridge. Strengthening our alumni relations, the committee, lead by President Caroline Walerud, has appointed two Alumni Representatives, Stephanie Ko and Briony Jones. On 27 November 2010, the team played its first ever Alumni game, which saw alumni return to Cambridge from all over Europe including Germany and Holland. This season we plan to attend the Beirut Unisports Festival and tour to Finland again, to claim a place on the pedestal. CUWBbC is proud of our new sponsor, TD Waterhouse; without their support none of this would be possible.



Boat Club

www.cubc.org.uk/

Founded in 1828, Cambridge University Boat Club is responsible for organising, training and selecting the Cambridge crews for the Boat Race.

Outside of their various and distinguished academic pursuits, the Cambridge squad spend a large part of their time in two training facilities. Located in the heart of Cambridge, the Goldie Boat House contains a fullyequipped gym, ergometers, a rowing tank. Following morning workouts in Goldie, most afternoons the Cambridge squad can be found training on the River Ouse at Ely.

Expectations are high this year as the CUBC pursues its 157th Boat Race campaign, looking to build upon the success of the two wins on Boat Race day last year. Encouraged by last year's success, the club boats several returners from last year, including returning Blues Derek Rasmussen (President), Geoff Roth (VP), George Nash, and Hardy Cubasch (2009), along with Joel Jennings, Mike Thorp, and cox Liz Box from last year's Goldie crew.

Varsity

3rd April 2010, River Thames, London Cambridge Won by 1 and 1/3 Lengths In a truly epic battle on the Tideway, Cambridge confounded the bookies by coming from behind to win the 156th Boat Race. Their victory denied Oxford the hat-trick, and increased the Light Blues overall advantage in the series - Cambridge have now won 80 races against Oxford's 75.

Oxford won the toss and chose the Surrey station - always the safer bet when the forecasts promised squally showers with the wind swinging round to the south west. Off the start their stroke, Charlie Burkitt, took the crew off at 47 strokes a minute against Cambridge at 45, and along the boat houses Oxford begand to eke out a small advantage. But as the crews settled at 37 and got into their race pace beyond Beverley Brook, Cambridge - on the inside of the Middlesex bend - had drawn level.

Oxford now moved into a solid rhythm which gave them a canvas advantage by the time the crews reached Barn Elms. Despite being warned for their steering by umpire Simon Harris, they reached the Mile Post a second ahead of Cambridge, with both crews now rating 35.

Oxford were now determined to maximise the advantage of the inside of the Hammersmith bend and, despite a slight push from the Light Blues, went half a length clear at Harrods, and maintained the edge at Hammersmith Bridge, where there was a margin of two seconds between the crews.

As Cambridge now dug deep on the outside of the curve to prevent the opposition moving away. Maintaining the higher rate past St Paul's boathouse they began to close the gap, and Oxford upped their own rate to 36 to stave off the attack. As the forecast choppy conditions prevailed down Corney Reach, so the pressure from Cambridge proved relentless - they continued to close past Chiswick Eyot and narrowed the Oxford lead to just 0.5sec at Chiswick Steps.

Cambridge went for another push at the Crossing, which proved the crucial point in the race and this time the Dark Blues could not respond. For the first time Cambridge took the lead, finding new reserves of power in their confident stroke, while an air of desperation crept in to the Oxford boat.

Cambridge reached Barnes Bridge two seconds up and the Dark Blues faced the monumental task of moving round the outside of the final bend to recapture the lead. In a final push they upped the rate to 36 and began to close, but a confident response from Cambridge put the result in no doubt. The Light Blues pushed the rate back up to 38 to move away and cross the line four seconds clear in 17 mins 35 secs.

Report by Robert Treharne Jones, www.theboatrace.org 2010/11

The squad's first test of the 2010-11 Boat Race season took place at Fuller's Head of the River Fours (Fours' Head), a race in held in early November on the London Tideway. Following the reverse direction of the Boat Race course, the race allows the squad to effectively put down a marker noting the progress made through the first two months' training. CUBC fielded five coxed fours, all of which posted comparable times to those achieved by the dark blues' (racing both coxed and coxless boats).

Held at the end of Michelmas term, the squad's next major milestone took the form of the annual CUBC Trial Eights race, in which two evenly matched CUBC crews race over the boat race course in its entirety. Shake and Bake (a catch phrase from the film Talladega Nights) were pronounced the official names of the crews for 2010-11. Come race day, a heavier and more powerful Shake took advantage of an early head wind to be half a length up at the mile post. With the Surrey bend then in its favour, Shake stretched out its lead to win by four lengths. A good win for Shake but also a gutsy performance from Bake in unfavourable conditions.

Following a lot of work laid down at CUBC Winter Training Camp held in Banyoles, Spain, provisional Goldie and Blues Boat crews competed in Quentin Head in late January. The provisional Blues Boat took first place to achieve the Overall and Elite titles. Prevailing over University of London, Durham, and Newcastle crews, Goldie finished 4 seconds behind the London Rowing Club Senior 8+ to finish third overall and take second in the Senior category.

Provisional Goldie and Blues Boat crews will be competing at the BUCS Championship Head Race in Peterborough on February 20th, 2011, as well as appearing in a number of Tideway fixures in the lead up to the Boat Race on March 26th, 2011.

Women's Boat Club

www.cuwbc.org/

CUWBC exists to give University of Cambridge students the opportunity to compete against their Oxford University counterparts in the annual Henley Boat Races, a side-by-side race along a 2 kilometre stretch of the Henley reach. The event, which attracts up to 7,000 spectators to the venue in Henley on Thames, consists of four main competitions. CUWBC compete in three: the Women's Blue Boat race: the Women's Heavyweight Reserves race; and the Women's Lightweight race. To date CUWBC has a win rate of 77 to Oxford University's 53.

Athletes begin trials for selection in September of each year. From an initial squad of up to 50 at the beginning to the season, 24 oarswomen and 3 coxes are selected to represent CUWBC at the Henley Boat Races in the spring. Training is split between the Club's two main training bases in Cambridge and Ely.

CUWBC's athletes compete in many of the UK's major domestic rowing events, including the Women's Eights Head of the River. CUWBC is also a member of BUCS and is a regular competitor at BUCS sponsored events throughout the year, which attract representatives from many of the major Universities in the UK. 28/03/2010 at Henley on Thames, London Cambridge Blue Boat lost: 4 lengths Cambridge Lightweights lost: 2¹/₂ lengths Cambridge Blondie lost: 3¹/₂ lengths

The Henley Boat Races took place on Sunday 28th March this year. The Cambridge University Women's Blue Boat, Lightweights and Blondie (Heavyweight reserve) crews arrived in Henley on the previous Sunday in order to get used to the water before the culmination of six months of training. Heavy rain earlier in the week failed to dent proceedings for the 2010 Henley Boat Races and with a strong stream and a freshening southwesterly tailwind, fast times were always a possibility.

The first race of the day for CUWBC was Blondie versus Osiris. Blondie went off fastest, at 42 strokes a minute, but Osiris turned out to be the faster crew, winning by $3^{1/2}$ lengths. This was disappointing for Blondie, who had come together well during the weeks leading up to the race, but credit is due to Oxford for fielding one of the strongest reserve crews for years.

Cambridge once again had the higher stroke rate off the start in the women's Lightweights race, going off at 45 against Oxford at 42, but this time the race was a much closer affair. The Cambridge Lightweights heroically pulled back an Oxford lead with strong pushes through the middle section of the race. However, this was not enough and the Dark Blues won with a margin of $2^{1/2}$ lengths.

Finally, in the Women's Blue Boat Race, the Oxford crew was lighter and more experienced, with many national and international medals in their crew. Cambridge pushed hard and kept the faith but the experienced Oxford crew held on to their early lead and won by 4 lengths.

Other competitions and results On 13th November, the club sent one heavyweight crew to race in the Veteran Fours Head on the tideway. The Cambridge crew won the Intermediate 3 coxed fours category.

The club entered three VIIIs into the Fairbairn Cup races hosted by Jesus College Boat Club on the Cam. The 1st heavyweight crew won the event, the lightweight crew came in just 10s behind and the 2nd heavyweight crew a further 35s behind that. On February 13th, three CUWBC crews raced in Henley Eights Head of the River. The 1st Boat won the Intermediate 2 category with the other crews also putting in strong performances

At the 2010 Women's Head of the River races in London, the club entered potential Boat Race Blue Boat and Blondie crews. The Blue Boat came 21st and Blondie 58th.

The club entered a Blondie IV and a Lightweight VIII into the BUCS Price Waterhouse Coopers Rowing Regatta 2010. CUWBC performed strongly, the lightweight VIII reaching the finals and the Blondie IV won gold in the Intermediate coxed IVs category, beating OUWLRC along the way.

Bowmen

www.srcf.ucam.org/cub/

Cambridge University Bowmen is a club open to anybody interested in giving archery a go; we welcome people who have never picked up a bow and arrow in their life, with have-a-go sessions, beginner's courses and equipment loans. We also cater for experienced archers of any bow discipline, and it is possible to practice daily for those who are keen to improve. We are a competitive club, with many tournaments throughout the year, open to seniors and novices. The highlights of the year are the Varsity Match held in May, and the BUCS indoor and outdoor championships, but we are also part of the BUTTS league, which holds regular legs and is currently the most competitive and the highest scoring league in the UK, comprising Cambridge, Oxford, Nottingham, Warwick, Loughborough, Derby, Birmingham and Nottingham Trent Universities. We also take part in the British inter-universities E-league, which is open to anybody who shoots a Portsmouth round indoors, and is a fun way to compare scores across the country, and each year we send at least one team to the British University Target Championships, where they must shoot under pressurised conditions in head-to-head matches to beat the opponents. We have several archers who shoot for their county and compete in local and national level tournaments and, indeed, we have archers – including Heather Reynolds and Carrie Oliver – who hold external British records.

16th May 2010 on John's Backs, Cambridge Cambridge: 3344, Oxford: 3238 (Cambridge win) Cambridge novices: 2132, Oxford novices: 2780 (Oxford novice win)

After a convincing win by Cambridge last year, the pressure and expectations were on the Cambridge archers to seal their 13th consecutive Varsity match win back on home soil. And they did not disappoint.

Throughout the day, Cambridge stayed focussed on their goal of lifting the historic Rose Bowl, and were rewarded by sunny and reasonably calm conditions to make the task an even more enjoyable one. There was some good shooting from Oxford's leading archers, however, it was Cambridge's solidarity and great team effort that sealed the victory, with the highest threshold to make the team in recorded history. In the final team, and achieving their Half Blues were Carrie Oliver, Heather Reynolds, Caroline Sandford and Tak Ho.

Carrie Oliver put in the highest score of the match, and was rewarded in her last ever Varsity match with her first 6-gold end (a perfect end).

Unfortunately, despite their convincing win last year, the Cambridge novice team (Otava Piha, Ben Price, Nick Soderberg and Katie Borley) did not fare so well this time, and their efforts were not enough to hold off the fearsome Oxford novice competition.

However, the Cambridge mood at the end of the shoot was a positive one and, as we packed up the field, Oxford busied themselves making human pyramids, much to the bemusement of the Master of St John's College, our Lord Patron for the match. Afterwards both teams headed off to Pembroke College for a fun formal.

Other News from 2009/10

As usual, all three terms were packed with competitions and Cambridge squad members managed to bring home a good medal haul. Notably, Heather Reynolds won an individual silver ladies longbow medal at the BUCS indoor championships in Sheffield, as well as a gold, silver and bronze medal in the senior ladies recurve at the three BUTTS league shoots she attended. Caroline Sandford also won a ladies silver medal at



the Derby BUTTS leg, and Tak Ho won gents senior bronze.

The novice team was fantastic over the indoor season, with two gold team medals at Oxford and Nottingham BUTTS matches. Ed Marffy was the star archer, winning 3 individual gold gents novice recurve medals to add to his team medals. Ferenc Huszar also managed 2 silver gents medals, Karl Williams won a bronze gents medal, Otava Piha won one gold and one silver ladies novice medals, and Katie Borley won the gold at the BUTTS indoor championships for ladies novice recurve.

The annual Cuppers match was won by Robinson College (Tim Craig and Kingsley Warren), who narrowly defeated the Jesus pair (Heather Reynolds and Sam Burnand) in the final.

Canoe Club



www.cucanoe.co.uk/wp/

Cambridge University Canoe Club caters for those who have never been in a boat before, through to people who want to throw a ball around while staying upright or paddle crazy grade 5 rapids. Most of the time we paddle on the Cam, trying to dodge the punts, though we do go to Wales, Scotland and the Alps, amongst other places, in search of more interesting water. We also play Canoe Polo, five-aside in kayaks, where pushing your opponents in is in the rules!

Varsity 2009/10

Cambridge		Oxford		
White Water Race				
Mens	17	10		
Womens	9	0		
Canoe Polo				
Mens A	0	8		
Mens B	8	1		
Womens	2	4		
Marathon				
Mens	9	27		
Womens	20	24		
Freestyle				
Mens	27	41		
Womens	30	16		

Wight Water Race

The White Water Race was held at the River Washburn alongside the BUCS WWR event. Cambridge's men's team of Rich Hendron, Rob Anderson and Ian Dumolo put in a very impressive performance, coming in 2nd overall and beating Oxford by 16 points to 10. A strong race from Alison Galloway, Hannah Salter and Hayley Sharp put the Iadies team in 7th place overall. This led to a convincing 9-1 points victory over Oxford.

Marathon

The marathon race was held on the River Cam, running from just upstream of the Fen Causeway up to Grantchester and back, once for ladies and twice for men. The ladies event could have gone either way. A very strong race from Cambridge's Alison Galloway put her in 1st place. However 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed Oxford competitors led to a narrow Oxford victory on points. In the men's race, a strong Oxford team took the victory.

Polo

The polo matches were also held on the Cam, alongside Jesus Green. The men's team started off well, with strong defending from both sides. Oxford managed to seize a goal, leaving the score 1-0 at half time. Unfortunately Cambridge fell apart in the second half, leading to an 8-0 loss, a disappointing end to an otherwise successful season. The closely fought ladies match eventually came to a 4-2 loss.

Freestyle

The freestyle event has not run for several years, so it was good to see it make a return. It was held at the artificial white water course at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. It was great to see so many Cambridge freestyle novices testing their skills on the newly refurbished course. The more experienced Oxford paddlers took the victory.

Other news from 2009/10

As a club we have broad canoeing and kayaking interests; from white water kayaking to marathon boating, canoe polo to freestyle. We train on the river Cam and at a local swimming pool on a weekly basis, with sessions for both general kayaking skills and canoe polo. We also hold 1* and 2* training courses throughout the year for novices to the sport. When the water levels are up, white water trips to Wales and the Lake District are run for both advanced and novice paddlers. Many of our members also participate in a range of competitive kayaking events. The annual BUCS Wild Water Racing (WWR) Championships, Slalom and Canoe Polo are very popular. Our men's team also competes in the regional canoe polo division 3 and the men's, women's and novice teams participate in regional polo tournaments. The annual Varsity match comprises BUCS WWR, along with marathon kayaking, canoe polo, and the recently reinstated freestyle.

Competition results for the year:

BUCS Wild Water Race

Men's team - 2nd place Women's team - 7th place University ranking - 7th Varsity points – 26 (Oxford 10)

BUCS Slalom

Men's individual K1 - 4th - James Dixon

BUCS Polo

Mens – 4th Women's – 19th Open league – 4th Old boys – 5th

Men's Regional Division 1 Canoe Polo – 1st Men's National Division 3 Central League Canoe Polo – 8th

ULU Canoe Polo Tournament

Men's Team – 3rd Open Team – 2nd

Cricket Club

www.cucc.net/

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwcc/

Blues Varsity Matches, Lords, 4 July 2010

There is life in Varsity cricket yet: the crowds may no longer come in thousands, but, as Cambridge chased 271 to defeat an experienced Oxford side – and to record only a third win at Lord's since 2000 – the health of the ancient fixture was made clear. Parity was maintained throughout most of the first two hours. Cambridge captain Akbar Ansari had asked Oxford to bat first, and while openers Daniel King and Sam Agarwal fell over straight balls and Dark Blue captain Raj Sharma chipped to cover, the elder Sharma – Avi – and long-time Cambridge's bête noire, Neil Kruger, took the score to 132 without further alarm. Still, when Sharma skewed Dan Goodwin to point and Kruger was caught smartly at the wicket, restricting

Oxford to fewer than 230 seemed eminently possible. Such was not to be: the returning Cambridge seamers offered width and generous lengths, and some seventy runs haemorrhaged from the batting power play, taken by Australian duo Nick Meadows and Daniel Pascoe. Meadows was finally caught for a summarily brutal 66 from 49 balls as Oxford finished on 270, a total which had not been chased successfully since the inauguration of the C.B. Fry Trophy. Choice among the Cambridge bowlers had been Goodwin (2 for 43) and Marc Rosenberg (2 for 28): only the profligacy of their team-mates had loosened a leash that they had held tightly; only an electric fielding triumvirate of Ansari, Rosenberg, and Richard Hesketh had prevented disintegration.

Perhaps becalmed by an extraordinary lunch, the Cambridge batsmen began their reply inauspiciously. Richard Timms fell lbw to Lewis Dingle; Hesketh gloved a rising brute from John Lodwick, while Anand Ashok - struggling to replicate the form which delivered him the Walter Lawrence Trophy in 2009 scraped to 34 in some 20 overs before charging and missing. From here, though, captain Ansari and Rosenberg led a compelling fightback. The spinners Agarwal and Pascoe were manoeuvred deftly, and - when opportunity arose the forty-yard boundary to the Warner Stand was targeted with impunity. At 196/3, with both guns firing, Cambridge looked set to record a comfortable victory. 207/5, however, was less promising: Rosenberg had finally been caught at long-on and Ansari lost – perhaps fatally – to a mix-up with new batsman Frankie Brown. Redemption found Brown, however, by way of a thrilling, unbeaten partnership of 64 with Kennedy in which flamboyant upper-cuts, scything square drives, and smart running wrested back

momentum allowing Cambridge to secure a famous victory with just thirteen balls to spare. Oxford will rue the reprieves they gave to Rosenberg and the generosity of their bowlers (24 wides is too many under any circumstances); but the maturity of Brown and Kennedy would have finished tougher chases than this. In the context of disappointment in the T20 fixture and the ignominious defeat in the first-class fixture the following week, this victory at the Home of Cricket was a tremendous result for the underdog Cambridge team.

Meanwhile, on the Nursery Ground, having eased to victory by 10 wickets in 2009, Cambridge's Women's team arrived at Lord's eager to reassert their dominance. The women had prepared with their annual game against the Army, who were not, it seems, the powerhouse they were in 2009: Cambridge amassed 210-7 (Hornsby 37, Donnelly 35, Bellfield 56) and then demolished the forces for 91 (Clarkson 3-22 and Davis 3-15). So they entered their winner-takes-all varsity match with high confidence. After losing the toss and being put into bat, openers Sophia Davis and Charlotte Hornsby established a solid base, with Hornsby reaching 27 before being caught at slip. Cambridge lost wickets at a steady rate, but each member proved their worth to the team. Helen Bellfield, batting at 4, scored a fine 45 before falling to a dubious LBW appeal from Oxford. The partnership of Bellfield and captain Ellie Fielding steadied the Cambridge ship somewhat and vice-captain Danielle Lavender scored a fine 24 batting with the tail. Cambridge were all out with just 3 balls to go and

hoped that 241 would be enough with the small boundary on the nursery pitch.

Before the match began, Cambridge were well aware of the reliance of Oxford on their opening bat and captain, LeMarchand. She looked in good form, and as she fell into her stride Cambridge knew something had to be done. Commence the day of Bellfield - with a solid 45 under her belt she came onto bowl from the top end and with flighted right arm off-spin she soon took LeMarchand caught and bowled on 79. Bellfield ("Squirrel") ended the match with 4-33. After the demise of their captain Oxford collapsed with Bellfield taking 2 more wickets and Clarkson returning to clean up the rest ending with figures of 2-38. Fielding took the last catch to end Oxford's hopes of turning the tables from last year, bowled out in 35.4 overs.

Crusaders' 3-day Varsity Match, Fenner's, 23-25 July 2010

Oxford arrived full of energy, no doubt disappointed by the result of the T20 but probably assuming they could take the positives from that performance and compete with the bat and ball. They left two days later broken men, having been outbowled, outfielded, and outbatted so comprehensively that – even at lunch on the first day – they must have seen the writing on the wall.

The game's first half hour gave no indication of the coming storm. Thomas Probert bowled as parsimoniously as he would all innings (of his 17 overs, 10 were maidens, finishing with 4-25). The ball was beating the bat, but this was to be expected first up. The question was what would happen in the following 10 overs, when the lacquer came off the ball and the pitch's initial liveliness died out. The answer was carnage. In 22 breathless overs and 90 elated minutes, Oxford found themselves completely blown away - all but bowled out, and all but out of the match as a contest. 8 wickets fell: first Patel's off pole was sent cartwheeling by a delivery from Geoff Wilmot that swung in and nipped away, then danger-man Stafford edged a Probert outswinger to third slip, where Tom Askew did the honours in total comfort. Number four Portz snicked through to keeper Gus Kennedy, and 11-0 had become 18-3. Fifteen minutes of playing and missing with no reward followed, as opener Stearn and captain Baillie attempted to reanchor the innings. A bowling change was needed, and it could not have reaped more immediate rewards. With his very first ball Dave Milodowski induced the circumspect Stearn to edge to an expectant Phil Ashton in the cordon. 24-4. Minutes later, Baillie, doubtless near-suicidal in the knowledge that all his recognised batsmen were back in the hutch after just 81 minutes of play, edged Probert to Ashton, who again made no mistake. Dave Milodowski then had the lefthanded Hopton adjudged caught behind in slightly controversial circumstances, a fact that was of little concern to a rampant Cambridge team, who went into lunch buoyed by one further wicket – Swann, brilliantly caught by a full-length Kennedy inches off the ground, as captain George Reynolds' plan of coming on to mop up the tail came to fruition. Soon after lunch Reynolds had Shakespeare LBW and Probert removed World's Unhappiest Man Kearns - who'd flinched and



Photo: Matt Bright

whinged at every turn during a barrage of short stuff – via an athletic one-handed grab by Mike Carson in the gully. 76 all out.

With Cambridge bowling, Fenner's had looked lively, bouncy - a place where crease occupation, not free scoring, was the way forward. 10 overs into the Cambridge reply, it was fairly clear that this wasn't the case at all: it was, predictably, a total belter. The folly of the Oxford batting performance – or the extreme accuracy of the Cambridge bowling performance - came into stark focus; all it took was a few meaty blows from Ashton and an uncharacteristically aggressive approach from Phil Hughes to smash all residue of shine off the ball, as a series of loose deliveries were punished en route to an opening partnership of 80 off 12.5 overs. Whatever the wicket, however, good bowling is still always hard to score off. When Ashton fell, Oxford finally began to put some dots together and build some pressure. Hughes soon followed, and the new partnership between Ananya Sen and Ed Pearson was not worth many when Evans conjured an inswinger to trap Pearson in front shouldering arms. 116-3 - a lead of just 40. Fortunately, Askew and Sen kept their cool to put Cambridge back on track. Exercising admirable restraint, they took their time, putting away the odd full one and - in Sen's case – cutting with aplomb. It was one such cut that, as the day's play entered its final half-hour, took Sen from 49 to 53; it was another sort of cutter off the bowling of Stearn that, one ball later, sent him back to the hutch, LBW for 53 at the end of the days play.

The Authentics, started the morning of the second day full of energy, doubtless hoping that

with a few early wicket a lead of 150-odd was not insurmountable, and possibly even entertaining notions of salvaging a draw or an improbable victory. By lunch, any such hope – and any hope at all, really - had been extinguished, and the spectators were treated to the sight of mere shells of men going through the motions of playing cricket; drained by the hot sun, wearied by constantly chasing leather, bruised after a blistering assault from resident horseman of the Apocalypse, Michael Carson. It had all started so well for the Dark Blues, as Askew looking good to build on his overnight foundation, was unfortunate to snick off to the impressive Evans. This only served to bring Kennedy to the crease, and his positive approach chimed with the increasingly aggressive instincts of Carson. The result was a ninety-minute period prior to lunch in which 150 runs were put on in increasingly guick time, and Oxford went from sentient beings to broken husks. Oxford opener Shakespeare took the most punishment, as Carson hammered him all round the ground, and even Stearn, during his mammoth 41-over bowling effort, also took some tap. And even after Carson's holing out to deep mid-wicket for 153, Kennedy never looked in trouble and motored to an unbeaten, chanceless 103 with yet another crisp shot down the ground, which also served to take Cambridge more than 400 past Oxford's score.

The scorecard suggests that Oxford made a better fist of it second time round, but to be honest, they didn't really. O'Herlihy delivered on his first innings promise and brutalised 70 before missing a straight one from Wilmot, but without his contribution Oxford were left as clueless and spineless as they had been first time round. Wilmot produced another beauty that ducked back in a clipped the top of the hapless Patel's off pole; Reynolds had the immense satisfaction of adding a 30 yearold man exhausted by 40 overs' bowling to his list of "Inappropriate People I've Got Out With The Short Ball", and trapped the clueless Portz in front soon after. Baillie was admirably limpetlike until he chased one of the widest balls of the day and snicked off, Swann fell insideedging a Wilmot inducker that Kennedy pouched diving to his left in one of the catches of the season; balls later Askew produced Kennedy's only competition in diving full stretch to his right to claim Stafford's outside edge off Wilmot's bowling (the fifth wicket for the big man). All it then needed was for Carson to apply the coup de grace, and this he did, bowling Kearns and taking a sharp grabbed-and-bowled to send Shakespeare backing and cue almost embarrassed celebrations from the victorious Crusaders. "Embarrassed"? Embarrassed. The gulf in class between the two sides had been that big.

CUCC Tour of India, January 2010

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Alison Richard, was visiting alumni in India at the beginning of January and it was suggested that an accompanying tour by the Cambridge University Cricket Club would be well received. This was an opportunity not to be missed for fourteen cricketers, a coach and a tour manager. What made it all possible was the very generous sponsorship by Dr Yusuf Hamied, the chairman of CIPLA, his own pharmaceutical company. Dr Hamied had been at Cambridge at the same time as Tony Lewis the former England cricket captain and they were both able to watch
some of the cricket and to meet the team, as did the Vice Chancellor's party. A tour itinerary was hastily put together by Sachin Bajaj, the founder of the Global Cricket School, who lives in Mumbai and organises many coaching courses in India for county, club and school cricketers. He organised accommodation and fixtures and on Thursday 7th January the team arrived in Delhi, leaving behind the ice and snow in the UK.

That same evening the first match, a Twenty20, took place with the High Commission team under floodlights. The floodlights were poor in the dusk and the dark, the seasonal fog made matters worse and seeing anything from the boundaries was almost impossible for fielders and spectators alike. Despite that handicap the CUCC team held on to a number of good catches when the ball was skied. The match was won by seventy runs and several of the team had the chance to bat against some friendly club bowling and bowl without too much pressure. The hospitality back at the High Commission bar was warm and friendly and it seemed to have been a long day by the time the coach arrived back at the Ashok Country Resort at about 11.00pm

The following day the team had an early start to travel from the hotel in South West Delhi to St Stephen's College Ground in North Delhi to play a Delhi and District Cricket Association XI. Yet again there was thick mist and fog and it was cold. There was no chance of starting on time because of the fog but eventually it was agreed to reduce the match to another Twenty20 and start at 12.30pm. Disappointingly, CUCC batted poorly, only scored 114 and the match was lost by six wickets, though there were a couple of moments in the DDCA innings when they might have been restricted to fewer runs. The game against Roshanara Cricket Club was less disturbed by fog, although the weather was still cold. CUCC batted first and four batsmen started well without any of them dominating the attack or going on to a big score. The innings lost momentum on a couple of occasions and CUCC scored about thirty runs too few, ending on 205 for 6. After a disastrous start, with numerous wide deliveries, the team was always on the back foot, although the bowlers did manage to claw their way back into the game, until a big left hander put the result out of doubt, striking the ball well, both straight and over wide mid on. The match was lost by six wickets; the second loss to a team which was no better than CUCC and could have been beaten. The reception with the Vice Chancellor afterwards was well organised and the team mingled well. There were speeches and a buffet and the Cambridge alumni were welcoming and interested to meet the present-day students.

The trip from Delhi to Mumbai saw a considerable rise in temperature, better grounds and a real opportunity for the team to experience Indian playing conditions. Two matches were played at Bombay Gymkhana Ground, the venue for the first Test Match ever played on Indian soil, one was played at the Brabourne Stadium, the home of the Cricket Club of India and an international match venue, and the other game was played at the Mumbai Cricket Association Recreation Ground, where Sachin Tendulkar was having a short practice net in the background. These were all impressive grounds with excellent

facilities and the cricket was always close. It was disappointing that Bombay University chose to treat their fixture as a practice game. They played fourteen players, despite the CUCC's captain's insistence, rightly, that this had not been agreed before the start and therefore should not have been allowed by the umpires. This game was also shortened from a two-day match to a oneday game, so it was necessary to arrange another fixture for the second day, which was achieved by playing Nirlon CC at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground. The game with Bombay University saw two large scores and some good striking of the ball. It would have been good to have seen a competitive match because the two squads looked reasonably well matched. Nirlon CC were beaten and after the match there was plenty of time to spend at CCI, where the team swam and went to the gym before being treated to a meal by Sachin Bajaj at the Pool Café.

The CCI team had one or two really good players, but the remainder were not outstanding. CUCC batted first and should have scored 15 or so more runs. 217 was always a few too many short of the target. Once again batsmen played themselves in and then failed to go on past fifty, although the CCI bowling was not very penetrative. This inability to make large scores was one of the abiding memories of the tour and always put the bowlers under pressure. The CCI innings was led by a batsman who paced his innings very well and, although CUCC had moments when they were able to put some pressure on the batsmen, the main batsman guided them home by six wickets with one over to spare in a 40-over match. This match was the first

attended by Dr Yusuf Hamied, Tony and Joan Lewis. Yusuf and Tony greeted the CUCC players, who responded very well indeed. After the match CUCC beat a pair of CCI snooker players (in a handicap contest) and there was an excellent reception, courtesy of Sachin Bajaj, who presented the Raj Singh Dungapur Scholarship for a CUCC player to come to the Global Cricket School for coaching annually with all costs, except flights, paid.

The final match against Bombay Gymkhana, who were the strongest opponents of the tour by some distance, took place at the Gymkhana ground. They had a solid bowling attack of five good bowlers, including a Rajasthan Royals quick bowler who was coming back from changing his action and so did not bowl at full pace. There was also a good opening bowler who swung the ball both ways, a promising new recruit from Kashmir and the nephew of Mike Brearley's wife, who plays as a contracted overseas player in England. Even the captain, as the sixth bowler, was a wily off-spinner. CUCC managed to reach 174 for 7, but this was another situation where batsmen got in and could not continue. CUCC lost convincingly by 8 wickets when an explosive opening batsman hit several boundaries on a good even-paced pitch After this match was the second reception with the Vice Chancellor. This was hosted by the President of the Cambridge University Alumni and took the form of speeches by the President, the Vice Chancellor, the Tour Manager and Dr Hamied and a Question & Answer session with the gathered alumni. Once again there was the opportunity for the alumni to meet the CUCC touring party over a buffet supper.

The tour was a marvellous experience for all the players. It gave them the chance to play in different conditions against players, for the most part, of the same standard. It also provided an opportunity for the captain and coach to see how the cricketers reacted in pressure situations. Off the field they were all excellent ambassadors for the university and a pleasure to be with. On the field, there were many encouraging signs of talent, but throughout the tour the team struggled to score enough runs. The bowling was not strong as a unit, although at times one or other of the bowlers did manage to give the captain an element of control. Generally there was not sufficient consistency and so more games were lost than won. The captain grew in confidence and stature during the tour and there were signs of a growing team spirit, which should be helpful in the summer term's fixtures. This winter tour was an excellent experience and, thanks to CIPLA's and Dr Hamied's generosity, fourteen players, a coach and a tour manager had a most enjoyable ten days in India. [Roger Knight President of CUCC and Tour Manager]

Other University Cricket

The Men's side competed in the BUCS Midlands League 1A, winning all bar one of their games, including two good wins away at Loughborough. However, as is ever the case with Blues, performance in this competition the onset of exams for a predominantly undergraduate side meant that a match had to be forfeited against a very weak UEA side. This cost the Men the title, and, more gallingly, the opportunity to play in a strong Premier League next year. The Cambridge women knew the 2010 season would be a tough one: promotion to the Northern Premier entailed stronger opposition but also further travel a major issue with 3 finalists and 4 post-graduate students working hard to complete their theses. Cambridge struggled to compete against the accurate bowling of Leeds and Loughborough, but had a closer match against Durham. After a 5 hour journey Cambridge put up a good fight with a greatly weakened side but lacked the experience to chase down their total. However, the tables were turned when they came to Pembroke, when we put them into bat and bowled them out for 131 with Bellfield talking 4-12 and Lavender 3-26. Bellfield then went on to score a fine 66 in a 4-wicket victory. This solitary victory left the women at the bottom of the Northern Prem, having to travel to Birmingham at the peak of exam time and so only managing a scratch XI. Despite this, they bowled well and kept them to 170-6 on a small pitch (Fielding taking 2-25). We had a strong reply and with 10 overs to go it looked as though we could make it. Sadly, we lacked the depth in our batting and after 30 overs we were 125-9. Brave innings from Davis (26) and Fielding (46*) were in vain.

Both the Men and the Women entertained the MCC in matches at Fenner's. The women played host just before May Week, with 2009-Blue Ross returned for the MCC to play against her old team mates. She scored a match-winning 75 before being caught by Fielding at mid-off from Bellfield's bowling. The MCC made 198-6 before lunch. After a hopeful start for Cambridge's batters, they were unable to defend their wickets and soon fell to the MCC for under

100. The men's 3-day encounter was a higher-scoring affair. The MCC, batting first, amassed 380 runs on the first day, with ex-Academy player Eddie Ballard making a career-best 190. On the second day, an excellent partnership between captain Ansari (128*) and keeper Kennedy (46) allowed the Blues to declare 50 runs short and invite the MCC to make a game of it on the final day. This they duly did and, after a ponderous start, they set 352 in just over two sessions. A solid base was established by openers Timms and Ashok, who dominated the seamers before lunch. However, with their demise shortly afterwards, and the MCC's introduction of two talented spinners the Blues run-rate dwindled, reaching 160-4 at just 4 runs per over. However, in a thrilling final hour, Ansari proved what a devastating threat he can be, blasting his second unbeaten century of the game (110*) to bring his side home with just minutes to spare.

MCCU – Combined Academy Side

From September 2009 to March 2010 the squad worked hard on their physical shape as well as technical skills ensuring that the Cambridge MCCU entered the 2010 season with a clean bill of health knowing, as always, it would be an important season to justify the MCC backing of the scheme. We welcomed new faces in to the squad but realised that we had to play to our full potential to compete in all of our competitions. Many thanks go to Nick Lee for his skill and hard work co-ordinating and running the strength and conditioning programme, which also bonded the group.

Due to a very early start to our fixture programme pre season

friendlies began in late March and included matches versus Essex 2's, Northants 2's, Derbyshire 2's and MCC'YC's

First Class Games

vs. Surrey April 3rd-5th

After a delayed start Cambridge MCCU won the toss and elected to field first. Pete Turnbull bowled exceptionally well to reduce Surrey to 28-2 and at one time were 183-5, however Steve Davies on his Surrey debut batted very well and Surrey finished on 366-7. Turnbull finished with figures of 5-92 off his 30 overs. Cambridge batted steadily throughout but only Adam Wheater made a halfcentury (52), Jivan Lotay was unbeaten on 34. The game ended quietly as a draw, but, on what was an excellent wicket for the time of year, Surrey was well satisfied with their early season workout.

vs. Leicestershire April 21st-23rd

Again Cambridge MCCU fielded first, and, after a good mornings work Leicestershire were reduced to 47-3 with more good bowling from Woolley and Turnbull. Ex Granta player Du Toit rescued Leicestershire and, after surviving an early chance, he made 154 to help his team to 411-7 dec. Cambridge replied with a slightly disappointing 199a/o with Wheater, again, making a half century along with Woolley 55no and Lee 39. The game ended in a draw but in Cambridge's 2nd innings Ben Ackland made a solid 51no on debut and Steve Gray was undefeated on 35

vs. Sussex May 12th-14th

Once again Cambridge fielded first and once again made early inroads but failed to capitalise. At one stage Sussex were 43-4, but international batsman Joyce scored a lovely 100 to enable Sussex to declare on 277-5. Cambridge were indebted to Craig Park who made 72 out of 181 a/o. In the second innings Cambridge were set 350 to win, but, although batting well, were all out for 265 with Lee making 63 in his last first class appearance for Cambridge, as well as good contributions from Ackland, Hughes, Woolley and Gray.

In all 3 first class games Cambridge provided credible and competitive opposition for the county sides. Once again they were given first class pitches and practice facilities at Fenners and the coaches of all 3 sides spoke positively of their experience. The new ball bowling for Cambridge of Turnbull and Woolley got early breakthroughs in all 3 games and most of the batting contributed at different times without anyone capitalising and making 3 figures to put themselves in the shop window.

MCC Universities 2 Day Competition

In what became a hugely frustrating campaign Cambridge began very impressively with a comfortable win versus a strong Bradford /Leeds side and an equally comfortable draw against Oxford on a very flat pitch at the Parks. The following game against Loughborough went down to the very last ball of the match where Loughborough overhauled Cambridge's 401 with 9 wickets down. Outplayed against the best side in the competition, Durham, meant that Cambridge entered the last game versus Cardiff needing a first innings win to go to Lords as runners up. However 287-6 became 292 a/o and despite Cardiff's run chase stuttering all the way they eventually got their target with 7 wickets down.

The outstanding performer in the competition with the bat was Steve Gray who scored centuries versus Bradford/Leeds and Loughborough plus a 64 against Oxford. The other batting performances of note was a century for Phil Hughes against Oxford in his first match and 98 by Anil Gupta against Loughborough in also his first match after being called up half an hour before the match began. Ultimately what cost Cambridge was a lack of consistent availability of key players throughout the campaign due to a variety of reasons, but those that took the field made a good account of themselves and new players were discovered.

Bucs 50-over Competition

In recent years Cambridge have struggled in this competition, an issue that was addressed frequently during the off-season, and, after a poor performance in the opening game versus Exeter it looked again as if this would be the case. However a quite incredible partnership versus Bradford/Leeds by Woolley and Turnbull gave Cambridge a win and with a straight-forward win versus Bath plus 2 no results meant that we showed some progress in this competition, something we are keen to build on in 2011

Inter MCCU 20/20

On the opening day of the inter 20/20 tournament held at Loughborough, Cambridge put in 2 exceptional performances versus Bradford/Leeds and Exeter to record good wins. This put the team through to the semi-finals on the next day against a very strong Durham 2XI. However Durham's superior guality showed and the easily overcame Cambridge and eventually won the competition. In the last 2 seasons Cambridge have performed very well in this tournament and beaten 4 university sides only losing to Derbyshire and Durham 2XI's

Overall

There was a heavy work load on our 3 main seamers, Turnbull (30 wickets), Woolley (24 wickets) and Park (11 wickets), our spinners Lotay and Brown performed well but through a variety of reasons were not available often enough for Cambridge to consistently compete in all competitions. Adam Wheater went on to be a regular member of Essex's pro 40 side and did very well. Rob Woolley became a regular member of Lancashire 2XI side and took several wickets. Turnbull and Park played almost every game for the MCCU combined side and became important players. Lotay, Gray, Woolley and Ansari also represented this side and gave good accounts of themselves. The 3 female members of the squad enjoyed good seasons representing Cambridge MCCU in the BUCS competition and at Lords against Loughborough for the best of the rest.

Beginning courses at the Cambridge Centre for the 2010/11 period include Paul Best (Warwickshire and England U19 capt) and Zafer Ansari (Surrey and England U19), both of whom will be studying at the University of Cambridge. A squad will be selected throughout October and be announced on October 30th before beginning the programme.

Cruising Club

www.cucrc.org/

The CUCrC is the umbrella club for the University Sailing Team, the Windsurfing Team, the Casual Sailing Club and the Yachting Club.

Varsity 2010 Match Report:

The Varsity Match is truly the highlight of the sailing season – it is a celebration of a sport that we give our lives to over the course of the academic year (although thankfully, not our degrees, for the most part). Instead of rain, there is sun. Instead of flat calm, there is wind. Instead of bitter cold mornings in December, there is warmth. The Varsity Match is the most civilised sailing event of the year. And 2010 has been no exception. This year saw us sailing RS Elites, a relatively new class, at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club on the south coast.

The Friday saw some of the closest team racing in the mixed event in several years. Race 1 saw tight racing up to the windward mark, with Pete Bunch and Pete Dannatt of Cambridge holding their nerve at the top of the course to allow Greg Hall into 1st. The 1,2,3 that was produced guickly became 1,2,6 on the run, but was successfully held to ensure first blood went to Cambridge. On the start line, Race 2 looked like another Cambridge 1,2 – but some excellent sailing from Oxford, forcing us out into the tide, saw the emergence of a Cambridge 1,4,5 as the run progressed. A close umpire call at the bottom mark saw it slip away from us, and the scores drew level at 1-1.

Having swapped boats, we entered Race 3. In an inversion of race 1, Oxford gained an extremely close 1,2 down the run that they held, despite the valiant efforts of the two Petes – Bunch and Dannatt. 2-1 Oxford. Race 4 was to be the last race of the day, and it was a must-win for Cambridge to level the scores and keep up morale. The positions went to and fro throughout the race, with another call at the leeward mark forcing Cambridge into a losing combination. But thanks to the superb skill of Henry Maxfield, and the speed of Will Kalderon, Oxford were given turns just metres from the line, and Cambridge squeaked away with a 1,4,5. Results for Day 1:2-2. The evening saw a barbeque sponsored by Fullers brewery which made the straight sets defeat of Andy Murray that bit easier to bear. Both teams were confident that the next morning would bring them the victory. Both teams drank plenty of beer.

Day 2 brought with it an initial bought of rain – but in true Varsity style this soon disappeared and we were once again left with glorious sunshine. Both teams knew they had to win two races of three to take home the Challenge Cup. Cambridge left Oxford stunned at the start-line in Race 5 - skilled delaying tactics by Pete Dannatt and Greg Hall allowed Pete Bunch to scream in on the starboard lav-line and leave 2 Oxford boats behind in his wake. The windward saw the Cambridge take a 1,2,4 lead onto the run – a lead that was held, just, to the end. 3-2 Cambridge. Oxford knew they faced an uphill struggle, and Cambridge, feeling more and more confident, lined up with the

express aim of ending Oxford's 2year retention of the trophy. Another superb start from Cambridge saw a 1,2 emerge, and this was held down the run – the efforts of Andrew Lewis saw off a last ditch challenge from Oxford to romp home to win the series 4-2! I have only to mention the otherwise unsung heroes of every sailing event - the other two crews Pete Wathen and Max Darke - and then offer my heartfelt thanks to all those above for rounding off what has been an exciting, challenging but ultimately successful year for Cambridge Sailing.

Felix Danczak Captain 2009-10

Club Activities and Results: Sailing:

Varsity Match: Won BUSA place: 5th Sheffield Shuffle: 1st Oxford Top Gun: 3rd Oxford Magnum: 5th Warwick Turtle: 3rd Wessex Warmer: 8th

Yachting:

The yachting section has run a series of successful trips in their yacht Kestrel throughout the year.

Windsurfing:

Varsity match: Lost

Sarah Crossman

I began sailing competitively aged 8 years old and have progressed from club racing in toppers and lasers to sailing at open events and national championships in the RS800 and RS200 classes. I have also been a member of the Cambridge University Sailing Team; I sailed on the Ladies' team in 2007 and 2008 and the 1st mixed team in 2009, have competed in three Varsity Matches and gained 3 Full Blues. In 2010 my main focus will be sailing the RS800 on the UK racing circuit. The RS800 is a twin trapeze skiff boat sailed by two people, with competitive amateur racing around the UK as well as a Eurocup. It is a physically demanding boat to sail but a lot of fun as well, especially in wind and waves. My aim is consistent top 3 results in the silver fleet at the circuit events that are held around the UK during the summer, and a top 15 result overall at the national championships at the end of the summer.



Cycling Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cycling/

Varsity

7th March, 2010 Mountain Biking at Crowthorne Wood, Surrey Result: Cambridge Win

1st May, 2010 Road Race held on the H25/17R near Oxford Result: Oxford Win

BUCS Review

Having once again successfully defended its BUCS title, Cambridge University Cycling Club has continued to punch well above its weight. The club enters BUCS races of all disciplines, on and off road as well as competing at both regional and national races. Although mainly geared towards racing, the club strives to cater for all abilities and levels of experience.

Cambridge University Cycling Club (CUCC) clinched the British Universities and Colleges Sports Championships (BUCS) for the third year running with their recent domination of the Track Cycling Championships.

Llewellyn Kinch of Jesus cleaned up at the most recent BUCS competition winning the 4km individual pursuit gold medal, as well as gold in the points race and a further gold in the individual one kilometre time trial. He was backed up by James Hawkins, who was second fastest in the individual pursuit, and Toby Parnell, who took third spot in that same event as well as bronze in the sprint, going on to win overall team gold with Kinch.

George Bate of Cambridge came in second behind Kinch in the points race to further bump up Cambridge's BUCS points tally. Toby Weatherall was second in the sprint and fourth in the individual pursuit, giving Cambridge a one, two, three, four ahead of Birmingham's fastest rider (who had a BUCS champion lycra skinsuit made up in anticipation of his victory).

Weatherall and Hawkins took team silver to complete a very successful day of racing and secure Cambridge's firm position at the top of the BUCS cycling table.

Earlier in the year Andrew Nichols, Toby Weatherall and Wojciech Szlachta ensured CUCC's BUCS campaign set off on the right pedal stroke by winning team silver in the Hill Climb, Nichols coming second overall.

Nichols, Parnell and Mark Holt then earned Cambridge another team silver at the Cyclocross Championship in Lent term. Weatherall, Parnell and Dan Ahearn snuck to BUCS Gold in the Team Time Trial, raced over 50km in a time of just under one hour and eight minutes, beating Durham by three seconds.

Tom Morris, Ahearn and Weatherall took team gold, destroying the competition in the 10 mile Time Trial in May term, with Morris coming second overall. Morris then won the Varsity match and BUCS Gold in the 25 mile Time Trial (averaging nearly 29 mph), with Ahearn and Hawkins helping Cambridge to a team silver. Good performances from, Hawkins, Tom Durno and Szlachta made the Light Blues' presence felt in the BUCS Road Race earning a further BUCS team silver.

Similarly, Parnell and Phil Buckham-Bonnet both came in the top 20 in the BUCS Mountain Biking to earn their Half-blues, held in Dumfries in a chilly Lent term, but also did not score any points.

The Track Championships provided the ultimate triumph for Cambridge, sending the Light Blues above the rest of the country's universities and retaining the championship in style.

Fencing Club

www.cufencing.org.uk/

The Cambridge University Fencing Club (CUFC) comprises nearly 200 members, ranging in ability from absolute beginners to internationally ranked fencers. The Men's and Women's teams compete in the annual Varsity Match, as well as the BUCS leagues. Club members train and compete in each of the three weapon disciplines – Foil, Epee and Sabre. In recent years club members have competed in both the Olympic and the Commonwealth Games.



Varsity Match

Venue: The Exam Halls, Oxford Men's 1sts: Defeat Women's 1sts: Victory Men's 2nds: Victory Women's 2nds: Victory

The 103rd Fencing Varsity Match was eagerly anticipated by both universities. As always, the matches were hotly contested, and legions of supporters from both sides cheered their respective teams on during the day.

The day started with the Women's Firsts and Men's Seconds matches. This year had seen Cambridge's Women's Firsts meet Oxford's twice already, and with each team having won one match, both times with tight scores, the Varsity match was set to be close-fought. The match began with Epée. The Dark Blues were in the lead for the first few bouts, but Cambridge's strong team won the lead back, finishing 45-37 up. Next was Sabre, in which the two teams were evenly matched. With great performances from everyone, Cambridge came out on top, beating Oxford 45-43. Going into Foil, the final weapon and Oxford's strongest, Cambridge had a ten-point margin over Oxford: a definite advantage, but not a decisive one. The team fenced well, and despite losing the Foil 42-38 (a consolation prize for Oxford), the Light Blues deserved the victory.

The Men's Seconds team this year was particularly strong, and went into Varsity 2010 looking for a victory. The match started with epée. After some neat and comfortable fencing Cambridge won 45-34 with no significant hurdles. As this appeared to be Oxford's strongest weapon, the Light Blues were feeling comfortable going into the foil, despite some technical difficulties with the electric kit. All three foilists performed excellently, with a special mention for Richard Morris who scored 9-2, 5-0, and 5-1. Kudos also to Rich Booth, who

scored a perfect 5-0 after being subbed on last-minute. Going into the sabre, Cambridge needed five points to win; these were scored comfortably by Matt Tointon who went on to achieve another excellent +10 indicator despite a last-minute push by Oxford.

The afternoon saw the Men's Firsts and Women's Seconds match. Hopes were high in the Men's Blues match after beating Oxford twice in the league this season. Sabre was up first and was won by Cambridge, 45 - 43, after a great turn-around by Anthony Crutchett and Felix Wood in the final two bouts. In the foil, captain Zach Eaton-Rosen led from the front by winning all his bouts, including a 6-0 demolition of the opposing captain. Solid back up from the other team members, despite a few hiccups, made the weapon Cambridge's, 45 - 33. This left the Light Blues needing to be within 14 points in the epee to win the match - on past performance a highly achievable target. However, the star of the show turned out to be from the Oxford team -international fencer Philippe Birget stealing the plaudits, and the match, with a sensational performance. Final score, 115-121 Oxford Win.

The Women's Seconds match commenced with Cambridge's strongest weapon, foil. Cambridge dominated from the start and this resulted in them thrashing Oxford 45-22. This strong start left Oxford unsettled, and, with the Cambridge epee team at full strength, this weapon was also convincingly won 45-29. At this stage the team only needed 6 hits to win the match. The match concluded with a good show from the sabreurs against a strong Oxford team, losing by only 36-45. Cambridge victory 126-96.

Despite narrowly losing out in the Men's Firsts, Cambridge won the day. Both teams anticipate an equally exciting set of matches next year, when Cambridge will host Oxford for Varsity 2011.

Season Review

2009-10 was an exciting season for Cambridge fencing. The Men's Firsts, Seconds and Women's Firsts teams all performed well in the BUCS league, taking them through to the Finals at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

The Women's Firsts drew Edinburgh in the semi-finals, a particularly strong team. Despite being without both an epéeist and a sabreur, Cambridge put up a good fight in all three weapons, winning the epée, but in the end lost overall 126-100. Although narrowly missing out on getting their Full Blues, the fact that Oxford lost too, and that Edinburgh went on to win the final, was some consolation for the Cambridge team.

The Men's Seconds drew Loughborough in the semi-finals another tough match for the Light Blues. Cambridge were missing several epéeists due to exam commitments, putting them on the back foot from the start. Despite some valiant efforts, especially from newcomer foilist Richard Morris, Loughborough managed to pull ahead in the epée and sabre, winning 132-126 over-all.

Having lost to Oxford by only a few points in the Varsity Match, The Men's Firsts team was keen to set the record straight against their old foes in their BUCS semifinals draw. Despite not being able to field sabreur Felix Wood or epéeist Matt Gasperetti as a result of academic commitments, Cambridge felt confident. Things started well in the sabre, with Anthony Crutchett beating his brother Alexander in the final fight. The epeeists held their ground, leaving the foilists with a slight lead. Despite a slow start in the foil, the Light Blues drove home their advantage, winning 127-108 and advanced to face Imperial in the finals.

Having recruited a number of strong fencers that year, Imperial were going to give Cambridge a real challenge. However the Light Blues, fired up by their victory over Oxford, started well in the foil, and managed to overcome Imperial's strong sabre team to put Cambridge in the lead. Going into the epée, Imperial struggled hard to close the gap, but to no avail. The Cambridge Men's Firsts won the BUCS final 127-117.

Gliding Club

www.cugc.org.uk/cms/

Cambridge University Gliding Club is part of Cambridge Gliding Centre offering both trial flights for those interested in trying gliding and providing training for those wishing to learn to fly themselves. Members can train whenever the airfield is open and we also run dedicated training weeks both at our home airfield, Gransden Lodge, and further afield. The varsity competition is a basic soaring competition but several of our members enjoy cross country flying both in competitions such as the Junior Nationals and in their free time to participate in the British Gliding Association Ladder. Score Oxford 496, Cambridge 426

The 2010 Varsity match was held during the Inter-University Gliding Task Week at Bicester airfield, the home of OUGC.

Saturday was unsoarable so on Sunday 8th July a team of four pilots from each club rigged their gliders in anticipation of the good weather. Philippa Roberts, Cambridge Captain and Lukas Brandt, Oxford launched first to test the conditions, they were closely followed by Graham Spelman, Cambridge and Rory Barker, Oxford. Lukas and Philippa flew a very close match with only 2 points between them; unfortunately for the Cambridge side Rory beat Graham by 72 points. Tragically the weekend's flying was cut short by the death of Miss Amy Barsby in an accident. Amy, 25, a pilot from Trinity College Dublin contributed a lot to university gliding and we would like to take this opportunity to recognise that contribution.

Before the season had even started Peter Buchlovsky completed a Basic Instructors course. Meanwhile Graham Spelman and Julia Rigby passed the theory part of their bronze badge. The season then started with a joint university expedition to Portmoak over Easter. During the summer we had many individual achievements with Simon Hay, Julia Rigby and Graham Spelman all going solo. As a club we finished 5th in the Inter-University Cross Country competition which is part of the Inter-University Task Week and 3rd in University Ladder which runs throughout the season. In the summer competitions we had 2 current and 1 ex members flying in the Junior Nationals: Philippa Roberts finished 37th, Julia Robson 42nd and Philip Scott (alumni) 32nd. Philippa also finished 13th in the Bicester Regionals. In the individual ladders: Julia Robson ranked 35th in the Junior ladder and 446th overall, Kate Woods was 189th overall, Peter Buchlovsky 233rd overall and Philip Scott 13th in the Junior ladder and 207th overall.



Golf Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cugolfclub/ CUGC/CUGC/Welcome.html

The Cambridge University Golf Club has a history reaching back over 120 years and caters to men and women of all levels of ability. The CUGC fields two mens' teams – the Blues and the Stymies – and one ladies' team to contest their respective Varsity Matches each year against Oxford. The Men's Blues match, played each March, is the oldest amateur fixture in golf.

2009-2010 Season Summary

For much of the season, the focus was on building on the talents of the existing squad and turning golfing potential into successful results. The Michaelmas term began well, with draws against strong sides at Little Aston and Blackwell Golf Clubs. Unfortunately, the remainder of the term was less successful, with a number of narrow losses, but hopes were high for Lent, as the hard work in coaching sessions was starting to show itself in medal rounds and the last few matches of term.

The Lent term was a constant battle against the elements, with five out of the sixteen fixtures cancelled due to snow and ice. However, the Blues and the Stymies were not put off, and hard work on the range paid dividends, with strong morning sessions at Rye and The Berkshire. Throughout the second half of the Lent term, the focus was solely on the Varsity Match, with intense coaching sessions and a series of good results, ending with a thumping win at West Hill Golf Club, leaving the spirits of the team high for the match at Porthcawl.

Varsity Matches

The Varsity golf matches are all played over the course of 5 days at nearby venues. The Ladies' match is customarily played on the Tuesday, followed by the Stymies (mens' second team) on the Wednesday, and the Dinner Match (Blues alternates) on the Thursday. Each of these matches consists of 18-hole foursomes matches in the morning and 18-hole singles matches in the afternoon.

The week culminates in the twoday University Golf Match between the Blues sides, which is played on Friday, with 5 36-hole foursomes matches, and Saturday, with 10 36-hole singles matches. The 2010 University Golf Match, together with the Dinner Match and the Ladies' match was hosted at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club in Porthcawl, Wales. The Stymies' match was played at Pennard Golf Club, about 30 minutes north of Porthcawl.

Cambridge Women 5.5-3.5 Oxford Women

On the back of a strong season, expectations for the Cambridge Ladies were high at Royal Porthcawl and, as the first match of the week, a win would set the tone for the matches to follow later in the week. The Ladies obliged, winning a hard-fought contest the came down to the last match on the course. In the morning foursomes, the Cambridge top pair of Louisa Tarn and Michaela Bacon winning the top match comfortably, and Olivia McBride and Katie Taylor doing likewise in the bottom game. Oxford's top pair were played out second and defeated former Cambridge captain Leanne Mullen and Hilary Crowe.

Oxford again juggled their order in the afternoon singles order, meaning that although captain Louisa Tarn claimed her match by a commanding 9&8 margin, there was hard work to be done by those further down the Cambridge order. Crowe and Mullen both had tough matches and lost despite some good golf. That left the match tied with three games on the course, and Cambridge needing to secure at least two points to earn the victory, as Cambridge reserve Lucy Akrill lost a heartbreaking game down the last in reserve match, which would serve as the tie-breaker.

The bottom of the Cambridge order responded. McBride, four down at one stage in her match, staged a brave comeback, winning the last three holes for a wellearned, and vital, half against her strong Oxford opponent. In the fifth game, Katie Taylor hung onto her lead down the last to earn an equally vital full point for Cambridge. That left Michaela Bacon on the course needing at least a half to see Cambridge retain the title they had held for three years. A brave five on the tricky 16th hole set up a dramatic

par down the long 17th. Although she would go on to capture the full point, that par assured Bacon, and Cambridge, the half point needed to win the Ladies' match for the fourth consecutive year. The final score was 5.5 - 3.5 and the week began with some light blue on the board.

Cambridge 2nd Team (Stymies) 9-6 Oxford 2nd Team

The Stymies, having had one of the strongest seasons in recent memory, arrived at Pennard with a quiet confidence that they would be able to reverse the defeats suffered the past two years at Formby and Royal Cinque Ports.

In a morning foursomes round marred by a fog heavy enough that the Stymies' iridescent orange cords actually became beacons in the fairways, the team managed a tricky Pennard layout well, but nonetheless found themselves trailing 3-2 heading into lunch.

However, with the fog lifting, the team came out storming in the afternoon singles. Captain Harvey Bradley led from the front, jumping out to an early lead which he would not relinquish. In a round featuring good ball striking and solid putting, Bradley claimed the top game by a 6&5 margin. Bennison, Gregson and Burton all followed his lead by notching up comfortable victories to see the Stymies vault ahead of a shaken Divots team. However, a pair of heavy defeats for the middle part of the Stymies order tightened the match considerably, with the Stymies needing at least two points from the four matches remaining.

In the event, the remaining Stymies on the course - Michael Milstein, Tim Bray, Tim Cannings and Geoff Wilmot - all secured vital points. Tim Bray made a good par on the treacherous par-5 16th en route to his 3&2 win, but the other three matches all went down the 18th and, in each case, the Stymies won the hole under the mounting pressure. Milstein's win, including an up-and-down from a gorse bush, secured his full point, while both Wilmot and Cannings won the hole to earn a half point each, in the latter's case, with a gutsy 8-footer made thinking the match remained in the balance.

The final score was 9-6 to the Stymies, and the victory was rightly celebrated well into the night!

Cambridge Blues 6-9 Oxford Blues

The Blues arrived at Royal Porthcawl in March 2010 to a warm welcome from the club and to a course in tremendous condition. The greens rolled well, and the course was playing hard, fast and fair. The team also arrived as underdogs against a muchfancied Oxford side coming off a season that saw them capture no less than 16 wins from 22 matches. However, a season of careful preparation saw the Light Blues undaunted when the 121st University Golf Match began in fair conditions on Friday morning.

The top two Oxford pairs got off to quick starts, though Cambridge's top pair of David Duncan and Charlie Dewhurst battled back to remain in touch at lunch. Good play further down the Cambridge order saw former captain Benoit Ramsay and Ruaraidh Stewart holding a narrow lead over Oxford Captain Oliver Stephen and Claudio Consul in the third game, while Andrew Dinsmore and Peter Selvay had taken control of the fourth game, taking a 5-up lead into the break. In the last game, captain John Valley and fresher Alex Silver battled against a gritty Oxford pair, but played well coming home to claim a one-up lead at the interval.

Conditions deteriorated quickly in the afternoon, with a heavy rain settling over the golf course and taking some of the pace off of greens that had been running at 11.8 on the stimpmeter earlier in the day. Solid play from newlyminted Blues Duncan and Dewhurst was not enough to close the morning's deficit in the top game, and Whittington and Said lost in the second game. The bright Cambridge start seemed very much in jeopardy when Consul and Stephen stormed back in the afternoon edge a narrow win against determined play by Ramsay and Stewart. However, Dinsmore and Selvay claimed the fourth game comfortably, leaving Valley and Silver to keep Cambridge in touch heading into Saturday's singles. With Valley having holed critical putts to halve the 11th and 14th holes to maintain the Cambridge advantage, Silver hit a solid second into the long par-4 15th and made clutch putts both there and on 16 to close out the match. With only a single point separating the sides after the first day's play, there was all to play for on day two.

Saturday's singles started as Friday had ended: with players and spectators alike lashed by heavy rain and wind. Through most of the day, there was little separating the sides and the result remained very much in doubt until late in the afternoon. In the captains' game, Valley's short game had been the difference most of the day until a run of good fortune, exemplified by a 60 foot putt holed at speed on the 13th, shone on Oxford and swung that match in the Dark Blues' favour by an agonizingly close 2&1 margin. The next four matches were split evenly between the sides, with the victories claimed by veterans Ramsay and Whittington leaving the match poised on a razor's edge. In the sixth match, Andrew Dinsmore ran out of holes as he fought back well from a 4-down deficit at lunch, and David Duncan's four birdies early in his afternoon round saw him gain little ground in the face of solid golf by Oxford perennial Ben Twiney. Alex Silver, playing in the last match, also lost a closelyfought contest, meaning that even the comfortable wins by Stewart and Dewhurst in the eighth and ninth games, respectively, were not enough to turn the tables for the Light Blues. When the scores were tallied, the final result was a 9-6 win for Oxford. However, the standard of the golf was uniformly high throughout the week. Indeed, it was a relieved Oxford side - having been so heavily favoured, and having won by such a narrow margin - that headed into the clubhouse to celebrate on Saturday evening.

Olympic Gymnastics Club

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 upon year, and currently has a larger membership than ever before. We train up to five times a week, both at Fenner's gym in Cambridge and Marriott's gym in Stevenage.

21st February, 2010 Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastics Club Men: Cambridge 339.00 – 321.20 Oxford Women: Cambridge 192.60 – 207.90 Oxford Women B Team: Cambridge 100.50 – 98.00

Throughout recent years the level of gymnastics displayed at the annual varsity match has been rising steadily; the 2010 Varsity match was no exception. After months of focussed and exhausting training, the 21st of February was the day to travel to the Olympic Gymnastics Club in Huntingdon and to battle it out with the equally wellprepared Oxford teams.

After the loss of former Captain and national athlete Alex Hedges, as well as another of the 2009 competitors, Jeff Wheeler, the men's team was reinforced by two new members - Richard Mochrie, another national athlete, and Tom Bachmann. In addition, Mike Andrew, Seb Barfoot, Edgar Engel and Steven Methven made reappearances. The Oxford team was stronger than ever, with the return of Matthew Bullimore, a former GB gymnast, and Simon Haenni, a former Swiss national champion, both of whom produced some spectacular routines. However, Cambridge fresher Richard Mochrie wowed the crowds with

some stunning displays, and was the only gymnast to finish in the top three in all disciplines. Cambridge were stronger all round, and the result of their effort: another victory, a new Varsity team record of 339.00 points, three individual scores worth Full Blues - Richard Mochrie (overall winner in the individuals category): 92.40 points, Edgar Engel: 85.10 points, Tom Bachmann: 80.4 points, and another three worth Half Blues - Seb Barfoot: 41.70 points, Steven Methven: 39.50 points, Mike Andrew: 38.30 points. The Oxford team, despite beating their previous year's winning score, had to accept defeat with 321.20 points.

The men's B team, captained by Jolyon Winter, had prepared thoroughly for the event, and were extremely disappointed to turn up and find that Oxford had failed to put together a team, and there was thus no opportunity to perform.



On the women's side, the Cambridge team put in some excellent performances, with Christie Lowe and Kate Bramall taking second place on the floor and vault respectively, and Stephanie Bailey finishing third on the floor. Sadly the Oxford team were stronger overall, taking first place in every event to win by 207.90 to 192.60.

The women's B team fared much better though, with Sophie Durham, Jenny Murdoch and Nicole Bryan-Quamina taking top three positions in various disciplines. In particular Sophie Durham finished first on the vault and the balance beam, and second on the floor, to take top spot in the individual event. Jenny Murdoch finished in third place individually. Overall, the Cambridge team won by 100.50 to Oxford's 98.00.

Cambridge even fielded a C team, albeit an uncontested one, with newcomer Laura Vale giving an excellent performance in her floor routine.

All the gymnasts can be very proud of this year's results, and another year of intensive training will hopefully ensure a clean sweep of victories for Cambridge in the 2011 event.

Other News

Former men's captain Alex Hedges qualified for the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth games, and after graduating last year went into intensive training for the competition. Competing for the Isle of Man team, he made it through to the individual final, qualifying in 22nd place. Alex went on to finish 19th overall, an excellent result.

Hare and Hounds

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 athletes of all abilities and give any member of the University the chance to compete against Oxford. Places in the Varsity Matches are fiercely contested, but no one misses out: 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. In Lent Term, we participate in BUCS, 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. The club prides itself on its diverse membership and active social scene and indeed includes many social runners as well as highly competitive athletes.

Varsity Match

5th December 2009 Wimbledon Common **Women:** Oxford win 17-21 **Men:** Oxford win 28-52

The 34th ladies' race began with Cambridge having very realistic hopes of registering their first win since 2006. In the early stages, it looked as if these hopes would be fulfilled with Amanda Scott and Naomi Taschimowitz taking the lead, splashing through the stream, with the main body of the Light Blue team packed in the middle order.

However, as the course flattened out towards the half-way point, it was the Dark Blues who started to emerge ominously with Michelle Sikes, last year's winner, moving into second and solid support forming behind her. The Oxford girls picked off the Cambridge runners and crucially relegated our fourth scorer to 10th. With Oxford holding a narrow advantage as the runners hit the heavy mud of the butts, the result was still in doubt. However, the Dark Blues' strong team work meant that they were able to hold their positions and secure a 17 points to 21 victory. However, Light Blue pride was still emanating thanks to Taschimowitz's stunning individual victory and Scott's 3rd place.

Buoyed by their ladies' performance, the youthful, but talented, Oxford gentlemen's team produced an outstanding performance to take the honours in the 119th race of their series.

From the off, it was last year's first two, Richard Franzese and David Bruce, once again making the running over the wet 7¹/₂ mile course, accompanied by team-mate, Andrew Heyes, and experienced Light Blue, James Kelly. Behind them, and emulating their ladies' team, Oxford were backed-up by a good supporting pack.

By just after half-way, Oxford were looking extremely strong and it appeared that only misfortune could deny them. However, it was to be their day and with Andrew Heyes pulling away from Kelly in the closing stages, they were able to secure a 1-2-3 and a 28 points to 52 victory. The individual honours were taken by David Bruce in a very fine time of 38:02.

Varsity IInds-IVths Matches

28th November 2009	
Shotover Hill, Oxford	
Men's Seconds:	Oxford win
	31-54
Men's Thirds:	Oxford win
	31-48
Men's Fourths:	Cambridge
	win 359-477
Women's Seconds:	Oxford win
	15-23
Women's Thirds:	Cambridge
	win 213-248

The fearsome slopes of Shotover Hill served as the battleground for over 50 Cambridge athletes to take on their Dark Blue counterparts. The Women's IInds were first to get underway but the race result was sadly decided by a poorly marked course as fell as race leader Polly Keen of Cambridge strayed off route, dropping ten places as a result. In spite of this misfortune, the Light Blues did gain a medallist in the form of Lowri Richards who ran a brilliantly executed race to take 2nd place overall. The Cambridge Women's Captain, Emma Figures, also had a very determined race to finish 4th. However, the marking errors proved decisive for the Light Blues as Oxford took the team victory.

The Men's Second and Thirds teams, despite medals for Alex Young and Ben Davis (2nd and 3rd, Men's Seconds) and Rowan Brackston (3rd, Men's Thirds), were unfortunately outdone by some remarkably strong Oxford performances Nevertheless, commanding victories in the mob matches restored Light Blue pride as Grace Geilinger and Rachel Kitchen in first and second impressively led the Women's Illrd Team home to victory. Similarly, inspired were the Men's Fourths who not only outnumbered but also out-muscled their Dark Blue opponents. An emphatic win by former-Blues runner Tim Pattison set the trend for a number of great performances despite the fact that (yet again) the routes taken by the competitors varied quite significantly.

The Varsity Marathon

25th April 2010 London (Blackheath to The Mall) **Cambridge win 4366-5800**

While Oxford had come out on top through the mud, it was a Light Blue day in the London Marathon. Cambridge have not lost this event since its foundation and carried on that record despite the strongest Dark Blue challenge in years. An unbelievably gutsy run from James Kelly, running with a stress fracture to the fibula, saw him take the men's BUCS bronze medal, while Amanda Scott claimed the women's BUCS silver medal. Cambridge had over 20 finishers, many of whom had raised thousands of pounds for various fantastic causes.

Other News

Following on from her Varsity victory, Naomi Taschimowitz achieved a superb 4th place in the under-20 National Cross Country Championships, which earned her a call-up for England in the Home Countries International. Following strong showings in the early part of the cross-country season Robin Brown and Aidan McGowan were also selected for Northern Ireland.

The club has recently set up a fundraising and donations scheme, information about which can be found on our website. We also seek to raise funds by organising the Boundary Run each March. This event is supported by Sweatshop, the David Lloyd Centre, The Cambridge Preservation Society and KPMG but its organisation relies entirely on the efforts of over forty members of the club.

The new captains for the 2010-2011 season are Matt Grant (Queens') and Lowri Richards (Robinson). Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Ice Hockey Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuihc/

Ice hockey at Cambridge has a tradition that stretches as far back as 1885 when the first Varsity Match was played at St. Moritz in Switzerland. The annual Cambridge-Oxford match has now been recognised by the Hockey Hall of Fame as the oldest ongoing



hockey rivalry in the world. In addition to participating in the Varsity Match, the Blues also play at the top level of University competition, competing in Division 1 South of the BUIHA and participating in Tier 1 of the University National Championships. The team trains weekly and also travels to Switzerland for a week long training camp on an outdoor ice rink surrounded by the Alps. Players of all skill levels are welcomed into the club. The only requirement is a very high motivation for the fastest game on earth, ice hockey. Saturday February 27, Oxford Cambridge 6 – 7 Oxford (OT)

The ice hockey Varsity Match was held Saturday February 27 at Oxford Ice Rink. More than 500 supporters packed the arena to see the match, which marked the 125th anniversary of the foundation of both clubs. The atmosphere was electric, expectations were high, and what followed was surely one of the most dramatic Varsity Matches in any sport in recent memory.

Oxford was first on the score sheet with a goal three minutes into play, but Cambridge replied immediately with a goal from centre Dan Tavana. Tavana's pace and determination were simply too much for the Oxford defenders to handle and ten minutes later Tavana had notched his second tally to give Cambridge a 2-1 lead. The Cambridge defensive pairing of Luc St-Pierre and David Waterman were effective in shutting down Oxford's top line for the remainder of the period, and Waterman set the tone with a thundering body check that sent an Oxford attacker to the locker room for repairs.

At the beginning of the second period, Cambridge took two penalties and Oxford was able to capitalise on the powerplay, tying the game at two. But less than a minute later, Cambridge regained their one goal lead when Dan Tavana scored his third of the game. The teams exchanged tallies before Oxford tied it at 4-4 with only a minute remaining in the period.

After having led most of the game, Cambridge fell behind early in the third and final period when Oxford scored on a rapid counter attack. Fast and furious hockey ensued as Cambridge pushed for the tying goal and netminder Carl Mazurek stood tall to keep the Light Blues within one. With five minutes remaining, Cambridge forward Tom Whillier beat the Oxford goalie with a hard wrist shot to tie the game and bring Cambridge's travelling supporters roaring to their feet. The 'Cambridge' chants were still filling the rink a minute later when Peter Morelli took a perfect pass from Adrian Fielding and scored to regain Cambridge's

lead at 6-5. In the dying minutes Oxford applied continuous pressure to the Cambridge defence. In a desperate attempt to tie the game Oxford pulled their goalie in favour of an extra skater. Their strategy paid off as a mad scramble in front of the Cambridge net resulted in an Oxford goal with only 30 seconds left to play. The game finished even at 6-6 and after a short break the teams retook the ice for a fiveminute sudden-death overtime.

Carrying the momentum from their late-game heroics, Oxford pressed offensively in the overtime period. After two minutes of extra time the title slipped through Cambridge's hands when Oxford scored quickly after a faceoff. It was a remarkably strong effort from Cambridge, but unfortunately the final result went in favour of Oxford. Captain Luc St-Pierre was named as Cambridge's man-of-the-match for his consistent defensive presence.

Judo Club

www.judo.soc.ucam.org/

One of the country's oldest judo establishments, Cambridge University Judo Club hones the talents of experienced judoka who join the university, and annually invites beginners to learn the art. The club is also open to nonstudent residents of Cambridge, running classes both in and out of term time. CUJC fights annually in the Varsity match against Oxford, enters national university competitions such as BUCS, and sends players to fight in other local and national competitions. CUJC is friendly and very welcoming to new members, and regularly goes on trips abroad.

A Varsity Match Report

The 80th Judo Varsity match took place on 27th February in the fantastic setting of Oxford's town hall. The atmosphere was intense as always, and there was an excellent display of judo from both sides.

The first match was between the city teams. First up for Cambridge

was former CUJC president Archibald Reid, who won by ippon with a pin. This was followed by wins for Akim Lassissi (ARU), Norbert Grof, Matt Maddison, Douglas Heller (CU alumnus) and Nicolas Antolinos (ARU). Kevin Field and Megan Sorensen fought well but lost to tough opponents. This gave Cambridge a convincing start to the day with a 6-2 victory.

The men's 2nd teams squared off next.Torben Schuettfort (King's) and Peter Mann (St Edmund's) put in good performances but both were overcome by their opponents. John Aldis (Fitz), who started judo last October, stepped up next and produced an outstanding ippon. This was followed by an arm-bar from the team captain, Tobias Schmidutz, to level the match at two wins each. After a promising start, James Coghill (Pembroke) was held down by his opponent. Next up was ground-specialist Silas Davis (Jesus), who eventually won with a



pin. This left the match at 3-3. Despite improving tremendously this year, Robert Blackburn (Emma) was thrown for ippon. Max Wood (Queens') then started well scoring a yuko but was eventually pinned giving Oxford a 5-3 victory. Following last year's Varsity thriller with a narrow defeat in Golden Score after an initial draw, the Cambridge team was keen to finally regain the women's judo trophy. Marianne Butler (Pembroke) was the first out but was overpowered by her blackbelt opponent. Anna Baxter (Robinson) then evened out the score for Cambridge, winning by hold-down. Cambridge captain Lisa Kleiminger (Fitz) was next on the mat, but was caught by Oxford's captain with a throw early on in her fight. President Catharina Casper (Corpus) put up a good fight against the strongest Oxford player but eventually ended up in a hold down leading to an early overall win for Oxford. With nothing to lose Jessica Alsiö (Clare) performed well against a higher grade opponent before being overpowered in the second half of the fight. Oxford therefore claimed the Women's Judo trophy, now for the 8th consecutive time.

The final match was between the men's 1st teams. Last year the match was decided by a nail biting tie break and this year it was expected to be close again. Fighting first was Mason Edwards (Catz) who picked up his +100kg opponent with a huge ura-nage to score waza-ari before being thrown for ippon. The 2nd fight was between two former club presidents, Gary Chandler (Emma) for Cambridge and Ifor Capel for Oxford. After putting up a good fight Gary was eventually thrown for ippon. Cambridge captain Kane Chandler (Darwin) then came on needing a win against

Oxford captain Justin Gregory, and delivered for the team with a smashing ippon. Robin Irvine (Corpus) showed tremendous courage against a more experienced Oxford opponent, losing by ippon. Philipp Oberhumer (Queens') fought Andrew Stewart, and after initially conceding a throw, arm-locked his opponent for victory. James Maheswaran (Queens') then fought a close fight and near the end of the bout pulled off a strangle to claim the win. Jorg Klein (Downing) made a promising but start lost his fight. With the score 4-3 to Oxford, Cambridge's Xiong Chang (Trinity) caught his opponent with a beautiful ko-soto-gari to even the scores. As all fights had been won by ippon it was decided to draw three pairs out of a hat to fight again and decide the match. Mason, Gary and James were picked and although they gave their all, Oxford emerged triumphant and took home the Judo Challenge Cup.

Despite winning only one of the four matches, all of the Cambridge team fought incredibly well and should be pleased with their performance. There is no shame in losing to a strong, dedicated opponent and Oxford is exactly that.

1st London Universities Senior Invitation Championships

On Saturday 28th November members of CUJC headed down to London to take part in the 1st London Universities Senior Invitation Championships. The competition was well attended and of a high standard, with teams from across the entire UK including Bath and Oxford Universities.

Jessica Alsiö and Robert Blackburn took silver medals in their Kyu grade categories, and Lisa Kleiminger fought for the first time in the 1st Kyu/Dan-grade category, getting through to the semi-finals and taking bronze. Tobias Schmidutz fought three matches, narrowly missing out on a medal. CUJC black-belts Philipp Oberhumer and Kane Chandler were fighting in the same weight category. Both passed through to the final with flying colours, with Kane even fighting his semi-final match twice. His opponent had refused to accept the referee's decision that he had been beaten in the first match, so Kane agreed to a rematch, the result of which promptly settled the dispute in Kane's favour. The following all-Cambridge final was bound to be interesting as both players knew the other's strengths and weaknesses. A few seconds before the end Philip managed to secure a hold-down, winning the match and leaving Kane with a well deserved silver medal. Despite entering only six players, Cambridge University came 3rd in the overall rankings.

Littleport

The following day, four members of the club competed at the Littleport Open 3star Senior Competition. Alex Farnsworth won gold in the U100kg kyu-grade category. Dave Saxton won his first fight but lost his next two, narrowly losing in the fight for bronze. Peter Mann fought in his first contest and had some tough fights in the U90kg kyugrade group, and Kane Chandler won Bronze in the U81kg dangrade category.

BUCS

This year's Judo BUCS were held on the 13th and 14th of March in Sheffield. Due to injuries earlier on this year only six players were fit to enter: Jessica Alsiö, Anna Baxter, Catharina Casper, Lisa Kleiminger, Tobias Schmidutz and Kane Chandler. Jessica fought first, winning all four of her fights in the U52 kyugrade category, taking gold, and demonstrating her impressive ground-work skills. Next on were Catharina and Lisa both fighting in the U57–1st kyu/dan-grade division. Lisa missed out on the quarter-finals but Catharina got through to a guarter-final against Oxford's Rebecca Bayliss, losing on penalty points after the regular fighting time was over. Catharina qualified for the repechage and managed to secure a bronze medal. Anna (U78-1st kyu/dan grades) lost her first match against an England squad player. In the following contest Anna threw her opponent for ippon with an uchimata in extra-time, securing the silver medal. Tobias (U73-1st kyu/dan grades) won three of his five group stage matches but unfortunately had to pull out halfway through his first fight in the next round due to a knee-injury from an earlier fight. Kane Chandler (U81-1st kyu/dan grades) threw his first opponent twice for waza-ari, winning this match, and beat his next opponent with a strangle. His final pool match was against worldcup finalist Tom Reed (Bath University) and despite putting up a good fight Kane was eventually thrown for ippon. In the round of 16 he lost narrowly lost to the bronze medallist by a throw.

The next day the Cambridge women's team consisting of Anna, Catharina and Lisa were pooled together with Bath, Oxford and Imperial College. They won their first match 2.5 – 0.5 against Imperial, but after losses to strong Oxford and Bath teams, Cambridge came third in the pool, missing out on the quarter-finals. Kane entered the regional competition in the Eastern Area Universities team. Kane won all three of his fights, beating the opponent who knocked him out of the contest the day before, but unfortunately his team mates did not match his excellent performances and failed to get through to the next round.

Coaches

Thanks to Alec Edwards and his coaching team, including Nick Palmer, Chris Swainson and Gary Chandler, for the training they have given throughout the year, and the help they have given in preparation for the year's competitions. With their support we hope to build on our success into 2011.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

This year, CUJC ran classes in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Gracie Barra black-belt Alex Machado. A sport and fighting style closely related to judo, this training has really helped CUJC members improve their ground-work skills.

Members of the club have also competed in BJJ competitions. Kane Chandler won bronze in the purple belt division at the Gracie Invitational, a good result, especially since he had competed in the London International Judo Open the day before and placed 5th. The following month he competed in Lisbon at the Iberian Open and won his class.

Helsinki

CUJC takes part in a yearly exchange with Helsinki and Marburg judo clubs, and in September 2010 it was Helsinki's turn to host. Many Cambridge members had never participated in an exchange before, and very few had been on the last visit to Helsinki, so it was a great new experience for everyone. The format for the week was that every day there was a couple of hours of hard judo training together, and a "cultural" activity. These activities ranged from orienteering around Helsinki by bicycle, through Finnish tango and Finnish baseball, to spending a night in a holiday cottage (complete with a Finnish sauna) on the shore of the freezing Lake Tuusulanjrvi. Each evening was spent socialising with our German and Finnish friends, and putting our new tango skills to the test. It was an absolutely fantastic trip; it's always good to train hard with new people and learn new judo techniques, and everyone's friendliness and enthusiasm made the hours off

the mat fly by. The only thing we could have wished for was more time to sleep! Next June Cambridge is hosting the exchange, and we'll have to work very hard to make sure it is as good as this last one.

Looking forward to 2010/11

University judo is getting bigger every year and this year the club will be competing at four university competitions. The first is the London Invitational taking place in November. After a good result last year we hope to do even better this time. Lent Term will be very busy for CUJC with a new universities competition taking place in Warwick, followed by the University of Sheffield International Student Team competition. These will be good practice for the varsity match, in which we hope to turn last year's result around with victory in Cambridge, and BUCS.

CUJC will be going to Poland in January 2011 for a week of skiing and judo, and have invited club alumni and friends from Helsinki and Marburg. It is certain to be an exhausting but incredible week.

Karate Club

www.cukc.org/

Cambridge University Karate Club (CUKC) was formed back in 1976, and over the years the club has evolved and grown into one of the largest and most successful university karate clubs in the UK. We are fortunate to count Sensei Richard Poole (6th Dan Black Belt) as our Chief Instructor, under whose guidance CUKC has developed a long and distinguished record at regional, national and international competitions. The club is always keen to welcome new people to compete for CUKC, and the squad typically contains members from a wide variety of styles, training backgrounds, and levels of experience ranging from people who have only been doing

karate for 6 months right through to several members of national squads.

Varsity Match

21/02/09 at Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford Men's A: 94-34 Men's B: 86 - 16 Women's: 74 – 54

For the fourth year in a row Cambridge brought back the Enoeda Cup. Cambridge comfortably defeated Oxford in every category.

In the men's A Kata, Roman Sztyler took 1st place for the Light Blues for the third year running, followed in 2nd by men's captain Nim Sukumar. Paul Smith and Club President Jonty Fairless seized 4th and 5th respectively ensuring a dominating position on the score boards from the start. In the women's event, Oxford took 1st place, however the next three places were taken by Cambridge, with varsity veteran Madeleine Wood 2nd place, and precise and powerful performances from Mingwei Tan and Malgorzata Stanislawek resulting in a tied 3rd place.

In the sparring event, Kumite, Cambridge continued to build on its solid points base leaving little hope for Oxford. Men's A opened with England international Paul Smith, who in an aggressive display dismantled his Oxford opponent. Next was current Men's Captain Nim Sukumar, taking an early lead against his worthy Oxford foe, however the match ran until full time when the fight ended a draw. Thibault Flinois was straight out of the gate in third, displaying a great fearless attitude unfortunately after a sharp exchange his shoulder was dislocated. Next was Liam Gabb who secured a win with some fantastically timed head punches against a higher graded opponent. The men's A event concluded with a textbook display from Richard Oriji, who took an early lead in his fight, and was awarded the fight when his opponent was unable to continue.

In the women's fighting junior England Squad's Emma Nunn in her Varsity debut took the Oxford women's captain out of the running. Next came a very well spirited display from Malgorzata Stanislawek, who left no room for her Oxford opponent behind a barrage of techniques that brought about a second win for the women. Madeleine Wood, a national squad member, also secured a win which left Stephanie McTighe to finish off. With some beautifully executed displays a 4-0 win for

the Light Blue women's team was sealed.

In the men's B fighting, the strike of the tournament has to be given to Nikon Rasumov who delivered a forceful front kick that left his opponent winded and weary and secured the fight for Cambridge. Craig Woodhead followed up with some of his renowned kicking techniques taking a second win for Cambridge. Ahmed Al-Shabab made his debut also, and fought hard and fearlessly for a draw securing a quadruple win for Cambridge.

Other News

Titles were won by members of CUKC at the following competitions and matches this year:

BUCS Karate Championships 2010, KUGB Central Regions Championships 2010, KUGB Student National Championships 2009 Karate England National Championships 2009 CUKC vs KUGB Northern Regions 2009 KUGB Shotokan Cup 2009



KUGB Kyu Grades Championships 2009

CUKC for the first time was awarded the KUGB Central Regions Kumite Shield, an incredible triumph for the club.

Madeleine Wood, Paul Smith and Emma Nunn were all reselected for the KUGB England Squad.

Stephanie McTighe and Malgorzata Stanislawek won senior silver and bronze medals respectively at the BUCS championships.

Korfball Club

Cambridge University Korfball Club (CUKC) is an inclusive, relaxed yet enthusiastic club with no requirement for any previous experience of playing korfball.We are proud of our consistent performances in BUCS, Varsity and local league matches and constantly strive to improve the quality of korfball that we play.

Varsity

28th February 2010 at Iffley Road Sports Complex, Oxford Cambridge 1st 18 – 7 Oxford 1st Cambridge 2nd 6 – 6 Oxford 2nd Cambridge put in a fantastic performance and secured yet another resounding victory against Oxford this year, retaining the Varsity Trophy for the third year in a row. Oxford had produced some skillful plays, but the impressive display of korfball by Cambridge sealed a massive victory over their rivals. Not to be outdone, the second team concluded with a draw, the best that they have achieved in five years against a historically strong and experienced Oxford team.

The game began tensely as both teams played a cautious defence with each team having their fair share of scoring opportunities. However, the difference in talent and experience began to show ten minutes into the game as Nicholas Buttinger sunk a series of big longshots, further extending the gap between Cambridge and Oxford. With a comfortable lead, Cambridge played a confident passing game and began to loosen up in attack. Some exquisite shooting by Laura Soul at one end of the court, followed by the trademark rebound and assist of Joe Bakes for some good distance shooting of Nicholas Buttinger at the other end racked up the score for Cambridge. Cambridge displayed an exceptional ability to score from long range, which Oxford found extremely difficult to defend against. At the end of the second period, Oxford continued to hang in and score occasionally, but the

good shooting form of Laura Soul and Nicholas Buttinger and the penetrating runs of Sophie Cuene-Grandidier, Elgon Corner and Anthony Hitchin ensured an impressive victory for Cambridge.

The evening saw a fantastic Varsity dinner, courtesy of Oxford, where Cambridge was officially presented with the Varsity Trophy and Nicholas Buttinger with the MVP. The light-hearted mood of the dinner turned rivals into friends as both teams celebrated a fun-filled and exciting match with lots of goals scored. All in all it was an extremely fun day - all the matches were played in fantastic spirit and thanks to Oxford for hosting such a wonderful dinner!

Lacrosse Club

www.culacrosse.org/

The Cambridge University Lacrosse Club was founded in 1882, making it the oldest university lacrosse club in the country and one of the oldest clubs in the world. There continues to be a desire to maintain a high standard of lacrosse and the Varsity match result shows that Cambridge is still able to produce great lacrosse athletes. The Cambridge Blues play in the South England Men's Lacrosse Association (SEMLA) while the development second team plays in the British Universities League

(BUCS). This has been the most successful Cambridge Lacrosse season for decades and from here we can only expect CULC to continue on the same tracks.

Varsity

Cambridge 8 – Oxford 6 27th February 2010 University Parks, Oxford

The 94th Varsity Lacrosse match took place at University Parks on Saturday 27th February with Cambridge very much the underdogs against a strong Oxford team who had lost just one game so far this season. However, it was the Light Blues that would emerge the eventual victors in an incredible display of determination and teamwork that was simply too much for a group of individuals, regardless of how skilful or experienced they might be.

The game began with a great deal of intensity from both teams; with squad numbers limited to 13 men, whoever took an early lead would be put in a very strong position. Fortunately it was Cambridge attacker Todd Nichols who began the scoring, putting Oxford firmly on the back foot as they had expected to dominate the game throughout.

Cambridge were able to hold the ball well and moved it confidently around the goal, but nevertheless saw the scores levelled when an Oxford shot bounced off a defender and rolled into the goal. It didn't take long for Cambridge to respond, determined not to lose focus early on, and Ian Ralby got his first of three goals to put the Light Blues back in front.

The 1st quarter ended 2-1 to Cambridge, with everything still to play for. Oxford struggled to cope with a tenacious midfield effort while Cambridge were competing with a highly experienced side that were prepared to turn up the intensity for the 2nd quarter. This soon became clear as Oxford put in two quick goals to go 2-3 up after half time.

Light Blue fortunes were not to improve straight away as Oxford put in one more at the beginning of the third quarter to extend their lead to two goals. At this point the weather turned to heavy rain and even hail; Cambridge had to step their game up or face losing Varsity for a 3rd year in a row. Fortunately, the Light Blue warriors took advantage when mistakes in the Oxford game began to show and the score line reflected this.

For the rest of the third quarter, the Dark Blues were shut out by MVP and goalie captain Sam Spurrell. With the defence regularly causing turnovers and clearing well, Ralby and Nichols, ably assisted by Duncan Barrigan, alternated the scoring between them to put Cambridge firmly back in front at 7-4 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

In the 4th, there was still a lot of work to be done. The midfield players, led by the outstanding Phil Hall, were absolutely crucial in grinding out a Light Blue victory against a Dark Blue side that weren't about to give up without a fight. They continued to battle to the end and even brought the score back to 7-6 with just 10 minutes to go. With just 5 minutes left, Duncan Barrigan managed to kick the ball in to the goal to give the Light Blues a two goal cushion. The Light Blues then showed great maturity as a team, maintaining possession for the rest of the game to secure the win.

Other Competitions and Results

This season was the most successful one for decades as we competed in two leagues; the South England Men's Lacrosse Association (SEMLA) and in the British University leagues (BUCS). Overall we played 34 games, won 23, drew 2 and lost 9; clearly a monumental achievement that could only come through 100% commitment and a well organised team.

In SEMLA, we finished second, though this was only due to a technicality. The Cambridge Blues were among the founding teams of SEMLA over 100 years ago and they continue to put out a competitive team every year. In the Flags knock out competition CULC advanced to the Semi-Finals, and were only narrowly defeated after a commendable late comeback.

The BUCS league is used to train up newcomers to the team and to develop the squad. Nevertheless, we finished 2nd in this league as well and were able to advance to the quarter finals of the BUCS trophy, losing only to the eventual winners.

Special Interest/Other News

This year Sam Spurrell (Clare) and Phil Hall (Trinity) were selected to play for the South England Universities Team. This team competed at the British National Championships in Manchester in May, and also in the International Lacrosse Festival happening alongside the World Championships also in Manchester in July. CULC also continued to develop the relationship between Cambridge and Ljubljana, Slovenia. In October the Ljubljana Dragons visited Cambridge for a competitive friendly game in which Cambridge emerged eventual victors 8-3. In June a team made up of Cambridge players and other English recruits travelled to the Slovenian Lacrosse Open for a weekend of Lacrosse and CULC finished 3rd in an enjoyable weekend.

Women's Lacrosse Club

www.culacrosse.org/womens

Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club (C.U.W.L.C.) was founded in 1912 and is arguably one of the most successful female sports clubs at the University. C.U.W.L.C. looks to strengthen its squad annually and constantly strives to better its achievements, in order to sustain its position in current leagues and retain its prestigious status as a Cambridge University Full Blue sport.

Varsity Match

The Club participates in an annual Varsity Match against Oxford University. On Saturday 27th February 2010, the Varsity Match was held in Oxford, with both the Blues and Kingfishers convincingly winning their respective matches. Cambridge Blues 5 – Oxford Blues 2. Cambridge Kingfishers 6 – Oxford Swifts 3

Blues

The Blues started brightly, making light of a waterlogged pitch. Captain Ellie Walshe led by example, opening the scoring with a neat goal mid-way through the first quarter. The next quarter saw the second goal from Cambridge's Laura Plant. As Cambridge continued to assert their dominance over proceedings, Georgie Hurt made space to pass to Alana Livesey, who laid the ball off nicely to Plant. Plant then discharged a powerful shot, which elicited a smart save from Oxford's goalkeeper. However, only moments later, Oxford's Emily Sever, scored (against the run of

the play) so the teams went into half time with the score at 2-1 in the Light Blues' favour. After the half time break, the Dark Blues came out re-energised and equalised almost immediately. As Lister sprinted towards the goal, she drew a foul and utilized the resulting penalty, bringing the score to 2-2. Then came the first of Hurt's three goals for the Light Blues, which nudged Cambridge into a 3-2 lead. Moments after the next draw, Cambridge's Livesey ran the ball from the half-way line before passing it to Hurt who scored again to give Cambridge the allimportant two-goal cushion. Next, an Oxford pass was intercepted, with Livesey breaking out of the Cambridge half to find Jackie Vullinghs behind the goal.Vullinghs sent the ball onto Hurt, who quicksticked her way to a hat-trick and sealed the game for Cambridge.

The final quarter saw a series of well-saved shots from both sides, neither team being able to register a further goal and Cambridge having no problems in comfortably closing off a 5-2 victory.

Kingfishers (2nds)

Having played Oxford in a previous BUCS match and won convincingly (although the Dark Blues had been without their goalkeeper), the Kingfishers were expecting a tough Varsity Match as Oxford would be playing their strongest line-up. The Light Blues' nerves were quickly set-aside with the first goal from Ellie Pithers, which followed a fast break from Tamara Astor in midfield. This was the first of three goals for Pithers, who scored two more, with drives from behind goal, beating the goalkeeper one on one. Becky Hilbert then illustrated the importance of Cambridge's 'set plays' and scored with flair.

Victory was within the Kingfishers' grasp as they began the second half in the lead, but the pressure was on to maintain it. First, Check Warner held the ball safely in attack until the moment was right to make a drive. Then Lauren York scored from a midfield pass to secure a 6-3 win to Cambridge.

British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)

The Club enters 2 teams into the BUCS Leagues. The Blues play in the Southern Premiership, while the Kingfishers play in the Midlands' Conference.

In 2009/10, the Blues were unbeaten in the Southern Premiership, having defeated Bristol, Exeter, Oxford, Cardiff and Bath, both home and away. The Blues then won their knockout matches against Newcastle and Edinburgh and went on to defeat Durham in the semi-final therefore progressing to the final of BUCS where they faced Birmingham. Despite a close game, Cambridge narrowly lost, meaning that they finished 2nd in the British Universities and **Colleges Sport Lacrosse** Championship for 2009/10.

Other Achievements

The C.U.W.L.C squad is made up of approximately 40 players – a

number of whom represent their countries at both regional and international level.

Roshni Best Anna Harrison Scotland U19 Senior East and Senior England Georgie Hurt

Alana Livesey

Ellie Walshe

Senior East and Senior England Senior North and Senior England Senior East and Senior Wales Angharad West Senior Wales

Sponsors

C.U.W.L.C would like to thank Barnett Waddingham for their sponsorship this season.

Lawn Tennis Club

www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cultc/

The Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club is one of the most ancient lawn tennis clubs in the world, founded in 1881, seven years before the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain. The Club represents tennis for all the Colleges and the other institutions which are part of the University, primarily catering for serious tennis players who will represent the University in the Men's and Women's teams.

The Club is directly affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain and has a representative on the Council and on the Board of the Association. Honorary President and previous Chairman of the Club, Sir Geoffrey Cass, was President and Chairman of the Council of the LTA from 1997 to 1999. The Club also helps support British tennis through making its courts available for hosting County Week.



There are currently approximately 100 members of the club, and have two men's and women's teams competing in BUCS, each in National Premier and Region Conference Divisions. Teams also have annual fixtures against other universities, county sides, The All England, Queen's and Roehampton Club amongst others. Team squads have arranged coached training sessions and practises are organised for social players.

Varsity

Roehampton National Tennis Centre (Grass Courts), 28th-30th June 2010 Men's: Cambridge 13-8 Oxford, Women's: Cambridge 18-3 Oxford

The Men's and Women's Tennis Blues completed the double over their Oxford counterparts for the second year in a row in the Barclay's Varsity Tennis Matches played on the grass courts of the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton, 28-30th June 2010.

The Women won emphatically 18-3, clinching the silverware by the end of day two of three at 12-3 up, with six doubles still left to play. They continued their demolition on the third day, achieving a 6-0 whitewash.

Laura Morrill (Murray Edwards) at #1 was simply brilliant and won all of her matches. Against her onform opposite number, whom she had only just defeated in three sets the previous year, she raised her game and won convincingly 6-2, 6-4. Cambridge's American #2, Alex McGoodwin (Lucy Cavendish), couldn't replicate Laura's success against Oxford's #1, but produced a flawless performance against Oxford's #2 winning 6-0, 6-1. Captain Victoria Watson (Jesus) produced typically efficient performances at #3, grinding down her opponents in terrier-like fashion, while Italian Varsity novice Silvia Guglielmi (Homerton) played with her characteristic aggression at #4, also winning both her singles matches comfortably.

Fresher Emma Kudzin (Newnham), at #5, achieved the same feat to impressively maintain her unbeaten singles record for the year while the Cambridge #6, Romanian second-time Blue Corina Balaban (Homerton), produced a magnificent performance to defeat an opponent she lost to easily the previous year. The team won 8 out of 9 doubles matches with the most memorable being reserves Genevieve Gotla (Christ's) and Georgina Kilbourn (Trinity Hall) miraculously prevailing 9-7 in a third set, having trailed 5-1. This capped off an incredible Varsity victory and a highly successful year to remember.

The Men produced their fifth consecutive win, 13-8. The Light Blues took seven of the twelve singles on the first two days, including all six matches against Oxford's #4, 5 and 6, before winning the first four of nine doubles to complete their victory.

By his own admission Captain and Cambridge #1 Rob Blythe (Emmanuel), was not playing at his usual best, struggling in his singles matches against a strong Oxford top order. However, with doubles partner freshman Cameron Johnston (Christ's) pivotally beat the Oxford 1st pair 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, before decimating their 3rd pair, 6-0, 6-1 to win the tie. An ace from Blythe on match point was a particularly apt seal to the Men's victory in his last match for the University. Also playing their final Varsity matches, four-time Blue and lascivious ex-captain John Western (Selwyn), at #3, played the best tennis he ever has at Varsity, and five-time Blue, Dutchman Rutger-Jan Lange (King's), at #2, unexpectedly crushed the Oxford #1 both physically and mentally. This was a real testament to his improvement since playing singles at #6 in 2006.

Another five-year Varsity veteran, Russian Kirill Zavodov (Magdalene), and American graduate fresher Kenny Taubenslag (Emmanuel) were crucial in the team victory, wiping the floor with four singles victories at #5 and #6 respectively. Typically, Cambridge totally dominated Oxford on vocal support. Watching family, friends and reserves Nick Jenkins and Rob Legg proved to be the 'second man' in many of the singles games from the court side.

BUCS 2009/10

The Men's Blues battled bravely over the Michaelmas term but found the going tough in a very strong BUCS Northern Premier League.The 1st team pushed some of the top teams very hard and avoided relegation with a match to spare.

After our first two matches against Leeds Metropolitan Carnegie and the University of Stirling, the Blues were still to get on the board, losing 10-0 on both occasions. These results didn't do us justice, with the Cambridge Number 1, Rob Blythe, losing both of his singles matches in tight three setters.

However a hard fought draw against the University of Manchester and a resounding 8-2 win over Nottingham put us back on track as John Western finally chalked up his first win of the season, Cameron Johnston produced some wonderful performances and veteran combatants, Kirll Zavodov and Rutger-Jan Lange continued their fine form after 4 consecutive Varsity victories.

The Women's Blues hit top form in the BUCS Premier League over Michaelmas Term and, with wins

over reigning BUCS Tennis Champions London Metropolitan University 7-2, Bath University 10-0, and Bournemouth University 9-1, excelled to finish in second place. Laura Morrill has been on fine form, convincingly defeating London Met's intimidating Number 1, with a combination of exquisitely timed groundstrokes and powerful serving. Victoria Watson has followed suit, doggedly coming back from a set down two weeks on the bounce to power home in two epic three-setters. Alice Barnes, Cambridge's classy Number 1, produced a backhand slice display for onlookers to relish against Bath. Important as well were the earlier performances of two fresher acquisitions, namely ex-UCLA doubles specialist Alex McGoodwin and Emma Kudzin, who showed little inexperience in the art of Light Blue belligerence.

Lightweight Rowing Club

www.culrc.org/

Varsity

Henley-on-Thames, Sunday 28th March 2010 Result: Cambridge won by two feet in a time of 5:28

The weather in the run up to the Henley Boat Races was almost as good as we could have wished warm and (mostly) dry during our training sessions but with torrential rain most nights giving an increasingly fast stream towards the end of the week. On the eve of the race, spirits were high in the CULRC house: with a moderate tailwind forecast, we were confident not only that we would outrow Oxford but also that we stood a good chance of breaking their 2006 record. We expected them to go out hard off the start, but knew they had no

chance of matching our power over the full two kilometres.

At the weigh-in, we made full use of our 70kg maximum average weight, while Oxford undershot and only averaged 69.3kg. Similarly, our cox was exactly on her minimum weight, while the Oxford cox had to carry deadweight. We left with our confidence increased. Oxford won the toss, as they had done for the three women's races before us, and chose the Berkshire station, leaving us on Buckinghamshire.

A poorly executed start from the Cambridge boat, combined with the stronger stream on the Berks station in the first few hundred meters, allowed Oxford to take an early lead. By Remenham Club Oxford, still rating more than forty strokes per minute, had a lead of almost a length and began to

steer over to the centre of the stream. However, the Cambridge crew dug in and began to chip away at Oxford's lead. The battle for the fastest stream in the middle of the river was closely fought, with so many blade clashes that the race seemed at times more like an aquatic fencing match with the umpire looking on and waving his flag one way and then the other. Each push gained us another couple of seats until, iust after the Barrier, we drew level with Oxford for the first time in the race. A flat-out sprint for the finish line followed, with the lead changing hands practically every stroke, but it was Cambridge who crossed the line first, with a winning margin of just two feet.

Season Report

Anyone looking at the eager faces at the beginning-of-season meeting in September 2009 could have been forgiven for thinking the Lightweight Boat Race was a foregone conclusion. We had four returning members of the 2009 lightweight eight which had dominated both the Henley Boat Races and the BUCS Rowing Championships, a member of the 2007 crew who had graduated that year but came back for a PhD after our crew beat his Leander lightweight eight, and several other talented athletes. However, even the naturally pessimistic among us could not have guessed how close the race would be. We started the season well, with six CULRC triallists qualifying through the first round of the GB rowing trials, more than any other club. (Two were eventually chosen for the GB team for the World Universities Rowing Championships – more on that later.) Four of these GB triallists formed a lightweight coxless guad for the Fours' Head of the River in November - unfortunately this race was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, depriving us of our only chance to compare

ourselves directly with Oxford before the Boat Race.

Bad weather became a recurring theme as heavy snow forced the cancellation of the second round of GB rowing trials and, more importantly, the flights that were to have taken us to the south of France for our January training camp. We made the best of a bad situation by staying in Cambridge and going out rowing whenever the river wasn't frozen over. After selecting the Boat Race crew in early February, we arranged a number of sparring matches against prominent clubs such as London RC and Leander Club to give us race practice in the run-up to the Henley Boat Races.

After beating Oxford in the Henley Boat Races (which are described in more detail above) we split up for the Easter holidays before reconvening for the BUCS Regatta. Our coxless four won a bronze medal, but the eight was unable to race after one rower failed to make the weight limit. At the end of the Easter Term we entered the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta but illness and injury led to a sub-standard performance and we were knocked out in the first round.

John Hale and Charlie Pitt Ford then left us to train for the World Universities Championships, where they competed in the GB coxless four alongside athletes from Imperial College and Oxford Brookes. Meanwhile, the rest of the team were treated to a free trip to China where we competed in a regatta on the Shunyi Olympic Rowing Lake in Beijing. On returning from our travels, the four of us who still had nothing better to do with our holidays got together to form a coxless four for the EUSA European Universities Rowing Championships. After a dodgy performance in our heat, we came from behind in the final to win a silver medal in a time that was faster than the previous EUSA record.



Modern Pentathlon Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cumpc/index. php

CUMPC is a hugely successful club with members of an international standard training alongside beginners and our friendly, welcoming ethos earning us the title of the most sociable club in Cambridge.

Modern Pentathlon is an Olympic Sport consisting of Swimming, Fencing, Horse-riding, Running and Shooting; the latter 2 being combined into one event made up of three 1Km run loops, each preceded by a 5 shot shoot in a similar style to the ski-rifle biathlon. Our members come from all backgrounds- some who have never competed at any of the 5 events before (a notable case is Hannah Darcy who achieved a Half-blue this year having arrived in 2007 as a novice in all disciplines!) and some who are currently representing GB at the sport. Therefore there is a huge team spirit within the squad with everyone able to teach or learn something from each other. The Varsity Match held at the start of the Easter holidays is the highlight of our calendar with 6 Men and 6 Women competing in the full 5 events as well as 3 male and 3 female reserves who compete in the swim, run and shoot. There are also many other competitions held throughout the year, which are open to anyone whatever their level of experience.

Varsity

The 2010 Varsity Match was held at Tonbridge School, Kent on



26th-27th March. Won Ladies Trophy, Ladies Reserves competiton and Men's reserves competition. Lost Men's trophy competition.

The theme of the 2010 Varsity Match was certainly broken things; broken wrists, broken stirrups and broken records. The broken wrist was courtesy of our Men's team member-Rich Allen who had to withdraw from the team and join the reserves squad a week before the competition allowing Dan Paine to step up into the trophy competition. The build- up to the match was no less dramatic for the Women's squad with both our newcomer and super-swimmer Henrietta Dillon and pentathlon veteran Emma Kenney-Herbert sustaining injuries in the few days preceding the competition, necessitating the recruitment of novice Abigail Wood 24 hours before the match.

Despite these set backs, the Cambridge Pentathletes were direct contenders from the very first event- the fence. Brad Dixon came top in the Men's fencing competition followed closely by another Cantab Daniel Housley. Not to be outdone, the Women put in a similarly fantastic performance with newcomer Laura Plant winning the women's fence and setting a new varsity record for the highest fencing score.

The Swim helped seal Cambridge's domination of the first day of the 2010 Varsity Match. All of the squad achieved personal best times in the pool with the largest improvement going to Danae Mercer who knocked off an astonishing 98 seconds from her first ever timed 200m. The Men's swim was won narrowly by Brad Dixon, who came in 0.03 seconds before the Oxford Men's captain, whilst Laura Plant won the women's swim event.

The squad arrived for the ride event the next morning, confident of their lead. However, the ride event lived up to tradition of providing a few challenges and proved to be the downfall of the men's team. Dan Housley, the Cambridge Men's captain pulled off a spectacular clear round and Brad Dixon completed the course on a difficult mount, whilst newcomer Matt Comin took up the reins for the first time in competition and, after some disagreement with the horse, decided that the destruction of the jump was the easiest way of overcoming the difficulty of getting over it. Sadly, the more experienced Oxford Men's team rode better on the day and so headed onto the lead for the first time.

Fortunately the women's team pulled off 6 fantastic performances in the ride with a beautiful clear from Hannah Darcy and a speedy but stylish round from Ayla Haddenhorst. Having been thrown into the deep end in all other 4 events, Abi Wood – a confident rider – was feeling less daunted by this phase of the competition; however a slight wardrobe malfunction meant that Abi's stirrup leather snapped half way round the course. This left Abi with 6 jumps to jump with only one foot supported by a stirrup and, after demonstrating exceptional balance, Abi completed a fantastic round to much applause and maintained the now comfortable lead over the Oxford Women.

The final event was the combined event- a new concept to all pentathletes globally. This was the first time it had been part of the Varsity match and tensions were high. The Cambridge pentathletes were well prepared for this new event thanks to the generous gun grant received last year from the University and some dedicated training. This commitment paid off and some fantastic performances were achieved: Nick England and Zoe Rutterford took the fastest shoot times in the Men's and Women's events, Hannah Darcy got best women's run and Laura Plant was the overall winner of the Women's combined event.

The 4th consecutive Women's victory was claimed whilst the Men's team show huge potential for next year, the end of the Varsity Match was celebrated in true pentathlon style with a fabulous black tie dinner in Tonbridge.

Other News

During the summer vacation, the Cambridge pentathletes travelled to Sandhurst Military Barracks in Surrey to compete in a triangular competition against Oxford and the Army. Despite not having matriculated yet, Tom Barber and Josh Radvan bravely came to meet CUMPC and compete for Cambridge for the first time. They proved a huge success with Josh Radvan beating off all Army and Oxford competition to come in first after a nail-biting combined event against fellow Cantab-Tom Barber who came in second. Congratulations to the team of Brad Dixon, Henny Dillon, Tom Barber, Laura Plant and Nick England who won the team event and secured yet more silverware for the CUMPC cabinet.

The club is hoping to nurture this link with the Army throughout the coming year; the OTC have kindly agreed to lend resources to CUMPC and an Army team will be attending the Cambridge Old Blue's competition. This is exciting not only for the Cambridge Pentathletes but also for the promotion of Modern Pentathlon across the country. We wish the best of luck to the incoming committee and encourage any interested students to look at our website or get in contact.

Joshua Radvan

My name is Josh Radvan, I am an 18 year old fresher reading Land Economy at St Catharine's. My sport is Modern Pentathlon, which is a combination of running, swimming, shooting, riding and fencing.

I have been competing in various competitions, both National and International, since I was 13 years of age. My biggest achievements so far are winning the World Biathle Championships (continuous running and swimming) at U19 and U17 age groups with a bronze medal in between these years. I am currently National U19 Modern Pentathlon Champion and was also champion at U17 level. I've represented GB in World and European events around the globe since 2006.

With the support of TASS and the coaching at Cambridge, I hope to continue competing at highest levels of my sport. This would include World Cup events, and my ultimate aim is the 2016 Olympic Games. I would also obviously like to represent Cambridge at Modern Pentathlon and achieve Blue standard.

Combining sports and studies is an important part of my daily life and I am fortunate that training for each event is specifically timetabled to avoid major clashes with my academic needs. Most training sessions are in the morning and evenings, and after one term I have managed to successfully and comfortably integrate my sporting requirements into my weekly timetable. Most importantly, I have found the standards of training and talent for all the individual sports has been high and therefore is helping me develop as an athlete.



Netball Club

www.culnc.org

CULNC plays a thriving role in Cambridge Women's sport being renowned for both sporting excellence as well as great team spirit and dedication to both the on and off court aspects of the sport. We have a squad of roughly 25 people, producing two teams that both compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues as well as the regional BUCS cup knockout tournament and, of course, the annual Varsity matches.

The 2009-2010 season proved extremely successful for CULNC with a Varsity victory for the Jays, whilst the Blues reached the Midlands Conference Cup BUCS Final and finished top of their division in the league to achieve promotion to Division 1. This sets an exciting and challenging prospect for the forthcoming season where the Blues will meet tough opposition in the higher division with both teams aiming to improve on last year's fantastic performance, especially as the Varsity match returns to home soil.

As well as the University component, the Club runs a Ladies and Mixed College League and annual Cupper's Tournament that is well supported and provides a vital opportunity for netball to be played and enjoyed at all ability levels within the university.

Varsity

20/02/2010: Oxford Blues: 35-44 Jays: 36-34

The Varsity matches proved to be a day of mixed results but what was undeniable was the high level of netball produced by all four teams and a clear culmination of a whole seasons dedicated training.

The Jays match was extremely closely fought but due to the excellent shooting and team work of Anna Fries and Sarah Gill the Light Blues entered the last quarter with a 6 goal lead over Oxford. However the Dark Blues were not done yet and fought back to produce a nail biting final 15 minutes. Cambridge kept their nerve and after endless turnovers secured a well deserved victory that displayed the progress the team had made throughout the last season. The whole team produced an outstanding performance and Hannah Pennicott at WA was named man of the match by Oxford.

The Blues were once again so evenly matched in speed and agility to their Dark Blue opponents that the final score does not reflect the extremely close fought battle for each point throughout the match that was clear to all spectators. With some excellent shooting by Jessica McGeorge and defence by Antonia Akoto the Light Blues finished 11-10 up after the first guarter. However, with an Oxford side spurred on by a home crowd this lead slipped slightly in the second quarter but victory was still very much in the Light Blues sights at half time. Unfortunately Cambridge suffered severe injuries to two key players in the second half and whilst the side fought determinedly to the end, victory became illusive. However, with much of the team staying on for next season and Varsity returning to home soil there are high hopes of success for both teams next year.



Other news

The Blues produced a storming performance in the BUCS League, losing only one match in the whole season. As such they finished top of the league and safely secured promotion for the 2010-11 season with a hugely impressive 227 goal difference over the other members of the division. Furthermore the Blues reached the final of the BUCS Knockout Cup where they met the strong Birmingham 2nd's side and at the end of full time the whistle went to signal a draw, just as the Blues had the ball in the circle ready to shoot. Extra time saw the goals continue to be exchanged alternatively until in the dying moments, further injuries to the Blues allowed Birmingham to steal the victory and leave Cambridge the silver medal. This was a result that could easily have gone either way but it is safe to say that in terms of the netball played it was the Blues performance of the season. The Jays had a mixed season in BUCS but with many key victories and a draw finished third in their highly competitive division.

Overall, the squad has had an incredibly successful season and this has laid firm foundations for next year. With many players looking to return, the 2010-11 season has exciting prospects.

Orienteering Club

www.cuoc.org.uk/

CUOC is a relatively small sports club for members of Cambridge University. Membership varies around 30 members, ranging from complete beginners to British Champions. The club's main aims are to attend orienteering events around the country and to provide training for its members so that they can improve. CUOC was founded in 1970 with a committee of just two people, and has been going ever since.

The club organises two events each year: the Sprint-O which is a combined orienteering/social event for members of any university, and the Icenian which is open to the general public and usually attracts around 300 orienteers.

The main competitions attended by the club every year are Varsity

and the British University Championships (BUCS). The annual Varsity match takes place at the end of Lent term each year. This could be anywhere in the country, and is usually abroad every three years. In 2008 it was held in Sweden and in 2011 will be held in the Czech Republic.

BUCS again could be held anywhere in the country, and is a competition open to all university orienteering clubs in Britain. It is a weekend competition with an individual race on the Saturday and a team relay on the Sunday, with a big social event on the Saturday night.

CUOC organises transport for its members to around six events each term, and organises a week long training camp (often in the Lake District) every Christmas for members of CUOC and OUOC.

Varsity

Date: 6th March 2010 Venue: Penhale Sands, Cornwall Result: Oxford won by 10 minutes overall in the men's; Cambridge could not field a full women's team

This year's Varsity Match took place on Saturday 6th March on Penhale Sands in Cornwall, with excellent (and technically challenging) courses planned by Scott Collier (JOK).

The Varsity Match is made up of a Men's Course and a Women's Course, with runners starting at 6 minute intervals, alternating between Oxford and Cambridge (so members of the same club are spaced by 12 minutes). Each club is allowed to choose the order of their starters, so it is tactically best to start the fastest off last. The top four men and top three women count for each club. The match is always followed by a fun relay on the Sunday.

First off for Cambridge in the Men's Match was Alex Küng, followed at 12 minute intervals by Ben Windsor, Adam Bennett, Matthew Halliday, and Ben Stevens. Matt flew around the course despite the pain of a knee injury, and took victory in just over 60 minutes for the 8.8km course. There was a close race between Ben Stevens and Mark McLeod of Oxford, with Ben catching Mark up by their 6 minute separation before pulling away slightly at the end to take second position. However, Oxford's consistency was their strength and they took the next four positions. Cambridge's other two times to count were Adam Bennett's and Ben Windsor's



in 80 and 81 minutes respectively. Once all of the runners had returned, we found to CUOC's disappointment that Oxford's combined time was 10 minutes quicker, and they took the Men's title.

We were unable to field a full team of three in the Women's Race, and our two runners were Victoria Stevens and Mairead Rocke. This meant the result of the Women's Match was decided before it even began. Oxford took the two top spots with Anne Edwards winning in 53 minutes, but Cambridge ran strongly and Mairead finished in third place in a time of 67 minutes for the 6.6km course, with Vicky finishing four minutes behind in fourth place.

Despite our defeat, the weekend was great fun and we look forwards to challenging Oxford once again on 2nd April 2011 in the Czech Republic, where we intend to have a complete team!

Other Competitions and Results

BUCS 2010

CUOC attended BUCS in the Forest of Dean on 13th-14th March 2010. Unfortunately the event was plaqued with misfortunes; Mairead had tonsillitis and so had to pull out at the last minute, the A14 was closed so the second car was late and had to have delayed starts, Adam Bennett was given the wrong map so did an extra 5km before starting on the correct course and then managed to injure himself near the end of the course, and Vicky Stevens injured herself during the individual and so was unable to compete in the relay.

Fortunately we were still able to salvage a good result due to some very good runs. Matt was 8th, and Ben was 17th with Adam completing the team in 46th. Mairead and Vicky both ran very well coming 14th and 16th respectively. This left us in 4th place with the relays to go on the Sunday. Mairead had a very impressive run, coming back in 3rd; unfortunately Vicky had fallen through a cattle grid the previous day, which meant we had an incomplete team. Matt, Adam, and Ben all had very consistent runs which took them well clear of the third-placed Oxford. This put the men 3rd and the university 4th overall which was very fortunate given the number of mishaps, and is consistent with previous years.

Tours

CUOC organised a training tour at Christmas 2009 in the Lake District for a week. OUOC organised a training tour near Strömstad, Sweden for a week, which CUOC were also invited to attend. Both tours were great successes, with members having fantastic opportunities to improve their skills in some of the best orienteering terrain in the world.

Special Interest/Other News

Matthew Halliday and Mairead Rocke were both selected for the second time to run at the Junior World Championships (JWOC) for Great Britain, held in Denmark at the beginning of July 2010. They were also both selected for the British Orienteering International Racing Camp in Gdansk, Poland at the start of August 2010, whilst Victoria Stevens was selected for the British Orienteering Academy Coaching Camp held in Uppsala, Sweden at the end of July 2010.

Mairead Rocke



I study Geography at Churchill College and I am also part of **British Orienteering's World Class** Academy Squad. My most recent international competition was the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2010 which was held in Denmark. I achieved a personal best of 20th position in the Middle race final. This was the culmination of a successful domestic competition season in which I won the individual medal for my age group at the Jan Kjellstrom International Festival of Orienteering. I was also part of the South Yorkshire Orienteer's Team who won the Women's Relay Trophy.

The aims of my training for 2011 focus upon the Junior World Orienteering Championships which are to be held in Poland in July. I hope to improve upon my past performances, particularly in the sprint and the long race. 2011 is my final year competing as a junior and so I also hope to make good foundations on which I can progress up to the senior level.

Sport is a key part of my life at Cambridge. Whilst being a member of Cambridge University Orienteering Club, I also train with the Hare and Hounds crosscountry club. Furthermore, I am very grateful for the support provided by the Talented Athlete Sponsorship Scheme. Through this I have had regular access to a strength and conditioning coach at Fenner's Gym and I have also been provided with opportunities to travel to more technical terrains which are not abundant in Cambridge.

Polo Club

The club has its own ponies and aims to provide cheap, accessible polo to players of any ability – from complete beginners who have never picked up a stick to those who arrive at Cambridge having already played for many years. We arrange regular lessons and tournaments, both at home and away and, for many, the year culminates in the Varsity match played at Guards Polo Club in June.

Varsity

June 2010 Oxford 5-4 Cambridge This was the closest fought match of recent years with Oxford fielding a team, which, on paper, looked very strong. Traditionally playing off the stick rather than off handicap, our boys fought back well and played better than ever, despite their obvious disadvantage. The game was close, with Tobi Edun putting an equalizing goal through the posts in what spectators thought was the last second of play. Unfortunately the umpire ruled against it, claiming the last bell went before the ball crossed the line, to the outrage of most of the stands and even the commentator. It was a high standard match and a fantastic day out, and the boys should be congratulated on how well they played.

Looking Forward to 2011

We will be sending teams to the National University Arena Championship from 17th-20th February, and we are also fielding a team comprising two students and one old boy to play in the O2 arena on 24th Feb. The Jack Wills Varsity Match this year is on 11th June at Guards Polo Club.

Powerlifting Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuplc/

Cambridge University Powerlifting Club (CUPLC) 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 (athletics, martial arts, sailing), 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. No experienced lifter expects a novice to walk in and lift heavy weights - most can remember their own first efforts! So you should not feel you have to impress or compete.

Any member of The University can join the club, although only those registered for a degree can compete in the Varsity match.

Varsity

27th February, 2010, "Core Cambridge" Facility, Cambridge Oxford 1203.1 - 995.5 Cambridge

Although Cambridge lost, we had some great performances with lots of newcomers who showed some real talent. The top three lifters from Cambridge were Jerrell Whitehead, Alexander Blessing and Alp Notghi. Jerrell especially was very impressive, totalling 620kg at a bodyweight of 94kg, which should earn him a Full Blue. I was very happy to see many people competing for their first
time. Well done to Louis Cox-Brusseau, James Barton, William Blackwell, Josh Mouland, David Parkes and Shaun Ng as well as to Ivy Owens and Krish Mahbubani, who showed that Powerlifting is not just for men.

I would like to thank Andrew Lee, Adam Scrivner and Steve Martin for helping out tremendously.

Looking Forward to 2010/11

This year we are focussing on rebuilding our Varsity squad with the intention of inflicting a resounding defeat upon Oxford in this year's Varsity match, to be held at the Pro Am Fight Centre in Cambridge. To this end we have been fortunate to recruit a large number of highly talented lifters with a solid background in strength sports from across the University, from both undergraduate and postgraduate camps.



The club has also had the opportunity to forge ties with London-based club British Barbell, allowing several members of the Varsity squad to improve their technique under the aegis of British Barbell's internationally ranked powerlifters, with an aim to qualifying for the British Nationals later this year. Finally, the Varsity squad was also fortunate to attend a seminar held in Cambridge by 'The World's Strongest Man', and World Deadlift Record Holder, Andy Bolton. The knowledge gained from this seminar was useful both to novice and advanced lifters alike, inspiring many of the club's lifters to rethink their approach to the 'king' of lifts.

Rackets Club

The rackets match against Oxford is one of the longest-standing fixtures in university sport, and the club's main aim is to find a team, traditionally two pairs, to keep up that tradition. One difficulty is the lack of a rackets court in Cambridge, but Haileybury kindly provide practice facilities.

The 2010/11 Secretary is James Watson (Trinity Hall) – please contact him for any enquiries.

Varsity

March 10th, 2010 at The Queen's Club, London W14 Oxford 3-0 Cambridge

1st pairs.

James Stallibras (Radley School and Trinity Hall) lost to William Fortune (Harrow School and Brasenose), 1-15, 2-15, 7-15 James Watson (Marlborough School and Trinity Hall) lost to Alex Portz (Winchester School and Somerville), 3-15, 3-15, 4-15

Doubles: J. Stallibras and J.Watson lost to W.Fortune and A.Portz, 0-15, 2-15, 7-15

2nd pairs. Edward Pearson (The Perse School and Robinson) lost to Chris Steganowicz (Eton School and Regent's Park), 4-15, 1-15, 0-15 Patrick Stobbs (Eton School and King's) lost to Horatio Carey (Eton School and Trinity), 3-15, 8-15, 7-15

Pearson and Stobbs lost to Steganowicz and Carey, 6-15, 15-9, 5-15, 6-15 Cambridge were outgunned by the more experienced Oxford players, and found it hard to return serve consistently or confidently on the notoriously severe Queen's club court. They played spiritedly in the rallies, and the matches were all well-contested, especially the doubles - the 1st pair held a deserved lead of 7-5 in the third game, and the second pair were one game all in their contest. Howard Angus, the Club President, marked the matches. Pol Roger, the sponsors, hosted a generous reception afterwards in the Museum of the Queen's club.

Real Tennis Club

www.curtc.net/

The so-called "king of racquet sports", Real tennis is the original indoor racquet sport from which the modern game of lawn tennis is descended. It is a fast-paced game that requires strength and speed but also finesse. Cambridge University is one of 23 clubs in the

UK and one of only three clubs in the country to have two real tennis courts. The club has a large student community and new members and players are always welcome.

Varsity

19-20th February 2010, MCC, Lords'. Men's 1st Team: Cambridge 2-4 Oxford Women's 1st Team: Cambridge 6-0 Oxford

6th March 2010, Oxford Real Tennis Club Men's 2nd Team: Cambridge 1-5 Oxford Women's 2nd Team: Cambridge 1-5 Oxford

Men's Varsity Match Report

After what felt like a year with all the right preparation leading up to the Varsity match, it all ended rather bitterly for the Men's squads. A resounding victory for Cambridge the previous year only served to fuel Oxford's determination to have their revenge. Two 5-set thrillers in the doubles resulted in the scores being tied after the first day. The Cambridge partnership of Ali Hakimi and James Watson narrowly lost out to Horatio Cary and Sam Halliday 6/2, 3/6, 5/6, 6/5, 4/6 in a topsy-turvy battle. The pair certainly had their chances to snatch victory particularly in the third set where they squandered a 5-3 lead. Rob Hird and Ed Pearson levelled the tie with another mouth-watering encounter lasting over 3 hours on court with a 2/6, 6/3, 6/4, 5/6, 6/4 victory over Will Fortune and Chris Stefanowicz.

Captain Ed Pearson began the proceedings on the following day in the first singles match to meet a truly inspired Chris Stefanowicz who came out all guns blazing to silence the Cambridge crowd. Underdog Stefanowicz ran out the convincing winner 6/4, 6/3.

Oxford 3rd string man Sam Halliday will surely wish he had never stepped out on court to face an incensed James Watson. Having lost out in the doubles the previous day, Watson was thirsty for blood. Watson crushed Halliday 6/1, 6/0 in under 35 minutes. That impressive performance left the match in the balance at 2-2 with the 1st and 2nd string singles still to come.

Practice partners and healthy rivals Ali Hakimi and Horatio Cary did battle in the 2nd string singles. Hakimi's decision to change his game plan moments before the start proved to be a mistake as he was downed 0/6 in the first set with Cary in superb form. The second set saw Hakimi race to a 3/0 lead but was unable to maintain enough quality to overcome Cary's impressive retrieving skills, eventually losing 4/6. The highly anticipated match between two of the UK's most talented youngsters, Rob Hird and Will Fortune, was now a must-win for Cambridge. Having sustained serious ligament damage to his wrist a week before the Varsity match, Hird faced a tough task but his grit and determination shone through as the two players produced one of the finest Varsity matches of all time. Hird was rattled by Fortune's clinical start losing the first set 3/6. Like all great players, Hird called upon his quality just at the right time, managing to guell Fortune's obvious excitement trumping him 6/1 to take the second set. With the injury slowly starting to eat away at Hird's confidence, the scales tipped back in Fortune's favour as he took the final set with a convincing 6/1 scoreline. The Oxford contingency went wild as they recorded their first men's

varsity victory for over 6 years with a 4-2 win over Cambridge.

Women's Varsity Match Report

The Varsity weekend began with the women's singles on Friday morning. First on court at Lord's for Cambridge was 4th seed Pippa Tregear (Trinity), against ex-Cambrigian Charlotte Barker. A bundle of nervous excitement (as it was her first Varsity experience at this impressive venue), Pippa was grateful for having trained hard in preparation for the game and started well, taking an early lead. Continued consistent play saw her win the match 6/0, 6/4. Next on was Lucie Browning (Fitzwilliam) vs Oxford's 3rd seed Sarah Hird. With the Cambridge captain looking to build on Pippa's success and ex world champion Charlotte Cornwallis there to support her former pupil, the pressure was on. Lucie took some

time to adjust to the pace of the new court and initially struggled against Sarah's strong volleying and return of serve. The odds weren't looking good when Sarah won the first set 1-6. However, determined not to let her side down, Lucie managed to get back in the game by sticking to her trusted bobble serve and went on to win the next two sets (and consequently the match) 6/4, 6/4.

The Oxbridge battle proceeded into the 2nd seeds game between Alexandra Bryant (Christ's) and Stephanie Walton. Alex didn't hang about. Serving well and making the most of her height advantage and long reach, it didn't take her long to finish the match, winning comfortably 6/0, 6/3. Last on for the Cambridge team was Karen Hird (ranked 2nd in the world at the time), against the Oxford captain Victoria Ormerod.



The Hird Triplets

In 2006, the Hirds began their university careers; Robert studying Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge; Karen studying Economics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge; while Sarah chose Merton College, Oxford to study PPE.

Encouraged by their parents from an early age they all played a variety of sports – Robert and Karen had represented England at Badminton from U13 up to U17 while Sarah's main focus was Swimming, where she swam in the regional finals for a number of years. They also played the esoteric sport of Real Tennis.

With two courts on their doorstep at Cambridge and a court for Sarah at Merton, all three of them played Real Tennis regularly while at Uni. In their 1st year, all three of them were selected for both the Real Tennis and Badminton Varsity matches. However, in the month before, Robert tore his cruciate ligament and Sarah tore ligaments in her ankle ruling them out of the Varsity matches. Thankfully, Karen stayed fit and won all of her matches in helping the Cambridge team win in both sports.

In 2nd year, Robert became captain of the Cambridge Men's Real Tennis team; Sarah captained the Oxford Women's Badminton team, while Karen captained both the Real Tennis and Badminton Women's teams. Indeed, the Badminton match saw Karen and Sarah go head to head at first string – Karen prevailing and leading her team to a comprehensive win. Cambridge also won the Real Tennis Varsity matches, men and women, by 5 matches to 1. This year, Karen had also been selected for the

Squash and Eton Fives Varsity teams, two sports she had taken up on arriving at University, while Robert played in the Rackets Varsity match.

On to 3rd year, and Karen completed the hat-trick of Varsity wins in both Badminton and Real Tennis, once again defeating Sarah's Oxford team. Unfortunately, Robert again injured himself in the month before the matches, this time breaking a bone and tearing a ligament in his wrist. Knowing he needed surgery anyway, he had it strapped to play the Real Tennis Varsity match. Despite a brave effort he lost the deciding match to the Oxford number 1 6-3,1-6,6-1. Once again Karen played the Squash and Eton Fives matches as well, ending her university career with 8 Full Blues and 2 Half Blues.

Karen graduated with an Economics degree (II.1) and is currently in training for the Real Tennis World Championships to be held at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club in May 2011. Sarah also graduated, with a PPE degree (II.1) and is moving to Indonesia to teach English. Meanwhile, Robert is continuing at Cambridge to study for a Masters in Mathematics, having got a First last year. Having faced each other on both the squash and real tennis court in the Varsity matches last year, these players were no strangers to one another. However, Karen's experience on the real tennis court made her the easy favourite to win and she didn't disappoint. Although Victoria played bravely, Karen was clearly the stronger player and won the match in a clean 6/0, 6/0. The Cambridge side were left to rest easy that night, knowing they'd secured the overall title having won 4 of the 6 matches to be played over the weekend.

The next day saw an early start to the doubles matches, as both the Oxford and Cambridge sides had players needing to be at the squash Varsity matches elsewhere in London that afternoon! First on were Karen and Lucie, looking to beat Victoria and Charlotte. Lucie seemed a lot happier on court next to her teammate and although Victoria and Charlotte tried to direct play away from Karen, they struggled in the face of some tactical serving from the Cambridge pair. It was a comfortable 6/0, 6/0 win for Cambridge. Pippa and Alex were last on court for the women, and although Stephanie and Sarah put up a fight, they couldn't do enough to avoid some fantastic volleying from Pippa whilst Alex held her ground at the back of the court. They went on to take the match 6/4, 6/1, securing an overall 6-0 victory for the Cambridge women and retaining the trophy for the 4th year in succession.

Other news

European Inter-Universities Championship, Winners 2010, Team: Ed Pearson, Ali Hakimi, James Watson Rob Hird British Open, 1st Round British Real Tennis Academy

Ali Hakimi British Real Tennis Academy Development Squad

James Watson & Ed Pearson National League Division 4, Runners Up

Karen Hird

Ladies World No. 2, 2009/10 World doubles champion and singles finalist, 2009 French Open, Winner (singles), 2009 British Open, Winner (doubles), Finalist (singles), 2009

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Revolver and Pistol Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/curpc/

Cambridge University Revolver and Pistol Club (CURPC) is a friendly yet competitive club. We shoot mainly air pistol as well as Lightweight Sporting Rifle (LSR) at 20yds. We compete in several competitions throughout the year ranging from local leagues and the Varsity Match up to national and international championships. Our club meets twice a week and we have training suitable for complete beginners up to national squad level. Shooting ranks amongst Cambridge's oldest varsity sports and has links dating back to at least 1803 with the formation of the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers. The University Revolver club was formed as an independent club in 1902. The first revolver (full-bore) varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge most likely took place in 1908 at the NRA Imperial meet and was officially incorporated into the programme in 1909 with the first win going to Cambridge.

The full-bore varsity is still contested at the Imperial match every summer (although it is now shot using centre fire gallery rifles following the ban on revolvers in 1997). The pistol (small-bore) Varsity match was established in 1960 (now shot on air pistols) and has become the main focus of the inter University pistol competitions. The CURPC team is proud to be sponsored by Haendler & Natermann Sport.

Varsity

This year's spring Varsity match was held at Oxford's Wantage range on the 21st February between CURPC and OUPC. Cambridge had so far enjoyed a very successful season with a squad comprising both experienced members (having recently competed at county or international level) and many new and talented shooters. However, last year's small-bore Varsity was won by a close margin and the summer full-bore GRCF (Imperial) match lost by only a single point, making the recent competition extremely close. The Varsity match follows the 'standard pistol' course of fire (gauged for a .22 round), comprising precision and rapid fire rounds shot in teams of four over 20 yards. This year's competition saw Oxford hosting, giving the Dark Blue side the home ground advantage. Both teams started strongly, shooting shoulder to shoulder, Cambridge with Oxford. However unfamiliar range conditions threw a number of the Cambridge side allowing Oxford to pull into an early lead. Equipment problems then put paid to Cambridge's 4th man's hopes of a comeback allowing

Oxford to claim victory in the A team match. The CURPC ladies team on the other hand managed to successfully deal with all these setbacks (including a gun malfunction), despite the side consisting mostly of novices. An ability to remain calm under pressure is crucial to any competitive shooting sport, and the squad clearly rose to this on the day with a personal best score from ladies captain Wenjun Qu helping to secure the 2010 ladies trophy.

Other Competitions and Results

The 2009/2010 season was an extremely successful one for CURPC and its members, with too many medals earned to mention them all in detail. Individual golds were won by James Bullock at the NRA Imperial meet and the ESSU air pistol league, by Vin Shen Ban in the Eley Postal competition, and a 2nd place cat. E ranking achieved by Chris Clemente at the Cambridge.177 April competition. CURPC took the team gold in 'standard pistol' at the NSRA British Pistol Championships. On the county side, CURPC was heavily represented in the Cambridgeshire 1st team which won division 5 of the long running NSRA national winter league, and (for the first time in memory) the 6 Counties trophy. Cheng Liu was the top scorer in the 6 Counties

match with an impressive 551/600. CURPC also travelled to Wales to shoot in the Welsh Open air gun championships which proved a good opportunity to gain national level match experience for all who took part. The club put in a good showing as the 'present' in the annual past and present meeting at Bisley shooting a friendly match against the current Oxford side and the old boys from both Universities (the 'Faded Blues'). The past did as always win on the day but CURPC still took home the novice trophy and the 'wine prize'.

Special Interest/Other News

This year CURPC's captain James Bullock travelled to the Netherlands to shoot for England at senior level in the annual Intershoot championships. Intershoot is held in The Hague and is a major international air gun competition with teams sent from around 16 different countries to compete. CURPC is one of the few clubs that also sends a team to this event. A respectable 90.6% was scored on the second day, ranking in the top half of the England team results. The competition takes place over three days and each involves a separate 60 shot 10m match, complete with Olympic final for the top 8 shooters.

Riding Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/curiding/

The riding club provides equestrian activities for all levels, from complete beginners to advanced riders. Our aim is to promote the enjoyment and learning of equestrian enthusiasts; whether you are a seasoned competitor leaving a horse at home, or completely new to the sport.

The team are chosen from those seasoned competitors and only the best 4 riders in the University have the opportunity to compete against Oxford. Trials were extremely competitive again last year.

Varsity Match

Oxford took a lead of 3 penalties after dressage but, after the showjumping phase, we overtook to win by 24 penalties ensuring a 7th consecutive victory in the riding Varsity match. We were also successful individually with Georgie Messenger taking the win with a score of 0 penalties.

Other news

We competed against Writtle, Essex and the University of East Anglia, winning all four of our league matches and by over 100 penalties on more than one occasion. We also had at least 3 people in the top 5 at every match with individual wins for Tom March and Izzy Edmundson.

Two teams representing Great Britain were sent to the student riding nations cup match held in Canada over 4 days in July and there were two Cambridge students were selected to be amongst them, Sam Cutts and Georgie Messenger. These competitions take a similar format to the matches the University riding team competes in but are between teams representing nations from all over the world. They consist of a team dressage test ridden by all three team members and then subsequent rounds of increasing difficulty up to advanced level, all on horses drawn randomly which can only be ridden for 5 minutes by the competitor before they must ride for the judges. A similar format is used for the showjumping with the fences increasing in height until the final round at around 1.3m. The two Great Britain teams took Bronze and 4th and Georgie Messenger also took overall individual bronze.

Rifle Association

www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cura/

The Cambridge University Rifle Association 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. Unlike target rifle, match rifle uses telescopic sights and is shot at longer ranges between 1000 and 1200 yards. Our season begins with our annual training week at Bisley during the Easter Holiday. Throughout the Easter holidays 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 equal basis. During the summer vacation we enter the National Rifle Association Imperial Meeting.

Edward Dickson

Edward won his first National championships at the age of 11 with an air rifle. He progressed through .22 small-bore target rifle and eventually to 7.62mm target rifle at Oundle School, where he won the National Cadet Pair competition in 2004.

Moving to Marlborough College in 2005, he toured Denmark with the British Schools' Shooting Team, winning the 50m and 300m individual competitions without dropping a point as well as the team competition. Earmarked as the "one to watch" by the team manager, he captained and wind-coached Marlborough to 2nd place in both 2006 and 2007 in the Cadet Team competition, "The Ashburton". Ed now considers himself to be an all round shot, as both a shooter and wind coach, and since leaving school has competed for Great Britain in the U21 Team World Championship in Canada in 2007 and the GB U19 Team to South Africa in 2008, where the squad won all its team matches.

In the last 3 years whilst at Cambridge he has finished 20th, 4th and 4th respectively in the BUCS individual small-bore competitions and 3rd and 2nd in the 2008 and 2009 full-bore competitions, as well as being a member of 3 winning small-bore and 2 winning full-bore varsity matches. He was a reserve for England in 2008 and shot England trial matches in 2009 and 2010.

This year he is captain of the Cambridge University Rifle Association and was selected as Adjutant and coach for the Great Britain U25 tour of Australia for the World Championships in 2011. Despite not even making an application, he was also selected for the Great Britain Senior Team to Canada in 2011; unfortunately he had to turn the selection down, as the tour departs just two days after his wedding and his fiancée didn't think a shooting tour to be the ideal honeymoon!



This is the highlight of the year, and includes dozens of competitions, both team and individual. CURA currently holds the record for the longest number of consecutive Varsity wins – 24.

Varsity

Match Rifle held on Thursday 15th July 2010 at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley, Surrey CURA beat OURC by 51 pts: 783.49v – 732.27v

Target Rifle held on Friday 23rd July 2010 at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley, Surrey CURA beat OURC by 188 pts: 1153.125v – 965.75v

The first of our full bore varsity matches was the Humphry Challenge Cup which is competed for by teams of four each firing 1 sighter and 15 shots to count at 1000, 1100 and 1200 vards. The conditions for the day could not have been much worse with forecasts of winds gusting up to 50mph and heavy rain. At the first range, 1000 yards, 15 minutes of wind were used on the sights. This is equivalent to aiming around 15 feet to the left of the target. Under these conditions, the greater organisation of the team and ability of the shooters gave Cambridge a 26 point lead. At 1100 yards, the rain added to the tricky wind but Cambridge continued as they had started and increased their lead to 43 points. At the final range after a chance to dry out over lunch, the wind was just as complicated as ever and the importance of the wind coaches becomes more dominant. CURA once again had a slight lead over the opposition outscoring Oxford by 8 points. This led to a final margin of victory of 51 points and marked the tenth year in a row that Cambridge has won the

Humphry Challenge Cup. This run of successive victories is only matched by Oxford in the first ten years of this competition. Since the founding of this competition in 1881, Cambridge has won 68 times to Oxford's 51.

The Chancellors' Challenge Plate, presented in 1862 is the Target Rifle Varsity match. Unfortunately Oxford had one firer unable to make the match and so CURA started with a 150 point lead. With this margin starting, it would be highly unlikely for Cambridge to lose but instead of half-heartily approaching the match, the Cambridge team went out to put in an impressive score and show the high calibre of shooting at Cambridge. The course of fire for this match is 1 sighter and ten to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards and the wind coaches have to also be shooters in the team. The conditions for the day were tricky

but our coaches were up to task. The top scorer for the day was Holly Foster with an impressive 149.20v out of a maximum 150.30v. Congratulations must also go to John Lindsay who put in a nervy 148.15v, within two points of the average of the Great Britain team who were shooting along side. This, coupled with his small bore varsity score, earned him a Full Blue. Narrowly missing out on the Full Blue was Ed Dickson who scored 147.21v unfortunately dropping his 28th and 29th of the 30 shots in the match out of the bull. The standard of shooting from Cambridge was high with CURA making the eighth highest score in the 138 year history of the Chancellors. CURA beat Oxford by 188 points, which is 38 more than the starting margin. Even without the problems that plagued Oxford in fielding a full team, this score would most likely have led to another victory for Cambridge.

CURA's season started at the beginning of the Easter Holidays with our annual training week at Bisley. We had a good attendance during this week where those new to shooting were introduced to fullbore shooting and those experienced shots could dust off the cobwebs in preparation for the new season. The first external match of the season took place on the final day of this training week. It was shot against the Oxford and Cambridge Rifle Association. CURA was leading by two points into the final distance but was narrowly pipped at the final range to lose by 4 points. Throughout the Easter term, 7 more team matches and two individual competitions took place with CURA putting in a strong showing at each. This was impressive given that it is always difficult to field our strongest team due to exam pressures.

This experience set us up well for the imperial competition where



we would compete against Oxford and other universities. CURA enjoyed success in both the Varsity matches. This meant the CURA and CUSBC (our sister club) had a clean sweep in the all the Varsity matches for the second year running. In the BUCS events, CURA won both the Universities Aggregate and the Universities Long Range competitions. After the Imperial Meeting, several other open meetings were attended by members of CURA, in both Match Rifle and Target Rifle. A trio from Cambridge also competed in the Scottish Match Rifle open meeting in September. The Association has been awarded 3 Full Blues in the last 2 years with members competing for Great Britain at both the Under 21 and senior levels. We are fortunate to continue to have some great talent on the team, in both disciplines, who are willing to pass their knowledge onto new members.

Henry Day



My Sport is Long Range Target Rifle Shooting. This involves shooting a target at distances ranging from 300 to 1000 yards and trying to get the highest score possible by judging the wind conditions and setting one's sights accordingly. I compete in individual competitions but enjoy team-shooting most. In 2010 I was selected for the GB team to Canada. This was my first senior international cap and represents a huge achievement for me as I was one of the youngest members of the team, one that is made up of many people with far more experience. Whilst in Canada I was the top U25 in the Grand Aggregate of competitions and I shot for the winning GB team in the Outlander, Commonwealth and America matches. The America match is one of our "majors" and is undoubtedly the experience I have ever had.

I have previously toured Canada twice, South Africa and the Channel Islands. Representing BUCS, GB U19s (Captain) and GB U21s. Breaking into senior international level competition requires a huge step up in the level of training, both by practising

but also analysing my technique, fitness and nutrition.

Recently I have been selected to represent GB again on tour to Canada in August 2011 and to represent the GB U25s in the U25 World Championships in Australia in October 2011.

Unfortunately Target Shooting is an expensive sport; there is no sponsorship of the sport and what prize money there is does not cover the costs of the competition. Competitors predominantly have to fund themselves, which is becoming increasingly difficult. I am therefore very grateful for the support of the Eric Evans Fund as well as the Hawks' Charitable Trust and my college that has made my achievements this year possible and affordable.

Rugby Fives Club

Rugby Fives has been played at Cambridge University for over 100 years and the Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club was set up in 1925. The first rugby fives courts were built in Portugal Place in 1892 and these were used, though refurbished from time to time, up until 1995. At present there are no courts in Cambridge, so a commitment of travelling weekly to Oundle School to practice is required. Although the sport is rather unknown to most, the club throughout the years has had some extremely talented players. The club prides itself on its long tradition and success and continues to breed new talent.

Varsity

Oxford 300-38 Cambridge St Paul's, Oxford

Sport can sometimes kick you when you're down, and this year's Varsity Match at St Paul's was a cruel example of this for the team. Oxford were almost unchanged from last year's victorious eight only adding freshman Hine to give them extra fire-power in the doubles - while Cambridge, still without home courts, were forced to field a side weakened by a combination of illness and unavoidable absence. This inevitably led to something of a mismatch, at least as far as the scores were concerned.

Oxford, led by British Universities and National Under 25 champion Tristão, boasted a formidable singles line-up, including some seasoned veterans. Fabes at two, a winning captain for Cambridge back in 2002, and Ronan at three had each played in four previous Varsity Matches. In the event, Oxford's top three overwhelmed their less experienced though talented opponents, Malone, Ladak and Rowland; while at four last year's captain, Park, beat the Cambridge secretary Compton with something to spare. Sixty points to eight was the score at lunch.

The doubles brought Cambridge no relief, as none of their pairs were able to make any real impression on the well-balanced Oxford line-up. The third and fourth Oxford pairs played as well as any of recent years and gave Cambridge little chance. The first eight games of doubles were so conclusive that the result of the match was already determined by that stage, with none of the Cambridge pairs reaching double figures in any game.

The question now was this: could Oxford keep pressing to create a remarkable record by scoring three hundred points and limiting their opponents to fewer than fifty? Despite whole-hearted resistance from Cambridge, they managed to achieve this aim, conceding only thirty-eight points overall while amassing a maximum – the first time since the very first Varsity Match in 1925 that the winning margin has been over 250 points.

This was always going to be a very tough year, even without the injuries and absences that occurred. With several players returning from abroad for next season and a host of talented freshmen the future is looking good and hopefully the side can get back to winning ways in 2011.

Season Review

This season unfortunately the club did not participate in BUCS, and so apart from the season ending Varsity match we had just weekly fixtures against school and clubs from over the country.

As with Varsity the host of long term absence due to injury and illness meant we fared badly in fixtures. There were several close games but unfortunately no victories were obtained throughout the season.

A notable high point of the season as always was the past v present match held annually. During the day the match was held, eventually being won by the past. Then in the evening past players joined the current squad in Magdalene for a formal meal.

Looking Towards 2011

The 2009/2010 season was an 'annus horribilis' in terms of results for the club but with old hands back and plenty of fresh blood, the 2010/2011 season is looking very promising.

In November a team of eight will be going to BUCS our first entry for four years, and we hope to win at least one of the singles or doubles titles. Early results are alluding to a very exciting Varsity match with both teams looking closely matched.

Rugby Union Football Club

www.curufc.com/

Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club (CURUFC) was officially founded in 1872, the first Varsity Match being played in that year. In addition to the first XV (the Blues) CURUFC runs a second XV (the LX Club) an Under 21 side, an U21 A XV and a Colleges XV. Each December there is a series of five rugby varsity matches played against the corresponding teams at OURFC. All teams have strong fixture schedules and receive regular coaching.

The club is, as a Constituent Body of the RFU, also responsible for the administration of some 400 matches a season involving intercollegiate leagues and cup matches. In addition in the Lent term an U20 XV plays in the national championship.

The Club is financially and managerially independent of the University and is run by a small committee. Given that the playing membership of CURUFC turns over with great frequency (depending on the length of a student's course) the Committee is primarily concerned with continuity in terms of tradition, facilities, finance and development.

Varsity 2010

December 9th, 2010, Twickenham Stadium Oxford 21-10 Cambridge Captain Jimmy Richards' men went down 21-10 against Oxford at Twickenham in the 129th Varsity match. The result will ultimately be seen as a disappointing performance after a solid season and thorough preparation. The Blues will be asking themselves what went wrong on the day.

The team didn't hit the levels seen over the course of the season, and with the one off nature of the Varsity Match, Oxford were the superior team on the day and fully deserved the plaudits. Cambridge came off second best in the contact area and despite largely dominating the scrums were never quite able to get sufficient 'go forward' to apply sustained pressure. Too many mistakes were made and momentum lost.

Cambridge scorers were Jimmy Richards with a penalty and the conversion of a penalty try.

Other News

College Rugby 2009/2010 season Division One Champions: St John's Division Two Champions: Queen's Promoted: Magdalene Division Three Champions: Robinson Promoted: Clare/Corpus/King's (CCK)

Fitzwilliam College were awarded the CUDRRS 'Fair Play' Trophy.

Cuppers 2010 Winners: St John's Cuppers Plate Winners: Downing Cuppers Shield Winners: Magdalene Colleges 7's Tournament Winners: Homerton Plate Winners: Fitzwilliam

Cambridge also contributed strongly to the Oxbridge U23 XV, which played against the Combined Services U23 XV at Twickenham in the curtain raiser for the annual Army V Navy match. It was an honour to be asked to play in the game and a very strong, skilful and pacy Oxbridge team performed magnificently to win by 50-22 in an open and entertaining game.

CURUFC were invited to represent the RFU at the Casablanca University 7's tournament and the squad both enjoyed the trip and performed well to reach the final where it just fell short as a very strong South African Student team took the trophy. In addition, the 7's squad played at the Melrose 7's, reached the plate final of the ULR Samurai 7's and the semi finals at the London Floodlit Sevens.

Looking towards 2010/10

In 2010-11 season the Blues squad will visit the eastern USA for a preseason training camp. The inaugural Barcap Sevens tournament will be held at Grange Road as a season opener in late September. The Oxbridge U23's will again play at Twickenham on Army/Navy day. CURUFC 7's have received a return invite to the Casablanca 7's.

Women's Rugby Union Football Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwrfc/

Cambridge University Women's Rugby Club prides itself on its commitment and dedication to the sport of rugby, as well as its inclusion of players with a wide range of experience levels, from complete beginners to those having played nearly a decade. CUWRFC competes in both the **RFUW Championship Midlands 2** and BUCS Midlands 1A divisions during Michaelmas and Lent Term. The Varsity Match is usually played in the final weeks of Lent Term, with the venue alternating annually between Cambridge and Oxford. CUWRFC is now also pleased to boast a reinstatement of their Full Blue status based on their continuous success over the past three years.

Women's rugby is one of the fastest growing sports internationally. In Summer 2010, England hosted the Women's Rugby World Cup, which featured the top twelve teams from around the globe. Each of the three days of pool matches was sold out, and over 13,000 people attended the final at Twickenham Stoop. Moreover, both men's and women's rugby sevens have been approved as an Olympic sport, beginning with the 2016 Olympics.

CUWRFC is a very inclusive club and, in addition to a vigorous match and training schedule, offers a very active social calendar to its members, including team meals, themed pub crawls, swaps and our annual Pocklington Tour.

Varsity

Cambridge Blues 25 – 0 Oxford Blues Cambridge Tigers 9 – 7 Oxford Panthers

The Cambridge Blues came out strong against an Oxford side hungry to avenge their previous two Varsity losses; however, Cambridge was clearly the dominant team, quickly putting points on the board. Although Oxford came back in the second half more aggressively, a strong Cambridge defence kept them scoreless. Tries were scored by Nat Cordon, Sammy Graham, Lauren Iredale, Rachel Thompson and Anne Venner.

Earlier that day, the second teams battled it out in a more closely contested match. Both teams fought fiercely for possession, with the boot of scrum half Helen Bellfield making the difference on the scoreboard with three penalties. Within the last ten minutes of the match, Oxford finally put one over the try line, which they then converted; however, it was too little too late as Cambridge claimed their third double Varsity victory in three years.

Season Review

The 2009-2010 season was a phenomenal one for CUWRFC. In addition to clinching first place in the **RFUW** Championship Midlands 2 division with a final record of 9-3 (including two walkovers they were prevented from rescheduling by RFUW and thus were forced to concede), Cambridge was undefeated in their BUCS Midlands 1A division, with an astounding points differential of 544 scored and 3 conceded. After defeating Loughborough and Portsmouth in the BUCS Knockout tournament, Cambridge lost in the semi-finals to eventual champions, UWIC. CUWRFC is looking forward to the 2010-2011 season as an opportunity to expand and build up the club to ensure continued success over the next several years.





Ski & Snowboard Club

www.cussc.org.uk/

Amidst the end-of-term antics, the ski resort of Tignes also played host to the annual Varsity ski races. Despite delays to proceedings, ironically due to snowfall, the 87th year of racing saw exciting races between 10 teams of Oxbridge students. Ultimately, it was to be the underdogs Cambridge who roared the loudest, claiming the coveted Men's Blue's trophy for the first time since 2004.

With the ferocious Catherine Pelton commanding me to be male race captain, the daunting task proved to be most rewarding. After hours of training, time-trials and preparation, the racing got underway on Tuesday afternoon. The Cambridge Blues were confirmed to have not only the stronger vocal support, but also the stronger nerves, with many of the Oxford male First team not being able to match the pressure they faced. The slalom saw creditable performances by Jamie Pleydell-Bouverie and Jeremy Hulse, but the real star of the proceedings was Pete Calvert. Calvert's calm consistency paid dividends, translating into success in the following day's races, finishing almost eight seconds clear of his nearest rival; proceeding to reclaim the overall individual trophy, making it two wins in three years for the finalyear CompSci from Trinity. Yet it

was not only veteran Calvert that ensured victory for the Blues team, with strong performances from Pleydell-Bouverie once again, and Jim Pockson showing himself to be a master in the speedier discipline of the Giant Slalom. Wednesday morning saw the lead established on the previous day's slalom course comfortably defended, easing the Cambridge First team to be pronounced victorious over a deflated Oxford. The Men's 3rds produced an outstanding, winning team performance, with many of its members performing a long way above expectation. Noteworthy is Jamie Salter, who managed to finish comfortably in the top ten competitors overall in his first Varsity race, heading the Cambridge Third's to glory.

Unfortunately the success of the men's First and Third teams was not replicated elsewhere in the races. Oxford's women benefited from having a star Canadian skier amongst their numbers within their First squad. Even in the face of this talent, the Cambridge women managed to put up a worthy challenge, with Clair Brunner and Katie Salter proving to be steady competitors in both days of skiing. The gem of the Cambridge women's ski teams, though, was the Cambridge race captain, Pelton. The New Hall second-year was able to lead by example, producing solid performances in every single race, and managing to claim a trophy of her own for her prowess in the faster Giant Slalom. Both the men's and women's seconds found creditable performances in the shape of Emerick Derian, Tim Johanson and Larissa Normanton, yet consistency proved to get the better of both teams.

The racing produced a mixed bag of results for Cambridge, including the usual tension and surprises that have become accepted as typical to the Varsity ski races. In light of the dominance of Oxford in recent years, Cambridge rose to the challenge, and it was the Light Blues who flew back triumphant to Heathrow with the greatest smiles.



Fiona Hughes

I am part of the British Cross Country Ski Team and have been racing competitively for the past five years. My training involves a lot of running, biking, strength work and rollerskiing (summer skis on wheels), and spending as much time on snow as possible. I've spent the last two years training and racing full time before starting my degree. So far I've been successful at fitting cross country skiing into my life whilst studying at Cambridge. This requires a lot of planning ahead, good time management and motivation, but good results this winter are proof that it is working. My main aim for this season is the World Under 23 Championships in Estonia.

My biggest achievements to date include placing 41st at the World Junior Championships in 2010 and coming 67th at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

I aim to continue to develop and improve as a cross country skier whilst studying at Cambridge, and to continue to compete at a high level on the international stage.

Small Bore Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cura/cusbc/

Cambridge University Small Bore Club, and its sister club, The Cambridge University Rifle Association, are amongst the oldest varsity clubs at the University. The small bore club focuses on shooting at a distance of 25m at cardboard targets with 1.2cm diameter bulls eyes.

Varsity

Cambridge 1511-1485 Oxford

The Cambridge University Smallbore Club continued its recent domination over Oxford, winning all of the matches played. The 1st VIII (Heslop match) triumphed with 1511 vs. 1485 ex. 1600 with the Cambridge captain, James Diviney, top scoring. Special notice to lan Craigie who broke the Halfblue threshold for the first time with a score of 195 and joins E Dickson, J. Diviney, and J. Lindsay in eligibility for a Full Blue.

The Bentata (Ladies IV) ended with another Cambridge victory 729 vs. 716 ex 800 with the ladies captain, Jo Harris, top scoring in this competition as well as regualifying for her Half-blue. The final 2 matches, shot a week later, ended with 2 more Cambridge victories. The 2nd VIII (Kensington match) winning 1283 vs. 1194 ex 1400 (S. Murugesu-Cambridge, top scoring) and the Lerman (3 Position match) winning 916 vs. 752 ex 1200 (J Lindsay - Cambridge, top scoring).

Other Results

General Results:

Grand Prix 1st leg Team: Cambridge A: 1st place 1149 ex.1200 Cambridge B: 5th , 939 Cambridge C: 6th/7 , 609

Individual: J Diviney top scored 197 E Dickson 3rd/34 195

Ladies: J Harris 3rd/8 190

Fresher A Abrahams 2nd/11 179

Grand Prix 2 Team: Southampton 1st Cambridge A:2nd Cambridge B 6th/7 teams Individual: J Diviney 5th 191 G Greenbury 10th/35 189

Ladies: J Harris 4th/9 182

Fresher: A Abrahams: 4th/10 172

BUCS

Postal leagues: 2nd division: Cambridge: 1st 4038, 2nd Edinburgh 3988, 3rd Cardiff A 3974

Individual top 20: Ed Dickson 4th (785 ex.800) James Diviney 17th (778 ex.800)

Knockout: Knocked out in 1st round

Other Matches

Cuppers: 1st : Gonville and Caius, 387 ex. 400 (Diviney and Greenbury) 2nd : Selwyn, 376 (Bryson and Eastham) 3rd : Sidney Sussex, 352 (Muregesu and Skinner)

Greshams School: Greshams A Win Cambridge A: 2nd : 1486 Cambridge B: 4th : 1411

Squash Rackets Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cusrc/

The CUSRC has a squad of around 40 players across 3 men's and 3 women's teams. The Men's team hold a strong history in the varsity match (on a current streak of 11 wins out of 12), have varied success throughout the season against touring teams and London clubs, and have entered a team into BUCS for the coming season. The women are the strongest team in Cambridgeshire (winning both the county league and cup) and came 3rd in the BUCS premier league. Unfortunately, in recent years the Women's Blues have been struggling against Oxford due to some very good players having an inability to graduate. Overall the atmosphere in the club is very friendly with a hearty amount of competition, where we train hard and know how to reward ourselves afterwards!

Varsity

On a crisp February morning it was once again time for the 79th annual Squash Varsity match against Oxford (one of the oldest matches in squash). After lots of hard training and strong new players both Cambridge teams were ready.

The match is held at the Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall; some of the toughest courts out there. Spectators line the back and sides of the court, peering in, the humidity is way up and the pressure of the game makes for the game a fierce battle of ability and nerves.

The women go on court first, Andrea Kuesters (reserve) and Karen Hird (5th String) leading the way; Andrea winning comfortably 3-0, but Karen fighting well couldn't fend off the strong Oxford opponent, losing 3-0. Kate Mason (4th String) couldn't find her rhythm also losing 3-0. The Cambridge captain, Alexandra Bryant, (3rd String) clawed back the match with a 3-1 win and Ann Babtie (1st String) quickly finished off the Oxford 1st string to level it. Unfortunately after a tense match Rebecca Palmer (2nd String) couldn't fend off a 3-1 defeat.

The men follow, on the back of 10 varsity wins out of 11, full of confidence. The men went on strong and quickly had the match sewn up; Craig Winthrop (reserve) 3-0, Jack Styles (5th String) 3-1, Mike MacKay (4th String) 3-0, Dave Allman (3rd Sting) 3-0. Oxford were saved from complete humiliation through a 3-0 win over Nick Sutcliffe (2nd String). However, Cambridge finished the day in style, with Harry Leitch (1st Sting) only losing 2 points.

Season Review

The men's teams had varied results throughout the season, with the main focus being on the varsity matches. The Blues won their varsity match 4-1, the 2nds lost 3-2 and the 3rds won 4-1. The women's team, with a more focused calendar, came 3rd in the BUCS premier league, were narrowly knocked out by Oxford in the BUCS cup quarter-finals, won the Cambridgeshire County League and Cup. Their varsity results were as follows: Blues lost 3-2, 2nds won 5-0 and the 3rds won 5-0.

Looking Toward 2010/11

Both the men's and women's teams have had a strong influx of players. They and the old-hands will be training their racket skills twice a week, their fitness once a week and play as many games as possible outside of that.

The men look forward to a busy calendar of touring teams (Jesters, Escorts, Ghostboaters), London clubs (Hurlingham, Bath & Racquets, Royal Automobile Club, Oxford & Cambridge Club) and the RAF. They also entered a team into the 2nd division of BUCS.

The women also will be having a busy season with weekly Cambridgeshire League matches and weekends away to play in the BUCS premier league.

At the end of October the club will be putting on an exhibition and coaching day to try to inspire new players into the sport.

Swimming & Waterpolo Club

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuswpc/

Varsity

Swimming

The culmination of a year's hard training and racing for the Cambridge University Swimming Team came as they travelled to Oxford for the Annual Varsity Match. Rivalry going into the match was as strong as ever, especially after Oxford took victory in the 2009 Varsity match by just 1 point (90 to the Light Blues' 89), when Cambridge had won the 8 out of the previous 9 competitions.

As the gala got underway, it was clear that this was going to be the fastest Varsity ever seen. The Cambridge girls dominated their individual events, winning all but one, with some spectacular personal best times. In every individual event, a Cambridge swimmer swam within the fastest five times ever recorded by a Cambridge lady, and three swimmers broke all-time records: Henrietta Dillon in the 200m IM, Caroline Gordon in the 100m breaststroke and Captain Emily Bottle in the 100m backstroke. The Medley Relay team destroyed the Dark Blues by more than half a length. By the end of the gala, the final score in the Ladies' match was 51-39 to Cambridge.

The Men's team went into the match knowing the going would be tough – Oxford were boasting an extremely strong team, which included Michael Phelps' former training partner and US World

Championship swimmer Davis Tarwater. From the very start, the atmosphere on poolside was electrifying, and this only increased with several finishes separated by hundredths of seconds. There was stunning swimming from both Oxford and Cambridge swimmers, which merely highlighted the unprecedented standard of achievement on both sides. Nearly every Cambridge swimmer swum faster than they ever had before, and times that would have won the match by a full second and a half last year placed in 4th this year. As in the Ladies' match, there were three all-time individual Cambridge records, set by Dane Rook, Joel Carpenter, and Captain Tom Rootsey, and the all-time Medley record was also smashed by over two seconds. In the end, however, Oxford were too strong, and came out on top of a match that saw swimming at an astonishingly high level for the two small teams. The final overall score was 97 - 83 to Oxford.

However, the Light Blues have an additional chance in which to take on their Oxford counterparts later this year - in something of a departure from the warmth of an indoor pool. This summer sees the return of the biennial Channel Swim Relay, where teams of 6 swimmers from each University race from England to France, through the busiest shipping lane in the world. Certainly a very different challenge, but one which will allow the two teams to further fuel their blossoming rivalry.

Waterpolo

The 110th Varsity Water Polo matches took place on the 20th February at the Rosenblatt Swimming pool in Oxford. The Cambridge Ladies' team edged out a dramatic 5-6 win over the Dark Blues, whereas the Cambridge Men put in what was easily their best performance of the season, but unfortunately went down 6-4 to a strong Oxford side, spurred on by an energetic crowd.

After an impressive victory for the Cambridge alumni, the women were on first. The team went into their Varsity match with confidence after a recent dominant win over Oxford in BUCS. However, the Light Blues knew that Oxford would raise their game for the grudge match, and they did, keeping the match tight and remaining in the game up until the final whistle.

It soon became apparent that Oxford had fielded a much more disciplined team than Cambridge were prepared for. They had sharpened up their tactics, and played an effective drop on the pit to keep several key players out of the game. Cambridge seemed unsure of how to respond, with several speculative and unsuccessful efforts from range, as well as easily intercepted passes to the pit attacker. Despite struggling offensively, Cambridge showed their class with a strong defence from Sally Bullock and Lizzy Day in particular. Notable goals from Sarah Hopkins and Jeanie Ward-Waller kept Cambridge within two points of Oxford.

After a stern team talk at half time, Cambridge regrouped and Captain Josie Faulkner led numerous high-speed counterattacks up the pool. Oxford continued their drop, allowing Cambridge to move closer in to goal, and unleash some powerful testing shots, notably from Rebecca Vorhees. Voorhees won it for the team, scoring four blinding goals giving Cambridge the lead in the fourth quarter.

Although a slightly less assured performance than that of a few weeks before, Cambridge did always look the better side, and played a better standard of Water Polo throughout the match. It was an extremely close contest culminating in a deserved win for the Light Blues.

Boosted by the women's result the men's match opened with some encouraging attacking play from Cambridge and, although seemingly unable to convert some of their early opportunities, Steve Cooke scored a good individual goal to give Cambridge the lead. Oxford came back strong, testing the Cambridge defence, and eventually equalising. The second and third quarters were very close, with not much to separate the teams, although with players tiring both sides lost some of their shape in attack. With the score tied at 4-4 going into the final quarter, the Cambridge team knew that the match could still be won, and started out strong after fiery words from Captain Riccardo di Pietro and Coach Andy Knight. Crucially, 3 minutes into the fourth guarter Oxford re-took the lead, once again Cambridge pushed forward and tried valiantly to equalise, but with no result. After the Dark Blues doubled their lead with less than two minutes remaining Cambridge still fought

hard, but were unable to claw back the deficit, the match finishing a frustrating 6-4 defeat.

The Cambridge side put in a disciplined performance, and members of the crowd commented on how unified they looked as a team. Sadly a chronic inability to put away their goalscoring opportunities throughout the match meant that the Men were unable to capitalise on some good attacking play. Defensively they looked fairly solid, covering back well, and impressively managed to keep a side featuring the imposing Shaun Hotchkiss to just six goals. Goalkeeper Alex Ross also consistently made topclass saves, including one penalty, to keep the match close. Cambridge now really need to work on their finishing if they want to take their polo to the next level.

Other News

Men's Swimming

The start of the term saw a dedicated core of swimmers left on the men's team, but having lost several team members last year, it looked like a good intake would be needed from the trials. Freshers' Fair saw many sign ups and soon the eagerly awaited trials were upon us. We saw, as always, a huge variety of ability at trials, but there were six people who stood out, and none could be left out of the team. Despite this causing the exceeding of the unofficial quota of 12 swimmers, the following six swimmers were welcomed into the team: Dane Rook; Joel Carpenter; Jack Long; Henry Marshall; Tom Hill and Brad Dixon. They have integrated well and have very quickly become crucial members of our tightly knit team.

This year, for the first time in several years, there is a strengthening link between our Club and City of Cambridge Swimming Club (CoCSC). A number of our swimmers are now training with the Top Squad, under the guidance of James Freezer, whilst others are training with the Senior Squad and Masters. The benefits to us are clear – we have some coached sessions, as well as more pool time. This, I feel, has worked very well with significant benefits to those people who attend these sessions.

The first competition of the year was the Relays Gala, held at Parkside. This was one of the first opportunities for everyone to see each other swim, and begin to really bond as a team. Everyone swam really well, and the teams (after some scoring confusion) were well placed. Some outstanding individual performances, though important, were far eclipsed by the team spirit shown even at this early stage in the year!

The next major event was BUCS short-course championships, held in Sheffield on 13th – 15th November. We managed to take a good sized team, making entries difficult as people wanted to swim so much! There were again some outstanding personal achievements, with several Blues times achieved. Of the guys, Andy, Dane and Tom swam impressively to achieve these times so early in the season. The single final made by Tom in the 200 back does not do justice to the efforts and achievements of the team as a whole! The relay teams swam impressively, missing out on finals by a matter of a couple of places. Again, the team spirit and excellent attitude of the team showed through.

Following a few more weeks of training, we were ready for the major competition of the term – BUCS teams. Held at Hatfield, the Southern round was the stepping stone to the National finals held at Sheffield in March. Having been relegated last year, the team was keen to regain our rightful position in the first division. Following some impressive and gutsy individual and team performances, the team won the division, beating both Bath teams in the process.

The 2nd January saw the team on the way to Italy for the annual training camp, on which the boys managed to swim more than 85000 metres in the week - a stunning feat of endurance, which was key to the amazing Varsity swims that were seen later on in the term. Almost as soon as we returned, it was time for City of Cambridge Open meet, at which there were many hard fought swims, battling with the fatigue from the week before, but still many good results, with many swimmers swimming lots of events, not always on their no. 1 strokes. Joel Carpenter's epic performance to secure 3rd place in the "skins" event stands out as the performance of the weekend.

Women's Swimming

The term got off to a positive start with a strong turnout at trials and a bunch of promising new recruits. The first major test of the team's fitness and speed came at the BUCS Short Course Championships in Sheffield, where there were a number of great individual performances including fresher Henrietta Dillon's Blues time on 100m butterfly – the first female to achieve such a time in the academic year. Emily Darley reaped the rewards of her commitment to training and with a time faster than at Varsity in 2009, and Jo Lister took more than 6 seconds off her 100m backstroke, just 6 weeks after trials and a long summer break.

Training continued with a vengeance until the very end of term, because the final weekend saw the return of the BUCS Team championships, at which we desperately sought promotion to the first division. As it turned out, we need not have worried – the 4-strong team of Caroline Gordon, Kat de Rome, Emily Bottle and Henny Dillon stormed the first relay in the fastest time of all divisions. From then on the only way was up, and many events were won in the fastest time of the meet - so that it was clear that Cambridge were the strongest female team of the 25 Universities present.

During the Christmas break, the team battled through snow and ice to their local pools to maintain regular training and then met just after New Year for the annual training camp. The week spent in Italy was fantastic – not only for the emergence of a strong team spirit, but for the way in which the girls battled to 81000m swimming in 14 sessions. This ensured we entered Lent term with a great basis on which to begin the final 6 weeks until Varsity. Just a week after returning from the camp there were some remarkable performances at the City of Cambridge Open, considering the continuing fatigue from such an intense week of training abroad. Henny Dillon again showed her strength, gaining a time in the 100m free which was the fastest ever by any Cambridge lady. The depth of the team was demonstrated, with many people competing in unusual events, and in many races over the weekend.

BUCS Teams Final

Throughout the year, the Men's and Women's teams train together, and as such think of the swimmers as one team, but race results are often separated. The BUCS teams final was a chance to perform as a team, as it was the overall result here that counted. The swimmers came into this meet confident from strong individual performances a few weeks before at Varsity, and hoped to rectify last year's relegation with a strong performance to ensure promotion back up to the top division where a team as strong as this belongs.

Both the men and women got off to a great start, winning the medley relays that started the gala with times that would have troubled the top few in the top division. The 100 metre individuals came next, with Cambridge consistently finishing in the top few, with several wins to add to the pot. Notably, Cambridge came home first in both the 100m freestyle races with Kat de Rome and Andy Corley swimming superbly to do so. Both breaststrokers also deserve a mention, both coming home in new Cambridge records, Dane Rook winning his race in the rapid time of 1.03.96, only 0.03 seconds off the fastest time of the day in the top division. Caroline Gordon was second in her race, but beat everyone in the top division, showing yet again the quality of the Cambridge team.

After the 200m freestyle races, in which Kat and Andy battled well to second and third places respectively, the fast and furious 50m races began. Good performances came from all quarters, the breaststrokers again making a big impact, both swimming season's bests, Dane dipping under 30 seconds for another new Cambridge record, and Caroline with a record of 33.58. Joel Carpenter was also on fire, swimming two season's bests and records in the 50s free and fly, with 23.99, and 25.45 respectively, winning both races.

The final two relays were solid swims from all involved, defending the team's considerable lead with points to spare. There was still of course the tense wait to hear the results, worrying whether calculations were correct! The team were announced as winners. of the second division to great celebration. They collected medals and a trophy (which had to be given back immediately!), and confirmed their promotion back into the top division, a highly deserved result following an industrious and successful year.

Channel Swim

Having completed all the physical and mental preparation for the challenge of swimming in the cold seawater in a race against arch rivals Oxford, the team of 6 (three guys and three girls) were down in Folkestone waiting for the go ahead to swim. The start was first set to be Monday morning, but with less than 12 hours to go, the pilot let the team know a forecast had changed, and it would not be the day to go. At 8pm the next evening, the call came that the team would be meeting the pilot at 2am on Tuesday 13th July (the next day). After a few hours sleep, the team met up with pilot Reg Brickell in Dover harbour in the pitch dark and light drizzle. The two teams' pilot boats took the swimmers round to Shakespeare Beach to begin the race at 3am. The first swimmers from each team entered the water and swam back to the beach in order to begin the race. After a guick handshake between the

swimmers, lit only by a quavering faint spotlight from the boat, starting horn went, and the swimmers plunged into the water.

Rootsey made an impressive start quickly taking the lead from Oxford and widening the gap between our two boats - a lead which was then maintained throughout the race. After an incredible start by Rootsey (only just falling short of the world record distance set by a solo swimmer in their first hour) the Light Blues were well in the lead by the time Emily Darley entered the water. Darley then maintained the lead for her hour as Oxford desperately tried to catch the Cambridge boat as the sky lightened, managing to close the gap marginally by the time Andy Corley (captain) entered the water having just witness a beautiful dawn over the sea. Corley then managed to extend the lead of the Light Blues over the hour of his swim as Oxford fell behind even further. During this third hour the rain began to fall heavily, but the Light Blues kept up their spirits and maintained the cheering for their swimmer on deck while Oxford sought shelter in their boat's cabin.

The next changeover saw Kat de Rome enter the water maintaining the lead gained by the previous swimmers. At the end of de Rome's hour Mike Curtis entered the water to hold the distance between the two boats as Oxford tried to outmanoeuvre the Cambridge boat. Here the team relied on the skill and knowledge of our pilot to guide us through, despite several large tankers steaming past all around as the boat began to cross the first shipping lane. In the last 15 minutes of Curtis' time in the water the first major swarm of

jellyfish was encountered, which filled the water to all sides. Curtis continued to battle through this large group of stinging jellyfish until the end of his hour. Here the bravery of the 6th member of the Cambridge team deserves a special mention as Josie Faulkner entered into the water in the middle of the swarm. This was a key moment in the race as the Oxford swimmer that entered the water was not as tough as Cambridge's Faulkner and was refusing to swim freestyle, instead switching to breaststroke as Faulkner ploughed onwards through the shoal at a good pace allowing Cambridge to extend the fluctuating gap again. Eventually the jellyfish diminished and the team were able to carry on unimpeded.

At the end of the sixth hour the team began to cycle again through its first swimmers as Rootsey entered the water for a second time, comfortable in the knowledge that he could extend the gap further once again. The second hour of swimming proved very tough for all those who had to swim again, as the tide was pulling us away from the French coast, combined with the tiredness of the swimmers themselves. Despite these conditions, Rootsey gave another excellent performance for the Light Blues, taking up a challenge by the CSA observer to at least double the gap, and gradually did so after an early attempt by the Dark Blues to close up. Through this hour, choppy waves were building significantly. Darley then entered the water for a second time giving everything for her whole hour fighting against these waves, and preventing Oxford from closing the gap. As Darley approached the end of her hour in the water Corley prepared for his

second swim while being told by the pilot that he could be the swimmer to finish the race for the Light Blues.

At the changeover Corley entered the water as Kouji Urata (Oxford Captain) entered for the Dark Blues. Urata made a rapid start for the initial part of his hour and began to close the gap on the Light Blues but Corley increased the pace and then maintained this speed, allowing the Light Blues to pull away again as the French coast began to near. The French coastline was within sight, but the currents kept pushing both swimmers out as they struggled to make it to the shore. It was unclear if Corley was going to be able to

finish the race and so de Rome prepared to enter the water once again getting into the tender which could get closer to the shore. Finally, Corley, battling with the tide, reached the French coast and cleared the water to win the race for the Light Blues in 8 hours 51 minutes. The Oxford boat came in behind and prepared to finish the race, having to make a final changeover before reaching French soil allowing Roz Bray to finish for the Dark Blues in a time of 9 hours 2 minutes.

Both teams had achieved excellent times given the conditions they had faced over the course of the swim giving yet another close Cross-Channel relay race. Once both teams were back aboard their boats they set off side by side to make the crossing back to England as they had a well deserved rest. As part of the event, both teams had been raising sponsorship for the Royal National Lifeboats Institution with the Cambridge team alone raising well over £1000 to support this charity which saves hundreds of lives at sea every year. Despite a close race throughout, Cambridge emerged triumphant, levelling the score at three all, with one draw.

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Table Tennis Club

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CUTTC provides coaching, matches and training for table tennis abilities ranging from absolute beginner to international level. We also have frequent socials throughout the year and allow members to play over vacations. Varsity matches have been played every year for the past 67 years. We have around 60-70 members, and compete in the men's and women's BUCS league in Michaelmas term, the BUCS knockout tournament, Varsity match and CDTTL ('town vs gown') tournament in Lent term.

Varsity

Iffley Road, Oxford, 28/02/10. Men's 1sts: 10 - 0 win. Men's 2nds: 10 - 0 win. Women's 1sts: 4 - 6 loss. CUTTC rewrote the history books at the table tennis Varsity match in 2009/2010, where both Men's teams beat Oxford 10-0 – the first time since records began, 67 years ago.

The men's second team had a shaky start as Raphael Assier went 7-2 down in the final set against Arjun Gopalaswamy, but excellent use of a timeout and relentless Cambridge support allowed him to claw back to an 11-9 victory. Doug Speed entertained the crowd with spectacular off the table play, winning both singles matches 3-1. Teeradej Kittipassorn kept a clean sheet, and Christian Staudt gave a solid performance, dropping only one game. Justin Drake and Rick Chen cruised to victory 3-0 in the doubles whilst Assier and Kittipassorn clinched the doubles 3-2.

The men's first team had a similar start as Hamish Yeung beat Jingyu Sun 12-10 in the fifth game, after a disputed edge/side ball. Captain Shaun Hall showed no mercy against captain Phil Hartley, winning 3-0. Josh Bleakley and Jan Natolski had no problems, winning both singles with relative ease. Both doubles matches went to five games, but Cambridge raised their game to take the final sets. Hall had a close game with rival Sun, but managed to clinch a victory, aided by coach Bleakley's tactical advice. Yeung followed with some exhibition play against Hartley, winning 3-1.

Unfortunately, the women's team didn't share the same success, to losing three nail bitingly close matches in the fifth game. Sasha Tsai and Captain Nga Nguyen lost to experienced players Maitreyi Shivkumar and Susan Chai whilst Vanda Ho and Yudan Ren gave an impressive performance and won their singles. Both doubles matches were lost in the fifth, with Nguyen and Ren losing with an unbelievable 17-19 score. The result was a 4-6 loss.

Season Review

The men's first team came second in the BUCS Premier South league, losing only to London Metropolitan University, an international standard team. They also gained a silver medal in the BUCS team knockout tournament. defeating top class Nottingham University 9-8 in the semi final and losing to Loughborough 9-4 in the final. This allowed CUTTC to enter a team in the European Universities Championships held in Kazan, Russia. All five major titles were won at the annual 'town vs gown' of table tennis, the CDTTL championships, by Shaun Hall, Vanda Ho, Sasha Tsai and Hamish Yeung.

Cambridge University Table Tennis Club at The 4th European Universities Championships in Kazan, Russia, June 2010

CUTTC sent a team consisting of Joshua Bleakley, Shaun Hall, Jan Natolski and Hamish Yeung to the European Universities championship in Kazan, Russia from 22-26th June 2010. Here is a diary of their trip:

Day 0 – June 20th

The daily training routine at St Catharine's squash courts finished today, and was followed by a team bonding dinner at The Anchor. Josh Bleakley and Shaun Hall crashed on Hamish Yeung's floor where Bleakley's violent snoring caused Hall to lose sleep.

Day 1 – June 21st

Jan Natolski arrived at 5.05am, shortly followed by the taxi. We arrived in Moscow at 3.05pm local time (GMT+4), and arrived in Kazan airport at 9.10pm.

The moment we stepped on Kazan soil, we were escorted into a private bus to the baggage collection area, where we met organiser Gulfina and team chaperone Albina. The University of Minho, Portugal also arrived, and we travelled to the hotel in a bus together.

Shortly after arrival at Ibis hotel, the first disaster struck. Hamish had left his pass in the bus, causing Albina to make the appropriate phone call to get the bus back.

Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel, captain Shaun decided to go with the team on a sightseeing tour, instead of the 'educational methodical seminar'. We were told about revolutionary Karl Fuchs, the Kremlin and the history of Kazan, the third capital city of Russia. We were also shown the first Mosque in Kazan, built in 1767. The team took the opportunity to blend in with the Tatarstan locals. After lunch, we headed over to the sports palace to participate in the draw process, practice and give a local television interview. Captain Hall was quoted to say "we're going for gold" while rivals from Nottingham University were less confident and were intent on avoiding the wooden spoon.

Hall secured a partnership with the ladies from Anadolu University, Turkey in the mixed doubles events for all but Natolski, who used his linguistic skills to make an arrangement with Gorbenko from Duisburg-Essen University.

Day 3

Cambridge had a fortunate draw we were in a group of five, meaning that it was not possible to finish 11th (last place). Even so, we were determined not to finish last place in the group. We were not scheduled to play in the first round of matches, so we used the time to scout and separate the world class opponents from the beatable. The University of Minho, Portugal and The University of Freiburg, Germany were selected as the weak links, while Rzeskov University, Poland and Russian State University for Humanities (RSUH) were deemed "untouchable" after seeing world class rallies featuring several 'round the net' shots. Firstly, we played RSUH, losing 3-0 in straight sets. Bleakley faced number 24 in the world junior rankings, Taras Merzlikin. Although outclassed, the great sportsmanship of the Russians resulted in an enjoyable encounter. The opening ceremony followed, with an enjoyable display of drumming and dancing, and a presentation of local speciality dish "chuk chuk" to each team.

Next, we played Rzeskov University, Poland, where Yeung faced Polish national player Tomasz Lewandowski, while Natolski and Bleakley faced the Chmiel brothers. Natolski put Cambridge on the score sheet by taking a game against Pawel and celebrated accordingly.

Day 4

The day started with a match against The University of Freiburg, Germany. Yeung gave a good fight against number one Volker Schneider, losing 3-1, and Yeung and Hall both defeated number two Wadim Hurlebaus 3-0. Bleakley gave a strong effort in the first two games against Till Werner, losing 16-14 in both, but lost 3-0. The final match was Hall against Scheneider, and the German had the edge, winning 3-0 with two deuces. Result: 3-2 loss. We needed a win against Minho University, Portugal to avoid the bottom place in the group and play rivals Nottingham University for 7th/8th playoff. Yeung had a superb game against number one Joni Sousa but lost 3-2 in a game full of topspin – topspin rallies. Hall had little trouble against number two Carlos Fernandes, as did Natolski against Tiago Abreu. Sousa's topspins were too powerfull for Hall, resulting in a 3-0 defeat. Yeung played Fernandes in the decider, and relaxed after a 7-1 lead in the fifth set, resulting in another 3-2 loss for Cambridge.

Cambridge faced the University of Geneva, Switzerland in the 9th/10th playoff. Natolski powered through Loris Biro-Levescot, winning 3-1, and Hall had no problems against Benoit Luiser, winning 3-1. Bleakley failed to hit through Laurent Langel's off the table play, losing 3-0. Natolski felt the pressure against Luiser and lost 11-9 in the fifth game. Hall took the first two against Biro-Levescot but tiredness and pressure kicked in as the TV cameras focussed on the game, and lost the next two. Coach Yeung provided the required motivation, resulting in an easy 11-6 win in the final game. Result: 3-2 win.

Meanwhile, Natolski befriended Polish coach and legend Wieslaw Pieta, resulting in an invitation for the team to visit Jan Dlugosz University, Poland!



Orenburg State University had no trouble winning the team event, with the help of 55 in the world, Kirill Skachkov, with Kazan Volga Federal University in second, followed by Rzeszov University, Poland.

Yeung fell victim to an unlucky draw where he faced Schneider from Freiburg University in the qualifying stage. Despite having had a close game earlier in the team event, Schneider came out on top, winning 3-0.

Day 5

Bleakley avoided the qualifying stage in the singles, but faced Polish national player Lewandowski. Bleakley enjoyed the game, but lost 3-0. Hall was drawn against Cypriot lakovoa lakovou, but decided not to turn up after losing every match the previous day. He faced Russian Sergey Martykov in the last sixteen, and despite Bleakley's top quality coaching, lost 3-0. Natolski faced Freiburg's Till Werner in the first round, and clinched a victory deuce in the fifth, defending against several match points. He then faced number one seed Pawel Chmiel, and could do little but watch in awe.

In the men's doubles event, Bleakley and Natolski had a strong first game against a pair from the Russian State University for Humanties, but were overpowered in the next two, losing 3-0. Hall and Yeung had a close game against a pair from Coimbra University, Portugal, losing the first 11-9 and the last 12-10, but failed to gel as a team and lost 3-0.

The mixed doubles events saw Bleakley, Hall and Yeung pair up with Turkish players Ozel, Koc and Halacoglu, whilst Natolski played with German, Gorbenko. Bleakley and Ozel had a tough match against a German pair and lost 3-0, whilst Yeung and Halacoglu lost close in the fifth to a strong Russian pair. Natolski and Gorbenko also had a good game but had an unlucky draw against a Russian pair, losing 3-1. Hall and Koc endured a tactical match against a German and Swiss pair, where each game went to the team where the man was playing to the woman. The final set, therefore was balanced, and Hall and Koc came through to win deuce in the fifth. They faced a Russian pair in the next round and played superbly but lost 3-1, they went on to win silver. We went to a bar with our Turkish friends in the evening where charades were the main form of entertainment.

Day 6

Following a well deserved lie in, we went around Kazan for a second time, this time going inside the Kremlin, and along the pedestrian street. In the evening, we went to a bar, a rock concert "the creation of peace" and finally finished the trip off with a visit to a Russian night club with the majority of competitors, communicating through the common language of ping pong related dance moves.

Trampoline Club

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CUTC is a large, high-profile club. We cater for all levels, from complete beginners to elite competitors, whether you want to compete, or just turn up for some exercise and fun.We take teams to many competitions throughout the year, including several hosted in Cambridge.We have four weekly training sessions attended by friendly student coaches, in addition to the many social events including pub meets and formal swaps. On Sunday 7 March 2010, the Cambridge trampolining team travelled to Oxford to take on the Dark Blues in the 89th trampolining varsity match; a competition that would provide valuable practice for the next weekend's BUCS national championships. The Cambridge squad was led by their Blues team, consisting of reigning national champion, Asha Bayliss, club captain Kate Bramall, newcomer David Chapman, and club veteran Charlotte Pocock.

Captain Bramall led from the front, finishing both routines strongly and collecting the highest score in the Blues competition. Emma Nicholson, Oxford's best bouncer, was second with a routine of slightly lower difficulty than Bramall's. Showing some slight fatigue from winning a national gala competition the previous day, Bayliss still showed her class, finishing in third with the most difficult routine of the day, which included 4 double somersaults. Chapman and Pocock both bounced strongly, showing that they are in good form for nationals, as Cambridge won the match 159.5 to 143.5.

The B team competition was more one-sided, as the four Cambridge bouncers took the top 4 places. Sarah Pearcey took the B team individual title with an excellent voluntary routine. Suzanne Tobin,



who earned a very well-deserved Half-blue this season, took the individual second place and Helen Smith, who has performed very well all year, showed plenty of promise for nationals, finishing in third.

A couple of incomplete routines in the C team made the competition closer than it should have been. Club president, Brioney Gee, capped off a solid season by easily winning the individual C team title. Making her varsity match debut, Christine Schmaus showed the benefit of her solid training and preparation finishing second; and making her final appearance in a light blue leotard, Katharina Kohler capped off an excellent season, finishing third. Club musketeer, Stephen Flexer, was typically stoic after his performance for the C team. Denying rumours of a debilitating foot injury, he spoke briefly to reporters to assure supporters that he will be in top form for nationals.

Overall, Cambridge won the cup by 75.2 points, the largest margin in the recorded history of the competition.

Speaking at the stylish varsity dinner, President Gee, also making her final Light Blue appearance, thanked the club's judges, coaching staff and supporters who travelled to the match. "I'm delighted, as President, to have led the club to a third successive varsity victory", she said. "Oxford organised a fantastic competition and we look forward to the halfhour walk back to the team bus."

Season Review

BUCS Regionals, 13 February 2010

12 competitors travelled to Nottingham to try to qualify for the national championships in levels 3 and 4. There was also a level 5 competition, which for no obvious reason doesn't have a national competition. Cambridge had 4 representatives in women's level 3 and 3 in the men's competition the most of any university represented at the competition. Club president, Brioney Gee, led the charge, attempting to qualify for the 3rd year in a row. Suzanne Tobin had been training strongly and was in typically high spirits, confident of qualifying after last year's disappointment. Katie Bertrand and Katharina Kohler were also hopeful of qualifying, despite the stricter qualification rules for this year's competition.

The 'three musketeers', Stephen Flexer, Alan McCreanor and Gareth Tear made up 30% of the entries in men's level 3, so with the top 20% to qualify, it was likely that at least one would make it through. In level 4, making their debut at that level, were Kate Davies, Lucy Loong and Christine Schmaus. Also bouncing in level 4, and now wearing the Light Blue (figuratively speaking) leotard was last year's Oxford Tramp Club president, Charlotte Houldcroft. Zanna Szlachta was Cambridge's sole representative in level 5 and, after Lucy's performance in level 5 last year, had big shoes to fill.

Even though there were less entries than last year, the standard was noticeably higher across all levels. First to compete for Cambridge were the level 3 boys. All 3 safely completed both routines, but only Stephen was able to finish in the top half. The top 2 places automatically gualified, but the organising committee decided that extra qualifiers were required to make the national final less farcical, since the other regions had even less entries. Consequently, Stephen's 5th place was sufficient for

qualification. Speaking to the assembled media after the results were announced, Stephen expressed his thanks to the 5 people who had entered, but failed to turn up on the day.

All the level 3 girls bounced below their best, but still achieved notable results. Brioney recorded the third highest set routine score of the day and scored exactly the same total score as last year, but finished in 11th, compared with 8th last year. The scores were very close and a small increase in score could have resulted in a jump of several places. Suzanne finally scored the Half-blue score that she has deserved, but finished annoyingly just outside the qualification places. Katie just missed out on a Half-blue score, which will provide her with plenty of motivation for next year. Katharina's aim was to complete both routines, having had some trouble with the vol routine especially at training, and she was able to do so with comparative ease, finishing with a smile and her highest ever score at a BUCS competition.

All the level 4 girls produced their best routines of the day when the pressure was on. Some of them had a couple of small wobbles during their set routines, but every competed vol routine was the best it had ever been when it mattered most. Christine and Kate both finished in the top half, separated by 0.1 points. Lucy and Charlotte were not far behind. Charlotte substantially improved on her score from the previous year, showing the benefit of leaving the dark side.

Zanna completed the team's perfect record of 24 out of 24 routines scored out of 10 with a pair of solid routines. She finished well in the top half of level 5 with the 14th best vol routine score of the day out of 81 competitors.

Special thanks to Helen, who judged all day on panel 3 and provided all our level 3 competitors with such high scores, and to Kate Bramall, who helped on the day by coaching and encouraging our nervous bouncers.

Warwick Open, 28 February 2010

A team of 11 from Cambridge travelled to the Warwick Open in search of some useful match practice before the next week's Varsity Match. The competition was very well organised although the labyrinthine sports hall at Warwick Uni required 2 strong sherpas and a week's supply of food in order to safely navigate.

Zanna Szlachta saved her best form for her last competition of the season, finishing a very impressive 5th in the novice women category, which as usual had a vast number of entries. Christine Schmaus and Kate Davies also demonstrated a noticeable improvement in their competition form with 10th and 15th respectively in the rarely seen inter-advanced category.

The advanced and elite competitors were all drawn to compete on Warwick Uni's two new spider trampolines. These tramps are the norm at competitions now, but the lack of experience of Cambridge's bouncers on these slower tramps was noticeable. However, despite the short opportunity to get used to the different timing, we still recorded some good results. Katharina Kohler, flying the Cambridge flag on her own in advanced women, finished 12th. Gareth Tear was the best of the three musketeers in handling the new tramps, finishing 5th. Alan McCreanor and Stephen Flexer both struggled to finish their routines, coming home 7th and 8th respectively.

In the elite categories, Charlotte Pocock showed her class and experience finishing 13th with a solid score of 45.0. Helen Smith performed a partially unintentional forward roll dismount on to the adjacent trampoline at the end of her voluntary routine, which resulted in 14th place. The elite men carried our last hopes for a medal from the competition. Dave Chapman nearly delivered, but a repeated barani pike in his voluntary routine cost him difficulty bonus, resulting in 4th place with a score of 46.6. Rob McNeil copied Dave's repeated barani pike, but unfortunately it was in his compulsory routine which resulted in scores out of 6. Despite this setback, Rob recovered to claim 6th place.

It was a very enjoyable competition even though we all got lost on the drive home.

BUCS Nationals, 14 March 2010

Hoping to improve on their successful 2009 campaign, an 8 strong Cambridge contingent travelled to Sheffield for the BUCS national trampoline championships. The nationals were this year, for the first time, part of the 'BUCS Championships', which comprised 26 sports, mostly played in Sheffield on the same weekend. As far as trampolining was concerned it made no difference because we didn't get to see any of the other sports, although we did all get a free tshirt each.

After taking over 2 hours to reach the A1 thanks to the A14 being closed for repairs, we missed virtually all of the Saturday familiarisation session. But we all collected our free t-shirts, so everyone was happy and warm, despite the t-shirts coming in a one-size-fits-all size, which didn't really fit any of us.

We spent Saturday night at Lucy's parents' house, where Lucy's mum had made us a good luck cake with a sugar trampoline on top and 'Good Luck' piped on it. It was definitely the most awesome good luck cake any of us had ever seen. After playing many rounds of the potentially injury causing egg game and a game of Imaginelff, we went to bed to rest up for the big day.

Helen Smith was first to compete for us in women's level 2. She found the spider tramps to her liking and performed close to her best ever routines when it mattered, scoring enough for a Half-blue. Sarah Pearcey followed in the next level 2 flight and seemed to take inspiration from Helen's performance as she scored an almost identical score to also earn a Half-blue. On the other panel, Stephen Flexer put down a good level 3 set routine but lost a bit of form in his vol but was still good enough for a top 10 place.

Lottie Pocock completed our trio of level 2 women with a very solid pair of routines that scored just short of the Half-blue standard. Meanwhile, on panel 2, Dave Chapman put in a couple of excellent routines, finding himself in 4th place with a preliminary score of 50.2, making him the first men's Blue in club history. Another solid final routine followed, but it wasn't quite enough to hold on to 4th – relegated to 5th on a tie break.

Our three level 1 entries were next. Competing in his first BUCS national championships, Jacob Sharpe showed that he was in the wrong level and should have actually put in some training before the competition. He crashed out of both routines, spoiling the club's perfect record of completed routines on the day. Kate Bramall and last year's silver medalist, Asha Bayliss, showed their class in the ladies' elite category. Asha just missed out on the final, finishing in an agonising 9th place, but still with a Full Blue standard score. Kate cut back her voluntary routine difficulty slightly to make sure she got through both routines. The decision paid off with a 4th place finish – one place higher than last year, but agonisingly just out of the medals.

Kate, Asha and Helen combined to finish 5th for Cambridge in the women's team competition, and the men's team finished a respectable 10th. Kate, Dave and Asha were the top 3 Cambridge scores, with which we finished 6th in the combined team competition.

UWIC were the dominant team on the day, comfortably winning men's, women's and the overall team title. The individual championships were won by Emma Scanlon (Manchester University) and Jason Ploughman (University of Kent).

Triathlon Club

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CUTriC is one of the newest sports clubs at the university. Helped by the recent growth in interest in triathlon, the club has been undergoing a rapid expansion, as more and more people have caught the swimming, cycling and running bug. 2009-10 has been a hugely important year for the club that has seen it achieve a lot. A significant development has been the establishment of a regular training programme, which has helped cement the club's identity and foster team spirit. Numerous social events



Lucy Gossage

Conquering the lava fields in Hawaii

If someone had told me 5 years ago that I would be racing Ironman triathlons I would probably have laughed and wondered why they thought I would be good at weight lifting. If they told me an ironman actually involved a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and then a full marathon, I would have laughed even louder. But it's funny what you can make your body do, if you're determined enough.

I've now completed 7 ironman races with a personal best time of 9 hrs 53 minutes at the Ironman European Championships in Germany, where I finished as 3rd female amateur. In October 2010 I raced the Ironman World Championships, where I finished 8th amateur female overall, 4th in my age group and first amateur Brit.

Racing the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii is something most amateur triathletes dream of. Simply qualifying is a challenging task, and without a doubt it represents the most competitive amateur triathlon in the world. The day starts with the swim in huge swell in the crystal clear Pacific ocean with 1800 other people all battling for the same bit of water - fists fly, goggles get knocked off, swim technique goes out of the window as you try to focus on moving forward as best you can amidst the mayhem and turmoil. Running out of the water, through the huge transition on a pier, volunteers rub sunscreen on your back as you rush to get your bike helmet and

sunglasses before heading out on the bike into the searing heat with temperatures up to 380C and 90% humidity. You ride out across the Hawaii lava fields fighting to keep your bike upright in 30 mile per hour cross winds, strong enough to throw several athletes off their bike each year. You try to keep hydrated despite nature's best efforts to dehydrate you. And the marathon in the afternoon sun takes every ounce of mental and physical strength you can summon to keep running.

There are so many times when your body and brain tells you to quit, and the mental battle to keep running is as important as the physical effort. But it's all worth it when you run down the finish line, exhausted, hurting all over but smiling, knowing you have given absolutely everything you had to get there. have contributed to team building too!

The club is firmly committed to encouraging people without prior experience of triathlon to become involved in the sport. A key part of this has been the introduction of 'novice' swimming, running and cycling sessions. Triathlon can often be a very 'individual' sport, with different people taking part for a variety of reasons and with a range of aims - but the club is determined to be inclusive and accessible to people regardless of their experience or objectives.

Varsity

Duathlon

21/02/10 at the Big Cow Duathlon, Milton Keynes Men: Cambridge Won 96 to 115 Women: Cambridge Won 6 to 26

Due to its swimming component, triathlon is generally restricted to the warmer summer months. To help give the club something to focus on during the Lent term, the club organised a Varsity duathlon match against Oxford. Duathlon events have a run-bike-run format, the absence of immersion in water making the event much more suitable for the colder parts of the year!

The race consisted of a 4.5 km run, a lapped 13 km bike ride, followed by a final 4.2 km run. These relatively short distances made for a fast race – and also helped encourage less experienced athletes to take part.

Cambridge took an early lead in the men's race, attacking the first run section at a high pace. Coming into transition, five of the first six men were from Cambridge. However, a number of Oxford athletes recorded some fast times

on the bike section, balancing the competition and making the second run section very important. The relative inexperience of some racers showed itself during the next transition, with more than a couple of Cambridge athletes having trouble locating their kit! Some more fast running on the second run from the Cambridge team was enough to ensure victory, with Alex Young coming in first after leading from the start. The women's race was more onesided, fortunately in the favour of Cambridge, with Lucy Gossage, Polly Keen and Emma Figures taking the podium spots.

Triathlon

06/06/10 at the BTF National Sprint Triathlon Championships, Emberton Park Men: Cambridge won – 3:10:01 to 3:16:54 Women: Cambridge won – 3:40:26 to 3:43:16

Varsity triathlon 2010 took place at the National Sprint Triathlon Championships. The race organisers, Big Cow Events, had been extremely helpful and arranged for a dedicated varsity 'wave', allowing the race to begin with a mass start consisting solely of Oxford and Cambridge racers, leaving no confusion as to who the competition was!

In all, 39 people were racing for Cambridge – though some key Cambridge athletes were missing, with Charlotte Roach racing at Blenheim elite triathlon, and Lucy Gossage tapering for an upcoming Ironman.

The race started with a 750m open water swim, beginning in typical triathlon style, with a mix of thrashing wetsuits, wayward elbows and flying goggles keeping things exciting until the pack thinned out a little. Alex Young established the pattern for his race by setting the fastest swim time, whilst Josie Faulkner also swam very strongly to come in one second ahead of Oxford's fastest woman. A fast bike course over gently rolling hills followed, with Cambridge again showing their strength; CU Cycling Club rider-turned-triathlete Till Wagner posted the best time, completing the 20km course in under 30 minutes. The race finished with a flat and fast 5 km run back around the lake, which saw some fantastic efforts as people battled against Oxford runners to move up the positions.

The top three Cambridge men (Alex Young, Jamie Brunning and Andy Collier) secured victory of their varsity match by finishing with a combined time of 3:10:01 compared to Oxford's top three total of 3:16:54. The Cambridge women's team (Polly Keen, Lowri Richards and Jenny Brown) also won, with a total time of 3:40:26, narrowly beating Oxford's 3:43:16. More importantly, Cambridge also triumphed in both 'mob' matches that every competitor had contributed to – a real testament to the club's culture of involving everyone as fully as possible.

Other News

Fifteen CUTriC members raced at BUCS triathlon in Calne, Wiltshire in May - five of whom were competing in their first ever triathlon. The 'sprint' distance race consisted of a 750m pool swim, an undulating 25km bike course and a 5km run, and provided a good practice for varsity triathlon which was due to take place the following month. Alex Young and Andy Collier had particularly good races, both finishing in the top 50. In October 2009 Charlotte Roach was selected to take part in TriGold, the British Triathlon Federation's selective program to develop triathletes for the 2012 Olympics. Less than two months in she was involved in a serious traffic accident, and unfortunately had to leave TriGold because of her injuries. After several months of recovery, she returned to Cambridge and began training again, displaying an inspiring level of determination and drive. Over the summer, she competed in elite level races at Strathclyde, Blenheim and Windsor, and came 7th in the BTF Super Series – a phenomenal achievement for anyone, let alone someone suffering such a bad injury setback.

Downing PhD student Lucy Gossage had an outstanding year of training for and racing at Ironman triathlons – long distance races consisting of a 3.9 km swim, a 180 km bike ride, and a 42 km (marathon) run. As a prelude to her main races, Lucy's 2010 included victories at the 'Swashbuckler' and 'Vitruvian' half ironman races, completing the London marathon in 2:57:31, and racing a 180 km bike stage at the Outlaw triathlon as part of the eventual winning relay team. She completed Ironman Frankfurt in a time of 9:53:28, earning herself a place at the Ironman World Championships held in Kona, Hawaii. At the World Championships, she finished in a time of 10:01:04, coming 4th in her age group and beating a significant number of the professional athletes racing at the same time!

First year Matt Halliday represented Great Britain at the

ITU Duathlon World

Championships and won a bronze medal in the 18-19 age group category. Racing against athletes from all over the world on a tough and hilly course in Edinburgh, he completed the 10km run, 41.6km cycle, and final 5km run course in an overall time of 2 hours 16 minutes and 55 seconds.

Other club members have also had successful years, most notably Alex Young (one of Cambridge's TASS athletes) who completed against professionals on the elite triathlon race circuit including the prestigious London Triathlon, and Jamie Brunning who completed the infamous "Norseman" long distance triathlon in Norway.

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Volleyball Club

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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 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.

Varsity

Women's Blues

After a 3-0 Varsity victory of the Cambridge women's second team and a 3-0 defeat of the men's second team, the Women's Blues were the third team to face their Dark Blue opponents. Cambridge brought a full squad of 12 players (Petra Schwalie, Sarah Greasley, Bettina Studer, Barbora Doslikova, Anna Protasio, Katie Scotter, Alexandra Rinnert, Maddie Sowash, Tina Schwamb, Alice Hsieh, Ariane Hanssum and Helena Blechova) to Oxford and was accompanied by 3 further team members supporting their team. Having lost both games in the BUCS against Oxford this season, Cambridge was determined to take the Varsity win. In the absence of Jon Clarke, the team

was coached by Jean Jacquet. After a strong warm up, the Light Blues started with outside hitters Petra Schwalie (c) and Anna Protasio, opposite Barbora Doslikova, setter Bettina Studer, middle blocker Katie Scotter and libero Helena Blechova, who was receiving for middle blocker Sarah Greasley.

From the beginning on, both teams fought for every point supported by an excited and impressively loud crowd. Cambridge started the first set strong and confident, guickly taking the serve from Oxford. The first third of the set was a head-tohead race, with strong attacks and defences on both sides. Towards the middle of the game, a service run of Oxford number 7 brought the Dark Blues into a lead. Coach Jean Jacquet called the first timeout for Cambridge, after which the Light Blues managed to break the run. Another period of close rallies and strong attacks on both sides of the court followed, however, Oxford managed to keep their lead. Very strong serve receives on the Dark Blue side forced Cambridge servers into high-risk serves and serving errors were becoming more frequent. In the end, Cambridge gave away the first set 19:25 to a slightly stronger Oxford.

Encouraged by a strong performance in the first set, the same team entered the court for the second set. Cambridge started the second set with high energy and strong serves and managed to play out a 5-points lead within the first service round. Oxford called their first time-out of the game after a 3-points service run by Barbora Doslikova at a score of 9:4. However, the Light Blues were unaffected by the time-out and managed to extend their lead to

11:4. Oxford started fighting back and managed to score a few points with strong back-court attacks and eventually manage to catch up with Cambridge at a score of 15:15. In the next part of the set, every point was battled out fervently with Cambridge staying on top of the game. Cambridge was putting up the stronger attack with Petra Schwalie and Anna Protasio scoring through the outside and Barbora Doslikova winning points in front and back row attacks, while Oxford had the stronger defence and better passing accuracy. The Cambridge crowd raised the noise level to support the team to take the set. However, the confidence and emotions of the Light Blues were shaken by some decisions from the first referee, throughout the second half of the second set, that were perceived as unfair by the Cambridge team and supporters. Oxford profited from this confidence loss on the Cambridge side and took the second set in a very tight win (set score: 24:26).

Cambridge started the third set receiving, and Oxford managed to play out a steady 3-points lead in the first service round. Coach Jean Jacquet made the first substitutions of the game, in an attempt to boost the team with new energy: Setter Alexandra **Rinnert replaced Bettina Studer** and middle blocker Alice Hsieh replaced Katie Scotter. The fight for every point went on, both teams being at eye level. Oxford managed to defend their small yet constant lead by showing superior pass accuracy and putting up stronger attacks from free balls than Cambridge. On a five pointslead of Oxford in the second half of the game, outside hitter Maddie Sowash replaced Petra Schwalie. Reinforced by the new players,

Cambridge fought back, with Alice Hsieh and Barbora Doslikova winning points with their strong attacks. Both teams continued to play strong, with Cambridge having the stronger attack but struggling to win points out of their serve. Towards the end of the set, middle blocker Arianne Hanssum was brought in for Sarah Greasley. The match ended with a serving mistake on the Cambridge side with a set score of 23:25.

MVP was Barbora Doslikova

Men's Blues

After a win and a loss in the two previous meetings of the current season with the Dark Blues, the Cambridge Men were keen to defend their Varsity title on this year's away game. The squad consisted of the following players: Michael Hannon (capt), Martin Ostholt-Niederste, Christian Luginsland, Johnny Ong, Andrey Volturnist, Clemens Wiltsche, Pieterjan Van Uytvanck, Andrea Pastore, Alex Rendahl, Agustin Bellosi, Mathias Arens and Eric Lai.

Cambridge lined up with their strongest players (setter: Michael, middle blocker: Pieterjan and Andrey, outside hitter: Johnny and Christian, opposite: Martin and libero: Eric Lai), some of whom had made few appearances in BUCS games this season. Cambridge showed considerable starting problems and quickly fell behind. Coach Jacquet made a substitution in the middle (Clemens for Pieterjan), and Cambridge managed to catch up a few points, however still gave away the first set (23:25). The second set marked a fresh start for the Light Blues. No substitutions were made in the break and the team stabilized and grew stronger, easily dominating the rest of the game. The second and third sets

were determined by long service runs from Johnny and strong attacks from all Cambridge hitters. Cambridge took the second set with 25:12. Halfway through the set, middle blocker Clemens was replaced by Andrey. The third set saw an equally fast win for Cambridge with 25:12, with one substitution towards the end of the set (Andrea for Martin on the opposite).

Cambridge started the last and final set with the same line up as at the beginning of the third set. The Light Blue quickly ran out a good lead and coach Jacquet made a series of substitutions in the second half, bringing the remaining players onto court: Agustin came for Mike, Pieterjan came back onto court for Axel and Mathias Arens replaced Johnny. Cambridge won the final set with 25:18.

MVP was Christian Luginsland.

Women's second team

UCCW entered their first ever away-Varsity match with a strong squad containing the following 11 players: Natasha Nicholson (c), Rafaela Duguay, Svea De Vries, Sabine Reihl, Pippa Kennedy, Ellie Hind, Asmita Tingare, Juliane Mueller, Annika Oellrich, Camilla Catania, Dreamy Wang.

Despite not having played many matches this year, Cambridge's second women's team made a good start. The starting six (consisting of setters Natasha and Dreamy, middle blockers Svea and Ellie and outside hitters Camilla and Sabine) entered the court with a confident and calm appearance and worked together as a team from the very beginning. While the first half of the first set saw rapid changes of servers on both sides, longer rallies emerged in the second half. Cambridge put up a strong defence and ran out a consistent lead. The team finished the set off, without having called any time-outs with a score of 25:21. The same line-up went into the second set and showed good passing accuracy and hard attacks, particularly from Svea. The team furthermore profited from long serve-runs from Camilla and Sabine.

UCCW played the second half of the set with a consistent lead and a strong support from an enthusiastic Cambridge crowd (final set score: 25:20). The third set saw the appearance of Pippa Kennedy (middle) and Juliane Mueller (outside) on court. Cambridge again dominated the first half of the set, playing out a good lead of 6 points. As a consequence, Oxford's coach called for a desperately needed time-out, after which the Oxford team became alive and managed to catch up. However, Sabine's strong serves brought UCCW quickly back into the leading role. Asmita (middle) and Rafaela (outside) were substituted in and strengthened the team with new energy. UCCW took the third set with 25:21 and celebrated their second 3:0-Varsity win.

MVP was Svea De Vries.

Men's second team

After a difficult season, the Cambridge Men's second team entered their first ever away-Varsity match with a somewhat short-cut squad. CUVC alumnus Chris Wymant was coaching the team for the day and lined up the following starting six: setter Leo Li, opposite Martin Weber (capt) and middle/outside attackers Madhav Sukumaran, Maciek Laska, Bastian Stern and Bruno Falcone.

From the start, Oxford dominated the game. Cambridge battled hard and managed to steal points, however they took a clear defeat in their first set 17:23. In the break, two substitutions were made: Lennart Stern and Maciek Reich came for Bruno and Madhav. The second set saw more misery for the UCCM.

Although the motivating words of captain Martin seemed to help and Cambridge started to get into the match, Oxford also took the second set. Cambridge undertook another round of substitutions bringing Madhav and Bruno back on court. The third set started where the second set had left and the Cambridge Men bravely continued to battle against a dominating Oxford. In the end, the Oxford Men's second team took the third set (20:25) and the game ended with a 0:3-loss for Cambridge.

MVP was Martin Weber

Hawks' Club

The past year has been incredibly successful for the Hawks' Club. Though we are a private club, the community we support reaches well beyond our limited membership. A visit to our Clubhouse any night of the week (save Mondays when we are closed) provides strong evidence of progress in our efforts to make the Club welcoming to the many guests of our members, regardless of their age, gender, or sporting abilities. Many of our activities also extend far beyond the membership and even beyond those who represent the University in sport. Five key areas are worth highlighting: our events, our charitable focus, the Hawks' Talks Speaker Series, our support of the sporting community, and our involvement in efforts toward a sports complex in Cambridge.

Events:

The Hawks' Club is increasingly known for organising large, enjoyable events at reasonable prices that are not exclusive to our members. In November 2009, a Hawks' & Ospreys' Megahall at Churchill College, open to the entire Cambridge community, saw 340 people dine together in celebration of Cambridge sport (regardless of their participation in it). This extremely successful event was followed by a very nice four course Hawks' Charity Dinner at St John's College in Lent 2010 at which hundreds of pounds were raised in support of UNICEF and The Prince's Trust.

Business was wrapped up for the 2009-2010 academic year with the

annual Hawks' Event, held in mid-June at Fenner's Cricket Ground by kind permission of the ground staff. The Event, open to the Cambridge community at-large, was a triumph of organisation, and was a fitting end to the Presidency of Pat Crossley. The Event sold out its 450 tickets, and provided one of the most welcoming, least expensive and most fun events in May Week 2010. The determination to provide an approachable, and cost-effective club for its members, and to support the sporting community at large, has been central to the ethos of the 2010-2011 Committee, led by Crossley's successor, Ian Ralby. The new Committee started off the year with a hugely successful Charity Ball run in conjunction with the Ospreys, and hopes to continue to produce similarly enjoyable and socially conscious events throughout the year.

Charity:

One aspect that has really been emphasised since the start of the 2010-2011 academic year has been the Club's charitable focus. Throughout the year, the Hawks' Club have been proudly supporting Right To Play, both fundraising and promoting this worthwhile organisation and the work they are doing across the globe in conflict zones. To this end, the Club was very pleased to be able to raise £5000 for Right To Play through the Hawks' & Ospreys' Charity Ball held in the Cambridge Union at the end of October. This event proved a great night for all guests, with a very successful

auction of sporting memorabilia, and fostered a great deal of good will. The Hawks' Club looks forward to continuing to support Right To Play throughout the year by adding a charitable component to all its events.

Hawks' Talks Speaker Series:

On 17 November 2010, we launched the Hawks' Talks Speaker Series in conjunction with the Cambridge Union. Designed to bring notable sporting figures principally from among the Hawks' Club alumni ranks-to Cambridge, the Hawks' Talks are intended to enrich the offerings of the Union and the experience of the Cambridge sporting community. Cambridge, Scotland and Lions rugby union legend, Gavin Hastings, OBE (Magdalene) gave the inaugural talk in which he recounted tales from his own days at Cambridge, shared his experiences of the Varsity Match, and provided his frank and forthright perspectives about the future of the game and the importance of sport in the United Kingdom. We look forward to the second talk of the series on Friday 18 February 2011 when former Cambridge lacrosse and cricket blue, and former **England Cricket Captain Mike** Brearley, OBE (St John's) will address the chamber.

Support of the Sporting Community

The Club is also pleased to note the continuing success and increasing scope of the Hawks' Charitable Trust. The Trust accepts applications from all members of the Cambridge sporting community-male and female, regardless of Club membership and provides financial support to successful applicants looking to pursue sport at a recognisably high level. With a number of international representative honours amongst this year's recipients, Cambridge sport appears to hold great potential, and with the 2012 London Olympics creeping ever closer, we can hopefully look forward to seeing a few familiar faces amongst the athletes at the Games.

Efforts Towards a Sports Complex in Cambridge

Recognising the need for improvement in sporting facilities and support for Cambridge sports teams, a group of prominent Hawks' Club alumni have committed themselves to working with the University to help deliver on the long-awaited Sports Complex to remedy these deficiencies. Though the Hawks' Club itself has no official role in this effort, we are extremely appreciative of this work being undertaken by some of our members and we wish to be as helpful in the process as possible.

All in all, the Hawks' Club is thriving. Our excellent stewards Karen and Mike Gurney work daily to make sure the Clubhouse is running as well as can be with delicious dining options and a friendly social environment. Our legendary administrator, Sarah Malcolm ensures that the Club's membership, not just in Cambridge, but also around the globe, is accounted for and kept involved. And our Committee is doing a fantastic job to improve the Club's opportunities afforded its members, the Club's relationship with the wider Cambridge community, and Club's sense of greater social responsibility. The Committee has enjoyed strengthening ties with other clubs in Cambridge and the improved collaboration with the Ospreys' Committee has allowed both Clubs to provide greater services to our respective members and to all the men and women of Cambridge who participate in sport, but who are not members of either Club.

The Hawks' Club looks forward to finishing out this academic year with even greater success than it has had so far. We wish all Cambridge teams the very best in their Varsity Matches and emphatically shout our battle cry, GDBO!

The Ospreys

Happy New Year and all the best for 2011, I'm Charlotte Roach the 2010-2011 Ospreys President. The last year has been extremely successful for the Ospreys. Thanks to the exceptional work of Victoria Watson (2009-2010 President) the Ospreys are more prominent, widereaching and financially stable.

The Ospreys is a club for University sportswomen who have achieved a Blue, Half-blue or University colour. Our aim is to integrate and provide assistance to sportspeople from different backgrounds, whether this be financial, kit drops, career opportunities or simply a body of support. We also host a range of social events, usually open to all, with discounts available to members.

So far this year has been great fun with a magnificent committee and closer ties with our partner society the Hawks. For the first time in Michaelmas we jointly held a charity ball raising £5000 for Right to Play, a charity who use sport as a medium to pass on important messages and integrate broken societies. It was a successful and enjoyable evening that I hope will become an annual event for us both.

In Michealmas, the Ospreys also enjoyed a Welcome event and an awards ceremony. These are both in line with our commitment to integrate the activities of the Ospreys and the Blues committee to bring a united approach to improving and supporting Cambridge sport. We feel that it is important to recognise the achievements of our sportswomen often in challenging conditions, Blue and Half-blues are handed out and celebrated. At the end of this term there will be a final ceremony including thousands of pounds of bursaries to be handed out to individuals and teams. For which we invite applications.

Next term's major event is another first for the Ospreys. The Boat Race event will have garden party format with a riverside location this will be the place for Cambridge supporters to celebrate our win. Details and details for this and other events can be found on our Facebook page, and through our website (www.theospreys.org).

This year we have a new influx of kit, the introduction of Ospreys blazers, free pashminas and keep your eyes peeled for Ospreys backpacks coming soon.

I would like to thank all of those who have worked hard on this year's committee to make this possible. But most importantly the opportunities described would not be available to sportswomen without the help of our fantastic sponsors, Barclays Capital, JP Morgan, Bank of America and Merrill Lynch and OC&C, all of whom have provided career opportunities and information in addition to financial support to many Ospreys this year.

I wish you all the success for 2011.

Charlotte Roach, Osprey's President 2010/11 January 2011
Michealmas Review 2010/11

With the majority of Varsity fixtures taking place in Lent and Easter Term, much of Michaelmas Term is spent honing squads and, for many, concentrating on the BUCS League Structure. Having finished a respectable 14th in the BUCS Overall Championships in 2009/10, Clubs set off to get back in the top ten for 2010/11 when fixtures began on October 13th, 2010. Below are some of the highlights and lowlights of the season for Cambridge students so far.

October 13th, 2010

A total of 5 Cambridge teams were in action on BUCS' first day of fixtures. The Women's Lacrosse Club started their campaign impressively and the 1st team thrashed Bath's 1st team 24-2 in the Premier League South to send a warning to the rest of the competition that they mean business in this year's Championship. The 2nd team also recorded a big win, beating Nottingham's 2nd team 18-2. The Netball Club started with a win, by the narrowest of margins, at home to Loughborough's 2nd team.

It wasn't all good news though as the Women's Badminton 1st team lost 8-0 in their opening Premier League South clash with Bath and the Men's Rugby League club were beaten 22-14 by Warwick in the Midlands League.

October 20th, 2010

Week 2 saw many other teams get into action, with a total of 18 fixtures. Eight teams recorded victories, including all of the winners from week one. Women's Lacrosse 1st team had to settle for a 15-4 scoreline over Bristol's 1st team, while the 2nd team racked up 23 more goals in a 23-2 victory over Loughborough's 2nd team. The Netballers beat Loughborough's 3rd team and were joined in the win column by the 2nd team, who recorded a 35-20 win over Nottingham Trent's 3rd team. In Tennis, the Women's 1st team opened up their campaign with a 10-2 victory over Bristol's 1st team and the Women's Volleyball 1st team overcame Cranfield's 1st team 3-0. The final Cambridge victory came courtesy of the Men's Squash team, who beat Warwick's second team in 4-1.

Elsewhere, the Women's Rugby Union 2nd team drew a tight, lowscoring affair 5-5 at Nottingham Trent and the Women's Badminton team continued their poor start with another 8-0 reverse, this time at the hands of Cardiff's 1st team. Women's Football and Hockey lost their opening fixtures to Worcester and Birmingham's 2nd teams.

October 27th, 2010

Week 3 was another mixed week with Cambridge's teams suffering defeats in half of the 20 fixtures that took place whilst winning eight and drawing two. Unsurprisingly, the Women's Lacrosse 1st team were among the winners, beating Southampton's 1st team 24-0 and although the second team lost to Nottingham's 1st team, the Lacrosse Men 1st team recorded a win in their first fixture by defeating Northampton's 1st team 12-8. The Netball 1st and 2nd teams recorded victories over the 1st teams of Nottingham and East Anglia respectively whilst the Women's Volleyball 1st team saw off the challenge of Nottingham's 1st team in a 3-1 victory. Women's Rugby Union again recorded a draw, this time 10-10, with Birmingham's 1st team and the Men's Football opened their BUCS

campaign at Fenner's by beating Bedfordshire (Luton) 4-0.The Men's Basketball team managed a comprehensive 87-57 win over East Anglia's 1st team.

The Women's Football and Hockey teams lost narrowly for the 2nd week in a row, to Warwick's 1st team and Loughborough's 2nd teams respectively, while the Women's Lacrosse 2nd team tasted defeat for the first time, losing 9-7 to Nottingham's 1st team.

November 3rd, 2010

Undoubtedly the low point of the season, Cambridge teams lost 14 out of the 20 fixtures played, with 6 wins. The Women's Badminton 1st team made it three 8-0 defeats in a row away to Bath's 1st team, with notable defeats also suffered by the Men's Lacrosse, Netball, Women's Football, Women's Hockey and the Men's and Women Tennis 1st teams.

The positive results came from the Women's Lacrosse 1st and 2nd teams (who beat Bath's 1st team 20-3 and Nottingham's 2nd team 20-8 respectively) the Netball 2nd team (68-6 against Birmingham City University) the Men's Badminton 1st team (6-2 against Worcester's 1st team) and the Men's Tennis 2nd team (12-0 against Leicester's 2nd team). Perhaps the sweetest victory came from the Women's Volleyball 1st team, who dispatched Oxford's 1st team 3-0.

November 10th, 2010

Results picked up massively after the disappointment of week 4, with 12 victories and 6 defeats from the 18 fixtures contested. It was a good week for Tennis, with only the Men's 1st team tasting defeat (10-2 at Loughborough) amongst wins for the Women;s 1st team and the Mens and Women's 2nd teams (against Exeter, Oxford **Brookes and East Anglia** respectively). The Men's Squash 1st team recorded a 5-0 win against Warwick's 3rd team and there were wins also for the Men's Football 1st and 2nd teams (3-0 and 2-0 against the Bedford 1st team and Worcester 3rd teams respectively). The Women's Hockey 1st team recorded their first win, 3-0 over Loughborough University's 3rd team and there was another win each for the Women's Lacrosse 1st and 2nd teams, 15-6 and 10-9 over the 1st teams of Exeter and Oxford Brookes.

Women's Football continued their early struggles with a 7-1 defeat at the hands of East Anglia's 1st team, while the Women's Badminton did manage to win 2 games in their 6-2 defeat against Exeter's 1st team.

November 17th, 2010

Another good week, which saw 14 wins, 6 defeats and 3 draws in all. The Badminton Men's 1st team won 8-0 against Nottingham's 3rd team and Men's Basketball won 106-44 against Oxford Brookes 2nd team. The Men's Lacrosse 1st team beat Nottingham's 2nd team 16-0 to make it a good week for Lacrosse (again) as the Women's 1st team beat Oxford's 1st team 15-9 and the 2nd team repeated the feat, also beating their Dark Blue counterparts by a scoreline of 10-5. Both the Netball teams won, the 1st team 48-33 against Birmingham's 2nd team and the 2nd team 44-36 against Northampton's first team. Women's Rugby Union beat Warwick 22-5 while the Men's Squash 1st team won 5-0 against Oxford's 2nd team. The Tennis Club again won all of their matches with the exception of the Men's first team who lost 12-0 at Loughborough's 2nd team. The Men's 2nd team won 12-0 against Oxford's 3rd team while the

Women's 1st team continued their good form in the Premier League South by beating Bournemouth 10-2 and, with their 2nd team beating Nottingham's 2nd team 8-4. Both the Men's and Women's Volleyball 1st teams recorded 3-0 wins again, by beating Oxford's 2nd team and Birmingham's 1st teams respectively.

November 24th, 2010

Eight wins and 9 defeats were recorded from the 17 fixtures played, several of which were in Conference Cup games. There was no let up for Women's Lacrosse, whose 1st and 2nd teams marched on by recording 13-2 and 19-6 wins over their counterparts from Bristol and Loughborough in their league fixtures. Women's Tennis 1st team continued to pile up victories by beating Bristol 10-2 but the Men's 1st team lost again, 12-0 at the hand of Leeds Met Carnegie in the Premier League North. The Men's Football 1st team easily disposed of Staffordshire's 3rd team in the Midlands Cup, 7-1. The Women's Badminton 1st team continued their upturn in form, narrowly losing 5-3 at home to Cardiff in the Premier League South. The Women's Hockey 1st team unfortunately lost their away fixture with Birmingham's 2nd team by a score of 3-1.

December 1st, 2010

Unsurprisingly, arctic weather conditions put paid to nearly all of the fixtures to be played outdoors but Cambridge teams still managed to win 9 of 13 games to end the term on a very positive note. The Men's badminton 1st team beat their counterparts from Oxford Brookes 8-0, while the Men's Basketball 1st and 2nd teams racked up 78-66 and 54-39 victories over Northampton and Cranfield's respective 1st teams. Sticking with Basketball, the

Women's 1st team weren't so lucky, losing 74-31 to Nottingham's 1st team. The Netball Club managed to record 2 victories, beating Nottingham and Leicester's 1st teams to continue what has been a good term for both the 1st and 2nd teams. In Table Tennis, the Men's and Women's 1st teams recorded victories over Bath's 1st team (by walkover) and Nottingham's 1st team (5-0), but the Men's Tennis team endured a torrid trip all the way to Stirling, after having a flight to Edinburgh cancelled the managed to get an alternate flight to Glasgow, followed by a long taxi journey - only to lose the fixture 12-0. In Volleyball, the Women's 1st team tasted defeat for the 1st time, losing 3-2 to Nottingham's 1st team while the Men's 1st team beat Anglia Ruskin 3-1.

At the end of all that action, Cambridge currently sit in 5th position in the Overall Championship table going into the Christmas break. Lots more fixtures, promotion and relegation battles will be decided in Lent Term, along with a number of Individual Championships.

All the teams results and tables can be viewed at www.bucs.org.uk by clicking on the Fixtures and Results link at the top of the page. Fixture updates and news will also be appearing on this website.

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The Annual Varsity matches with Oxford are the key focus of many of the Sports Clubs at Cambridge. At the time of going to press the following dates had been arranged for 2011. For more details on times, dates, locations and tickets please use the calendar that is available at www.sport.cam.ac.uk, which will be updated regularly.

Men's Varsity Matches

	Date	Time	Location
Archery	May 2011	ТВС	Oxford
Association Football			
Athletics	Sat 21st May 2011	11.30am-5.30pm	Wilberforce Road, Cambridge
Badminton	26th Feb 2011	10am-5pm	Perse School Cambridge
Basketball	26th Feb 2011	5pm-7pm	Kelsey Kerridge, Cambridge
Boat Race	27th March 2011	3.30pm	Henley-On-Thames
Boxing	17th March 2011	ТВС	York Hall, London (TBC)
Canoe			
Cricket (4 Day)			
Cricket (1 Day)	26th June 2011	11.00am	Lord's Cricket Ground, London
Cross Country	Sat 3rd Dec 2011	1pm	Richardson Evans Memorial
			Playing Fields, Roehampton
Crusing:Sailing (Casual/Team)			
Cruising:Yachting			
Cruising:Windsurfing			
Cycling	Road/Time Trial:	30th April	3pm Bottisham Sports Centre,
			Cambridgeshire
Eton Fives	5th March 2011	2pm	Eton
Fencing	Sat 26th Feb 2011	2pm	Exam Halls, New Museums Site,
			Cambridge
Gliding	TBC Apr/Mar 2010	April/June 2011	TBC Gransden Lodge Airfield,
			Nr Cambridge TBC
Golf			
Gymnastics			
Hockey	8th March 2011	1pm & 3pm	Southgate Hockey Club
Ice Hockey			
Judo	Sat 5th March 2011	2рт-брт	Hills Road Sports & Tennis Centre,
			Cambridge
Karate	19th Feb 2011	10am-1pm	Chesterton Sports Centre,
			Cambridge
Korfball			

Lacrosse	Sat 26th Feb 2011	From 1pm onwards	Parkers Piece, Cambridge
Lawn Tennis	29th-30th June 2011	11am start	National Tennis Centre,
			Roehampton
Lightweight Rowing	See Boat Race		
Modern Pentathlon	Fri 8th-9th April 2011	All day events	Bradfield College, Reading
Mountain Biking	6th March 2011	2.20pm	Deepcut, Surrey
Orienteering	2nd & 3rd April 2011	All Day Event	Doksy, Czech Republic
Powerlifting	Sun 20th Feb 2011	Weigh in:9am	Pro-Am Fight Centre,
		First WaveLift:10.30am	Sturton St, Cambridge
Revolver/Pistol Shooting			Elizabeth Way Range, Cambridge
Polo	11 June 2011	10am-4pm	Guards Polo Club
Rackets	Tues 8th March 2011	2pm	Queen's Club London
Real Tennis	25th & 26th Feb 2011	25th:12pm-6pm	
		26th:9am-6pm	MCC, Lords, London
Riding	Feb/March 2011	To be	arranged
Rifle Shooting	14th & 22nd July 2011	14th:9am-2.30pm	
		22nd:8.30am-12.30pm	Bisley Camp, Surrey
Rugby Fives	Sat 19th Feb 2011	11am & 2pm	St Paul's School,
			Barnes London
Rugby League	Thurs 3rd March 2011	7pm	Stoop Memorial Ground,
			Twickenham, London
Rugby Union	8th Dec 2011	2pm	Twickenham, London
Skiing			
Small Bore/Revolver	12th Feb 2011	TBC	The Lord Roberts Centre
			Bisley, Surrey
Squash	19th Feb 2011	4pm	Royal Automobile Club, London
Swimming	19th Feb 2011	1pm	Parkside Pool, Cambridge
Table Tennis	Sat 5th Mar 2011	3.30рт-6рт	Fenners Gallery, Kelsey Kerridge
			Sports Hall,Cambs
Trampoline	Sat 26th Feb 2011	5pm	The Leys School, Cambridge
Triathlon			
Volleyball	Sat 19th Feb 2011	5pm (2nds – 1pm)	Kelsey Kerridge, Cambridge
Waterpolo	19th Feb 2011	After Swimming Varsity	Parkside Pool, Cambridge

Women's Varsity Matches

Sat 21st May 2011	11.30am-5.30pm	Wilberforce Road, Cambridge
26th Feb 2011	10am-5pm	Perse School, Cambridge
Sat 26th Feb 2011	3-5pm	Kelsey Kerridge, Cambridge
27th March 2011	3pm	Henley-On-Thames
	26th Feb 2011 Sat 26th Feb 2011	26th Feb 2011 10am-5pm Sat 26th Feb 2011 3-5pm

Canoe	ТВС	ТВС	Oxford
Cricket	26th June 2011	10.45am	Lord's Cricket Club, London
Cross Country	Sat 3rd Dec 2011	1pm	Richardson Evans Memorial
Playing Fields, Roehampton			
Cruising : Sailing			
Cruising: Windsurfing			
Cruising: Yachting			
Cycling Road/Time Trial:	30th April 11	3pm	Bottisham Sports Centre, Cambridgeshire
Eton Fives	5th March 2011	2pm	Eton
Fencing	Sat 26th Feb 2011	10.30am	Exam Halls, New Museums Site, Cambridge
Gliding	April/June 2011 (TBC)	ТВС	Gransden Lodge Airfield, Nr Cambridge. (TBC)
Golf			
Gymnastics			
Hockey	8th March 2011	1pm & 3pm	Southgate Hockey Club
Ice Hockey			
Judo	Sat 5th March 2011	2pm-5pm	Hills Road Sports & Tennis Centre, Cambridge
Karate	19th Feb 2011	10am-1pm	Chesterton Sports Centre, Cambridge
Korfball			
Lacrosse	Sat 26th Feb 2011	From 1pm onwards	Parkers Piece, Cambridge
Lawn Tennis	29th -30th June 2011	11am start	National Tennis Centre,
			Roehampton
Lightweight Rowing			
Modern Pentathlon	Fri 8th- 9th April 11	All day events	Bradfield College, Reading
Mountain Biking	6th March 2011	2.20pm	Deepcut, Surrey
Netball	Feb 19th 2011	12pm-4pm,	
		Blues 2.30pm start	Leys School Cambridge
Orienteering	2nd & 3rd April 2011	All Day	Doksy, Czech Republic
Revolver/Pistol Shooting			Queen Elizabeth Way Range,
			Cambridge
Polo	11th June 2011	10am-4pm	Guards Polo Club
Power Lifting	Sun 20th Feb 2011	First Lift 10.30am	Pro-Am Fight Club, Sturton St, Cambridge
Real Tennis	25th & 26th Feb 2011	25th:12pm-6pm	-
		26th:9am-6pm	MCC, Lords, London
Rifle Shooting	14th & 22nd July 2011	14th:9am-2.30pm	· ·
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	22nd: 8.30am-12.30pm	Bisley Camp, Surrey
Riding	Feb/March 2011	То Ве	Arranged
Rugby Union	Sat 5th March 2011	2.30pm (2nds:11.30am)	Grange Road , Cambridge

Skiing			
Small Bore/Revolver	12th Feb 2011	TBC	The Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley,
			Surrey.
Squash	19th Feb 2011	1.30pm	Royal Automobile Club, London
Swimming	19th Feb 2011	1pm	Parkside Pool Cambridge
Table Tennis	Sat 5th Mar 2011	1pm-3.30pm	Fenner's Gallery, Kelsey Kerridge
			Sports Hall, Cambs
Trampoline	Sat 26th Feb 2011	5pm	The Leys School, Cambridge
Triathlon			
Volleyball	Sat 19th Feb 2011	3pm (2nds -1pm)	Kelsey Kerridge, Cambridge
Waterpolo	19th Feb 2011	After swimming varsity	Parkside Pool, Cambridge

Positions and Awards

Association Football Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Men's Vice-Captai Secretary	Name Michael John Dr John Little n Max Little Jack Hylands		Colleg Jesus St Cath Trinity Girton	e narine's
Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Stuart Ferguson	Selwyn	•		
Mark Johnson	Girton	•		
James Day	Jesus	•		
Daniel Gwyther	Wolfson	•		
Chris Maynard	St John's	•		
Mark Baxter	Selwyn	•		
Michael Johnson	Jesus	•		
Paul Hartley	Fitzwilliam	•		
Jack Hylands	Girton	•		
Matthew Stock	St Catharine's	•		
Chris Gotch	Trinity	•		
Chris Peacock	Trinity	•		
Dan Kerrigan	Fitzwilliam	•		
James Rutt	Trinity	•		
Chris Ellis	Jesus			•
Chris Kingcombe	Girton			•
James Revell	Christ's			•
Chris Peacock	Trinity			•
Tom Clare	Hughes Hall			•
Tom Balling	Queen's			•
Ross Broadway	Gonville & Caiu	JS		•
James Taylor	Jesus			•
Max Wolke	Fitzwilliam			•
Dan Kerrigan	Fitzwilliam			•
Kieran Anderson	Peterhouse			•
Kalil Rouse	Jesus			•
George Hill	St Catharine's			•
Peter Stovall	St John's			•

Women's Association Football Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Women's Captain	Name Laura Nelson Dr John Little Leesa Haydoo	2	Colleg Corpus St Cath Selwyr	s Christi narine's
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Sara Haenzi	Newnham	•		
Dannielle Griffiths	Trinity	•		
Emma Eldridge	St Catharine's	•		
Catherine Murphy	Robinson	•		
Helen Bellfield	Homerton	•		
Masie-Rose Byrne		•		
Leesa Haydock	Selwyn	•		
Romy Trigg-Smith		•		
Lisa Grimes	Wolfson	•		
Ashley Winslow	Wolfson	•		
Kate Robinson	Newnham	•		
Laura Nelson	Corpus Christi		•	
Victoria Clarkson	Murray			
	Edwards		•	
Hollie Booth	King's			•
Sarah Tooze	Murray			
	Edwards			•
Rachel Folwell Furzana	Pembroke			•
Dudhwala	Corpus Christi			•
Marion Gale	Murray			
	Edwards			•
Elizabeth				
Robinshaw	Pembroke			•
Clare Longden	Jesus			•
Alice Adriaenssens				•
Kate	Murray			
Hadley-Brown	Edwards			•
Nicola Dutton	St Catharine's			
Anna Trench Manon van	King's			•
Thorenburg	St John's			
Laura Mawer	Murray			
	Edwards			
Patricia Snell	Murray			
	Edwards			•

Athletic Club

Position	Name	College
President	Lucy Spray	Newnham
Senior Treasurer	Dr Robert Harle	Downing
Men's Captain	Sam Dobin	Trinity
Women's Captain	Katherine Laidlow	Jesus
Honorary Secretary	' Laura Duke	Newnham

Name	College		Half Half	Club Colours
Eamonn Katter	St Edmunds	•		
Mark Dyble	Clare	•		
James Kelly	Jesus	•		
Christian Roberts	St John's	•		
Louis Persent	St John's	•		
Neil Weijer	Robinson	•		
lan Simson	St John's	•		
Rory				
Graham-Watson	Trinity	•		
Chris Bannon	Downing		•	
Amin Ahmadnia	Trinity		•	
Tom Heslop	Clare		•	
Sam Dobin	Trinity		•	
Declan Murray	Magdalene		•	
F. Schaaf	St John's		•	
Andrew Lynch	King's		•	
Kaladerhan				
Agbontaen	Jesus		•	
Ray Malekout	Selwyn		•	
Ed Moyse	Selwyn		•	
Nate Sharpe	King's		•	
Aiden McGowan	Girton		•	
Matt Grant	Queens'		•	
Will Harrison	Trinity		•	
Ayo Adeyemi	Churchill		•	
Tom Wagner	Sidney Sussex		•	
Florence Cavalli	Darwin	•		
Laura Duke	Newnham	•		
Polly Keen	Murray			
	Edwards	•		
Kate Laidlow	Jesus	•		
Naomi				
Taschimowitz	Trinity	•		
Emma Perkins	Newnham	•		
Emma Rowley	Pembroke	•		
Lucy Spray	Newnham	•		
Amanda Scott	St John's	•		
Jo Lister	Pembroke		•	
Rose Penfold	Emmanuel		•	
Christie Noble	Emmanuel	•		
Rosemary Pringle	-		•	
Rosamund Healey			•	
Meg Tyler	Churchill		•	

Badminton Club

Position President Senior Treasurer	Name		Colleg	e
Men's Captain	Peter Gallowa	21/	Peterh	
Women's Captain	Laura	ay	retern	ouse
women's Captain	Birkinshaw-	Millo	Nour	ham
Secretary	DIFKINSNAW-	mine	newn	Inam
Name	College	Full	Half	Club
Manie	conege		Half	
Peter Galloway	Peterhouse	•		
Robert Hird	Trinity	•		
James Li	Robinson		•	
Ben Watson	Corpus Christi		٠	
Arjun Mehta	Trinity		•	
Qichao Zhao	Fitzwilliam		•	
Nicky Lai	St Catharine's		•	
Kern Hird	St Catharine's	•		
Catherine Murphy	Robinson	•		
Mary Wang	Trinity		•	
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Laura		
Birkinshaw-Miller	Newnham	•
Katy Scotter	Girton	•
Emily James	Robinson	•

Basketball Club

Position President Senior Treasurer	Name Stuart Lee Nebojsa Radic	College Darwin
Men's Captain Secretary	Richard Martin Alan Aralbayev	Queen's St Edmund's
Name	College Ful Blu	l Half Club e Half Colours

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Milos Puzovic	Jesus	•
Chris Haar	Downing	•
Tobias Uth	Girton	•
Jan-Felix Senge	Pembroke	•
Milos Buhavac	Girton	•
Torsten Geelan	Darwin	
Tumas Beinortas	Homerton	

Women's Basketball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Kim Lamza	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Nebosja Radic	
Women's Captain	Kathleen Beniuk	Magdelene
Secretary	Stephanie Ko	Clare

Name

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Alexandra Zieritz	St Catharine's	•		
Kim Lamza	Jesus	•		
Kathleen Beniuk	Magdelene	•		
Stephanie Ko	Clare	•		
Briony Jones	Homerton	•		
Stephanie				
Polderdijk	Trinity		•	
Paloma Navarro	St John's		•	
Caroline Walerud	St John's		•	
Hanna Hörnberg	Murray			
	Edwards		•	
Tina Herringshaw	Hughes Hall		•	

Boat Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Secretary	Name Deaglan McEachern Prof J Luzio Dick Pryce-Jc	ones	Colleg Hughe St Edm St Edm	es Hall nund's
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Rob Weitemeyer Geoff Roth George Nash Peter Mcclelland Deaglan McEachern Henry Pelly Derek Rasmussen Fred Gill Ted Randolph Wanne Kromdijk George Lamb Mike Thorp Matt Whaley Harry Cubasch Joel Jennings Moritz Schramm Geoff Roth Liz Box	St Edmund's St Edmund's St Catharine's Pembroke Hughes Hall St Edmund's Hughes Hall Hughes Hall Peterhouse Clare St John's Homerton Gonville & Caius St Edmund's Clare Fitzwilliam St Edmund's Christ's	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Colours

Women's Boat Club

Senior Treasurer Simon Cope Secretary Derek O'Brien		Magda	
			lene
	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Catherine TaylorTrinity HallHermione MackaySt John'sSarah AllenPeterhouseAnna RailtonPembrokeBeth ColmanKing'sPenny ThuesenChrist'sCarys RowlandsSidney SussexAnya JonesFitzwilliamConstanceJoaggettDaggettGirtonKate RichardsQueens'HarrietCavendishTraylor-ClarkeNewnhamCatherine BlakeLucyLisa MeeganSidney SussexJulia RobsonTrinityHannah SensecallGirtonLaura BiererSidney SussexMatthew BryanPeterhouseElizabeth PolgreenDowningRebecca PoundTrinity HallAnne HempelTrinity HallJulia FischerClareJulia FischerClareHannah MorganClareStacey HicksonTrinity Hall			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Bowmen

Position Senior Treasurer Captain Secretary	Name Prof Lindsay (Sam Burnard Emma Pewse	Greer	Jesus	Sussex
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Heather Reynolds	Jesus		•	
Carrie Oliver	Queens'		•	
Caroline Sandford	Girton		•	
Tak Ho	Fitzwilliam		•	

Rohan Shekhar	Pembroke	•
Maciej		
Hermanowicz	Trinity	•
Tim Craig	Robinson	•
Sam Burnand	Jesus	•

Amateur Boxing Club

Position President	Name Benjamin Jason	College
Fresident	Thomas	Hughes Hall
Senior Treasurer	Martin Rueht	Trinity Hall
Men's Captain	Chris Webb	Queens
Secretary	Adrian Teare	
Name	College Full	Half Club

		Rlue	Half	Colours
Faisal Nasim	Jesus	·	man	colours
Jason Blick	Corpus Christi			
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Brett Shanley	Girton	•		
Fergal McCool	Trinity Hall	•		
Chris Webb	Queens'	•		
Ed Chadwick	Clare	•		
Ssegawa-Ssekintu				
Kiwanuka	Queens'	•		
Tom Burlton	St Catharine's	•		
Barton Dear	King's	•		
Helena Matthews			•	
Sarah Burden	St Catharine's		•	
James Phillips				•
Stilian Morrison	St Edmunds			•
Rob Pepper	Homerton			•
Rob Liu				•
Elliot Chambers				•
Rudi Batzell	Clare			•

Canoe Club

Position	Name	College
President	Hannah Salter	
Senior Treasurer	Sam Waller	
Captain	Chris Booth	Robinson
Secretary	Daniel Evans	Corpus Christi

Cricket Club

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Position	Name		Colleg	е
President				
Senior Treasurer	Prof Ken Sidd	lle	- · ·.	
Captain	Akbar Ansari		Trinity	
Joint Secretary	Ed Pearson		Robins	
Joint Secretary	Thomas Prob	ert	Peterh	ouse
Name	College	Full	Half	Club
		Blue	e Half	Colours
Akbar Ansari	Trinity Hall	•		
Anand Ashok	Queens'	•		
Frankie Brown	Jesus	•		
Daniel Goodwin	St John's	•		
James Greenwood	-	•		
Richard Hesketh	Christ's	•		
Charlie Hopkins	Jesus	•		
Philip Hughes	Downing	•		
Gus Kennedy	Corpus Christi			
Fred Owen	Sidney Sussex	•		
Marc Rosenberg	Hughes Hall	•		
Michael Taylor	Gonville &			
	Caius	•		
Richard Timms	Gonville &			
	Caius	•		
Philip Ashton	Queens'			•
Thomas Askew	Hughes Hall			٠
Michael Carson	Trinity Hall			•
Philip Hughes	Downing			•
Gus Kennedy	Corpus Christi			٠
David Milodowski				٠
Thomas Probert	Peterhouse			•
George Reynolds	Corpus Christi			•
Ananya Sen	St Edmund's			•
Geoff Wilmot	Fitzwilliam			•

Women's Cricket Club

Position Senior Treasurer	Name Prof Ken Side		Colleg	
Captain Secretary	Ellie Fielding Sophie Davie		St Johr Darwir	
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Victoria Clarkson	Murray Edwards	٠		
Sophia Davies	Darwin	•		
Alys Donnelly	Emmanuel	•		
Vicky Evans	St John's	•		
Ellie Fielding	St John's	•		
Charlotte Hornsby	v Selwyn	•		

Danielle Lavender	Newnham
Susan Lowrey	Homerton
Paris Seyed-Safi	St John's
Anne Venner	Murray
	Edwards

Cruising Club

Position	Name	College
President	Prof Ian Liddell	
Senior Treasurer	Tom Ridgman	
Sail/Team Head	Felix Danczak	Homerton
Yacht/Team Head	Chris Hawkesford	Sidney Sussex
Senior Secretary	Jim Downing	

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Name	College	Full	Half	Club
		Blue	Half	Colours
Felix Danczak,	Homerton	•		
Sarah Martin	Girton	•		
Peter Bunch	Pembroke	•		
Greg Hall	Gonville &			
	Caius	•		
David Marlow	Jesus	•		
Fiona Hampshire	St Catharine's	•		
Max Darke	St John's		•	
Peter Dannatt	St John's		•	
Peter Wathen	Jesus		•	
Andrew Lewis	St Catharine's		•	
Henry Maxfield	Trinity Hall		•	
Will Kalderon	Emmanuel		•	
Dawn Wilkinson	Jesus		•	
Clair Brunner	Jesus		•	
Anya de Jong	Corpus Christi		•	
Sofia Parkinson	Gonville &			
	Caius		•	

Cycling Club

Position President	Name Rodney Knig	ht	Colleg	
President/Secreta Senior Treasurer Captain	Dr Ken Platts James Hawki		Fitzwil Downi	
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Tom Morris (time trialling) James Hawkins	Corpus Christi		٠	
(time trialling) Dan Ahearn	Downing		٠	
(time trialling)	Downing		•	

Toby Parnell (mountain biking) St Johns Phil Buckham-Bonnet (mountain biking)

Eton Fives Club

Position Senior Treasurer Captain Robert Desm Secretary Lauri Brock

Name

College

Dr Peter Reynolds Robert Desmond Corpus Christi Girton

Fencing Club

rending club				
Position President Senior Treasurer	Name Richard Boot Geoffrey Grir		Colleg St Cath	e narine's
Men's Captain Women's Captain	Zach Eaton-R Hannah	losen	Clare	
Secretary	Shackleton Agnes Foegle	ein	Kings Wolfso	'n
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Matt Gasperetti	Darwin		•	
Philip West	Homerton		•	
Felix Wood	Downing		•	
Spencer Bullent	Jesus		•	
Eleanor Wigham	Selwyn		•	
Sophie-Ann				
St Clair Jones	Homerton		•	
Richard Morris	Trinity			•
Sebastian Barry	Darwin			•
Jonny Tham	Clare			•
Brad Dixon	Trinity			•
Simon Whitaker	Fitzwilliam			•
Evi Williamson	Homerton			•
Fay Sandford	Gonville &			
	Caius			•
Jacqueline Scholl	Trinity			٠
Zoe Rutterford	Darwin			•

Gliding Club

Position	Name	College
Chairman	Julia Robson	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Dr Peter O'Donald	Emmanuel
Captain	Rebecca Ward	Girton
Secretary	Julia Rigby	Lucy Cavendish

College Full Half Club Blue Half Colours

Philippa Roberts Queens'

Golf Club

Name

Position	Name	College
President	Sir Roger Romkys	
Senior Treasurer	Andrew	
	Thompson	Magdalene
Captain	John Valley	
Women's Captain	Louisa Tarn	Jesus
Secretary	Andrew Dinsmore	St John's

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
John M.Valley	Gonville & Caius	•		
Andrew Dinsmore		•		
Ruaraidh Stewart		•		
Charlie Dewhurst	St John's	•		
David Duncan	Jesus	•		
Benoit Ramsay	Girton	•		
Sayyid Ahmed				
Said	Trinity	•		
Peter Selvay	Jesus	•		
Alexander Silver	Jesus	•		
James Whittington	St John's	•		
Louisa Tarn	Jesus		•	
Michaela Bacon	St John's		•	
Hilary Crowe	Pembroke		•	
Livia McBride	St John's		•	
Leanne Mullen	Newnham		•	
Katie Taylor	Queens		•	
Edward Hult	Homerton			•
Marc Rosenberg	Hughes Hall			•
Harvey Bradley	-			
(Captain)	Girton			•
Lawrence Burton	Homerton			•
John Gregson	Homerton			•
Tim Cannings	Queens			•
Tim Bray	Peterhouse			•
Michael Milstein	Pembroke			•
Nick Patrick	St John's			•

Tommy HodgsonJesus•MatthewBennisonFitzwilliam•

Olympic Gymnastics Club

Position President Senior Treasurer	Name Mike Andrew Christopher⊺		Colleg Corpus	e s Christi
Men's Captain	Edgar Engel		Trinity	
Women's Captain	Christy Lowe		Newnł	nam
Secretary	Sean Newhar	m	Home	rton
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Richard Mochrie	St John's	•		
Edgar Engel	Trinity	٠		

Tom Bachmann	Girton	•	
Sebastien Barfoot	St Catharine's		•
Mike Andrew	Corpus Christi		•
Steven Methven	Gonville &		
	Caius		•
Christy Lowe	Newnham		•
Kate Bramall	Gonville &		
	Caius		•
Lucy Guile	Christ's		•

Hare and Hounds

Position	Name	College
President	Dr Joan Lasenby	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Dr Nel Mathur	Churchill
Men's Captain	Matt Grant	Queens'
Women's Captain	Emma Figures	Lucy Cavendish
Secretary	James Chettle	Clare
Name	College Fu Bl	ll Half Club ue Half Colours
Naomi Taschimowitz	Trinity •	

Taschimowitz	irinity	•	
Amanda Scott	Churchill	•	
Lucy Gossage	Downing	•	
James Kelly	Jesus	٠	
Aidan McGowan	Girton	•	
Robin Brown	Jesus	•	
Sören Lindner	Darwin	•	
Mairead Rocke	Churchill		٠
Rachel Heard,	Fitzwilliam		٠
Anna Anderson	Girton		•
Lauren Barklie	Magdalene		•
Chris Bannon	Downing		•
Matt Grant	Queens'		•

Will Mackay	Robinson	•
Matt Clark	Homerton	•
James Chettle	Clare	•
Dom Biddick	St John's	•
Tom Stecher	Downing	•

Hockey Club

Position Name College St Catharine's President Lucy Stapleford Dr Dick McConnel St John's Senior Treasurer Men's Captain Stuart Jackson Girton Women's Captain Charlotte Brearley Homerton Women's Secretary Becca Langton Jesus Rob Mahen Men's Secretary

Ice Hockey Club

Position	Name	College
President	Richard Trueman	St Catharine's
Senior Treasurer	Prof Archie	
	Campbell	Christs
Captain	Luc St-Pierre	St Catharine's
Secretary	Owen Randlett	

College	Full	Half	Club
	Blue	Half	Colours
Sidney Sussex		•	
St Edmund's		•	
Downing		•	
St Catharine's		•	
f Clare		•	
Churchill		•	
Fitzwilliam		•	
Queens'		•	
	Sidney Sussex St Edmund's Downing St Catharine's fClare Churchill Fitzwilliam	Blue Sidney Sussex St Edmund's Downing St Catharine's fClare Churchill Fitzwilliam	BlueHalfSidney Sussex•St Edmund's•Downing•St Catharine's•fClare•Churchill•Fitzwilliam•

Women's Ice Hockey Club

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	Prof Archie	
	Campbell	Christs
Captain	Christina Yek	Selwyn

Judo Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Men's Captain Women's Captain Secretary	Name Catharina Ca Malte Grosch Kane Chandl Lisa Kleiming Rob Blackbur	er Jer	Colleg Corpus Trinity Darwin Fitzwil Emma	s Christi n liam
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colour:
Catharina Caspar Anna Baxter Lisa Kleiminger Mason Edwards Gary Chandler Philipp Oberhumer James Maheswaran Jorg Klein Xiong Chang Robin Irvine Marianne Butler Jessica Alsiö Torben Schuettfort Peter Mann John Aldis Tobias Schmidutz		•		•
James Coghill Silas Davis Robert Blackburn Max Wood	Pembroke Jesus Emmanuel Queens'			• • •

Karate Club

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Malgorzata Stanislawek

Position	Name	College
President	Mingwei Tan	Peterhouse
Senior Treasurer		
2009	Dr Srdjan Vucetic	Pembroke
Senior Treasurer	Dr Martin	
2010	Worthington	St John's
Men's Captain	Laim Gabb	Emmanuel
Women's Captain	Gosia Stanislawe	c Jesus
Secretary	Tina Pajuste	Queens'
Name	College Full	Half Club
	Blu	e Half Colours
Stephanie		

Pembroke

Jesus

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Richard Oriji	Clare Hall	•
Joseph Poore	Downing	•
Nim Sukumar	Sidney Sussex	•
Paul Smith	Trinity	•
Roman Sztyler	Kings	•
Mingwei Tan	Peterhouse	•
Emma Nunn	Kings	•
Madeleine Wood	Emmanuel	•

Korfball Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Captain Secretary	Name Laura Soul Nic Buttinger Sophie Cuen Grnadidier Saquib Sulta	r e-	Colleg Newnł Swelw Jesus	nam
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Sophie Cuene- Grandidier Sophie Harley- Mckeown Laura Soul Ying-Mei Wong Alan Murray Elgon Corner Joe Bakes Anthony Hitchin Nic Buttinger Lis Dryden Natasha Jocelyn Bethan Gudgeon Krystyna Kosciuszko Iain Cheetham Benny Chia Renn Ore Amit Mulji	Jesus Magdalene Murray Edwards Queens' Hughes Hall Pembroke Emmanuel Downing Selwyn Pembroke Girton Murray Edwards Gonville & Caius Robinson Hughes Hall Homerton Clare Hall		•	•
Saquib Sultan	St Catharine's			

Lacrosse Club

Position	Name	College	
President	Chris Jones	Jesus	
Senior Treasurer	Rev. Ian M Thomp	son	King's
Men's Captain	Sam Spurrell	Clare	
Secretary	Duncan Barrigan	Jesus	
Senior Treasurer Men's Captain	Rev. Ian M Thomp Sam Spurrell	son Clare	King

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Duncan Barrigan	Jesus		•	
Rowan Jackson	Darwin		•	
Blair Lapres	Darwin		•	
Michael Lipton	Trinity		•	
Dan Montgomery	Trinity Hall		•	
Tom Hoad	St Catharine's		•	
Joshua Findlay	Robinson		•	
lan Ralby	St John's		•	
Todd Nichols	Pembroke		•	
Phil Hall	Trinity		•	
Sam Spurrell	Clare			•
Oscar Bennett	Hughes Hall			•
Alex Walker	Selwyn			•
Craig Murphy	St John's			•
Scott Murphy	Emmanuel			•
Jeff Stark	Fitzwilliam			•

Women's Lacrosse Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Women's Captain	Name Adeline Drab Moira Gardin Ellie Walsh	
Name	College	Full Half Club Blue Half Colours
Rosalind Cowen Gen Gotla Sarah Grant Anna Harrison Georgie Hurt Alana Livesey Sam Mandel-Dallal Charly Marchant Laura Plant Leah Schabas Jackie Vullinghs Ellie Walshe Angharad West Jasmine Sawyer Tamara Astor	Churchill Christ's Jesus Trinity Downing Churchill Murray Edwards King's St John's Selwyn Magdalene Robinson Girton Jesus Homerton	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Gonville &	
Caius	•
St Catharine's	•
Gonville &	
Caius	•
Christ's	•
Girton	•
Emmanuel	•
Sidney Sussex	•
Homerton	•
Trinity Hall	•
Newnham	•
Sidney Sussex	•
Murray	
Edwards	•
Emmanuel	•
St Catharine's	•
Corpus Christi	•
Trinity Hall	•
St John's	•
	Caius St Catharine's Gonville & Caius Christ's Girton Emmanuel Sidney Sussex Homerton Trinity Hall Newnham Sidney Sussex Murray Edwards Emmanuel St Catharine's Corpus Christi Trinity Hall

Lawn Tennis Club

Position	Name	College
President	Sir Geoffrey Cass	Clare Hall
Senior Treasurer	James Berry	
Men's Captain	Rob Blythe	Emmanuel
Women's Captain	Victoria Watson	Jesus
Men's Secretary	Nick Jenkins	St John's
Women's Secretary	Laura Morrill	Murray Edwards
Namo	Collogo Eull	Half Club

Name	College	Full	Half	Club
		Blue	Half	Colours
Rob Blythe	Emmanuel	•		
Rutger-Jan Lange	King's	•		
John Western	Selwyn	•		
Cameron				
Johnston	Christ's	•		
Kirill Zavodov	Magdalene	•		
Kenny Taubenslag	g Emmanuel	•		
Laura Morrill	Murray			
	Edwards	•		
Alex McGoodwin	Lucy			
	Cavendish	•		
Victoria Watson	Jesus	•		
Silvia Guglielmi	Homerton	•		
Emma Kudzin	Newnham	•		
Corina Balaban	Homerton	•		
Jonas Tinius	Churchill			•
Jaroslav Snajdr	Sidney Sussex			•
Fred Floether	Homerton			•
Marian Bocek	Hughes Hall			•
Tom Flowerdew	Clare			•

Michael Sharp	Magdalene	•
Alex Moynihan	Christ's	•
Genevieve Gotla	Christ's	•
Georgina Kilbourn	Trinity Hall	•
Mimi Hou	Corpus Christi	•
Corina Balaban	Homerton	•
Clara Mattei		•
Ellie Heald	Emmanuel	•

Lightweight Rowing Club

Position	Name	College
President	Alistair Chappelle	Pembroke
Senior Treasurer	Dr Bill Nolan	Robinson
Men's Captain	George Blessey	Downing
Hon. Secretary	Christopher Kerr	St Catharine's

Name	College	Full	Half	Club
		Blue	Half	Colours
Chris Kerr	St Catharine's		•	
Matt Lawes	Fitzwilliam		•	
Chris Bellamy	Homerton		•	
lain Rist	Trinity Hall		•	
Charlie Pitt Ford	Pembroke		•	
Tom Coker	Trinity		•	
Al Chappelle	Pembroke		•	
John Hale	Pembroke		•	
Ruth Coverdale	Jesus		•	
Mark Beevor	Girton			•
Isabel Dowbiggin	Hughes Hall			•
Simon Hay	Girton			•
Sam Hayes	Girton			•
Tim Scholtes	Sidney Sussex			•

Modern Pentathlon Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Men's Captain Women's Captain Secretary	Name Hannah Darc Alison Schwa Daniel House Zoe Rutterfo Maedee Burge-Roge	ibe ely rd	Colleg St Cath Pembr Darwir Newnh	narine's oke n
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Laura Plant Bradley Dixon Catharine Wilson Ayla Haddenhorst Zoe Rutterford	St John's Trinity St Catharine's Murray Edwards Darwin	•	•	

Hannah Darcy	St Catharine's	•
Nick England	St Catharine's	٠
Daniel Housley	Pembroke	•

Netball Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Women's Captain Secretary	Name Jessica MacK David Bainbr Emma Darke Jessica McGe	enzie idge l	St Cath New H	narine's narine's all
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Emma Darke	Murray Edwards	•		
Jessica McGeorge	Murray Edwards	•		
Elizabeth Wheater Victoria Colgate	Hughes Hall Magdalene	•		
Amelia Garnett	Newnham	•		
Bethany Tyrie Antonia Akoto	Girton Peterhouse	•		
Jessica MacKenzie		•	•	
Katie Marshall	Downing		•	
Sophia Anderson			•	
Anna Fries	Churchill			•
Sarah Gill Hannah Pennicott	Jesus			•
Charlotte Penney				
Emily Lester	Murray			
	Edwards			•
Kat Bath	Homerton			•
Elizabeth Railton	Downing			•
Charlotte Wood	Jesus			•
Sophie Polisena	Jesus			•
Olivia Robinson	Clare			•
Stef Jones Becca Brake	Jesus Downing			
Caroline Carter	Sidney			•

Orienteering Club

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	Mike Bickle	King's
Captain	Adam Bennett	St John's
Secretary	Victoria Stevens	Jesus

Name	College	Half Half	Club Colours
Ben Stevens		•	
Adam Bennett		•	
Ben Windsor		•	
Matthew Halliday		•	
Mairead Rocke		•	
Victoria Stevens	Jesus	•	

Polo Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Captain Secretary	Name HRH Prince C Mark Johnsto Alex Hallett Emily Lunn	Charles	Colleg Emma	
Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Jamie Hepburn	Gonville & Caius		•	
Tobi Edun			•	
Liam Gamble	Robinson		•	
Alex Hallett	Emmanuel		•	

Powerlifting Club

Position	Name	College	
President	Alex Blessing	King's	
Senior Treasurer	Nigel Spivey	Emmanuel	
Secretary	Louis Cox-Brusseau Homerton		

Name	College		Half Half	Club Colours
Jerrell Whithead Alexander	King's	٠		
Blessing	King's		•	

Real Tennis Club

Position	Name	College
President	George Pearson	
Senior Treasurer	Dr Jeremy Fairbro	ther Trinity
Men's Captain	Edward Pearson	Robinson
Women's Captain	Lucie Browning	Fitzwilliam

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Karen Hird	St Catharine's	•		
Robert Hird	Trinity		•	
Ali Hakimi	Darwin		•	
James Watson	Trinity Hall		•	
Edward Pearson	Robinson		•	
Alexandra Bryant	Christ's		•	
Lucie Browing	Fitzwilliam		•	
Pippa Tregear	Trinity		•	

Revolver and Pistol Club

Position	Name	College
President	James Mallows	
Senior Treasurer	John Williams	
Men's Captain	James Bullock	Clare
Women's Captain	Wenjun Qu	Downing
Secretary	Chris Clemente	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
James Bullock	Clare		•	
Vin Shen Ban	Christ's		•	
Clark Barrett	Sydney Sussex		•	
Wenjun Qu	Downing		•	
Jase Taylor	Trinity			•
Sophie Reed	Murray			
	Edwards			•
Jess Touschek	Gonville &			
	Caius			•
Dominique Iste	Homerton			•
Emma Kirby	Sydney Sussex			•
Pradipta Biswas	Trinity			•
James Blackstone	Clare			•
Sean Ng	Trinity Hall			•

Riding Club

Position	Name	College
President	Venetia Brown	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Dr John Gibson	
Captain	Georgina	
	Messenger	Clare
Secretary	Naomi Wakefield	Lucy Cavendish
Name	College Full	Half Club

Blue Half Colours

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Georgie		
Messenger	Clare	•
Izzy Edmunson	Newnham	
Tom March	Fitzwilliam	
Simon Bewsey		
Dyke	St Edmund's	

Rifle Association

Position President Senior Treasurer Captain Secretary	Name Simon Gray Dr Marian Ho Edward Dicks James Brysor	son	Colleg Trinity Trinity Selwyr	Hall
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
John Lindsay	Downing	•		
Ashley Abrahams	-		•	
Edward Dickson	Trinity Hall		•	
Holly Foster	Churchill		•	
Tom French	St John's		•	
Jo Harris	Magdelene		•	
Simon Jones	Churchill		•	
Mike Judge	Trinity		•	
John Lindsay	Downing		•	
Ashley Abrahams	Peterhouse			•
Lara Bogie	Christ's			•
George	Gonville &			
Greenbury	Caius)			•
Kay Sharpington	Homerton			•

Rugby Fives Club

Name	College
Robert Dolby	
Dr Peter Reynolds	Magdalene
Alqahir Ladaq	Christ's
Charles Compton	St John's
	Robert Dolby Dr Peter Reynolds Alqahir Ladaq

Name

Full Half Club College

Blue Half Colours

Elliot Malone Churchill Algahir Ladak Christ's Luke Rowland, Fitzwilliam Charles Compton St John's

Rugby Union Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	Prof Brian Johnson	า
Chairperson	Prof R.J.A. Hooley	Fitzwilliam
General Manager	lan Minto	
Captain	D.J. Vickerman	Hughes Hall
Secretary	D.J. Rowe	Hughes Hall

Women's Rugby Union Football Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Captain	Name Rici Marshall Anne Venner Talia Gershor			e Sussex / Edwards
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Talia Gershon	Clare	•		
Rici Marshall	Sidney Sussex	•		
Skylar Neil	Magdalene	•		
Jo Bradley	Homerton	•		
Lucy Chumas	Downing	•		
Andrea Turner	Queens	•		
Nat Cordon	Emmanuel	•		
Lucy Hartwell	Downing	•		
Sammy Graham	Jesus	•		
Anne Venner	Murray			
	Edwards	•		
Sarah Binning	Gonville &			
	Caius	•		
Lauren Iredale	Girton	•		
Laura Britton	Jesus	•		
Rachel Thompson	Murray			
	Edwards	•		

Kate Robson	Girton •
Katie Pearcey	Murray
	Edwards •
Tess Walker	Selwyn •
Helen Newsome	Trinity Hall •
Hannah Wells	St John's •
Julie Valade	Christ's •
Keno Omu	Selwyn •
Jenny McArdle	Queens' •
Naiara Bazin	King's •
Helen Bellfield	Homerton •
Kellie Preston	Girton •
Viki McEvoy	St John's •
Jessica Tayenjam	Sidney Sussex •
Jo Harries	Magdalene •
Tanya Omolo	Jesus •
Polly Robinson	Hughes •
Alison Kinghorn	Gonville &
	Caius •
Sorrel Wood	Homerton •
Rachel Nixon	Girton •
Sarah Terry	Murray
	Edwards •
Anna Soler	Magdalene •
Kate Brown	Downing •
Sophie Clarke	Selwyn •

Amateur Rugby League Football Club

Position	
Senior Treasurer	
Captain	
Secretary	

Name Dr R McConnel St John's George Sykes Scott Wildgoose Emmanuel

College Sidney Sussex

Ski & Snowboard Club

Position
President
Senior Treasurer
Race Captain
Freestyle Captair
Secretary

Name Jamie Gilbert

Ed Freeman

Ros Walduck

Dr S. Kusukawa

College

St Edmund's Trinity Catherine Pelton Murray Edwards Homerton Jesus

Small Bore Club

Position Men's Captain Secretary	Name James Divine Aaron Crouc		Colleg Gonvil Emma	le & Caius
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
I. Craigie	Hughes Hall		•	
J. Diviney	Gonville &			
	Caius		•	
J. Lindsay	Downing		•	
E. Dickson	Trinity Hall		•	
J. Harris	Magdalene		•	
S. Jones	Churchill			•
G. Greenbury	Gonville & Caius			•
A. Abrahams	Peterhouse			٠

Squash Rackets Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Captain Secretary	Name Geoff Moggr Nicky Dee Alexandra Br Tim Helme	-	Colleg King's Christ's Church	5
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Harry Leitch	Fitzwilliam			corours
Nicholas Sutcliffe		•		
David Allman	St John's	•		
Michael MacKay	St John's	•		
Jack Styles	Girton	•		
Ann Babtie	Gonville &			
	Caius	•		
Rebecca Palmer	Emmanuel	•		
Alexandra Bryant	Christ's	•		
Kate Mason	Peterhouse	•		
Karen Hird	St Catharine's	•		
Craig Winthrop	Girton		•	
Andrea Kuesters	St John's		•	
James Pearson	Christ's			•
Tim Helme	Churchill			•
Alex Prior	Gonville &			
	Caius			٠
Jake Maughan	Emmanuel			٠
Ciaran Rogers	St John's			•

Swimming & Waterpolo Club

Position	Name	College
President	Chloe Grover	Robinson
Senior Treasurer	James Scott	
Men's Captain		
(Swimming)	Tom Rootsey	Jesus
Women's Captain		
(Swimming)	Emily Bottle	Trinity Hall
Men's Captain		
(Water Polo)	Riccardo Di Pietro	
Women's Captain		
(Water Polo)	Josie Faulkner	Clare
Secretary		
(Swimming)	Josh Little	Corpus Christi
Secretary		
(Water Polo)	Chris Booth	Robinson

Table Tennis Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Men's Captain Women's Captain Secretary	Name Doug Speed Simon Maddrell Shaun Hall Nga (Ky) Nguyen David Staines	College St Catharine's Gonville & Caius Churchill Trinity Queens'
Name	College Ful Blu	
Joshua Bleakley	St Catharine's	•
Shaun Hall	Churchill	٠
Jan Natolski	Hughes Hall	٠
Hamish Yeung	St Catharine's	•
Vanda Ho	Murray Edwards	٠
Nga Nguyen	Trinity	٠
Yudan Ren	Robinson	٠
Sasha Tsai	Lucy Cavendish	٠
Raphael Assier Teeradej	Sidney Sussex	٠
Kittipassorn	Trinity	٠
Doug Speed	St Catharine's	•
Christian Staudt	Hughes Hall	•
Justin Drake	Girton	٠
Rick Chen		•

Trampoline Club

Position	Name	College
President	Brittany Gee	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	Prof J Woodhous	e Clare
Secretary	Alan Mcreanor	St John's
Name	College Ful	I Half Club

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours
Asha Bayliss	Downing	•		
Kate Bramall	Caius	•		
Dave Chapman	Robinson	•		
Suzanne Tobin	Girton		•	
Brioney Gee	Jesus		•	
Helen Smith	Jesus		•	
Sarah Pearcey	New Hall		•	
Katie Bertrand	Sidney Sussex			
Kate Davies	Selwyn			
Stephen Flexer	Selwyn			
Katharina Kohler	Lucy Cavendis	sh		
Alan McCreanor	St John's			
Lottie Pocock	Homerton			
Christine Schmaus	s Robinson			
Gareth Tear	Fitzwilliam			

Triathlon Club

Position	Name
President	Aiden
Secretary	Andrev

Reilly w Collier

Volleyball Club

Position President Senior Treasurer Men's Captain Women's Captain	Name Dr Jon Clarke Jim McElwain Michael Hanr Petra Schwali	ie ion	Colleg Wolfso	
Name	College	Full Blue	Half Half	Club Colours

Helena Blechova	Hughes Hall	•	
Barbora Došlíková	Clare Hall	•	
Sarah Greasley	Magdalene	•	
Ariane Hanssum	Lucy		
	Cavendish	•	
Alex Rinnert	St John's	•	
Petra Schwalie	Newnham	•	
Tina Schwamb	Girton	•	
Maddie Sowash	Pembroke	•	
Bettina Studer	Darwin	•	

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