



# Sports Yearbook 2016

Incorporating the Annual Review 2014 - 2015



## A word from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to the University of Cambridge Sports Year Book 2016



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 many of their 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 2014/15 academic year has been a time of change for sport at the University, with the formation of the Sports Committee, the retirement of Tony Lemons, and the appointment of Nick Brooking to the Director role from the start of 2016. In addition to this, a Strategy for Sport is currently in development, which will hopefully see sport become more cohesive across the entire University community, with everyone from staff to students working towards a collective goal of enhancing the reputation of Cambridge University Sport and giving everyone who wishes the opportunity to participate.

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

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## Farewell to Tony Lemons



On the 30th September 2015, we said goodbye to Tony Lemons, who had been part of the Physical Education Department (now the Sports Service) at the University of Cambridge for 32 years.

Tony started life at the University in the early 1980s after holding lectureships at the Universities of Liverpool and Edinburgh and working as a visiting lecturer at the National Institute of Sports in Paris. He was originally appointed by the University as the Superintendent of Physical Education in the Health Services for just three years, which was then extended by another five years. By the late 1980s he was engaged both within the University, the City, and further afield as a major figure in national bodies and holding such prestigious positions as Chef de Mission for the British Student team in the World Student Games of 1989. In the early 90s, he then became the Director of Sport. At the start of his directorate role, Tony's brief was to build a case for new facilities for the University, to lecture, to liaise with the City, to advise on healthrelated fitness, and to run the Department. However, over the years his role extended far beyond this as the Department grew and expanded, and the importance of sport within the University started to grow with it.

Outside of his role at the University, Tony has held a number of national and international positions including Vice President University Commission for Sport and Culture in the European Community, Chairman of the British Student Sports Federation. He is currently a Councillor and Board Member of the British Lawn Tennis Association Ltd. and a Trustee Director of the Tennis Foundation. In 2006, he experienced a career highlight when he was invited to the 11th World Sports for all Congress in Havana by the International Olympic Committee. In 2013, Tony was then awarded an MBE for Services to University Sport.

With his retirement, Tony is leaving behind a legacy of improvements in sport at the University, most notably Wilberforce Road Sports Ground and the University Sports Centre, a lack of which was highlighted as far back as 1992! The sports community of the University will always be indebted to Tony's efforts, and his achievements will be appreciated by the University community for years to come.

## Welcome to Nick Brooking



For the 2015/16 academic year, the University appointed Nick Brooking as the new Director of Sport. Previous to his appointment at Cambridge, Nick had worked in the same role at the University of Hertfordshire and in private and public sector sport prior to that.

While at Hertfordshire Nick led the team that developed significant sports facilities envied by many other Universities, established the Athletic Union which helped improve student performance sport and also, in conjunction with the county sport partnership, developed an award winning student social sport programme with an emphasis on wellbeing benefits.

Nick is one of two representatives of Higher Education on the Sport England TASS Management Group, and is also a Trustee of the Saracens Sport Foundation which has won a number of accolades for achievement of its mission to inspire communities and change lives using the power of sport. Speaking about his role at Cambridge Nick said "I am delighted to have been appointed as Director of Sport at the University of Cambridge and recognise this as a great responsibility as well as an exciting opportunity.

Cambridge has unique complexity in its sporting provision with so many individuals, clubs and organisations involved. So, in addition to the challenge of meeting the ever growing expectations around facilities, competitions and performance sport, there is also a need to address some of the practical challenges that exist around safety and legislation for example, whilst also ensuring we maximise the opportunity for greater promotion of the wider, positive aspects of recreational activity for health, educational and social benefits.

The first key task we are embarking upon is development of a strategy for sport at Cambridge so this diversity and complexity can be effectively harnessed as a strength when planning priorities for future investment."



## PVC for Education's Message



This has been a significant year for sport at Cambridge. We have marked the retirement of Tony Lemons, whose long tenure as Director of Physical Education saw a remarkable change in sporting engagement, support and infrastructure, culminating in the opening of the Sports Centre. We welcome the new Director of Sport, Nick Brooking, and wish him well in his new post. I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the whole sports team throughout the year, particularly Karen Pearce who has been the acting Director of Sport during the interregnum.

Following the review of the governance of sport in the University in 2014 a new Sports Committee was set up in 2015 under my chairmanship. I consider it to be particularly important that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education has oversight of sport within the University. My brief as Pro-Vice-Chancellor is to develop and guide policy and strategy relating to all aspects of education. I consider sport to have a vital role to play in the full educational experience of all students at Cambridge. One of the many issues I have to grapple with (and Cambridge is not peculiar in this regard) concerns student physical and mental wellbeing. Sport at whatever level of engagement has a crucial role in ensuring that Cambridge students gain the most they can from their educational experience.

Over the last year since taking on the role of chair of the Sports Committee I have spent time meeting sports captains, senior treasurers, coaches, alumni and staff to discuss what we need to do to improve sport at Cambridge. We are in the process of developing a new strategy for sport, which will involve the following components.

First, we need to ensure that all sports clubs are fully accountable and responsible, but they should also receive more administrative support. Sports clubs presently have a lot of paperwork to complete in order to be registered with the Proctors. We will be moving to registration of all sports clubs with the Sports Committee. This will still require some bureaucracy, but we want to have a system whereby student officers, senior treasurers and coaches are given more support in completing this documentation so that they can concentrate on the important things, namely ensuring sporting excellence. We have also expanded the definition of sport in the university so that the number of sports clubs over which the Sports Committee will have oversight will rise from just over 50 to 85.

Secondly, we must ensure that our approach to sport within Cambridge is gender-equal. Great strides have been taken in this regard, but there is more work to be done, especially as regards appropriate and fair recognition of achievement within elite sport. Thirdly, we need to ensure appropriate financial support for sport and sports clubs. With the building and the development of the sport centre there has been a significant investment in sport in the University. With the creation of the Sports Committee it will be easier to ensure that the need to provide financial support for sport will be considered by the University each year. But it is also vital that funding of sport is identified as a key priority for the University's new development campaign. This may include funding for capital projects. But it is also clear to me, having talked to various representatives of clubs, that too many exceptional sportspeople who are already studying at Cambridge are being deterred from participating in sport at the highest level by virtue of the significant financial costs to do so. We take widening participation very seriously at Cambridge, and this needs to be followed through to the whole student experience to ensure that no student is deterred from participating in sporting activities for financial reasons.

I am excited and delighted to take on a role as an advocate for sport within Cambridge and beyond. At Cambridge we have ambitions to be world-leading in all our activities, and that is just as true of sport. The impact of sport in the collegiate University is reflected in this Review. It has been a remarkable year for sport and we can rightly celebrate individual and team successes and welcome the growing opportunities for every student and member of staff to get involved at any level in exercise and sport, from being a participant to competing as an elite athlete. There will be new challenges to face in 2016, but we can be confident that we have the ambition and energy to achieve great things in all sporting endeavours.

#### **Professor Graham Virgo**

Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education



## Eric Evans Awards 2014/15

## **Eric Evans Award Winner**

## **Alexander Leichter**

Nationality: Austrian Hometown: Linz a.d. Donau Height (cm): 194

Weight (kg): 98

Course: Land Economy

College: St Edmund's

**Boat Race Experience:** Goldie 2013/14, Blue Boat 2015

International Rowing Experience: Junior Worldchampionships, Senior World Cup

## How did you get into rowing?

I was queueing up at a fast food restaurant when a rowing recruiter of a local club asked me if I'd like to attend try outs. I showed up the next week and have not been able to let it go ever since.

## What's your favourite non-rowing past time?

I am a child of nature. I love to spend my spare time hiking, climbing, fishing and hunting with my friends and family. Besides that, winter sports like alpine and cross-country skiing are very important to me as well.

## What does the Boat Race mean to you?

The Boat Race is the last thing I think about before I go to sleep and the first thing I think about when I wake up. For me it is a unique chance to join an exclusive tradition with some of the brightest and toughest people in the world. 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 Managers for 2014/15 were Mr Tony Lemons (Director of Physical Education), Dr Joan Lasenby (Trinity) and Dr John Little (St. Catharine's), and the current Senior Treasurers of the Women's and Men's Blues Committees respectively.

In 2014/15 there was a further increase in the number and quality of applications for funding, making the Fund Managers' considerations as difficult as ever. Those who were successful were inevitably competing at least at National level, with genuine ambitions of competing on the World Stage. In addition to the 18 students who received awards to enable them to enhance their sporting performance, funding was also given to 5 students to complete coaching qualifications.



Student	Sport	College
Thorbjörg Ágústsdóttir	Fencing	Hughes Hall
Clemens Auersperg	Rowing	Fitzwilliam
Harry Boteler	Fencing	Magdalene
Ashton Brown	Rowing	Fitzwilliam
Charlotte Burrows	Hockey	Selwyn
Anthony Cooper*	Kayaking	Churchill
Phillip Crout	Athletics/ Cross Country	St Catharine's
Kirsty Davies	Dancesport	Hughes Hall
Joshua Hooper	Rowing	St Edmund's
Fiona Hughes	Cross Country Skiing	Queens'
Dimitris Kousoulidis	Swimming	Churchill
Alexander Leichter	Rowing	St Edmund's
Sarah Lombard	Sailing	Downing
Thomas Milligan*	Kayaking/ Canoeing	Churchill
Rebecca Moore	Athletics/ Cross Country	St Catharine's
Alexander Ross*	Kayaking	St John's
Sam Sharma*	Rifle Shooting	Corpus Christi
Alexander Short	Athletics/ Cross Country	Robinson
Hayley Simmonds	Cycling	Gonville & Caius
Christina Smyrilli	Volleyball	Newnham
Martin Walker*	Kayaking	Trinity Hall
Melissa Wilson	Rowing	Gonville & Caius
Yinjie Zhou	Table Tennis	Churchill

\* = Award for Coaching/Officiating

### What is your greatest strength?

The ability to get enthusiastic about almost everything I start. Life is much easier if you have fun challenging yourself every day.

### Tell us an interesting fact about you.

- 1. I am a passionate chef
- 2. I want to visit more than 100 different countries in my life.
- 3. Equal to the Austrian stereotype my favourite piece of clothing is in fact a Lederhose.

## Describe yourself in 3 words:

Ambitious, positive, enthusiastic

## Who is your sporting hero and why?

Matthias Lanzinger, a world-class skier who lost one leg in a sports accident. He is my sporting hero because of the way he handled his accident. He always kept positive and focussed after this setback and is now preparing for the Paralympics.

## What do you hope to do after the Boat Race/after University?

After the Boat Race I take a week off and do all the things I had to cut back on all year long, before getting back into studying for finals and training for the Austrian trials. After University I hope to find myself in a position where I can use my energy to build up my own business and still have some time for rowing.

## What's your favourite pre-race song?

Rammstein – Feuer frei!

## If you could be a professional in any other sport, what would it be any why?

Alpine skiing, because I love being in the mountains and I admire the athletes' skill and courage.

## Who would you most like to take on in an arm wrestle?

Arnold Schwarzenegger, because he is an inspiring fellow Austrian and it would be awesome to beat a former Mr Olympia!

## What's your party trick?

My Austrian accent is always good for a laugh.

## Hawks' Charitable Trust Awards 2014/15

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 2015 of £23,400 (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 joinedup thinking, the Awards Committee has been joined by Dr Joan Lasenby 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 guite 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 2015 a sum of £23,400 was awarded to some 142 applicants. Awards are made in amounts ranging from £100 and £750. The top four awards are named for major benefactors of the Trust, being David Jennens (Rowing 1949-51), Sir Adrian Cadbury (Rowing/Skiing 1949-52), Bob Barber (Cricket/ Athletics 1954-57) and Sir Arthur Marshall (Athletics 1922-26). This policy will continue and expand as account of further contributions allow. Applications are normally submitted by a date which is defined in the middle of the Lent term and advertised to all colleges and sports clubs. The trustees make their decisions before the end of that term. Each year the awards are announced in the University Reporter and either at the end of the Lent Term, or early in the Easter Term, a reception is arranged at the Hawks' Club at which the awards are made.

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

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

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

To do this we need considerably more capital, and attracting that is a fundamental objective.

In addition to its current activities the Trust can facilitate the transfer of funds should any Hawk have a particular project, within the charitable objectives, that he wishes to endow.

## **Donating to the Trust**

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

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	29	Chuen (Gerald)	Tennis	Selwyn	

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30	Church (Hannah)	Athletics	Gonville & Caius	
31	Cobbold (Johno)	Hockey	Gonville & Caius	
32	Counsell (Francine)	Sailing	Corpus Christi	
33	Cozens (Henry)	Rugby League	St John's	
34	Crichard (Ruari)	Cricket	St John's	
35	Curran (Kate)	Triathlon	Corpus Christi	
36	Dauparas (Justas)	Athletics	Hughes Hall	
37	De Salis (Laia)	Fencing	Murray Edwards	
38	De Souza (Therese)	Hockey	Emmanuel	
39	Dieker Viik (Arden)	Football	Emmanuel	
40	Dillon (Henrietta)	Modern Pentathlon/ Swimming	St Catharine's	
41	Dixon (Bradley)	Modern Pentathlon/ Swimming	Trinity	
42	Douglas (Graeham)	Swimming	Hughes Hall	
43	Dungay (Jonathan)	Football	Trinity	
44	Eames (Christopher)	Sailing	Selwyn	
45	Ferguson (Calum)	Swimming	Christ's	
46	Firth (David)	Shooting	Trinity	
47	Fisher (Hannah)	Rifle Shooting	Girton	
48	Fitton (Matthew)	Fencing	Sidney Sussex	
49	Flack (Joshua)	Sailing	Emmanuel	
50	Flanagan (Fergus)	Shooting/Hockey	Gonville & Caius	
51	Forde (Daniel)	Football	St John's	
52	Frost (Charlotte)	Hockey/Rugby/Athletics	St Catharine's	
53	Gagnon (Julien)	Ice Hockey	Trinity	
54	Game (Holly)	Rowing	Girton	
55	Giannaros (Petros)	Triathlon	Jesus	
56	Gilmore (Robert)	Sailing	Magdalene	
57	Gratton (Tim)	Sailing	St Catharine's	
58	Hackmann (Alexander)	Shooting	King's	
59	Hall (Rob)	Rugby	Downing	
60	Henderson (Arthur)	Sailing	Robinson	
61	Hill (Holly)	Rowing	Downing	
62	Hilton (Lloyd)	Athletics	Jesus	
63	Hirst (Francesca)	Lacrosse	Fitzwilliam	
64	Hiwaizi (Esteira)	Rugby Union	Queens'	
65	Hodgson (Paul)	Modern Pentathlon /Triathlon/Athletics	Trinity	
66	Holmes (Katie)	Rugby	Selwyn	

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57	Hooper (Joshua)	Rowing	St Edmund's	
58	Hooton (Christopher)	Boxing	St John's	
59	Hopes (George)	Dinghy Sailing	Corpus Christi	
70	Howe (Georgina)	Athletics	Downing	
71	Jackson (Matthew)	Rowing	St Edmund's	
72	Karpiyevich (Maryia)	Archery	Darwin	
73	Kay (Edmund)	Real Tennis/Rugby Fives	Emmanuel	
74	Kaye (Alice)	Athletics	Corpus Christi	
75	Kelly (Hugo)	Rugby	St John's	
76	Khan (Salman)	Powerlifting	Downing	
7	Kidd (Faye)	Hockey	Homerton	
'8	Klavenes (Katie)	Rowing Cox	Hughes Hall	
79	Kousoulidis (Dimitris)	Swimming	Churchill	
30	Lambert (Helen)	Rugby	Selwyn	
31	Lawrence (Oliver)	Polo/Eventing	Gonville & Caius	
32	Lees (Matthew)	Squash	Girton	
33	Leichter (Alexander)	Rowing	St Edmund's	
4	Leiter (Sarah)	Goalball	Newnham	
5	Lombard (Sarah)	Sailing	Downing	
6	Martschenko (Daphne)	Rowing	Homerton	
57	Maxwell (Thomas)	Sailing	Downing	
8	May (James)	Football	Christ's	
9	McFarlane (Flora)	Tennis/Hockey	Murray Edwards	
0	McGuinness (Sian)	Rugby	Churchill	
1	Middleton (lan)	Rowing	Queens'	
2	Montgomery (Max)	Rugby	Emmanuel	
3	Morrill (Sophie)	Lacrosse/Tennis/Real Tennis	Sidney Sussex	
94	Mullarkey (Laura)	Squash	Jesus	
95	Myrtle (Archie)	Modern Pentathlon	Corpus Christi	
96	Nuttall (Harriet)	Rifle Shooting	Queens'	
97	Ormond (Bryan)	Sailing	Pembroke	
98	Ostfeld (Rosemary)	Rowing	Hughes Hall	
9	Painter (Michael)	Athletics	Churchill	
00	Parker (Tom)	Athletics	Selwyn	
01	Pascoe (Tom)	Rugby	St John's	
02	Pearmain (William)	Golf	Queens'	
03	Petty (Freya)	Fencing	Downing	
04	Plummer (Samuel)	Kayaking	Jesus	
05	Pollock (Alasdair)	Cricket	Robinson	
	Poulton (Jacob)	Rugby Union	Clare	

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107	Prossor (Tim)	Tennis	Girton	
108	Pyne (Katherine)	Swimming	Murray Edwards	
109	Rademacher (Tim)	Rugby League/ Lightweight Rowing	Clare	
110	Reid (Caroline)	Rowing	Jesus	
111	Riesle (Silke)	Boxing/Mixed Martial Arts	Wolfson	
112	Ritchie (Francesca)	Lacrosse/Squash	Murray Edwards	
113	Roddy (Patrick)	Hare & Hounds/ Athletics/Duathlon	Robinson	
114	Ross (Alexander)	Rowing/Tennis/Water Polo	Gonville & Caius	
115	Sayers (Charlotte)	Shooting	Churchill	
116	Schlindwein (Alex)	Fencing	Gonville & Caius	
117	Sedlak (Martin)	Football	Hughes Hall	
118	Senaratne (Nipuna)	Cricket/Hockey	Jesus	
119	Sharma (Sam)	Shooting	Corpus Christi	
120	Short (Alex)	Cross Country	Robinson	
121	Sidebotham (Esther)	Sailing	Jesus	
122	Simon (Alice)	Modern Pentathlon/ Equestrianism	Fitzwilliam	
123	Smith (Edward)	Athletics/Cross Country	Jesus	
124	Smyrilli (Christiana)	Volleyball	Newnham	
125	Solano (Wilberth)	Powerlifting	Downing	
126	Stroud (Edward)	Fencing	St Catharine's	
127	Summerbell (Daniel)	Fencing	Gonville & Caius	
128	Tarver (Hanna)	Athletics	Fitzwilliam	
129	Tennison (James)	Rugby League/Rugby Fives	Trinity	
130	Traynor (Maximillian)	Shooting	Magdalene	
131	Tullie (Sebastian)	Rugby	Emmanuel	
132	Turner (Katherine)	Athletics	Magdalene	
133	Voolma (Halliki)	Dancesport	King's	
134	Warne (Henry)	Football	Fitzwilliam	
135	Watkins (Claire)	Rowing	Clare	
136	Watson (Alice)	Equestrianism/ Modern Pentathlon	Fitzwilliam	
137	Wigham (Ellie)	Fencing	Selwyn	
138	Wilson (Melissa)	Rowing	Gonville & Caius	
139	Wiseman (Alexandra)	Swimming	Trinity	
140	Wood (Archie)	Lightweight Rowing	Pembroke	
141	Wright (Maya)	Volleyball	Jesus	
142	Zhou (Yinjie)	Table Tennis	Churchill	

## American Football Club

## www.pythons.org.uk @PythonsAFC

The Cambridge University Pythons American Football Club is one of the youngest sports clubs within the University, having reformed in 2011 after a decadelong hiatus. After reaching the National Playoffs in each of the last three seasons and winning the BUCS Eastern Conference last year, the Club now enters its fifth season. Of great pride to the team is its Varsity Match record - the Pythons are unbeaten since reforming - and the hard work has now seen the Club awarded Half Blue status for the first time in its history.

This success is testament to the strong organisational foundations laid by the Pythons, particularly due to our committee and volunteer coaches and administrators, not to mention a few of our longstanding supporters! As American football continues to expand in the UK and internationally, we want to be at the forefront of this emerging community during the most promising era of growth that this sport has ever seen.



## Varsity 2014/15

## Varsity Bowl IX 30th November 2014, Grange Road Rugby Ground, Cambridge Cambridge Pythons 16 - Oxford Lancers 0

In the darkness of a late Sunday afternoon in November, the floodlights at the Grange Road Rugby Ground exploded into life as crowds gathered in preparation for a sport less usually seen there. It was the location for the eagerly anticipated American football game between the Cambridge Pythons and the Oxford Lancers; this year's Varsity Bowl. Over 500 people packed into the ground to see the clubs go head to head, with more than 1000 tuning in to watch across the country and internationally via the video livestream, commentary provided by TalkSport commentator and the Pythons' very own Full Blue, Tom Piachaud and also broadcast on CamFM.

Oxford won the toss and kicked off to Cambridge. The Pythons' offence started in their own half and managed a first down before punting the ball away to gain better field position. The ensuing Lancers' drive was a three-and-out, forcing a punt and giving Cambridge a good attacking platform.

The Pythons made sure this opportunity was not wasted and a mix of plays drove them down to the Oxford 33, before a minor setback of a fumbled snap, but recovered by QB Joe Yarwood. The next play was more successful, with Yarwood making a great throw to Joe Moore who ran the ball in for a 41-yard Cambridge touchdown. Declining the opportunity to kick the extra point, the two Joes combined again on a two-point conversion to see the Pythons take an 8-0 lead.



The next Oxford drive started well, with an 18-yard completion, but the Pythons' defence stepped up after that to prevent any further first downs on the drive and produce a sack by linebacker Darren Harvey. After Oxford punted the ball away, the Cambridge offence started another series from their own 6 yard line, this time dominating with the run game. After pounding the ball for four plays, James Digby got the ball on another running play, and through space created by strong O-line blocking took it to the house for a 70-yard score. The Yarwood-Moore connection continued on another two-point conversion, making the score 16-0. The rest of the half became scrappier as both teams sought to assert themselves, with turnovers, penalties and sacks stifling both teams' progress.

After the half time entertainment provided by the Cambridge Cougars Cheerleaders and a pie-contest courtesy of the American Society, the football action began again in earnest. The defences dominated the start of the second half. A succession of short drives, with Cambridge exhibiting their defensive strength and getting several sacks took the game into the final quarter.

In the fourth, Oxford got another chance when Cambridge could not hold the Lancers' punt, and then had an interception reversed after a fumble. This drive was also disrupted, as the Pythons' defence made great reads on ever more pressured attempts by the Lancers to get on the scoreboard: the second play being a completion that was fumbled and recovered by Ned Bransden. The clock running down left the Pythons with an anxious last few drives to contain their opposition, before taking back the ball and sealing the 16-0 Varsity victory for the Light Blues.

The event was an unprecedented success and one of the largest ever in university American football. It is with great appreciation that we would like to thank the staff at Grange Road and CURUFC for all their help and for sharing in our vision to give the sport and Varsity Match the platform it so deserves. We are already looking forward to returning when the fixture next comes back to Cambridge.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

Last season saw the Pythons go from strength to strength, with a fantastic recruitment drive leading to the squad reaching 40 players on the sideline at one game alone. Our influx of rookies made our first game a challenge that unfortunately we could not overcome so early in our Cambridge term, a tight loss to an Oxford Brookes Panthers' side that had far greater experience.

As our new players settled in and the strength of our coaches' ability to develop players took effect, it was to be our only loss in the regular season as the team went on to win six consecutive matches and claim a 6-1 record, and with it the Eastern Conference Championship. In addition to this fantastic finish, the defence not only scored points, but had held all opposition to only 16 points in these games, ranking #1 in the UK.

Notable amongst the victories was a 58-0 single half performance against the Canterbury Chargers, which saw touchdowns from several rookie players such as Tom Zhang (who scored four times), followed by the strong Varsity performance which saw the team head into the Christmas break with a 2-1 winning record. The first match back against the Anglia Ruskin Rhinos provided several highlights on the way to winning 48-0, with multiple interceptions on defence. One such play was run back for a touchdown by outstanding rookie, Ned Bransden. A strong team performance to suppress the threat from Pythons' long-standing rivals, the University of East Anglia Pirates ended their playoff hopes, whilst a double overtime winning field goal by Jack Tavener against Essex allowed the team to go into a winner-takesall showdown against the Kent Falcons, emerging victorious and as East Conference Champions.

Despite a knockout loss to the Surrey Stingers having once again reached the playoffs against the odds, this has seen the Pythons promoted into the new 1st tier for the coming season where we will look to continue punching above our weight, especially following the graduation of the cohort who grew with the team since its first season.







### **Other News**

Last year saw us build on our reputation as an open and inclusive club, recruiting several women players who took to the field to represent Cambridge. It is fantastic to show how multi-disciplinary American football can be, how with excellent coaching players can develop and make valuable contributions, irrespective of preconceptions people might have. We continue to recruit women into the Club and given the strength of women's American football on the national level, hope that in the near future we might be able to match other, better supported organisations that can field teams for women's competitions and act as a feeder to the Great Britain squad.

Easter term also saw us launch a successful flag (noncontact) American football tournament, providing several weekends of small flag matches for those interested in the sport or just looking for a break to keep active and learn more. We will continue to grow this each year and with Churchill (plus others) claiming the first American football Cuppers in history, hope to inspire more colleges to be putting teams forward so that they will have to work to retain their crown.



## Looking forward to 2014/15

The 2015/16 season will be an important transitional year for the squad, as for the first time any original Pythons remaining will have graduated and the team seeks to establish itself in a tough BUCS conference. With further experienced coaches requesting to join our staff we are well placed to do so, even against new opposition. The key to this will be another good recruitment drive to ensure a positive intake of new players who can develop into one of the many possible roles they might be suitable to play in American football. There is already a strong core of players to learn from and a platform the Club can work with to move forward.

We are pleased that our Club is gaining an evergreater profile within the University, more players are beginning to approach us and we will strive to continue growing the sport's presence both at Cambridge and in the UK. There is more that can be done and we are actively seeking to build partnerships that will enhance the work we do.

With this being the Pythons' 5th season, some key developments are now able to take place, with vital alumni projects launching, our Club taking a vocal role in regards to important issues within our sport and seeking to set an example to how other clubs and societies might operate and grow at Cambridge. This is just the beginning for the Pythons and if you are interested in the sport, whether playing, coaching or supporting in some other way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## Athletics Club

## www.cuac.org.uk @CUAC\_Athletics

Cambridge University Athletic Club (CUAC) prides itself on its long and distinguished history as one of the oldest athletics clubs in the world. Three times a year we compete against Oxford. In November there is the Freshers' Match, in February we have the Indoor Field Events and Relays Match and we culminate in May with the Varsity Match. In three out of every four years, the Cambridge and Oxford University Clubs come together to compete against American Universities in the oldest international athletic series in the world.

The club makes use of the fantastic facilities available at Wilberforce Road Track, the University Sports Centre and also runs squad specific trips to external training centre. Our recent membership has extended from beginners right up to GB Internationals and all are helped by a hugely talented group of coaches. A highlight of the year is always the week long training camp to Tenerife in March.

Training continues throughout the year, with a focus on building a strong team atmosphere for the above matches as well as preparing for individual competitions. This year we face the historically tough task of travelling away to Oxford for the Varsity Match, but are hoping to build on our 4-0 success of last year (with victories in both 1st and 2nd team matches for men and women).





## Varsity 2014/15

Men's Blues: 118 points to Oxford's 94 Alverstones (men's 2nd team): 110 points to Oxford's 102 Women's Blues: 114 points to Oxford's 86 Alligators (women's 2nd team): 113 points to Oxford's 87

The Athletics Varsity Match is a particularly intense type of Light vs Dark Blue encounter – two athletes from Cambridge compete against two athletes from Oxford per event.

CUAC stalwart Alice Kaye put in a typically heroic shift for the women's Blues in winning the 200m (in a new Varsity record), the 400m, being a key part of the 4x100m team, and finally bringing the 4x400m relay home streets ahead of the Oxford team – a fitting conclusion to her three years with CUAC. The Varsity records kept coming for the women, with fresher Fiona Brown obliterating the shot put record by a huge 92cm, and women's Blues Captain Emma Cullen taking the 100m in a new Varsity record. Maxine Meju had a tremendous day in the jumps but was unable to overcome a strong Oxford contingent whilst the longer distances were dominated by Cambridge's Brigid Eades, Katherine Turner, Emily Shearer and Priya Crosby.

The men's Blues team came into the match anticipating a close encounter with Oxford, but the reality was quite different, as they finished the day convincing winners. GB athlete Michael Painter was in typical form in winning the hammer in a new Varsity record (throwing further than the combined distance of Oxford's two athletes), before also winning the shot put and discus, defending his hat-trick of heavy throws titles from last year. The match did however see a number of incredibly tight finishes and unexpected wins, almost all of which

## **Eric Evans Award Winner**

## **Rebecca Moore**

Since taking up running relatively late as a junior, I have enjoyed continued success and improvement throughout my time at Cambridge. Since winning Cuppers cross country in my first term over three years ago, I have progressed to winning both BUCS 10,000 metre and Varsity 5000 metre athletics titles, and am currently ranked first in the UK at my preferred event, the 10 mile.

I was a very grateful recipient of an Eric Evans award in 2014, and I feel that the funding enabled me to improve my training to culminate in winning the above titles. This year's award will be invested in my current targets, which include achieving further CUAC and Varsity records. My ultimate aspiration is to represent the UK at international events, preferably 10 km and above.

Outside of athletics I am a keen tennis player and swimmer, which I enjoy at a recreational level. I take the little holiday I now have as a clinical medical student to travel home to the south coast, where I can enjoy running (at a slightly more relaxed pace!) with my family or competing in local events.



went Cambridge's way. William Morris won the 100m with an emphatic dip at the line, which went to a tense photo finish. Philip Crout showed an amazing turn of pace to finish the 5000m ahead of Oxford's BUCS medalist Miles Unterreiner. Barney Walker was dominant in the 400m and Billy Pinder led from start to finish to surprise Oxford's Louis Rawlings in the 800m.

A short match report cannot even hope to do justice to what was a magical day for Cambridge, nor can it hope to encompass all of the fantastic performances of CUAC athletes across both men's and women's teams. What it does capture, however, is a snapshot of the talent and attitude that defines CUAC. A true team effort in what is usually thought of as a purely individual sport.



## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

As always, the BUCS outdoor athletics competition demonstrated the talent on display in Cambridge. In the distance events both Lewis Lloyd and Philip Crout narrowly missed out on medals with 4th place finishes in the 1500m and 5000m. Elizabeth Mooney came off the back of a cross country season for England to secure 5th place in the 10,000m. Despite reaching the final of the steeplechase, illness meant that Alex Milne wasn't able to demonstrate his true potential. It was a similar story in the pole vault for Quentin Gouil who, despite qualifying from the heat with the 5th highest vault, was forced to withdraw due to injury. The club truly shone through in the throws, with Tom Parker finishing 7th in the hammer throw slightly behind Bronze medalist Michael Painter. In the England U23 Championships, Katherine Turner came away with an 8th place finish In the 1500m shortly before Lewis Lloyd and Josh Carr fought hard for 5th and 3rd spot in the men's race. The distance theme continued with Philip Crout earning 7th place in the 5000m. Finally, Michael Painter continued his fine form from the Varsity Match with 4th place in both the shot put and discus bettered only by his 3rd place in the hammer.

In addition to the above, UK top 30 times/distances were achieved by Priya Crosby, Maxine Meju, Fiona Brown and Helen Broadbridge.

## **Other News**

In June the Achilles Club, formed from athletes of both Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Clubs, welcomed athletes from a joint Harvard/Yale team. This 'Transatlantic Series' dates back beyond even the modern day Olympics and culminates in a single day match between the squads. Achilles unfortunately went down 10 points to 7 in the men's match and 17 to 2 in the women's against two Harvard/Yale teams who broke 7 records between them. The day saw wins from Josh Carr in the 1500m, Keno Mario-Ghae in the High Jump and Michael Painter with a record distance in the hammer throw.





## Looking forward to 2015/16

Of course we're looking to continue our success at all 3 of the meetings against Oxford next year, culminating in the tough task of travelling away for the Varsity Match. Earlier in the year we're hoping to increase the turnout at the Michaelmas Cuppers competition and make this event larger than ever. Throughout the year there will also be a push towards integrating the club more with the new facilities available at the Sports Centre to ensure athletes get everything they can from their training and come into the 2016 season stronger than ever.



## Cambridge University Cockerel Badminton Club

## www.cucbc.soc.srcf.net

Cambridge University Badminton Club (CUBaC) exists to provide students with the opportunity to train, improve and play competitive badminton against other universities and local teams.

The club numbers around 40 members, which includes about twenty-five men and fifteen women. We meet to train at the University of Cambridge Sports Centre three times a week, with BUCS match fixtures on Wednesdays and periodically other matches spread across the week. Currently the club fields one men's team and one women's team in the BUCS league, as well as a mixed doubles team in a regional Badminton England-run league. The club also enters members into the BUCS Individuals tournament and a regional mixed-team tournament named the "Bill Pink Trophy".

## Varsity 2014/15

7th March 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge Men's 1sts 6 Oxford Men's 1sts 9 Cambridge Men's 2nds 10 Oxford Men's 2nds 5 Cambridge Men's 3rds 7 Oxford Men's 3rds 8

Cambridge Women's 1sts 3 Oxford Women's 1sts 12

## Cambridge Women's 2nds 3 Oxford Women's 2nds 12

For the 2014/2015 season the Varsity Match returned to Cambridge and it marked the first time the event had been held in the new University Sports Centre. For the Cambridge men's 1sts, despite defeat, the Match was very closely contended and represented a significant improvement compared with results in recent years against consistently very strong Oxford sides (having lost 12-3 in 2014 and 14-1 in 2013). There were particularly notable performances from Captain Daniel Benwell and President Ben Aldred, who both won three from four matches. The Cambridge men's 2nds, traditionally a strength of the Cambridge squad, returned to winning Varsity Match form following defeat the previous year. The team rallied from a 4-2 deficit after the singles matches to win an impressive eight from nine doubles matches. The Cambridge 3rds were involved in a very close tussle involving many three-set games and culminating with the match being decided by the final rubber.

On the women's side, both the 1st and 2nd teams faced particularly strong Oxford opposition. In the past few years the Oxford women's side has strengthened considerably and, continuing the recent trend, Oxford emerged victorious in both matches. However, in the face of this opposition, the Cambridge women's teams performed highly creditably, with many matches going to three sets and some very close finishes. The overall score certainly did not reflect the games themselves nor the amount of effort put in by each and every member of the Cambridge team.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The Cambridge men's 1st team maintained an unbeaten record to win the Midlands 2B division and secure promotion to the Midlands 1A division, overcoming close competition with the East Anglia 1st team. The season included significant wins over the men's teams of the Universities of Derby and Warwick. There were also some strong individual performances, despite tough draws, in singles, doubles and mixed at the BUCS Individual championships.

Despite struggling to field a full team each week, the Cambridge women's 1st team went on to be promoted to division 1A at the end of the 2014-2015 season, with some excellent matches and many last minute substitutions. In BUCS Individuals players put up an impressive performance, with one women's doubles pair, one mixed pair, and one singles player reaching the last 32 in their respective tournaments.

The mixed doubles team held on to their position in the Premier division of the South Cambridgeshire badminton league. Finally, a highlight of the season was the club's run in the South Cambridgeshire mixed-team (comprising singles, doubles and mixed) knockout competition, the "Bill Pink Trophy", which we won for the first time in a number of years.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

Both the men's and women's teams hope to defend their positions in their respective Midlands 1A divisions and target good results at the Varsity Match in Oxford at the end of the season.

## Basketball Club (Men's)

## www.cubbc.org.uk

CUBbC currently has two teams, the Blues and the Lions, with around 12 players each. Practices are held two to three times a week in addition to weekly games. The Blues are coached by Amalio Fernandez-Pacheco and assistant coach Hugo Drochon; the Lions are coached by Vaughan Wittorff. Basketball in Cambridge has been on a steady upward trend for several years now: Cambridge traditionally struggled in the Basketball Varsity games against Oxford but this power balance has shifted. Now, both Blues and Lions have performed very well against Oxford in recent years with many tight matches and hard-fought victories.

CUBbC also organises the intercollegiate Basketball league in Cambridge. Around 25 College and club teams took part and over 100 games were played. While the main aim of the College league is to give everybody in Cambridge the opportunity to play Basketball, it also gives both University teams the chance to scout new talent throughout the season and generally foster the growth and support of Basketball in Cambridge.



## Varsity 2014/15

## 28th February 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge 1sts 64 - Oxford 1sts 36 Cambridge 2nds 61 - Oxford 2nds 45

The peak of the season for both teams was the annual Varsity Match against Oxford. The match was held at the beautiful new University of Cambridge Sports Centre for the first time and there was great attendance and loud cheering throughout.

For the Light Blues, strong defence stopped Oxford from scoring for the first 13 minutes and the offence capitalised on that, seemingly resolving the question of the winner before half-time. Though the Dark Blues scored a few three pointers after coming back from half-time, the Light Blues swiftly answered with several fast breaks and the game was again under control for Cambridge, resulting in the blow-out 64-36 victory against the team in a higher division.

The Cambridge University Lions squad performed well in front of their home crowd with a solid team effort. Being in the same division, the Lions had already faced and defeated Oxford twice in the regular season but the Matches were close and hard fought as always. In the Varsity Match, the Lions opened with intensity and earned an early lead through strong rebounding, solid defence, and breaking down Oxford with passing and finding open baskets. Control was held throughout the game and despite a few attempts to surge from the Oxford side, Cambridge held strong and dominated the Match to a 61-45 victory. Chris Lovejoy performed his best work all season in the Varsity Match and shone brightly with points and boards when his team needed it most. A valuable newcomer for the 2014-15 season, Gabriel Bernink posted double figures in the Match. Team Captain, and MVP for the season, Kent Griffith led his team to their third victory of the year over Oxford. Most importantly, following the theme for the season, the Lions played together and achieved victory through teamwork and collective effort.

Cambridge had a clean sweep in the Varsity Match this season with all basketball teams (men's Blues, men's Lions, women's Blues, and women's Panthers) winning their matches by double figures!

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

The Blues had a rough start to the season. Several important players from the last year left and it took a while to adjust and start playing as a team again. This resulted in the season starting with several close losses in a row. It was already late in the season when we finally managed to break out of our bad rhythm and started playing well. We finished 5th in the league and as a result are being relegated to the lower division next year. However, the significant improvement in our game was clearly evident in our cup matches where we reached the semi-finals.

The Lions played consistent basketball over the 2014/15 season. Coach Vaughan Wittorff and many players returned from the previous year but there was an obvious shortage of guards, which was filled both by new players and shifting positions for some of the returning forwards. The Lions posted a winning record and finished in the top half of their division in BUCS this season; a narrow two-point loss to the top team at the end of the regular season is all that separated them from the top record in the division.



Many different players started for the Lions over the year and playing time was widely distributed. The depth of the team and the ability of players to come off the bench and play different positions while still working well together undoubtedly contributed to the success of the season.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

CUBbC looks forward to the 2015/16 season with some returning players and slots to fill with new talent. After a strong finish to the regular season and excellent Varsity results for the teams, the coming year looks promising. Jack Clearman will Captain the Blues and Toni Oki will Captain the Lions in 2015-16.



# Basketball Club (Women's)

### www.cuwbbc.org.uk

The Cambridge University Women's Basketball Club is a very international group of enthusiastic women. We have two teams: the Blues (1st team) and the Panthers (2nd team). We are a relatively young club but are growing steadily, particularly following our Blues team's successful promotion to the Midlands Division 1A of BUCS in 2013/14. As well as continuing their five year winning streak in Varsity, the Panthers are planning on entering BUCS for the first time in 2016/17. In addition, the club runs the Women's Basketball College League, which continues to grow in popularity every year. The women's club comes together with the men's club for Varsity and various social events throughout the year including our annual Fresher's Squash, Christmas Dinner and May Week Garden Party.

## Varsity 2014/15

## 5th March 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge 1sts 75 - Oxford 1sts 50 Cambridge 2nds 36 - Oxford 2nds 24

Varsity 2015 is one that will stand out in Cambridge Basketball history as the first time that all four Cambridge teams defeated their Dark Blue opponents.

In the clash of the women's 2nds teams, the Cambridge Panthers and Oxford Womes, Oxford took an early lead by scoring the first points of the game. The Panthers, however, were hot on the heels of their rivals, quickly netting a few shots from beneath the boards. A tight race for the lead position continued throughout the first and second quarter, ending in a tie of 18 - 18 as both teams fought hard to pull ahead.

Cambridge emerged with a new lease of life in the 3rd quarter, quickly taking the lead and allowing their opposition to score only 2 points in the quarter. Their lead was extended in the last 10 minutes of the game, with a final score of 36 - 24 to Cambridge. The Panthers' 2015 victory extends their undefeated Varsity record to 5 - 0 since the inception of the team in 2010.

Following the success of the Panthers, spirits were high on the Cambridge Blues bench and the game started well for Cambridge, with forward Súil Collins netting the first basket and accompanying foul shot. Oxford were not going to let the game get away from them that easily though, and pulled 4 points ahead in the first 5 minutes. This was to be the only time that Oxford would hold the lead. The first half was dominated by Cambridge's intense offence and determined defence, and Oxford entered the second half trailing by 11 points.

The third quarter saw no let up by the Blues, with numerous baskets drawing defensive fouls and a concerted effort to deny Oxford's lead scorer any opportunities. Finishing with a decisive buzzerbeating layup, the Blues looked to be in a good position for the final 10 minutes. Although Oxford managed to up the pressure on Cambridge in the final quarter, the Blues kept the momentum strong and fast until the very end. At the final whistle, the score was 75 - 50 to Cambridge, marking their third Varsity victory in the past 13 years!

Captain Navarro remarked on the win: 'The performance at Varsity reflects how much we have improved and come together as a strong and confident team. I am so proud of all our players, our progress over the season and of course this incredible victory over Oxford!'

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

At the end of the 2013/14 season, the Blues were promoted into the BUCS Midlands Division 1A following a very successful season in which the team emerged undefeated. Promotion to the higher league was always bound to involve challenges and despite a tentative start to the 2014/15 season the team fought back strongly to avoid relegation and protect their place in the division. In a fitting end and nicely demonstrating their progress, the Blues' final match of the season ended 9 - 87 to Cambridge. Following a few years of disappointment prior to 2013/2014, the Blues now enjoy a two year winning streak against their rivals Oxford, in both games finishing with a lead of over twenty points.

The Panthers, which formed in 2010, have not lost a single Varsity Match since inception. They have enjoyed competing in friendly games against local teams for the past several years but are looking to take the additional step of entering BUCS in 2016/17.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

At the start of the 2015/16 season, the women's Basketball Club will welcome two new coaches for their Blues and Panthers teams. Timothy Myers. staff member and PhD student at the Centre for Neuroscience in Education, who has taken the reigns from former Blues coach Blaine Landis. hopes to implement a radical new strategy for the Blues moving forward. As a former coach of several high school teams in the United States, Tim is sure to bring plenty of experience and enthusiasm to the Cambridge court. The Panthers meanwhile welcome Molly Lewis, a third year Law undergraduate and Blues player with five years of coaching and refereeing experience, as their new head coach. She hopes to prepare them for their entry into BUCS in 2016/17.

# Boat Club (Men's)

## www.cubc.org.uk @CUBCsquad @CUBCpresident

Founded in 1828, the Cambridge University Boat Club forms crews to race Oxford in the Varsity Boat Race over what is known as the Championship Course on the River Thames in London: Putney to Mortlake, 4 ¼ miles.

In conjunction with 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 world-class facilities, including a fully equipped gym, Ergometers/Watt Bikes, physiotherapist facilities, and a rowing tank. Following early morning sessions in the Goldie Boat House, as the afternoon arrives the Cambridge Squad can be found training on the River Ouse in Ely.

Aspects of the routine of the Club have not changed since its formation. Winning the Boat Race against Oxford, a private match, but the most famous rowing event in the world, remains our sole constitutional objective. The CUBC also retains its amateur spirit with its athletes, all full-time students, receiving no financial reward.



## Varsity 2014/15

### 11th April 2015, Tideway, London

One hour after history was made by the women, the men's crews took to the river for the 161st running of the BNY Mellon Boat Race.

Oxford stroke and President Constantine Louloudis, a current World Champion, was looking to make his own piece of history by joining a small club of just 13 oarsmen to win 4 or more Boat Races.

While Oxford were firm favourites with the bookies, their preparation had been disrupted during Tideway week when their 4 man, the Kiwi James O'Connor, was taken ill, only returning to the Blue Boat, now rowing at 2, just two days prior to the Race. His brother Sam at 7 was one of 4 returning Oxford Blues.

The Cambridge crew boated five Blues from 2014 including cox lan Middleton. Their President Alexander Leichter raced for Goldie in their defeat to Isis last year and was burning for revenge. The warning was there though from Oxford's Louloudis who said before the Race, "I haven't come here having won 3 Races to lose the last one."

Cambridge won the toss and picked the Surrey station but got off to a poor start allowing Oxford to take the early advantage. However both crews went off hard and were still rating in the high 30s passing the Putney boathouses. As Umpire Boris Rankov issued his first warnings of the day to Cambridge, the Light Blues were back on terms. Settling to 36 strokes a minute they had a canvas advantage passing the Fulham Wall. Louloudis in the Oxford stroke seat didn't look phased, sitting at 37, to pull level at Barn Elms before pushing on to again take the lead. Cambridge fought hard though, keeping the lead down to ¼ length at the Mile Post which Oxford passed in a time of 3:44. It was still just over ¼ length at Harrods and only 1 second at Hammersmith Bridge, and with the Surrey bend aiding Cambridge they looked to push and get back on terms.

However, Oxford had other ideas and went for broke in the rough water past St. Paul's School boathouse on the outside of the bend. This is where Cambridge would have expected to be fighting for the lead. Instead Oxford's push up to 35 strokes a minute, took them away and in just 20 strokes they had a clear water lead, allowing them to negate Cambridge's bend advantage.

Oxford could now choose their water, so chose to row immediately in front of the Light Blues using the remainder of the Surrey bend to their own advantage. From Chiswick Steps on, the cohesion and neat bladework characteristic of this crew allowed Oxford to pull relentlessly away. As the lead increased Oxford relaxed and the faster they went, sitting happily now at 33 strokes per minute.

The lead at that point was 7 seconds. Cambridge persevered but despite rating higher than Oxford kept slipping further back. As the water flattened around Dukes Meadow, Oxford relentlessly extended their lead. 14 seconds advantage at Barnes Bridge was turned into 20 seconds over the final 3 minutes, Oxford winning by 20 seconds in a time of 17:34.

Cambridge coach Steve Trapmore accepted that his team were second best today, praising his opposite number Sean Bowden, "All credit to Sean, we couldn't match Oxford's speed around the top of the Surrey bend, but I'm immensely proud of my whole crew." he said.

## **Other News**

Preparations for the 2016 Boat Race have already begun. Several members of the squad will be racing for the Prince Albert Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta. Athletes are currently undertaking a rigorous summer training program to prepare for next season, which officially begins with the Gallagher Great Race in New Zealand on the 13th September.

## **Member Profiles**

### **George Nash**

George Nash (Goldie 2009, Blue 2010, 2011 & 2013) has been selected for the new look men's eight following on from last



season's Gold medal success in the GB men's coxless four.

## **Tom Ransley**

After securing a Gold medal in the men's eight at last year's World Championships Tom Ransley (Blue 2008 & 2009) will



take up his seat in the men's coxless four.

### **Henry Fieldman**

Henry Fieldman (Blue 2013) took the coxswains seat for World Cup II, helping the GB men's eight to a Gold medal finish.

## Alexander Leichter and Clemens Auersperg



Alexander Leichter and Clemens Auersperg are now training in Austria, hoping to represent their country in the men's coxless four at the World Championships.

## Joshua Hooper

Joshua is now training through the summer in preparation for open Australian trials in September, hoping to row in the Rio Olympics.





## Boat Club (Women's)

## www.cuwbc.org.uk/ @cuwbc @CUWBC\_Lwts

Cambridge University Women's Boat Club (CUWBC) is the women's rowing club at the heart of the University. It is comprised of the most ambitious and promising athletes that emerge from the 31 College boat clubs. Formed in 1941, CUWBC exists today to supply openweight and lightweight rowers to compete against their Oxford counterparts in the annual Boat Races. In 2015, the women's Boat Race was staged for the first time on the Tideway course alongside the men's race, attracting peak viewing figures on the BBC of 7.7 million along with as many as 250,000 spectators lining the banks of the course. The women's Openweight Reserves race (Blondie vs. Osiris) also raced on the tideway for the first time the day before the Blue Boat race and the Women's Lightweight race remains as part of the Henley Boat Races the week before the openweight races. To date the Cambridge Blue Boat has a win tally of 80 to Oxford University's 57 races.

CUWBC's athletes compete in many of the UK's major national rowing events, including the British Rowing Championships, Fours Head and Women's Eights Head of the River. This year, in addition to this, for the first time in nearly 10 years, an eight was sent out to America to race in the world's largest two day rowing event, the Head of the Charles in Boston.

## Varsity 2014/15

### 5th April 2015, Henley-on-Thames, London

CUWBC lightweights beat OUWLRC by 3 feet.

### 10th April 2015, Tideway, London

Osiris beat Blondie.

## 11th April 2015, Tideway, London OUWBC beat CUWBC by 6.5 lengths

On 5th April 2015 the CUWBC Lightweights had a very close and extremely exciting race against OUWLRC in Henley-on-Thames, Cambridge leading the way for most of the Henley Reach. Oxford put in a big sprint for the line, but the CUWBC Lightweights managed to hold them off to win by three feet. The following Friday, Blondie took on Osiris on the Tideway. Blondie were quick off the start and took an early lead coming past the town buoy, but were unable to hold off Oxford's attacks and the Dark Blues ended up victorious. On Saturday 11th April the CUWBC Blue Boat lined up for the first Newton Women's Boat Race on the Tideway. Oxford had a strong start and despite fighting until the end, the Cambridge crew were unable to get back on terms and lost by 6.5 lengths.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

## BUCS Regatta, 2nd- 4th May 2015, National Watersports Centre, Nottingham

There were many strong performances at BUCS regatta this year showing CUWBC to be the strongest women's sweep rowing club in attendance. There were two medals for the club in the women's intermediate pairs category Caroline Reid and Hannah Roberts winning Gold and Peta Blundell and Katrin Berkemever winning Bronze. This was followed up by a strong performance in the championship pair by Mellissa Wilson and Holly Hill, winning Silver despite an equipment malfunction. Further success in the championship category resulted in two decisive Gold medals for the Blue Boat in the eights event and for a coxed four made up of Caroline Reid, Daphne Martschenko, Holly Hill, Melissa Wilson and Rosemary Ostfeld (cox). Also in the intermediate category a Bronze medal for the coxed four made up of rowers from this year's Blondie crew. Rowers from the club's development squad won Gold by several lengths in the beginner's eight.

## Women's Eights Head of the River Race, 19th February 2015, Tideway course, River Thames

The club enjoyed great success at WEHORR with the Blue Boat gaining a 5th place finish and winning the University Pennant. The Blondie crew also put in a strong performance to finish 15th overall and ranking as the fastest university 2nd crew.

## Head of the River Four's, 1st November 2014, Tideway course, River Thames

A change in the points entry requirement saw a fewer number of crews entered from CUWBC than in previous years. Despite this, the club enjoyed some great results with the coxless four of Ella Barnard, Millie Perrin, Sarah Lucas and Emma Clifton winning the senior category and some fast times posted by the other crews that entered, most of which were racing for time only.

## **Holly Hill**

Having played a number of sports to varying levels while at school, Holly trialled for the GB Start programme during her gap year and started sculling in September 2013. During her first year at Cambridge she competed at BUCS and Henley Women's Regatta in her single and also raced in a Cambridge 8+ in the Remenham Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta. In her second year she transitioned more fully to sweep rowing in order to trial for CUWBC and rowed in the 6 seat for Cambridge in the first Women's Boat Race on the Tideway. She and her partner Melissa Wilson also prepared a pair to race at the Senior GB Trials just a few days after the Boat Race, from which they were invited to race at the International Huegal Regatta in Essen, Germany for the U23 GB team. There they won Gold in both the U23 pair and U23 four events and came home 3rd in the Senior 2- race. Holly hopes to be selected for the 2015 GB U23 squad that will attend the World Championships at the end of July and beyond that will seek to enjoy another round of trialling with CUWBC and a final year at GB U23 level before attempting to transition to the Senior GB squad during the Tokyo Olympiad.



## **Melissa Wilson**

Trialing for CUWBC in her second year provided Melissa with a new-found focus and the opportunity to seek excellence in something which, twelve months before. she had never tried. This year, she competed in her third Boat Race, the first women's Boat Race to be held on the Championship Course on the same day as the men's. Her time spent in the CUWBC squad also enabled her to embark on selection for the GB U23 squad. Last year she raced in the Women's Eight for the World U23 Championships, where they won a Silver medal behind the USA. This experience of the national set-up was something she drew upon in her last year of CUWBC, as well as the GB trials for the 2015 season. She is currently training in a coxless four, which has won Gold at Essen International Regatta, Metropolitan Regatta and Henley Women's Regatta this term and will hopefully progress to the World U23 Championships at the end of July. Melissa then hopes to make a transition into the GB senior squad upon leaving University and in the run-up to the 2016 Olympic Games.



## **Other News**

The success of the Championship Eight and Four at BUCS Regatta has qualified the Club to compete at the EUSA Regatta in September in Hannover, Germany.

The Club is continuing to fundraise alongside CUBC and CULRC through alumni and other sources towards a new Boathouse in Ely which will provide a joint facility for water training, putting the clubs on par with their Oxford counterparts.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The 2015/16 season will see the openweight crews once again racing on the Tideway alongside the men and the lightweights contesting their Varsity race at Henley.

In addition to the focus of the club on the Varsity races, other racing opportunities will be maximised including boats racing at the EUSA (European University Sports Association) regatta in September, which the club qualified for through the success seen at BUCS regatta.

## Bowmen

## http://cub.soc.srcf.net/ @CamUniArchery

Cambridge University Bowmen is a sports club that caters for all who wish to try archery; from complete beginners to national-level archers. For those new to the sport we hold 'have-a-go' sessions, a beginner's course, novice squad training and an equipment-loan scheme. For experienced archers and those keen to improve, it is possible to practice daily.

We are one of the best and most active University archery clubs in the UK, and we compete at many tournaments – including BUCS, BUTC (the British University Team Championships), Varsity, and BUTTS league shoots (our league between Cambridge, Oxford, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Warwick, Birmingham, Loughborough and Derby – by far the top league in the UK), as well as many external shoots including the British Target Championships and county shoots.

We have some distinguished alumni archers who continue to support the club, as well as county-level archers amongst our senior team.

## Varsity 2014/15

## 9th May 2015, Merton Field, Christ Church Meadows, Oxford Cambridge Senior - 3340 Oxford Senior - 3459 Cambridge Novice - 2526 Oxford Novice - 2529

The Varsity match took place in Oxford this year with blustery conditions and occasional strong gusts accompanying pockets of light rain and some sunny spells. A strong Oxford team which gained multiple BUCS team medals throughout the year proved too much for Cambridge this year. Cambridge nevertheless achieved a very respectable team score of 3340 with a team consisting of Maryia Karpiyevich (874), Tak Ho (872), Rob Littlechild (805) and Lydia Sinnet-Smith (789). Lydia Sinnnet-Smith's performance is particularly impressive as this was her first year of shooting. In the Novice category Oxford also won but by a mere 3 points. The Cambridge team consisted of Lydia Sinnet-Smith (789), Sonja Weigel (660), Alex Chen (615) and Daniel Ng (462).

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

### **BUCS Indoor 2015**

#### Men's Team score of 1651 (11th place finish)

Team consisting of Rob Littlechild (566), Tak Ho (556) and Alex Chen (529)

#### Women's Team score of 1581 (9th place finish)

Team consisting of Maryia Karpiyevich (552), Karen Habermann (523) and Lydia Sinnet-Smith (510)

Highest Individual Male: Rob Littlechild (17th)

Highest Individual Female: Maryia Karpiyevich (11th)

### BUCS Outdoor 2015

### Men's Team score of 3041 (9th place finish)

Team consisting of Tak Ho (1056), Aidas Liaudanskas (1016) and Rob Littlechild (969)

## Women's Team score of 3267 (2nd place finish)

Team consisting of Maryia Karpiyevich (1158), Lydia Sinnet-Smith (1079) and Karen Habermann (1030)

Highest Individual Male: Tak Ho (20th)

Highest Individual Female: Maryia Karpiyevich (1st)

Maryia Karpiyevich qualified 1st in the Head to Head seeding 720 round

Lydia Sinnet-Smith finished 2nd in the Head to Head to urnament

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The club is looking forward to bringing its many continuing novice archers into competing in the senior category and on recruiting a new successful group of novices for 2015-16. The senior team will train hard to win back the Varsity trophy and continue its success in BUCS!

## Amateur Boxing Club

#### www.cuabc.net

The Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club is the toughest and most prestigious sports team in Cambridge. At the start of each season over 100 students compete for one of the coveted 9 slots on the Varsity Squad. Members of the team fight in contests all over England. Our club is the world's oldest amateur boxing club and we continue in their proud tradition.

## Varsity 2014/15

### 1st March 2015, Cambridge Corn Exchange, Cambridge Cambridge wins, 6 - 3

On the 1st of March, Saint David's Day, Cambridge smashed Oxford in an unforgettable night of boxing.

Starting off the contest, the 108th installment of the world's longest running grudge match between clubs, was Theo Ali of Peterhouse. Light on his feet and quick to slip a punch, Theo also brought heft and weight to his shots. He won a sound victory.

Next in the ring was David Wen of Magdalene who fought a hard contest against the Captain of the other side. After three rounds, he suffered the first Cambridge defeat of the night. It was then time for the light-welterweight contest and Steven McGregor of Peterhouse came forward. After blood was spilled, his fight was yet another win for the other side as he stepped out of the ring much earlier than expected. Billy Fitton of Downing College then climbed the stairs to fasten on his gloves. Dogged and tenacious, Billy kept his opponent under constant pressure and soon brought another victory home for Cambridge. Next up was Jas Birk, a power hitter from St John's who quickly backed his opponent into a corner. Now Cambridge was in the lead, 3 to 2. David Williams, a United States Marine, then entered the ring in the first middleweight fight of the evening. Despite a beautiful start to the match, where David soundly intimidated his opponent, he was eventually edged back and the other side managed another win. The score was tied at 3. Ed Hezlet, another Johnian and easily the fittest man on the team, put Cambridge back in the lead by pummeling his opponent in a brutal contest that brought the crowd to its feet. Cambridge now had victory in sight. Borna Guevel, a veteran boxer from Hughes Hall muscled through the ropes and began a textbook performance in centrering control. Corner to corner, he hunted down his opponent, leading with strong, accurate jabs that often had devastating results. As the referee raised Borna's fist in the air, Cambridge earned the Truelove Bowl by its five-win majority. One contest remained, however, and the heavyweights stepped forward. Takis Würger of John's represented Cambridge and his stripling frame craned over his stout opponent. Soon after the bell it was apparent that Cambridge would win yet again. The opposing boxer refused to stand and fight, instead resorting to tackles and wild shots. After repeated warnings from the referee the contest was nearly stopped but Takis continued his high guard and disciplined style, earning a solid win after three rounds. In a gentlemanly fashion befitting of boxing's ancient tradition, the Oxford Captain met with Cambridge in the ring to hand over the most sacred of sporting trophies, the Truelove Bowl.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

In 2016 Cambridge will travel to Oxford to defend the Truelove Bowl by winning a landslide victory of 9 - 0.

## Canoe Club

### www.cucanoe.co.uk/

Cambridge University Canoe Club is a diverse club reflecting the wide range of paddlesport disciplines. We aim to cater for anyone at the University who wishes to canoe and kayak on flat water or white water, competitively or recreationally. We maintain competitive teams primarily in the discipline of canoe polo as well as allowing the opportunity to participate in competitions in slalom, freestyle, wild water racing and marathon.

## Varsity 2014/15

## 9th May 2015, River Isis, Oxford Open Canoe Polo – Oxford 4, Cambridge 5 Women's Canoe Polo – Oxford 4, Cambridge 0 Open Marathon – Oxford 26, Cambridge 18 Women's Marathon – Oxford 27, Cambridge 13

Strong gusting winds made the canoe polo competitions difficult and unpredictable. Nevertheless both matches went ahead as planned, with a closely fought open match. Cambridge came out on top, largely due to the excellent performance of Michael Georgiou (Pembroke) who scored four or the five goals. In the women's match Oxford were more dominant, gaining an advantage from a binning and swim early in the game leaving





Cambridge temporarily a player short. Oxford were also dominant in the marathon competitions, taking 1st and 2nd in the open with Alex Ross (St John's) from Cambridge in 3rd, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the women's competition.

## 10th May 2015, Lee Valley White Water Centre, London Open Freestyle – Oxford 22, Cambridge 23

After some discussion, it was agreed that the freestyle competition would take place on the Lee Valley Legacy course. Competitors were able to score from moves performed on three different white water features each of which naturally favored different sorts of trick. First place was closely contested between Shahid Wahab (Trinity) and Chris Booth from Oxford. Chris narrowly won after performing two reasonably clean loops, leaving Shahid in 2nd place. Cambridge narrowly took the overall victory, with 3rd and 5th place being secured by Alex Ross (St John's) and Anthony Cooper (Churchill) respectively.

Unfortunately, Women's Freestyle, Open Wild Water Race and Women's Wild Water Race were indefinitely postponed.



## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

## National Student Rodeo, 7- 8th March 2015, National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

Six students from Cambridge and one alumnus entered the self-proclaimed 'biggest student kayaking event in the world' this year. With over 1000 competitors, the standard ranged from complete beginner, to the best freestyle kayakers in the country. Against such a huge level of competition, Shahid Wahab (Trinity) stood out as performing exceptionally well and coming 12th in the expert division.

## Orton Mere Winter Slalom, 16th November 2014

Cambridge University had a strong presence at the race this year, with ten competitors entering the K1 category (4 in the women's and 6 in the men's). This was comprised of four experienced paddlers and six novices having their first experience of slalom. Despite challenging conditions provided by the high water levels a good day was had by all involved. Forbes Lindesay did particularly well, placing 7th out of 55 racers in the K1M category.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

Canoe polo and freestyle have been our main competitive focus in the previous few years and we hope to continue performing well in them, whilst maintaining the potential for members to try out a wider range of disciplines. The open teams should remain strong with a large pool of players. There is considerable promise for improvement of the women's competitive teams with few of this year's players graduating, which promises teams of players who are both individually more experienced and more experienced at playing together. As well as competitions, we hope to continue to grow our recreational kayaking. White water trips have been particularly popular this year, and we suspect this will continue with weekends in South Wales, North Wales and Teesdale already being planned.
# Cricket Club (Men's)

### www.cucc.net/ @bluescricket

CUCC is the cricket club for male students of Cambridge University. It has a proud history dating back to 1820, and Fenner's ground, the home of the Club since 1848, is justly famous. CUCC has produced many great cricketers over the years. including 21 test captains, 62 other test players and noted senior administrators. The captains extend from Ivo Bligh, who regained the Ashes in Australia in 1882/3, to Mike Atherton, who led England a record 54 times between 1993 and 2001. In the late 19th and early 20th century Cambridge Blues AG Steel, Lord Hawke, GL Jessop, FS Jackson and KS Ranjitsinji were dominant figures in the English game. Since the second world war, no fewer than ten Cambridge men have captained their countries: Norman Yardley, George Mann, Freddie Brown, Peter May, Ted Dexter, Tony Lewis, Mike Brearley and Mike Atherton (England), Deryck Murray (West Indies) and Majid Khan (Pakistan). Since the year 2000, John Crawley and Ed Smith (England) and Andy Whittall (Zimbabwe) have all played test cricket.



### Varsity 2014/15

### T20 Varsity Match 12th June 2015, Fenner's, Cambridge Result: Cambridge win by 4 wickets

Cambridge won the Varsity T20 for the first time since 2011, securing a 4 wicket victory with an over to spare.

After successive wash outs in 2013 and 2014 both sides were delighted to get a full game in, and Oxford captain Matt Winter had little hesitation choosing to bat. A wicket for Ben Wylie in the first over of the match briefly stalled an electric start from the visitors, and they were well set on 58-1 at the end of the 6 over batting power play. Catches for captain Pollock in successive overs, the second an exceptional diving effort, helped turn the game back towards the Light Blues, and the bowling and fielding performance was superb through to the end. Wickets were shared, with Wylie starring with 3-20 from his 4, and two each for Varsity debutants Alex Blofield and Alex Hunt. The final wicket fell off the final ball of the last over and Oxford had posted 140.

The first over of the chase was a maiden, reminding the home crowd of the threat posed by Abi Sakande and Jonny Marsden with the ball. Blofield soon got going, however, scoring 38 from 29. When he was dismissed, and quickly followed by the experienced Hearne and Senaratne, the screw was tightening. Wylie and Pollock took on the responsibility of taking the home side towards their target, and the job was almost done with three overs to go and 19 required. As is often the way in T20 however there was almost a twist in the plot, with Wylie (37 from 22) and Pollock (21) falling in the space of three deliveries. Avish Patel strode to the wicket and struck his trademark boundary through the offside however, and the home side were victorious! A great day at Fenner's and a great night ahead.

### One-Day Varsity Match 27th June 2015, Lords Cricket Ground, London Result: Cambridge lose by 43 runs

After last year's defeat, the side were intent on seeking revenge. Unfortunately, this did not go to plan on the last Saturday of June.

After a good bowling performance, restricting Oxford to 202-8 from their 50 overs, the side's batting did not match the performances in the week leading up to the game. Avish Patel and Ben Wylie had led the bowling efforts. Patel took 3 wickets and Wylie 2, with a run out also resulting from the latter's brilliant boundary throw.

Despite Hughes and Senaratne's 50 partnership for the 2nd wicket, the innings stumbled. Although well ahead of the rate throughout, wickets fell at regular intervals and the boys were dismissed for 159. A huge disappointment for the side but one that would spur on a brilliant performance in the 4 day Varsity later in the week.



### Four-Day Varsity Match June 30th – July 2nd, Fenner's, Cambridge Result - Cambridge win by 5 wickets

With the defeat at Lord's still in everyone's minds, the team were eager to end the season on a high and give the year the success it deserved. The Light Blues duly obliged with a superb victory inside 3 days of the 4 day encounter.

Losing the toss, the team knew they had to work hard to bowl out a confident Oxford team. After Darshan Chohan was awarded his Blues cap, replacing the injured Senaratne, and taking to the field soaked in the summer sun, the team knew they had the capability to repeat the emphatic first session against the MCC. At 71-0, this seemed a distant memory and a long day looked in store. However, the bowlers fought back hard and with Pollock's 3 and Hunt's 1, going into lunch with Oxford 4 down gave the side a lot of hope and confidence. This led into the 2nd session, one in which the bowlers were soon able to put their feet up. Crichard took the next 5 wickets to fall in a good 9 over spell after changing ends and when Pollock dismissed Oxford's number 11, the team had fought back to bowl them out for a mere 156.

With just over a session to bat out the first day, it was tough going for the batsmen. Hughes, Abbott and Chohan were all dismissed in a tough few hours before the close, before Hearne and Blofield saw the team home at 99-3.

Trailing by 57 entering day 2, the Light Blues were in a very strong position to take full control of the match. However, as is the case with Varsity Matches, the opposition did not back down. After Hearne was lost early in the day for 43, the team stuttered to 157-6. This brought Patel to the crease alongside the unbeaten Blofield, with the two of them putting Cambridge in control with a century stand. The former made a brilliant 61 at 8 whilst the latter made an outstanding maiden first-class hundred, eventually being caught for 105. The team were ultimately bowled out for 346 on the stroke of tea, after Crichard (21) and Hunt (19) had put on a useful 38 to frustrate Oxford even more. Leading by 190, everyone was intent on making early inroads into the Oxford batting lineup before the close of play. However, although Hunt made a breakthrough to bring to an end a good opening stand, Oxford's Hughes and Winter played well to reach stumps 160-1 and only 30 runs behind.

On a cooler day 3 after day 2's searing heat, the Light Blues knew early wickets were needed to maintain the control they had earned on day 1. Blofield made sure the team started well by removing the dangerous Winter in the second over of the day's play. It was well and truly the spinner's day as the trio of Blofield, Wylie and Patel all bowled with control and discipline to hand the momentum back to Cambridge. Wylie took 3 on top of Blofield's wicket of Winter and it was fitting that the last wicket to fall handed Patel his fifth wicket of the innings.

This wicket meant Oxford were all out for 325, meaning the Light Blues required a tricky 136 runs to win. When Abbott, Hughes and Chohan all fell with the score not yet past 30, the nerves were certainly jangling. With Hearne also dropped at first slip, there was a nervous atmosphere around Fenner's. Hearne and Pollock both returned to the hutch before the score

was reached, but Blofield once again held firm and saw the side home with another fantastic innings of 73\*.

An all-round brilliant effort from the team and one that rounds off a fabulous season, with 8 wins out of 10 after exams.

### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

### **MCCU** Season

Cambridge MCCU had a mixed season in 2015. The season started on a good note with positive performances against Northants and Leicestershire in the first-class fixtures. However these were followed by a comprehensive defeat at the hands of a Martin Guptil and Mark Footit inspired Derbyshire.

Cambridge struggled in the one-day competition, recording only one win - against Oxford MCCU. But it was a season of highs and lows as despite the losses in the shorter format the team did record two remarkable victories in the two-day competition. Both these victories will live long in memory. The first was against Durham MCCU, as Cambridge chased down 414 in a gruelling day of attritional cricket. It was thought that such a chase was surely a once off, but amazingly, it was bettered only a couple of weeks later when the team chased down 465 against Oxford MCCU (despite being 75 for 4) in the same competition.

So a mixed season, lacking in consistency, but with occasional moments of brilliance

### Looking forward to 2015/16

Looking ahead, CUCC have elected Jamie Abbot as Captain, with Avish Patel (treasurer) and Patrick Tice (secretary) his right-hand men. The club are set to lose a few important players so all is set for a new generation of CUCC men to come to the fore. Special thanks should be said to Alasdair Pollock and Ben Wylie who have served the club with great distinction for the last three years. Only time will tell whether they will be successfully replaced.



# Cricket Club (Women's)

### http://www.cucc.net/pages/CUWCC @bluescricket

The University of Cambridge has a rich history of both men's and women's cricket, and Cambridge University Women's Cricket Club (CUWCC) gives students the chance to be a part of this tradition, while also participating in a rapidly developing women's sport. CUWCC caters to both complete beginners and experienced cricketers alike. The University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University are jointly entered into the MCCU programme, giving promising players access to top level coaching and competitive cricket alongside studying for their degree. Every year we enter a single team comprising both ARU and Cambridge players into the BUCS Midlands 1A league to play several 30 over matches against other universities. In addition, we also host friendlies against the MCC, the Army and other clubs. University of Cambridge students are eligible to play in the two Varsity Matches against the Oxford women. The 50 over match takes place at the prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground and the Twentv20 alternates between Cambridge and Oxford every year. Players representing the University in either of these fixtures are awarded a Half Blue, with the possibility of obtaining a Full Blue based on the season's figures.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 27th June 2015, Nursery Ground of Lords Cricket Ground, St Johns Wood, London Oxford Women 288-7 from 50 overs Cambridge Women 183-4 from 50 overs Oxford Women won by 105 runs

Having won the toss, the Light Blues put the Oxford women in to bat, hoping to make the most of a bouncing track at the Nursery Ground. Opening bowler Katharine Russell had a shaky start, conceding 16 runs off her first over, but persevered to dismiss opener Sian Kelly cheaply for eight runs. The third wicket partnership looked solid, dominated by number two batman Sarah Atrill and worth a hundred runs, before an inspired piece of fielding from Victoria Salt saw veteran Dark Blue Ridhi Kashyap run out with a direct hit. The next batsman was sent back soon after with a sharp catch juggled at point taken off Russell's bowling, shifting the game in Cambridge's favour by the drinks break. The remaining opener continued to score at a steady pace, but with wickets falling at the other end. the Oxford women were restricted to187-6 by the 36th over. The seventh wicket partnership showed resistance, and Cambridge allowed the score to reach 273-6 before Russell made the breakthrough, finishing with three wickets to her name. Oxford



ended their innings on 288-7, with Atrill scoring a formidable 141\*. The Light Blues left the pitch at lunch aware that the run chase would be a challenge, but confident that openers Francesca Barber and captain Chloe Allison were up to the task.

Cambridge began the run chase in a clinical fashion, with the first wicket partnership reaching 136 without incident after 31 overs. Barber's elegant stroke play, supported by Allison's more circumspect innings, threatened Oxford's total on a ground with such small boundaries, giving the Dark Blues much to think about going into the second drinks break. Barber reached her half century with style, and looked set to see the Light Blues home, before succumbing to a caught and bowled off Kashyap for 65. This reprieve for Oxford triggered a mini collapse, with two wickets falling in two balls in the 37th over. Wicket number three fell an over later, given out LBW. This brought Mava Hanspal to the crease, more adept with ball than bat, aiming to hold up the other end while the captain looked to score. Despite losing no more wickets, the Cambridge Women could not reach the finishing line, falling well short at 183-4. Allison truly had a captain's innings, carrying her bat for 65\*, but could not see the Light Blues home at Lords. While on paper the Varsity Match result appears as a heavy defeat, it belies guite how close a very inexperienced Cambridge women's side came to chasing down such an onerous total.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The 2014-15 season has marked a transition for the women. Having lost several talented and established senior members of the squad, who have bolstered the side over the past four years, the emphasis has been on nurturing the abilities of up-and-coming players who make up this year's team. Veteran and captain Chloe Allison worked tirelessly throughout the year to identify new talent under the guidance of the women's club coach Steve Taylor, with several new players being recruited through the intensive Cricket Week training sessions in April. The BUCS season was marred by two universities dropping out, leaving the women few matches in which to develop their game, but signs are encouraging for next year. The captain and new fellow opener Francesca Barber both looked comfortable at the crease, batting well together and putting on vital partnerships for CUWCC. Left arm spin bowler Maya Hanspal (part of the 2012-13 Varsity squad) returned to the side after a year abroad, and bowled effectively in tandem with Allison's probing leg spin to frustrate opposition



batsmen, extracting what little turn there is in early season wickets. Lack of experience meant that CUWCC were unable to secure any wins in BUCS, but the side is well placed to build on its performance this year, and is ready to work hard in preparation for the 2015/16 season.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

CUWCC has already started preparations for the 2015/16 season with a taster session aimed at recruiting women who are new to cricket during Freshers'Week. We will then continue to run squad and open training sessions throughout Michaelmas and Lent term. A week before Easter term starts, we will hold a week of outdoor training sessions, before launching into the first of the BUCS fixtures.



# Cruising Club

### www.cucrc.org/ @TabTeamRacing

The Cambridge University Cruising Club, founded in 1893, is the umbrella club for all forms of dinghy sailing and windsurfing at Cambridge, and places a strong emphasis on training beginners to Royal Yachting Association (RYA) standards. Both the Team Racing and Windsurfing sections of the club are highly competitive, participating in BUCS/BUSA/ SWA championships and a range of other regional events - as well as contesting annual Varsity Matches. In addition, team racing and windsurfing Cuppers competitions are organised. Full Blues are awarded to the mixed and ladies' teams in the Team Racing Varsity Match on a discretionary basis (Half Blues are automatic), and a number of Half Blues are awarded on a discretionary basis to the team in the Windsurfing Varsity Match.

Cambridge has dominated the university team racing scene for the past two years, retaining their British Universities Champions crown at Notts County SC in 2015. Indeed, it was almost a Cambridge-Cambridge final because all three Cambridge teams got to the quarter finals – something never achieved before by any other university in the history of the competition. Windsurfers were also to the fore in their events, with Laurel Townsend taking 2nd lady (6th place overall) in the season's windsurfing race series.

Activities started very well this year with a successful taster weekend where lots of people tried out the sport for the first time. We then took beginners forward by running an RYA training course in Michaelmas Term, in conjunction with Grafham Water SC, aided by a grant from Sportivate. The course was a success with all participants achieving RYA Level 1 certification. During the Easter vacation the windsurfers went on their customary joint trip with Oxford - to Fuerteventura, a windy place as its name implies, where fun was had by all both on and off the water.



Sailors of all abilities are welcome to join in the club's activities at Grafham Water Sailing Club. Continuing alumni generosity plus grants from the Sports Syndicate has enabled the club to steadily improve its facilities so that they now match those of any other university. A new flight of 6 Fireflies will arrive in September 2015. In addition, close cooperation continues with the separate Cambridge University Yacht Club and three Club members were selected for the Yachting BUCS/BUSA Championship and Yachting Varsity Match teams.

### Varsity 2014/15

### Team Racing 1st – 3rd July, Strangford Lough YC, Whiterock, Northern Ireland Cambridge Mixed 4 - Oxford Mixed 0 Oxford Ladies 4 - Cambridge Ladies 3

The Varsity Match, held at the Strangford Lough, Northern Ireland in July, saw Cambridge dominant in the mixed event, while the ladies fought a nailbiting battle to retain their title, but just lost out to Oxford in the final race. The mixed team retained the Yule Oldham Cup, winning with a score of 4 - 0, to complete a hat trick of three Varsity Match victories in a row. The ladies' Match went to the 7th race after Oxford started strongly by winning 3 races in a row. The Cambridge ladies should be proud that they managed to level the score from this perilous position, although they were unable to pull off the 'Oracle' (America's Cup) stunt of securing victory from the very edge of defeat, with Oxford regaining possession of the O&CSS 75th Anniversary Ladies' Salver. The Strangford Lough venue, used only once before in 1981, provided a superb location for both sailing and social activities.

### Windsurfing 9th March 2015, Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford Cambridge 3 - Oxford 3

In the Varsity Match at Farmoor, Cambridge pulled back from 3-0 down to make it a 3-3 tie. The inclement February weather precluded the sailing of a tiebreaker, so the Universities share the Paul Cox Windsurfing Trophy for the year.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

### Team Racing Championships: 9th – 11th April, Notts County SC (Nottingham University) Cambridge Blue 1st Cambridge Yellow 4th Cambridge Pink 7th

After 21/2 days racing in shifty winds at the BUCS/ BUSA Championships, Cambridge Blue gualified comfortably for the guarter finals in 1st place. Almost incredibly, they were joined by both of the other Cambridge teams (Yellow and Pink) who gualified 3rd and 7th respectively. Fortunately no two Cambridge teams were drawn against each other in the guarter finals, allowing Cambridge Blue and Yellow to each dispatch their opponents 2-0 and progress to the semi finals. Cambridge Pink were not so fortunate and were knocked out by finalists Oxford Blue 0-2. Cambridge Blue defeated Loughbrough 2-0 to secure their place in the final, but despite some good sailing, a Cambridge-Cambridge final was denied by Oxford Blue's victory over Cambridge Yellow. The onlookers on the shore were then treated to a Varsity Match warm-up in the shape of an Oxford-Cambridge final that went to the final and deciding 5th race -



### **Eric Evans Award Winner**

### Sarah Lombard

I am in my final year of reading Law at Downing College. I've always enjoyed sports, and have taken part in various College teams during my time at Cambridge as well as training with the University Mixed Lacrosse Team. However, as a young girl from the North West, growing up next to the sea, I've always loved sailing. I was probably first in a dinghy boat around the age of seven. I took up team racing in my early teens at a local sailing club and went on to win the Eric Twiname National Championships with my team 3 times. Shortly before coming to Cambridge, I competed in the 2011 International Sailing Federation Association Team Racing Sailing World Championships in Ireland, and went on to win a Gold medal in the Under 19s competition. Since coming to Cambridge, I have competed with CUCrC (Cambridge Team racing) in BUCS and Varsity amongst other events, earning a Cambridge Blue in my first and second years. This year, I have been sailing with my original helm from home, and have gualified in the first GBR Reserve Team for the ISAF Team Racing Worlds, which is being held in England in July. I am hopeful for a third British entry into the Championships so that I can have another chance to compete for my country. The money that the Eric Evans Trust Fund has generously awarded has hugely contributed to my training efforts and event entries and really has made all the difference.

### **Tim Gratton and Arthur Henderson**

Tim Gratton (St Catharine's 2013) and Arthur Henderson (Robinson 2011) were selected to sail for the six-man British Universities team to tour the East Coast of America in September 2015. Tim's elder brother Ben (Oxford) was also selected for the team. The event takes place every two years with the US team coming here in 2013 and winning all their matches. This year it was the UK's turn to take revenge – winning all their representative matches in a complete reversal of the 2013 outcome. Congratulations to Tim and Arthur on their contribution to this success.

Both Arthur and Tim have impeccable sailing CVs, with many successes to their credit: Arthur won the UK Cadet Championships twice; Tim won the RS Feva Worlds; and both have helmed on the victorious Cambridge BUCS/BUSA and Varsity teams of the past two years. Arthur comes from a 'Cambridge sailing' family, with his father captaining the Cambridge Silver medalist BUCS/BUSA team of 1975 and instigating the very successful and famous Grantchester Flash SC to gain entry to competitions for a hand-picked team of Cambridge alumni. Tim and Ben's family sailed in a more relaxed style, but the two brothers became keen racers at an early age. narrowly won by Cambridge Blue. This resulted in the retention of the Thompson Trophy by Cambridge, which is also the first university in the history of the competition to have 3 teams in the quarter finals!

### Ladies Team Racing: 14th – 15th March, Spinnaker SC, Ringwood Cambridge 3rd – BUCS/BUSA Championships Cambridge 6th – Open (RYA) Championships

Cambridge took the Bronze medal from a field of 15 teams in the BUCS/BUSA/RYA Ladies Team Racing Championships, and finished 6th out of 20 teams in the open national event – held at the same time.

### **Other News**

Cambridge Blue finished 3rd in the UK Open (UKTRA) Team Racing Championships. A Cambridge team entered the trials to select the teams to represent the UK in the ISAF World Team Racing Championships and finished a very creditable 4th- just outside the first 3 who qualified. Cambridge Yellow took the Youth Trophy (under 21) in the prestigious Wilson Trophy event at West Kirby.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

Can Cambridge make it a hat-trick of 3 victories in the BUCS/BUSA Team Racing Championships? It's a tall order, but not impossible.



# Cycling Club

### http://cycling.soc.srcf.net/ @CamUniCycling

Founded in 1874, Cambridge University Cycling Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country, and is currently amongst the strongest university cycling clubs in the country. For the 2013-14, 2012/13, 2010/11 academic years we have topped the British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) cycling points table, coming second in 2011/12. In previous years we have earned more BUCS points than any other University of Cambridge sports club. Last year, we won the Varsity Match against Oxford.

The club's competition priorities are the two annual Varsity Matches against Oxford - a 25 mile individual time trial and the British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) championship races. Teams compete in all BUCS events, across the following disciplines: Hill Climb, Road Race, 10 Mile Time Trial, 25 Mile Time Trial, 3-up Team Time Trial, Downhill Mountain Biking.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 25th April 2015, Course: E33/25, Bottisham, Cambridge

Promoted by Cambridge University Cycling Club for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations.

Men's team results (3 riders): Cambridge A: 02:37:22 Oxford A: n/a Cambridge B: 02:53:33 Oxford B: 03:01:42 Cambridge C: 03:14:14 Oxford C: 03:08:37

Women's team results (2 riders): Cambridge A: 02:09:08 Oxford A: 02:11:15 Cambridge B: 02:36:26 Another very successful day for the University of Cambridge at the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) 25 mile Time Trial Championships, with our riders once again winning every Gold medal on offer at the event. Felix Barker won the men's event with a time of 52:11, whilst Hayley Simmonds won the women's event convincingly with a time of 57:25, breaking the women's course record by a staggering 1min 28secs. Together with Edmund Bradbury (52:25, 3rd place) and Seb Dickson (52:46, 4th place), the men claimed the team Gold and won their Varsity Match against Oxford, whilst Lottie Mallin-Martin (01:11:43, 15th) helped see the women also win team Gold.



### **Hayley Simmonds**

Hayley is the current British National Time Trial Champion and represented Team GB in the time trial and road race at the World Championships in Richmond, Virginia in September 2015, two weeks after finishing 3rd in a prestigious international time trial, Chrono Champenois. Hayley also won the CTT National 10, 25 and 100 mile time trials in 2015, retaining her "Champion of Champions" trophy and also picking up the Best British All Rounder title along the way. She has signed her first professional contract for 2016.



### Men's Individual

Felix Barker - 1st (52:11) Edmund J Bradbury - 3rd (52:25) Seb Dickson - 4th (52:46) David Hewett - 8th (54:54) Oliver Mytton - 27th (58:47) Matt Meek - 34th (59:52) Konrad Harradine - 63rd (01:03:31) Nick Wiggan - 68th (01:04:14) Alan Mujumdar - 77th (01:06:29) Charlie Nye - 84th (01:07:54 - inc. 1min 10secs late start penalty) John Mulvey - DNF (puncture)

### Women's Individual

Hayley Simmonds - 1st (57:25) Lottie Mallin-Martin - 15th (01:11:43) Annarie Rossouw - 27th (01:18:01) Joy Lisney - 28th (01:18:25) Felicity Hey - 31st (01:23:21)

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

### BUCS Hill Climb – 25th October 2014

PMen's A – Edmund Bradbury, Felix Barker, Callum Haseler 16:59.2 (1st)

Women's A – Hayley Simmonds, Annarie Rossouw 15:20.3 (1st)

Men's B – John Mulvey, Matt Meek, Mike Smith 18:38.5 (11th)

Men's C - Chuen Yan Leung, Matt Hogsden, Alan Mujumdar 22:34.5 (50th)

### BUCS 10 – 11th April 2015

Men's A - Edmund Bradbury, Seb Dickson, David Hewett: 59:25 (1st)

Women's A - Hayley Simmonds, Lottie Mallin-Martin: 46:50 (1st)

Men's B - John Mulvey, Matt Meek, Nick Wiggan: 01:07:58 (15th)

Women's B - Annarie Rossouw, Joy Lisney: 56:16 (20th)

Men's C - Peter Draper, Konrad Harradine, Charlie Nye: 01:13:04 (27th)

### BUCS TTT - 19th April 2015

Men's A - Felix Barker, Seb Dickson, David Hewett 47:48 (1st)

Women's A - Hayley Simmonds, Lottie Mallin-Martin, Cassie McGoldrick 01:00:43 (2nd)

Men's B - John Mulvey, Matt Meek, Callum Haseler 53:07 (13th)

Women's B - Annarie Rossouw, Jess Atkinson, Felicity Hey 01:08:01 (45th)

Men's C - Konrad Harradine, Alan Mujumdar, Charlie Nye 58:49 (32nd)

### BUCS Road Race – 9th May 2015

Men's Individual – Felix Barker (11th), David Hewett (34th)

Women's Individual – Hayley Simmonds (2nd), Jess Atkinson (13th)

### BUCS Road Race – 9th May 2015

Hayley Simmonds - Individual Pursuit (Gold), Points Race (Gold)

Edmund Bradbury - Individual Pursuit (Silver), Points Race (Gold)

Jess Atkinson - Elimination Race (Bronze), Points Race (Bronze)

### Looking forward to 2015/16

The Club would like to continue our success into next year, to maintain our dominance of BUCS Cycling, and to improve our performances and participation in the BUCS track event. This year, we have seen some of our best riders perform outstandingly at national and international events, while our developing riders are showing great promise for this year. The future is exciting for CUCC!



### Dancers' Club

### www.cambridgedancers.org @\_cdc\_

Established half a century ago as a competitive branch of the Cambridge Dancers' Club, CUDT represents the University at competitions in ten international style dances: five ballroom (Slow Waltz, Slow Foxtrot, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Ouickstep) and five latin (Cha-cha-cha, Samba, Rumba, Pasodoble, Jive). For most competitions including the National Championship (Inter-Varsity Dance Competition -IVDC), the team consists of dancers in three teams: the 1st Team, 2nd Team and the Beginners' Team. In 2015 these three groups totaled 108 dancers. At the annual Varsity Match against Oxford, CUDT was represented by nine couples for the A Team (Varsity Team) and nine for the B Team. Having won the National Championship seven times as well as being Varsity winners six times in the past ten years, CUDT has established itself as one of the most successful university Dancesport teams in the country.





### Varsity 2014/15

### 2nd May 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge A 1947 – Oxford A 1833 Cambridge B 2215 – Oxford B 1565

May 2nd 2015 marked the 42nd Dancesport Varsity Match, and the final fixture of the season for the Cambridge University Dancesport Team (CUDT). Each university put forward two teams of nine couples, split into three heats. The B teams faced off in the Challenge Match in the morning, and the Blues team competed in the Varsity Match in the afternoon. Within a match, each heat danced against the three opposition's heats. A panel of five judges marked the competitors in descending order from 1st to 6th place in four dances: Waltz, Quickstep, Cha-cha, and Jive. These placings were converted to marks (six marks for a 1st placing and one mark for a 6th placing), to be added to the team's total score.

The Cambridge B team performed well from the beginning, with strong performances in Waltz, and an impressive demonstration of quality in Quickstep. After 30-40 minutes of near-continuous dancing, both teams were showing early signs of fatigue, although Cambridge appeared to be coping much better on this front. After a brief break to change costumes, the Latin part of the Match began, and Cambridge's quality really shone through here. Oxford did have some couples performing well with the Oxford Captain and Vice-Captain both in this match, but overall, the Cambridge side dominated, winning all four dances.

After lunch, the top nine couples from both teams took to the floor. Whilst the Dark Blues again demonstrated their traditional strength in Ballroom with strong performances from the top couples, the Light Blues displayed much greater depths across their line-up. Once changed into Latin costumes for the second half, the home team completely dominated the competition. The technical display was impressive, and matched only by the continued energy through to the final dance. The cheers of team mates and spectators alike could be seen to visibly boost the dancers as they took to the floor for the last few tracks. Cambridge brought home the Varsity trophy for the fourth consecutive year and finished the season undefeated.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

### 2015 Inter-Varsity Dance Competition (IVDC) 28th February 2015, The Winter Gardens, Blackpool

The 2015 Inter-Varsity Dance Competition (IVDC), the National Championship for Dancesport, took place on February 28th 2015. This was the biggest competition of the year, with 745 couples from 33 university teams entered. The Cambridge team arrived as the organising (host) society for the event, as well as the defending champions for the third year running.

The competition started with the open rounds where individual couples competed for their own titles. The tournament was split into four categories: beginner, novice, intermediate and advanced across Ballroom and Latin American styles. Cambridge demonstrated its strength with couples in virtually every final (typically consisting of the top six couples). Notably, in the beginners' competition, Cambridge was represented by four couples in the finals, with Gregory Aroutiunian and Rhiannon Jones taking home the best beginners' trophy.

At the top level, CUDT dancers also delivered some impressive performances. Paul Fannon and Patricia Vlad finished 4th in Advanced Ballroom whilst Konstantin Wolf and Daria Dicu came 3rd in Advanced Latin. However, the highest individual result of the day was that attained by Kien Trinh and Kirsty Mary Davies, who won Advanced Latin, making them officially the best Latin American dancers in the country at University level.

### **Eric Evans Award Winner**

#### **Kirsty Davies**

Having trained in many dance styles from the age of two, Kirsty decided to pursue something new when she came to Cambridge for her PhD in Experimental Psychology. Her dance partner Kien.



on the other hand, was a complete dancing beginner when he joined CUDT in the first year of his undergraduate degree in Engineering. After several hours of trials for CUDT in October 2012, Kirsty and Kien were partnered together to dance for the team.

Three years of training later, and now both in the third year of their PhDs, Kirsty and Kien have achieved far beyond what they imagined would be possible, becoming National Champions in Latin this year and making the 2nd qualifying round at the Open British Championships 2015. They both also achieved their Full Blue this year, a particularly momentous achievement since Kien was the first man in history to achieve this accolade for Dancesport.

Kirsty served as Vice-Captain of CUDT in 2013-14 and she is currently the Women's Blues Committee President, whilst Kien is now the current Captain of CUDT. Together, they have also represented England at the European and World Latin Formation Championships with the XS Latin Formation Team, based in Cambridge. They would both like to thank their coach David Mallabone for his endless support and encouragement.

Dancesport has brought an exhilarating combination of training, team work, competition and leadership to their time at the University of Cambridge and they hope to continue training and competing together after University.



The most important event of the day, the Team Match, took place in the evening. Each university was represented by up to six teams of four dancers, each competing in one of four dances: Waltz, Quickstep, Cha-cha-cha and Jive. Cambridge dancers delivered an incredible performance: the D team was placed ahead of Oxford's A team. The C team finished 7th overall, B team 4th and the A team won the tournament. These impressive results secured for Cambridge the A-F team trophies, the Beginners' Team trophy as well as the overall title. CUDT cemented its dominance on the university circuit with its 4th consecutive National Championship victory.

### **Other News**

In June 2015, the Men's Blues Committee decided to award the first Extraordinary Full Blue in dancesport to Kien Trinh. Whilst female dancesport competitors have received this recognition since 2003 and the Women's Blues Committee awarded Discretionary Full Blue status to dancesport in 2013, this is the first time a male dancer at Cambridge has received this distinction. It is a great honour for Kien Trinh and the team as a whole, and will further inspire its members to continue to apply themselves in training and competitions to achieve greater results.

In 2015, CUDT also secured its first official sponsor: Catherine Jones of Cambridge. As one of the most respected jewelers in the country, the company will make sure CUDT dancers look absolutely stunning at every competition with their innovative and glamorous pieces.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

CUDT is very fortunate to have some of the country's best coaches who are incredibly dedicated to the team's success. However, as dancesport at university level becomes increasingly popular and competitive, Cambridge dancers will have to continue to push themselves hard in training in order to stay ahead of the competition.

### Eton Fives Club

### www.cuefc.co.uk

The Cambridge University Eton Fives Club provides an opportunity for those fortunate enough to have played Eton Fives at school to continue with the sport, whilst introducing it to those who haven't had the chance. The club was established in the 1920s with the first Varsity Match being played in 1928. Each year, there are approximately 40 active members within the club, forming 2 teams for both the men and the ladies. Practices are held twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with fixtures almost every weekend during term. This year, three courts within the University Sports Centre at the West Cambridge site were made available to us, and in addition to the court located at Magdalene College, this has made it possible to play and practise more and more Fives, resulting in a highly successful season.

### Varsity 2014/15

28th February 2015, Eton College, Eton Cambridge Men's 1st: 2 - Oxford Men's 1st: 1 Cambridge Men's 2nd: 0 - Oxford Men's 2nd: 3 Cambridge Ladies' 1st: 2 - Oxford Ladies' 1st: 1 Cambridge Ladies' 2nd: 1 - Oxford Ladies' 2nd: 2

### Men's 1st Team Match

Tony Barker and Riki Houlden for Cambridge were already University and under 21 champions and favourites at 1st pair. After a good start they allowed some determined play by James Alster and Ollie Sale for Oxford to rattle them and force some mistakes to bring the game to 11 - 11. A return to full concentration, however, brought the Light Blues the game at 14 - 11 and they maintained their momentum to take the next two at 12 - 3 and 12 - 4 with Barker commanding the step, and Houlden always very effective from the back of the court, both forcing Oxford to make mistakes.

In the second court what looked like a good Oxford pairing of Fergus Imrie and Felix von Stumm did not reach its best until the third game, by which time it was too late to recover. Jack Parham and Alex Rattan



for Cambridge looked the more practiced pair and simply made more winning shots and fewer errors in a spirited performance that brought victory 12 - 4,12 - 7, 14 - 13.

Oxford captain Dan Byam Shaw paired with secretary Sacha Mehta in the third court and they looked the better pair in the first two games with Alistair Stewart and Charlie Moore for Cambridge less sharp on the volley, allowing their opponents too much time to make their shots. They put on a much more determined display to win the third game 12 - 11 and compete hard for the fourth, but the Dark Blues increased their accuracy as the end of the game approached and they won it 12 - 9.

Cambridge thus won the men's Varsity Match 2 – 1.

### Peppers v Penguins

This was always going to be a close match and it was disappointing that the Cambridge captain Sajan Patel was forced to withdraw in the second game of his rubber after a fiercely contested first game which he and Brian Wang narrowly lost to Peppers Stephen Thatcher and Alec Noar 13 - 15. Meanwhile at 1st pair for the Penguins, John Crawford and Sudhir Balaji were neck and neck with Max Wintle and Sam Packer of the Peppers losing the first two games 13 - 15. The Oxford pair were more incisive and purposeful in their shot-making and this really told in the third game which they pulled off more decisively 12 - 6 to take the 2nd team match. Dan Paul and Charlie Kershaw for the Peppers proved too strong for Dan Scott and Tom Watson at 3rd pair and won an entertaining rubber 12 - 3, 12 - 6, 12 - 6.



### Ladies' 1st Team Match

The initial impetus for the ladies' match a few years ago came from Cambridge; in recent years, however, Oxford have been dominant in this fixture so it was a pleasure to see a resurgence in the quality and number of players being produced by Cambridge this year. The new courts, the mixing in with the men's team, the coaching of Tim Fletcher (inspirational Ipswichian coaches being this year's must-have Varsity Match accessory) and the leadership of captain Sophie Kelly and senior pro Elana Osen have combined with the arrival of some good new players to produce a far stronger team. Elana Osen and Olivia Prankerd-Smith at 1st pair are both veterans of innumerable Varsity Matches and have suffered some heavy defeats in the past. It was fantastic for them that in this their final year, the hard work they have put in and the huge improvements they have made produced a thoroughly deserved victory over the Oxford pair of Izzy Watts and Hannah Pritchard. The Cambridge 3rd pair of Emma Sewart and Becca Hreben are both still relative newcomers to the sport, and although they have made great strides and are both very promising players, they were no match for the more experienced Alicia Walker and particularly Rosie Parr at 3rd pair. The decisive encounter was thus at 2nd pair; Sophie Kelly and Hannah Rapley of Cambridge got off to a great start in the first game and just held off the comeback by Scarlett Maguire and Lucy Rands to win it 14 - 12. The first game win looked like it might just be the first skirmish in a long battle but in fact turned out to be decisive, as the greater consistency and composure of the Cambridge pair kept them in front in both the second and third games to take the match 2 - 1 and give Cambridge their first win in this fixture since 2011.

#### Ladies' 2nd Team Match

There have been times in recent seasons where the enthusiasm and excitement of the ladies' 2nd team match have been rather greater than the guality of the Fives. This year's match showed how that is changing rapidly, with some fine players on show and lots of good Fives played. Oxford's fourth pair of Alice Stables and Martha Samano have been great additions to the club this year and are becoming a fine pair. They pushed the more experienced Cambridge pair of Annie Cave and Susanna Xu hard in the first game of their match before going down in three games, mainly thanks to the Cambridge pair's superior cut returning. If you wanted definitive proof of the improving standards in this match, it came in the shape of Cambridge's 5th pair of Emma Shillam and Lizzie Tobin, both much better players than 12 months ago but playing two pairs lower in the order. Not only that, they came up against an Oxford pair in Kate Hodkinson and left-hander Hannah Murdoch who were too strong for them on the day. The final pair was won by Helena Khullar (one of nine Old Westminsters in the match overall) and Clare Jamison of Oxford to give the Dark Blues a 2 - 1 second team win.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The men's first pair of Riki Houlden and Tony Barker stormed to victory in the Men's Universities Tournament, as did the ladies' 1st pair of Elana Osen and Olivia Prankerd-Smith in the Ladies' Universities Tournament. This was the sixth time in succession that Cambridge had won the men's side of the tournament, and the first time in a number of years that the ladies' side of the tournament had been won by Cambridge. At a later date, the mixed 1st pair of Riki Houlden and Elana Osen won the Mixed Universities Tournament, marking a historic clean sweep.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

The club aims to make the sport more accessible to all students at the University, as it is still perceived as a "posh boy's" sport. To do this we once again plan to provide taster sessions at the beginning of the year so people can at least give Fives a go, without properly committing to it. We also intend to continue the newly organised additional Wednesday training sessions, in which a professional coach will come in to teach and train any novices.

### Fencing Club

### www.cufencing.org.uk/ @CamUniFencing

Cambridge University Fencing Club was founded in 1896, making it one of the longest running fencing clubs in the country. The club enters two men's teams and two women's teams into both BUCS and Varsity each year, as well as supporting a number of fencers who compete individually in both national and international competitions. In addition to this the club places great importance on being able to introduce people to fencing and encourage their development in the sport. One aspect of this is our yearly beginners' course, run by advanced fencers in the club, which culminates in a Novice Varsity Match against Oxford at the end of the year. With membership numbers increasing every year across all levels of the club, a lot of effort has been dedicated to improving the coaching and training sessions available to everyone and the benefits of this have been seen in a hugely successful 2014-2015 season.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 7th March 2015, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge Men's 1sts: Cambridge 134 Oxford 107 Women's 1sts: Cambridge 134 Oxford 124 Men's 2nds: Cambridge 127 Oxford 95 Women's 2nds: Cambridge 133 Oxford 91

The Cambridge men's Blues went into their 107th Varsity Match with confidence, looking for a third consecutive Varsity victory against an Oxford team that they had beaten comfortably during BUCS. The first setback occurred almost immediately with Oxford taking a substantial lead in sabre. However, Ally Thong produced a remarkable 13 - 4 comeback, allowing Cambridge to win the first weapon 45 - 40. The foil team followed this example, winning the second weapon 43 - 39 and giving Cambridge a 9 hit lead going into epee. Unfortunately, the epee team got off to a bad start against a tough Oxford The day started with the women's Blues and men's 2nds matches. Despite a shaky start in the women's epee, the Cambridge women managed to secure a last minute turnaround to win the weapon 45 - 41. The result of the foil was never in doubt, with a strong foil team taking and keeping a lead from the beginning and ultimately winning 45 - 38. The final weapon, sabre, was always going to be difficult and, despite some brilliant fencing from Cambridge, Oxford just edged them out in a tense final bout winning the weapon 45 - 44, but nevertheless leaving the Cambridge women's Blues to win their 6th Varsity in a row.

On the opposite piste the men's 2nds match was a far more relaxed affair. A decisive victory of 45 - 23 in their first weapon, sabre, gave Cambridge an almost insurmountable lead going into the next two weapons. A hard fought match against a very strong Oxford foil team saw Cambridge trading the lead with Oxford but ultimately losing their second weapon 39 - 41. This was only a minor setback as the Cambridge epee team went on to easily win their weapon 43 - 31, resulting in an overall winning margin of 32 hits for Cambridge.

The afternoon matches saw the men's Blues and women's 2nds looking to equal the victories of the morning. The women's 2nds elected to begin with their weakest weapon, epee, but nevertheless produced a convincing 43 - 31 win. Following this up with a brilliant victory of 45 - 26 by a strong sabre team left their foilists needing only 14 hits to win. Despite a difficult opposition, Cambridge took and held the lead in this weapon, winning the foil 45 - 34.

### **Richard Morris**

Richard is a Full Blue and has competed for the England Senior Team, with which he won the Senior Five Nations tournament. He has also represented Great Britain at Senior World Cup Satellite Events since 2009, including this year at London in January and at Copenhagen in May. This season so far he has secured two medals and three guarter-final finishes on the domestic senior British ranking circuit. Richard is looking to establish himself in the England Senior Team over the coming seasons with a view to competing at the next Commonwealth Championships, while continuing to gather further international experience representing Great Britain wherever possible.



The men's Blues match was highly anticipated with Cambridge looking to avenge their narrow defeat last year. The sabre started badly with Oxford rapidly taking the lead and, going into the final bout 8 hits down, it looked like all was lost. However, men's Captain Harry Boteler produced an amazing comeback, taking the score to 44 each and holding his nerve to score the final hit. Oxford took another early lead in the foil, however a tenacious Cambridge team managed to regroup and secure a comfortable 44 - 33 win. With this lead and an experienced epee team the result was never in doubt and Cambridge went on to win the final weapon 45 - 30, and the match overall, completing a clean sweep of victories for Cambridge.

### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

CUFC has also had a very successful BUCS season. Both the men's and women's Blues teams finished at the top of their Southern Premier Leagues, only losing one match apiece. They went on to win all their Championship knockout matches to once more come up against Oxford in the finals, less than two weeks after Varsity. Looking to avenge their Varsity defeats the Oxford teams put up a very strong fight, resulting in some very tense moments for Cambridge. Nevertheless, both Cambridge teams pulled through to win with victories of 126-121 and 133-129 for the women's and men's teams respectively.

The women's 2nd team also had a good season, finishing second in the Midlands 1A league having lost only one match, by 6 hits, to Nottingham 1sts. In the Trophy knockouts they defeated both UEA and York 1sts to make it through to the quarter finals where they had the misfortune to once more come up against, and lose to, Nottingham 1sts. Despite having a strong team and winning all their home matches, the men's 2nds struggled to get a full team together for their away matches, even having to concede a couple of walkovers. Unfortunately, this resulted in relegation to the Midlands 2A league. CUFC also saw some impressive results in BUCS individuals. In particular Alex Schlindwein won Gold in men's Foil and Laurence Peplow won Gold in men's Epee.

In Easter Term, beginners trained by both Oxford and Cambridge during the course of the year compete against each other in Novice Varsity, a team foil event. Both clubs fielded excellent teams and a very tense match unfortunately saw Cambridge lose to Oxford by a single hit, with a final score of 60-61.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

CUFC has two main goals for the upcoming year. Firstly we are aiming to maintain our high rate of success on piste, as well as to improve it where possible, and secondly, we are hoping to better secure the financial future of the club.

Our primary route towards both of these goals is the continuing expansion of the membership of the club. We've had a large and successful beginners' course this year, and as well as matching these recruitment numbers next year, we hope that many of our past beginners will stay with the club and strengthen our cohort of intermediate level fencers. This will give the 2nd teams a larger pool of fencers to draw from for matches, which will improve our 2nd teams' performances and in turn push the Blue teams to train harder and perform better.

To help improve competitive performance across the club we are looking to improve on the coaching available to the intermediates and to organise friendly matches with local clubs. We also intend on taking advantage of the new Team Training Room at the Sports Centre to introduce regular conditioning sessions for all our competitive fencers.

We are also working towards securing sponsorship for the club. With a strong competition record and growing membership base, we are confident of securing a level of sponsorship that will enable us to maintain and improve on our recent successes and to continue to provide high quality training and coaching for all fencers within the club.

### **Alex Schlindwein**

Alex Schlindwein has just finished his first year fencing for CUFC on the men's Blues team, for which he has been awarded a Full Blue. He competes at



both a national and international level, with successes this year including finishing second in the British U23 Championships and first in BUCS Individuals. He has seven junior GBR international caps and was most recently selected in 2014, although was unable to attend. Alex will continue to compete for Cambridge as well as on the national circuit and is training to make the top 25 in the British Senior Rankings and to be selected to compete internationally in his age group.

### Tobba Ágústsdóttir

Tobba is a Full Blue with CUFC as well as training at the renowned Leon Paul Centre in London. In addition to a very successful year with the women's Blues she has been competing extensively on the international circuit, having represented Iceland in three World Cups, the European Championships in Switzerland and the First European Games in Baku in the past year.



## Association Football Club (Men's)

### www.cuafc.org @cuafc

Unofficially the oldest football club in the world, the founding of CUAFC is closely tied to the first formalisation of the rules of association football on Parker's Piece in 1856. With the Varsity Match the longest running regular fixture in world football, the club has an incredibly rich history and a strong tradition of competitive excellence.

The club has two men's teams competing in BUCS leagues, as well as a men's third team being fielded for Varsity. Last season the men's Blues were relegated from the highest division of university football in the country, BUCS Premier South, and now play Midlands 1A. The men's second team finished second in Midlands 4B.



### Varsity 2014/15

8th March 2015, R Costings Abbey Stadium, Cambridge Cambridge 1sts 1 - Oxford 1sts 1 (Oxford win 6-5 on penalties)

### 6th March 2015, Iffley Road, Oxford Cambridge 2nds 0 - Oxford 2nds 3 Cambridge 3rds 2 - Oxford 3rds 0

With 2014's game decided on penalties and almost identical head-to-head records after 130 years of competition, the teams were bound to be well matched and a cagey opening saw both teams seeking to minimise errors and feel their way into the game. However, Cambridge quickly emerged as the more enterprising side and had a number of openings.

Cambridge took the lead midway through the first half. An Oxford midfielder was caught in possession by Captain James May, and he drove forward before sliding in Daniel Forde, who finished with aplomb, dinking the ball over the onrushing Szreter. Indeed, Cambridge finished the first half in the ascendancy and were well worth their lead at the break.

Oxford came out strongly in the second half, exerting more pressure on the Cambridge back line. Cambridge, however, dealt with the pressure well and mounted numerous counter attacks of their own. Clear cut chances were rare for either team, with perhaps the most notable being Alex Gaskell's finish which shaved the post. Eventually Oxford's pressure told, with a tame miscue from Nick Hilton diverted towards the Cambridge goal only for goalkeeper Henry Warne to fumble and allow the ball to dribble in for Oxford's equaliser. With no way to split the teams in normal time, the game was to be decided by penalties. With the first three penalties scored by both teams, goal scorer Daniel Forde was unfortunate to hit the bar for Cambridge before Mike Moneke fired wide for Oxford. Cambridge eventually lost on sudden death, with Koroye-Crooke's penalty well saved by Ben Szreter in the Oxford goal.

Cambridge 2nds lost out to a well-drilled and combative Oxford 2nds at Iffley Road a few days before, with Ed Mole notable for getting a goal and assist for Oxford in a man of the match display. Just before, Cambridge 3rds had beaten Oxford 3rds. The game was 0-0 at half time but the introduction of the effervescent Peter Rutzler quickly led to Oxford being reduced to ten men and then conceding a penalty, with Cambridge scoring a second soon after.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The 2014/15 season was a tough one for the men's Blues. Competing at the highest level of British University football, strong and determined performances rarely culminated in victories. Despite great improvement across the year, the team were blighted by injury, and the season ultimately ended in relegation to BUCS Midlands 1A.

In contrast, the men's Falcons had a fantastic campaign and were very unlucky to miss out on promotion. Indeed, despite topping the table for the majority of the year, a 1-1 draw on the last day of the season saw the Falcons narrowly miss out on the top spot.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

This season is shaping up to be a particularly important one for CUAFC. The club is thrilled to announce they have recently agreed a three year sponsorship deal with BlueBridge Education, an educational consultancy based in Cambridge with strong and exciting links in East Asia. The club will also be returning to the world class facilities at the La Manga Club in Spain for their annual tour, with the Varsity Match also set to return to its traditional home at Craven Cottage. Finally, the club is pleased to announce a merger with our women's counterpart, CUWAFC, which will hopefully be beneficial to both clubs.



### Association Football Club (Women's)

### www.cuafc.org/ @CuafcWomen

CUAFC Women are the University women's Football Team. We have both a 1st (Blues) and a 2nd (Eagles) team. The Blues play in the BUCS season 2015/16 in the Midlands 2B league- and the Eagles play in a local Cambridge Sunday League. Our aim for the season 2015/16 is to get promoted back into the Midlands 1A league, and to regain our Varsity lead over Oxford.



### Varsity 2014/15

### 7th March 2015, Cambridge Football Stadium, Trumpington Road, CB2 8AJ Cambridge 1sts 1 - Oxford 1sts 7 Cambridge 2nds 3 - Oxford 2nds 0

The Cambridge 2nd team had first kick-off in this much contested game. The Varsity contest between the Cambridge Eagles and the Oxford Furies was a well-fought battle, with both sides being able to possess the ball and coordinate attacks. Ultimately, Cambridge proved the stronger team on set pieces, with two of their three goals coming off corners or free kicks. Oxford came back with several scoring opportunities in the second half, but Cambridge's defence and goalkeeper worked brilliantly to keep them off the scoreboard, with the final tally coming to Cambridge 3, Oxford 0.

With the success of the Eagles to follow, the 1st team contest kicked off with Cambridge feeling positive. Oxford pushed from the start however and Cambridge had to defend hard, being able to launch limited counterattacks in the first half. Within quick succession, Oxford had scored 3 goals to Cambridge's 0. Cambridge were able to pull back just before half time with a direct free kick from Gerda Bachrati just outside the 18-yard box that soared into the net. The 2nd half began hopefully with the Cambridge team believing that they could pull back the game, but unfortunately tiredness got the better of the recently injury ravaged squad and the game ended with a disappointing 7 Oxford goals to Cambridge's 1.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The Blues, with the loss of the majority of the team at the end of the season, faced a tough round of competitions in the BUCS league and unfortunately ended up relegated from the Midlands 1A division. More successful in Cup games, they played until the 3rd round, where they lost to Cardiff Metropolitan University.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

Season 2015/16 started off with the merging of the men's and women's teams into one club: this has been very successful and has resulted in combined fitness sessions and socials that all players really enjoy. For the coming season, both teams are aiming for promotion: we are fielding strong sides again with a good intake of 1st years from trials, and we hope to carry this into March to win Varsity and regain our lead over Oxford!

# Gliding Club

### www.cugc.org.uk

Gliding is flying in its purest form. Without the need for an engine, gliders rely only on currents of air to remain in the sky and soar across the countryside. Once launched the aircraft are free to race competitively across a pre-determined route, seeking out areas of best lift in order to gain height. By trading this height for speed, glider pilots often achieve course times that equate to average speeds of over 100 km/h.

Cambridge University Gliding Club was founded in 1935 and played an important part in the early development of the sport, including the pioneering of soaring from winch launches. Over its history the club has flown from a variety of airfields around Cambridgeshire, including RAF Duxford, Cambridge Airport, Caxton Gibbet and Bourn. Since 1991 the club has flown from Cambridge Gliding Centre at Gransden Lodge Airfield.

The club has around 40 members, from people completely new to flying, to those with Bronze Badge and Cross Country endorsements from the British Gliding Association. Most members new to flying will begin by experiencing a trial flight in Michaelmas term. With a high level of commitment it is possible to be able to fly solo within a year. The club owns a high performance ASW-19 glider which solo pilots can swiftly progress towards flying.

In addition to arranging social events throughout the year, the club organises expeditions in the vacation periods to gliding sites across the country. These allow for lots of flying to be done and offer a welcome change in landscape from the flat fens of Cambridgeshire.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 23rd - 24th July 2014, Gransden Lodge Airfield, Cambridge Cambridge 478 - Oxford 525

This is a local soaring competition, in which each pilot scores points for their respective team. Each pilot submits their best flight on each of the two days, with the scores normalised to allow for varying conditions. One point is awarded for every minute of flight time, up to 50 minutes, after which there is a penalty of six points for every minute over. In addition, there are two points awarded for every 100 feet of climb, where a climb is defined by a 500 foot or greater increase in height above a previous lower point. Multiple climbs can be completed over the course of a scoring flight.

This year we were blessed with some fantastic weather for the annual Varsity Match. The Oxford team came to Cambridge's home airfield of Gransden Lodge, bringing their Astir-CS (single seat), and ASK-21 (two seat) gliders to fly in the competition, while Cambridge flew their ASW-19 (single seat) and one of Cambridge Gliding Centre's SZD-Juniors (single seat).

Flying for Cambridge were Joe Roberts, Malcolm Morgan, Monique van Beek, Bonan Zhu and Nadanai Laohakunakorn. Oxford were represented by Chris Balance, Hayden Peacock, Adam Bozson, Qin Cao and Max Chamberlin.

### Day 1

The first day was particularly challenging, with thermic activity not starting until quite late. Matters were made harder by a stiff 15-20kt wind from the North East, something which hurt competitors piloting the lower performance ASK-21 and SZD-Junior gliders more. Cambridge were also plagued with an instrumentation fault in their flagship glider, G-CUGC, where the variometer (vertical speed indicator) was not functioning at all. By the end of the day Oxford had built a strong lead, scoring 219 points to Cambridge's 141.

### Day 2

After Oxford had made so much out of what little the first day had to offer, some excellent flying was needed from Cambridge if they were to be in with a chance. Luckily the weather for the day was shaping up to be fantastic. Although much of the wind from the first day remained, thermal activity in excess of 6kts was forecast throughout the day, with convective cloud bases up to 5000ft. All competitors flew close to the 50 minutes, with total climbs ranging from 5300 to almost 10000 feet. Despite fierce competition, and 1/2 their team still flying with one of the most crucial soaring instruments malfunctioning, Cambridge still managed an exceptional performance with 337 points versus Oxford's 306.

Unfortunately this wasn't enough to counter Oxford's achievements on day one. Many congratulations to all who competed: everyone had an enormous amount of fun, and there was some truly phenomenal flying. We look forward to next year when we can challenge Oxford once more, at their home airfield.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

As usual we will be holding trial flight opportunities throughout the year to introduce new people to gliding. On the expeditions front our annual trip to EdenSoaring in Cumbria is always a fantastic week, where the Pennines provide for stunning scenery and a 50km stretch of ridge to soar above. For our Easter expedition we plan to visit Talgarth in the Black Mountains of Wales, which is another picturesque site and is again very different to our home base at Gransden Lodge.

We will continue to train new pilots towards solo flying and then on to further endorsements. In particular we would like to have all of our solo pilots at the standard required to fly our own glider, G-CUGC, in time for the Varsity Match. A Cambridge win is overdue and hopefully the experience flying at home and on expeditions will give us the competitive edge!



# Golf Club

### http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cugolfclub/ CUGCnew/content/ @CambUniGolfClub

Cambridge University Golf Club has a mandate to play and promote the game of golf among the members of the University community. Accordingly, it is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students, including those attending the University from abroad. Men's golf at Cambridge is a Full Blue sport, and there are two men's match teams - the Blues (1st) team and the Stymies (2nd) team. The ladies' golf team is a Half Blue sport.

The beginnings of Cambridge University Golf can be attributed to two graduates: Andrew Murray and George Gossett. Armed with golf clubs and a holecutter they ventured to the common at Royston in 1869. The first University Golf Match was played on 6th March 1878 on Wimbledon Common, courtesy of the London Scottish Club, and was decided by four singles over eighteen holes, using the holes up method of scoring.

With 1885 being the year of the first Amateur Championship, the Varsity Match can justifiably claim the distinction of being the oldest established amateur event in golf. Since that first match CUGC have produced nine players who have represented Great Britain and Ireland at the Walker Cup and eleven Captains of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. In addition thirty-one Blues have also gone on to gain full international caps. With twentyfive for England, three for Wales, two for Scotland and one for South Africa.

### Varsity 2014/15

#### 18th – 19th March 2015, The 125th University Golf Match at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake Cambridge Blues 6 - Oxford Blues 9

As in the previous year, Cambridge had won the first three contests of the week and were looking for a win from the Blues to complete the set. Despite the success of the other teams in recent years, the Varsity Match has been a different kettle of fish, with Oxford winning the last 5 contests.

The morning foursomes rounds were a tightly contested affair and the match looked like it could go either way at lunch. However the momentum seemed to shift in favour of Oxford after lunch as the top three matches went their way. Good pitches on 15 and 17 by William Pearmain, followed by Adam Lewicki's putt on 17 saw them win 2&1 and get Cambridge on the board. This left the anchor match key as to how things would look going into the singles. Unfortunately, from 1 up with 4 to play, Williams and Barker lost the next three holes resulting in a 2&1 loss. Thus Oxford led 4 - 1 after the foursomes: a strong position but not insurmountable with the quality Cambridge had in their team.

Clear blue skies met the teams on their arrival at Hoylake on the Saturday morning, and as usual, the Captains got the day going in the top match. Early on in the morning, things looked promising for Cambridge with strong leads in four of the ten matches and all square in three. However, strong play from Oxford over the back nine saw the Dark Blues fight back to lead in five of the matches, leaving quite a bit of work required in the afternoon if Cambridge were to prevail. And things did improve for Cambridge early on in the afternoon. Douglas Maxwell claimed the first point of the day, winning 11&10. Jamie Giddins was next to finish, winning by 4&3, before Williams handed out a dog licence, making 9 birdies in a 7&6 win. Thus the scores were briefly level, at 4 - 4, before Adam Barker and Adam Lewicki lost 10&9 and 3&2 respectively. William Pearmain then won 3&2, but Jack Atherton lost 4&3 after a long holed putt by his opponent on 15, and Oxford were on the brink of victory at 7 - 5 up. Their victory was secured when James Woolsey was defeated 3&2, which was followed by a 3&2 defeat for Robertson. So although Riess claimed the final match left on the course by a 2&1 margin, the Blues were once again defeated.

### 17th March 2015, The Divots and Stymies Match at Delamere Forest Golf Club, Cheshire Cambridge Stymies (2nds) 10.5 - Oxford Divots (2nds) 4.5

On Wednesday, it was the Stymies' turn to do battle against the Divots at Delamere Forest. Felix Hill, making his record- equalling 4th Varsity Match appearance as a Stymie, and fresher Charlie Blake were the Stymies' chosen ones to go off top. The match was a tight affair through the front nine but the Cambridge pair were able to pull away on the back 9 to win 3&2. This was to set the tone for the morning foursomes matches and Cambridge found themselves leading 4 - 1 at lunch.

As is customary, Pete led the Stymies off in the Captain's Match with a 2&1 win. The Stymies' power at the top of the order then asserted themselves, with Felix Hill, Charlie Blake and Neil Madden all recording convincing wins to win the match.

The final result was a 10.5 - 4.5 win for the Stymies, making it 6 years in a row without defeat. Everyone contributed at least a point, great for a team which improved so much during the year and played some of their best golf when it mattered most.

### 16th March 2015, The Ladies Golf Match at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake Cambridge Ladies 8 - Oxford Ladies 1

As per usual, the ladies began the week against their Oxford counterparts on Tuesday. Due to Oxford being unable to field a full team, Cambridge were awarded the foursomes and singles matches that would not be contested. And it was the captain Francesca who got the ladies underway in Match 1, teaming up with Emily Faldon to secure the first point of the day. The remaining pair of Katie Wingrove and Emily Wingrove followed suit and for the third year in a row, Cambridge had whitewashed the foursomes.

The attention then turned to the afternoon singles and with Emily Wingrove being awarded match 6, Cambridge only required one more point in the afternoon to clinch Varsity victory. This point came from match 4 with a strong 6&5 win from Courtney Gill, in her 4th and final Varsity Match. The final score of the match 8 - 1 in Cambridge's favour. This was a great result for the ladies, making it three Varsity Match wins in a row, and the perfect way for Cambridge to start the week.

### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

### 2015 Boyd Quaich

The 59th Boyd Quaich took place in St Andrew's just one day after the British Open. Cambridge University was represented by Douglas Maxwell.

### 2015 Tour of Scotland

CUGC enjoyed a successful tour of Scotland this August. The tour began on Monday 15th August with a win over Gullane GC just over a month after the course hosted the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, which was won by Richie Fowler. CUGC then enjoyed a match against the Scottish Universities Golfing Society at the Bruntsfield Links Golf Society before moving over to the west coast for a match against Prestwick GC, which has hosted 15 Open Championships. On Wednesday CUGC managed the best result of the tour with a win over a strong team which included a number of Scottish internationals and the former Walker Cup player Paul McKeller at Western Gailes. CUGC then managed a narrow loss against Glasgow Golf Club before being treated to the incredible Royal Troon ahead of it hosting the 2016 Open Championship. CUGC returned to East Lothian for a Sunday match against the Honourable Company at Muirfield. While Muirfield ran out deserved winners the number 3 ranked golf course in the world was enjoyed by all. Monday morning saw CUGC brave the infamous A9 up to Royal Dornoch in the Highlands. The spectacular course showed its teeth as the wind blew and the rain fell. Despite these conditions CUGC were able to grind out a gritty halved match. In more benign conditions the Blues then played Castle Stuart which will host the 2016 Scottish Open and has previously hosted the European Tour event in 2012 and 2013. After an evening in Elie CUGC drew with the historic Panmure GC near Dundee before finishing the tour in style with a match against Golf House Club in Elie against a team which included former Cambridge captain and current head of the R&A Peter Dawson

### Looking forward to 2015/16

All in the CUGC are eager to get the new season underway. This is going to be a very exciting year for the CUGC with big matches against London Universities, SUGS and St Andrews University to test the Blues before the showdown in Brancaster in March.

# Olympic Gymnastics Club

### www.societies.cam.ac.uk/gymclub/

CUOGC is a small, but increasingly popular sports club in Cambridge with about 40 members in 2014/2015. The range of experience amongst CUOGC members is vast, with former national competitors training alongside complete beginners. Each year we also acquire beginner gymnasts with quite disparate sporting backgrounds – from climbing through ballet dancing to skeleton!

We train up to five times a week during full term. This training is split between the University of Cambridge Sports Centre (3 hours training on floor, pommel horse, beam and parallel bars and one hour conditioning) and the fully equipped gymnastics halls in Stevenage and/or Huntingdon (participating in 1.5 to 2 hour adult gymnastics sessions).



### Varsity 2014/15

### 8th March 2015, Marriott's Gymnastics Centre, Stevenage Men's: Cambridge 306.9 Oxford 208.45 Women's A: Oxford 185.4 Cambridge 181.4 Women's B: Cambridge 41.05 Oxford 37.4

This year's Varsity competition was hosted by the Light Blues on their adopted home ground – Marriott's Gymnastics Centre in Hertfordshire. Both men's and women's Light Blue teams had returned from Oxford victorious in the previous year and were in no hurry to return their trophies.

However, this year the Match was to unfold in a slightly different manner; for the first time in 5 years both sides had a women's B team. In spite of its contracted scale (2 women on each team, each competing on 2 apparatus each), this changed the dynamic of women's competition, with two titles being at stake.

The Cambridge men maintained their impressive track record, beating Oxford by a bludgeoning 98.45 points. Stellar performances from Edgar Engel put him in first on every apparatus. He was challenged by Captain David Ho on rings, but still finished with a 0.1 point advantage. David Ho finished with a Silver medal overall. The battle for third place was more even and ended with a tie between Cambridge's Kenneth Wong and Oxford's Eric Le Gresley.

The Dark Blues' women's A team was similarly dominated by one gymnast – Beth Andrews, whose graceful performances with little space for deductions put her in Gold medal position and pulled up the Oxford team score. However, the Cambridge women gave them a tough competition and all valiantly contributed towards a team score that was only 4 points behind. Gina Curwen impressed the crowd with her floor and vault that achieved highest scores amongst the Cambridge women. Furthermore, having showcased new skills, particularly on uneven bars, Reimi Konda received a Silver medal for all-around. Newcomer Hanna Martin, whose powerful beam routine and martial arts-inspired floor routine captivated the supporters, came third.

The women's B team competition was interesting in that each of the four girls competed on a different pair of apparatus. This rendered individual ranking less meaningful than the final team result – which comprised one score per apparatus. The atmosphere was tense, given the short duration of the competition. Joanna's solid vault and enchanting floor routine as well as Natalia's smoother uneven bars routine put them a safe 3.65 points ahead of the Oxford girls. Therefore, in spite of losing the trophy, the Cambridge women did return with a couple of Gold medals!

### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

In November 2014, a small group of CUOGC avmnasts entered the British Veterans' Competition in Lilleshall. The format of the men's competition was flawed in that there was no Intermediate category. Therefore Edgar Engel had to enter Pro and did in fact finish in fifth place, whilst less experienced club alumnus Christian Vaguero entered Novice and earned a Gold medal. Women's Captain Sarah O'Brien and President Natalia Przelomska took part in the popular women's novice competition and gained sixth place on floor and uneven bars, respectively. The competition was overshadowed by the strict rules of BG, which considers non-British competitors ineligible for ranking. As a result of this, Australian Bianca Jupp, in spite of winning in her category – a spectacular comeback after guitting the sport 18 years ago - was not awarded a medal.

In May 2015, an adults' competition was held in Sutton Gymnastics Academy. Its alternative idea of opening both men's and women's apparatus competitions to all appealed greatly to our club members who were keen to have a more laid-back competition once the pressure of the Varsity Match had been relieved. The entries from the club were therefore diverse. Men's Captain David Ho entered for all 6 men's apparatus (and came back with a Gold for intermediate floor), Christian Vaquero received a Bronze medal for intermediate floor and also did pro rings and vault. Club Secretary Eric Schmidt gained Bronze for novice parallel bars. Nika Anžiček competed on beam (to earn a Silver) and



asymmetric bars along with parallel bars as her token men's apparatus, Natalia Przelomska competed on asymmetric bars, floor and as her token men's high bar, whilst future women's Captian Reimi showed her skills on men's parallel bars. The only male gymnast brave enough to enter in the women's events was newcomer William Borchert, who went for all four of them and placed third on asymmetric bars and vault.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

In Michaelmas Term we plan to hold a Cuppers tournament in basic gymnastics, featuring balance and strength challenges, which will be a new incentive for people to join the Club and will embrace the gymnastics talent dispersed amongst the Colleges.

We aim to build strong teams for the 2016 Varsity Match and enter B teams as well if numbers suffice.

Finally, drawing on the positive experiences of gymnasts who competed in British Veterans' and the Sutton Gymnastics Academy adult competition we anticipate entering in these and similar adult competitions in the upcoming academic year.

# Handball

### http://handball.soc.srcf.net/

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The club was founded only recently, in the beginning of Michaelmas 2013, by a group of undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Cambridge. The founding members are Chris Bentz (Darwin), Ignacio Vazquez Garcia (Christ's), Kolja Ortmann (Girton), Matt Reizenstein (Caius) and Sophus zu Ermgassen (Fitzwilliam). Agnes Föglein, who is currently a postdoctoral scholar at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, has been also been involved in establishing the club from the start.



In its first year of existence, CUHB more than excelled: It built two strong teams, a women's and a men's team, and established links to a number of other clubs, including the Cambridge City Club and the university teams of Imperial College London and University College London. The teams celebrated their first successes with the women's team winning their Varsity Match and the men's enrolling the first ever CUHB team in the British University Championships. The men's team exceeded all expectations in the championships, coming fifth after losing to the subsequent winner, Oxford.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 31st January 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge Women's 1sts 21 - Oxford Women's 1sts 31

### Cambridge Men's 1sts 24 - Oxford Men's 1sts 31

TThe second Handball Varsity Matches in history were a challenge for both the women's and the men's teams. The women's team went on court to defend their title against a strong Oxford team but they had a completely new team so the little time they had playing together was not enough to withstand a very established Oxford team. The defence worked well mostly, although Oxford pulled away guite guickly to a 5 goal lead. Then, there was a point where Cambridge had a 2 player superiority but unfortunately did not manage to turn the game around. Most of the Cambridge goals come from the centre and left back from Nikkoleta Rau and Ágnes Föglein. It finished in a bitter 21 to 31 but with the hope of a brand new team which was going to improve in a year and have a better chance next time.

The strong men's team around captain Chris Bentz started very well and were leading at the 10 minute mark, the defence was collected and worked perfectly. Florian Ströhl and Chris Bentz scored equally from the back supported by goalkeeper Fabian Klos. A come back from Oxford who tied the game at 5 pushed the nerves of the Cambridge team who could not play calmly. A lot of missed shots and great saves from the very experienced Oxford goalkeeper led Oxford to the win, by 7 goals.

### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

### 22nd - 23rd November, London 14th - 15th February, Birmingham 7th - 8th March, Birmingham

The regional rounds of the British University Championships were no challenge for the University of Cambridge men's team, who won all matches except for a draw against Bath and a loss against Oxford, equalising Oxford at the top of the group. The women's team struggled more, having to give in to very strong teams. The men's team qualified for the Finals, whereas the women's team was to come back for the Plate Finals in March.

The women's team again faced a difficult challenge: playing 6 matches with only 6 players, one player down, and a field player in goal. Impressively, Cambridge were still a dangerous threat to other teams, winning both their matches on the first day of the tournament. Out of their four matches on the second day, they won one, drew one and lost two to the subsequent first and second placed teams. Against all odds, Cambridge's strong defence and goalkeeper Wan Woo's quick reactions secured them a third place in the Plate Finals.

The men's team cleared the group stages of the BUCS Finals without breaking a sweat. Oxford, the reigning Varsity champions, awaited them in the quarter finals. Thanks to a strong attack, with heavy hitters Daniel Bode and Ignacio Vazquez dismantling the timid attack and matador Alejandro García putting the nail on the coffin with his 9 metre slapshots, Cambridge won 16-3. The tightest and most spectacular match was yet to come against Cranfield in the semifinals. Cranfield did not lose any time to show what they were capable of and interrupted Cambridge's first attack with a fastbreak, which was magnificently stopped by Cambridge's goalkeeper Fabian Klos. Nonetheless, Cranfield secured a one-goal lead for most of the first half. Cambridge stepped up their

### Florian Ströhl

Florian is one of the most experienced players of the Cambridge team and basically grew up in a German handball gym. Starting at the tender age



of five he developed into a strong back player with surprising skill as a goal keeper. He started studying in Cambridge for a masters in photonics and is currently enrolled as a PhD student in biotechnology at Robinson College working on laser microscopy.

Since the first season, Florian is part of the University handball team and took over the position of captain and coach after the turn of the year 2014/15. In this role his biggest achievement is clearly the overwhelming success of the men's team in the British University Championships with the cherry on the cake being the phenomenal victory over Oxford University in the quarter finals. Nevertheless, he still seeks to beat Oxford in a Varsity Match - a feat that has only been achieved by the women's team.

Furthermore, Florian holds a certificate in coaching from the English Handball Association and runs the University teams' training sessions. He is also playing in the Super8, the handball equivalent of the Premier League, being one of the top-scorers for the Cambridge City Club.

### Alexandra Vaideanu

Alex picked up handball at the age of ten. She only played it for a few months then, because she chose academics over sports and because her hometown club



was so competitive she was told she was too short and should try Volleyball instead. Handball is a very popular sport in Romania, so she has always been a keen follower.

Alex went on to do her undergraduate degree in the UK, in Liverpool. The handball club there was only founded during her third year, so during her masters Alex joined them. Graduating, Alex joined the local club Liverpool Speke Garston and had the opportunity to play against London Great Dane, one of the oldest UK clubs, in the Olympic Copper Box arena.

Coming to Cambridge in 2013 to do a PhD in Nanoscience, she was surprised to find that there was no handball club at the University of Cambridge. She joined the local Cambridge City Club and got in touch with some of the founding members who were setting up the Cambridge University Handball Club. She was very proactive and guickly became involved, recruiting at the Fresher's Fair and becoming the first female student member of the club. She was elected the captain of the very first Cambridge University Handball women's team. Her commitment to sports, for also being committed to rowing as the St Edmund's College Women's Boat captain, was duly rewarded with the Paul Luzio award for commitment to college sport. She is now playing for the city club of Cambridge as well as helping Florian with coaching the team as a qualified EHA coach.

game in the second half and were boosted even more by a penalty save by Klos four minutes before the final whistle. Cambridge kept its cool, even when Cranfield's men gave it everything as they saw their chances for the finals slipping away. The team won a clear-cut victory 13-10. Cambridge entered the Final as favourites against Bath. Bath opened the score, but Cambridge showed their finest handball with the 'Bavarian Bros' Stefan and Florian Ströhl outsmarting the defense. Stefan's countless lob shots were so beautifully executed, that all sides cheered in the crowd, including Oxford. Cambridge's men were the undisputed winners of the men's tournament with a clear victory in the final (13 - 8), coming home with a clean sweep and a trophy to drink from.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

In 2015/16 we are looking to build two strong teams and a great handball community. We seek to succeed in Varsity against the strong Oxford opponents, in both the men's and women's teams. Both teams will enter in the University Championships, with the men's team defending their title as British University Champions.



### Hare and Hounds

### www.cuhh.org.uk/ @CUHandH

The first ever CUH&H run took place in February 1880, with the first Varsity cross country taking place in December of the same year. The Varsity XC Match has changed venues several times over the years before settling in its current place of Wimbledon Common. We have over 100 members and the ladies' 3rds and men's 4ths team are unlimited in size. After Varsity our main competition is BUCS XC, held in February. Members also compete in national and area championships for their home clubs or CUH&H. In the summer the majority of CUH&H athletes compete on the track for CUAC in track and field Varsity.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 29th November 2014, Wandlebury Country Park, Cambridge

### Cambridge Men's 2nds 35 – 43 Oxford Men's 2nds

A strong run from Dan Mulryan of Oxford won the race, but excellent packing by the Cambridge quartet of Lloyd Hilton, David Buglass, Peter Townsend, and James Chettle from 2nd to 5th ensured a dominant Cambridge victory.

### Cambridge Men's 3rds 27 – 59 Oxford Men's 3rds

Louis Rawlings of Oxford won the race but the next seven finishers were all Cambridge, making for the most dominant victory of the day. They were led home by Des Moore and Tim Gordon.

### Cambridge Men's 4ths 603 – 1115 Oxford Men's 4ths

The men's mob match had 66 runners taking part this year, with 40 Cambridge runners which led to another crushing victory. The winner was Jesus College fresher Niall Devlin from which great things are expected.

### Cambridge Ladies' 2nds 24 – 31 Oxford Ladies' 2nds

Having only won the ladies' 2nds match for the first time in nearly a decade the year before, this performance backed up the strength in depth on the ladies' side the club currently has. Boosted by three undergraduate freshers, Emily Ruane, Ruby Woolfe, and Kate Curran the team narrowly won a tight contest.

### Cambridge Ladies' 3rds 603 – 1115 Oxford Ladies' 3rds

The final race of the day was the ladies' mob match with 45 competitors. An Oxford trio took the medals home, but the team victory was earned by packing in the mid-field, topping off an incredible day with five victories in five races.

### 6th December 2014, Wimbledon Common, London

### Cambridge Men's Blues 46 - 35 Oxford Men's Blues

The individual win was taken by GB runner Alex Short of Robinson, who was followed by Club Captain Lewis Lloyd in 2nd. The team were unfortunate to lose after Alex Milne fell and sprained his ankle, forcing retirement from the race.

### Cambridge Ladies' Blues Won vs Oxford Ladies' Blues

In the most dramatic Ladies' race ever at Wimbledon Common a number of the competitors lost the course shortly after 3 miles and ran an alternative route home. This led to no score being announced, though the individual win was awarded to Sophia Saller of Oxford, and the team victory to Cambridge who were leading before the unfortunate loss of course.

### **Eric Evans Award Winner**

### **Alex Short**

My name is Alex Short and I am studying Physical Natural Sciences at Robinson College. I first started running in year 7 at Secondary School, and very quickly caught the 'running bug'. I stopped playing football and started to take running more seriously in year 11 and began competing at the national level; finishing 10th at the English Schools Cross Country, and being ranked 6th in the country for my age group at 3000m. So I arrived at Cambridge with a relatively good running CV. However, my running was taken to the next level when I started to work with Phil O'Dell (the coach of the Cambridge University Hare and Hounds), and in my second year I was selected to represent Great Britain at the European Cross Country Championships in Belgrade. It was a fantastic experience; I enjoyed it immensely despite not having a great run- I finished in 26th place. A couple of months later I represented England at the Home International Cross Country. I then missed much of the athletics season as I focussed on my exams. I returned to running in Michaelmas this academic year and was 1st home in the men's race, winning by 40 seconds. A few months later I finished 8th at BUCS and followed this up with a 19th placing at the senior men's National Cross Country at Parliament Hill. I thoroughly enjoy running, a day without it feels very incomplete!



### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

BUCS, 31st January 2015, Brighton Men's A Race – 4th Men's B Race – 12th Women's Race – 5th

With Loughborough, St Mary's and Birmingham having such a tight hold over BUCS cross country it was always going to be a challenge to take a team medal home. The men's A team came frustratingly close, losing out in a few sprint finishes which ultimately cost them the Bronze medal. Alex Short came a notable 8th individually.

In the men's B race worsening conditions underfoot made racing difficult but Paddy Roddy ran well to take 21st amongst a plethora of Birmingham and St Mary's athletes.

The women's race saw Elizabeth Mooney, Katherine Turner, and Emmy Shearer race well together to finish 15th, 24th, and 33rd with ladies' Captain Katy Hedgethorne not far behind. Although the search for a team medal continues, the consistency of the Hare and Hounds over the past few seasons suggests that it is not far away.

### **Other News**

The 2015 Boundary Run, organised by Will Kirk and Chloe Beckett, was another great success. The move to the new University Sports Centre at West Cambridge for the start/finish enabled the largest field ever with over 800 entrants. The Varsity Marathon Match was incorporated in the London Marathon. Two individual performances stand out in Des Moore (Half Blue) and Ruby Woolfe (Full Blue).

In the National Cross Country a number of runners represented their home clubs. Performance of the day goes to Elizabeth Mooney who came 5th, resulting in selection to run for England at the Home Countries International where she placed 3rd.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

We aim to replicate or even better the Varsity success when we go to Shotover in November. Hard work by all the team throughout the year will ensure everyone is in the best shape possible to take the fight to Oxford. The search for an elusive BUCS medal goes on, and we hope the addition of a few strong freshers might aid the team.

# Hockey Club

### www.cuhc.co.uk @CU\_Hockey

The Cambridge University Hockey Club was founded in 1890. Recently, the traditionally separate men's and women's clubs have merged to form a single club. We are now recognised as the biggest and most successful amalgamated University sports club at Cambridge.

We run three men's and three women's teams. Both 1st XIs hold Full Blue status and compete at the highest level of regional hockey, with the women also playing in Premier League BUCS hockey. The ultimate goal for all six teams is to defeat their Oxford counterparts in the Varsity Match at the end of the season.

### Varsity 2014/15

### 8th March 2015, Southgate Hockey Club, London

### Men's 1sts: Cambridge 2 : 2 Oxford – Cambridge win on Penalties

Cambridge entered the men's fixture as favourites, following a successful East League season, although the Dark Blues would have been buoyed by another strong showing in BUCS South Prem. The Match was immediately alive as Gilmore broke down the left hand side of Oxford's D, before reversing a shot goalward that slipped under the grasp of Oxford goalkeeper Fernando to make the score 1 - 0. Oxford responded well, keeping a short corner out and starting to assert some control over the game. Just when it had begun to look as if the teams had settled for 1 - 0 at half time, Cairns drifted up the left hand side of the Oxford half before playing a tremendous reverse stick ball to the near post. The pass was brilliantly met by Bristow and his deflection saw the ball fly into the roof of Fernando's net to complete one of the finest Varsity goals in recent memory.

The second half was to be almost entirely Dark Blue dominated. Following a surging run from Oxford's Lobo into the Cambridge D, they were awarded a stroke. Up stepped Oxford Captain Sugg, and under huge pressure with 16 minutes to go, he calmly slotted the flick into Cambridge goalkeeper Brooks' left hand corner. Oxford's pressure continued and as the game opened up chances fell to Cambridge, but they were unable to seal victory. Just when it appeared that Oxford would be unable to level the scores, a goal-mouth scramble saw the ball roll out to an Oxford forward who planted it into the roof of Brooks' net. Full time blew and the score read 2 - 2.

For the first time, the men's Blues Varsity Match was decided on shuttles. Cambridge went first and club President Cobbold calmly rolled Fernando to take the lead. Sugg was then denied by Brooks, before Cambridge MoM Gilmore slotted his opportunity. Oxford MoM Lobo was brought down under pressure by Brooks and when Cambridge's Swinn slipped, and Oxford's Sugg converted a stroke won by Allison, the tension at Southgate had reached breaking point: 2 - 1 to Cambridge, with 2 shuttles each remaining. Cambridge Captain Howell coolly slotted his opportunity away and it was left to Brooks to have the final say, with a solid save. The Light Blues charged away to celebrate a famous Varsity win.





#### Women's 1sts: Cambridge 2 - 1 Oxford

The women's fixture was always likely to be a close affair, with both sides sitting near the top of their Saturday leagues. Cambridge started the stronger, breaking through the Oxford defence to score inside two minutes, thanks to Thorpe. Not to be perturbed, Oxford came back and following a frantic first five minutes, the first half settled into the more traditional cagey affair of a Varsity Match.



Totten was especially dangerous for Oxford, stretching the Cambridge defence on multiple occasions, but it was Cambridge with more of the chances in the final third. England Under-21 fullback and Cambridge MoM, Lily Elliott, was dominating the defensive half for Cambridge and was able to make further forays up the pitch. A decisive pass from Elliott brought a short corner to Cambridge, which was slapped near post for a lovely deflection by Bradley. At half-time the score stood at 2 - 0.

The second half began evenly, but Oxford started to assert control as Cambridge sensed victory and withdrew into their defensive half. Oxford found themselves 1 on 1 with the Cambridge keeper but Halls' sweet strike was brilliantly saved. For the first time in the game, Oxford looked the more likely to score. With 6 minutes to play, Oxford won a short-corner. This was broken down, but in the ensuing open play. Oxford once again broke into the D; the ball fell to Greer who was able to slot home from 3 yards. 2 - 1 to Cambridge with 3 minutes to go. From the resulting pushback, Oxford returned to the Cambridge D for another short corner. The injection was slipped to Totten, who must have been dreaming of a dramatic equaliser, but her shot was saved by the ever-present Elliott, and Cambridge's victory was sealed.

### 22nd February 2015, Wilberforce Road Sports Ground, Cambridge Men's 2nds: Cambridge 0 - 1 Oxford Women's 2nds: Cambridge 1 - 2 Oxford Men's 3rds: Cambridge 1 - 3 Oxford Women's 3rds: Cambridge 3 - 2 Oxford

The day started well for Cambridge with a 3 - 2 win in the women's 3rds match; goals coming from on-form Hiskett and Brown, along with strong performances by Captain Jolley and MoM Tomlinson. The men's 3rds took the initial lead through a shot from Johnston but were then dominated by a strong Oxford side who took the game 3 - 1. In the women's 2nds match Oxford once again controlled the game with a late comeback from Cambridge's Teplensky proving too little too late – the final score was 2 - 1. The last game of the day proved to be the closest fought with both sides holding each other at bay for the majority of the Match, however, a late goal from Oxford was not matched by Cambridge and the men's 2nds lost 1 - 0.
Although the day resulted in more losses than wins, Cambridge must take pride in the valour with which they played and credit goes to Oxford for having the better sides on the day. Particular congratulations go to the women's 3rd team for whom it is their first Varsity win in recent memory.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

The men's Blues displayed strong performances in their Saturday league throughout the season to put them in the running for promotion. As the season drew to a close, every match mattered and although the Blues won important games, other teams didn't let anything slip, resulting in a confident 3rd place finish for Cambridge. In BUCS, the Blues' hopes of a 4th consecutive promotion were spoiled early by a strong Nottingham Trent side who won their first encounter 4 - 0 and went on to win the league. The men's Blues should, however, be proud of reaching the semifinal of the Trophy, narrowly missing out to Exeter on penalties.

The women's Blues have enjoyed a successful season in both their Saturday league and BUCS competitions. They were crowned champions of the East 1N League, not losing a single match all season. In BUCS they have also secured promotion into Premier B for next season and were runners up in the knock-out Trophy competition. This is undoubtedly the most successful season for the women's Blues in recent history.





## Looking forward to 2015/16

Having enjoyed double promotion, the women's Blues will be looking to establish themselves in their new leagues in the 2015/16 season. This should be aided by a new coach who is due to come in September, but thanks must be extended to Asif Rais who has achieved so much with this team over the last two seasons. The men's side of the club is sadly losing many stalwarts of CUHC this year, who have served in and enjoyed many Varsity victories. The new season is expected to bring fresh faces and hopefully similar successes.

The 2015/16 season will also see an additional men's and women's team competing in BUCS leagues, giving the 2nd and 3rd XIs the opportunity to play more fast-paced university matches. We hope this will strengthen our club and provide better preparation for the Varsity Matches, which will (as always) be the pinnacle of next season.

# Ice Hockey Club (Men's)

## http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cuihc @CUIHC

"Immortal 2015" has been perhaps the most successful season for the Cambridge Blues men's Varsity ice hockey team in its 130-year history. Dating back to the first Varsity Match in 1885 in St. Moritz, Switzerland, Cambridge/Oxford is the longeststanding ice hockey rivalry in the world. This year was historic for several reasons: the near-record setting Varsity results, the best National Championships showing ever, the highest number of ice hockey Full Blues ever awarded (9), and the approval of plans to build an ice rink in Cambridge.

Level of Competition: Cambridge competes in the British University Ice Hockey Association (BUIHA) Division 1, which is the top tier for University ice hockey in Britain and is full contact. The season consists of a league cup competition format that runs from November until March. The Blues also compete in the Tier 1 of the Universities National Championships, which is a weekend-long tournament in the spring that takes place at Ice Sheffield, one of the finest ice rinks in the country.



**Blues Status:** Men's ice hockey is a Discretionary Full Blue sport.

The Club: The men's Blues are also joined by the women's Blues and the Eskimos, the latter of whom play in the EIHA and are comprised of University students and faculty, as well as players from the Cambridge community.

Season Focus: The Ice Hockey Blues vie every year to be National champions; however, like most Blues teams, the pinnacle each season is the Varsity Match, which takes place at the end of Lent term. Varsity victory in ice hockey is marked by the awarding of the Patton Cup, a symbol which dates back to 1927. Due to a political situation at Oxford, the men's Blues had to play an unprecedented two Varsity Matches against two separate Oxford teams, both of whom competed in Division One of the BUIHA.

**Size:** This year's squad was composed of 18 players: ten forwards, six defensemen, and two goaltenders.

**Training:** The team trains at the Peterborough ice rink; however, Professor Bill Harris's 17-year effort to bring an ice rink to Cambridge has finally been met with official approval and the facility is expected to open in 2016. The Blues also partake in a weeklong training camp in Zuoz, Switzerland, not far from the site of the first ice hockey Varsity Match. Three training sessions a day on an open air surface completely surrounded by the Alps is truly a dream for any ice hockey player.

#### Varsity 2014/15

#### 7th March 2015, Planet Ice, Peterborough Cambridge Blues 10 - Oxford Blues 0

The 95th Annual Varsity Match was a clash of two mighty teams: the favoured Oxford Blues who had beaten Cambridge handily 8 – 3 in the first regular season match and the Light Blues, who had not lost since and had stunned the league-leading London Dragons with a draw in their last pre-Varsity league fixture. The Ceremonial Puck Drop was performed by Professor Bill Harris, champion of bringing the ice rink to Cambridge.

The Light Blues spent the week leading up to the Match studying game footage of Oxford extensively and strategising against the Dark Blues player-forplayer. They also had a sports psychology session with Judge professor Mark de Rond and invited an all-star coaching team of Bill Harris, Dr. Danny Burns, and Graham Carver to lead them on the night. In the dressing room immediately before the match, Cambridge watched a video montage of other Blues athletes' recollections on losing and winning Varsity Matches, including what it takes to win on the day. The men in Light Blue were thoroughly prepared and supremely motivated to regain the title on home turf.

Just over a minute into the game, BUIHA leading scorer and Blues assistant captain Christopher Finch opened the scoring on a beautiful play from behind the net. Finch would get two more unanswered goals to complete the natural hat-trick (three consecutive goals by the same player). Just before the end of the first period, Dr. Marty Smoragiewicz fired a bullet slapshot that upped the Cambridge lead to 4 - 0.

Cambridge did not let up in the next period, as newcomers Martin Sedlak and Blues triathlete Simon Rodier joined in on the action to increase the spread to 6 – 0.

The Light Blue domination continued in the third. Finch, Gagnon, Dr. Marty, and Beranek each found the back of the net to eventually increase Cambridge's lead to 10 - 0.



# **Christopher Finch**

Assistant captain Christopher was essentially the best player in our league this year and the star of both Varsity Matches. Christopher led the league during the regular season in goals (26), assists, and points (43), despite missing our last game. He was also named Player of the Game in two of our league games and in our second Varsity Match, as well as being the Overall Player of the Game in the Patton Cup Varsity Match after scoring 4 goals including the game winner. Christopher's previous NCAA Division III experience also helped him as a leader on the team, by running training drills and contributing to the team's strategy.

#### **Romain Tourenne**

Goaltender Romain Tourenne was the best goalie in our league this year, leading the regular season in save percentage (the number of shots on net versus the number of goals) and goals against average (measured by game). He is also the only Cambridge goaltender to register a shutout/clean sheet in a league fixture in over seven years. He was Player of the Game in two league games, a National Championships game, and in the Patton Cup Varsity Match for registering the first clean sheet for Cambridge in 76 years. Romain played in the French 3rd division before coming to Cambridge, which is semiprofessional and national-calibre ice hockey.

## **Spencer Brennan**

Spencer Brennan accumulated 8 points in only 5 games and was our best defenceman this year. He played well in both Varsities and tallied the most assists of any defenceman in the National Championships, as well as coming fourth in total points, which is very impressive. He was also Player of the Game in a Nationals preliminary game versus Edinburgh. Spencer came to Cambridge after having played CIS (Canadian equivalent of NCAA, Division One) for the McGill Redmen. coxswains seat for World Cup II, helping the GB men's eight to a Gold medal finish. Several key saves by Romain Tourenne on the penalty kill with only minutes left preserved the clean sheet for the remainder of the contest.

The Light Blues reclaimed the Patton Cup with a 10 – 0 victory in front of hundreds of Cambridge supporters. This was not only the last Varsity ever in Peterborough, but was also the first clean sheet for the Light Blues in a Varsity Match in more than 75 years and the second largest margin of victory in Cambridge's 130-year legacy.

Player of the Game for Cambridge was goaltender Romain Tourenne. Overall Player of the Varsity Match was Christopher Finch with four goals and an assist, and Team-voted Player of the Game was Julien Gagnon.

## Varsity #2 – Oxford University Blues

## 13th March 2015, Alexandra Palace Cambridge Blues 12 - Oxford University Blues 3

For perhaps the first time in the history of Oxbridge sports, a team had to play two Varsity Matches against separate teams from The Other Place.

Due to an early defensive lapse, Cambridge found itself down 1 – 0 after only 30 seconds of play. Defenseman Martin Sedlak evened the tally and soon after, Oscar Wilsby and Vaclav Beranek both beat the Dark Blue goaltender to increase the score to 3 – 1, Cambridge.

BUIHA leading scorer Christopher Finch scored a shorthanded goal, before Dr. Marty Smoragiewicz and Wilsby followed suit.

The Light Blues conceded a goal just before the end of the first period and the teams returned to their dressing rooms with the score 6 – 2, Cambridge.

In the second period, Wilsby completed his hat trick and soon after, Finch picked up a rebound and fired the puck past the diving Oxford keeper. Another defensive glitch by the Light Blues led to an Oxford goal, but then Simon Rodier responded for Cambridge to put the Light Blues up 9 – 3 as the second frame expired.

Period three witnessed the debut of Finnish goaltender Danny Orvomaa.

Halfway through, Finch scored his third of the game to advance the Cambridge lead to 10 - 3.

Five minutes later, Jaason Geerts and Michal Barabas added back-to-back goals to bring the total to 12 - 3, which is how the match would conclude.

Player of the Match for Cambridge was Christopher Finch and Team-voted Player of the Game was Michal Barabas. Vaclav Beranek had a goal and four assists and Alan Bauer was a +6 on the night.

The men in Light Blue finished their season as Patton Cup winners and undisputed champions of both Varsity Matches. This is the second most goals Cambridge has ever scored in an ice hockey Varsity Match in its 130-year history.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

In Michaelmas, the Cambridge effort emphasised recruiting and welcoming new members, given the low number of returning players. Losses to the league champion London Dragons and an 8 – 3 defeat to the Oxford Blues before Christmas evinced the work ahead. The Light Blues' annual training camp in Zuoz, Switzerland featuring three-a-day training sessions on an outdoor rink completely surrounded by the Alps was formative for developing individual skills, team systems, and deciding line combinations to optimise the players' talent. The team emerged fitter, more cohesive, and supercharged. They bowled through Lent term with back-to-back wins against Warwick and Coventry and shocking London with a tie in their final game before Varsity.

Cambridge finished second in the Division One, South standings, edging out Oxford with the Varsity victory.

Cambridge players were the top three goal scorers in the tournament:

Eric Kroshus (8), Julien Gagnon (5), David Brassard (5). Kroshus also came second in the tournament in assists with 5.



#### 26th – 27th April, Ice Sheffield, Sheffield British University Ice Hockey National Championships – Silver Medal for Cambridge

The Cambridge focus switched to a wider audience as they prepared for the National Championships in Sheffield at the end of April. Cambridge had never won this title and although they were seeded second, the rankings claimed that the Light Blues did not have what it takes to "make any kind of an impression at this competition." Their exemplary year, coupled with the return of last year's superstar Eric Kroshus, made Cambridge quietly confident that they were serious contenders to win.

Cambridge's first game was against Nottingham, champions of the North divisions who were undefeated in league play. The Light Blues earned a commanding 8 – 1 victory thanks to goals from Kroshus (3), Vaclav Beranek (2), Oscar Wilsby (2), and Spencer Brennan.

The Blues then claimed another victory after thumping Edinburgh 6 - 1. Next they faced the previous year's champions, the Southampon Spitfires. An extremely close game was finally decided in favour of Cambridge thanks to a converted penalty shot by Kroshus. Cambridge cruised through the preliminary stage by beating Manchester 12 - 2.

The Light Blues finished as the only undefeated team in the first round and were top of their division. Their sights then shifted to the semi-final against the hometown Sheffield Bears who had beaten Cambridge the year before. Two goals by Simon Rodier secured a spot in the National Championship game following a 4 – 1 semi-final win.

The Blues once again faced Southampton, who had added a few players since their loss the day before. Cambridge put forth an exceptionally gritty effort in their sixth game in two days. The Gold medal game came down right to the last second. Southampton narrowly edged the valiant men in Light Blue with a 3 - 2 victory.

A National Championships Silver medal is the best Cambridge has ever done! Kroshus led the tournament in scoring with 23 points (the next highest had 13), goals (15), and assists (8). Three other Cambridge players also led the country in this category: Julien Gagnon, Vaclav Beranek, and Spencer Brennan.



## **Other News**

The Ice Hockey Blues have enjoyed an historic year. They vied very competitively for the Hawks'Team of the Year, which is a challenge for a smaller Club in a non-traditional British sport. The most exciting off-ice news is the approval of the ice rink to Cambridge. What follows is a report by Professor Bill Harris:

Cambridge could soon have its own ice-rink. David Gattiker, captain of the CUIHC Blues in 1931, bequeathed a substantial sum to the University of Cambridge to build an ice rink for the city. Bill Harris formed Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre (CLIC), a charitable company to expend this and other more recent donations for the creation of what is now known as the Cambridge Ice Arena. With more than its fair share of false starts, today CLIC and its partners have finally received full planning permission for city's first permanent ice hockey venue. More funds are needed to complete the final stage of this epic undertaking. For more information about this project and how you can help support it, go to http:// cambridgeicearena.com/

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The 2015/2016 season will be exciting indeed for Cambridge. Captain and president Jaason Geerts and coach Bill Harris are thrilled to announce that the CUIHC president for the 2015 – 2016 season will be Michal Barabas from Wolfson College. The co-captains of next year's squad will be Julien Gagnon (Trinity) and Spencer Brennan (Trinity Hall). The Light Blues will have the highest number of returning players in recent memory for the coming season, including seven Full Blues. The team will look to retain the Patton Cup and the ever-important Varsity title, while once again seeking pre-eminence at the National Championships.

# Ice Hockey Club (Women's)

## http://www.srcf.ucam.org/~cuwihc @CUIHC

The Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club is one of the oldest in the world, having been founded in 1885, and the rivalry between Cambridge and Oxford is believed to be the world's longest. The women's team was founded much later, with this year's match against Oxford constituting the 32nd annual Varsity between the two teams. We compete in the BUIHA Non-Checking League, playing against male and mixed teams. We also compete in Nationals, a tournament held in Sheffield over Easter. The Varsity Match against Oxford in March is the highlight of our year, with extra training sessions in the weeks leading up to it. The women's team is usually small, and welcomes players of mixed abilities. This year, we had the pleasure of introducing several new players to the sport, and they soon became an integral part of our team





#### Varsity 2014/15

#### 8th March 2015, Peterborough Planet Ice, Peterborough Oxford Women's Blues 25 Cambridge Women's Blues 0

In this year's Varsity Match, the Cambridge women's Blues were facing an Oxford team which had been near-unbeatable in the 1st Division of the BUIHA Non-Checking League. The Light Blues fought valiantly, but it was unfortunately not enough to stop the much more experienced Oxford side.

The Cambridge women's Blues were off to a rough start, as the Dark Blues kept mounting attacks at high speed. It proved hard for the Light Blues to keep up, and the first period ended with Oxford having scored a disheartening 14 goals.

Far be it from Cambridge to give up, however! The team's performance improved steadily throughout the second period, as our side started adapting to Oxford's style of play. This was reflected in the score, with Cambridge having conceded 7 goals by the end of the period, only half as many as the period before.

Cambridge's improvement continued until the end of the match, with Oxford scoring only 4 goals in the last period.

Though the end result was not what the Light Blues had hoped for, the exponential decrease in the number of goals conceded each period showed that our side was able to pick itself up and fight back in spite of strong opposition. If Cambridge can hold on to this fighting spirit for next year's Varsity while learning to keep up with Oxford from start, the Light Blues might have brighter days ahead.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

The Cambridge women's Blues greatly improved our team play during the season, and gave many of our opposing teams a hard fight. Unfortunately, the team had a tendency to concede more goals towards the end of each match, leading to a series of losses. Even so, our opponents soon learnt to fear the shots of Jennifer Klinck, who along with Christina Schweitzer and Anna Martin-Kelly led our attacks. Similarly, Karen Yu stood her ground in defence, with our goalie Kerry Mackereth making many spectacular saves.

Nationals was an intense, hockey-filled weekend. The team greatly benefited from getting to watch and play so much hockey, though this was unfortunately not reflected in the results.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

For the coming season, the Light Blues are aiming to keep up our fighting spirit and team solidarity while working on our skills, so that we can match Oxford on their home rink in March.



# Judo Club

# https://cujc.soc.srcf.net

Founded in 1906, the Cambridge University Judo Club welcomes students and city players alike to train and compete under our banner. We have a vibrant and diverse club, with about 40 members, men and women, ranging from beginners and social members to nationally ranked judokas. In addition, we have strong ties with the Marburg and Helsinki judo clubs, in Germany and Finland respectively. This allows us to organise regular visits in order to train (and socialise!) with them. We regularly enter competitions, sending individuals to area championships, BUCS and the London Universities Open, and teams into the Sheffield Teams' competition and (of course) Varsity. The smaller competitions are an occasion to test strategies for the high grades and to discover competitive fighting for our beginners. Throughout the year, we also train with and invite other clubs, to meet and fight other judoka in a friendly atmosphere. Socials are part of the club life, inspiring a great team spirit.

## Varsity 2014/15

28th February 2015, North Cambridge Academy Sports Hall, Cambridge Men's A Cambridge 3 - Oxford 4 Men's B Cambridge 6 - Oxford 1 Women's Cambridge 4 - Oxford 1 City Cambridge 4 - Oxford 4

This is the third Varsity that I've attended, but I'm never quite prepared for the level of stress that can be experienced in less than two hours. Nail biting doesn't quite cut it, the competition is indeed heart stopping, and I'm sure many an Oxbridge judoka has wondered if they would have a heart attack during the game.

It started out easily enough, as it always does, with the City team taking the lead. From there, things went progressively downhill, picking up speed during the roller coaster that is the annual Varsity Match. Many have wondered what may happen if Oxford



and Cambridge each won four matches out of a team of eight and this was tested this year when at the end of eight matches, the score stood at 4-all. Down to the wire, the Judges were forced to count the points, with the difference between a shido and a waza-ari securing the win for Cambridge.

With one down and three matches remaining, the women's team next took to the mats, with Oxford one player down, it looked good for the women's team, and they pulled away with a clear 4 - 1 win for Cambridge. The men's B team followed closely, and included a stunning display of skills from lower graded judoka home grown by CUJC; they finally came away with a 6 - 1 win

Finally, the men's A team was up. The most closely contested and final competition, tension in the air was palpable as the team from Cambridge faced a physically larger team. Six fights later, the score was still a very close draw, with each side rallying behind their team. Alas, the final fight went to Oxford. But with the level of skill and determination showed by both teams, losing was no shame, especially considering the fact that the fight has been closer and closer each year. This year, we came within a hair's breadth of the trophy with a 4 - 3 win to Oxford.



With Cambridge coming away with the City, women's and men's B trophies for the third year running and Oxford taking the men's A trophy, the formalities were dispatched with. Both teams headed for the annual Varsity dinner and post-dinner social. The consumption of good food and drink ensued, along with the swapping of stories, solidification of friendships and the solid win by Cambridge of the Boat Race.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

#### London University Open, 23rd November 2014, Sport Dock, University of East London

Five players participated in this high level student competition and we came back with a Gold, a Silver and a Bronze medal! A very well spent day!

#### BUCS, 21st – 22nd February 2015, All Saint Sport Centre, Sheffield

We entered eight individuals in the Dan Grades Categories and two teams. After many tough and tight fights, three of us progressed to the knock-out phase, and Suvi managed to get a Silver medal. On the second day, the team competition was extremely successful as both the men and the women won a Silver medal. The men's team was certainly the lightest team in the event, adding more challenge to this very tough competition. A year to be remembered!

#### **Other News**

#### Exchange to Marburg, Germany

A delegation of Cambridge students were invited by Marburg University Judo Club, for a week of Judo and fun. In the heart of the German summer, rugby training, waterskiing and cycle rides were complementing the daily judo sessions and inevitable socialising in an international and friendly atmosphere.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The club looks forward to continue developing the growing body of talent that has fuelled our success this year. We have had several beginners of the year starting their competition carrier and players grading from 1st Kyu to Dan grade (Black Belt). With all this, we expect an excellent year 2015/16 on the competitive level. We also plan to visit Helsinki at the end of Summer 2016 where Cambridge players will have a chance to train with both Germans and Fins to broaden their experience. Other sporting activities and socials are also planned to make it a great week to kick off the next year!



# Karate Club

## www.cukc.org/

The Cambridge University Karate Club is coming up to its 40th anniversary next year and is ever growing and improving. CUKC has a long and distinguished record at regional, national and international competitions. The club is always keen to welcome new people to CUKC, and the squad typically contains members from a wide variety of styles, training backgrounds, and levels of experience - from people who have only been doing karate for 6 months right through to several members of the England Team who have won medals in the European Championships. CUKC also enjoys an active social life - post training pub trips, termly socials, punting and barbecues. The highlight of our social calendar is our Annual Dinner, which is a black tie dinner with entertainment and speeches. Whether you intend to pick up a martial art for self-defence, compete at a high level for sport, or simply enjoy the company an active and friendly bunch of people who know how to have a good time, CUKC is the club for you!





## Varsity 2014/15

8th February 2015, Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge Men's A 74 Oxford Men's A 28 Cambridge Women's A 58 Oxford Women's A 44 Cambridge Mixed B 72 Oxford Mixed B 30

Male fighters: Scott Ang, Jonathan Sinclair-Williams, Ronald Prokes, Karol Fiedorczuk, Shinshiro Shinozaki, Daniel Malz, Quang Ha

Female fighters: Amy Oliver, Amy Hall, Elisabeth Kerr, Kate Erin, Justina Ogunseitan

On Sunday, 8th February, Cambridge and Oxford clashed again in our annual Varsity Match. After coming close to taking the title from us last year, the Oxford Karate team was more determined than ever to put an end to our record-breaking winning streak. Unfortunately for them, CUKC had other plans.

The men's A team and mixed B team pulled far ahead in the first event of the day - the Individual Kata. The women's A team had a much tougher fight, and just managed to hold on to a narrow 2 point margin by the end of the event. In the second part of the competition, the Team Kata event, all 3 teams from Cambridge outdid themselves, resulting in a clean sweep. The victories propelled the men's A team and mixed B team beyond Oxford's reach, and gave the women's A team some breathing room. Despite the wide gap, all teams continued to fight hard in the final event of the day, which was team Kumite. The men's A team and mixed B team won most of the matches convincingly. The women's A team had a nail-bitingly close fight with the Oxford team that resulted in a draw. Yet, the points earned in the Kata events earlier that day helped ensure that they still stayed ahead of the competition.



In a magnificent 5 – 0 victory, CUKC took all the contested trophies including the overall Enoeda Cup, with particularly wide margins in the men's A and mixed B teams. After losing the women's A team trophy to Oxford last year, we are especially proud to have returned it to Cambridge where it belongs.

#### **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

#### **BUCS**

21st - 22nd February 2015, Ponds Forge Sports Centre, Sheffield

#### Medalists

#### Amy Oliver – Women's Novice Under 63kg Kumite Bronze Karol Fiedorczuk – Men's Intermediate Kata Bronze

BUCS was a very tough competition this year with the highest standards and best competitors from across the country. This meant we only left with two members from Cambridge medaling, vet our other members still worked extremely hard. Karol Fiedorczuk, Scott Ang Yigiang, and Jonathan Sinclair-Williams fought through several rounds of Kumite but couldn't guite make the Bronze in the fighting section. Justina Ogunseitan was also unfortunate to be placed against one of the finalists in an early match meaning she did not make it far, whilst Amy Oliver was lucky enough to go on to the medals. In terms of the Kata component, the other competitors were practiced to perfection. Scott narrowly missed out on the medal, whilst Karol performed some amazing display of Kata to finish with a Bronze.

#### KUGB National Championships 2nd May 2015, Barclays Arena, Birmingham

Medalists Ronald Prokes - Team Kata Silver Scott Ang Yiqiang - Team Kata Silver Jonathan Sinclair-Williams - Team Kata Silver, Team Kumite Gold Paul Smith - Team Kumite Gold Francisco Martinez- Team Kumite Gold Herve Vandekerckhove - Team Kumite Gold

This year at the National Championships proved to be one of the most successful years we have had in the history of the club. The day began with much disappointment as one by one all of our competitors were knocked out of the individual matches. This meant our only chance of medaling was through the team events. First was the Team Kata consisting of Jonathan, Scott, and Ronald, the trio already having beaten Oxford at Varsity, and winning the trophy at the Regional Championships. This meant they went in with high chances, but the opponents were far tougher, they had to put everything in to make it to the final. Once in the final they had thousands watching in the audience, and judges at every corner watching for the slightest mistake. They were delighted to as the results came in that they had achieved Silver medals! The Team Kumite had not had an easy day either, but fought through and secured their place in the final. The team consisted of Francisco, Herve, Paul and Jonathan, and the opposition in the final had won the title for the last five years. After a tense, grueling final, Paul delivered the final punch that won the competition for Cambridge! The first time the club had won in its history!

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The upcoming year being the 40th anniversary is planned to be a big year for the club, especially the Varsity Match. We are currently beating Oxford on a nine win streak meaning we have high ambitions to take that streak into double figures. We may also try and get the club to head to Japan to face Kao University after they came to the UK several years ago.

# Korfball Club

## http://korfball.soc.srcf.net/ @CamUniKorfball

Cambridge University Korfball Club (CUKC) is an active, friendly club that welcomes players of all levels, from experienced players to complete beginners. Korfball is a mixed sport with four women and four men on each team. It is an exciting and fast-paced game where the aim is to score goals through a hoop 3.5m in the air. CUKC competes and consistently performs well in the local league and BUCS national tournaments. We also play in the annual Varsity Match against Oxford. There is plenty of game time for everyone during the year as we enter two teams in the local league and BUCS tournaments.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 21st February 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge 1sts 19 Oxford 1sts 11 Cambridge 2nds 8 Oxford 2nds 6 Cambridge Alumni 11 Oxford Alumni 18

History was made at Varsity this year as both the 1st and 2nd Cambridge teams won in the same year for the first time.

The 2nd team Match was a low-scoring, tight affair. The early stages saw the lead switch a few times before Oxford managed to open up a 5 - 3 lead at half time. Cambridge had a much stronger second half though and scored five in a row before Oxford pulled one back in the last minute. It was a strong team performance from the 2nd team and goals were shared evenly.

Unfortunately, Oxford brought a very strong alumni team this year and took the victory. It was a fun Match, played in good spirits and enjoyed by all.



The 1st team Match started in a similar way to the 2nds Match, with Oxford taking early 1 - 0 and 2 - 1 leads. Two free passes scored by Ollie Bell, and some long shots from Sue White enabled Cambridge to open up a 5 - 2 lead. Further goals from Ollie Bell, Dan Crenol and Hajime Shinohara meant half time arrived with Cambridge leading 11 - 5. Second half goals from Adam Mason, Hajime Shinohara, Ollie Bell and Sue White ensured that Oxford never made up the six-goal deficit and Cambridge were able to secure a strong 19 - 11 victory. Goals were as follows: Ollie Bell (10), Sue White (4), Hajime Shinohara (2), Adam Mason (2) and Dan Crenol (1).

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

Korfball BUCS is run as a three-stage tournament. The first stage (preliminaries) was hosted by Cambridge in November and consisted of the Cambridge 1sts, Cambridge 2nds, Bedford and De Montfort competing for seeding in the regional stage. The Cambridge 1sts won the tournament, but the Cambridge 2nds unfortunately came 4th and were therefore placed in a tough group at regionals.

The South-East regional tournament was hosted in January by Kent. The 1st and 2nd teams competed in different groups of 4 teams, with the Cambridge 1sts winning their group. This involved a tough match against UEA 2 that saw a UEA player receive a yellow card for violent conduct. In the knock-out stage the Cambridge 1sts played the Cambridge 2nds for a place at Nationals. The Cambridge 1sts came out on top and competed against Bedford in the regional semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost on a penalty shoot-out and therefore qualified for the national tournament in 3rd from the South-East.

## Ollie Bell

1st team captain Ollie Bell continues to compete at national and international level. In the Cambridge league he finished the season as the second highest scorer, averaging over 4 goals a game. In the Varsity Match, his 10 goals almost equaled the 11 scored by the entire Oxford team. He also plays for Nomads Korfball Club in the national league, helping them to finish 6th in the country in the season just finished.

At international level, he captained the England U19 team to 5th place at the Korfball U19 World Cup in 2014. This year he has competed for the England U23 team in the International KNKV Challenge where they finished 3rd. He also represented the Great Britain Student Korfball team in the recently held University Korfball World Cup. Ollie hopes to continue playing korfball and eventually play for the England 1st team.



The National tournament was hosted by UEA in March. It started off with an 11 - 3 loss to a very good Southampton team (eventual winners) but improved with a 12 - 11 win against Sheffield Hallam with a last minute winning goal by Dan Crenol. This meant the winner between Cambridge and Edinburgh would qualify for the top 8 tournament. It was a very close match but we triumphed to reach the guarterfinals where we played UEA 1sts, favourites for the tournament. We played a very strong match and were leading by 1 at half time, but unfortunately lost 18 - 14. Revenge against Bedford then saw us play Brighton for 5th place. Their two England players were just enough to make the difference, leading them to a 13 - 12 win. This meant we finished overall as the 6th best team in the country.

The 1st team came 3rd in the local Cambridge league and had three of the top five goal scorers. The 2nd team came 4th in the division below, with some strong wins and performances helping to develop promising players for the future.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

As always, a few players are graduating but the core of the team will remain similar for next year. We hope to recruit new korfballers to join the club, be that experienced players or people that have never played korfball before. This should hopefully help both 1st and 2nd teams compete well in the local league and BUCS. We hope to continue our Varsity success, although an away match at an Oxford team hoping for revenge means we will have to play well! Our aim for BUCS is to qualify for nationals and achieve a similar position to this year. We also hope to enter the 2nd team for the national shield or trophy competitions too. The club has had a great committee this year and we hope the incoming committee continues the success, both in results and in enjoyment.

# Lacrosse Club (Men's)

## http://cambridgelacrosse.com/ @CamLacrosse

Cambridge University Lacrosse Club is the oldest University Lacrosse Club in the country, and historically one of the most successful in the country as well. Despite recent Varsity struggles, the club is on the up, and will, for the first time in a number of years, be entering a 2nd team into the South East Men's Lacrosse Association leagues. Alongside that, we continue to enter a team into the BUCS leagues, and after earning promotion last year, will be competing in the Midlands 1B league for the upcoming season. The club has approximately 40-50 players who get involved throughout the year, a mix of students and non-students, to whom the club is always open to.

## Varsity 2014/15

#### 7th March 2015, St John's College Sports Pitch, Cambridge Cambridge Blues 11 Oxford Blues 15 Cambridge Eagles 11 Oxford Iroquois 11

This year's 99th Lacrosse Varsity was a day full of tension, drama, and entertaining, competitive lacrosse. The 2nd team, Cambridge Eagle (a team made up of all club players not eligible or not selected for the Blues squad), were first on, and were unlucky to be trailing throughout the match. The gap of 5 goals had been built up in the first quarter, and until the last 5 minutes looked to be held for the remainder of the match. However, with minutes remaining in the final quarter, the most unlikely of comebacks was on, and 5 quick goals made the score 11 - 11. With no time left on the clock, and not enough time between matches to play a decisive overtime, the match had to be called a draw, however given the circumstances it felt like a win.



The Blues took the field soon after, looking to push on and do one better than the Eagles. The Match was the tightest it's been in recent history, with the teams level at the 1st and 3rd quarter intervals. In the end it was much the same story as the previous year, when hard work through the first 3 quarters of the match was undone by some exceptional play in the final quarter from what was, on paper, a much better Oxford line up, making the most of any small mistake by Cambridge. It finished 15 - 11, which seemed a harsh score-line given the effort and commitment with which the Cambridge team approached the game, and we will certainly be out for revenge next year.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

BUCS this year for Cambridge men's Lacrosse was more of a formality than a competition. Winning all 10 matches throughout the year, with a goal difference by the end of +152, it's hard to describe this year as anything other than a clean sweep. Hopefully a promotion and some better teams will make next year more competitive, but no less successful for CULC. SEMLA (South East Men's Lacrosse Association) was a similar story, if not quite as impressive. Winning 15 of 18 games, with a net goal difference of +175 showed more domination this year for our team, the only negative to take was that the only 2 losses incurred were against Oxford, whom we will be promoted alongside. All in all a very successful season, with the exception of the matches against Oxford, which will be the one aim for next season to put right.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

2015/16 is the year of the 100th Lacrosse Varsity, which will be an exciting match for everyone involved in the club. It will be held in Oxford, and we are hoping to see a fantastic Cambridge support travelling to Oxford for the day to cheer us on in such a historic match.

In the regular leagues, we are entering a second team in the SEMLA leagues, and look forward to seeing the club grow and expand as the interest in men's Lacrosse in the UK rockets, and look forward to seeing how well the club can perform on all fronts next year.



# Lacrosse Club (Women's)

## http://cuwlc.com/ @CUWLC

The Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club (CUWLC) was founded in 1912 and is one of the most successful female sports clubs at the University. The club enters 2 teams into the BUCS Leagues (British Universities and Colleges Sport): the Blues play in the Southern Premiership, whilst the Kingfishers play in the Midlands 1A League.

In 2015, the Blues and Kingfishers both topped the South Premiership, as well finishing in 3rd place in the National Championships.

In 2014, the Blues topped the South Premiership and won the National Championships with a victory over Durham on BUCS Big Wednesday. The Kingfishers made it to the finals of the BUCS knockout tournament in 2014 where were awarded with Silver medals after narrowly losing to Durham.

The squad consists of approximately 40 players, a number of whom also compete at the international and territorial levels. CUWLC looks to strengthen its squad annually and continues to work from and build upon past achievements and to honour its prestigious status as a Cambridge Full Blue sport.

## Varsity 2014/15

#### 7th March 2015, St John's Playing Fields, Cambridge Cambridge Blues 15 - Oxford Blues 5 Cambridge Kingfishers 7 - Oxford Swifts 8

#### Blues:

From the very beginning Cambridge demonstrated composure, and refused to force passes which were not on. We retained possession for the initial few minutes before scoring the first goal. The home crowd were treated to a masterclass in attacking play thanks to Morrill, Plevdell-Bouverie, and Moss, who were all returning Blues. Our Freshers all deserve a mention for their stellar performances in their first Varsity: Birch, Crawford, and Abbott, who made her mark with a goal. Lehovsky worked tirelessly, scoring two goals in attack and being just as present in defence. Our defensive unit was calm and collected. making it almost impossible for Oxford to break through. On the rare occasion that they did, they still had to beat our goalie Midgen. The score of 9 - 3 at half-time proves how difficult that is to do.

After the break the biggest challenge was to not lose focus. After some more exceptional goals from Morrill, as well as from Villar, Cambridge were running away with the lead. Duck and Hirst ensured that the opposition would never make a comeback, marking out their better players and transitioning the ball beautifully in midfield. The whole team stepped up to the occasion, including those Kingfishers who had made the transition to the Blues this year: Ritchie, Ronald, Everden, Wilson, and Villar. Everyone contributed to the final score of 15-5. Morrill, our top goal scorer, was awarded Player of the Match by the Umpires, and Oxford gave their award to Pleydell-Bouverie. The team would like to thank Storm Trentham for her coaching and support on the day, as well as the Umpires and Ground-staff for making the fixture the success that it was. Hirst and Duck also deserve special congratulations for organising the day.

#### Kingfishers:

Despite the outcome being far from what we wanted, the Cambridge Kingfishers put on an exceptional fight. The Light Blues opened with force, with goals from Dunn, Delacave, and several of the Freshers who joined the team this year. A fantastic defensive unit, led by Evans, Gillespie and Clark meant that it was almost impossible for Oxford to get in the game for the first ten minutes. By half time, the Light Blues had a considerable lead. However, due to a combination of an unfortunate sending off, and a few minutes of scrappy play, Oxford managed to build up the momentum. Despite excellent saves from Coales, who was formidable all day, the team lost by just one goal. The team was fantastic all season, and deserved a better outcome. This will only have fueled their efforts for next season

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

In the 2014/15 season, both the Blues and the Kingfishers topped their leagues, and reached the semi-finals of the BUCS knockout competition.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

With two new captains, returning Blues Katie Lehovsky and Eleanor Duck, the club is looking to reach even higher feats. The aim is to outdo our performance this season: a double Varsity win; a double league win; and double BUCS finalists.

Whilst we understand that this is a tall order, we truly believe we have the talent, motivation and club morale to get there, and are excited for our new joiners this season.

# Lawn Tennis Club

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

Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club (CULTC) is one of the oldest lawn tennis clubs in the world, founded in 1881, seven years before the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). The club primarily, but not exclusively, caters for serious undergraduate tennis players who will represent the University in the men's and women's teams.

Up to the Second World War, after which lawn tennis became less of an amateur pursuit, Cambridge Blues won no less than 28 Wimbledon Championships in singles and doubles. H. W. W. Wilberforce was President, and then the first Chairman, of the All England Club. Cambridge Blues have included such famous names as H. L. Doherty and R. F. Doherty, Anthony Wilding, C. R. D. Tuckey, H. W. ('Bunny') Austin who, with Tuckey, helped Fred Perry to win the Davis Cup for Great Britain for four successive years from 1933 to 1936. More recently, Mark Cox was in the British team which reached the final of the Davis Cup against the USA in 1978.

There are approximately 100 members of the club each year with two men's and women's teams competing in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS), the Tennis Leagues and Cups.

## Varsity 2014/15

5th - 6th July 2015, Moor Park Golf Club, Rickmansworth Cambridge Men's Blues 8 – 13 Oxford Men's Blues Cambridge Women's Blues 8 – 13 Oxford Women's Blues

Cambridge went down fighting 8 - 13 against Oxford in both the men's and women's tennis Varsity Matches at Moor Park. This year's defeat brought an end to the men's team's 9-year winning streak.

The tennis Varsity Match was moved from the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton to Moor Park this year due the Wimbledon Championships being held a week later relative to previous years. The Match was also shortened from a 3-day event to a 2-day event.

In the first day of the men's event, the Light Blues got off to a slow start. In the first round of six singles rubbers, Neil Cordon and Michael Pedersen recorded impressive victories. Unfortunately, Cambridge lost the other 4 singles rubbers to trail 2 - 4 overall. Heading into the two rounds of doubles after lunch, the Cambridge men knew they needed to fight back quickly to keep the tie close. However, the Oxford doubles pairs played well in key moments to claim 5 from 6 rubbers, with only Cambridge captain Tim Prossor and Vasya Kusmartsev recording a win.

Entering the second day 3 - 9 down, Cambridge were determined to reassert themselves. Cordon, Gerald Wu, Alex Cole and Pedersen all recorded solid wins to put the pressure back on Oxford. However, Prossor and Jerry Ganendra lost tight 3-set matches, meaning Cambridge came up short in their fight back. Oxford amassed an unassailable 11 - 7 lead to win the men's Varsity Match. In the last round of dead doubles rubbers, Cordon and Ganendra recorded the only victory to bring the final score to 13 - 8 in Oxford's favour. In the first round of singles rubbers of the women's Varsity Match, Sophie Morrill, Kadi Liis Saar and Monika Kondratowicz recorded victories to leave the overall score tied at 3 - 3. After lunch, the Cambridge pairs of Morrill-Liis Saar and Kondratowicz-Tanya Li recorded wins in the doubles rubbers. At the end of the first day, Cambridge and Oxford were still tied at 6 - 6, reflecting the tense and close rubbers played throughout.

On the second day, hard-fought singles victories by Morrill and Li kept the overall tie alive entering the last round of doubles rubbers with the score at 10 - 8 in Oxford's favour. The Cambridge women faced a tall order of needing to win all 3 doubles rubbers to win the Varsity Match. This proved to be one step too far, as Cambridge lost all 3 doubles rubbers. Oxford thus triumphed 13 - 8 overall.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

Cambridge fielded two men's and two women's teams in the BUCS league this year. The men's 1st team were aiming for promotion from the Midlands 1A division to the Premier South division after coming up short in promotion play-offs in the previous two years. The Light Blues comfortably saw off opposition from the Nottingham 1sts and Loughborough 2nds to finish top of the division. With the restructuring of the BUCS league, topping the division meant the Cambridge men were automatically promoted to the Premier South division.

The Cambridge women were up against very stiff competition in the Premier South division, facing the likes of Bath and Exeter. Although the Light Blues only recorded a lone victory, most matches were hard fought and competitive. The team will look to regroup for its BUCS campaign next year.

The Cambridge men's and women's 2nd teams fought hard throughout the year to both finish a commendable 3rd in the Midlands 2B men's and women's divisions this year. Both teams will look to gain promotion next year.

#### **Other News**

Cambridge secured a kit sponsorship deal with PlayBrave, whose business partners include The Queen's Club, St. George's Hill, Stoke Park and The Hurlingham Club.

#### Looking forward to 2015/16

The lawn tennis club will look to regain both men's and women's Varsity Match titles following this year's defeats. In the BUCS leagues, both men's and women's teams will aim to compete well in their respective divisions, in particular the men's team, who will be in a tougher Premier South division. Furthermore, the club will aim to organise more friendly matches with quality opposition in the form of clubs, counties and schools.

The club will look to expand its membership base and offer more attractive packages for members who do not wish to pursue competitive tennis.

# Lightweight Rowing Club

#### www.culrc.org @culrc

Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club (CULRC) is the University Rowing club for lightweight male oarsmen at the University of Cambridge. We were founded in 1974 for the sole purpose of winning the Lightweight Boat Race against Oxford. We also do several other races including BUCS and Head of the River. Our squad typically has 30 oarsmen in September. From these the 8 rowers and cox for the Boat Race are selected.





# Varsity 2014/15

#### 5th April 2015, River Thames, Henley-on-Thames Cambridge beat Oxford by 4 feet. Time: 5min 55sec

On race day, it was with quiet confidence that we boated after a brief pre-race chat from Dan and Bomber. The day was fairly still but overcast despite some strong winds and chop in the week leading up. The warm up was solid, our final burst through the bridge by Leander took us onto the start line alongside a waiting Oxford.

"Hold the run Cambridge" Al called down the boat. He manoeuvred us onto the stakeboat.. "Cambridge!" called the umpire, "Oxford!" "ATTENTION!" I locked my blade back in the gate. "GO!"

Our start was messy and not nearly as good as we'd executed previously. Oxford were cleaner and made early ground in the first thirty seconds. But we gathered speed, the rate 40 as we pushed through the minute mark. This stood us well and we stopped them moving away, taking back distance and moving three seats ahead. Al called for us to close the door, deciding the verdict early in the race, and we squeezed on past Remenham Club, extending the lead to half a length.

As we went past the halfway mark, striking an assertive 37, we had six seats, but Oxford mounted a determined push to hold us there. Both crews were warned by the umpire to steer away, with Raffa at 7 getting dangerously close to clashing with the Oxford 2 man. Al responded but continued to take a dominant line down the course, keeping us in the stream. We were warned again, and moved out as we rounded the corner and came onto the final straight.



With 400m to go we had been riding the red line for several minutes, and Oxford mounted a push and took back two seats. Again the crews got too close however, and both were warned to move out multiple times. Oxford kept pushing hard and were one third of a length down as we came into the last hundred metres, with barely a foot between the blade arcs. In our boat we were emptying the tank, but our aggressive frontloaded race was taking its toll and Oxford continued to move, the remaining gap quickly closing. Blades clashed hard on one stroke, then the next.

The finish sounded from the bank as both crews crossed the line, and there was silence. Both crews looked to the umpire for the verdict – no one was sure. A few seconds passed. But the final verdict was a 4 foot victory to Cambridge!

The race this year had little distance in it - it is satisfying to know that every session, every man, and every stroke counted this season. Congratulations to this year's crew, and good luck for 2016!

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

We came 46th at Head of the River out of about 400 crews. It was a good result but the crew felt it had not risen to the challenge – it was thus an excellent wake up call for the boat race the week after and helped set the tone of the final week of training.

#### **Other News**

The new Ely Boat House project is going well, thanks to the invaluable support of our alumni and supporters. We look forward to using this state-ofthe-art home.

### Looking forward to 2015/16

Blue Boat members from the 2014 and 2015 winning crews will be racing in China this summer.

We will be racing at British Rowing Champs in October, Fairbairns in December and after a camp in Spain, against various clubs in the UK.

# Modern Pentathlon Club

## www.srcf.ucam.org/cumpc/index.php @CUMPC

CUMPC is a small University club, which aims to beat Oxford at our annual, and very competitive, Varsity Match each April. For the Varsity Match we have a men's and ladies' Blues team of six individuals. along with separate men's and ladies' Reserve teams consisting of three athletes. In all other competitions, however, we field as many people as desire to take part. We compete in BUCS each March at which we also aim to do well. Our goal is to maintain a high standard of competition and keep up Cambridge's reputation in modern pentathlon across competitions on a national and even international level. The club has been in existence for over 60 years and in that time has built a great reputation. Recently in the men's competition Oxford won a record streak of 17 Varsity Matches. However over the last six years the performance of the men's team has dramatically improved, culminating in an impressive win at last year's Varsity Match. Whilst there were narrow losses in both the men's and ladies' Varsity Matches this year, we hope to turn the tables as we go into the 2015/16 season.



# Varsity 2014/15

#### 3rd - 4th April 2015, Bradfield School, Bradfield Men's Blues: Cambridge 26,132 - Oxford 28,328 Ladies' Blues Cambridge 20,080 - Oxford 21,716 Men's Reserves: Cambridge lost Ladies' Reserves: Cambridge lost

The Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match 2015 was held over 2 days at the beginning of April in the idyllic location of Bradfield School near Reading. The full team consists of 6 athletes competing a full Pentathlon (fence, swim, ride, shoot, run), whilst there is a Reserves team of three, who complete a Modern Triathlon (swim, shoot, run).

The Cambridge men started the Varsity Match inauspiciously in the fence, losing the phase by 17 hits in an unlucky series of bouts. President Archie Myrtle came joint first with two Oxford fencers on 14 hits out of 22. The swim was known to be Oxford's stronger discipline, which they won by 848 points, extending their lead on the Friday evening. Brad Dixon came first in a season's best time of 2.01 for the 200m. The ride on the Saturday morning proved to be even more unpredictable than usual, with some spirited horses, and inexperienced and experienced riders alike struggled to navigate the tight course. Despite this both Captain James Alexander and Archie Myrtle managed to get round with just two jumping faults, ending on 1160 points. Oxford however further extended their lead to over 2000 points, which meant overall victory was virtually out of Cambridge's grasp. The last event of the competition was the combined event, which consists of shooting 5 knockdown targets in a time of 70 seconds (or less) 3 times, with each shoot followed by a 1k run. Paul Hodgson won this event in a time of 12.30, followed by Archie in 3rd position in a time of 12.51. Overall Paul was able to gain Varsity individual champion with 5,256 points, an incredible achievement for an athlete who only recently competed in their first full pentathlon. Archie came 4th on 5,088 points.



In the ladies' fence Oxford took a small lead, but Cambridge stalwart and finalist Henny Dillon won the event, with a total of 17/22 hits, and ladies' Captain Alice Watson came third with 14 hits. In the swimming phase, there were a plethora of Cambridge PBs and Henny continued her 5 year supremacy in the swim, winning the 200m event in a time of 2 minutes 10 seconds. Overall, the ladies beat Oxford by 432 points, taking them into the lead overnight by a margin of 76 points. The ladies fell foul of the ride event this year, with only Ali Simon and Hannah Clifford managing to get round. Alice was unlucky to fall off and break her wrist leading to reserve Ellie Stirk taking her place for the combined event. Ali won the shooting phase, breaking her own record for the third time in a row, shooting down the 15 targets in a time of 1.54 with a near 100% hit record. Hannah came second in a fantastic time of 14.30, but Oxford won the event to extend their lead. Overall the title went to the Oxford ladies by a narrow margin, but individually Henny, Ali and Hannah all achieved Half Blue scores. Ali placed 3rd individually, was Cambridge's top athlete, and won the ladies' Skills Trophy for the fence, ride and shoot. Henny retained her trophies from the fence and the swim. and Ali for the shoot.

The men's and ladies' reserves both lost, but there were some admirable performances in both teams.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

#### 13th - 14th March 2015, Oxford University Sports Club, Oxford Cambridge Mixed Team: 1st place, 13,794 points

CUMPC experienced their greatest result in BUCS this year. For the first time (perhaps ever) the team of James Alexander, Archie Myrtle and Paul Hodgson won the Gold medal, beating Oxford to second place. Overall James Alexander came 3rd, Archie Myrtle came 4th and Paul Hodgson came 5th out of a field of 21 athletes. James was 3rd in the fence with 14 hits, while Archie was 3rd in the combined event in a time of 14.47. In the individual women's competition, Cambridge's Alice Watson came 6th in the 36 strong field, and placed 3rd in the fence with 27 hits.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

For the 2015/16 season we are aiming to reverse the defeat to Oxford at this year's Varsity Match. We also aim to maintain a high level of standard nationally, retaining our BUCS Gold medal. We aim to continue competing in more national competitions.



# Netball Club

#### www.culnc.org @culnc

CULNC has an exciting season ahead of it. Last year's success and resulting league promotion has resulted in the Blues and Jays facing much tougher opposition. We are looking forward to the challenge of competing in the BUCS Midlands 1&2 league. Our aim is to consolidate this success and finish the season in the top half of the table.

To help sustain our winning momentum CULNC is pleased to be working with a new coach, Helen Stepney. We hope to stretch our existing and new talent with fresh training plans and develop our squad for stronger on court partnerships.

Juggling the demanding Cambridge workload alongside the commitment to a University team can be challenging but the lack of time does not stop us. With our regular social events we are a club with a great team bond. CULNC is looking forward to continuing this throughout the next season; we just can't get enough of one another! So with our new coach and additional strength training CULNC aims to be even bigger, better, stronger and injury free – that's the plan anyway!

CULNC will continue with last year's new third team, the Swallows, competing in the Varsity Match. We head to Oxford this year for our Varsity Match; after a triple home win last year we will be working even harder with the aim to return home with another clean sweep. Last year was an unprecedented season with the double promotion and triple Varsity win, so we now have our work cut out to prove what we are capable of again this year. We look forward to the challenge this season will bring us.

## Varsity 2014/15

1st March 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Cambridge 1sts (Blues) 25 - Oxford 1sts (Blues) 17 Cambridge 2nds (Jays) 54 - Oxford 2nds (Roos) 20 Cambridge 3rds (Swallows) 30 - Oxford 3rds (Emus) 19

From the beginning this netball Varsity Match was a historic moment. It marked not only the christening of the new Sports Centre but also the introduction of a 3rd team into Varsity. Despite the early start of the 3rd team Match large crowds were beginning to gather. Despite only having formed in January with a handful of training sessions under their belt, the Cambridge 3rd team were not letting Oxford get too far away in the first guarter. Tight defensive pressure of Clare Stewart and Lucy Gumbiti-Zimuto meant Oxford were having to work hard to take a narrow lead in the first quarter. The tension carried on throughout the second quarter with Oxford and Cambridge frequently taking the lead off one another. Excellent decisions by the coach and ex-CULNC player Tamara Slater saw the Swallows fly away with the lead in the third guarter. Excellent centre court play by Kate Garnett saw the ball travel nicely down court and the attack, Amy Moll and Tara Phillips, were putting the ball away. In the third guarter the team had settled into a comfortable lead which saw them take a huge victory of 30 - 19. Player of the Match for Cambridge was awarded to Lucy Gumbiti-Zimuto. The 'Varsity magic' really came into play as the Swallows of 5 weeks convincingly beat an Oxford team which had played together for a year. What a victory!



The Jays (Cambridge 2nds) were confident going into their Varsity Match having beaten Oxford away in their BUCS league 58 - 26. The Oxford team also forfeited their BUCS match earlier that week, giving the Javs even more confidence. From the outset they were slick, outplaying and outclassing Oxford's level of netball. The defensive trio of Kate Garden, Charlotte Salisbury and Zoe Sciver insured Oxford's minimal scoring. The shooting duo of Emily Elliott and Maddy Eno were also flawless, reflecting the very strong level of attacking ability in the club. Strong centre court performances from Rebecca Haggie, Charlie Peacock and Everest Marshall ensured different styles of play that kept Oxford guessing. A flawless performance from Catrin Bush, new to CULNC, saw her receive player of the match. There was no question with this Varsity Match that the Jays absolutely dominated, with the Oxford Roos never even reaching half their points.

The pressure was then on for the Blues. Cambridge having already won two Varsity Matches which had happened in recent history meant nerves were high in the Blues squad. They started strong with Laura Spence dominating the overheads in defence. The attackers were also working hard with Elizabeth Bell and Frances Lee-Barber fighting hard against a very aggressive defence. Despite the very high contact nature of the play, the Cambridge Blues and Oxford Blues were playing a close Match. As the Match progressed, the Light Blues pulled away with every single member of the ten-person squad working hard and playing well, with the substitutes in the third guarter only coming on to increase the lead. The Oxford defender's aggression seemed to get the best of them, and after several warnings the Oxford Goal Keeper was taken off in the last few minutes of the Match. Cambridge were undeterred and they took a comfortable victory of 25 - 17. Player of the Match went to Laura Spence for her fantastic defensive play and interceptions

All in all, this was a historic day for Cambridge as they took the first ever triple Varsity win. Not only this, the Cambridge Blues had not won since 2006 and the Jays also had not won in recent history. The successful Varsity Matches were not only a pivotal moment for the club in Varsity Match history, but also a reflection of the increasingly high standard and hard work of the Cambridge netball players.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

BUCS was also another very big success for the Cambridge Blues and Cambridge Jays. The Cambridge Blues dominated their league, seeing them undefeated with a record overall goal difference of 276. This allowed the Blues to progress back into the Midlands 1a BUCS league from Midlands 2B where they need to be for their Blues standard. The Blues also reached the semi-final of the Midlands Cup, but unfortunately lost to Oxford by 4 goals due to various circumstances. The outstanding Varsity and BUCS success meant that the Blues were awarded extraordinary Full Blues for an extraordinary team performance throughout the season.

The Jays also had a similar level of success, also gaining promotion. Unfortunately they faced their first match against Oxford Brookes, who unbeknown to them would be their toughest opposition, losing the first match of the season. However, after that incredible performances saw them dominate the other teams in their league. When the Jays met Oxford Brookes for the second time the Jays dominated 65 - 25. This meant the Jays easily won on goal difference and are to progress into the Midlands 2B league which the Cambridge Blues left. Credit should be given to them for reaching the last 16 of the cup, losing 42 - 18 to Oxford Blues. An incredible BUCS season from both teams brings the club back to the standards that it is has been working to over the last several years.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

The Swallows are a new addition to CULNC; they begin training at the start of Lent term to compete against Oxford in our annual Varsity Match.

The annual Varsity Match against Oxford is not only a large focus of our season, but often its 'Varsity Magic' leads to outstanding performances. We are extremely proud of our achievements and wish to maintain our reputation as a dedicated and friendly club.



# Orienteering Club

#### www.cuoc.org.uk/

Founded in 1970, CUOC is now a highly active club with a membership of around 25. It aims to promote orienteering within the University, introducing keen new members to the sport each year and supporting training needs and wishes at every level. CUOC has regular attendance at events throughout East Anglia, and works with West Anglian Orienteering Club to provide weekly navigation training in college grounds and local park areas.

We also travel further afield to make use of more technical terrain, including a consistently great turnout at our annual training tour in the Lake District in December. BUCS this year took place near Edinburgh at the end of February, followed by a return to the Lakes at Easter for the Varsity Match. A few of us even concluded the year with an extra training trip to the beautiful forests of Norway in June.

In January, CUOC once again successfully organised the annual Icenian race in Thetford Forest, and we are now busy with preparations for the City Race, to take place this October.



## Varsity 2014/15

#### 28th March 2015, Hampsfell, Lake District Cambridge Men's 5:10:09, Oxford Men's 4:03:05 (Oxford win by 1:07:04) Cambridge Women's 2:32:48, Oxford Women's 3:47:37 (Cambridge win by 1:14:49)

This year's Varsity Match took place at Hampsfell in the southern Lake District and was organised and planned by DrongO, the orienteering club for Cambridge alumni. The race incorporated both rocky woodland with contour detail and runnable open fell with limestone pavement, providing a suitable challenge for both brain and legs.

Despite the thick mist which set in to add further complexity to the navigation, many runners produced great race times, including another clean win for the Cambridge women, with the whole team of Carrie Beadle, Helen Pruzina and Andrea Stefkova finishing well before the first Oxford runner. Oxford brought a very strong winning men's team, with their first two runners taking first and second place; CUOC's John Ockenden was not far behind in third place, though, followed by Dan Safka, Joe Hobbs and Fingal Loh making up the team.

We completed the weekend with a relay at Great Tower the next day, which brought more fun with contour detail in another good bit of woodland. There was a great atmosphere, with teams of three being composed of a mixture of CUOC, OUOC and alumnus members from DrongO and JOK- a sociable conclusion to a very enjoyable Varsity Match.

# BUCS and Other Competitions 2014/15

Orienteering BUCS takes the form of a two-day event, with an individual competition followed by a relay, which this year was hosted by the University of Edinburgh and took place at the end of February. The long journey meant that CUOC's team was composed of just five runners, but those who attended agreed that the competition in Devilla, a beautiful Scottish pine forest, made the travel time worth it. Careful attention to rock and contour detail was required, as well as good fitness, as the low level undergrowth made the running very physical. The relay the next day took place in Barr Wood, a more open area with much better runnability, although the weather took a turn for the worse and some were caught out in thick sleet.

In addition, Carrie Beadle deserves a mention for representing Great Britain at the Junior European Cup in Belgium in October. Carrie gave a great performance, finishing 39th in the sprint race, just three minutes behind the winner, and 41st in the long distance race the following day.

## **Other News**

The Icenian is CUOC's annual public event, held every two years in Thetford Forest in January, and taking the form of the Cambridge City Race in October in the intervening years. This year's event in Thetford was planned by Jessica Mason and organised by Carrie Beadle. A full range of interesting courses for all ages and abilities made good use of the mixed pine plantation and deciduous forest, resulting in a highly successful competition for students and members of the public alike.

As well as competitions and events, CUOC has benefitted from a couple of training trips of its own to provide experience in more technical terrain than that available in East Anglia. The customary December training tour in the Lake District offered a great selection of forests, fells, contours and snow and thus gave an invaluable boost to the navigational skill of all who attended. In addition, a smaller band of orienteers flew out to Norway for a few days in June for some training in the incomparable Scandinavian forests.



## Looking forward to 2015/16

CUOC will be training hard in the coming year, focusing on our weekly navigation training alongside physical fitness sessions, as well as our Training Tour, plans for which are already underway. Hopefully this effort will pay off in results at Varsity, where we intend to retain the women's trophy and win back the men's!



# Polo Club

#### www.cupoloclub.com @cupoloclub

Founded in 1873, CUPC competes nationally and internationally and lays claim to the oldest annual polo match in Europe – The Varsity Match (vs. Oxford, November 1878). CUPC is a thriving and dynamic club currently with some 60 members, ranging from those who 'dabble' to more experienced players. Alongside winning the Varsity Match (the oldest Polo match in Europe), our aim is to offer affordable polo to the students of University of Cambridge. The success and popularity of CUPC has helped to see the club increase the number of lessons we offer every year.

From October to March, lessons are held in the flood-lit outdoor arena. When the sun arrives (usually with Easter term) our play moves onto the grass pitches. For all levels (beginner to wanna-be-pro), our professional Coach helps the CUPC members translate training into success in national and international competitions, and at the all-important annual Varsity Match held in June.

The club goes beyond day-to-day polo, with regular socials and even a trip to Argentina each December for a week of intensive training just south of Buenos Aires as well as the Inter-Varsity Competition hosted in China between UK and US universities. This trip always proves hugely successful and is invaluable in developing skills for all those who attend.



## Varsity 2014/15

## 7th June 2015, Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park, Egham, Surrey Cambridge 1sts 2 Oxford 1sts 14 Cambridge 2nds 6 Oxford 2nds 3 Cambridge Old Blues 4 Oxford Old Blues 7

The very best of student polo, the Varsity Trophy is the oldest polo trophy played for in Europe. This year Cambridge (Mieke Van Vlannderen, Toby Al-Mughiery, Theo Weathered, and Oliver Lawrence) had everything to play for with both Cambridge and Oxford having 55 wins apiece. It is traditional that this game is played open (without handicaps) however this put Cambridge at a distinct disadvantage playing with a drastically lower handicap than our Dark Blue rivals. Despite an agonisingly close attempt at goal by Van Vlaanderen of Cambridge in the first minute of the match, Oxford with their more experienced team and elite pony string quickly dominated the game, gaining the upper hand in all four chukkas. Valiantly Cambridge fought back and in the fourth chukka finally found the goal line, when Wethered scored both a goal and then a penalty in guick succession. However, it was too little too late, with the Light Blues going down 14 goals to 2.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

#### SUPA University Polo Nationals 11th - 13th February 2015, Offchurch Bury Polo Club, Rugby

On Thursday 11th February, six teams across three different CUPC divisions travelled to Offchurch Bury Polo Club in Rugby, for the Schools and Universities Polo Association Winter National Tournament. As the largest polo tournament in the UK (and seemingly the coldest and wettest one), this tournament is a key fixture in the CUPC calendar, with a great deal of training going towards team selection and subsequent training. The club took ten of its own ponies, eighteen players and a considerably larger support team along to represent the University. All teams played well and fought hard achieving the following results:

Lower Novice:	1st
Lower Intermediates:	2nd
Lower Beginners:	10th
Upper Novice:	3rd
Upper Intermediates:	4th
Upper Beginners:	5th

#### The Intervarsity Tournament 21st – 26th July 2015, Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin, China

Organised by Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club, the University of Cambridge Polo Club was invited to play polo teams from the University of London, the University of Oxford, Harvard University, Stanford University and Yale University in China. Cambridge once again performed well, having won the inaugural event in 2013 and placing second last year. A total of 12 matches were played over the week, interspersed with study sharing sessions, cultural trips, social events and teaching sessions.

With some very last minute team changes put upon us by the organisers we lost to Oxford in the semifinals but beat Harvard in the subsidiary final to finish third place overall. This was the last match for our coach of five years, Dean Lines, and although unlucky not to make the final it is a tribute to his skill and commitment that we have placed in the top three for every year this prestigious tournament has run. Cambridge are also grateful to the Goldin Group for inviting us to partake in this incredible tournament, with world-class facilities, amazing horses, and the opportunity to play a role in promoting the sport amongst young people in China.



# Looking forward to 2015/16

The 2015/16 year promises to be a big year for CUPC. It is the second year for us at the Cambridge County Polo Club at Lode where we are fortunate to benefit from using their brand new arena and excellent turnout facilities to improve the quality of polo to CUPC members and encourage more matches against other universities. This year we are bringing in new sponsors, a new coach and a strong development programme to help position CUPC for some safe and exciting polo lessons leading to triumphant Varsity and Nationals wins in the oncoming years.

The continued success of our 'Polo Ball' has prompted us to expand our social scene – and we will offer a non-playing section to our membership this year for those keen to get involved but perhaps not yet play. Our alumni are also increasingly keen to remain involved in CUPC and we will be reaching out to them to provide some more experienced competition to our top teams as we begin to build our alumni programme.

So, all in all, this should be a big year for CUPC and we look forward to welcoming new members to share it with us!





# Powerlifting Club

#### www.srcf.ucam.org/cuplc/

CUPLC exists to help those interested in the sport of powerlifting (or anyone else who wants to push their numbers up in the big three; squat, bench and deadlift) to train and progress, providing our members with the facilities necessary to excel in this sport. As well as dedicated powerlifters, the club includes sporting people from various other disciplines (athletics, martial arts, rugby), as well as a number of people who train simply as part of a healthy lifestyle, without sporting ambitions.

## Varsity 2014/15

#### 8th March 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge

It was a beautiful March day on the West Cambridge site, with sunshine, the promise of spring and the prospect of insane weights being lifted.

Sidney Jules opened with a 190kg squat, showcasing his superb form and giving the crowds a small taste of what was to come. Salman Khan, BUCS champion, matched his opener. Sidney and Salman then engaged in what can only be described as a squat duel, of which Sidney was the victor, squatting 212.5kg in his third attempt to top Salman's 202.5kg squat. Salman possibly played it safe in his third attempt as the bar slid during his second attempt leaving him off-balance. Joe Hughes and Alex Thoma were not far behind, squatting 200 and 197.5kg in their third attempts.

The battle between the top two lifters of the Varsity continued in the bench press. Sidney pressed away an easy 115kg, for what could have been a warm-up rep for him. Salman set the bar higher (!) with a 127.5kg opener. This time Salman came out on top with a 135kg press, trumping Sidney's 127.5kg press. The Thomahawk was not far behind, again benching a cool 130kg.

Now on to the deadlift: the decider of champions. Salman made it look like he would come out on top here, opening with 225kg conventional over Sidney's 215kg, also conventional. However, Sidney made a well calculated jump to 230kg for his second lift and then hit a stunning 235kg in his third attempt, evoking applause from the now ecstatic crowd. Salman hit 235kg for his second attempt. He then danced with 242.5kg but could not reach lockout. In a sudden twist he fainted, falling onto the platform, but was guickly brought around by his teammates. Alex Thoma then pulled 230kg sumostyle, earning himself the number 4 spot overall and a Full Blue. Lawrence Rowles put in a very consistent performance throughout, contributing many Wilks points to the Cambridge scoreline.

'Pull of the day' had to go to Earnest who, having a tough day missed his opener, but managed to heroically grind it out in a second attempt to the amazement of the crowd. It was then time for the heavyweights.

Jonathan Faasse began the proceedings for Cambridge with a 180kg squat. Then a fierce rivalry began between Jack West and James Thomson for a hallowed Full Blue ranking in the Cambridge top 6. Jack lashed out with 190kg before JT immediately countered with 210kg. Checkmate, or so he thought. President Wil Solano squatted an easy 205kg. At 106kg, Frank 'the Tank' Sanders, a renegade rugby Blue created a spectacle when he squatted a quarter of a ton. Andrew 'Hodge' Hodgson, the biggest lifter of the Varsity then squatted 215kg.

Having let Frank take the biggest squat of the day, it was Hodge's turn to win the crowd with an enormous 170kg bench press. The battle continued between JT and Jack, JT again coming out on top with a 137.5kg bench press to top Jack's 135kg press.

Having opened with 240kg on the deadlift, Jack then made a calculated jump to 269kg for his second attempt, while JT lifted 248kg in his second attempt. Jack thus achieved 0.04 more Wilks points than JT and got the number 6 spot in the Cambridge rankings. Wil Solano earned his place in the top 6 with a 260kg deadlift. The Tank, then given the honour of final pull of the day, deadlifted 290kg in a lift with all the excitement of an entire football match, smashing through about five sticking points on the way up.

Thus ended Varsity 2015; with a decisive Cambridge win and the strongest Cambridge team in history. Notably, three Cambridge lifters achieved over 400 Wilks: Sidney Jules, Salman Khan and Frank Sanders. The top seven Cambridge lifters achieved the Full Blue standard of over 375 Wilks.

Congratulations to Sidney Jules, who was top lifter with 419 Wilks.

## BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

#### 13th December 2014, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge

This year Cambridge hosted the British Universities Power Lifting Championships, running a successful competition and fielding a large squad with a huge depth of talent. Cambridge improved on their strong performance from last year, changing the men's team medal from Silver to Gold (UCL finishing 2nd). 50 lifters competed from across the country. with Cambridge fielding at least one lifter in pretty much every weight class. There were outstanding personal performances from a number of lifters, many competing in their first competition. Veteran Salman Khan won best lifter with a very impressive 410 Wilks points, lifting a total of 565kg at 73kg bodyweight. In the same weight class, Sidney Jules posted an incredible 400 point total including a very quick 195kg squat. President, Wilbeth Solano won the U93kg men's division with a 570kg total including a strong 252.5kg deadlift. Frank Sanders, having recently returned from playing the Varsity Rugby match had an excellent first competition, winning the U120kg class with a big 635kgs featuring a guick 225kg squat. Also placing was Alex Thoma, coming second in a strong field in the U83kg class posting 390 Wilks points at 79kg body weight. Anastasia Zinchenko came second in the women's U63kg division, with Charlotte Inchley only 4 points behind. Winning their categories in the women's competition were Lou Salmon (U72kg) and Rowina Westermeier (U57kg). Jack West (U105kg), Andrew Hodgson (U120kg), James Thompson (U105kg), Johnathon Faasse (U93kg) and Earnest Aw Earl (U83kg) all posted

## Salman Khan

Salman has only been doing powerlifting for 2 years but in that time has not only become the new club captain and achieved a discretionary and extraordinary Full Blue, but has also broken a national record, and participated in several national competitions achieving high positions. At only 74kg bodyweight, Salman has squatted 210kg, benched 140kg and deadlifted 242.5kg, making him the second highest scoring lifter of the Cambridge team in Varsity 2015. Salman follows very careful and intelligent training routines that in conjunction with good technique will surely lead him to a very successful powerlifting career in the future.

## **Frank Sanders**

Frank, a rugby player with exceptional strength from Magdalene College has recently taken up powerlifting seriously and achieved the highest total of the Cambridge team in Varsity 2015. Since then his strength has still gone up achieving a 250kg squat, a 160kg bench and a 290kg deadlift at around 108kg bodyweight. Frank's natural strength will surely lead him to occupy the podiums of national and even international competitions if he continues training as hard as he does now despite his rugby training and injuries.



## **Sidney Jules**

Sidney Jules, an engineering student from St John's College had a fantastic performance in his first year of powerlifting, being the best lifter of the Cambridge team in Varsity 2015 despite being the lightest in bodyweight. With almost a triple bodyweight squat of 212.5kg, a 127.5kg bench and a 235kg deadlift at 72.6kg, Sidney showed his outstanding potential as a powerlifter, which will only get better with time as he becomes a more experienced and confident lifter. We are happy to have Sidney in the team and are confident he will achieve great things in the national and international sphere if he so desired.160kg bench and a 290kg deadlift at around 108kg bodyweight. Frank's natural strength will surely lead him to occupy the podiums of national and even international competitions if he continues training as hard as he does now despite his rugby training and injuries.



great totals between 345 and 370 Wilks points, placing in their respective weight classes.

Also competing for CUPLC on the day, many in their first comp, were: Carlos Les Aguerra, Jason Lu, Sam Miller, Ali Ghareeb, Varun Choda, Matthew Price, Michael McAuley and Jack Bews.

#### **Other News**

Salman Khan, 2nd year medic from Downing, broke the national deadlift record in the under 20 age category and under 74kg weight class with a 237.5kg pull within the Great Britain Powerlifting federation.

Matthew Deacon-Smith, CUPLC alumnus, competed recently in the International Powerlifting Federation world championships in Finland despite having had a wrist injury and health problems a few weeks before.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

In 2015/16 the club aims to organise BUCS at Cambridge one more time, giving novice and experienced members an opportunity to start participating in competitive powerlifting and even qualifying for further national and international competitions.

# Real Tennis Club

#### www.curtc.net/

The two courts at Cambridge were built in 1866 and 1890 and the Varsity Match (which has Half Blue status) has been played since 1859 making it the fourth oldest Varsity sport. There are two men's teams of 4 players and two women's teams of 4 players. Apart from the members of the teams there is a strong base of competitive players as well as those who play for fun. The highlight of the season is of course the Varsity Match vs Oxford, with all four teams recording resounding victories this year. Although we do not play in BUCS there are a number of internal tournaments against non-University club members and we also enter a number of teams of differing levels in the National League tournaments. This is a great opportunity to play other courts and get to know others players and Cambridge have had considerable success in these tournaments in recent years.

#### Varsity 2014/15

27th - 28th February, Lord's Cricket Ground, London Cambridge 6 matches vs Oxford 0 matches

#### Singles:

4th: Matt Shaw (Homerton) vs Alex Mullan (Balliol) 6/0 6/3 3rd: Alex Evans (Jesus) vs Ben Graves (Worcester) 6/5 6/3 2nd: Jamie Giddins (Capt., Fitzwilliam) vs Archie Burgess (Pembroke) 4/6 6/2 6/2 1st: Edmund Kay (Emmanuel) vs Jonny Whittaker (St Hilda's) 6/2 6/2

#### **Doubles:**

#### 2nd: Giddins/Evans vs Burgess/ Graves 6/3 6/1 6/2 1st: Kay/Shaw vs Whittaker/Mullan 2/6 6/3 6/2 6/0

Cambridge enjoyed a triumphant retention of their Varsity crown, defeating Oxford by the same score line as the previous year, 6-0. On the first day Cambridge took control of both doubles matches and through some good hitting and consistent play were able to easily overcome the challenge put forward by Oxford. The next day saw the singles take place, and although the matches were closer than the doubles Cambridge were able to record wins in all of the matches. In particular Giddins came through the closest match of the day having dropped the first set and Ed Kay was able to consolidate his position as the top player in Oxbridge with a resounding win. After the matches the teams were treated to a fantastic dinner in the Long Room at Lord's and we would like to thank the sponsorship of Pol Roger and the continued work of those who organise the matches.

## **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

Cambridge plays in National Leagues, National Cup Championship as well as the BUCS equivalent. Cambridge were very successful in the interuniversity championship (BUCS equivalent) as the final was competed between the Cambridge first and second team. In the cup competition where players are both students and club members Cambridge could not quite match their runners-up position from last year but a strong performance meant that they made the semi-finals after a number of impressive wins. In the National League Second Division Giddins and Kay were victorious and in the National League Third Division Giddins, Evans and Camp were losing finalists after an impressive run which saw them travel to Paris to compete. There were a number of internal tournaments for all members of the club which were played in good spirit and very enjoyable.

#### **Other News**

Over the summer Jamie Giddins and Ed Kay represented the Great Britain U26s four man team in Australia. In some tough matches Jamie and Ed triumphed against both the Australians and Americans in the triangular. It is also the 150th year of the tennis court in Cambridge and there will be a number of celebrations occurring over the next year.

## Looking forward to 2015/16

After a very strong year we are looking to continue this fine form. There is a very strong base of top quality players and a number of players coming through. We are always looking for new members to join this very enjoyable club and with some new members we will look for some more continued and increasing success over the coming years.
# Revolver and Pistol Club

# http://curpc.soc.srcf.net

CU Revolver and Pistol Club is one of the University's three target shooting clubs. Most of our shooting is done with air pistols, sporting rifles and gallery rifles between 10 and 25 metres. The club typically meets twice a week for training at the Queen Elizabeth Way range near the boathouses, plus extra sessions, time permitting, in the run up to matches. CURPC faces off against Oxford in two Varsity Matches each year, one in Spring using air pistols and one in Summer with gallery rifles as part of the Imperial Meeting at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley. The club has members shooting at many levels, from complete beginners up to international competitors. Our shooting is supported by contributions from Haendler & Natermann.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 28th February 2015, Queen Elizabeth Way Range, Cambridge Cambridge 1st 2097 Oxford 1st 2146 Cambridge 2nd 2048 Oxford 2nd 2084 Cambridge Ladies': 1969 Oxford Ladies': 2063

Cambridge were the hosts for the 2015 pistol Varsity Match, which was held in the Queen Elizabeth Way range on 28th February. Oxford, rallied by a victory in 2014, recruited a large number of strong new shooters and stepped up their training this year. Sadly, Cambridge were unable to match their performance and lost out in all three Matches. This breaks a streak of alternating home victories for the pistol match, but the Light Blues are confident of taking the fight back to Oxford for the 2016 Match.



#### 12th July 2015, Bisley National Shooting Centre, Surrey Cambridge 1st 1520 Oxford 1st 1487

Once again, the full-bore gallery rifle Varsity Match took place on the last of the Imperial Meeting gallery rifle days. The Cambridge captain, Stewart Forshaw, knew that Oxford's gallery rifle team had not been as strong as its pistol team in recent years, but that they were fielding a squad with some experienced shooters. Once again, Cambridge made full use of its 5-action ammunition reloading press, purchased in 2014 thanks to a grant from the University Sports Service. High quality home-pressed ammunition was used sparingly in the 3 days of practice before the match itself, supplemented by factoryproduced ammo. When the Varsity Match arrived on the afternoon of Saturday 12th July, Oxford and Cambridge were both ready with teams of mixed levels of experience. Past Varsity shooters Jonny Waite, Nicky Soane and Stewart Forshaw were joined by rookie Nathan Bricault. Nobody on the Cambridge side disappointed, with Jonny Waite scoring a heroic 391 out of a possible 400. Unfortunately for the Dark Blues, despite very strong shooting, ammunition

#### **Jonathan Waite**

Jonathan (Clare College) has been shooting with CURPC as well as Cambridge's other target shooting clubs since beginning his MEng degree in 2010. Now finishing the first year of his PhD, he has brought and passed on invaluable wisdom and technical expertise, without which CURPC would not be where it is today. His contribution to the sport was recognised in 2014 when he was awarded a Full Blue (although his characteristic modesty means he still doesn't wear the blazer). At Bisley this year, he outperformed every other student shooter, and guite a few veterans from across the country. On top of his strong performance in Target and Match Rifle shooting, his notable achievements for CURPC in Gallery rifle events this year include:

- Maximum possible score in the Peel Cup (300)
- Top score in Granet Medals
- Top score in Oxford and Cambridge Match





quality and rifle reliability issues plagued their weekend, up to and including the Varsity Match. The Cambridge 1st and 2nd teams won by comfortable margins, and also took home two other trophies for university matches held that same weekend.

#### **Other News**

CURPC's planned trip to Switzerland in October 2014 was a great success. Eight members attended the British Alpine Rifles Autumn meeting. BAR was formed primarily by Oxford and Cambridge alumni after the 1997 UK full-bore pistol ban came into effect, with the aim of allowing revolver and pistol shooters to continue training and shooting competitively. This was an opportunity relished by the club to return, albeit briefly, to the glory days of British pistol shooting. CURPC's own 9mm semi-automatic pistols and .357 Magnum revolvers were put to full use, and several members recorded respectable scores considering their inability to train with these guns in the UK!

#### Looking forward to 2015/16

Nicky Soane is set to take over as captain for 2015/16, and looks forward to trying a new pistol training regime. We also anticipate another trip to Switzerland this academic year.

# Riding Club

# http://www.srcf.ucam.org/curiding/ @Cam\_Equestrian

CURC incorporates both the Riding Club (purely recreational) and the Equestrian Team, who compete in BUCS and Varsity Matches. CUET has 4 members in each team, plus the new Development Squad consisting of between 4-6 members.

The Riding Club had 152 members in 2014-15 and offers lessons to members from complete beginners through to advanced riders, at two stables close to Cambridge. CUET also attends training sessions at Hilltop Equestrian Centre in Yelling.

The club supports the Riding for the Disabled charity, with members helping at weekly sessions of the RDA at Milton Riding Centre and many fundraising events held throughout the year.

# Varsity 2014/15

10th April 2015, Witham Villa Equestrian Centre, Leicestershire 1st Team Cambridge 6 – 164 Oxford (penalties – lowest score wins) 2nd Team Cambridge 46.5 – 118 Oxford (penalties – lowest score wins)

The Cambridge 1st Team consisted of Captain, Alice Strang Steel (Emmanuel), Alice Watson (Fitzwilliam), Ginny Fellows (Sidney) and Ali Simon (Fitzwilliam). The 2nd team consisted of Captain Ollie Coombe-Tennant (Selwyn), Holly Mason (St John's), Kate Garnett (St John's), Katy Surman (Churchill) and Mary Tivey (Girton). Both teams were particularly strong with some astonishingly good results, so there was much anticipation in the build up to Varsity. Both teams won their BUCS leagues by considerable margins, and the 1st team had been unbeaten in the season, so it was all to ride for at Varsity.



Once ready, the draw for each rider to be randomly allocated a dressage horse was done. In these types of competition, riders have just 7 minutes to get to know their horse before riding a dressage test. For the 1st team, the test was BD Elementary 44 which contained some tricky movements, such as a simple change, to ride on unknown horses with little time to practice. The 2nd team rode Novice 27 BD test.

1st team dressage was first to get under way. With Captain Alice being the first of the Cambridge riders, she had little time to switch from a hugely stressed and under pressure state of mind of running the competition, to being entirely focussed on her ride. Despite this, she still managed to finish on a 0 penalty score and put the equivalent Oxford team member, also riding Milo, 22.5 penalties behind her. Next up, was Ginny Fellows riding a huge and talented dressage horse, Solly, on which she was able to ride a very fluent and skillful test to also finish on 0 penalties, with the Oxford rider 20.5 penalties behind. Alice Watson was the next Cambridge rider to enter the arena, riding Caesar, whose ability to perform some of the required movements was looking



questionable during the warm up. However, Alice managed to find some hidden talent and energy within Caesar, and rode a particularly impressive test to finish on 0 penalties, with the Oxford rider 24.5 penalties behind. The final Cambridge 1st team rider was Ali Simon riding Willow, who performed a very accurate and engaged test to score 0 penalties, with the Oxford rider an incredible 45.5 penalties behind.

Next to run was the 2nd team dressage. Riding the Novice 27 test, Ollie Coombe-Tennant, Holly Mason and Katy Surman all scored 0 penalties. Of particular note was Holly who put an outstanding 48 penalties on the Oxford rider on the same horse. Mary Tivey narrowly missed out on the 0 penalty score and Kate Garnett was unlucky in drawing the same horse as the Oxford 2nds team captain, but only added 16 penalties to the Cambridge total.

By the end of the dressage, a huge margin between the Cambridge and Oxford teams was already emerging. In the first team competition, Cambridge riders had maintained their nerve to be on 0 penalties, whilst Oxford had already accumulated a massive 113 penalties. The Cambridge 2nd team were on just 16.5, compared to the Oxford second team's 72.5 penalties.

This was no time for complacency though. It was straight onto building a technical and challenging show jumping course of 90cm, and getting the horses ready to jump. Again riders drew horses at random. Before the jumping started, riders from the centre jumped a round to show us what each horse was like. This was a stressful moment for the Cambridge Captain to make rapid decisions under pressure, as one horse was point blank refusing to jump and another was throwing in the odd buck, which seemed to have the Oxford team worried. However, at the discretion of the judge and after some persuasive riding by a member of the centre, it was decided that both horses were entirely capable of remaining in the competition. Before each rider jumps the course, they have 5 minutes to warm up and 3 practice fences to get to know their horse.

Again with little time to put stress aside, the Cambridge captain, Alice, was first to ride the show jumping course. Alice managed to hold together and create energy from the very long striding and lethargic Ben, to finish on 0 penalties, gaining the highest collectives score of the day (collectives are the marks awarded purely for the rider, based on effectiveness, position, influence on the horse and accuracy). Next up was Alice Watson, who produced a smooth and well prepared round to finish with just 6 penalties. Ginny Fellows again drew a huge and talented horse but Monty had been unsettled by the previous rider and became tricky for Ginny to manage. She did an exceptional job of guiding him round the course, with an unfortunate refusal at the double, but her clearly effective riding meant that she still finished on 0 penalties. Ali Simon rode a confident and tidy round to also finish on 0 penalties.

For the 2nd team show jumping, Ollie, Kate, Katy and Mary all finished on 0 penalties, despite Oxford's strong point for the 2nds clearly being the jumping phase. Holly was unlucky, in that her ride, Monty, had lost confidence with previous riders and was no longer playing the game. The Cambridge 2nd team finished on 46.5 penalties, compared to Oxford's massive 118.5 penalties, allowing the 2nd team trophy to return to Cambridge. In the individual placings, Mary was 4th, Ollie 2nd and Katy 1st.

The 1st team also returned their Varsity trophy to Cambridge after a one-year absence. Their massive victory over Oxford has got to be the biggest margin in the history of this competition, with Cambridge finishing on just 6 penalties, and Oxford on 164! The individual placings were tighter, with Alice Watson finishing on 6 penalties in 4th place. Alice SS, Ali and Ginny were all on 0 total penalties so the final placings were decided by their collective scores, based entirely on the rider's individual talent. This put Ginny in 3rd place, Ali in 2nd place and Captain Alice SS in 1st place. All of the team members put in incredibly strong performances to achieve this fantastic result, with all of their hard work and commitment to training through the year paying off.



# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

CUET 1st Team compete in a mini-league against UEA, Writtle College and Essex University. Each team takes turns to host a match at their riding venue. CUET 1st Team remained undefeated through all of these competitions, winning by a considerable margin in all 4 matches. This meant that they won the league outright and qualified for the Regional Championships, where they competed against the University of Birmingham and Oxford Brookes. At Regionals, CUET 1sts just missed out on qualifying for Nationals, finishing 2nd behind Birmingham.

CUET 2nd Team also won their BUCS mini-league, against RVC 3rds, UEA 2nds and Writtle 2nds, placing first in all but one of their matches. They competed in their own Regional competition and also placed 2nd, just missing out on National qualification.

#### **Other News**

Outside of CUET, individual riding takes a very different system than University competitions. Members compete on their own horses at events across the country. Holly, Ali and Ollie have competed over the summer at British Eventing affiliated events. Ali qualified her horse for a Grassroots Regional Final following a win at Sapey (2) and competed for Wales and Borders in the Tetrathlon Championships. Ollie has competed up to BE Novice and 1\* level this season with great success, and Holly recently won the Varsity Horserace for Cambridge and started competing in Teamchasing events.

#### Looking forward to 2015/16

We have introduced a new Development Squad into the system, providing tuition and training for members who have less competition experience than those in the BUCS teams, plus friendly competitions.

# **Rifle Association**

# http://cura.soc.srcf.net/

The Cambridge University Rifle Association is one of the oldest Varsity sports clubs in Cambridge. It currently holds the record for the longest run of consecutive Varsity Match victories at 24 years, having won the Chancellors' 107 times and the Humphry 77 times. The club began as part of the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers, to provide an opportunity for marksmanship training, and evolved into an independent rifle association in 1909. Strong links still remained with the Rifle Volunteers. which later became the Officers' Training Corps, and the Commanding Officer of the Corps is still ex officio president of the CURA. The Chancellors' match is shot at ranges of 300, 500 and 600 yards while the Humphry is shot at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards with telescopic sights. However, the furthest distance a member of the club has shot at, according to legend, is 2000 yards, when Captain Horatio Ross engaged in some experimental firing from the tower of the University Press.





#### Varsity 2014/15

This year Cambridge competed in two Varsity Matches: the Chancellors' and the Humphry.

#### Humphry Match 9th June 2015, Stickledown Range, Bisley Cambridge 831.71v Oxford 722.33v

An experienced team led by Captain David Firth with one new cap, Fergus Flanagan, demonstrated the depth of talent Cambridge has in its Match Rifle shots, as three of four had shot at national level in the Elcho Match. Cambridge benefited from the expertise of expert wind coaches from the Great Britain squad, including alumnus Nick Tremlett, who all worked hard at keeping the firers hitting the centre. The tough conditions, especially at 1200 vards, required excellent communication and fast, accurate shots. After a small but significant lead at 1000 and 1100 yards it was at 1200 that Cambridge really began to shine as a team, with scores at 1200 almost equalling those made at 1100, an unusual feat. Strong individual performances also featured, with Hannah Fisher scoring 75.9v out of a possible 75.15v at 1000 yards, and also top scoring overall by two points, a margin that shows the breadth of ability across the team. The strong performance as a team and individually throughout the match and especially at 1200 yards allowed Cambridge to claim victory for the 25th year in a row.

#### Chancellors' Match 17th June 2015, Century Range, Bisley Cambridge 1148.102v Oxford 1096.83v

The match, shot towards the end of the Imperial Meeting and alongside the Kolapore international match, got off to a drizzly and dim start at 300 yards requiring the teams to manage their kit effectively and protect rifles and ammunition from the rain. The wet conditions, however, made for calmer winds allowing for fast and accurate firing: Cambridge came off with a small lead of four points and strong individual scores of 50/50 by Michael Boucher and Charlotte Sayers. A similar performance at 500 yards, with Jonathan Waite scoring 50.8v out of 50.10v, saw Cambridge hold and extend their lead. At 600 yards, as the weather improved into a hot and sunny day, the winds also increased. However, thanks to the skill of the four coaches – Jonathan Waite, Michael Boucher, Christopher Bowring and Sam Sharma - the furthest distance proved to be Cambridge's best, consolidating the advantage built up over the morning. Max Traynor and Jonathan Waite achieved maximum scores at this distance, and the latter also top-scored with an impressive 149.21 out of 150.30, above the average presented by the Great Britain team firing on the same range. The team saw three new caps - Charlotte Sayers, Christopher Bowring and Fergus Flanagan – perform to an impressive standard giving high hopes for future success in the vears to come.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

As well as the Chancellors' and the Humphry Varsity Matches, Cambridge participates in other university level competitions during the Imperial Meeting. The Universities' Long Range, shot at 900 and 1000 yards with a team of four consisting of Fergus Flanagan, Christopher Bowring, Jonathan Waite and Michael Boucher, was won by Cambridge with a score of 369.27v – beating the other seven competing universities by a good margin. Similar success was also achieved in the Universities' Aggregate, made up of the combined scores of four firers over the Imperial Meeting, CURA A, consisting of Jonathan Waite, Fergus Flanagan, Michael Boucher and Sam Sharma, came in first with a score of 2151.233v and CURA B took the Silver medal. In BUCS, Cambridge also made a strong effort as a team and individually as CURA A placed first in the team competition and Jonathan Waite and Charlotte Sayers placed third in the men's and women's individual competitions respectively.

In the Roads Cup, shot against Oxford using muskets dating from the 19th Century, Cambridge redeemed last year's defeat to take back the cup with an impressive score of 21 to Oxford's 9 points out of 250. This is believed to be the highest score in living memory.



#### **Fergus Flanagan**

Fergus began target rifle and small-bore shooting at Oundle School and continued into university, building successfully on solid foundations. Making the small-bore Varsity in his first year, Fergus also joint top scored with a score of 195/200. In target rifle, Fergus continued to hone his skills, coming 21st in the Daily Telegraph shoot in July, out of around 900 competitors, and placing 205th overall in the Grand Aggregate. As well as making the Varsity team, Fergus represented Scotland in the National Match. However, it was in the newly taken-up discipline of Match Rifle in which Fergus excelled. In his first year. Fergus made both the Varsity team – in which he achieved the secondhighest score - and the Scotland team for the Elcho match, in which he top-scored for Scotland and submitted the 4th-highest score out of all of the national teams. In the individual competitions, Fergus placed first in the Wimbledon MR, the Cottesloe and the Any Rifle with scores of 100.17, 100.13 (25.3 to win the tie-shoot against the Scotland Captain) and 97/100 respectively. Finally, in the Hopton (World Championships), Fergus placed an extremely impressive 4th, the highest in CURA and second amongst the Scots, was the U25 World Champion and finished 3rd in the Maxwell, representing the overall Fullbore World Championship, made up of the sum of the Hopton and Grand Aggregate.

# **Other News**

This year has been particularly strong for various members of CURA. Several shot Match Rifle at national level in the Elcho: Fergus Flanagan and Hannah Fisher for Scotland, Michael Boucher for Ireland, and Sam Sharma for Wales. Fergus Flanagan also represented Scotland in the National Match for Target Rifle, in which Sam Sharma represented Wales. Several members – Christopher Bowring, Sam Sharma and Michael Boucher – also shot for the Army Reserve in the Inter-Services Match, winning the long range outright and being narrowly defeated by the Regular Army at short range.

Special mention also goes to Hannah Fisher who has been selected as a touring reserve for the Great Britain Match Rifle team to Australia, which will go out in January and February 2016.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

Easter 2016 marks the beginning of the next fullbore season and with it Easter Bisley; A training week which prepares the team for matches throughout the summer term against other universities and Rifle Clubs in the run up to the Imperial meeting and Varsity Matches in July.the team towards a clean sweep. Fortunately, unlike Oxford, we will retain almost all of our Varsity shots going into the next season. This will commence around Easter when the club will hold its 10 day training camp during the holidays.

# Rugby Fives Club

# http://www.cu-sparrows.net/

Rugby Fives has been played at Cambridge for more than 100 years. This year, the second on the new courts in the Sports Centre, CURFC has flourished, with few departures and several new arrivals. We hope, over the coming year, to build not only on the 1st team's record Varsity Match victory and numerous tournament successes but also on increasing the number of beginners discovering the game. In particular, it is to be hoped that the, as yet, embryonic development of Cambridge Ladies' Rugby Fives can continue.

# Varsity 2014/15

### 21st February 2015, St. Paul's School, London Cambridge 1st VIII 300, Oxford 1st VIII 23 Cambridge 2nd IV (Sparrows) 151, Oxford 2nd IV (Beavers) 86

Cambridge Ladies' 2nd 2, Oxford Ladies' 2nd 60

They say that records are made to be beaten, and a powerful Cambridge side duly set themselves the target of exceeding the margin of Oxford's 300-38 victory in the 2010 Varsity Match. This they managed to do, allowing Oxford just 23 points, not only by virtue of a superb performance by their top four players, conceding a mere eight points in the whole match, but also by solid back-up from their third and fourth pairs.

After the singles, Cambridge's four stars, Kay, Beltrami, Shaw and Brubert, all of them ranked in the top 20 nationally, had established a lead of 56 points, and this pattern continued relentlessly in the doubles. Great credit goes to all the Oxford players for never giving up in the face of this battering; the scores do not reflect the effort they put in. They were well led by Whitney and had prepared seriously for the match, but the sheer quality of the opposition's play was too much for them. The members of Cambridge's 3rd and 4th pairs (Ader and Malde, and Bury and Pinder) had experience from last year, and it showed. They were particularly severe on the Oxford 4ths, while allowing the Oxford 3rds (Hale & Sale) to win 11 points off them – rich pickings in the context of this match!

The reserves match was closer but Cambridge's first pair, Law and Lau, had too much experience for their opponents to cope with, and that made the difference as they won all their games comfortably. The newcomers on both sides, hailing from a wide variety of schools and with very little competitive fives under their belt, improved visibly as the match went on. A seasoned observer of Beavers v Sparrows matches made Lau 'Man of the Match' – a tribute to the effort he has put into his fives.

In a day of firsts, another noteworthy innovation was the inaugural ladies' Rugby Fives Varsity Match. Here, the Oxford pair were much too experienced for the Cambridge newcomers to the game and provided something for Oxford to cheer; but in this case the event itself was of greater importance than the result. If two pairs appear for each side next year, a wellknown female fives player of the past has promised to present a trophy!

Lastly, our thanks go again to St. Paul's School for hosting these matches. The courts are now in very good condition again, and the gallery was full of supporters to witness a day of excellent sport and sportsmanship.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

The first competition of the year took a slightly different format to normal; the inaugural Ladies' Cup was held in Cambridge, where some well-matched mixed doubles matches took place, and although CURFC could only field 2 pairs, Sienna Tompkins and Jacob Ader went on to take plate victory.

In November, a strong Cambridge squad entered the British Universities' Student Fives National Championships. In the singles competition Ed Kay continued his 2nd place streak, falling prey to Dan Grant once again. Defending champions Kay and Jacob Brubert were not able to defeat Grant and Chase (ex-Cambridge) in the semi-finals, however the raucous pair of Ben Beltrami and Matt Shaw stormed to victory in the final, marking an exciting start to their University careers. Overall CURFC were calculated as being the most successful university.

At the National U25s championships all guns were blazing; Kay raced to his first student singles victory, defeating Ben Beltrami in the final. Furthermore, the Plate singles final was also an all-Cambridge affair, with James Pinder beating Tom Bury. In the doubles, Kay partnered with Matt Shaw to beat Brubert and Chris Burrows (Imperial) in the final.

The Past vs Present match fell on Valentine's Day this year, surely a sly tactic by the Past to eliminate key players from the game, but despite this the Present overcame the Past for the 3rd consecutive year by 248-164. A dinner in Magdalene was enjoyed by all.

In April, for the first time, CURFC entered the National Club Championships – the only university strong enough to do so. A depleted side nevertheless made it to the semi-finals where they were knocked out by the eventual winners, the Wessex Club.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

CURFC will be losing a few key members next year. In particular, we thank Jacob Brubert and Jacob Ader, this year's Captain and Hon. Secretary respectively, as well as Bob Dolby - our tireless President. A year as successful as this one just past will be tricky to emulate – Oxford in particular will be desperate to improve. Even if, however, we cannot break the first team's Varsity record, a glittering prize awaits – CURFC aim to become the first side in over 80 Varsity Matches to win all three matches (1st, 2nd and Ladies').

# Rugby League

# http://www.cuarlfc.co.uk/ @CURLFC

Cambridge University Rugby League Football Club was founded in 1980 and is one of the largest University-level Clubs in Cambridge. The club plays in the Midlands 2B league and the annual British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) knockout competition.

The club has discretionary Full Blue status, meaning all players who play in the Varsity Match are automatically awarded a Half Blue and some are awarded Full Blues. The club runs two teams, a 1st team and a development squad. CURLFC is open to players of all standards, with a strong development ethos with several players selected for South East England students.

The Pcubed Rugby League Varsity Match is one of the largest sporting events in the Oxbridge calendar and has been regularly televised.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 6th March 2015, Honourable Artillery Club London Cambridge 1st XIII 0 Oxford 1st XIII 42

For all that have been part of CURLFC, Varsity is THE day in the calendar, the big one, the day that every moment of hard training and matches lead to. This year we were able to field one of our strongest teams for a long while, and although injuries saw the loss of some key players such as George Foot we had strength in depth and this became apparent when picking the final 17 for Varsity.

The Light Blues won the toss and chose the end of the pitch. Warming up the atmosphere could be cut with a knife; every drill was high intensity, high communication and the players prepared really well. Our team talk in the changing room, just us 17, left us ready to tackle a bus and ready to put our bodies on the line for each other. Once on the pitch the team put up a tough 80 minutes of graft. Awesome breaks from the likes of Cormie, Greenan-Barrett, Laing and Cozens helped gain the Green Lions significant territory. However a solid defence from Oxford made crossing their line just too tall an order for us, even with the kicking of Max and Craig we were unable to breach the sea of Dark Blue. A few strong breaks from Oxford soon saw the scoreline waning in their favour. To their credit the Green Lions showed no sign of giving in, and that atmosphere carried through from the changing room to the final whistle with a very near try in the 79th minute from CURLFC.





# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

CURLFC performed well during BUCS, despite the irregularity of fixtures in Michaelmas term. The team got off to a solid enough start with a draw against Reading 1st XIII. However, due to a sequence of cancellations the Green Lions were restricted to only one match that term.

A strong home performance against Brunel 1st XIII in January, beating them 48-24, was a particular highlight, and a great way to start the new year. This was made notable by a collective effort not seen earlier in the season, and some stand out moments from the likes of George Foot and Anton Evans.

Despite losing narrowly to Brunel and St Mary's away, CURLFC 1st XIII beat Bristol at home in the BUCS Rugby League 2014-15 Men's Trophy. This secured progress to the quarterfinals where Swansea 1st XIII, the eventual runners up, beat the Green Lions in perhaps the most confrontational game of the season.

Overall, the 2014/15 season was a success. With a large number of new players the season started slowly but as momentum got going the team gelled and started getting some good results.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

The 2015/16 season will see a lot of change in the CURLFC set up. The Green Lions have a new coach, Colin Baker, who has coached England Students and London Broncos Academy. He will be assisted by Joe Holding, and the two of them have big plans for the club.

CURLFC have also moved back to St John's Playing Fields for their training and home games this season. Combined with a Tuesday night skills session, and Friday morning strength and conditioning class, the Green Lions are looking to build on last year's foundations.



# Rugby Union Football Club (Men's)

#### www.curufc.com @Official\_CURUFC

CURUFC is a wholly amateur student rugby club aiming to offer a rugby environment that is as 'professional' as possible. There are four regular teams: the Blues, the LX club, the women and the U20's, together with occasional fixtures for the Colleges XV. The Blues have a strong midweek fixture list incorporating top professional clubs and universities whilst the LX Club and U20's generally play at weekends. The women play in the BUCS premier South league.

Teams are selected on merit and all teams receive coaching, strength and conditioning guidance and medical support from our well-qualified staff.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 11th December 2014, Twickenham, London Oxford (17) 43 Tries: Egerton, Macdonald, Reeson Price, Williams, Cullen, Jones Cons: Cullen 5 Pen: Cullen Cambridge (6) 6 Pens: Stevens 2

Oxford named 12 returning Blues to Cambridge's 10 in their starting XV.

# Head to head

	Games	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Oxford	133	58	14	61	1,175
Cambridge	133	61	14	58	1,198

The Light Blues enjoyed the better of the possession and territory in the opening period but some fierce defence and two real moments of quality saw Oxford lead at the interval. Egerton, who became the first player to receive a red card in Varsity Match history last year, scored a brilliant solo try, running in from his own half following a counter ruck to put the Dark Blues ahead.

Cambridge's South African fly-half Donald Stevens then exchanged penalties with Cullen to leave the score at 10-6 but Oxford touched down for a second time moments before half-time, Macdonald forcing his way over after his side had put together several phases to move up the field.

A 17-6 half-time lead ended up in a 43-6 defeat. A dark day for the Light Blues.

**Oxford:** J Taylor\*; E Doe\*, M Janney\*, A Macdonald\*, H Lamont\*; G Cullen, S Egerton\*; L Anderson\*, N Gardner\*, I Williams\*; F Taylor, T Reeson Price\*, F Heathcote\*; G Jones\*, G Messum.

**Replacements:** J Wilson\*, J Scaife, G Western, G MacGilchrist\*, W Thomas, H de Berker, H Hughes\*, B Strang.

**Cambridge:** S Allen; I Cherezov\*, T May\*, F Gillies, G Smith; D Stevens\*, H Peck\*; W Briggs\*, T Pascoe\*, J Poulton; J Baker\*, R Hall; R Bartholomew\*, H Kelly\*, S Farmer\*.

**Replacements:** M Montgomery, O Exton, F Sanders\*, C O'Sullivan\*, D Dass, S Tullie\*, J Wylde, A Rees.

\* indicates a returning Blue

#### **Toby May**

Toby May, aged 26, has been signed up to The Cornish Pirates, a championship team, for next season 2015/16. We would like to wish Toby and The Cornish Pirates all the very best on a two-year contract. Full-back/ centre Toby has appeared for Cambridge University in the last two Varsity Matches. Prior to his Masters at St Edmund's College, he was at Bath University where he played for the university side and was a member of the England Students Development squad. Congratulations to Toby and all the best playing professional rugby next season.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

CURUFC are delighted to welcome James Shanahan back to the club as the men's 1st team coach. James was coach in 2012 when Cambridge were narrowly defeated 26-19. He will be working closely with Captain Don Stevens over the coming months in preparation for the 2015 encounter.

CURUFC are also delighted to welcome Jamie Roberts to the club and can confirm his availability for Varsity selection after the World Cup. Jamie will be studying for an MPhil in Medical Science full-time in Michaelmas term and he will also be a member of Queens' College.

# Rugby Union Football Club (Women's)

### www.curufc.com @CUWRFC\_

This year the CUWRFC won their Blues Varsity with an incredible score of 47 - 0. The team also came 2nd in the RFU League NC South East North 1, and are the winners of the BUCS Midlands 1A league with only three tries conceded.

The women's club has completed its merger with the men's club this year which has allowed for much improved support for the club including physiotherapy, gym access and coaching. The team are constantly striving for equality within the sport and in December 2015 they will be holding their Varsity Match at Twickenham alongside the men. They also gained promotion to the BUCS Premiership after winning both their play-offs, and have been awarded Ospreys' Team of the Year for their achievements this year.



# Varsity 2014/15

#### 7th March 2015, Grange Road Rugby Club, Cambridge Cambridge Blues 47 - Oxford Blues 0

The Blues ran out onto the pitch with the aim of avenging the losses in the men's and Tigers' games. Cambridge received the kick off from Oxford and were pressed back into our 22. A strong kick and chase secured the ball for Cambridge in Oxford's 22 setting the tone for the rest of the match. Two minutes later, a series of slick hands down the back line enabled full back Laura Suggitt to score for Cambridge out wide. Minutes later, Laura put the ball over the line again, only for the try to be dubiously disallowed due to blocking. Captain Sian McGuinness monopolised on the confusion and made a great decision taking a guick penalty to score again for Cambridge. Ten minutes in, a number of strong forward carries left space out wide for the backs to again use their pace to out flank Oxford's defence, resulting in a try from Anna Wilson. Cambridge continued to put Oxford under a lot of pressure and were rewarded for their efforts with a try from No. 8 Bryony Coombs. At half time, the Cambridge Blues ran in 20 - 0 up.

In the second half, the Cambridge Women continued to play fantastic rugby. In the scrum, the Cambridge Blues mimicked the Tigers' dominance, marching the Oxford pack back 10 meters at a time and turning the ball over on multiple occasions. Cambridge played sophisticated rugby with strong forward carries and multi-offload phases, creating abundant space for the backs to run the ball over the line. In the second half, Cambridge topped their first half performance scoring a further 5 tries (Helen Lambert, Bryony Coombs, Anna Wilson, Chloe Withers and Charlotte Frost). Special mention should go to the second try that was the result of a huge drive from



the Cambridge pack and the third that was the result of an outstanding display of ball handling. Bryony Coombs offloaded to Jess Gurney who offloaded Jenni Sidey who took the ball into contact. Quick recycling of the ball enabled Sian McGuinness to utilise the space breaking the Oxford line with a clever dummy then passing to Anna Wilson who scored her second try of the day.

Special mention should go to captain Sian McGuinness for being awarded Player of the Match.

#### **Cambridge Tigers 5 Oxford Panthers 27**

The 2nd teams kicked off a beautiful Varsity day with an encouraging display of rugby. The Match started well for the Cambridge Tigers. We looked well organised and composed in attack and our hugely dominant scrum left the Oxford forwards flailing. Unfortunately for the Tigers, the Panthers' strong number 10, an exchange student from America not eligible for the Blues team, succeeded in breaking the Cambridge line and scoring for Oxford. Cambridge quickly responded, with Claire Donoldson scoring from a tap and go penalty. For the rest of the match, Cambridge continued to look threatening, however, could not break down the Oxford defence. The Panthers' no. 10 continued her good form and broke the Cambridge line on multiple occasions, scoring the remainder of Oxford's tries.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

This year CUWRFC won their Midlands 1A league undefeated; only conceding three tries. In order to do this CUWRFC beat Nottingham, recently demoted from the Premiership, in a hard fought game (CUWRFC 10 - 5 Nottingham). The Blues were then entered into play-offs, and after two victorious matches were promoted into the Southern Premiership. Next season will be a challenge, facing much more experienced teams, however after the successful season this year CUWRFC have shown they thoroughly deserve their place there.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

Next year will be one of the most momentous years in the club's history. The Blues team will finally join the men at Twickenham in December. CUWRFC will also compete to remain in the Southern Premiership, and in addition work to improve the College's League and standard of the Tigers.

The team will also be playing in the top BUCS division competing with the best teams in the country. The club are investing a lot more into Coaching and Strength and Conditioning to make sure the women can compete at the highest level.



# Ski & Snowboard Club

#### www.cussc.co.uk/

CUSSC represents the interests of ski racing participants across the University. The highlight of the CUSSC season is the Varsity Races, the longestrunning team ski competition in the world, run almost continuously since 1922. Our top racers and freestylers head out to the Alps during the Easter Vacation to compete in the BUCS Championships. Closer to home, the club competes annually in the BUCS Indoor Championships.

The club maintains an active social side, and regular fitness training complements weekly trips to Milton Keynes for race and freestyle training.

# Varsity 2014/15

9th - 10th December 2014, Tignes, France Cambridge Men's 1st VI: WON by 10.63 seconds Cambridge Women's 1st VI: WON by 9.27 seconds Cambridge Men's 2nd VI: WON by 53.50 seconds Cambridge Women's 2nd VI: WON by 6.09 seconds

Cambridge Men's 3rd VI: WON by 1.63 seconds

The 9th - 10th December saw one of the most successful set of Varsity Races for CUSSC in recent memory. In the team competitions, all five teams successfully defeated Oxford thanks to some determined performances from all involved. Special credit must go to the men's 2nd team, who won by a staggering 53.50 seconds. Cambridge was equally as dominant in the individual events as the team event. Benedetta Pacella completed the hat trick, rising to the top of the podium for the individual GS, individual slalom and individual overall competitions. as well as the team competitions. Meanwhile, in the men's competition, fresher Antoine Magré swept the competition aside in the GS and Harry Collard dominated in the Slalom and Overall titles. As such, of the eleven awards presented in this year's competition, all eleven were presented to Cambridge athletes, rounding off an unsurpassable performance by the Cambridge Skiers.

### **Benedetta Pacella**

Benedetta once again demonstrated her dominance on the slopes this year, with a second consecutive victory in the Varsity Races on the slopes of Tignes. Her performance led to her topping the podium four times, in the Team, Slalom, GS, and Overall Competitions, beating her nearest challenger by over four seconds. In recognition of her exceptional performances, Benedetta has been awarded a Full Blue this year. In the recent club elections, Benedetta has also been instated as Race Captain for the 2015/16 season.

#### **Tim Gratton and Arthur Henderson**

Tim and Arthur were selected to sail for the six-man British Universities team to tour the East Coast of America in September 2015. Tim's elder brother Ben (Oxford) was also selected for the team. The event takes place every two years with the US team coming here in 2013 and winning all their matches. This year it was the UK's turn to take revenge – winning all their representative matches in a complete reversal of the 2013 outcome. Congratulations to Tim and Arthur on their contribution to this success.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

This year, CUSSC entered two teams into the BUISC competition, in the Central region. The first team progressed to the quarter-finals round, before a straddled gate ended their hopes in the competition.

Harry Collard and Nick Jones represented Cambridge in the BUSC Championships in Tignes during the Easter vacation. However, challenging conditions resulted in numerous competitors, including our own, struggling to finish.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

The club is excited to replicate the successes of this year in the Varsity Match 2015, to be held in Val Thorens. With a large number of top racers still at Cambridge next year, the club is hoping for even greater success next year!

# Small-Bore Club

# http://cusbc.soc.srcf.net

CUSBC is Cambridge University's Small Bore Rifle Club. Practice with .22 smallbore rifles takes place on Mondays and Fridays in Cambridge's 25-yard range, the Queen Elizabeth Way range. Our membership each year ranges from returning experienced first team shots to complete novices. CUSBC is a very social club, with socials held every week in the Hawks' Club. In Lent Term, we shoot five Varsity Matches against Oxford: 1st VIII, the women's IV, the 2nd VIII, the Cambridge 3rds, and the 3P Match (3 position). Small Bore shooting is a Half Blue sport, and Cambridge has a very good record of success, particularly in our Varsity Matches.

# Varsity 2014/15

# 15th February 2015, National Shooting Centre, Bisley

Cambridge 1st VIII	1522/1600
Oxford 1st VIII	1473/1600
Cambridge Women 1st IV	746/800
Oxford Women 1st IV	687/800

The Heslop and Bentata Varsity Matches were held on Sunday 15th February at the Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley. Fiercely strong competition for places saw an impressive final squad who were victorious in both matches on the day. The Heslop was won with a score of 1522/1600 to Oxford's 1473/1600. The topscorers were Fergus Flanagan and Simon Armstrong who scored 195/200. The Bentata was won with a score of 746/800 to Oxford's 687/800. Congratulations go to top-scorer Harriet Nuttall who scored 190/200.



# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

Cuppers was won for Peterhouse by Fred Hill and Emily Mason with 383/400. Emily also won the Novice Competition with 190/200, and Charlotte Sayers won both the Individual and the New Member Competitions with 194/200.

Lent Term saw an impressive number of matches with an equally impressive turnout to them all. This made up for the fact that, due to errors both on our part and on the part of BUCS, we were not able to make the BUCS final. However, action has been taken to ensure this does not reoccur and we look forward to once again being competitive next year.

An away match against Sevenoaks provided the welcome challenge of an unknown range, and CUSBC came away victorious with 958/1000 to their 893/1000. Max Traynor top-scored with an impressive 195/200.

An effort to rekindle matches against other universities saw a home match against Imperial. CUSBC was once again victorious with the 1st VIII 1528/1600, followed by the Cambridge 2nd VIII with 1508/1600, closely followed by Imperial with 1502/1600. Congratulations to Fergus Flanagan who top-scored with 195/200.

Our regular fixture against GOGS was much closer than normal. Cambridge scored an impressive 1546/1600, coming within just 8 points of GOGS' 1554/1600. This incredibly strong performance saw 7 scores over 190 and 3 over 195, with Fred Hill, the cream of the crop, scoring 197/200.

### **Simon Armstrong**

In his third and final year at Cambridge, Simon was the CUSBC captain 2014-15. As well as leading the club to win all five of our Varsity Matches against Oxford this year, he joint top-scored in our 1st VIII Varsity Match in Lent Term, with 195/200. This impressive score meant he was awarded a Half Blue, but also gives him the opportunity to achieve a Full Blue in rifle shooting overall, depending on his performance in the Full Bore Varsity Matches in July 2015.

#### **Fergus Flanagan**

Fergus joined the team during his first year at Cambridge, as the club's social secretary. He joint top-scored in our 1st VIII Varsity Match alongside Simon Armstrong, with 195/200, resulting in him being awarded a Half Blue. Similarly, he will be aiming to be awarded a Full Blue following our Full Bore Varsity Matches in July. Fergus has now been elected as the club's captain for 2015/16, and is looking to continue and build on the club's success that has been achieved over the last year. Another home match, this time against RGS Guildford, saw Cambridge victorious once more with a score of 1500/1600 to RGS' 1490/1600. Fergus Flanagan top-scored for Cambridge with 193/200. My thanks go to Max Traynor for organising many of these matches.

The season was concluded with the final 3 Varsity Matches held on the 14th March, and once again CUSBC was victorious in all 3. With Bill Cowell once again having passed on his expertise, a strong Lermann team was victorious with a score of 968/1200 to Oxford's 838/1200. Jonathan Waite top-scored with 253/300. The Kensington was won by Cambridge with a score of 1502/1600 to Oxford's 1364/1600, and the top-scorer was Sam Sharma with 191/200. The Ex-Captains' Challenge was won once again by Cambridge with a score of 1462/1600 to Oxford's 1048/1600. The top-scorer was James Xiao with 186/200.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

The club is looking forward to the new season, and aiming to encourage a large new intake in Michaelmas with the Societies' Fair and the club's guest days. The club is hoping to increase its success even further from the last year, and will also be continuing its rifle maintenance programme to ensure that equipment is in as good a condition as possible to aid the advancement of the club.

# Squash Rackets Club

#### www.srcf.ucam.org/cusrc/

CUSRC is a thriving club with three men's and three ladies' teams, all participating in a league and Varsity Matches. We train about three times a week, under the guidance of coach Richard Loke.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 14th February 2015, The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall Men: Cambridge 2 Oxford 3 Ladies: Cambridge 6 Oxford 0

On February 14th 2015, the Cambridge Light Blues took on their Dark Blue counterparts at the prestigious Royal Automobile Club in London, often referred to as 'The Home of Squash'. Oxford were marginal favourites in the lead up to the match following the graduation of former Cambridge number 1 and 10-time Blue Dr Harry Leitch, the groin injury of 2014 Blue Matt Lees whilst retaining 4 of their Blues from the previous year. At the reserve string, Ryan Mullarkey (St John's) took on the Oxford Captain Jon Carter, but lost 3 - 1 in a hard fought match. At No. 5, Cambridge's James Liley (Darwin) won 3 - 0 in straight sets (including a brutal 26 minute first game) against the OUSRC President Andrew Lindsay who was playing his 3rd Varsity Match. At No. 4, the Cambridge Captain George Johnson (Magdalene) took on his opponent from the previous year Thomas Paine. This was the longest of the matches this year, and despite the Light Blue Captain being 2 - 1 up, Paine fought back and won the match 3 - 2, levelling the overall tie at 1 - 1. At No. 3, Cavin Wilson (Pembroke) secured his 1st Blue against Oxford's notoriously fit Alex Roberts. Despite Cavin's best efforts, Roberts' extreme fitness paid off in the end on the unforgiving RAC courts and won 3 - 0. At No. 2, Cambridge's Laurence Bruggemann (Homerton) levelled the tie by beating Owen Riddall 3 - 1, earning himself the Cambridge Man of the

Match award. This left the scores at 2 - 2 with just the number 1s to play. Alec Greaves-Tunnell (Emmanuel) took on Oxford's Nelson Fung who was playing his 8th and final Varsity Match. In a thrilling encounter, Nelson won 3 - 1 and therefore secured the Varsity trophy for Oxford.

The ladies' Blues squash team launched their Varsity campaign on February 14th at the prestigious RAC venue feeling confident. The majority of last year's team had stayed on and the addition of two new highly experienced and skilled players created a Light Blue side of unprecedented quality and depth.

This year, at 6th string in the reserve match was Kristen MacAskill from Corpus Christi, double Blue and last year's number 3, which serves to highlight the strength of the Cambridge side. She made short work of her match with the most emphatic 3 - 0 victory of the day (9-0, 9-1, 9-2)

The 5th string match saw battle of the captains as Laura Mullarkey from Jesus, took on Oxford's Anna Gibson. Both players earned their second Blues, having played at 2nd and 4th string respectively last year. The first game was a tightly contested, nervy affair but Laura took control in the second game, winning a run of points with powerful shots to the back finished off with well placed drops and she went on to win convincingly (9-7, 9-0, 9-5).

Anira Perera from Fitzwilliam made her second Varsity appearance at 4th string. After dropping a close first game, she settled into the match and improved shot selection and use of her trademark incredible touch and agile movement around the court saw her comfortably take the match in 4 games (7-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-2). Magdalene fresher Isabel Maloney joined the team at number 3. Having attained lofty heights of English number 6 in the junior game she had taken a break for the last couple of years, before returning to the game at Cambridge. She proved she still had it, winning decisively (9- 2, 9-2, 9-6) displaying impressive skills and a laidback style. This victory took the overall score to 3 - 0 clinching the deal for Cambridge, taking the pressure off the top two players. They performed, none the less, making the outcome conclusive.

Another valuable addition to the team was Rina Einy of Emmanuel, who played as the 2nd string. Rina is an incredibly experienced and talented sportswoman, having played in Wimbledon before converting to squash. Her accurate shots (especially high floating balls that died in the back corner) and excellent movement earned her an easy victory over Oxford's four time Blue, Mabel Li (9-2, 9-2, 9-1).

The 1st string match was a hotly contested affair with both players earning their third Blue. Cambridge's star player Ali Hemingway from Fitzwilliam took the first two games, always landing the final winning shot in long rallies with outstanding attacking shots and retrievals. In a sterling effort, throwing herself around the court, Oxford's number one, Emily Peach, took the third game. However, Ali came back stronger than ever, cutting any potential comeback in its tracks, winning the final game to love (9-4, 9-4, 6-9, 9-0). The high quality of squash and fierce determination of the match saw both players deservedly win their respective team's Man of the Match award.

The convincing 6 - 0 Cambridge victory is testament to the hard work of the team throughout the year, under the guidance of our experienced and dedicated coach Richard Loke. Thanks also go to our sponsors Atass who supported training at our new facility in the University Sports Centre and enabled the team to compete in the Cambridgeshire league.

#### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

Unfortunately for the players of CUSRC, the club has had to withdraw from the BUCS fixtures as it was simply not feasible to field a consistent team on Wednesday afternoons in term time. As a consequence, the University teams enter the local Cambridgeshire squash leagues playing on Wednesday evenings with the Blues being in the premier division and regularly finishing in the top couple of positions. This year the men's Blues finished 3rd in the league and the 2nd team finished 2nd in the 2nd division and therefore narrowly missed out on promotion to the premier division. The club were fairly pleased with the season's results, especially since we are forced to field weak teams out of term time as these fixtures continue throughout the holidays, this undoubtedly compromised our chances of finishing top of the divisions.

The ladies also compete in the Cambridgeshire league. The Blues team are in the top division and the 2nds and 3rds both in the 2nd division. The Blues performed very strongly with several undefeated players and leading the way for most the season. Unfortunately, as the competition is not University specific, we struggled for numbers in the matches scheduled during the holiday and had to concede a couple of matches so finished in 3rd place. This result qualified us for Blue status.

#### Looking forward to 2015/16

Next year we hope to build on the successes of this year, especially focusing on the depth of strength in the club.

# Swimming & Waterpolo Club

#### www.cuswpc.co.uk/ @CUSWPC

CUSWPC was formed in 1855 making it one oldest sports clubs in the University. The club is composed of two men's water polo teams, one women's water polo team, one mixed competitive swim team, and a second mixed uncompetitive swim squad. In total we have 75 active members.

CUSWPC is historically one of the most successful University of Cambridge sports teams with all of our competitive teams competing in the BUCS competition. The Water Polo team is one of only two University of Cambridge sports teams whose women's and men's teams are both in the top tier of BUCS. CUSWPC regularly reach national semi-finals and finals, and such success is mirrored in the Varsity Competition where we have won 170 matches to Oxford's 99 and in 2005 we won the swimming match by a record breaking 110 - 67 points.

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#### Swimming Varsity 2014/15 28th February 2015, Parkside Pools, Cambridge Points totals:

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	Oxford	Cambridg
Men	57	33
Women	53	34
Overall	110	67

The Varsity Match consists of 14 individual races, 7 each for men and women, with 2 swimmers from each university competing for points from 4 for 1st down to 1 for 4th. The big finale is the male and female medley and freestyle relays, with the winner of each taking 7 points and the loser 3. Despite excellent swims from all of the Cambridge Swim team, including some nail bitingly close relays, the Oxford men's and women's team came away victorious. Outstanding individual swims for Katherine Pyne, Catherine Breed, Katherine Chapman and team captain Alexandra Wiseman gained the four female athletes Full Blues. On the men's team, Erik Sullivan, Dale Waterhouse, Dominic Holloway, Calum Ferguson, Ian Gaffney, Graeham Douglas all swam Full Blue times, with the first years Holloway and Ferguson having particularly impressive swims, which shows promise for the coming year.





#### Men's Water Polo Varsity 2014/15 28th February 2015, Parkside Pools, Cambridge Cambridge 9 – 8 Oxford

The men's Varsity Match 2015 was a hard fought victory for Cambridge. Two losses earlier in the year to an experienced Oxford team, following the previous year's away Varsity victory, saw very high pressure on the Light Blues. Despite this, the team started very strongly and went into half time 7 - 3 up. However, with both sides becoming tired and the loss of several of Cambridge's most senior players, Oxford's experience started to show. Pulling themselves back to 8 - 8 with 40 seconds to go in spite of staunch Cambridge defense, the final minute was heart-inmouth. A final push by Cambridge however led to the deciding goal being scored with just 8 seconds remaining on the clock, with the match finishing 9 - 8.

#### Women's Water Polo Varsity 2014/15 28th February, Parkside Pools, Cambridge Cambridge 5 – 6 Oxford

After beating Oxford both times they had met earlier in the season, Cambridge were eager to make it a 100% Light Blue record for the season. At the start of the first quarter the nerves of the Cambridge team started to show leading to mistakes which put them behind at half time. Despite some very strong attack in the deep end, and a hat-trick from newcomer Alana Friedman, at the final whistle the score was 5 -6 to Oxford.

# **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

#### Swimmers:

It was a mixed BUCS season for the swimmers. In the BUCS Southern qualifying match the Cambridge A team, competing in division 1, came 7th out of 8 resulting in their demotion to division 2 for next season. The Cambridge B team however competed in division 3 where they came 2nd out of 11 earning promotion into division 2 next year. At BUCS finals the B team qualified in division 3 as they finished 6th out of 9 teams.

#### Men's 1sts Water Polo:

The 2014/15 men's squad progressed further than any previous Cambridge men's team in 3 years. Coming second in the Premier South division and beating Northumbria in the knock-out round, they finally bowed out in the semi-final round-robin, placing themselves in the top 8 water polo teams in the UK.

#### Women's Water Polo:

After a shaky start to the season, the women's team grew in strength, reaching the knockout stages of the premiership division in BUCS and earning a place in the semi-finals following a walk over match against Liverpool. At the semi-finals the women won one and lost three games in the group, meaning they finished 8th in the country, narrowly missing out on the BUCS finals.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

All the teams are looking to maintain their BUCS performances of this year. The women's and men's Water Polo are working to stay in the top division of BUCS and both hope to make it to semi-finals to repeat the success of last season. The swimmers in the A team hope to be promoted back to division 1 next season after a disappointing demotion. The team B swimmers look to continue their good form from last season.

All teams are already working hard to try and win Varsity in Oxford in the coming Lent term.

# Table Tennis Club

#### www.cuttc.soc.srcf.net

CUTTC provides opportunities for enthusiastic players of all levels to practice and play competitive table tennis. Club players can compete in the BUCS League and Individual Championships, and the annual Varsity Match against Oxford. We provide weekly sessions with coaching, free to members, for all standards, as well as advanced sessions for experienced players. Social events for the members are held throughout the year.

# Varsity 2014/15

#### 8th March 2015, Cambridge Sports Centre Men's 1st Cambridge 7 Oxford 3 Men's 2nd Cambridge 5 Oxford 5 Women's Cambridge 10 Oxford 0

Our Cambridge women started proceedings with a dominant performance, comfortably beating Oxford 10 - 0. Nearly all of the matches were won without conceding a single game.

As usual, the men's 2nd team encounter was a very close affair, finishing in another 5 - 5 draw. Many of the matches could have gone either way. Hampton Tao's strong performances proved to be critical for Cambridge. He won all of his matches, including his doubles with Juan Antonio Rubio-Lara. In the other doubles match Cambridge's 2nd team captain Martin Rohland combined extremely well with Michael Lu to secure a valuable 3 - 0 win.

With the departure of three of our 1st team members, including top player Nicholas Leung, the Cambridge men's squad faced a daunting challenge in extending our unprecedented run of eleven Varsity victories. Fortunately our team rose to the occasion, with key players putting in gutsy performances to achieve a 7 - 3 victory. Particular credit must go to Joshua Bleakley and Wilson Chen, both of whom were unbeaten in their singles matches. They also repeated their doubles success of last year, with another impressive victory, this time over Oxford's top two

players. Credit must also go to captain Harry Ness who played in a determined fashion throughout. He beat Oxford's Maciej Jarocki 3 - 2 and narrowly lost to Dai Xi 3 - 1, with the last two games going to deuce, 10 - 12. Harry then combined with his regular doubles partner from Queens' college, Ben Farrar. This established pairing won their match 3 - 1.

# **BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15**

#### BUCS Individual Championships: 21st - 22nd February 2014, Nottingham University, Nottingham

The standard in the BUCS Individuals was exceptionally high this year, with a significant number of England, Scotland and Ireland internationals taking part. Cambridge had a relatively large contingent made up of Josh Bleakley, Wilson Chen, Juan Rubio-Lara, Michael Lu, Leon Law, Martin Rohland, Harry Ness, Ben Farrar, Maitreyi Shivkumar, Bijun Tang, Jessica Kung and Jessy Zhou.

Josh, Wilson, Harry, Ben and all the women's players went through to the knockout stages while Martin progressed to the semi-final of the plate, losing to the eventual winner. Maitreyi put in a fantastic effort against one of the top seeds, taking them to five sets and nearly causing a major upset.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

We look forward to welcoming new players in the coming October. With the departure of several men's 1st and 2nd team members this year, there will be many opportunities for new recruits to shine and contribute to the club.

The women's team still remains strong and will look to continue their performance both in the Varsity Match and in BUCS. With the loss of several key players, including captain Harry Ness who is on his year abroad, the year ahead for the men's team will be a challenge but we remain positive going forward.

# Taekwondo Club

# http://cutkd.soc.srcf.net

CUTKD is one of Cambridge's leading martial arts clubs. Each week everyone from complete beginners to Black Belts attend core sessions to learn kicking and punching techniques as well as patterns and self defence. We also run sparring training for all levels, in preparation for the wide range of competitions taking place throughout the year.



# Varsity 2014/15

#### 22nd February 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge Oxford Women's A 3 - Cambridge Women's A 2 Oxford Men's A 3 - Cambridge Men's A 2

It was a hugely successful Match day in terms of high spirits, sportsmanship and good clean sparring from the Cambridge side. As this year's CUTKD President it was very rewarding to see the training and dedication come together in remarkable form on the day: excepting some clear Cambridge victories, all the bouts were fairly even with great athleticism and sparring technique shown from both sides.

Dave Sutherland started the men's A match with a victory, and although it was followed by two losses from our captain and president against our Oxford counterparts, Malte Hoffman brought the series back up to 2 - 2. The final Match was closely contested but eventually lost by our beginner Matthew Pryn against a Black Belt.

The women's defence of the trophy they won last year was hampered by the women's captain's illness, but every match was close and well fought. Women's team star Natasha Jones and new recruit Zuzanna Grześkiewicz picked up two wins to make it another very close loss for the Cambridge team. In the reserves fights after the main competition, the Cambridge women continued their excellent performance with a 2 - 0 win over Oxford.

As ever the more industrial training regime of Oxford gave them the edge on the day, yet we're heartened by the narrow margin by which the 'A' team matches were lost as a sign that we're on the right track. Most importantly, it was a hugely enjoyable day of sparring, made more so by the large Cambridge contingent cheering us on from the sidelines. Our thanks to the individuals who officiated the match, ensuring its smooth running: Ekbal Hussain, Thomas Adams, Chang-Woo Lee, David Pugh and Carys Redman-White.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

In addition to our Varsity Match, the CUTKD team attended two other major competitions in the year, the Imperial College Open towards the end of Michaelmas term and the Annual British Student Taekwondo Federation championships at the University of Worcester on February 28th.

The Imperial Open was a great learning experience for the club. For many of us it was our first big national competition in a number of years. None of the team got past the second round of the competition, but sportsmanship was excellent all around and next year we hope to build on our experience when we return to Imperial.

Due to being a week after Varsity, only two of our team avoided injury and could fight at the BSTF championship. Men's Captain Joseph Scott ended up facing the same opponent he fought at the Imperial





Open and lost again to the eventual Gold medalist. Matthew Pryn, though, got to the final of the 80+ kg C class and came home with a Silver medal, no mean feat for someone who only started Taekwondo, or martial arts in general, this year!

# Looking forward to 2015/16

The major goal the CUTKD committee have for the next year is to expand the club, both numerically and socially. We're aiming on a big recruitment drive at the start of Michaelmas, and to have more social events to bring both beginners and seniors in our club together.

Of course, we're still serious about competing. This year we attended two national competitions and Varsity, and we plan to at least match this number in the next year. Many in the club have a lot more experience after our campaigns this year, and we hope to achieve even better results this year – especially against Oxford!

# Trampoline Club

# http://www.srcf.ucam.org/cutc/ @camunitc

CUTC was founded in 1984, and 2014 saw many of our alumni and current members attend a special 30th anniversary dinner at St John's College. We were privileged that our founder, Sian Hood, was able to attend and lead speeches with 2014/15 President, Andrew Aistrup. In the past year, the club has continued to grow and has been host to another large national league event, pulling the most competitors of any league event in the 2014/15 season. We have a very strong membership approaching 100 people, with over 5000 attending our sessions and events in the past year alone. We have four Varsity teams each year, and an evergrowing competition squad that travels around the UK. We have had some fantastic successes in the Southern Universities Trampoline League and BUCS, and hope that this success will carry over and inspire more athletes in the 2015/16 season. As a club which promotes both participation and competition, we have a very diverse membership of all abilities and reasons for taking part in sport, which we feel is one of our biggest strengths.



### Varsity 2014/15

Reserves

#### 8th March 2015, University of Oxford Sport, Oxford Total Oxford 453.7 Cambridge 451.7 Δ Oxford 169.1 Cambridge 163.0 Oxford 146.3 R Cambridge 139.7 С Oxford 138.3 Cambridge 149.0

Oxford

Cambridge

Cambridge suffered a very narrow defeat in 2015 after eight years of consecutive victory, despite stellar performances across all four of our teams. Oxford fielded a very strong A team this year, with world champion tumbler, Kristof Willerton, among three other highly skilled national competitors. Despite this setback for our top team, and with almost twenty points of difficulty behind Oxford, Cambridge produced a fantastic set of scores. To finish only two points behind was therefore a testament to the depth of our entire team.

42.5

141.1

The order of events ran from the Reserve team, to C, B, and finally A, with the total of teams A, B, and C, producing a team total. Our Reserve team performed with comparable quality to our higher teams this year after a particularly difficult selection process. The standard across the Cambridge club has drastically improved in recent years and we are now oversubscribed for our Varsity team. Our C team took victory over Oxford with a drastic lead of nearly eleven points, followed by our B and A teams who lost with similar narrow margins.

Unfortunately, the strength of our C team was not enough to compensate for the top level of talent that Oxford had on show this year, however the Cambridge team left with victory in their hearts and, in particular, there were some fantastic personal achievements for some of the competitors for whom this was their first time competing at University level.

We look forward to Varsity in 2016, where Oxford shall return to Cambridge for the showdown.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

### BUCS – 21st - 22nd February, ICE, Sheffield

Cambridge returned to Sheffield with a modest squad to take part in the BUCS National Championships 2015. Despite a small turnout, we had some fantastic performances, with both Ryan Hadlow (Corpus Christi) and Lucas Lin (St Edmund's) reaching the final round of the competition. After reaching the 'domino' final stage, Ryan placed a very respectable 8th place in the highest national category, a monumental victory for Ryan and for the Cambridge team.

# Cambridge Open – 7th February 2015, University of Cambridge Sports Centre, Cambridge

For the second year, Cambridge were voted to be one of the five hosts of the newly formed Southern Universities Trampoline League (SUTL), alongside Bath, Bristol, Surrey and Southampton. Our event took place in February 2015 and saw one of the largest turnouts of entry in university league competition history, and the largest in the league for the season with over 400 competitors.

The day was a monumental success and received widespread acclaim for the quality and scale of the event. Thanks go to Cambridge University Olympic Gymnastics Club for their displays and taster sessions, and the University of Cambridge Sports Centre staff for their integral support for the event.

#### **Other News**

Thanks to the generous support of Sport England, the club was able to fund the purchase of a new trampoline in 2015, increasing our session capacity to six beds. As pressure to host larger competitions and sessions grew in the previous years, the club also invested in two additional trampolines to bring our total to eight.



# Looking forward to 2015/16

For 2015/16 we are excited to bring a new generation of coaches through with upcoming level 1 and 2 courses. We are also pleased to have been voted to host a third Cambridge Open as part of the Southern Universities Trampoline League, which is due to take place on February 6th 2016. We intend to continue investing in our coaches and performers to maximise the enjoyment of all those in our sessions, as well as our competition performance.



# Triathlon Club

#### www.CUTriC.com @CUTriC

CUTriC is a relatively young but rapidly growing club. Having started out as a small offshoot of Cambridge University Cycling Club in 2000, it is now a thriving club with around 60 members. The club is friendly and welcoming to athletes of all abilities, from the complete novice to national level athletes. The club has three Varsity Matches: a Duathlon, sprint triathlon and Olympic distance triathlon. In addition the club competes in BUCS duathlon, sprint triathlon and Olympic distance triathlon.



#### Varsity 2014/15

16th May 2015, Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire

#### Women

Cambridge 1sts 4:14:36 Oxford 1sts 3:49:50 Cambridge mob match 3:06:42 Oxford mob match 2:54:02

#### Men

Cambridge 1sts 3:33:41 Oxford 1sts 3:33:26 Cambridge 2nds 3:43:38 Oxford 2nds 3:46:48 Cambridge mob match 18:05:11 Oxford mob match 19:08:57

The Varsity Match took part in the sprint triathlon format, which consisted of a 750m lake swim, challenging 20km bike course and 5km run that took competitors up a steady incline and back down. President Max Jenkins took first place and had the fastest run split of the race of 17:40. The men's Blues team was the tightest ever recorded, with Cambridge losing by a mere 15 seconds across the three competitors Max Jenkins, Will Kirk and Petros Giannaros. The men's 2nds and mob match team put in a strong performance and beat Oxford by a substantial margin.

On the women's side fresher Kate Curran showed her strength across all disciplines. Curran charged herself into 2nd place, beating several male Dark Blue competitors. Jessica Mason performed well, overcoming technical difficulties on the bicycle to be the 6th woman home. Olivia Peel, Andrea Stefkova and Ruth Allen were 3rd, 4th and 5th Light Blue women home and all put in some promising performances. Unfortunately the Dark Blue ladies had the advantage of a larger team and won both the Blues and mob matches.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

#### Varsity Duathlon

The Varsity duathlon format consists of a 5km run, 20km bike and 5km run back-to-back and took place at Eton Dorney.

Max Jenkins put in an impressive performance, finishing with a 5km run of 16:52 to crown himself 2015 Varsity Duathlon Champion. Strength in the Oxford men's team saw them fill up 2nd to 5th places. The men's Blues team, consisting of Max Jenkins, Petros Giannaros and Captain Will Kirk, saw a narrow defeat of 1 minute and 23 seconds. The men's mob saw similar misfortune with a loss of a mere 34 seconds over 13 athletes.

In the women's results, fresher and elite junior triathlete Kate Curran showed her experience by leading the race from start to finish. Second on the podium was Oxford's Imogen Kempton followed closely by Cycle Captain Ellen Powell. The Cambridge Blues team was then made complete by runner and orienteer Carrie Beadle. The women's Blues thrashed the Oxford Blues by almost ten minutes and the remaining Cambridge women; Catherine Newsome, Olivia Peel and Jessica Mason dominated the field to also take the mob match.

#### **BUCS Duathlon**

BUCS Duathlon once again took place at Castle Combe race circuit in Wiltshire. The event, which saw almost 600 university students take part, consisted of a 10 mile bike sandwiched between 2 mile runs.

Max Jenkins smashed his way through the field to finish 36th on the day whilst Paddy Roddy ran the 8th fastest final 2 miles of the day to finish in 51st place. Ex-President Matt Jones achieved the fastest CUTriC bike split of the day, and an exceptional first duathlon for Des Moore saw him come 4th for CUTriC.

The women's field was also highly competitive. Nevertheless, fresher Kate Curran dazzled everyone with her triathlon experience coming in an exceptional 12th place, leading home Cycling Captain Ellen Powell and first-timer Jessica Mason in 36th and 74th places respectively. The remaining CU Triathletes, Katie Newsome, Claire Rye and Olivia Peel, ran to the finish line just over a minute apart.

### Lucy Gossage

Lucy Gossage has made the transition to professional triathlete this year. She is sponsored by Erdinger and will be competing in the World Ironman Championships in October.

# **Kate Curran**

Kate Curran has been competing in elite triathlons since 2012. Notably she was national duathlon champion and national super series champion in 2012. This year she won the London Triathlon elite youth race.





#### **Other News**

The club has recently set up a sponsorship arrangement with ROKA sports and hopes to build a mutually beneficial relationship with this company.



# Looking forward to 2015/16

The club continues to experience steady growth and this is manifested in the boom in attendance to sessions. Each year, the Varsity Triathlon and Duathlon Matches see an increase in participation as well as depth.

The ability for alumni to race in the Varsity wave has also seen the establishment of alumni relations. We encourage any alumni who were involved in the past, or are now involved in triathlon to get in touch and to receive updates via our alumni list. The CUTriC annual dinner, amalgamated with the committee handover, takes place the week preceding May week each year. The dinner is a highlight of our social calendar.

The ability of the club to fully-cover transport costs last year shows the commitment the committee has made to make triathlon a more assessable sport for students here at Cambridge. This, along with our very successful club-bike scheme, will continue in 2015/16.

After some narrow defeats last year, the club will continue to make Varsity Duathlon and Triathlon its main focus and to regain all the trophies. An increase in pool-time along with a reshuffling of our training schedule will allow us to better utilise the training week.

The Varsity Duathlon match is due to the take place in February/March 2016 whilst the Varsity Triathlon match will take place in late May 2016.

# Volleyball Club

#### www.cuvc.org

Cambridge University Volleyball Club is one of the most successful sports clubs in the University. For many years the first teams have maintained their place in division 1 of the Midlands BUCS league but qualified on merit for the premier League (Southern Conference) in 2015/16, its inaugural year. Both teams regularly reached the Championship Final 8s and have medalled at these Championships four times, thereby booking their place at the European University Championships. They were the first university teams to have the honour of representing Great Britain and travelled to Championships in Serbia, Greece, Slovenia and Italy. The Blues also compete in the Volleyball England Student Cup, each having reached the final on more than one occasion. The men's Blues completed a rare BUCS and VE Cup double win in 2001/02. Volleyball is also part of the annual Varsity competition against Oxford University. The men's Blues have won 7 times in the last decade of Varsity Matches whilst the women's Blues have won 4 times

In 2014 the women's 2nds entered BUCS where they now compete in Midlands Tier 2. The men's 2nds compete in the County League. Both 2nd teams also enter the Student Cup qualifiers and take part in Varsity Match day.

The club runs open sessions for beginners and organises an intramural league for college and departmental teams during Michaelmas and Lent terms and outdoor league and cuppers during Spring term.

Club members also train and compete in Beach Volleyball. Teams enter Volleyball England's Student Cup and various open competitions in the UK and abroad.

#### Varsity 2014/15

14th February 2015, University of Cambridge Sport Centre, Cambridge

Men Cambridge 1sts 0-3 Oxford 1sts Cambridge 2nds 3-0 Oxford 2nds

#### Women Cambridge 1sts 0-3 Oxford 1sts Cambridge 2nds 3-0 Oxford 2nds

After three years of Light Blue dominance both Cambridge men's and women's 1sts lost their winning streaks despite promising results from the 2nds.

Cambridge's 2nd teams got Varsity Match day off to an optimistic start with comprehensive wins. Both teams denied Oxford even a consolation set and the sniff of victory as they stormed to their 3 - 0 wins. By contrast, the stench of defeat was thick in the air as both Blues teams crumbled to quick-fire defeats.

Whilst the women's 2nds, coached by Dan Escott and this year captained by Ana-Laila Vega, are making Varsity wins a habit, the men's 2nds had only won once before. Credit must go to their newly appointed coach, Adrian Cybriwsky, and captain Cornelius Roehmer for this dominant performance.

#### Sam Dunbavin

Sam (Christ's College) is originally from North Devon and has played beach volleyball for around 7 years, coached by Denise Austin. In 2013 he was selected as a member of the England Junior Boys Development squad, and took part in the Volleyball England Beach Tour, coming second in the British Junior Open. In addition to playing, he also coaches with Beach Volleyball Inc. Having commenced his studies at the University of Cambridge in October 2014 he joined the Blues team playing in the position of libero. In July 2015 Sam became British under 21 champion at the British Junior Open in Sandbanks. As the women's Blues then took to the court to warm up, the crowds started to fill the stands and the tension was palpable as everyone knew this was a tough ask for the home team. Oxford had dominated the BUCS Premier Division's Southern conference. barely dropping a set during the year, and had already inflicted two painful 3 - 0 defeats on the Light Blues. Cambridge were hoping to extend their four year run of Varsity wins but, with an inexperienced team, coach Alice Hsieh, herself for the first time in charge, knew that just keeping her team in the game would be the first challenge. The hosts were buoyed by the fact that Oxford had travelled without two of their big hitters (both out with injury), and fought hard in a nervy first set, staying in contention with the scores close. Then just as the supporters thought an upset might be possible a few moments of lost concentration saw Oxford edge the first set by the slightest of margins. The loss seemed to hit the hosts' morale whilst the manner of it galvanized the visitors to up their game. Oxford took control over the next two sets and cleaned up despite Cambridge's best efforts. Oxford setter Andrea Lei was awarded MVP.

The Cambridge men took to court with a swagger, reassured perhaps by their tag of favourites. After all the Dark Blues compete one division below in BUCS. This also meant that Cambridge had not seen Oxford in competition all season and they were in for an unpleasant surprise. As soon as the whistle blew for first serve the underdoas set about upsetting the formbook, looking the more focused and determined team throughout. The play was not of the highest guality and the Cambridge camp cheered on their team, expecting them to move through the gears. To their horror it was Oxford who responded and despite an outstanding performance from the Cambridge opposite hitter, Greg Peters, the rest of his team gradually fell apart. Coach Eusebiu Ionescu, recalled to lead the side once again after a two year absence, tried to reorganise his team, trying various substitutions but all in vain as Oxford marched on to the most unexpected straight sets win. Their setter, Andreas Iskra was awarded MVP.

# BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

Cambridge men's 1sts completed their first season in the BUCS Premier League Southern Conference. They finished the league in an impressive 3rd place behind two Volleyball England (VE) Senior Academies: Bournemouth University and University of East London and ahead of UCL, Exeter University and Warwick University, all teams with performance sports programs and/or links with National League clubs. The team finished 8th at the Championship Finals 8s tournament. They also qualified for the VE Indoor Student Cup Finals and finished 11th out of 16.

Cambridge women's 1sts completed their first season in the BUCS Premier League Southern Conference. They finished the league in a very respectable 3rd place behind Oxford University and King's College London and ahead of Sussex University and performance sports clubs Bournemouth University and Exeter University. The team finished 6th at the Championship Finals 8s.

# Looking forward to 2015/16

The Cambridge 1st teams have several returning players, and with both having secured the services of new coaches, they are looking forward to another challenging season in the BUCS Premier League and hoping to qualify for the Student Cup. They also have the now unfamiliar incentive of having to win back the Varsity trophies, and with the added kick of doing so in the old foe's backyard.

At the start of January the men's Blues are planning a mid-season team-building tour to Eastern Europe where they will play friendlies against various University teams. The women's Blues are hoping to do the same in the sunnier climes of the Mediterranean.

In April the club will hold its first Alumni matches, to be followed with a formal dinner in college. The Blues are looking forward to meeting the stars of yesteryear, not to mention testing the durability of the Old Blues' volleyball skills.

# Eric Evans Award Winner Christiana Smyrilli Country of origin: Cyprus

Degree: Engineering

Sport: Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the most teamdependent sports. Having said that, as an individual player, you have an impact on the team's performance. I started participating in the Cyprus Championship at 12. I was later called at the Cyprus U18 National Team to participate at the European Championships in Slovakia in 2006. Simultaneously, I was playing for Marathonas Club Women's team, competing in the first division of the championship. I was also the team captain of the U18 team. The highlight of my performance in Cyprus was when we won the U18 National Cup and finished 2nd in the Cyprus Championship in 2008.

Since 2010, I have been a core member of the Volleyball Blues as an outside hitter. In 2010-2011 I gained a Half Blue award, while in 2011-2012 I was awarded with a Full Blue award, after the team won the Silver medal at Student Cup Finals and the Bronze medal in BUCS. If I had to choose, I would say this was the single best year for Cambridge Volleyball. In 2012-2013 I captained the Blues' Team to win Varsity, and to finish top 4 in both BUCS and the Student Cup. Still playing for the Blues but wanting to explore the coaching side too, I became a HEVO representative for Cambridge in 2013-2014 and held weekly volleyball open sessions with more than 20 members. I also gained a referee degree from Volleyball England.

# Yacht Club

#### www.cuyc.org.uk/racing

The Yacht Racing Team is part of the Cambridge University Yacht Club. Last year, we won Varsity for the third time in a row and entered one boat in the BUCS/BUSA championships where we came third. This subsequently led to the qualification for the Student Yachting World Cup, which takes place in November in Brittany. In 2014/2015 we had one team with eight sailors competing.



#### Varsity 2014/15

#### 28th – 29th March 2015, Solent, Portsmouth Cambridge 1st, Oxford 2nd

#### Day 1

The wind howled, waves exploded and the boat turned out to be less watertight than expected, but we battled through to victory. After a stunning start, we led the race - battling with Oxford for first place. By the last run we'd pulled comfortably ahead, crossing the finishing line with a good lead. Our decision to play it safe with two reefs and no kite definitely paid off, with the competition struggling in the breeze. As gusts of up to 38kn tore down the race course the committee called it a day after just the one race, and we headed back to Port Solent for repairs, food and a drink.

#### Day 2

Due to too much wind, all racing was cancelled.

#### BUCS and other Competitions 2014/15

In preparation for BUCS/BUSA and Varsity, four training weekends were held in Portsmouth. The first one in October 2014 was a trial weekend for new crew members. Subsequent weekends were used to improve team work and boat handling. The team won Varsity and came third in BUCS/BUSA which led to the qualification for the Student Yachting World Cup. In preparation for the World Cup, the team took part in the J/80 Nationals where they came 4th.


#### Looking forward to 2015/16

The main focus in 2015/16 will again be on Varsity and the BUCS/BUSA championships in spring 2016. We hope to get two boats out and to further improve the level of the team.

# Positions and Awards

#### **American Football Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Joe Moore	Sidney Sussex
Vice President, Recruitment and Training	Akhilesh Mulay	Queens'
Vice President, Publicity and Sponsorship	Alistair Gempf	Clare
Senior Treasurer	Dr Geoff Parks	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Jack Tavener	Pembroke		Х	
Joe Moore	Sidney Sussex		х	
Tim Allen	St John's		х	
Ed Cozens	Homerton		х	
Joe Yarwood	Selwyn		х	

#### **Athletics Club**

Position	Name	College
President	James Brooks	Emmanuel
Senior Treasurer	Dr Rob Harle	Downing
Men's Captain	Tom Parker	Selwyn
Women's Captain	Annabelle Bates	St Catharine's

Name	College		Half Blue	Club Colours
William Morris	Homerton	Х		
Clayton Gillespie	Selwyn	Х		
James Brooks	Emmanuel	Х		
Tom Russell	Jesus	х		
Richard	Pembroke	Х		

Ollington		
William Pinder	Emmanuel	Х
Philip Crout	St Catharine's	Х
Alex Milne	Homerton	х
Barney Walker	Jesus	Х
Josh Carr	Sidney Sussex	Х
Quentin Gouil	Clare	х
Emmanuel Gbegli	Emmanuel	х
Michael Painter	Churchill	х
Tom Parker	Selwyn	х
Alastair Stanley	Magdalene	х
Lewis Lloyd	Pembroke	х
Onakeno Mario-Ghae	Girton	х
Annabelle Bates	St Catharine's	Х
Maxine Meju	Fitzwilliam	Х
Brigid Eades	Homerton	Х
Emily Shearer	Gonville & Caius	х
Fiona Brown	Girton	х
Felicia Anderson	Lucy Cavendish	х
Katy Hedgethorne	Newnham	Х
Priya Crosby	St Catharine's	Х
Eleanor Duck	Queens'	Х
Katherine Turner	Magdalene	Х
Emma Cullen	St Catharine's	Х
Alice Kaye	Corpus Christi	х
Helen Broadbridge	Jesus	х
Georgina Howe	Downing	Х

#### **Badminton Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Ben Aldred	Magdalene
Senior Treasurer	John Bray	
Men's Captain	Dan Benwell	Sidney Sussex
Women's Captain	Alexandra Englisł	n Girton

College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Magdalene		Х	
Sidney Sussex		Х	
Gonville & Caiu	JS	Х	
Emmanuel		Х	
Robinson		х	
Downing		Х	
Fitzwilliam		Х	
Girton		Х	
Murray Edward	ds	Х	
St Catharine's		Х	
Emmanuel		Х	
St John's		х	
	Magdalene Sidney Sussex Gonville & Caiu Emmanuel Robinson Downing Fitzwilliam Girton Murray Edward St Catharine's Emmanuel	Blue Magdalene Sidney Sussex Gonville & Caius Emmanuel Robinson Downing Fitzwilliam Girton Murray Edwards St Catharine's Emmanuel	BlueMagdaleneXSidney SussexXGonville & CaiusXConville & CaiusXDowningXDowningXGirtonXMurray EdwardsXSt Catharine'sXEmmanuelXX </td

# Basketball Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Markus Kunesch	King's
Senior Treasurer	Nebojša Radić	Language Centre
Junior Treasurer	Tim Bond	Pembroke
Blues Captain	Luka Skoric	St John's
Lions Captain	Kent Griffith	Churchill

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Milan Krstajic	Trinity	Х		
Patrick Lundgren	Robinson	х		
Phil Greyaski	St Edmund's	х		
Keiler Totz	Pembroke		х	
Eduardo Baptista	Jesus		х	
David Delgado	St Edmunds		х	
Kent Griffith	Churchill			х
Toni Oki	Gonville & Caiu	JS		Х
Chris Lovejoy	Gonville & Caiu	JS		Х
James Brown	Trinity			Х
Paul Brimble	Queens'			Х
Opeoluwa Oduyeye	Fitzwilliam			Х
Nikolas Tipos	St Catharine's			Х
Jordan Massiah	Magdalene			Х
Gabriel Bernink	King's			Х
Ben Evans	Homerton			х
Stephen Foulkes	Christ's			х
Kun (Kevin) Chang	Homerton			Х

#### Basketball Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Elena Loche	St Catharine's
Senior Treasurer	Michelle Quay	Pembroke
Captain	Paloma Navarro	St John's'

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Paloma Navarro	St John's	Х		
Leonie de Jonge	Pembroke	Х		
Tatjana Brenninkmeijer	Downing		Х	
Michelle Quay	Pembroke		Х	
Suil Collins	Downing		Х	
Molly Lewis	Jesus		х	
Stephanie Polderdijk	Trinity Hall		Х	
Pia Hecher	Girton		х	
Allyson Freedy	Jesus		Х	
Laura Hildt	Trinity		Х	
Mie Monti	King's		х	
Margherita Cornaglia	King's		Х	

# Boat Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Alexander Leichter	St Edmund's
Senior Treasurer	Robin Waterer	
Vice President	Joshua Hooper	St Edmund's
Honorary Secretary	Rowan Lawson	Trinity Hall
Chairman	Roger Stevens	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Club Blue Colours
Henry Hoffstot	Hughes Hall	Х	Blue Boat
Ben Ruble	Hughes Hall	х	Blue Boat
Matthew Jackson	St Edmund's	х	Blue Boat
William Warr	Queens'	х	Blue Boat
Alexander Leichter	St Edmund's	х	Blue Boat
Joshua Hooper	St Edmund's	х	Blue Boat
Luke Juckett	St Edmund's	х	Blue Boat
Jasper Holst	Hughes Hall	х	Blue Boat
lan Middleton	Queens'	х	Blue Boat
Felix Newman	Selwyn		Goldie
Chris Snowden	St John's		Goldie
Clemens Auersperg	Fitzwilliam		Goldie
Blake Parsons	Pembroke		Goldie
Ali Abbasi	Trinity		Goldie
Matthew Chipping	Queens'		Goldie
Piers Kasas	Trinity		Goldie
Harold Bradbury	Jesus		Goldie
Hugo Ramambason	Trinity		Goldie

### Boat Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Caroline Reid	Jesus
Vice President	Izzy Vyvyan	Hughes Hall
Senior Treasurer	Mary Hood	Downing
Lightweight Captain	Ella Barnard	Gonville & Caius

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Hannah Evans	Selwyn	х		
Daphne Martschenko	Homerton	Х		
Holly Hill	Downing	х		
Melissa Wilson	Gonville & Caiu	s x		
Claire Watkins	Clare	х		
Caroline Reid	Jesus	х		
Ashton Brown	Fitzwilliam	х		
Fanny Belais	King's	х		
Rosemary Ostfeld	Hughes Hall	х		
Ella Barnard	Gonville & Caiu	S	Х	
Emma Clifton	Jesus		Х	
Catherine Aitchison	Christ's		Х	
Kirsten Van Fossen	St John's		Х	
Emma Walker	Gonville & Caiu	S	х	
Christina Ostacchini	Gonville & Caiu	IS	Х	
Patricia Smith	Christ's		Х	
Sarah Lucas	St Catharine's		Х	
Priya Crosby	St Catharine's		х	
Catherine Foot	Girton			х
Izzy Vyvyan	Hughes Hall			х
Holly Game	Girton			х
Sarah Gibson	Trinity			х

Hannah Roberts	Jesus	Х
Gabriella Johansson	Churchill	Х
Evelyn Boettche	r Magdalene	Х
Valentina Futoryanova	Queens'	Х
Katie Klavenes	Hughes Hall	х

#### Bowmen

Lindsov Croor		
Linusay Greer	Sidney Sussex	
Jack Atkinson	Peterhouse	
Sophie Mathias	Corpus Christi	
Richard Whiter	Wolfson	
Eleanor Brug	St Catharine's	
Rob Littlechild	Clare	
Vamsee Bheemireddy	Fitzwilliam	
Karen Habermann	Newnham	
Heather Reynolds Jesus		
	Sophie Mathias Richard Whiter Eleanor Brug Rob Littlechild Vamsee Bheemireddy Karen Habermann	

Name	College		Half Blue	Club Colours
Maryia Karpiyevich	Darwin	Х		
Tak Ho	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Rob Littlechild	Clare		Х	
Lydia Sinnet-Smith	Queens'		Х	

### **Amateur Boxing Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Steven McGrego	r
Senior Treasurer	Dr Martin Ruehl	Trinity Hall
Captain	Chris Hooton	

College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Peterhouse	Х		
Magdalene	Х		
Peterhouse	Х		
Downing	Х		
St John's	Х		
St John's	Х		
St John's	Х		
Hughes Hall	Х		
St John's	Х		
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#### **Canoe Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Anthony Cooper	Churchill
Senior Treasurer	Sam Wallace	
Captain	Alexander Ross	St John's

# Cricket Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Roger Knight	
Senior Treasurer	Professor Ken Siddle	Churchill
Captain	Jamie Abbot	Magdalene

Name	College	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Jamie Abbot	Magdalene	Х	
Phillip Hughes	Downing	Х	
Nipuna Seneratne	Jesus	Х	
Darshan Chohan	St Catharine's	х	
Alex Hearne	St John's	х	
Alex Blofield	Darwin	х	
Alasdair Pollock	Robinson	х	
Ben Wylie	St Catharine's	х	
Avish Patel	Robinson	х	
Patrick Tice	Fitzwilliam	х	
Ruari Crichard	St John's	х	
Alex Hunt	Queens'	х	
Tom Day	Girton		Х
Henry Goodwin	Girton		Х
Akshat Aggarwal	Gonville & Caiu	IS	Х
Chris Wong	Churchill		Х
Matt Donegan	Hughes Hall		Х
Nick Hands	Trinity Hall		Х
Owen Male	Girton		Х
Tom Nickols	Downing		Х
Rory Sale	Fitzwilliam		х
Izhan Khan	Pembroke		х
Alex Waghorn	Pembroke		х

# Cricket Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Maya Hanspal	Pembroke
Senior Treasurer	Professor Ken Siddle	Churchill
Captain	Chloe Allison	Selwyn

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Chloe Allison	Selwyn		Х	
Francesca Barbe	<sup>r</sup> Trinity		Х	
Victoria Salt	Magdalene		Х	
Charlotte Kenealy	St Catharine's		Х	
Christine Viney	St Catharine's		х	
Sophie Abbott	St Catharine's		х	
Maya Hanspal	Pembroke		Х	
Alisha Cramer	Hughes Hall		Х	
Ruth Gilliver	Selwyn		х	
Manveer Badesha	King's		Х	
Katharine Russel	l King's		Х	
Avanka Fernando (12th Man)	Newnham		Х	

# **Cruising Club**

Position	Name	College
Commodore	Bryan Ormond	Pembroke
Senior Treasurer	Tom Ridgman	Wolfson
Sailing Captain	Tim Gratton	St Catharine's
Windsurfing Captain	Ben Lawrence	Gonville & Caius
Women's Captain	Rachel Tilley	Christ's

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Josh Adams	Christ's	х		
Chris Eames	Selwyn	х		
John Farley	Girton	х		
Josh Flack	Emmanuel	х		
Robbie Gilmore	Magdalene	х		
Tim Gratton	St Catharine's	х		
Arthur Henderson	Robinson	Х		
Bryan Ormond	Pembroke	х		
Hugo Sloper	Selwyn	х		
Hannah Bibby	Christ's	х		
Helmi Burton-Papp	Christ's	Х		
Francine Counsell	Corpus Christi	х		
Katie de Lange	Trinity	х		
Steph MacAulay	Emmanuel	х		
Rachel Tilley	Christ's	х		
Ben Lawrence	Gonville & Caiu	IS	х	
Hal Miller	Emmanuel		х	
Laurel Townsend	Sidney Sussex		Х	

# **Cycling Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Callum J.Haseler	Gonville & Caius
Senior Treasurer	Bart Hallmark	
Men's Captain	Sebasian Dickson	Corpus Christi
Women's Captain	Lottie Mallin -Martin	Clare

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Sebastian Dickson	Corpus Christi	х		
Hayley Simmonds	Gonville & Cai	us x		
Felix Barker	Trinity Hall		х	
Lottie Mallin -Martin	Clare		Х	

#### Dancers' Club

Position	Name	College
President	Jeremy Coulon	
Senior Treasurer	Dr Robert Hunt	
Captain	Jolyon Martin	St John's

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Daria Dicu	Sidney Sussex	Х		
Kirsty Mary Davies	Hughes Hall	х		
Kien Trinh	Trinity	х		
Shin Bin Lim	Magdalene		Х	
Konstantin Wolf	Selwyn		Х	
Maximilian Moll	St John's		Х	
Patricia Vlad	Homerton		Х	

Guy Emerson	Trinity	Х	
Kateryna Pavlyul	Girton	Х	
Jolyon Martin	St John's	Х	
Jodie Chalmers	Hughes Hall	Х	
Bence Börcsök	St John's		Х
Tim-Frederik Dauck	Trinity		Х
Sylvie Barlow	Lucy Cavendish		Х
Thomas Nelson	Trinity		Х
Rebecca Lees	Newnham		Х
Adam Eales	Robinson		Х
Tatiana Garthwait	Magdalene		Х

# **Eton Fives Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Rodney Knight	
Senior Treasurer	Peter Reynolds	
Men's Captain	Riki Houlden	Christ's
Women's Captain	Hannah Rapley	Newnham

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Elana Osen	Magdalene	Х		
Olivia Prankerd -Smith	Peterhouse	Х		
Riki Houlden	Christ's		Х	
Tony Barker	Pembroke		Х	
Jack Parham	Clare		Х	
Alex Rattan	King's		Х	
Alistair Stewart	Jesus		Х	
Charlie Moore	Corpus Christi		Х	

#### Association Football Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Dr John Little	
Senior Treasurer	Wendy Little	
Captain	Richard Wolstenhulme	Darwin

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Henry Warne	Fitzwilliam	х		
Jack Congdon	Corpus Christi	х		
Richard Wolstenhulme	Darwin	х		
Nick Hilton	St John's	х		
Preye Koroye-Crookes	Jesus	Х		
Stephen Rawson	Trinity	х		
Thomas Hickey	Fitzwilliam	х		
Boris Grubic	Trinity	х		
James May (C)	Christ's	х		
Daniel Forde	St John's	х		
Alex Gaskell	St John's	х		
Joe Painter	Fitzwilliam	х		
John Gorringe	Queens'	х		
Nikos Yerolemou	Gonville & Caiu	is x		х
John Harrison	Robinson			х
Miles Walker	Homerton			х
Jonny Crease	St Catharine's			х
Demos Christou	Hughes Hall			х
Dan Brown	St John's			х
Andrea Fillipa	St John's			х
Will Goddard-Pantic	Churchill			х
Marcus Nielsen	Pembroke			х
Zac Baynham-Herd	Queens'			х
Stu Gardner	Emmanuel			х
Max Burley	Downing			х
Martin Letrilliart	St John's			х
Andy Webster	Magdalene			х

#### Association Football Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Charlotte Bull	Christ's
Senior Treasurer	Ruth Sims	Homerton
Captain (1st Team)	Gerda Bachrati	Gonville & Caius
Captain (2nd Team)	Maude Gibbins	Clare

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Melanie Abegglen	Clare		Х	
Sophie Canham	Magdalene		Х	
Megan Hughes	Jesus		Х	
Eleanora Vriend	Girton		Х	
Ruth Sims	Homerton		Х	
Gerda Bachrati	Gonville & Caiu	JS	Х	
Ceylon Hickman	King's		Х	
Arden Dierker Viik	Emmanuel		Х	
Rebecca Graves	Girton		Х	
Holly Newton	Jesus		Х	
Kate McAleer	Magdalene		Х	
Fruzsi Karig	Newnham			х
Charlotte Malley	St Catharine's			х

# **Fencing Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Eleanor Bacchus	Magdalene
Treasurer	Daniel Summerbell	Gonville & Caius
Secretary	Yasmin Cazorla-Bak	Robinson
Men's Captain	Harry Boteler	Magdalene
Women's Captain	Alex Craig	St Catharine's
Men's 2nds Captain	Ed Kim	Peterhouse
Women's 2nds Captain	Alisha Cramer	Hughes Hall
Beginners' & Intermediates' Secretary	Tom Harvey	Queens
IT Officer	Matt Fitton	Sidney Sussex
Armourer	Rudi Mears	Churchill
Social Secretary	Freya Petty	Downing
Old Blues Officer	Harriet Hall	St Catharine's
Press & Sponsorship Officer	Mike McLeod	Emmanuel

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Harry Boteler	Magdalene	х		
David Burnside	Robinson	х		
Lara de Salis	Murray Edward	ls x		
Giovanna Dimitri	Clare Hall	х		
Julian Ghosh	Clare Hall	х		
Laurence Peplow	/Magdalene	х		
Alex Schlindweir	Gonville & Caiu	is x		
Ed Stroud	St Catharine's		х	
Zayd Husseini-Eyre	Jesus			Х

Jessica Kung	Jesus	Х
James McKean	St John's	х
Tiffany Mak	Sidney Sussex	Х
Victoria Mascett	i St Catharine's	х
Rebecca Rebis	Emmanuel	Х
Ben Widdicomb	eSt Edmund's	Х
Joyce Yeung	Magdalene	Х
Ali Al-Hadithi	Gonville & Caius	Х
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Mikaela Belcher	Trinity	Х
Owen Brittan	Emmanuel	x x
Owen Brittan	Emmanuel	X
Owen Brittan Bronwen King	Emmanuel Trinity Hall	x x
Owen Brittan Bronwen King Shin Kitaoka	Emmanuel Trinity Hall Queens'	x x x x

#### **Gliding Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Richard Ladley	St John's
Senior Treasurer	Dr Malte Grosch	e Trinity
Treasurer	Sella Lau	Trinity
Secretary	Vikram Giri	Trinity
Captain	Joe Roberts	Selwyn

Name	College		Half Blue	Club Colours
Monique van Beek	Lucy Cavendis	h	Х	

# **Golf Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Professor Adrian Dixon	Peterhouse
Senior Treasurer	Chris Blencowe	Pembroke
Captain	Christopher Robertson	St Edmund's
Hon. Secretary	Douglas Maxwell	Emmanuel
Treasurer	Adam Parkes	St John's

Name	comoge	Full Blue		Club Colours
Douglas Maxwell	Emmanuel	Х		
Christopher Robertson	St Edmund's	Х		
James Woolsey	Queens'	х		
Adam Barker	Pembroke	х		
Owen Williams	St Catharine's	х		
Jack Atherton	Clare	х		
Wolfgang Reiss	Downing	х		
Adam Lewicki	Clare Hall	х		
Jamie Giddins	Fitzwilliam	х		
William Pearmain	Queens'	х		
Tom Grew	Girton		х	
Matthew Bellamy	Gonville & Caiu	IS	Х	
Courtney Gill	Trinity		Х	
Kathryn Wingrove	St John's		Х	
Francesca Bastianello	Trinity		Х	
Emily Faldon	Selwyn		х	
Flora Stevenson	Gonville & Caiu	S	х	
Henry Ellis	Sidney Sussex			х

Felix Hill	St John's	Х
Peter Dewhurst	Gonville & Caius	х
Leo Zangemeiter	Homerton	Х
Andrew Webster	Magdalene	Х
Rob Colemeadow	Sidney Sussex	Х
Neil Madden	Hughes Hall	Х
Adam Parkins	Selwyn	Х
Adam Parkes	St John's	Х
Charlie Blake	Trinity	х

# **Olympic Gymnastics Club**

Name	College
Natalia Przelomsk	ka Magdalene
Eric Schmidt	
David Ho	Queens'
Sarah O'Brien	Newnham
Kenneth Wong	Sidney Sussex
Christopher Tout	
Joanna Vymeris	Corpus Christi
	Natalia Przelomsk Eric Schmidt David Ho Sarah O'Brien Kenneth Wong Christopher Tout

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Edgar Engel	Trinity	Х		
Georgina Curwen	Gonville & Cai	JS	Х	
David Ho	Queens'		Х	
Reimi Konda	Girton		Х	
Hanna Martin	Peterhouse		Х	
Kenneth Wong	Sidney Sussex		Х	
Justine Elamatha	Hughes Hall			х
Sarah O'Brien	Newnham			х
Natalia Przelomska	Magdalene			Х
Joanna Vymeris	Corpus Christi			х

# Handball

Position	Name	College
President	lgnacio Vázquez García	Christ's
Senior Treasurer	Dr Jonathan Gair	St Catharine's
Men's Captain	Chris Bentz	Darwin
Women's Captain	Alexandra Vaideanu	St Edmund's

#### Hare and Hounds

Position	Name	College
President	Joan Lasenby	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Neil Mathur	Churchill
Men's Captain	Josh Carr	Sidney Sussex
Women's Captain	Elizabeth MooneyNewnham	

Name	concigo	Full Blue		Club Colours
Lewis Lloyd	Pembroke	х		
Alex Short	Robinson	х		
Alex Milne	Homerton	х		
Kelvin Gomez	Homerton	х		
Elizabeth Mooney	Newnham	х		
Emmy Shearer	Gonville & Caiu	s x		
Alison Greggor	King's	х		
Katy Hedgethorne	Murray Edward	s x		
Katherine Turner	Magdalene	х		
Tasneem Pope	Trinity Hall	х		
Josh Carr	Sidney Sussex		х	
Patrick Roddy	Robinson		х	
Richard Ollington	Pembroke		Х	
Phillip Crout	St Catharine's		х	
Sarah Lovewell	Trinity		х	

# **Hockey Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Claire Bond	Trinity Hall
Men's Club Captain	Ben Lock	Trinity Hall
Women's Club Captain	Olivia Shears	Jesus
Men's Secretary	James Larman	Emmanuel
Women's Secretary	Harriet Moore	Gonville & Caius
Membership Treasurer	Will Archibald	Fitzwilliam
Events Treasurer	Josephine Solowiej- Wedderburn	Clare

Name	concego	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Jamie Bristow	Fitzwilliam	х	
Sam Brooks	Robinson	х	
Will Cairns	Trinity	х	
Johno Cobbold	Gonville & Caiu	s x	
Kieran Gilmore	St Catharine's	х	
Wesley Howell	Jesus	х	
Giles Kilbourn	St John's	х	
Matthew Knox	Clare	х	
Alex Mayes	Sidney Sussex	х	х
Guy Morris	Corpus Christi	х	
Nipuna Senaratne	Jesus	Х	
Oliver Shale	Jesus	х	
Johnny Staunton-Sykes	Jesus	Х	
Timothy Swinn	Gonville & Caiu	s x	
Chris Webster	Girton	х	
Claire Bond	Trinity Hall	х	
Sally Bradley	Trinity	х	
Sarah Broderick	Jesus	х	

Charlotte Burrows	Selwyn	Х	
Caitriona Cox	St Catharine's	Х	
Hettie Cust	St Catharine's	Х	
Therese de Souza	Emmanuel	Х	
Lily Elliott	St John's	Х	
Charlotte Frost	St Catharine's	Х	Х
Faye Kidd	Homerton	Х	
Rosalyn Marshall	Magdalene	Х	
Isabel Murphy	Trinity	Х	
Clare Parrish	Clare	Х	
Josephine Solowiej- Wedderburn	Clare	Х	
Emily Thorpe	Murray Edwards	Х	
Rebecca Wilson	Homerton	Х	
Peter Akyol	Jesus		Х
Edward Bottomley	Selwyn		х
Ewan Duffin	Trinity		Х
Peregrine Dunn	Queens'		Х
Chris Lark	Jesus		Х
Loizos Efthymiou	Churchill		Х
Rob Foxall-Smith	Peterhouse		х
Will Fulwood	St Catharine's		х
Alex Kendall	Trinity		х
Matt Knox	Clare		х
James Larman	Emmanuel		х
Alex Quirk	Gonville & Caius		х
Thomas Schute	Pembroke		х
Fraser Sym	Girton		Х
Molly Buxton	St Catharine's		Х
Alex Chidgey	Homerton		Х
Rosie Coombe	Newnham		Х
Alice Durrans	Homerton		Х
Emma Farmery	Murray Edwards		Х

Freddie Hampel	Jesus	х
Olivia Heininger	Fitzwilliam	х
Felicity Holmes	Magdalene	Х
Harriet Moore	Gonville & Caius	Х
Vicky Salt	Magdalene	Х
Olivia Shears	Jesus	Х
Lisa Sweering	St Catharine's	Х
Michelle Teplensky	Downing	х
Steph Willis	Pembroke	х

# Ice Hockey Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President & Captain	Jaason Geerts	Sidney Sussex
Senior Treasurer	Professor Archie Campbell	

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Alan Bauer	St Edmund's	х		
Vaclav Beranek	Magdalene	х		
Spencer Brennar	Trinity Hall	х		
Christopher Finch	Churchill	Х		
Julien Gagnon	Trinity	х		
Jaason Geerts	Sidney Sussex	х		
Simon Rodier	Homerton	х		
Martin Smoragiewicz	King's	Х		
Romain Tourenne	Downing	Х		
John Armitage	Girton		х	
Michal Barabas	Wolfson		х	
Cosmin Davidescu	Clare Hall		Х	
Kumaran Nathan	Corpus Christi		х	
Daniel Orvomaa	St Edmund's		х	
Jiro Sakai	Queens'		х	
Steve Schiffer	Darwin		х	
Martin Sedlak	Hughes Hall		х	
Oscar Wilsby	King's		Х	

# Ice Hockey Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Anna Martin-Kelly	Selwyn
Senior Treasurer	Prof. Archibald Campbell	Christ's
Captain	Anna Martin-Kelly	y Selwyn

# Judo Club

Position	Name	College
President	Marine Dupoiron	Darwin
Senior Treasurer	Dr Malte Grosche	Trinity
Men's Captain	Joshua Hunt	Trinity
Women's Captain	Suvi Hokkanen	Murray Edwards

College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Murray Edwar	ds x		
Fitzwilliam		Х	
n Darwin		Х	
Queens'		Х	
esClare		Х	
Clare		Х	
Corpus Christi		Х	
Hughes Hall		Х	
Gonville & Cai	US	Х	
Girton		х	
Trinity		х	
	Fitzwilliam Darwin Queens' esClare Clare Corpus Christi Hughes Hall Gonville & Cai	Murray Edwards x Fitzwilliam Darwin Queens' esClare Clare Corpus Christi Hughes Hall Gonville & Caius	Fitzwilliamxn DarwinxQueens'xesClarexClarexCorpus ChristixHughes HallxGonville & CaiusxGirtonx

#### Karate Club

Position	Name	College
President	Scott Ang	St John's
Senior Treasurer	Jaan Toots	Trinity
Men's Captain	Jonathan Sinclair-Williams	Queens'
Women's Captain	Elisabeth Kerr	King's

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Jonathan Sinclair-Williams	Queens'		Х	
Scott Ang	St John's		Х	
Ronald Prokes	St John's		Х	
Karol Fiedorczuk	Darwin		Х	
Quang Ha	Queens'		Х	
Amy Oliver	Gonville & Cau	iis	Х	
Amy Hall	Robinson		Х	
Elisabeth Kerr	King's		Х	
Kate Erin	King's		Х	
Daniel Malz	Trinity		Х	

# **Korfball Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Daniel Crenol	Homerton
Treasurer	Jade Doughty	Emmanuel
Captain (1st Team)	Liam Woodcock	Homerton
Captain (2nd Team)	Tom Stockdale	Trinity Hall
Secretary	Chloe Marsden	Newnham
Social Secretary	Edward Holt	Sidney Sussex

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Daniel Crenol	Homerton		Х	
Ollie Bell	Peterhouse		Х	
Adam Mason	Selwyn		х	
Hajime Shinohara	Jesus		Х	
Katy Blake	Emmanuel		х	
Jade Doughty	Emmanuel		х	
Olivia Halper	Emmanuel			х
Susannah White	Magdalene			х
Liam Woodcock	Homerton			х
Louisa Carlisle	Emmanuel			х
Lorna Radford	Newnham			х
Will Coleman	Gonville & Cai	us		х
Nadia Ayed	Selwyn			х
Chloe Marsden	Newnham			х
Edward Holt	Sidney Sussex			х
Mathias Jensen	Selwyn			х
Tom Stockdale	Trinity Hall			х

# Lacrosse Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Serenydd Everden	Downing
Senior Treasurer	Revd. Dr. Stephen Hampton	Peterhouse
Captain	Stuart Cummings	St Catharine's

Name	College		Half Blue	Club Colours
David Clever	Gonville & Cau	iis	Х	
Edmund Wigley	Churchill		х	
Joe Sullivan	Trinity		х	
Matthew Coley	Girton		х	
Oskari Timgren	Churchill		х	

# Lacrosse Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Chessie Ritchie	Murray Edwards
Captain	Sophie Morrill	Sidney Sussex
Vice-Captain	Ro Sharpe	Girton
Vice-Captain	Lara Pleydell -Bouverie	Sidney Sussex
Secretary	Emilie Delacave	Sidney Sussex
Junior Treasurer	Hattie Wilson	Corpus Christi
Social Secretary	Hannah Ronald	Girton
Social Secretary	Felicity Villar	Trinity Hall
Varsity Secretary	Eleanor Duck	Queens'
Minister of Press	India Dunn	Trinity
Senior Treasurer	Karen Wall	Corpus Christi

Name	College	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Ari Midgen	Murray Edward	ls x	
Ro Sharpe	Girton	х	
Megan Crawford	Trinity Hall	х	
Chessie Ritchie	Murray Edward	ls x	
Hannah Ronald	Girton	х	
Seren Everden	Downing	Х	
Chesca Hirst	Fitzwilliam	х	
Eleanor Duck	Queens'	х	
Katie Lehovsky	Robinson	х	
Sophie Morrill	Sidney Sussex	х	
Lara Pleydell -Bouverie	Sidney Sussex	Х	
Sophie Moss	Murray Edward	ls x	
Felicity Villar	Trinity Hall	х	
Emily Birch	Newnham	х	
Sophie Abbott	St Catharine's	х	
Hattie Wilson	Corpus Christi	х	
Emily Coales	Trinity Hall		х
Alice Tebboth	Magdalene		х
Lucy Evans	Queens'		х
Mimi Shaul	Robinson		х
Fran Posada -Brown	Queens'		Х

Maeve Gillespie	Downing	х
Ami Clark	Trinity	Х
India Dunn	Trinity	х
Emma Walsh	Gonville & Caius	х
Lucy Holden	St John's	х
Emilie Delacave	Sidney	х
Emma Shearer	Downing	х
Lizzie Withers	Trinity	х
Mia Lewis	Corpus Christi	Х
Abi Vega	Magdalene	Х

# Lawn Tennis Club

Position	Name	College
President	Sir Geoffrey Cass	Clare Hall
Senior Treasurer	Dr Pieter Van Houten	Churchill
Men's Captain	Tim Prossor	Girton
Women's Captain	Chloe Fox	Trinity

Name	College	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Tim Prossor	Girton	Х	
Neil Cordon	Churchill	Х	
Gerald Wu	Selwyn	Х	
Michael Pedersen	Queens'	Х	
Alex Cole	Downing	х	
Vasya Kusmartsev	Trinity	Х	
Jerry Ganendra	Jesus	х	
Sophie Morill	Sidney Sussex	х	
Kadi Liis Saar	Trinity	х	

Jenni Mair	Gonville & Caius	V	
Monika Kondratowicz	Pembroke	Х	
Tanya Li	Downing	Х	
Jane Coombs	Trinity	Х	
Flora McFarlane	Murray Edwards	Х	
Alex Ross	Gonville & Caius		Х
Nikhil Sharma	St Catharine's		Х
James Gunn	Emmanuel		Х
Kamran Tajbaksh	Churchill		Х
Henry Hall	St Catharine's		Х
Jonathan Ayres	Selwyn		Х
Andrei Ionescu	King's		Х
Benjamin Low	Clare		Х
Anna Grace	Churchill		Х
Leah Grace	St Catharine's		Х
Chloe Fox	Trinity		Х
Laura Brown	Emmanuel		Х
Megan O'Shea	Churchill		Х
Georgina Shepherd	Emmanuel		Х
Bethanie	Murray Edwards		
Chambers			Х

# Lightweight Rowing Club

Position	Name	College
President	Giovanni Bergamo Andreis	Queens' s
Senior Treasurer	Dr Matt Castle	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Tim Rademacher	Clare		Х	
Tom Wileman	Pembroke		Х	
Charles Cullen	Selwyn		Х	
Tom Chess	Christ's		Х	
Alistair Nelson	St Catharin	e's	Х	
Raffaele Russo	Girton		Х	
Archie Wood	Pembroke		Х	
Lawrence Clare	Christ's		Х	
Moritz Mattey	St John's		Х	
Ryan Macphersor	Downing			х
Josh Briegal	Fitzwilliam			х
Henk-Japp Wagna	ar Peterhouse	ć		х
John Harris	Peterhouse	ć		х
Tom Hoier	Pembroke			х
Nick Salisbury	Wolfson			х
Caspar Hammond	d Emmanuel			х
Nick Schulman	Downing			х

# **Modern Pentathlon Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Archie Myrtle	Corpus Christi
Senior Treasurer	Gordon Campbel	I
Men's Captain	James Alexander	Robinson
Women's Captain	Alice Watson	Fitzwilliam

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Archie Myrtle	Corpus Christi	Х		
Paul Hodgson	Trinity	х		
Brad Dixon	Trinity		х	
James Alexander	Robinson		Х	
Jon Tong	Girton		х	
Henrietta Dillon	St Catharine's		Х	
Alice Simon	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Hannah Clifford	Girton		х	
Kshitij Sabnis	Trinity			Х
Alice Watson	Fitzwilliam			х
Jenni Scurr	Newnham			Х
Ginny Fellows	Sidney Sussex			Х

# **Netball Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Emma Langley Jones	St John's
Senior Treasurer	David Bainbridg	e
Captain	Emily Coulter	Selwyn

Name	College	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Laura Spence	Homerton	Х	
Charlotte Plumtree	St Edmund's	Х	
Jodie Green	Clare	Х	
Hayley Smith	St John's	Х	
Emily Coulter	Selwyn	Х	
Nicola Taylor	Selwyn	Х	
Emma Langley-Jones	St John's	Х	
Sophie Hussey	Homerton	х	
Elizabeth Bell	St Catharine's	х	
Frances Lee-Barber	Selwyn	Х	
Kate Garden	Homerton		Х

Charlotte Salisbury	Murray Edwards	Х
Zoe Sciver	Queens'	Х
Rebecca Forster	Jesus	Х
Catrin Bush	Fitzwilliam	Х
Rebecca Haggie	Selwyn	Х
Charlie Peacock	Trinity	Х
Emily Elliott	Homerton	Х
Maddy Eno	Jesus	Х
Everest Marshall	Robinson	х

# **Orienteering Club**

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	Peter Haynes	Queens'
Co-Captain	Helen Pruzina	Pembroke
Co-Captain	Sam Lambrick	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
John Ockenden	Clare		Х	
Dan Safka	Trinity		Х	
Joe Hobbs	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Fingal Loh	Trinity		Х	
Carrie Beadle	Peterhouse		Х	
Andrea Stefkova	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Helen Pruzina	Pembroke		Х	

# Polo Club

Position	Name	College
President & Captain	Ben Lawrence	Gonville & Caius
Senior Treasurer	Rajiv Shah	Downing
Business Development	Jacqueline Gilbert	Newnham
Pony Manager	Katie Lewis	Gonville & Caius

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Oliver Lawrence	Gonville & Caius		Х	
Toby Al-Mugheiry	St Edmund's		Х	
Theo Wethered	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Meike Van Vlaanderen	Gonville & Cai	JS	Х	
Genevieve Hampson	Murray Edward	ds		Х

# **Powerlifting Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Andrew Hodgs	on Fitzwilliam
Senior Treasurer	Nigel Spivey	Emmanuel
Captain	Salman Khan	Downing

Name	College	Full Blue	Half Blue	Club Colours
Sidney Jules	St John's	Х		
Salman Khan	Downing	Х		
Frank Sanders	Magdalene	х		
Alex Thoma	Queens'	Х		
Wil Solano	Downing	Х		
Jack West	Downing	х		
James Thomson	St Catharine's	Х		

# **Real Tennis Club**

Position	Name		Colle	ge
Captain	Alex Evans		Jesus	
Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Edmund Kay	Emmanuel		х	
Jamie Giddins	Fitzwilliam		х	
Alex Evans	Jesus		Х	
Matt Shaw	Homerton		Х	

# **Revolver and Pistol Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Tony Garwood	
Senior Treasurer	Pradipta Biswas	Wolfson
Captain	Stewart Forshaw	King's

College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Newnham		Х	
Clare		Х	
Murray Edward	ds	Х	
King's		х	
Downing		Х	
Queens'		х	
Emmanuel		Х	
Murray Edward	ds	Х	
St John's			х
Trinity Hall			Х
	Newnham Clare Murray Edward King's Downing Queens' Emmanuel Murray Edward St John's	Blue Newnham Clare Murray Edwards King's Downing Queens' Emmanuel Murray Edwards St John's	BlueBlueNewnhamxClarexMurray EdwardsxKing'sxDowningxQueens'xEmmanuelxMurray EdwardsxSt John's

# **Riding Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Alice Simon	Fitzwilliam
Senior Treasurer	Khadija Carrol	Jesus
Junior Treasurer	Roumen Marinov	
Captain	Holly Mason	St John's

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Alice Simon	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Alice Strang Steel	Emmanuel		Х	
Ginny Fellows	Sidney Sussex		х	
Alice Watson	Fitzwilliam		х	
Holly Mason	St John's			Х
Oliver Coombe -Tennant	Selwyn			Х
Katy Surman	Churchill			Х
Kate Garnett	St John's			х
Mary Tivey	Girton			х

# **Rifle Association**

Position	Name	College
President	Lt. Col. Mark Nicholas	
Senior Treasurer	Marian Holness	Trinity
Captain	Sam Sharma	Corpus Christi

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Fergus Flanagan	Gonville & Cai	JS	Х	
Jonathan Waite	Clare		Х	
Charlotte Sayers	Churchill		Х	
Christopher Bowring	Trinity		Х	
David Firth	Trinity		Х	
Michael Boucher	Trinity Hall		Х	
Hannah Fisher	Girton		Х	
Max Traynor	Magdalene		х	

# **Rugby Fives Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Bob Dolby	Gonville & Caius
Captain	James Pinder	Robinson

Name	College	Full Half Club Blue Blue Colours
Ed Kay	Emmanuel	Х
Ben Beltrami	Selwyn	Х
Matt Shaw	Homerton	Х
Jacob Brubert	Queens'	Х
Jack Malde	Clare	Х
Jacob Ader	Pembroke	Х
Tom Bury	Queens'	Х
James Pinder	Robinson	Х

# Rugby Union Football Club (Men's)

Position	Name	College
President	Mark Bailey	Corpus Christi
Senior Treasurer	Austin Jessop	Fitzwilliam
Captain	Harry Peck	Homerton

Name		Full Blue	 Club Colours
Sam Allen	Robinson	х	
Fraser Gillies	Hughes Hall	х	
George Smith	Jesus	х	
Jacob Poulton	Clare	х	
Rob Hall	Downing	х	
Oliver Exton	Selwyn	х	
Max Montgomery	Emmanuel	Х	
Daniel Dass	St Catharine's	х	
John Wylde	Downing	х	
Andy Rees	St Catharine's	х	
Ciara Scott	Pembroke	х	
Katie Holmes	Selwyn	х	
Nikki Weckman	Trinity	х	
Jenni Sidey	Jesus	х	
Hannah Cooper	Fitzwilliam	х	
Estiria Hiwaizi	Queens'	х	
Helen Lambert	Selwyn	х	
Anna Wilson	Jesus	х	
Emily McNally	St Edmund's	х	
Katie Westlake	Emmanuel	х	
Laura Suggitt	Gonville & Caiu	s x	
Chloe Withers	Fitzwilliam	х	
Sonja Weigl	Jesus	х	
Ayala Donegan	Girton	х	

# Rugby Union Football Club (Women's)

Position	Name	College
President	Katie Holmes	Selwyn
Captain	Sian McGuinness	Churchill
Vice-Captain	Jenni Sidey	Jesus

Name	concyc	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Katie Holmes	Selwyn	х	
Jess Gurney	Newnham	х	
Ciara Scott	Pembroke	х	
Jenni Sidey	Jesus	х	
Nikki Weckman	Trinity	х	
Esteira Hiwaizi	Queens'	х	
Hannah Cooper	Fitzwilliam	х	
Bryony Coombs	Emmanuel	х	
Molly Byrne	Jesus	х	
Sian McGuinness	Churchill	х	
Helen Lambert	Selwyn	х	
Anna Wilson	Jesus	х	
Emily McNally	St Edmund's	х	
Katie Westlake	Emmanuel	х	
Laura Suggitt	Gonville & Caiu	s x	
Sonja Weigl	Christ's	х	
Ayala Donegen	Girton	х	
Chloe Withers	Fitzwilliam	х	

# Amateur Rugby League Football Club

Position	Name	College
President	John Cormie	
Senior Treasurer	Paul McHugh	
Captain	Craig Winfield	

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Tom Hughes	Wolfson	х		
Harry Cozens	St John's	х		
John Cormie	Hughes Hall		Х	
Craig Winfield	Selwyn		Х	
William Wynell -Mayow	Clare		Х	
Saul Leisegang	Churchill		Х	
Ewan Smith	Churchill		Х	
Peter Shotton	Gonville & Caiu	IS	Х	
Anton Evans	Homerton		Х	
Max Burrows	Homerton		Х	
Dougal Balfour	Downing		Х	
George Laing	Gonville & Caiu	IS	Х	
James Greenan -Barrett	Churchill		Х	
David Earnshaw	Sidney Sussex		Х	
Matt Commin	Robinson		Х	
Stuart King	Emmanuel		х	
Nicky Watmore	Homerton		х	

# Ski & Snowboard Club

Position	Name	College
President	Robbie Jones	Robinson
Race Captain	Benedetta Pacella	Murray Edwards
Secretary	Elizabeth Adams	Pembroke
Senior Treasurer	Patrick Welche	
Junior Treasurer	Andrei Serov	Downing
Social Secretary	Samuel Mann	Wolfson

	Blue	Blue	Colours
Murray Edwards	Х		
Sidney Sussex		Х	
Robinson		Х	
Jesus		Х	
Gonville & Caiu	JS	Х	
Jesus		х	
Girton		Х	
St John's		Х	
Pembroke		х	
Pembroke		Х	
Pembroke		Х	
Corpus Christi			х
	Edwards Sidney Sussex Robinson Jesus Gonville & Caiu Jesus Girton St John's Pembroke Pembroke Pembroke	Edwards Sidney Sussex Robinson Jesus Gonville & Caius Jesus Girton St John's Pembroke Pembroke Pembroke	EdwardsSidney SussexxRobinsonxJesusxGonville & CaiusxJesusxGirtonxSt John'sxPembrokexPembrokexPembrokexPembrokexPembrokexPembrokexPembrokexPembrokex

# Small Bore Club

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	Marian Holness	Trinity
Captain	Fergus Flanagan	Gonville & Caius

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Simon Armstrong	Trinity		Х	
David Firth	Trinity		х	
Fergus Flanagan	Gonville & Caiu	JS	х	
Harriet Nuttall	Queens'		Х	
Jonathan Waite	Clare		х	
Michael Boucher	Trinity Hall			Х
Fred Hill	Peterhouse			х
Charlotte Sayers	Churchill			х
Emily Mason	Peterhouse			х
Hannah Fisher	Girton			х
Matthew McMillan	Christ's			Х
Jonathan Ashby	Selwyn			Х
Sam Sharma	Corpus Christi			Х
Elizabeth Potter	Peterhouse			х
Jonathan McCree-Grey	St Catharine's			х
Max Traynor	Magdalene			Х
Jake Diack	St Edmund's			х
James Xiao	Selwyn			Х
Krit Sitathani	Downing			х

# Squash Rackets Club

Position	Name	College
Senior Treasurer	David Woodman	Robinson
Men's Captain	George Johnson	Magdalene
Women's Captain	Laura Mullarkey	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Ali Hemingway	Fitzwilliam	Х		
Isabel Maloney	Magdalene	х		
Anira Perera	Fitzwilliam	х		
Laura Mullarkey	Jesus	Х		
Kristen MacAskill	Corpus Christi	Х		
Alec Greaves -Tunnell	Emmanuel	Х		
Laurence Bruggemann	Homerton	Х		
Cavin Wilson	Pembroke	х		
George Johnson	Magdalene	х		
James Liley	Darwin	х		
Ryan Mullarkey	St John's		х	

# Swimming & Waterpolo Club

Position	Name	College
President	Isobel Firth	Newnham
Senior President	Dr Chris Burgoyne	5
Vice President	Dan Brackenbury	St John's
Senior Treasurer	James Scott	
Junior Treasurer	Claudia Feng	Trinity
Club Secretary	Nicole Zhou	Peterhouse
Swimming Secretary	Cora Olpe	Murray Edwards
Water Polo Secretary (Men's)	Ben Phelps	Jesus
Water Polo Secretary (Women's	Emma Tarrant )	St Catharine's
Swimming	Eric Sullivan	Emmanuel

Captain (Men's)

Swimming Captain (Women's)	Katherine Pyne	Murray Edwards
Water Polo Captain (Men's)	Ben Walker	Gonville & Caius
Water Polo Captain (Women's)	Frances Turrell	Clare

#### Swimming

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Erik Sullivan	Emmanuel	х		
Dale Waterhouse	Clare	х		
Dominic Holloway	St John's	х		
Calum Ferguson	Christ's	х		
lan Gaffney		х		
Graeham Douglas	Hughes Hall	х		
Katherine Pyne	Murray Edward	s x		
Alexandra Wiseman	Trinity	Х		
Catherine Breed	Downing	х		
Katherine Chapman	Queens'	Х		
Daniel Brackenbury	St John's		Х	
Andrew Ng			х	
Dimitris Kousoulides	Churchill		Х	
James Fountain	Girton		Х	
Annarie Roussouw	Christ's		Х	
Cora Olpe	Murray Edward	s	х	
Priya Crosby	St Catharine's		х	
Lydia Woodward	Newnham		Х	

#### Water Polo

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Ben Walker	Gonville & Caiu	us x		
Thomas Bennett	Robinson	х		
lan Cooper	Selwyn	х		
Rosanna O'Keeffe	Murray Edward	ds x		
Jacqui Gilbert	Newnham	х		
Will Grant	Trinity		Х	
Matt Walton	Trinity Hall		Х	
Zach Freud	Fitzwilliam		Х	
Ryo Yamada	Queens'		х	
Arthur Zielinski			Х	
Kaspar Ptekevicius	Wolfson		Х	
Christoph Schmidhuber	St John's		Х	
Ben Phelps	Jesus		х	
Isobel Firth	Newnham		х	
Sophie Clarke	Newnham		х	
Claudia Feng	Trinity		х	
Rebecca Hulbert	St Catharine's		х	
Bethany Eastwood	Girton		Х	
Alana Friedman	Jesus		х	
Macarena Machimbarrena Odriozola	Murray Edward	ds	Х	
Frances Turrell	Clare		х	
Fran Nice	Darwin		х	
Connie Hsueh	Pembroke		х	
Laura Schubert	Emmanuel		х	

#### **Table Tennis Club**

Position	Name	College
President & Senior Treasurer	Professor Simon Maddrell	Gonville & Caius
Men's Captain	Michael Lu	Downing
Women's Captain	Jessica Kung	Jesus

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Harry Ness	Queens'		Х	
Josh Bleakley	St Catharine's		Х	
Ren Yang Yap	Corpus Christi		Х	
Ben Farrar	Queens'		х	
Wilson Chen	Wolfson		х	
Jessica Kung	Jesus		х	
Maitreyi Shivkumar	Sidney Sussex		Х	
Jessy Zhou	Churchill		х	
Bijun Tang	Newnham		х	

#### Full Half Club Name College **Blue Blue Colours** Shlomit Edri Department of Genetics Х 7uzanna Selwyn Х Grześkiewicz Amy Johnstone Churchill Х Natasha Jones Fitzwilliam Х Charlotte St Catharine's Х Kenealy Matthew Pryn Christ's Х Joseph Scott Jesus Х Dhruva Biswas Gonville & Caius Х Malte Hoffman Department of Clinical Neurosciences Х Dave Sutherland Department of Physics Х Quang Nguyen Gonville & Caius Х Thomas Magdalene Х Prideaux-Ghee

#### **Taekwondo Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Dhruva Biswas	Gonville & Caius
Senior Treasurer	Anna Smielewski	
Men's Captain	Joseph Scott	Jesus
Women's Captain	Carys Redman-White	Clare

#### **Trampoline Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Andrew Aistrup	Christ's
Vice-President	Becky Walshe	Emmanuel
Secretary	Nick Stride	Fitzwilliam
Junior Treasurer	Laura Barlow	Fitzwilliam
Head Coach	Louise Overall	
Competitions	Ryan Hadlow	Corpus Christi
Social Secretary	Emily Prudence	Homerton
Senior Treasurer	Dr David William	St John's

Name	College	 Half Blue	Club Colours
Ryan Hadlow	Corpus Christi	Х	Х
Lucas Lin	St Edmund's	х	х
Rosalind Brown	Downing	х	х
Robyn Hamer	Clare	х	х

# **Triathlon Club**

Position	Name	College
President	Petros Giannaros	Jesus
Senior Treasurer	James Gill	
Women's Captain	Hannah Green	Christ's
Men's Captain	David Willer	Fitzwilliam

Name	College	Full Blue	 Club Colours
Jessica Mason	Sidney Sussex	Х	
Max Jenkins	St John's	Х	
William Kirk	Emmanuel	х	
Olivia Peel	Selwyn		х
Kate Curran	Corpus Christi		х
Ellen Powell	Queens'		х
Carrie Beadle	Peterhouse		Х
Petros Giannaros	Jesus		Х
Oliver Mytton	MRC Epidemiology Unit		X
Paul Hodgson	Trinity		х
Harry Boscaswer	Emmanuel		×
Richard Ollington	Pembroke		Х
Rory Benett	Fitzwilliam		х
Tim Gordon	Christ's		Х

# Volleyball Club

Position	Name	College
President	Jean Jacquet	
Senior Treasurer	Mary Blackman	
Men's Captain	Alex Frank	Hughes Hall
Women's Captain	Jennifer Bellamy	Pembroke

Name	College	Full Blue		Club Colours
Sam Dunbavin	Christ's		Х	
Robert Krakow	Wolfson		Х	
Gabriele De Canio	Peterhouse		Х	
Marcel Meyer	King's		х	
Gregory Peters	Wolfson		х	
Michael Mender	n Darwin		х	
Robin Mydiak	St Edmund's		х	
Maximillian Stammnitz	Darwin		Х	
Jen Bellamy	Pembroke		Х	
Alicia Krozer	Clare Hall		х	
Christiana Smyrilli	Newnham		Х	
Maya Wright	Jesus		х	
Victoria Fernandez	Newnham		Х	
Caitlin De Jode	Trinity		х	
Emese Tamo	Pembroke		Х	
Aleksandra Bazhenova	Hughes Hall		Х	
Lucia Cilloni	Selwyn		х	
Natalia Karaskova	Churchill		Х	
Agata Kurczynska	Lucy Cavendis	h	Х	

#### Yacht Club

Position	Name	College
President	Barbara Muehlemann	Department of Zoology
Senior Treasurer	Tom Ridgeman	
Co-Captain	Damien Arnol	Darwin
Co-Captain	Antoine Magré	Girton

Name	College		Half Blue	Club Colours
Helmi Burton-Papp	Emmanuel	Х		
Kate Prescott	Murray Edward	ds x		

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