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A word from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to the University of Cambridge
Sports Year book 2010



I am delighted to introduce this review of an impressive 12 months of sport for Cambridge students.

Cambridge is justly proud of its scholar-athletes whose excellence in the sporting arena so often goes hand in hand with academic excellence. Many will go on to compete at the highest international levels, and indeed some already do. With our eyes now on the 2012 London Olympics, our record of sporting achievement presents many opportunities for our students and alumni.

I wish you a successful sporting year ahead.

Professor Alison Richard
Vice-Chancellor

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Chairman's Review



This Annual Review provides continuing evidence of the high levels of participation and achievement in sport of Cambridge University students.

The opportunity to participate in sport at all standards is a significant part of the rich portfolio of extra-curricular activities which helps to attract the most talented students to Cambridge.

There is enormous strength in depth in Cambridge sport, with a surprising level of participation and competition at College level, particularly in traditional team sports such as rowing, rugby and football. This provides a unique opportunity for students to build on sporting success at school, or to take up and compete in a new sport, regardless of their previous experience, or lack of it. Even those who have previously not participated at all find the collegiate setting disarmingly conducive to the enjoyment of sport.

At University level, there is a wide range of sports, for teams and individuals, in which, with the support of the University Sports Syndicate and the Department of Physical Education, students can engage in competition through BUCS. Some of these also provide the opportunity to achieve world-class sporting excellence, for example by representing the University in high profile events

such as the Boat Race. As superbly demonstrated in this Review, the achievements of Cambridge students in 2008/09 have been admirable.

In the meantime, the University continues to develop its plans to build a new sports centre complex on the West Cambridge site, a facility which is highly desirable to support training and competition by numerous clubs and individuals, and to complement the existing College and University provision. The most pressing and universal need is for a multi-purpose sports hall, which Phase I of the project is designed to provide.

The Sports Syndicate looks forward to another year of sporting excellence in Cambridge.

Debbie Lowther
30.3.10

Director's editorial

Welcome to the first edition of the University of Cambridge Sports Yearbook 2010, incorporating the Annual Sports Review for 2009, and sponsored by RWE nPower. Our new format includes the traditional review of the University's sports clubs' activities for 2009 in addition to an overview of 2009/2010 so far and the chance to find out about what the elite athletes currently studying at the University have been doing. This is the fourth year of publication of the review and copies of previous years editions are available on the University's Sports website www.sport.cam.ac.uk. Readers are also encouraged to visit the re-launched sports web site that includes an interactive calendar of sports club fixtures and other sports events of interest.

At a time when all University Clubs are under financial pressure through falling sponsorship, particularly the University's more prominent clubs, it is pleasing to report that there remains a strong activity base and a determination to succeed. The University continues to hold a top ten ranking in the British Universities and Colleges Championships notwithstanding that the University clubs enter a limited number of competitions. Despite the University's best efforts to raise funding for new facilities, it is the lack of any indoor facilities of a suitable standard that limits the ongoing development of sport and exercise at the University, not only for clubs but also for students and members of staff.

Following by satellite link www.samdavies.com the progress of our own Sam Davies in Roxy in the 2009 'Vendee Globe Circumnavigation' alerted me to the vast changes that the world of sailing has embraced since the very early days of the Single Handed Trans Atlantic, where a functioning radio was sometimes considered a luxury. Carbon fibre, advanced hydrodynamics, satellite navigation and weather forecasting systems combined with corporate sponsorship of 'Formula 1' proportions have transformed the sport into a multi-million pound business, with career opportunities in many disciplines. That modern racing yachts maintain frighteningly high average speeds ensures that no less courage is required to pit them against the vast and lonely oceans of the world. Our featured club – the University Cruising Club – has equally transformed itself in recent years. As a recognised teaching centre for the Royal Yachting Association, offering navigation courses for all seeking to further their understanding, skills and qualifications, it too has embraced the changing world of sailing power. Windsurfing, dingy racing, offshore cruising and racing in the Club's own boats open many new avenues for our students and offer many the opportunity to progress to international recognition in world and Olympic competition.

Ian Walker's thought provoking article illustrates the opportunities that are available in sport today

and how membership of a University sports club combined with considerable determination, commitment and not a little talent can change one's life. May I thank him and all our contributors to this year's publication.

I conclude by once again thanking RWE nPower for their generous support for this Yearbook 2010.

Tony Lemons
Director of Physical Education

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme



The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme is a unique partnership between National Governing Bodies of Sport and Higher Education

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

All athletes are nominated by their relevant National Governing Body to receive a scholarship, funded through UK Sport. Every scholarship includes key services such as Strength and Conditioning, Performance Lifestyle Management with trained mentors and help towards competition, training and equipment expenses. Many of the athletes have already competed on the national or international stage and will be aiming to be among Great Britain's medal hopefuls at London 2012.

TASS underwent significant changes in 2008/9 and the University became part of a regional 'Hub' of 6 institutions, together providing services

to athletes across the East of England. The value of individual Scholarships increased to £3500 each and there was a reduction in the number of sports participating. Despite this, the University was still able to boast 4 of its students within the scheme, the largest number of any Further or Higher Education Institution in the region. We also provide the same high quality of service to 11 external students.

Profiles on two of the University's TASS athletes, Anthony Crutchett and Jacob Brubert, can be found within these pages. Of the others, Fred Gill continues to represent the University Boat Club and has been named in the crew for the 2010 Boat Race while Victoria Stevens has continued her development and been awarded a TASS scholarship for the third successive year.

The high number of University athletes gaining TASS scholarships has continued in 2009/10 – with seven TASS athletes studying at Cambridge,

when no other Institution has any more than two. Anthony Crutchett and Victoria Stevens have both returned, along with two of Victoria's Orienteering Club teammates, Mairead Rocke and Matthew Halliday. Modern Pentathlete Bradley Dixon, Triathlete Alex Young and rower Anna Railton complete the seven. Alex Young has already managed to win the U-19 British Triathlon Championship. A further seven athletes from the region have joined them, including England U-21 Rugby player Sasha Acheson and 3-time Olympian Wheelchair Basketball Player Caroline MacLean. You will be able to read more about their achievements will be in the 2011 Sports Yearbook.

Commenting on the continued success of elite young athletes at Cambridge, TASS Administrator Simon Cornish said "It's fantastic that we can give such good support to these athletes coming to Cambridge in order to balance their studies and the achievement of their sporting ambitions. With

the London 2012 Olympic Games approaching fast, I'm confident that the University will be supporting several students and alumni at the Games and the next Games in Rio, 2016. Hopefully they'll look back, particularly at the exceptional Strength and Conditioning support from Tristan Coles and Helen Boyle as being vital to their successes!"

2008/09

Athlete

Jacob Brubert
Anthony Cruchett
Fred Gill
Victoria Stevens

College

Trinity
Downing
Hughes Hall
Jesus

Sport

Sailing
Fencing (Sabre)
Rowing
Orienteering

2009/10

Athlete

Anthony Crutchett
Bradley Dixon
Matthew Halliday
Anna Railton
Mairead Roche
Victoria Stevens
Alex Young

College

Downing
Trinity
Clare
Pembroke
Churchill
Jesus
St John's

Sport

Fencing (Sabre)
Modern Pentathlon
Orienteering
Rowing
Orienteering
Orienteering
Triathlon

Eric Evans Fund

Awards are made either to improve a student's personal sporting performance beyond University level or to enable them to undertake courses in connection with officiating, coaching or the administration of Sport

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

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

2009 saw a major increase in the number of high-level 'scholar-athletes' applying for funding

making the Fund Managers' considerations as difficult as ever. This who were successful were inevitably competing at least at National level, with genuine ambitions of competing on the World Stage. Profiles for 6 of the successful applicants can be found in this Yearbook. In addition to the 12 students who received awards to enable them to enhance their sporting performance, funding was also given to 7 students to complete coaching qualifications in a variety of sports.

The bar continued to rise in 2010, with a total of 42 applicants – an increase of 3 on the previous year, and more tough decisions for the Fund Managers. You'll see more about the achievement of the successful applicants in the 2011 Yearbook.

2009

Student	College	Sport
Samantha Cutts	Emmanuel	Equestrian
Jamie Douglas	St. John's	Real Tennis
Charlotte Roach	Trinity	Athletics
Karen Hird	St. Catharine's	Real Tennis
Tom Ransley	Hughes Hall	Rowing
Rosalind Lloyd	Lucy Cavendish	Lacrosse
Joseph Wheeler	St. Edmund's	Rugby Union
Henry Day	St. Catharine's	Shooting
Soren Demin	Hughes Hall	Judo
Alex Hedges	Fitzwilliam	Gymnastics
Erica Bodman	Homerton	Rowing
Mathias Arens*	Fitzwilliam	Volleyball
Andrew Cumpstey*	Gonville and Caius	Canoe
Humphrey Waddington*	St. Catharine's	Athletics
Suzanne Tobin*	Girton	Gymnastics
Alexander Hermes*	Emmanuel	Volleyball
George Wright*	Corpus Christi	Shooting
John Clay*	Hughes Hall	Rowing

2010

Student	College	Sport
Anthony Crutchett	Downing	Fencing
Robert Hird	Trinity	Real Tennis
Henry Day	St. Catharine's	Shooting
Karen Hird	St. Catharine's	Real Tennis
Joseph Wheeler	St. Edmund's	Rugby Union
Alex Young	St. John's	Triathlon
Lucy Gossage	Downing	Triathlon
Samantha Cutts	Emmanuel	Equestrian
Edward Dickson	Trinity Hall	Shooting
Joel Carpenter	Fitzwilliam	Swimming
Chris Bellamy	Homerton	Rowing
Charles Pitt-Ford	Pembroke	Rowing
Anna Railton	Pembroke	Rowing
Andrew Nichols	Sidney Sussex	Cycling
Sarah Crossman	Queens'	Sailing
Fiona Hampshire	St. Catharine's	Sailing
Laura Duke*	Newnham	Athletics
Angharad West*	Girton	Lacrosse
Leah Schabas*	Selwyn	Lacrosse
Lauren York*	St. John's	Lacrosse
Amelia Duncanson*	St. Catharine's	Lacrosse
William Mackay*	Robinson	Athletics
James Chettle*	Clare	Athletics
Robin Brown*	Jesus	Athletics
Samuel Ashcroft*	Jesus	Athletics

* = Award for Coaching/Officiating

Graduate Scheme Information



A warm welcome to the University of Cambridge Sport Annual Review



'At RWE npower we want to drive excellent performance in everything we do and, as part of this, advocate the importance of sport to maintain a healthy mind and body. For this reason, we are delighted to be supporting a publication, which celebrates sporting achievement at Cambridge over the last academic year.

RWE npower is proud to be involved with a number of diverse sports partnerships from high profile team and tournament sponsorships to community campaigns which support grass roots development. These partnerships offer us the opportunity to promote and encourage sport at every level.

We wish you a healthy and active year ahead.'

Volker Beckers, Group Chief Executive Officer,
RWE npower

Company Information

RWE npower is a leading integrated UK energy company, generating electricity and supplying gas, electricity and related services to customers across the UK.

We operate and manage a portfolio of flexible, low-cost coal, oil and gas-fired power stations, with the capacity to generate over 10.3 GW of electricity.

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RWE npower employs over 12,000 people. Our corporate headquarters are in Swindon and our retail headquarters in Worcester.

We are part of the RWE Group, one of Europe's five leading electricity and gas companies active in the generation, trading, transmission and supply of electricity and gas.

RWE employs more than 70,000 employees, supplying over 16 million customers with electricity and around 8 million with gas. In the 2009 financial year RWE recorded about €48 billion in revenue.

We were a Times Top 100 graduate employer for 2008 and 2009 and a Times Top 50 company where women want to work for the past 3 years.

RWE npower graduate schemes

Engineering / Professional Sciences (2 years)	Bachelors degree (or higher, e.g. MEng) in Engineering or Science	2:2 required (predicted or achieved)
General Business Management (2 years)	Bachelors degree in any subject	2:1 required (predicted or achieved)
Business Analysis (2 years)	Bachelors degree in a numerate subject (predicted or achieved)	2:1 required
Finance (3 years)	Bachelors degree in any subject	2:1 required (predicted or achieved)
Quantitative Risk Programme (18 months)	Masters degree or higher related to maths finance (e.g. financial modelling)	Numerate first degree, MSc or higher
Information Systems (2 years)	Bachelors degree in an IT related subject	2:1 required (predicted or achieved)

Example Engineering roles

Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical, Control & Instrumentation, Process, Materials/Metallurgy, QA, Chemistry, Physics

Salary

For the 2010 intake is £25,000 (Up to £30K for Quantitative Risk Programme).

Training

All graduates will be provided with an individual development timetable with details of further courses provided to develop your core business skills across the graduate scheme.

All Engineering scheme/professional scientists are assigned a mentor and encouraged to work towards chartership with the relevant professional body (such as IMechE, IET, IChemE, or IOP).

All Finance scheme graduates will undertake the CIMA qualification and placements will be allocated in support of this development.

Where appropriate we will also sponsor other work related professional qualifications.

Recruitment Process

There is a four stage programme –

1. Online application form
2. Numerical reasoning test (online)
3. Telephone Interview
4. Assessment Centre

Recruitment Timetable

- The online application form for 2011 entrants will open in early September 2010.

- All positions are offered as suitable applicants apply
- The first assessment centres will be held in October 2010
- We are likely to close to new applications by end of January 2011.

Further information

Please see our website for the fuller details of the scheme, company and application process

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

All spaces for our 2010 intake have now been filled, however, should you have any further questions please contact us using the team graduate team email address below.

graduate.recruitment@rwebrightergraduates.com

Placement Opportunities

In 2011 we will be offering the following:

- 12 month Industrial Placements – for penultimate year undergraduates. The graduate website will have more details.
- 8-12 week Summer Placements – for first, second and penultimate year undergraduates. Vacancies will be posted from January 2011.
- Placement opportunities will be available in broadly the same areas of recruitment as for the graduates. Summer Placements will be subject to business need and priority is given to the finalists of npower graduate competitions such as The Energy Challenge or Future Leaders Competitions.

Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club

CUABC is one of the oldest amateur boxing clubs
in the UK

www.cuabc.org.uk

President: Max Kirchoff, Downing

Captain: Will Rees, Jesus

Secretary: Peter Joy

Senior Treasurer: Martin Rueht, Trinity Hall

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Irfan Ahmed, Emmanuel

Ieuan Marsh, St Catharine's

Will Rees, Jesus

Rob Chapman, Trinity Hall

Chris Webb, Queen's

Ed Chadwick, Clare

Eddie Hult, Homerton

Adrian Teare, Gonville & Caius and Westcott

House

CUABC is one of the oldest amateur boxing clubs in the UK and participates in the annual Varsity Match against Oxford University. Last year saw a 9-0 defeat of Oxford, a repeat of the 2005 result. CUABC has a new coach; Ben Blowes, and aims to repeat the victory of 2009 in the 2010 Varsity Match.

Varsity Match

10/03/09 at Old Billingsgate Market, London
Cambridge: 9 – Oxford: 0 (CUABC vs. OUABC)

Match Report

Cambridge University regained the Truelove Bowl by defeating Oxford 9-0 in the 102nd Varsity Boxing match before a packed house at the Old Billingsgate Market in London. Oxford (who had 3 successive victories since the 9-0 Cambridge Victory of 2005) had hoped to retain the trophy.

Cambridge fielded an inexperienced side for the 2009 Varsity Match, in terms of previous bouts per fighter. However, the spirit to win and the

hunger for a victory had been encouraged and developed by coach Vincent O'Shea and supported by sponsors The Glassworks. The squad cut its teeth on fixtures organized by Secretary Pete Joy in the Town v. Gown fixture and in bouts with the Metropolitan Police. Only one boxer in the 2009 side had not been defeated in the ring during the season prior to Varsity.

Every aspect of the boxer's training was scrutinized, from nutrition to weight gain and loss, from sleep to cardio-vascular conditioning, and then from combinations in the ring to footwork. The influence of conditioning coach Nick Swinn was never far away.

Irfan Ahmed earned his victory in the first bout against Oxford's Adam Blick, by turning around a poor first round performance. Ahmed had fought hard for his place in the team, and repaid Coach O'Shea's faith in him. Against a technically better boxer throwing lots of good jabs, Ahmed's focus and determination not to be beaten carried him through, an example of heart over technical ability, and got the Light Blues their first victory at Featherweight.

At lightweight, Ieuan Marsh put on an outstanding demonstration of straight punching against opponent Tom Nickalls who was able to use his extra reach to get behind the jab and edge the opening period. Marsh was not to be put off by this, building on a performance where he had been defeated by a boxer in a style very similar to his own, he was able to move around

the ring better whilst maintaining a high output of straight punches. His tenacity ground down Nickalls. Marsh brought Nickalls two standing counts during the middle round. The Light Blues recorded a second victory.

Will Rees was a good Captain to CUABC throughout the season and this showed in the third bout, with a greater accuracy than opponent Chris Pearson. He inflicted a standing count on Pearson from an unanswered volley of shots in the closing seconds. Working well with Coach O'Shea and leading by example, he turned defeat in the ring into victory. Rees communicated this aspect of the skill of boxing well to his young team.

In the fourth bout, Rob Chapman defeated Vincent Vitale of Oxford, inflicting two standing counts on his opponent, first from a straight left, then from a straight right. Chapman spent the season vying with Chris Webb as the premier athlete of CUABC, and although this remained undecided, his supreme athleticism in the ring meant that Vitale was comprehensively outfought, and the referee stopped the contest in round two of the Welterweight bout.

Webb then achieved for Cambridge what had seemed a dream, a victory in the fifth bout regaining the Truelove Bowl. Webb's opponent Cliff Mark failed to match either his accuracy or his fitness. The Light Middleweight bout and fifth successive victory for Cambridge was won by a wide margin.

Two Middleweight fights ensued, bouts 6 and 7. Ed Chadwick, the only Cambridge fighter unbeaten in the season tore into Dark Blue opponent Richard Pickering. Chadwick had developed impressively in the gym during the season, and was regarded by Secretary Pete Joy to have the greatest pound for pound strength on the Cambridge team. He deployed this skill to great effect in his Varsity bout, and as a Southpaw landed a left with precision pace, straight-line accuracy and power, which saw the referee stop the contest within the first round.

In the final two bouts the Cambridge Team's Light Heavyweight Eddie Hult, and Heavyweight Adrian Teare destroyed their Dark Blue opponents. Hult's unique boxing movement; the ability for a tall man to come up and under his opponent's jab and cross, with speed and power, destroyed Oxford's Simon Lowe. Hult's fine, fast punching drew blood in the first round and Lowe was returned to his corner by the referee for treatment. The second round continued in the same way, and Lowe took two counts before the referee stopped the contest. The scorecard read Cambridge 8, Oxford 0 into the final bout.

Some observers witnessed an overhand right, whilst others believed it to be a brutal right hook, which dispatched Oxford's Heavyweight Peter Anderson. Cambridge Heavyweight Adrian Teare, of Gonville and Caius College and Westcott House, was determined to crown the night with a final victory for the team and did so in

astonishing speed. About 40 seconds in fact, and this included a standing count for Henderson.

Teare came out of the corner with speed and aggression, whilst Henderson looked as if he'd rather be elsewhere. Henderson threw a straight right, which Teare took as a glancing blow in the first contact, but that was the last opportunity he had to inflict damage. Teare returned fire with a huge right uppercut, followed by a barrage of straight punches and these did the damage. Henderson had taken too much punishment at this point. After the count, a final flourish of punches and then the big right which dropped Henderson to the canvass. The final Cambridge victory, a victory by KO. Cambridge 9, Oxford 0.

The celebrations lasted long into the night at Old Billingsgate for the triumphant Cambridge team.

Other News

Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club wishes to thank the boxers for their contribution to the Varsity Match in the Supporting contests. Kirsten Stroud for Cambridge (Hughes Hall) defeated Kate Newton for Oxford (The Queen's College) in the Women's Flyweight bout. At Bantamweight CUABC did not field a boxer; instead Rachel Bower (Metropolitan Police) was defeated by Becky Lee (St Anne's, Oxford). Sarah Burden for Cambridge (St Catharine's) lost to Annelie De Vries of Oxford (St Clare's International College) at Lightweight.

Finally, Dan Ekpe of Cambridge (Corpus Christi) lost to Paul Mitchell of Portsmouth University. (This was somewhat controversial as Ekpe was judged by the referee to be unresponsive after a count and the match was stopped.) Our thanks and respect extends to all boxers.

Thanks to the Official-in-Charge, the Referees, Judges, Recorders, Timekeeper, Ring Doctor and MCs.

Special thanks to:

Conditioning Coach: Nick Swinn.
Sponsors: The Glassworks Gym, Cambridge.
Club Secretary: Pete Joy
Coach: Vincent O'Shea

Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club welcomes Ben Blowes as Head coach for the 2009-10 season.

Sponsor

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Cambridge University Association Football Club

The University Football Club offers the opportunity for the best footballer's in the University to play competitive football to a high level

www.cuafc.org.uk

President: Dr John Little, St Catharine's

Captain: James Rutt, Trinity

Secretary: Edward Burrows, Fitzwilliam

Senior Treasurer: Dr John Little, St Catharine's

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jamie Brown, Christ's
Edward Burrows, Fitzwilliam
Mike Stark, Selwyn
Ali Hakimi, Darwin
Chris Maynard, St John's
Michael Johnson, Jesus
Matt Amos, Queens'
James Rutt, Trinity
Mark Baxter, Selwyn
Stephen Harrison, Christ's
Paul Hartley, Fitzwilliam
James Day, Jesus
Stuart Ferguson, Kings
Max Little, Trinity

The University Football Club offers the opportunity for the best footballer's in the University to play competitive football to a high level. The club currently fields two sides in BUCS and a third team also plays against Oxford.

Varsity Match

29/03/2009 at Craven Cottage, Fulham
Cambridge 0 – 1 Oxford

Oxford triumphed for the first time in 4 years thanks to an early goal and, in all honesty, fully deserved their win as they also had the better chances throughout the game. Cambridge came into the match on the back of a hectic period, including 4 games in 8 days, and it showed as legs tired towards the end. The closest Cambridge came to scoring was a Matt Amos header, acrobatically tipped over the bar by the Oxford goalkeeper. Whilst Cambridge kept the ball well for much the second half the team struggled to create many clear-cut chances and we were left to rue their sluggish start.

Promisingly the vast majority of the side should be returning next year, a luxury enjoyed by Oxford this year, and they will no doubt be hungry for success and eager to avenge this year's defeat. A special mention must go to Jamie Brown who earned his Blue in his seventh and final year, having been robbed of a starting place due to injury on two previous occasions.

The Falcons (2nds) kept up their impressive recent record in Varsity with a 3rd win in 4 years, after a nail-biting victory on penalties. Once again the side was largely composed of players who will return next year and will look to make the step up to the Blues squad.

Other News

In the BUCS league the Blue's performed well but were left to rue too many draws in Michaelmas and a 5-minute capitulation against Loughborough. The side entered the Christmas break unbeaten in the league, but having drawn 4 of their games. This was despite dominating long periods of each game, but failing to produce the results the performances should have produced.

Once again the Christmas break saw us make the trip to La Manga in Spain for a week of training in the facilities usually reserved for the professionals. Whilst the standard of opposition was lower than in previous years, the week saw us lay important foundations for the term ahead.

The first game after Christmas saw a crunch match against table topping Loughborough. The side dominated long spells of the game and



led 3-2 with 5 minutes to go. However a chaotic finale saw the side concede twice and drop a crucial 3 points. The snow subsequently paid havoc with the schedule and in the next 5 weeks only 1 match was played. However when the BUCS schedule resumed the side strung together some impressive performances and headed into a game with Loughborough with an outside chance of overtaking the leaders. However this was the 3rd game in 6 days and proved too much as the side went down 1-0 to finish in 2nd place.

The Falcons also mounted a strong promotion push, often playing on poor pitches against physical opposition. However their promotion push was, also narrowly, unsuccessful.

Sponsors

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Cambridge University Women's Association Football Club

At present there are two University teams – The Blues and The Eagles – and 30 college teams

www.srcf.ucam.org/cuwaafc

President: Lindsay Cameron, Murray Edwards

Captain: Catherine Murphy, Robinson

Secretary: Lindsay Cameron, Murray Edwards

Senior Treasurer: Dr John Little, St Catharine's

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Catherine Ortman, Churchill

Clare Ross, Trinity Hall

Catherine Murphy, Robinson

Danielle Griffiths, Trinity

Lizzie Richardson, St John's

Maisie-Rose Byrne, Jesus

Leesa Haydock, Selwyn

Rebecca Fisher, St John's

Emma Eldridge, St Catharine's

Victoria Clarkson, Murray Edwards

Kate Robinson, Newnham

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Clare Longden, Jesus

Laura Nelson, Corpus Christi

Carly Thoma-Perry, Homerton

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Lindsay Cameron, Murray Edwards

Grace Parker, Robinson

Alice Barnes, Lucy Cavendish

Emma Stones, Churchill

Rachel Folwell, Pembroke

Ruth Robinson, Churchill

Helen Bellfield, Homerton

Farzana Dudhwala, Corpus Christi

Nicola Dutton, St Catharine's

Magali Kostov,

Kate Hadley-Brown, New Hall

Camilla Grundy,

Jess Cole,

Kate Orf, Emmanuel

At present there are two university teams and 30 college teams. The Blues (First XI) play in the Eastern Region Premier Division, with matches every Sunday from August through to April, and also compete in the FA Cup, the Cambridgeshire County Cup and the League Cup.

The Eagles (Second XI) play in BUSA Midlands Conference 2B, and play every Wednesday during term time. The Blues and Eagles take on Oxford each year in the annual Varsity Match.

Records of the Blues Match go back to 1986 and of 24 encounters Cambridge has won 17 times.

Varsity Match

28/02/2009 at Fenner's, Gresham Road, Cambridge.

Blues (First XI) lost 2-0, Eagles (Second XI) lost 1-0.

Saturday 28 February brought the women's varsity match, with Cambridge hoping to build on impressive performances, which had seen them win both the Blues and 2nds matches in 2008. With the Cambridge crowd standing several deep at Fenner's, the Women's Blues prepared to perform in this the 24th Varsity confrontation. The first fifteen minutes were slightly tense, with neither side creating any clear-cut chances. Any possession Oxford had was quickly snuffed out by the defence of Ross, Griffiths, Murphy and Richardson, and there was nothing to fault in this early defensive performance.

When the ball was cleared, however, Cambridge had the front-runners to get on the end of some creative, looping passes up field. A couple of chances went wanting for the Light Blues, as the Oxford defence literally threw themselves in front and somehow scrambled the ball away. Indicative of the general messiness of the play, it was a full twenty minutes before the Oxford keeper, also their player of the match, made the first saves of the match.

Play was somewhat scrappy at both ends of the field; it was however inescapable that Cambridge were the more structured in their phase play in midfield. Oxford became increasingly sparse in attack and, getting to the ball second every time, their defence were left with no option but to clear up field and into the crowd. With the final ball lacking in either team, the first half ended a tense 0-0.

After half-time Cambridge came out with a new momentum, aided by the introduction of Clare Longden upfront. However, within two minutes of the restart, excitement of the wrong kind was injected as a marking error in defence left an Oxford striker free to loft the ball over the head of Ortman to take the lead. Jolted awake, the Light Blues took more and more of the initiative and gave the crowd something to shout about. Straight back on the attack, Cambridge's Fisher won a free kick and then the team created a series of direct shots, though frustratingly these all went wide or into the waiting arms of the keeper. Maisie-Rose Byrne and Emma Eldridge worked beautifully up the two wings, but the

absence of composure whilst shooting and an excellent performance by the Oxford goalkeeper meant the team failed to convert their numerous chances.

Almost inevitably, Oxford, in their only attack of the second half received the ball past the halfway line, and Oviri dribbled round two defenders and snuck the shot into the left corner to edge even further ahead. Cambridge might have had the possession, but Oxford were having all the luck. The final quarter of an hour was torture to watch. The Light Blues were giving their all. Leesa Haydock in particular battled her way physically through the midfield to deliver the ball to Kate Robinson upfront. But time after time the chances were saved, and disbelief turned to despair for the Cambridge contingent both on and off the field. Even in the closing minutes, Nelson's shot rebounded off the woodwork with the keeper stranded.

Cambridge had paid the ultimate price for their failure to take chances, and Oxford had got lucky with their rare venture upfield. But this is a club that will pick itself up and come back for revenge in 2010!

Other News

This year has been among the Blues most successful everywhere. They won the Cambridgeshire County Championship for the first time in their history, in doing so knocking out opposition from the Combination Leagues. They also reached the final of the League Cup, narrowly being beaten 2-1 in the final. They

continue to play in the Eastern Region Premier Division, this season defeating all but one of the teams finishing in the top 6.

The Eagles have also had a successful season, acquitting themselves well in the Midlands Division 2B to which they were promoted last year, and reaching the semi-finals of the BUSA cup.

After the successes of last season and strong performances in a very competitive BUSA league, the Eagles went into this varsity match full of confidence and buoyed by an excellent crowd of Cambridge support at Grange Road.

Both sides started nervously, but after ten minutes, Cambridge began to dominate with Magali Kostov and Camilla Grundy utilising their pace to exploit space behind the Oxford defence and test the Oxford keeper. This pressure resulted in a number of good chances, with Helen Bellfield unlucky not to score, with a close range effort blocked by the Oxford defence.

However, Oxford scored a goal against the run of play, with a miss-hit shot which just squeezed into the bottom corner, and despite further good play from the Cambridge midfield, the Eagles were unable to get an equaliser before half time.

The second half continued where the first left off, with Cambridge dominating possession and Oxford barely leaving their half. A string of fine saves from the Furies keeper kept Oxford in the match, and with fifteen minutes remaining, the

Eagles were laying siege to the Oxford goal, with full backs Ruth Robinson and Lindsay Cameron pushing forward to add extra bodies to the Cambridge attack.

In a frantic last few minutes, Cambridge seemed certain to score, with desperate defending and the post contriving to deny Kate Hadley-Brown and Farzana Dudhwala. However, thanks to some resolute defending, and more than a slice of luck, the Oxford back four held out, and it was simply not to be Cambridge's day. The Eagles can however take heart from their excellent performance, and will be back even stronger for next year's match.

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Cambridge University Athletic Club

Cambridge University Athletic Club (CUAC) was the first university-wide athletic club to be established in the UK

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Women's Captain: Lucy Spray, Newnham

Secretary: Alex Bates, Selwyn

Senior Treasurer: Chris Pratt, Fitzwilliam

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Florence Cavalli, Darwin
Laura Duke, Newnham
Polly Keen, Murray Edwards
Kate Laidlow, Jesus
Clare Palmer, Downing
Emma Perkins, Newnham
Emma Rowley, Pembroke
Lucy Spray, Newnham
Jon Cook, Jesus
Ben Cossey, St Edmund's
Mark Dyble, Clare
Ben Ellis, Churchill
Matt Grant, Queen's

Andrew Lee, Jesus
Paolo Natali, Christs
Louis Persent, St John's
Ben Richardson, Churchill
Ian Simson, St John's
Humphrey Waddington, St Catharine's
Andy Wheble, Trinity

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jo Harris, Magdalene
Laura McGarty, Churchill
Christie Noble, Emmanuel
Rosemary Pringle, Downing
Charlotte Roach, Trinity
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Amin Ahmadnia, Trinity
Emmanuel Akinluyi, Christs
Sam Dobin, Trinity
Dan Ekpe, Corpus Christi
William Fedus, Robinson

Adam Fuller, Magdalene
Eamon Katter, St Edmund's
James Kelly, Jesus
Aidan McGowan, Girton
Josh Mouland, King's
Ed Moyses, Selwyn
David Nefs, Churchill
Andy Owen, Selwyn
Tim Pattison, Downing
James Richards, Clare
Felix Schaaf, St John's
Tom Wagner, Sidney Sussex

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Members of the Alligator's (2nd) Team
Members of the Alverstone's (2nd) Team

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

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

In 3 out of every 4 years, CUAC and OUAC unite as the Achilles Club to compete against American Universities in the oldest international athletic series in the world. The Harvard-Yale matches

date back to 1894 and the Penn-Cornell series has roots in 1921. Every 4 years, including 2009, the English Universities tour the US over Easter to compete against all 4 of the US institutions.

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

CUAC welcomes athletes of all abilities and is keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the club.

Varsity Match

16/05/2009 at University Track, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge

Men's Blues: Oxford 80.5 Cambridge 129.5

Women's Blues: Oxford 102 Cambridge 99

Men's 2nd Team: Oxford Centipedes 76

Cambridge Alverstones 134

Women's 2nd Team: Oxford Millipedes 87

Cambridge Alligators 114

The 135th Varsity Sports was a huge success for Cambridge University Athletics Club with record-breaking victories in both the Men's Blues and Men's Second Team matches and a 27-point winning margin in the Women's Seconds Match. The club knew they had a great opportunity of emulating the success of the last home varsity match in 2007, which had seen a record-breaking win for the men's blues under the captaincy of Mike Collins (Trinity). They did not disappoint expectations. Only the Women's Blues were defeated, and even then by only 3 points, despite Oxford being the clear favourites. The day began well for the Cambridge men with

a one-two in the Hammer for Andy Lee and Andy Wheeble, immediately followed by the same result in the Long Jump for Humphrey Waddington and Ian Simson. Waddington went on to win the Triple Jump by over a metre with a substantial improvement on his personal best later in the afternoon.

President Jon Cook ran a controlled race to take victory in the 800m to secure another one-two for Cambridge. Fresher Mark Dyble achieved an excellent double in the 100m and 200m, followed closely across the line by his Cambridge teammates, Ben Richardson and Ben Ellis. Richardson won both the 110m and 200m hurdles races later in the day.

The talent displayed by the team was astounding. The BUCS silver-medallist and junior international, Louis Persent took a comfortable victory in the 400m, before running a superb leg in the 4x400m relay.

The relays were illustrative of the day as a whole with ultimate Cambridge domination. Both Cambridge men's teams beat the Oxford Blues in the 4x400m and all four Cambridge sprint relay teams stormed to victory. The Women's Blues had a comprehensive victory in the 4x400m, despite Oxford using their 'secret weapon', the all-American 5000m champion, Michelle Sikes.

The Cambridge Women's Blues were very unlucky not to sneak the win in their match, remaining in contention until the final three events and going out on a high with the relay victories. The strength in depth of the Cambridge women has



improved considerably over the last few years demonstrated by the staggering number of Blues awarded this year.

Other News

In addition to a dominant display at the Varsity match, CUAC athletes have excelled in other competitions throughout the year. In November's Fresher's Varsity match, this year held in Oxford, the men's team began a highly successful season with a comprehensive win of 100-79. Individually, Ed Moyse earned a triple win (400m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump) with Mark Dyble (100m,

200m), Felix Schaaf (Discus, Shot Putt) and Mickael Decressac (Javelin, Hammer Throw) achieving double wins. Decressac gained a championship best in the Javelin of 60.22m, earning him the Freshmen's Medal, awarded to the best performance at the Freshmen's Match. The women were narrowly defeated but still displayed some promising performances, with Laura Duke achieving a triple win (Hammer Throw, Shot Putt, Long Jump) and an impressive two-second victory for Kate Laidlow in the 200m.

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

2009 marked the year of the Achilles Transatlantic Tour, when CUAC combine with OUAC to form the Achilles Club in the oldest international athletics fixture in the world. Competing against a combined Harvard-Yale team, the Men's Team achieved a historic victory, winning by 10 events to 9. This was the first time the Achilles Team had won since 1993. Individual wins were achieved by Ben Richardson (110m Hurdles), Louis Persent (400m), Ian Simson (Triple Jump), Mickael

Decressac (Javelin) and the men's 4x100m team. Ben Ellis achieved a double win in the 100m and 200m, as well as being a member of the Sprint Relay Team, which earned him an award for most valuable performer. Entering as the underdogs, the women performed above expectation, losing by 12 events to 7, in a result much closer than anticipated. Laura Duke achieved an individual win in the Hammer Throw, and Florence Cavalli achieved the Blues standard in the Pole Vault despite an injury. The teams then journeyed onwards to compete at the prestigious Franklin Field, Philadelphia. Here they faced much tougher competition, in the form of a combined Penn-Cornell team. With many of the winning athletes from the previous match unavailable or injured, they were unable to repeat their performance of the previous week. The individual winners were Ben Richardson (110m Hurdles), Paolo Natali (5000m), Laura Duke (Hammer). The men's 4x400m was a highlight of the day and fantastic end to the tour as anchor runner Louis Persent took the baton in last place, despite solid runs from the rest of the team, and slowly closed the gap down the back straight earning the win in the final strides, having made up 30m on the last leg. In 2010 Penn and Cornell will travel to Great Britain and continue this historic series.

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

Natali (3000m Steeplechase). Alongside this CUAC produced 7 finalists and 5 semi-finalists.

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

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

Over the summer, Louis Persent (St John's) was selected to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Athletics Championships.

Louis won the Bronze medal in the Men's 400m in a time of 46.82. He was also a member of the Gold medal winning GB 4x400m relay team at the Championships.

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Cambridge University Badminton Club

Badminton is a very popular sport at the University,
with numerous college leagues

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Men's Captain: Yixun Tan, Sidney Sussex

Women's Captain: Karen Hird, St Catharine's

Senior Treasurer: Dr John Bray

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Karen Hird, St Catharine's
Catherine Murphy, Robinson

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Lars Boyde, Trinity
Robert Hird, Trinity
Peter Galloway, Peterhouse
Robert Pace, St Catharine's
Yixun Tan, Sidney Sussex
John Raw, Jesus
James Frost, Trinity
Claire Rong, Churchill
Katie Scotter, Girton
Laura Birkinshaw-Miller, Newnham
Isabel Gutteridge, Trinity
Jo Brant, Clare

Badminton is a very popular sport at the University, with numerous college leagues. The Cockerels Badminton Club provides training and matches for the top players in the University, competing in BUCS and local leagues, as well as annual first and second team Varsity matches.

Varsity Match

26/08/09 at Bottisham Village College, Cambridge
Men's 1sts lost 6-9, Men's 2nd s 7-8,
Women's 1st s won 13-2, Women's 2nd's won 11-4
Cambridge won overall 37-23

Men's Varsity Match Report

The Varsity match took place on the 28th of February at Bottisham Village College. The second team kicked off the proceedings, with Cambridge's Frederik Floether taking on Oxford's Matt Varughese – who had been a Cambridge player a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, Matt proved too strong, winning the match in straight

sets to give Oxford a 1-0 lead. What followed was an incredibly close match, with the two teams scoring alternate points. After the singles matches, the score stood at 3-3, with two of the matches having gone to three sets. The doubles, then, would decide the second's match. Unfortunately, even though the match went down to the wire, Oxford emerged the victors.

At the end of the morning, the score read 7-8 to the Dark Blues. Whilst Cambridge was understandably disappointed, on the bright side, this was a huge improvement on the 0-15 loss to Oxford last year.

With a 1-14 loss to Oxford last year, the Cambridge men's firsts were keen to regain lost pride. The afternoon began with an epic singles match between Cambridge's Lars Boyde and Oxford's Ryan Manuel, both playing in their fourth Varsity match. After an exhausting three-setter, Lars succumbed to a defeat despite being the pre-match favourite. Oxford rode this wave of confidence to notch four more successive wins, with only Cambridge's James Frost managing to record a win for the Light Blues in the sixth singles to bring the match to 1-5 in Oxford's favour. Unfortunately, Cambridge lost the men's firsts Varsity match 6-9. However, the match was far closer than the overall score line suggests, since four of Oxford's victories were close-fought three-set matches.

In conclusion, there were significant difficulties this year with training venues and coaching. Out of the six teams in the Premier South, two of them had the resources to employ coaches and



all of them had access to courts at an indoor sports hall. It has been said many times, but the construction of a dedicated sports centre would undoubtedly contribute hugely to our future endeavours. Even though Cambridge was relegated, the outlook for the 2009-2010 season is far from bleak, since the majority of this year's first team will be available for selection next year. In addition, the marked improvement in our Varsity result suggests that a win next year on Oxford's turf is a very real possibility.

Women's Varsity Match Report

The Varsity match took place at Bottisham Village College on 28th February. The second team were the first to play and despite a delay due to problems with sunlight on the floor, Cambridge got off to a flying start, leading 4-2 after the singles. The doubles then followed a similar pattern, with Cambridge winning the majority of the matches to take the overall Varsity win 11-4. Although this was slightly worse than the previous years 15-0 score line, Cambridge well and truly proved that they have a strong squad of players, again beating Oxford comfortably. In the first team match, triplets Karen and Sarah Hird were competing for family bragging rights, with them captaining Cambridge and Oxford respectively (the third, brother Robert, played for Cambridge in the men's match). This was not the only family affair of the day, as twins Ploy and Pattida Achakulwisut had earlier competed against each other for Cambridge and Oxford's second teams respectively. Again Cambridge were hopeful of a win, having triumphed 14-1 the previous year. However, the singles were

exceptionally close, with Claire Rong (Churchill) and Jo Brant (Clare) scraping through theirs in three sets. In the battle of the siblings, Karen won comprehensively, giving Cambridge a 5-1 lead with the doubles to come. However, the Cambridge number 2 Catherine Murphy had to leave at this point in order to compete in her second Varsity of the day (football), and so Oxford may have been hopeful of pushing Cambridge to the wire. However, it was not to be and Cambridge showed their superiority throughout the day, only losing one more match, and so securing the Varsity match 13-2. Overall an extremely successful year for Cambridge women's badminton, winning Varsity and remaining in the Premier League, and things are looking good for next year, with very few team members leaving.

Other News

Men's Report

The men's badminton team had a distinctly indifferent season, with recurring injury and turnout problems resulting in poor showings both as a team in the BUCS leagues and individually. In the BUCS team championships, Cambridge were looking to survive in the Premier South, having lost three of their first team players from last season. However, the season ended in relegation. The season started well, with a 4-4 draw at home against traditionally strong rivals Oxford. Sadly, from then on the results failed to go our way, with losses against Bath, Bristol, Oxford and Southampton meaning that Cambridge only managed to muster a solitary point the entire season. 0-8 losses to Bath both home and away were expected, given the

international standard of their men's team. However, losses (0-8 away, 1-7 at home) against Premier South new boys Southampton cost Cambridge dearly, rooting us firmly at the bottom of the league table.

Finishing last in Premier South, we entered the relegation play-offs. The first match was at home against Cardiff, where we secured a resounding 6-2 victory with the return of two of our players from injury. Unfortunately, two players were injured and two others were unable to play due to academic commitments for the second and final play-off away against Brunel. Nonetheless, we approached the match with quiet optimism, knowing that a draw would be enough to see off the spectre of relegation. However, the match started poorly, with Cambridge losing the first two singles matches to go 0-2 down. The first round of doubles matches saw our first pair, Yi-xun Tan and John Raw, easily beat Brunel's second pair to reduce the deficit. However, our second pair lost narrowly in three sets to Brunel's first to give Brunel a 3-1 lead. Brunel's first singles player again proved too strong, subduing James Frost easily in straight sets to give Brunel a 4-2 lead. From then on, we were fighting for survival. Befittingly, the match up between the second singles players was nail-bitingly close, with Cambridge's Frederik Floether playing exceptionally well. Having lost the first set, Frederik roared back into contention after taking the second set 21-17. Unfortunately, his best efforts were not enough, as he succumbed in the third giving Brunel their fifth point for the win. Playing for pride, Cambridge's first pair won again, with the final score reading 3-5 to Brunel. Individually, the men's team did not do well

either, with our two best players, Lars Boyde and Robert Hird unable to represent us at the BUCS Individual Championships due to injuries. As such, all of Cambridge's men's entries were duly knocked out in the first round of competition, with only the doubles pair of Peter Galloway and Yi-xun Tan putting in a half-decent fight to go out with a 21-17, 20-22, 21-23 loss.

Women's Report

The women's badminton team had a successful season this year, with good results both individually and as a team in the BUCS leagues. At the BUCS Championships in November, Karen Hird (St Catharine's) reached the last 16 of the singles, and partnering Catherine Murphy (Robinson) reached the last 16 of the doubles. In the BUCS Team Championships, Cambridge were looking to consolidate their position in Premier South, having lost a couple of players from the previous year. Cambridge started off with two tough matches, against London Met and Bath, both Universities with international standard teams. Unfortunately the opposition were too strong, Cambridge losing 1-7 and 0-8 respectively. The next match was against Exeter, and without captain Karen Hird, the Cambridge team faced a tough encounter. However, boosted by the return from injury of Catherine Murphy, Cambridge secured a draw, winning the deciding match 21-19 in the third end. The next match saw a trip to Cardiff, but Cambridge overcame the long journey to ensure their first win of the season, 6-2.

Cambridge then faced their away matches against London Met and Bath. Again these two teams, who benefit from international standard

facilities and coaching, were just too strong, with Cambridge losing both matches 0-8, although there were some great performances from all team members. The final match of Michaelmas term saw Cambridge facing a Cardiff team that had brought in a couple of new players. However, Cambridge fought hard, winning three matches in three ends, securing a 7-1 win. The first (and only) BUCS league match of Lent term saw the team travel down to Exeter, knowing that a draw would secure third place in the league. This was duly achieved, with the singles being won comfortably, so we headed back to Cambridge hopeful of a good draw in the knockout rounds of the BUCS Cup. However, this didn't materialise, and Cambridge were knocked out by Birmingham, who had reached the Semi-Finals along with Cambridge of the BUCS Cup the previous year. Nevertheless, Cambridge can be very proud of what they achieved throughout the league season, with eleven different players competing for the University.

Women's 1sts

Finished 3rd in Premier South BUCS league

BUCS Individual Championships 2008

Karen Hird – last 16 of singles

Catherine Murphy and Karen Hird – last 16 of doubles

Cambridge University Basketball Club

The Cambridge University Basketball Club has two teams, a men's first (Blues) and a second (Lions) team

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Aiden Brown, Sidney Sussex

Milos Buhavac, Girton

Alex Juska, Churchill

College Colours Awarded 2008-09

Owen Weller, Pembroke

Simon Proffitt, Queen's

Milos Puzovic, Jesus

Takuma Goto, Robinson

Sven Krippendorf, Darwin

He Ping, Downing

Zizheng Qian, Downing

Matthew Hutchinson, Downing

Yann Frampton, Jesus

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

Varsity Match

21/02/2009 at Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre, Cambridge

Cambridge Blues Team: 59, Oxford 93

Cambridge 2nd Team: 76, Oxford 83

Blues

Having lost their two league games to Oxford, the Light Blues came in as underdogs for the annual Varsity Basketball match. In the first quarter, the game plan prepared by Coach Radic was executed to perfection, with Cambridge controlling the tempo of the contest and taking an early lead. However, with ill fated injuries to key players, the experienced Oxford side surged forward in the second quarter and built a strong points advantage at half time. Despite fighting hard in the second half, the Oxford lead proved too great to overcome. While Oxford would go on to win Varsity, the Light Blues are excited by the impact of the younger players during the game, and look forward to capturing victory next year, as well as another successful campaign in the BUCS Midlands Division 1.

Second Team

The Cambridge Lions basketball team came up just short, losing 83-76 in a gripping, action-packed Varsity encounter. A tight first half ended with Cambridge taking a narrow two-point lead into the interval. However Cambridge seized the initiative and gained momentum through the third quarter thanks to some excellent inside work from the dominant Matt Hutchinson. With Milos Puzovic giving an exhibition in the art of free throw shooting, scoring 12 in a row, the scoreboard kept on ticking over. However Cambridge's defence was lax at points and several searing drives from their point guard coupled with some accurate shooting allowed Oxford to stay in check. Cambridge held the lead going into the fourth quarter but Oxford rapidly reversed the score-line as they took full advantage of the Lion's slow reaction to their changed defensive set- up. The Lions regrouped and Yc Ng made some excellent drives and Matt and Puzovic continued to have strong games but with several crucial jump-shots just rimming out the Lions could not quite restore the lead. The match was played in excellent spirit and a hugely enjoyable spectacle but a hard defeat for the Lions given the closeness of the score line. Man of the match was Matt Hutchinson who was at times un-playable in the paint. Thanks to Richard Martin for coaching the team.

Other News

The Light Blues performed well at home this season and finished fourth in the highly competitive Midlands League Division 1. At the end of the season, the Club was invited to Milan, to participate in the Bocconi Basketball tournament for the second time. The exposure to teams from abroad will provide the young Light Blues team with invaluable experience for next season.

This year in December the Blue's Basketball Team is going to Serbia to play basketball against Serbia's top youth academy teams.

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Cambridge University Women's Basketball Club

The Cambridge University Women's Basketball Club;
(CUWBbC) is comprised of the University's top
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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Paloma Navarro, St John's

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Stephanie Polderdijk, Trinity Hall

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The Cambridge University Women's Basketball Club (CUWBbC) is comprised of the University's top basketball players. The light blues has conditional Full-Blue Status. During the year, our fifteen athletes that make up CUWBbC's 1st team participate in BUSA, the Varsity Match, as well as exhibition games and tournaments.

Varsity Match

21/02/09 at Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre,
Cambridge

Oxford: 98 Cambridge: 43

Going into Varsity this year, the Cambridge University Women's Basketball team knew they were in for a fight. Oxford's team had moved up to National Division since last year and had been performing well in their division. Nevertheless, the Cambridge side did show remarkable fight. Though the score was unfavourable (98 to 43 for Oxford), the game was always a tense and

exciting one. The last quarter was dominated by Cambridge, with Cambridge outscoring Oxford. Unfortunately it was too late in the game for this great effort to change the outcome. The girls can be very proud of their performance, and are looking very forward to beating Oxford next year, in Oxford.

The Early History of CuCrC

The history of yacht clubs started with the foundation of the Royal Cork Yacht Club in 1720 and by the late 1800's the sport was growing fast. The early clubs were quite classy, often with royal patronage, and focused their activities on socialising in luxurious club houses, regattas and racing modified working boats, probably in that order. Cambridge was quite late in entering the yachting scene when it established the Cambridge University Cruising Club on May the 20th 1893. The objects of the club were "the promotion of intercourse between Members of the University interested in amateur cruising and racing, and their mutual advantage and instruction as regards nautical subjects generally." No distinction was made between resident and non-resident members or senior versus junior members, at least with-in the University yachting was seen as a classless past-time.

By 1902 it was well established with 187 members owning between them 133 boats varying from a 150 foot long schooner to sailing canoes. The club itself owned three boats designed as racing versions of a Sharpie, originally a US design that had the merit of very shallow draft and therefore suitable for East Anglian rivers'; these were kept at Houghton on the Ouse and available for all club members to sail. The size of the club was becoming unmanageable and it was decided to run it with two sub-committees – an External committee responsible for annual dinners, marine meetings and social meetings outside Cambridge and a Cambridge committee which looked after

the sailing boats owned by the club, sailing and racing on the Ouse and social meetings in Cambridge.

Among the eminent members were Lord Kelvin, the Hon. C. A. Parsons and Erskine Childers. Parsons encapsulated the combination of innovation, expertise and disrespect for authority still found in the Cambridge sailor when in 1897, frustrated with the bureaucrats in the admiralty, he gate crashed the Spithead Review. This event, held to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria was attended by the crowned heads of Europe. Parsons decided to demonstrate his invention of the steam turbine by steaming through the review daring the Navy to catch him. It would be nice to think this was the first display to Royalty of the CuCrC burgee.

As the Club grew it came up with a number of ideas such as Port Officers so that cruising yachtsmen could find a helpful Cambridge alumni to introduce them to the locals wherever they sailed. The varsity match was established in 1912 together with numerous other competitions. A club room was set up in 12 Ram Yard off Petty Cury, open from 10 in the morning to 10 at night where members could no doubt eat, drink and engage in nautical intercourse. The club was presided over for many years by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, a noted figure of the literary establishment who politicked to set up the faculty of English – seen as the 'media studies' course of its day. By 1940 near the end of his Presidency the Club had reached 803 members with a total of 361 boats.



Cambridge University Boat Club

Oxford cut Cambridge's lead to 4 in the 155th Boat Race

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President: Henry Pelly, St Edmund's

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

H.D.P. Pelly, St Edmund's

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H Cubasch, St Edmund's

R.P. Mognahan, St Edmund's

S.N. Stafford, Gonville & Caius

R.M. Dowbiggin, Emmanuel

Club Colours (Goldie) Awarded 2008-09

J.R. Strawson, Trinity

D.G. O'Shaughnessy, St Edmund's

C.L. Sternal, Hughes Hall

J.D. Clay, Hughes Hall

G.C. Nash, St Catharine's

J.N. Jennings, Clare

S.F.S. O'Mara, Hughes Hall

F.H.R. Gill, Hughes Hall

H.M. Hodges, Selwyn

Varsity Match

29/03/09 at Putney, London

Oxford won by 3 ½ lengths

Oxford won the 155th Boat Race by 3 ½ lengths with a power surge in the second half of the race reminiscent of last year. Cambridge won the toss and chose Surrey, something perhaps indicating that they would go hard off the start. They did this and were just in the lead after one minute and had stretched this to a third of a length after another minute. Oxford though drew back by the Mile and led by half a second in a time, which was only three seconds outside the record.

Effort and counter effort up to Hammersmith Bridge saw the two crews virtually level, the official time giving the Light Blues just a 0.7 second advantage. Umpire Boris Rankov was giving warnings, first to Cambridge and then to Oxford as the crews approached Chiswick Eyot, and there was some clashing of blades.

Along the Eyot, Oxford produced a huge push, reminiscent of their 2008 tactics, and passed Chiswick Steps two seconds in the lead with their favourable Middlesex section of the Race ahead of them. They took full advantage of their station and drew away quickly having a two length lead at the Bandstand, nearly three lengths at Barnes Bridge and an official 3 ½ lengths at the finish in a time of exactly 17 minutes.

This was the Dark Blues' fourth win in five years and brought their total tally to 75 to Cambridge's 79. Oxford President and 2-seat Colin Smith said: "We made a couple of really good decisions and stuck to a strong, aggressive strategy. The difference between the two crews was our power, aggression and stick ability. All the way along I knew we had good strength and it would take a lot to break us, and that really showed today." Henry Pelly, the defeated Cambridge President, added: "As President I am really proud of the guys. They did a great job in terms of competing with Oxford who are such a strong crew. We can learn from this and move on."

Next year's Boat Race will take place on Easter Saturday 3 April 2010 at 16:30.

Race Times:

The Mile. Oxford 3m.34s. Cambridge 3m. 34 ½ s.

Hammersmith Bridge. Cambridge 6m.28.2s.

Oxford 6m.28.9s.

Chiswick Steps. Oxford 10m. 17s. Cambridge
10m.19s.

Barnes Bridge. Oxford 14m.01s. Cambridge
14m.09s.

Finish. Oxford 17m.00s. Cambridge 17m.12s.

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Cambridge University Women's Boat Club

CUWBC exists today to give University of Cambridge students the opportunity to compete against their Oxford University counterparts

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President: Harriet Eldred, Newnham

Vice-President: Louise Connell, St John's

Women's Lightweight Captain: Sarah Allen, Peterhouse

Secretary: Thomas Walton, Jesus (Hon. Secretary)

Senior Treasurer: Simon Cope, Christ's

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Stephanie Warrillow, Emmanuel

Harriet Eldred, Newnham

Katie Cranleigh-Swash, Queens'

Anna Railton, Pembroke

Hermione Tuck, Magdalene

Susannah Cass, Magdalene

Jennifer Burrows, Magdalene

Evgenia Llyinskaya, Darwin

Fionnuala Ratcliffe, Clare

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jessica Temple, Fitzwilliam

Edwina Surtees, Christ's

Sarah Allen, Peterhouse

Jennifer Davenport, St Edmund's

Mary Bjorkegren, Christ's

Rachel Smith, Magdalene

Sarah Lilley, Fitzwilliam

Elizabeth Polgreen, Downing

Anne O'Leary, Downing

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Chris Burfiend, Churchill

Hayley Simmonds, Newnham

Joanne Gaston, Gonville & Caius

Rachel Croft, Trinity

Laura Creek, Pembroke

Nicola Pocock, Clare

Katie Wood, Girton

Eva-Marie Hempe, St John's

Stephanie Caird, Clare

CUWBC exists today to give University of Cambridge students the opportunity to compete against their Oxford University counterparts in the annual Henley Boat Races, a side-by-side race along a 2-kilometer stretch of the Henley Reach. The event, which attracts up to 7,000 spectators at the venue in Henley on Thames, consists of four main competitions, of which CUWBC compete in three: the Women's Blue Boat race; the Women's Heavyweight Reserves race; and the Women's Lightweight race. To date CUWBC has a win rate of 77 to Oxford University's 50.

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

CUWBC's athletes compete in many of the UK's major domestic rowing events, including the Fours Head and the Women's Eights Head of the River. CUWBC is also a member of BUCS and is a regular competitor at BUCS sponsored events throughout the year, which attract representatives from many of the major Universities in the UK.

Varsity Match

23/03/09 at Henley-on-Thames, London
Blue Boat lost 1 ¼ lengths
Lightweights lost 2 ½ lengths
Blondie won 1 ½ lengths

The Henley Boat Races took place on Sunday 23rd March this year. The Cambridge University Women's Blue Boat, Lightweights, and Blondie (Heavyweight reserve) crews arrived in Henley on the previous Sunday in order to get used to the water before the culmination of six months of training. In contrast to last year, the waters at Henley were remarkably calm, with no wind and little stream, where the combination of the flooded stream and strong head wind normally kicks up the lethal waves that have been seen at the races for at least the past three years.

At the official Weigh-In and Challenge on the Tuesday before at the River and Rowing Museum, both of the heavyweight crews weighed in much heavier than their Oxford counterparts. Both the Blue Boat and Blondie crews weighed in at an average 75.6kg per person, 6.4kg (14lbs) heavier per person than the Oxford Blue Boat and Blondie established themselves as the heaviest Blondie crew since records began.

On the day of the races, there was only a slight breeze, the sun was shining, and record numbers of spectators were expected to line the banks of the River Thames in Henley. The first race of the day was the heavyweight reserve crews, Blondie vs. Osiris. Oxford has won this event for the last

eight years and with half of the crew were returning from the 2008 Blondie crew they were keen to reverse their fortune from last year.

The first three strokes of the start saw the crew push slightly ahead of Osiris; however, by the 250m marker Osiris had regained the distance to take a half a length lead. This did not faze Blondie and once they settled onto their rhythm the boat speed picked up and they started moving through Osiris. By 750m Blondie had regained the lead. Osiris had been warned several times for steering into Cambridge's water but Chris (returning Cox from 2008) held to his line, causing Cambridge's stroke and 6 girls to clash blades with the Osiris 2 and 4. Chris called for a push out of the clash, and Blondie moved away from Osiris consistently. Clear water separated the two crews and it was obvious that Osiris would not be able to make up the distance.

Blondie crossed the finish line, elated, a length and a half ahead of Osiris. The first Blondie boat to have won since 2000.

The next race was that of our lightweight women's crews. The Cambridge Lightweight crew was in the unusual position of never having raced the Oxford crew as Oxford pulled out of the Women's Head on the River in London a fortnight before. With no forecast of speed, and four returning half-blues in the Oxford boat, the crew knew it could be tough. Sadly, the strength of the Oxford crew was obvious from the start. The Cambridge lightweights put up a valiant effort but Oxford managed to hold on to their early lead.

The final race for our crews was that of the Women's Blue Boats. The Cambridge Blue Boat were confident that they had made significant change since the Women's Head and were looking forward to showing Oxford how much they had improved. The crew lost the toss and so raced on the Buckinghamshire station. When the umpire called the start, they executed the first few strokes as planned, but a caught blade, which meant that they were already down by the end of the start. They pushed back into Oxford, regaining some ground, but never found the attacking rhythm that they had become so used to over the past week and finished the race just over a length down.

The Henley Boat Races 2009 ended with some mixed results, but the fantastic achievement by the Blondie crew has finally reversed the 8-year domination by Oxford. The crews now look ahead to BUCS in May where they will race against the best Universities in Britain with the opportunity to win a spot to race against the best Universities in Europe at EUSA. After this, their aim will switch towards more side-by-side racing at Henley Women's and Henley Royal Regattas.

Other News

On 8th November, the club sent one lightweight as well as three heavyweight crews to race in the Fuller's Head of the River Fours on the tideway. The Cambridge crew of Chris Burfiend (Cox), Harriet Eldred, Fionnuala Ratcliffe, Anna Railton and Jenny Burrows won the Senior 3 coxed category and the lightweight crew came third in the same event, while the other two heavyweight crews were close behind.

The club entered three Vllls (one lightweight, and two "matched" heavyweights) into the Fairbairn Cup races. On this occasion, the lightweight crew came out on top, with the first heavyweight crew 20s behind and the second heavyweight crew a further 20s behind that.

The three crews raced at Head of the Trent on 15th February with some fantastic results. The Blue Boat won the whole event, and the S2 category, with the Lightweights finishing in 2nd place, only 10 seconds behind, and winning S3. Blondie had a tougher time; having recently made some drastic crew changes, and came in 5th in the S3 category.

On 7th March, the club entered potential Boat Race Blue Boat, Lightweight and Blondie crews at the Women's Head of the River in London. The Blue Boat came 20th, Lightweights 36th and Blondie 72nd.

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Cambridge University Bowmen

Cambridge University Bowmen is the club where everyone is welcome, whatever their previous experience of archery

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Senior Treasurer: Dr Lindsey Greer, Sidney Sussex

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Carrie Oliver, Queen's

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Robert Fryers, Christ's

Sam Burnand, Jesus

Heather Reynolds, Jesus

For those who have never tried the sport before, special 'Beginners' Courses' are run to teach the basics, and equipment is available on loan to new members. Practice sessions are held almost daily, with coaching available for all levels of ability.

For the more competitively minded, there are ample opportunities to compete on an inter-university level, even for those who have only just taken up the sport (who are able to compete in the Novice Divisions). The club competes in a regional inter-university league (BUTTS) as well as in BUCS Indoors and Outdoors. The highlight of our season is the annual Varsity Match, which is now in its 60th year. The club is a successful one, boasting an impressive collection of individual medals and team trophies.

Varsity Match

23/05/09 at Christchurch Meadows, Oxford

Cambridge 3399: Oxford 3227

Cambridge Novices 2371: Oxford Novices 1328

This year saw the 60th Varsity Match, and this milestone made both teams even more eager than ever to secure victory. Although Cambridge had won 11 consecutive contests, the previous year had seen the closest final score anyone could remember, with just 17 points separating the two teams. The competition took place on Oxford's home turf, the beautiful Christchurch Meadows.

The skill of the archers on show and the sunny weather lead to a large crowd gathering, but this did not distract either team, with focus remaining solely on the distant targets. In the end however, it was Cambridge who emerged victorious due to some outstanding shooting from the team (Robert Fryers, Carrie Oliver, Heather Reynolds and Sam Burnand), enabling the Rose Bowl to remain in Cambridge yet again.

In the competition for the Plate, the Cambridge Novices were also on top form, putting in a performance, which saw the team (Laura Hill, Caroline Sandford, Sarah Holland and Girtel Liidemann) beating their Oxford counterparts by a massive 1000 points.

All in all it was an extremely fun day, and thanks must go to Oxford for hosting such a fantastic day (including the memorable Formal afterwards!).

Other News

Cambridge University Bowmen has had a successful year, both as individuals and as teams. The Novices won the BUTTS League Novice Trophy, and the Seniors attained a respectable 3rd place. Over the course of the League, 15 medals were also won by members of CUB due to their individual performances.

The two BUSA competitions this year also saw some good performances from members of the club – of particular note are Dave Hollingshead and Carrie Oliver, who performed superbly at BUSA Outdoors to come 1st and 2nd in their respective rounds.

Cambridge University Yacht Club

It is 2 in the morning, rain is tipping down onto the deck, complete darkness around us and the wind is howling through the sails. Get-up time down below for the next watch, I am to take over from our preceding shift. Despite being tired I scramble out of my sleeping bag, careful not to fall over crew fast asleep on the saloon bunks to refill their energy reserves ahead of their next watch. I am determined to get ready fast so I can take over from the guys on deck that had taken the worst of the weather for the past three hours, who are now ready to fall into their bunks and get some rest. I am not enthused by the prospect of getting out there, being thrown about by the waves, clinging on to the wheel in a determined effort not to give in. Why am I doing this? Why not lie in my warm, cosy bed at home being gently woken by the sun that is creeping over the hills bathing everything in a soft layer of light? Because I love being out there, because it is so satisfying to experience the power of the sea, live the relentless life of a sailor and support my comrades. Character-building it is, resisting the body's comfort instinct to make my crew mates get rest, one for all and all for one. What I learn here is invaluable for whatever I do, lessons for life.

We are one of the most active Cambridge student clubs. For our 240 active members we offer unique sailing and sail training opportunities to provide affordable access to yacht sailing. With more than one thousand individuals who expressed their interest in joining we address a wide variety of students from across all academic disciplines and stages.

As a club our alumni have a strong track record of successful careers in business and industry: Many of our members move into the City to pursue careers in the financial services industry, become lawyers or management consultants. This is because as a club we offer personality and character-building opportunities to get involved with one of the most active Cambridge student societies, with broadly covered responsibilities in club finances, operations, marketing and teaching.

Some of the many learning opportunities we provide are

- Leadership - the skipper is in absolute charge of the boat and crew, taking responsibility for safety unmatched in any other sport.
- Management – yacht operations such as maintenance, safety checks, berthing and chart procurement are to be taken charge of.
- Commercial awareness – running the finances of the club and deciding about trip pricing strategies with the solid foundation of a club budget is central to the club's activities.
- Personality building – we build characters beyond what academia can provide, by putting in particular our committee members into challenging situations and giving them an opportunity to prove themselves.

In addition to providing opportunities to pick up management and people skills off the water on the organisational and management side of the club in our committee work we also offer opportunities to learn during our sailing activities. Our club skippers are confronted with making challenging decisions in relation to safety, weather, passage planning and contingency

plans. This ensures that they run sailing trips, potentially involving complete beginners that are both safe and enjoyable. Over the summer vacation months, we run extensive cruising programmes moving our club yacht Kestrel all the way to the Baltic or Norway with all their adventurous yet beautiful coastlines, fjords, archipelagos and bays, thereby providing a unique opportunity to test their ability, skills and courage. Totalling some 4,000 nautical miles each in the previous two summers we are going to let Kestrel, our club yacht, migrate West this coming summer to explore the beauty of the British Southwest Coast. Starting from Ipswich Kestrel will be going North up the East Coast to reach the Scottish North Coast, the Orkneys, Shetlands and Faroer Islands to then migrate down the British West Coast via the mulls and sounds of Scotland, the Irish Sea visiting Devon and Cornwall coast, including the Scilly Isles, to reach our Southernmost destination La Rochelle along the beautiful Coast of Brittany.

What we are aiming to do as a club is strike a balance between providing training as well as both adventurous and relaxed cruising and racing opportunities to our members and providing learning opportunities to our skippers, instructors and committee officers in skills relevant to their subsequent professional life.

To yet another successful year of Cambridge University Yacht Club!

Florian Gruessing
Commodore 2009-2010.



Cambridge University Canoe Club

CUCC competes with Oxford in four disciplines

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President: Phil Connell,

Captain: James Dixon,

Secretary: Sarah McGarrity

Senior Treasurer:

Cambridge University Canoe Club caters for those who have never been in a boat before, to people who want to paddle crazy grade 5 rapids. Most of the time we paddle on the Cam, trying to dodge the punts, though we do go to Wales, Scotland and the Alps, amongst other places, in search of more interesting water.

Varsity Match

WWR: November 2008 (River Washburn), Slalom:

January 2009 (Teeside white water course),

Marathon: June 2009 (Oxford), Polo: June 2009

(Oxford)

WWR Overall: Won, Slalom Overall: Won, Men's
Marathon: Won, Women's Marathon: Lost, Men's
Polo: Won, Women's Polo: Won

CUCC competes with Oxford in four disciplines. Having thrashed them at the BUCS white water race (by 14 places!) and BUCS slalom earlier in the year, we set off for the Marathon and Polo competitions with plenty of optimism.

Marathon

After the drive to Oxford on the Saturday morning, the race took place from Falcon Rowing and Canoeing Club. The Ladies were first to race over 4.5 miles. Oxford quickly assumed 1st and 3rd position, with Olivia Roberts putting in a great performance to come second. Despite

Sarah McGarrity/Audry Lee (K2) and Fiona Breckenridge (K1) finishing 4th and 5th, Oxford narrowly won on overall points 23 to Cambridge's 22.

The Men's race was considerably further at just over 8 miles with a large number of Cambridge competitors – including the entire Men's Canoe Polo Team – participating, outnumbering Oxford roughly 2:1. Richard Hendron of Cambridge stole the show, winning emphatically with several minutes over the nearest Oxford competitor Andy Spurr, in a time of 1 hour and 4 minutes. A third placed Oxford competitor, then a large number of Cambridge paddlers ensured a clear victory on points.

Polo

Both Men's and Ladies matches were held in Oxford after the Marathon race. The Ladies match took place first and the Cambridge team capped the end of the year with their best team performance, winning 1-0. The only goal came from Cambridge Captain Charlotte Richardson after a tight first few minutes, and the girls responded by defending very well to deny the Oxford team a chance to equalise. Despite having no substitutes, all the girls gave a strong performance with very few errors. The team was: Charlotte Richardson (c), Maxine Von Eye, Sarah McGarrity, Audry Lee and Fiona Breckenridge. The Men's match followed and Oxford caught Cambridge with a long shot by Captain Andy Spurr early on and the team could not respond before half time. The Cambridge team were confident the deficit could be overturned and a well-worked team move allowed Captain Alex

Hellawell to equalise. Goalkeeper Richard Page blocked several good shots from Oxford to avoid the team going behind for a second time, and then scored the winning goal after following up a break deep in the second half. The win chalked up the 7th victory in eight years, and along with success in both Regional and National League, and at the BUCS Competition, ended a great year for the team. The team was: Alex Hellawell (c), Richard Page, Phil Connell, Ian Dumolo, Pete Hatfield, Tom Hedges, Hugh Bird and Rob Anderson.

Other News

Men's canoe polo team National and Regional League season 08-09:

The Men's Canoe Polo Team has had a very successful season in all competitions. The real focus of the season was National League Division 4, running from October to April, with the team determined for promotion. A league of ten teams, each playing everyone else twice gave 18 games over four fixtures, of which the team won 16 – losing only to the league winners in two very tight games. Second place in the league were handed a place in the promotion playoffs, also attended by the lowest teams in Division 3. Fresh from Varsity success, Cambridge dominated the competition, beating every side with some solid team performances to secure their promotion. Secondly, the Midlands Regional League Division 1 started in January and over three fixtures, the team would play 14 games against strong local sides and several Universities including Oxford, Loughborough and Nottingham. In the first and last fixtures combined, the team only lost one game – to Nottingham University. However a

clash of fixtures with the more important National League meant a forfeit of the second fixture was unavoidable. Despite this, the team still finished second in the League and ahead of all the University teams bar Nottingham, overall winners!

Aside from League competitions, the team competed in the annual BUCS Championships. Having a 7th placed seeding from the previous year, the mini-league consisted of ULU (London), Reading and Sussex Universities, which the team cruised past 1-0, 5-0 and 5-0 respectively. The last game on Saturday was the last 16 playoff against Durham, where Cambridge notched up the third 5-0 victory in a row. Still without conceding a goal, Bangor in the Quarterfinals posed a big threat and Cambridge were punished for sloppy defending in the first few minutes. An equaliser shortly after ensured both teams went into half time at 1-1 in a very tight game. A controversial refereeing decision then gifted Bangor the winning goal with one minute to play – not enough time for Cambridge to respond. The team left with a sense of disappointment knowing a top four finish slipped through their fingers, However, with the other successes of the season and the number of new players in the squad, next year should be very exciting.



Photo: Charlotte Richardson

Cambridge University Cricket Club

Cambridge University cricket maintains much of its historical fixture programme

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President: Professor Buckingham

Captain: Akbar Ansari, Trinity Hall

Secretary: Ed Pearson, Robinson

Senior Treasurer: Professor Ken Siddle, Churchill

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Chris Grammer, Homerton

Anand Ashok, Queen's

Ananya Sen, St Edmund's

Frankie Brown, Jesus

Ed Pearson, Robinson

Phil Ashton, Queen's

Ruel Brathwaite, Queen's

Thomas Probert, Peterhouse

Matt Cook, Girton

Varsity Match

50 over game at Lords, London on 4th July 2009 & 4 Day Varsity game at Fenner's, Cambridge on 7th- 10th July 2009.

Oxford won the 50 over game by 6 wickets. Cambridge won the 4-day Varsity game by 10 wickets

4 day Varsity Match Report

Cambridge won an important toss on a damp, overcast morning and invited Oxford to bat.

Quickly, after a first over run out, Brathwaite and Probert made Oxford struggle. Rain ended play early with Oxford on 42-4.

Day 2 began in bright, sunny weather yet Oxford continued to struggle against accurate Cambridge bowling. Wickets were shared

amongst Brathwaite, Probert, Brown and Ansari to dismiss Oxford for 152 despite a last wicket stand of 36.

Cambridge lost Grammer early in their reply but solid partnerships between Ashok and Sen followed by Ashok and Ansari enabled Cambridge to finish day 2 slightly ahead on 155-2 with Ashok undefeated on 93.

Ashok completed a fine century early the next morning but was then dismissed for 103 whereupon Captain Ansari took up the baton. He was supported well by Brown (32) but a collapse either side of lunch restricted Cambridge's total. Nevertheless Ansari completed a second successive varsity century to finish on 132 with Cambridge bowled out for 339, a lead of 187.

Early wickets followed by a recovery in Oxford's second innings left them finishing day 3 on 124-4 with the dangerous Kruger still there.

A spell of left arm spin from Grammer broke Oxford's resistance early on Day 4 and with Brathwaite finishing a fine match with 8 wickets in the game Oxford were bowled out for 226 leaving Cambridge a small total of 40 to complete a fine 10 wicket win.

1-day match at Lords

Cambridge won the toss and decided to bat first on what was, at first, was a lovely bright morning. By the time Cambridge's openers took strike cloud cover appeared giving the wicket a green tinge.

The new ball swung quite prodigiously although Cambridge's position of 24-5 was still unacceptable. It has to be said though that opening bowlers Strachan and Sharma bowled very well.

A stuttering effort up to 123 a/o was never going to be enough and with Oxford batting in bright, clear conditions they cruised to a 6 wicket win.

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Cambridge University Women's Cricket Club

We are the Cambridge University Women's Cricket Club, and we welcome players of all standards

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Captain: Susan Little, Girton
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Secretary: Sophia Davis, Darwin
Senior Treasurer: Professor Ken Siddle, Churchill

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Susan Little, Girton
Helen Bellfield, Homerton
Charlotte Hornsby, Selwyn
Clare Ross, Trinity Hall
Sophia Davis, Darwin
Laura Gardiner, Selwyn
Ellie Fielding, St John's
Alys Donnelly, Emmanuel
Victoria Clarkson, Murray Edwards
Rachel Thompson, Murray Edwards
Danielle Lavender, Newnham
Ridhi Kashyap, King's

We are the Cambridge University Women's Cricket Club. We welcome players of all standards, and look to build a squad of approximately 16-20 players over the course of the year to play in the BUCS outdoor competition during Easter term. We also play in the BUCS indoor competition during the winter, and our 50 over Varsity Match against Oxford is held on the Nursery Ground at Lord's every year, simultaneous with the men's game on the main ground. Beginning in 2009/10 we will also play a 20/20 Varsity match, adding to our list of fixtures, which also include friendlies against the MCC and the Army.

Varsity Match

Tuesday 17th June 2008, Lord's Cricket Ground (Nursery ground).

Cambridge: 281 for 3, Oxford: 127 all out.
Cambridge win by 154 runs.

04/07/09 at Lord's Nursery Ground, London
Oxford: 156 all out, Cambridge: 157 for 0.
Cambridge won by 10 wickets.

After easing to victory by 154 runs in 2008, Cambridge arrived at Lord's off the back of a week of training eager to repeat that dominant performance. Cambridge won the toss and elected to field first. Opening bowlers V. Clarkson and D. Lavender applied pressure early on, the slow left arm orthodox spin of Lavender giving away only 18 runs in her 10 overs. Oxford battled hard, and three half chances for catches went down, but Cambridge were rewarded for a tight, patient display with a wicket in the 19th over, a high catch taken by Captain S. Little from the bowling of off-spinner H. Bellfield.

Before the match began, Cambridge were well aware of the reliance of Oxford on their opening bat and Captain, S. LeMarchand. She looked in good form, scoring a breezy 37 before holing out in the deep off the off-spin bowling of E. Fielding, a great catch swallowed up by Bellfield on the square leg boundary. Cue delight all round, Oxford's best batsman out and the score at 67 for 2 – it should be plain sailing from here...

Oxford refused to lie down, continuing to score runs on a ground with a fast outfield and short boundary. But, from then on, wickets fell at regular intervals, with two more apiece for the spinners Bellfield (3/29) and Fielding (3/36), including a sharp stumping by Keeper C. Ross, and one for R. Thompson (1/19), a good catch by Little at slip. Finally, an accurate spell from returning opener V. Clarkson gave Oxford a lesson in high class fast in swing, as she cleaned up the tail with three quick wickets (3/22). Credit to the whole team for a solid fielding display and

patient, accurate bowling, Oxford all out for 156 in 46.4 overs. Cambridge chasing 157 to win, a score well within reach on the pitch on which the Light Blues scored 283 only 12 months previously.

After tea, out came openers Little and C. Hornsby, needing three runs per over, and with nerves jangling. Oxford's bowling was at times wayward, and after a quiet start both players began to take advantage. Some delightful stroke play from Hornsby was rewarded with fifty from only 64 deliveries, while Little continued to work hard,



reaching her own fifty with a hefty slog down the ground from a full toss in the 28th over. In the end the target was reached comfortably in 31 overs, Oxford without the weapons to take a single of the Cambridge wickets. Hornsby finished with 71 no, Little 54 no. Delight all round, and bring on next year!

Other News

An excellent performance in the Varsity match topped off what has been an outstanding outdoor season for CUWCC. Starting the year in the Midlands League, the tier below the Premier Divisions, Cambridge finished runner-up on run rate, losing only to Oxford by 37 runs, on a day in which they were short three key players. A battle with Birmingham proved the only other real test, Cambridge coming out on top thanks to a solid knock by S. Davis (42 no).

A shot at promotion was granted (the top two teams in each of six regional divisions play off against the bottom two from the two premier divisions, in the Trophy Knock-Out Competition). In the round of 16, Cambridge were faced with a tough prospect of fielding a team away against premier division side Leeds in the middle of the exam period. However, some masterly organisation allowed seven players to travel up in time for the match start, with four others racing up after the finish of morning exams. An outstanding batting performance by stand in openers Davis (36) and player of the season

H. Bellfield (96 no) posted Leeds a target of 164 to win, from 25 overs, with rain curtailing the first innings. As rain continued to threaten, Cambridge raced through the first 10 overs, after which the result was never in doubt thanks to superb displays from the spinning dream team: D. Lavender (2/19), E. Fielding (3/14) and Bellfield (4/9). Leeds were bowled out for just 82, Cambridge won by 81 runs, and the Light Blues were one win from promotion.

The promotion-clinching match was again jeopardised by rain, forcing a last minute trip to Northumbria. However, Cambridge once again proved far too strong for the team who they beat at the last 16 stage in 2007/8, and promotion was secured with a 9 wicket victory, thanks to a dominant display by Bellfield with the ball (6/16) and C. Ross with the bat (32 no).

Promotion sealed, the next two matches were a bonus for CUWCC, but the taste of victory was getting sweeter by the match! A tightly fought 4-run win (the day after St John's May Ball!) over Premier Division side Durham in the Semi's left a slightly dazed Cambridge side with a shot at winning the Trophy... and that they promptly did, beating Bath by a convincing 7 wickets in Sheffield, on a beautiful sunny day in late June. A top class effort by Lavender (6/10) turned the match on its head, Cambridge comfortably chasing the target of 61 for the loss of three wickets, S. Little finishing on 21 no.

CUWCC also enjoyed friendly matches against the MCC (won by 3 wickets) and the Army (lost by 7 wickets), both of whom provide a stern test every year.

All the best to next year's captain, E. Fielding, and to the rest of the team who will remain in Cambridge, and finally, thanks to S. Little, L. Gardiner, C. Ross, and R. Kashyap, all of whom depart this year.

Cambridge University Cruising Club

The Cambridge University Cruising Club is an amalgamation of four sections, windsurfing, yachting, casual dinghy sailing and competitive dinghy sailing or team racing

www.cucrc.org

President: Professor Ian Liddell

Commodore: Frances Wensley

Senior Treasurer: Jim Downing

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Pete Bunch, Pembroke
Greg Hall, Gonville & Caius
Eddie Glennie, Gonville & Caius
Sarah Crossman, Queen's
Hannah Brown, Churchill

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

David Williams, Robinson
Joanna Walsh,
Pete Dannatt, St John's
David Marlow, Jesus
Sophia Parkinson, Gonville & Caius
Felix Danczak, Homerton
Sarah Martin, Girton
Simon Wood, Jesus
Jamie Dove, Robinson

Katherine Ward, Murray Edwards
Anya De longh, Corpus Christi
Frances Wensley, Magdalene

The Cambridge University Cruising Club (CUCrC) is an amalgamation of four sections, windsurfing, yachting, casual dinghy sailing and competitive dinghy sailing or team racing. As a Blues sport and a Society, the Club has something to offer people of all sailing interests, and any level of technical ability. Founded in 1897, the CUCrC is well-established within the University and in UK sailing circles, with members going on to participate in UK Sailing events and high-level competitions such as the Wilson Team Racing Trophy and the Fastnet Race. The Club is now the proud owner of a 38ft Sigma Yacht, "Kestrel", as well as a range of dinghies and windsurfing equipment. The Yachting section runs offshore trips around the UK and parts of Europe, and as an RYA Certified Training Centre, offers a series of shore-based and practical courses to students and members of the University.

Varsity Match

Windsurfing: March 20th 2009 in Dahab, Egypt.
Team Racing: July 8th-10th 2009 at Itchenor, UK

Windsurfing: Lost 55-53 points

Team Racing: Ladies and Mixed Teams Lost

Windsurf Varsity Race: The 2009 Varsity Race was held on 20th March in Dahab, Egypt. It was run from a pontoon in the glassy flat bay on a less windy day but still in planning conditions, enabling all abilities to take part, however it was the top four finishers including at least one female, from each team who counted to the overall team score. The equipment used was one design of tabou Rocket board's between 1115-125l and sails ranged between 6-7.5m were shared equally between Oxford and Cambridge. We ran 4 races back to back, consisting of a competitive course, which tested different skills involved with racing upwind, and downwind, gybing around buoys and back through the start/finish gate. The Cambridge team consistently performed well with David Williams and Jo Walsh taking 1st /2nd respectively in all but one race, however, Oxford were also consistent with a strong team of four: The overall result was extremely close at 53-55, resulting in Oxford winning. Other mentions go out to Henry Maxfield and Rici Marshall, who have progressed massively, coming 7th/8th overall and also Sarah Martin who finished each race in excellent time, despite having only windsurfed for three weeks!

Team Racing Varsity Match: This year was by far the best Varsity Match of the last few years including all of the lost traditions – fantastic sailing, football match and boat race (involving

Ian Walker – double Olympic Silver Medallist - for the Cambridge side). Training on the first afternoon enabled both sides to work out how to sail these alien boats in a very tidal area, and working out the limits before hitting each other and losing the hefty damage deposits! Training over, and it was time for 2 days of competitive racing. Varsity is best of 7 races, with no team able to reach more than 3 races in the first day, i.e. no team can win in one day. The first race 5 minute warning sounded with tension running high... this was it, the moment that we had been waiting for – time to take on the Dark Blues head to head to try to win the Varsity Trophy back. The first race wasn't the best way to start, with Oxford gaining an early lead and very little team racing happening. However, race two saw much more engagement from the Light Blues with a good team start. Our well-trained helms immediately settled into team racing, sailing well and locking the Oxford boats preventing them from coming through to a winning combination. We had dominated race 2 so the result was a tie after the first two races – one all. We then had time to return to the mother ship while the girls took over the boats for their two races. The second two races again went the Oxford way, leaving the mixed score at 3-1 to Oxford at the end of the first day, turning Fridays racing into sudden death.

The Mixed Teams began the epic battle of sudden death. Knowing how important this race was, Cambridge had two boats right on the start line at the gun, with the third off-putting another Oxford boat behind. The tension mounted both onboard the boats, and on all the spectator boats as the combinations changed from winning to

losing to winning. Cambridge had a 1, 3, 6 then the Oxford boat in second sailed through to 1st up the beat giving Cambridge a 2, 3...4! Phew, Jamie had sailed straight through two Oxford boats giving us still a winning combination. Down the run Cambridge knew what to do, holding the 2, 3 and ready to sweep any danger away from 4. Two laps of highly close sailing saw Cambridge take the first race... it was now 3 – 2 to Oxford. Hearts pumping, we gave the boats over to the ladies to sail their next race. Having been revived with tea, coffee and cake on the mother ship, it was time for the next Mixed Match. The start looked like it was lining up well with Cambridge on time and Oxford further behind. However, an unfavourable shift on the start line saw two of the Cambridge boats stall, and Oxford cruised through to a 1, 2. Despite all valiant efforts to split the 1, 2 luring them into the tide, the race turned into a chase, with Oxford eventually winning 4 – 2. With spirits a little down, the ladies turned up with lunch, depositing two ladies on each boat we finished with a "5 up" fleet race for some fun. Spirits lifted with food and fun, and we returned to shore having had a good few days sailing.

The evening saw a fantastic Varsity dinner, and the traditional Varsity Boat Race – a very serious affair umpired by our sailing umpires. By tradition the Captain of each has to do two pints. However, as Cambridge had a lady as Mixed Captain, Ian Walker valiantly stood in to take her second pint. There was a clear winner, Cambridge might not have won on the water, but they certainly won off the water!

Overall it was a wonderful event, and all our thanks go to Anya de longh who put in so much time and effort to organise it all. Thanks also go to Itchenor Sailing Club for hosting the event and the tireless help from certain members there to make it so successful, as well as boat owners for loaning us their boats, and the umpires and race committee, without whom racing would not be possible.

Other News

CU Windsurf Club Report: The past year has been a massive success in general for CUW. Firstly, we won the BUCS National Windsurfing Championships in Southampton, with amazing sailing from every single team member of the 9 that competed. After a series of 6 races on IMCO boards 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places went to Jacob Brubert, David Williams and Tim Staley respectively in the men's fleet and 2nd in the Women's went to Joanna Walsh! We also entered 3 teams in the team racing, and our teams stormed head and shoulders above of competition, with the first team consistently winning by a huge margin, and our second team beating many well experienced other teams.

In November, we held one of four National Core Events in the Student Windsurfing Association (SWA) Series, which was a massive success, with fun and games had by all, despite less than ideal conditions. The Cambridge Team even made the most of home turf, and achieved several top 3 results by Dirk Digman, David Williams, Rici Marshall and Jo Walsh in both the men and women's racing and freestyle.

We have competed at several other SWA events, with similar success from Joanna Walsh who has been reliable in racing, and started competing at Women's Freestyle along with less experienced Rici Marshall. David Williams came 3rd Men's Freestyle in 2 of the 4 events among a high standard. Jacob Brubert has managed to balance work with Team Sailing and Windsurfing as part of the GBR Team. Tom Havers has progressed quickly from first steps on a board with us at the beginning of last year to recently becoming a RYA instructor in order to help run trips as Vice President and work within the sport during vacations. Other committed members have also been progressing well, even if not competing. There are now several members attempting freestyle tricks such as Forward loops, and Vulcan's.

The Varsity Match was a very close affair, with an extremely close result, but with a strong team turnout, Oxford marginally took the lead on the day.

The club has been very active throughout the year, with regular lake and coastal trips locally and throughout the UK and also several trips abroad to Dahab, Egypt - a reliable location for good conditions! These have all included all abilities, depending on conditions, making CUW a very inclusive club for our very progressive sport!

CU Team Racing Report: 45 triallists, 18 successful team sailors, 3 mixed teams, 16 different sailing events, 6 breaking fireflies, 5 cars, 3 training sessions a week, 1 formal a week... not a recipe

Jacob Brubert



especially as a sailor...

As the last competition of the 2008 summer season drew to a close, competitors start discussing how, and where, they'll be spending the winter training. You often get a mixture of shock and doubt when Cambridge University comes as reply-

At a landlocked university, the main TASS benefit through Cambridge is land-based weights work. The availability of a personal trainer for regular sessions gave me a great personal advantage. Powerlifting at Cambridge has led to a crucial increase in power and bulk required to sail the larger men's rig.

Over Easter I competed in the national ranker series, with an event at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy where I finished 4th, and was only beaten by Olympic Bronze Medallist Nick Dempsey, and two full time training partners. Considering the lack of on-water training time over the winter I was pleased with the result.

In April I was able to join the Cambridge windsurfing club at the Student National Championships in Southampton. After a weekend of close racing I won the Individual event, and with a strong Cambridge team we also won the Team event.

The climax of the season was at the Raceboard World Championships, also held in Weymouth. Competing in a strong Youth fleet, I was satisfied with a 7th place finish. The result placed me as 3rd Brit - despite a year with massively depleted time on the water, I proved to myself that I'm still able mix it with the top of the fleet.

This year TASS funding has allowed me to keep pace with the kit and travel required to compete at this level. Fortunately I haven't had to make use of the physiotherapy services. TASS support means that at the end of my degree I will be able to return to a position in the fleet near where I left off, with a platform from which I can challenge for the top of the fleet.

for a quiet year! The first mixed team kept half of their team from last year, gaining a new helm and two new crews, while the second team gained 3 new crews and we had a mostly new 3rd team. The thirds started off with a bang, winning the Brummy Bender, beating other University first teams. The seconds did themselves proud in their first event too, getting through to the Super-Gold League (top 4 teams after the first round) at the London 6 Pack, again beating most first teams. The firsts saved themselves for a while, building up their speed and team racing until the time came to dominate at the BOCS Qualifiers – which they did... in style, gaining themselves a place straight through to the BOCS Finals at Easter. The seconds and thirds also needed to qualify from the same qualifiers - the 2nd team again showed other University first teams that they were a force not to be reckoned with, coming third overall also gaining a place through to the finals. The third team were slightly less fortunate. Although not knocked out completely, they gained a place through to playoffs to fight once again for a place through to finals where they were finally knocked out. This is a great achievement as only three 3rd teams made it past the first qualifier stage across the country.

All three teams attended events all over the country throughout the year, with the first and second teams travelling around the Southern circuit and the third team taking on the Northern circuit. However, BOCS is the main event that we work towards to end our team-racing year. With both firsts and seconds qualified, it was going to be exciting. The firsts sailed fantastically on the first day, beating the competition favourites and sailing straight into the super-gold fleet (top 3

Universities from the first round) and therefore into the quarterfinals. The seconds had some tough races, ending up in the silver fleet, but still with a chance at the quarters. They sailed well but narrowly missed out on quarters, coming to cheer on the firsts, as they took on Durham, best of three races, in the quarterfinals. It was close... very close... and at one all it all came down to the last race. We just about had the race from the start, but it was always very close with tensions running high. Crossing the finish line was the most fantastic feeling... we were through to the Semis, one of the top 4 Universities, Full Blue!! Cambridge 1 finished 4th overall with the whole team being awarded well-deserved Full Blues.

The only events left were the Wilson Trophy (British Open), Cuppers and Varsity. Varsity provided three epic days full of sailing, football matches and the traditional boat race. Unfortunately Oxford won both the Mixed and Ladies Trophies, but Cambridge beat them onshore at both football and the boat race – bring on next year! Overall it has been a fantastic year full of hard training, lots of racing and fun for all three teams.

Cambridge University Cycling Club

Cambridge University Cycling Club is currently the strongest University Cycling Team in the country

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Captain: Tom Morris, Corpus Christi

Women's Captain: Lindsay Freedman, Darwin

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

Tom Morris, Corpus Christi (Time Trialling)

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

James Hawkins, Downing (Time Trialling)

James Third, Corpus Christi (Time Trialling)

Dan Ahearn, Downing (Time Trialling)

Andrew Nichols, Sidney Sussex (Mountain Biking)

Shaun Hurrell, St Catharine's (Mountain Biking)

Cambridge University Cycling Club is currently the strongest University Cycling Team in the country having won the most overall BUCS points for the second year running. Cambridge once again secured victory in both Varsity Matches – Mountain Bike in March, and Road in May. The club enters teams in all Eight BUCS races, as well as local and national races across road and off-road disciplines. First and Second teams participate in two training camps each year – in Southern Spain over Easter and in the Alps over the summer. Though the club is heavily geared towards competition and training for racing, it also seeks to cater for those new to the sport, and to provide something for those keen to ride but not necessarily to race. The outlook for the future is optimistic. Benefiting from a huge new intake of talent, the strength of the club seems secure in the years to come.

Varsity Match

01/03/09 – Mountain Biking at Crowthorne Wood, Surrey, as part of Round 3 of the Gorrick Mountain Bike Series.

17/05/09 – Road held on the E2/25B course just outside of Newmarket

Mountain Biking: Cambridge Win

Road: Cambridge Win

Road

The road Varsity Match is incorporated into the BUCS 25 mile time trial, involving an individual timed effort against the clock on specialized aerodynamic time trial bikes. Each team consists of three riders, whose times are aggregated so that the team with the fastest aggregate time wins. This year's race day dawned sunny and fairly still, and a mixture of anxiety and quiet confidence was visible in the eyes of Cambridge's riders as they made their way out to the start. The Cambridge side had proved its strength in the BUCS 10 mile time trial in Oxford the previous weekend, and riders were now keen to press home their advantage, racing on a familiar course. During the depths of winter, the hallowed triangle of A roads just outside Newmarket, which makes up the course had been ridden and re-ridden on countless training rides.

Outside the race headquarters, riders assembled their time trial bikes, complete with aerodynamic 'tri' handlebars, deep section carbon front wheels and 'disk' rear wheels. Last minute checks were completed to ensure no brakes were rubbing on rims, no pieces of flint were embedded in high-pressure tubular tires, and that numbers were pinned onto skin suits in as aerodynamic a way as

possible. By 1pm, the air was filled with the sound of stationary turbo trainers as riders began warming up. At 2pm the first rider was off, with the women's race taking place first.

As times began filtering back to the HQ, speculation began about which of the three favourites – Cambridge, Oxford and Leeds – would emerge victorious. Eventually it became apparent that Cambridge were set to do very well indeed. Downing's Dan Ahearn posted a 57:09 on the brutally rolling course, followed by James Hawkins (also Downing) with 56:36, both of which stood as the fastest times of the day at that point. Eventually Oxford's experienced veteran Jesse Elzinga edged them out of top spots with a 56:14. However, the Varsity Match is decided on the time of the fastest three riders from each University, and Oxford had no one else who could beat the times of any of the top three riders from Cambridge. James Third (Corpus) put in a 56:43,



placing him second from Cambridge and third overall in the Varsity Match, sealing Cambridge's second victory in two years. Reflecting a year of dedicated training, Cambridge's times not only secured victory in Varsity, but also team gold in BUCS, solidifying their position for a consecutive year at the top of the overall BUCS Cycling points table.

Mountain Bike

A comprehensive victory for Cambridge, with both first and second teams finishing before the first Oxford rider. 3 Freshers, Shaun Hurrell (Catz), Andrew Nichols (Sydney) and Phillip Buckham-Bonnett (Selwyn) were first, second and third, whilst in the second team Alex Johns came fourth and Thomas Cervenka and David Moloney were fifth and sixth respectively. The third Cambridge team to finish, consisting of Thomas Bohné, Mark Holt, and David Plumstead, came only one point behind Oxford's first team.

Congratulations should also go to Lindsay Hamilton who stepped in at the last minute and raced very well coming third in the women's race. Sadly, Cambridge did not have a woman's team due to a rider falling ill just before the race. David Molony made a valiant attempt to rectify this by entering himself as a woman (sadly not allowed) but he is evidently less confused than Ben Kenneally who managed to enter himself as an Oxford rider!

Other News

BUCS Mountain Bike

Cambridge's mountain bike team had a productive day at the UK bike park in Dorset.

The hilly cross country course was highly technical, incorporating sections from the downhill course from the previous day and including plenty of roots, drop-offs and single track. Spectators from the downhill field were out in force, blowing air horns in approval as riders 'tweaked air' for the cameras. After an unfavorable gridding towards the back of the 100+ field, Andy Nichols (Sidney) surged back through the field, making up time on the monster climb on each of 5 laps. Meanwhile ex national squad rider Shaun Hurrell (St Catharine's) struggled on the up hills but tackled the downhill sections at a speed few could match. On the line, the duel between the two riders was settled in a sprint, in which Nichols took 13th, just ahead of Hurrell one place behind. Phil Buckham-Bonnet (Selwyn) finished just outside the top 20, securing team bronze for Cambridge. In the women's championship race, Rachel Fenton (Darwin) took individual silver, and thanks to a strong ride from Lindsay Hamilton (Pembroke), the Cambridge girls took team gold.

BUCS Team Time Trial

The first time trial of 3 on the BUCS calendar, this event sees riders competing in teams of 3 over a 30-mile course. Riders share the work between them, taking turns to ride on the front before swinging off to the side and sitting in the slipstream of those in front to recover.

Cambridge A (James Hawkins, Dan Ahearn, Andy Nichols) took the silver medal with 1:08:03, 24 seconds behind BUCS overall rival Leeds.

Cambridge B (James Third, Mark Holt, Jerry Zak) settled for fourth with 1:09:58 (just 1 minute off

Oxford's time), with the C team also finishing in the top ten. The women's team (Rachel Fenton, Willow Kemp, Hannah Brice) took the Gold medal, despite having to bounce back from an early crash.

BUCS 10 Mile TT

This was a frustrating day with 2 riders' entries lost in the post. Though not able to officially count, Dan Ahearn and Tom Morris rode 2 of Cambridge's 3 fastest times, which should have secured team gold. Despite this setback, many rode PBs and Cambridge came away with team silver thanks to James Third (20:54, 14 seconds off 1st place), James Hawkins and Andrew Nichols.

BUCS Road Race

Cambridge A took team bronze in an extremely tough road race over a gruelling, hilly course. The field size was big to start off with, but it was an utter war of attrition. Riders were dropped all over the place, and crashes were frequent in awful weather which varied from brief moments of sun, to absolute torrential rain which turned a muddy circuit into a veritable riverbed. One particular Oxford (full) blue managed no less than three crashes on the same corner, despite the fact that he was dropped and riding by himself at the time. Fortunately, he was left uninjured! Eventually, a breakaway of about 15 riders established itself with one lap to go, containing Cambridge's Llewellyn Kinch, James Hawkins and Mark Holt. Up the climb, the break shattered into two. Kinch made sure he was in the first half of the split, though Hawkins and Holt found themselves in the second group. Llewellyn finished 7th overall, with James Hawkins and Mark Holt also in the top 20.

British Cycling National Time Trial Championships, September 2008

Tom Morris finished 9th and James Hawkins 14th in the U23 category.

RTTC National 100 Mile Time Trial Championship, July 2009

James Hawkins finished a highly impressive 9th overall, with a new University record time of 3:45:07.

Cambridge University Eton Fives Club

The Eton Fives Club has continued to grow and we now have over 20 active members

President: Rodney Knight, Jesus
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Senior Treasurer: Dr Peter Reynolds, Magdalene

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Max Little, Trinity
Robert Desmond, Corpus Christi
Will Illingworth, Queen's
Laurie Brock, Girton
Chris Lewis, Jesus
David Elliot, Pembroke
Annabel Griffiths, Gonville & Caius
Karen Hird, St Catharine's

Our club has continued to grow from year to year and we now have over 20 active members in the club, both male and female, and we expect to continue to grow over the coming years due to the huge enthusiasm of our players getting their friends to play also!

Varsity Match

07/03/09 at Eton
Men's Blues – Oxford won 2-1, Men's Penguins – Oxford won 2-1,
Women's – Draw 1-1

Cambridge University Eton Fives Club

Pol Roger Varsity Match

2.00 p.m. Saturday 7th March 2009

This year's Pol Roger Varsity match was held, as in previous years, at the home of the game - Eton College. As usual, three Cambridge teams competed simultaneously against their Oxford counterparts – the Blues, the Penguins (2nd VI) and the Ladies. Each team was made up of three pairs, and each pair played the corresponding Oxford pair in a 5 set match for both the men and ladies. After team photos at 1.30 pm, all 8 games (sadly the Oxford team were unable to field a third ladies pair) got underway at 2.00 pm.

Cambridge went into the match as mild favourites, having had a very strong season, and having progressed very far in competitions that Oxford did not even enter. However Oxford had

had a very strong intake of fresher's at the beginning of the season, so nobody knew quite what to expect.

As feared, there were a lot of new faces in the Oxford team who, despite their lack of competitive matches during the season, looked very strong. It was going to be a very close match.

Blues:

In first pair, Robert Desmond and Max Little had previously played their opposition, Rex Worth and the Oxford Captain Will Betts, in the final of the Universities Tournament, where they had beaten them comfortably. Once again, the excellent Cambridge pair proved too strong, and were the first Blues pair to finish, winning comfortably in 3 sets.

The second and third pairs were faced with much less familiar opponents, and a tentative start saw both pairs lose the first set.

In second pair, Laurie Brock and Captain William Illingworth were quick to recover from their incredibly narrow 13-14 loss in the 1st set, and played some fantastic fives to win the next two sets 12-3, 12-7. Oxford then bounced back to take the 4th set 9-12, taking the game to a 5th set.

In third pair, Chris Lewis and David Elliott having lost the 1st set 9-12, fared no better in the 2nd, losing 8-12. However the threat of losing in 3 saw them pick up their game considerably, and they comfortably won the 3rd set 12-4. Unfortunately they were not able to maintain this dominance, and very narrowly lost the 4th set 13-15. Everyone's attention was then focused on the 2nd pair, who after over 2 hours of play were beginning the match deciding 5th set.

The intensity of the earlier games began to take its toll on both pairs, and while the fives was still of a very high standard, both pairs were failing to get back shots that they perhaps would have earlier on in the day. Surprisingly, the stamina of the Oxford pair, who had played far fewer matches during the season proved to be slightly superior, and Oxford narrowly took the 5th set 9-12 to win the overall match 2-1.

Penguins/Peppers:

The Penguins match got off to a very good start with the 6th pair of James Westrip and Max Kirchhoff demolishing their opposition in 3 sets.

Unfortunately the 5th pair of Edward Winfield and Kevin Loke came off their court shortly afterwards having been beaten in 3 sets by a very strong pair, who were only in 5th pair due to their play occasionally being erratic. On the day the Oxford pair, much to their credit, played some very solid fives.

The 4th pair of Oliver Watts and Alfred Jackson got off to a disastrous start, losing the first two sets 6-12, 3-12. However, despite the daunting challenge of needing to win the remaining 3 sets, they recovered magnificently to win the next two sets 12-10, 12-7. The Penguins too then would be decided by a fifth set. The game reached 10-10, and then 14-14, and it was too close to call, but unfortunately Oxford won the deciding point to take the 5th set 14-15. The Penguins therefore also lost their match 2-1 to Oxford.

Ladies

The Ladies team, having been quite small at the end of last season, had grown fantastically during this season, with no fewer than 6 pairs practising regularly. Unfortunately the same was not true at Oxford, where they were only able to provide 2 pairs for the Varsity Match. Due to the fact that the Ladies Varsity Match has only recently been established, the Ladies Captain Annabel Griffiths felt unable to make Oxford forfeit the third pair, and instead agreed to a two pair match.

Despite not having much depth, the Oxford Ladies team did have a lot of strength in their 1st pair, who were strong favourites to win. However the Cambridge 1st pair of Karen Hird and Annabel Griffiths had had a fantastic season and ended up only very narrowly losing the match in 4 sets.

Cambridge showed their fantastic depth in the 2nd pair where Lucie Bishop and Emmalina Thompsell, apart from a small hiccup in the 2nd, won comfortably in 4 sets.

Although it did not count, the Cambridge 3rd pair played the Oxford 2nd pair in a friendly, and proved Cambridge's depth further by also beating them. The Ladies therefore drew 1-1 with Oxford, and were unfortunate not to win 2-1 by default.

An excellent dinner was put on that evening for the players and their guests by Eton College, and our sponsors Pol Roger supplied a champagne reception. Despite the matches being close, they were generally very sportingly played, and as a result the Oxford and Cambridge players sat together, and enjoyed an excellent evening.

The winning teams were awarded bottles of champagne, and as an acknowledgement of the Cambridge 1st pair's domination, the Oxford Captain Will Betts very kindly gave one of the prize bottles to them.

The detailed results are as follows:

Blues: Oxford won 2-1

1st Pair: Max Little (Trinity College & Highgate) and Robert Desmond (Corpus Christi & Highgate) beat Rex Worth (Lady Margaret Hall & Shrewsbury) and Will Betts (University & Lancing) 12-5, 12-4, 12-2

2nd Pair: Laurie Brock (Girton & Westminster) and William Illingworth (Queens' & Westminster) lost to Tom Greene (Worcester & Highgate) and Peter Stewart (Somerville and Shrewsbury) 13-14, 12-3, 12-7, 9-12, 9-12

3rd Pair: David Elliot (Pembroke & Shrewsbury) and Christopher Lewis (Jesus & Highgate) lost to Balrik Kailey (Brasenose & St Olave's) and James Batting (Exeter & Harrow) 9-12, 8-12, 12-4, 13-15

Penguins/Peppers: Oxford won 2-1

1st Pair: Oliver Watts (Trinity Hall & Ipswich) and Alfred Jackson (Jesus & Westminster) lost to Friedrich von-Guionneau (St Hilda's & Eton) and Theo Peterson (Corpus Christi & Westminster) 6-12, 3-12, 12-10, 12-7, 14-15

2nd Pair: Edward Winfield (Peterhouse & Mill Hill) and Kevin Loke (St Johns & Westminster) lost to Henry Mostyn (Pembroke & Eton) and Frederick Krespi (Pembroke & Westminster) 4-12, 2-12, 9-12

3rd Pair: James Westrip (Churchill & Ipswich) and Max Kirchhoff (Downing & Stowe) beat Majid Mostafavi (Christ Church & Westminster) and Chris Sykes (Brasenose & Westminster) 12-6, 12-5, 12-1

Ladies: Drawn 1-1

1st Pair: Annabel Griffiths (Gonville & Caius & Ipswich) and Karen Hird (St Catharine's & Wycombe HS) lost to

Rosie Scott (Magdalene & Lancing) and Juliet Browning (St Peter's & Lancing)

8-12, 14-15, 12-7, 11-12

2nd Pair: Emmalina Thompsell (Gonville & Caius & Westminster) and Lucie Bishop (Magdalene & Westminster) beat

Hannah Cutmore-Scott (Christ Church & Westminster) and Emma Cernis (St Edmund Hall & Westminster)

12-5, 10-12, 12-8, 12-4

3rd Pair: Elizabeth Burgess (Gonville & Caius & St Nicholas Catholic HS) and Natalie Lilienthal (Gonville & Caius Chelmsford County HS)

Oxford were unable to field a third pair William Illingworth

CUEFC Captain 2008-09

Other News

CUEFC Season Report 2008/2009

This season has been one mixed with success and disappointment. There was a large intake of first year players and also an increase in the number of girls' players and fixtures. All this contributed to make organising practices on the single court at Magdalene College difficult, but excellent organisation by our Captain, Will Illingworth, meant that all keen players were able to play at least twice a week.

The Universities Championship was a great success with our first pair, Max Little and Robert Desmond, defeating Oxford's first pair in the final, 12-9, 12-7. Later on in the season, there were excellent victories against Highgate School and the Old Cholmleians, with the former being a huge ten pair fixture. There were also closely competed matches against Old Etonians and North Oxford towards the end of the season. In the run up to Varsity, Cambridge had four pairs competing in the Kinnaird Cup, and here Max Little and Robert Desmond performed superbly to reach the last 16, before going out in a tight match against two very experienced players.

The highlight of the year for the club is the Varsity Match against Oxford. With such good preparation and a strong recent record in the fixture, we were confident of success. However, Oxford had strengthened their team considerably since the Universities Championships. First pair performed brilliantly, defeating Oxford 1 in straight sets, but the two other matches were much more closely contested. The second pair match could have gone either way with the match poised at 9-9 in the fifth set, but in the end it was the Oxford pair that narrowly defeated Laurie Brock and Will Illingworth to win 3-2. Our third pair, Chris Lewis and David Elliot fought hard, but they were unfortunately beaten in four close sets, giving Cambridge their first defeat for five years. The Penguins also lost narrowly 2-1 in games, with Alfred Jackson and Oliver Watts fighting back brilliantly from 2-0 down only to lose 15-14 in an epic final set. However, encouragement can be taken from the fact that our sixth pair cruised to victory in straight sets,

indicating the level of depth in the squad. The girls' match was drawn 1-1, since Oxford were unable to field a third girls' pair. However, the improvement of our girls' team has been one of the great successes of the season and we hope that Oxford will be able to match us next year in order for the first full Girls' Varsity match to be played.

Although the boys' result appears disappointing when compared to the results in recent years, this squad was nevertheless one of the strongest we have had, and it was unfortunate that it was matched by a similar improvement from Oxford, for whom four of the Blues players were first years. With the top four players from this year all still available next season, and great depth in the team, we can hope for more success in the Varsity Match next time around. Congratulations to all those who played in all fixtures this year, it has been a great season!

Written by Laurie Brock

This is the first year the girls have received a Half Blue for their commitment. They applied for Half Blue status and our women's first pair was awarded this because of how well they competed in the National Tournaments. Congratulations to Annabel and Karen!

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Cambridge University Fencing Club

Cambridge University Fencing Club exists to provide opportunities for members of the university to fence

www.srcf.ucam.org/cufence/

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Captain: Anthony Crutchett, Downing

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

Alex O'Connell, Churchill
Anthony Crutchett, Downing
Danny Ryan, Gonville & Caius

Possible Blue/Half Blue (To be decided by Blue's Committee)

Daniel Summerbell, Gonville & Caius
Louis Cox-Brusseau, Homerton

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Zach Eaton-Rosen, Clare
Tom Most, Jesus
Valentin Dalibard, St John's
Hannah Shackleton, King's
Anya Jones, Fitzwilliam
Melissa Overbury, Homerton

Daisy Holden, St Catharine's
Eszter Kovacs, Sidney Sussex
Lara Kerrison, Sidney Sussex
Agnes Foeglein, Wolfson

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Spencer Bullent, Jesus
Matt Tointon, Magdalene
Marcin Sablik, Trinity
Ollie Kim, Peterhouse
Tom Williams, Clare
Ian Reekie, Downing
Jason Yuen, Churchill
Katriel Cohn-Gordon, Jesus
Richard Booth, St Catharine's
Sam Cutts, Emmanuel
Sarah Scholtz, Wolfson
Laura Sutcliffe, Clare
Emma Burrow, Churchill
Emma Lough, Churchill
Harriet Dickinson, Magdalene
Lindsay Nemeth, Darwin
Isabel Winney, Girton

Cambridge University Fencing Club exists to provide opportunities for members of the university to fence. The club caters for all abilities from beginning fencers to internationally ranked fencers.

Varsity Match

21/03/09 at The Exam Halls in Cambridge
Men's Blues: Victory 122-92, Women's Blue's: Victory 117-114,
Men's 2nd: Victory 127 - 120, Women's 2nd: Victory 135-107.

Nothing steadies pre-Varsity nerves like waking up to find even the sky is light blue. On a beautiful Saturday morning Oxford visited the New Museums site for the 102nd Fencing Varsity Match, in an intimidating atmosphere created by several hundred Cantabrigian supporters. The Men's Seconds started the day's fencing, confident of victory. Early Oxford success was checked as captain Richard Booth led from the front to wrest the advantage from the strongest dark blue fencer, and brought on Spencer Bullent to give Cambridge an injection of pace at just the right moment. Man of the match Matt Tointon decimated formidable opposition in the sabre to build a strong Cambridge lead. The epee team, led by Tom Williams, duly wrapped up the match. Victory assured, Cambridge coasted to a 127-120 victory.

The Women's Blues fought a determined rearguard action in the foil, Oxford's strongest weapon. They fought each bout for the full three minutes, punishing Oxford's weakest foilist and refusing to concede easy hits to the two experienced fencers, keeping the deficit down to 28-34. In the sabre, raw aggression from the Cambridge ladies, notably captain Agnes Foeglein, cut this deficit to nil, the result now resting on the epee. Melissa Overbury, normally a sabreuse, kept the hits coming as the match remained too close to call. In a tense final bout GB international Hannah Shackleton found her initial lead pegged back by Oxford's Troiano to 40-all, but Shackleton kept her nerve to win the next crucial hit. Picking off Troiano as she flèched repeatedly throughout the last 30 seconds, to complete a famous victory for the light blue underdogs, 44-41 in the epee, 117-114 overall.

The Women's Seconds, who alone prevented an Oxford whitewash in 2008, showed no mercy to an Oxford team consisting mainly of pentathletes. So unwilling were Oxford to take the fight to their opponents that the first epee bout was abandoned for passivity. Emma Lough got Cambridge back on track with a high scoring win, justifying her extraordinary promotion from the 2008 novice squad. The Cambridge team, particularly Issie Winney, Laura Sutcliffe and Emma Burrow, took advantage of Oxford's nerves and produced a confident display. Even when Oxford briefly pulled ahead in sabre Sarah Scholtz came off the bench to crush their revival and dispatch the dark blues to a three weapon, 135-107 defeat.

Emotions rode high going into the Men's Blues match. A ten-year period of Cambridge dominance was brought to an end with unexpected defeats in 2007 and 2008. Determined to give Cambridge the momentum, Cambridge's international trio tore into Oxford's sabreurs. Danny Ryan celebrated his 6th and final Varsity appearance with a 15-1 aggregate victory, as Cambridge dominated 45-11. Beijing Olympian Alex O'Connell followed his sabre victories with a highly disciplined performance in his less favoured weapon, foil. This allowed Zach Eaton-Rosen and Daniel Summerbell to take the fight to Oxford. Imposing themselves on their opponents, they extended the lead, completing Cambridge's first foil victory in five years, 44-36. The epeeists accomplished overall victory with four hits, far earlier than captain Anthony Crutchett had dared hope in his carefully prepared match-plan. Freshman Valentin Dalibard added insult to injury, inflicting further humiliation on Oxford finisher Baker 8-2 to complete the Cambridge whitewash 122-92.

Other News

On top of the first Varsity victory for 3 years the Men's Light Blues Team played 12 matches undefeated in the BUCS competition this season, winning the both Southern Premier League and the BUCS Team Championships for the second year running. In the individual events, Zach Eaton-Rosen made the last 8 in the foil competition, and fresher Valentin Dalibard also made the last 8 in the Epee, despite nursing an ankle injury.

Alex O'Connell, Anthony Crutchett and Danny Ryan, who make up the Men's Blues Sabre team, all represented Great Britain Internationally, whilst Zach Eaton-Rosen and Dan Summerbell reached the final and semi-finals in National Competition.

The Women's Blues Team got off to a slow start this year, with many new faces in the team, only managing to win two of their eight matches in the league stages of BUCS. As the season went on the team grew stronger losing narrowly to Imperial College London in the quarterfinals in the BUCS Team Championships and in the winning the Varsity match in what was the performance of the year.

Hannah Shackleton represented Great Britain in the Under 21 Epee event in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The Men's Second Team sought to improve on the performance of the year before, fielding a team with greater depth than before. Winning eight of the nine matches in the Midlands League put them second earning them a bye in the first round of the Trophy, in which they made the last 8, losing to the eventual winners, Dundee.

Tom Williams made the last 16 in the epee at the BUCS individuals, achieving a better result than any of the Oxford epeeists.

The Women's Second Team made their debut in BUCS this year, and benefited greatly from the experience of two former first team fencers Isabel Winney (Foil), and Sarah Scholtz (Epee & Sabre). Winning all but one of their league matches put them comfortably top of the table. Despite this, they seeded second from bottom in the Trophy but easily beat the fourth seeds, Northumbria's 1st team in the first round. Making easy work of most opposition they eventually lost to Bangor in the Semi-finals, an altogether fantastic achievement, topped off by a winning the Varsity Match.

Also, Emma Burrow made the semi-finals in the BUCS individual championships at foil, after having been back fencing for only a couple of months

Anthony Crutchett



Being 'on' TASS opens up so many doors for a young athlete. It provides allocated financial support for: strength and conditioning, physiotherapy, medical scheme access, coaching, equipment costs, some competition expenses and

national governing body (NGB) training camps. In addition the TASS contract includes membership of the British Athletes Commission, which constantly protects athletes and looks out for their interests. About 25% of the award is claimed directly by my NGB and TASS hub (Cambridge University) to cover compulsory training camps, and mentoring sessions which occur, for me, at Fenners with University Sports Staff to make sure I am staying on track, hitting my targets and progressing.

Unfortunately I spent about half of the last academic year injured as I had an ankle injury diagnosed after the Olympics. However, being a TASS athlete, I was able to immediately access medical support from British Olympic Association doctors and undergo a process of care and rehabilitation provided for by the TASS Medical Scheme in coordination with BUPA. It also enabled me to avoid the costly expense of the several scans, treatment and physiotherapy in order to recover fully and completely.

My TASS award has enabled me to train much harder by providing me with the financial capital to spend on coaching, granting me a lot more

one on one time with my coach and accelerating my technical development. In addition I am working with my Strength and Conditioning coach each week at Fenners, improving my physical fitness, and following individually created specific programmes when I do my conditioning training each day throughout the week. Furthermore, due to the physiotherapy provision in the contract I have been working on core stability and stabilisation programmes to combat the little niggles and muscle weaknesses I have. So in effect the TASS contract attempts to look after my all-round development as an athlete within my sport, putting aside money to pay for specific training and also providing extra courses, including in nutrition and drug awareness, all geared at increasing output and allowing me to reach my potential as an athlete heading towards 2012.

Thanks to my TASS award I was a full time athlete during my preseason in August and September 2009 before heading back to Cambridge at the start of this academic year. During this time, I have really progressed in all departments and I approach this season having made the final at the two biggest UK Sabre competitions of the year in September, feeling healthier, fitter, stronger and better than ever before. What is most important now is to build on this good start throughout the next TASS year leading to the World Cups next Spring, equipped with the knowledge that I am capable of achieving some very good results. Finally, my thanks must go to Cambridge for supporting me and the other TASS athletes enabling us to be the best that we can be and helping lead us on this pathway to London 2012.

Cambridge University Gliding Club

A subsection of Cambridge Gliding Centre
providing discounted gliding to students of
Cambridge University.

www.cugc.org.uk/cms/

President: Peter Buchlovsky, Fitzwilliam

Captain: Rebecca Ward, Girton

Secretary: Donald McAusland, Churchill

Senior Treasurer: Dr Peter O'Donald, Emmanuel

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Rebecca Ward, Girton (for 2008 Varsity match)

Julia Robson, Trinity (for 2009 Varsity Match)

A subsection of Cambridge Gliding Centre providing discounted gliding to students of Cambridge University. Facilitating training both locally throughout the year and at a range of sites through expeditions during vacations.

Varsity Match

27th-28th June 2009 at RAF Bicester

Oxford won: 776 vs Cambridge: 551

Match Report

On the weekend of the 27th/28th June 09, Cambridge University Gliding Club travelled to Oxford University's home club at RAF Bicester for the 2009 Gliding Varsity Match. Their aim was to keep the Varsity Cup for the sport of soaring the sky at Cambridge for another year. The five person team knew they were up against tough competition, as the Oxford team held the advantage in qualifications and experience.

The Saturday started with a real surprise for a gliding competition; the weather was fantastic!

The airfield was set up quickly and the necessary check flights made by the visiting team, to familiarise themselves with the airfield and local airspace (there is a nearby parachute drop zone – not a good place to be in a glider!). With these chores completed, Julia and Becca kicked things off for the Cambridge team, flying in K13s, and both gaining very respectable scores of around 130 points (1 point per minute, up to 50 minutes, plus 2 points per 100 ft sustained height gain).

However, Oxford countered with two very good flights, as Lukas and Felix went off in their hot-ships, into the best of a good day's weather. Their better gliders and slightly dubious pull-up tactics led to some truly amazing scores of 235 and 276 points, gaining between the two of them more than the entire Oxford team last year. Peter then flew in a borrowed glider, making Cambridge's best scoring flight yet. Most of the remaining members of both teams made their flights that afternoon, and the evening showed Oxford out in the lead.

Sunday's weather was not quite what Saturday's had been, but there were still plenty of thermals about, so there were many efforts from the Cambridge team to better their previous scores. Peter made another impressive scoring flight of 212 points, in CUGC's new glider; an ASW19 with the tail letters CU, but no one else was able to improve in the slightly poorer weather. The final scores were Oxford 776, Cambridge 551.

Congratulations go to Oxford, and thanks to both OUGC and their parent club Windrushers GC for hosting us. Let's hope CUGC can do better at home next year!

Cambridge team: Peter Buchlovsky, Simon Hay,
Julia Robson, Adam Spikings, Rebecca Ward.

Other News

Club achievements:

Several years of careful saving allowed us to buy a
new glider giving our members something in
which they can compete in National
Competitions.

Inter-University Task Week 2009 – 7th out of 11
for progression

Individual Achievements:

Bronze Badge – Julia Robson

Cross Country endorsement – Julia Robson

Silver Badge – Julia Robson

Individual Results:

2009 Junior Ladder – Kate Woods 14th

2009 National Ladder – Kate Woods 160th

2008 Junior Ladder – Peter Buchlovsky 6th, Kate
Woods 14th

Cambridge University Golf Club

The Golf Club caters for low-handicap golfers, as well as for social golfers

www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cugc

President: Sir Roger Tomkys, Pembroke

Captain: Benoit Ramsay, Girton

Women's Captain: Leanne Mullen, Corpus Christi

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Senior Treasurer: Andrew Thompson, Magdalene

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Benoit Ramsay, Girton

James Whittington, St John's

Chris Robinson, Robinson

Andrew Dinsmore, St John's

Will Dugdale, Homerton

Jack Hickmore, St Catharine's

James Binning, Selwyn

Ben Tolley, Jesus

Alec Roman, Fitzwilliam

Mac Stephen, Corpus Christi

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Garth Strohbehn, St Edmund's

Paddy Croft, Trinity

Charlie Dewhurst, St Johns

Kyle Lawson, Pembroke

Harvey Bradley, Girton

Will Woolsey, Magdalene

Iain McNamara, Robinson

Jamie McFarlane, Peterhouse

Matt Bennison, Fitzwilliam

Stephen Barnett, St Catharine's

Scott Martin, Magdalene

Rob Bartlett, Christ's

The University Golf Club caters for low handicap golfers (Blues Team and 2nd Team) as well as for social (higher handicap) golfers via its 'In-Laws' arm. The Ladies Section is also rapidly developing. Both Men's teams play a full fixture list against clubs in the South of England, with the climax of the season the Varsity Match against Oxford, hosted at a different venue every year.

Varsity Match

27-29/03/09 at Rye Golf Club

Men: Cambridge 9-6 Oxford,

Women: Cambridge 7.5-1.5 Oxford.

Match Reports:

Men:

In the Friday 36-hole foursomes matches, Oxford's top order performed well to claim the top two matches, with Claudio Consul and Neil Kruger winning comfortably (8&7) and Ed Oddy and Will McPhail recovering from a poor start to beat Cambridge's strongest pairing of Jack Hickmore and Chris Robinson. Fresher Andrew Dinsmore and old-timer Will Dugdale put Cambridge on the board with a solid victory in the third match, but Oxford made it 3-1 when Jim Mercurio and Hugh Upcott-Gill overpowered Cambridge's anchor pair 6&5. Cambridge needed desperately to win the final foursomes match to avoid giving Oxford an essentially unassailable lead going into Saturday's singles matches. Fortunately, their all-American pairing of Mac Stephen and Alec Roman came good down the stretch, making a clinical five on the tough 15th and an excellent four down the 16th to move into pole position. Oxford made a superb up and down on 17th to take the match down to the last, but here Cambridge prevailed.

On Saturday, Cambridge required six points to seal victory – Oxford only five. In the Captain's Match, Cambridge won only narrowly (2&1) having been well up at lunch, but both matches 2 and 3 went Oxford's way (very) early on. Oxford now needed only three more points to win. However, Cambridge's patented 'engine room' came good – Jack Hickmore performed superbly against Neil Kruger in match 4 to bring Cambridge back into the game, then the Light Blues came out on top in

matches 5 to 8 for a brilliant Cambridge comeback. A special mention must go to Andrew Dinsmore, Will Dugdale and Alec Roman, our 'two-point' men, and to James Binning, who recovered from a poor start in the bottom singles match to play an excellent back-18 for a win that made the Cambridge victory even more emphatic.

Women:

In the morning foursomes Cambridge's Leanne Mullen and Louisa Tarn lead by example, beating Amy Bilderbeck and Jennifer McSloy at the 14th. The third match was also a convincing win for the Cambridge pairing of Etta Martin Smith and Alexia Sohet who prevailed at 16. However, the second match was all square after 17 when Katie Taylor and her partner Kate O'Donnell made a good par to win the match and make it 3-0 for the Light Blues.

In the afternoon, Cambridge only needed to win two matches to clinch victory, but went out determined to win all six. In the first match Louisa easily surpassed Gillian Kinnear and won at 15.

A short time later and on the same green Kate overcame Jennifer McSloy and secured the match winning point. The remaining matches were played to a conclusion with each player keen to prove their skill and resolve. Jennifer Hauschild put in a gutsy performance against the significantly stronger Cambridge Captain, but Leanne sunk a great putt to win on 17. Next Katie holed out on 17 to beat the Oxford Captain and hopes were high for a complete white wash. In the fifth match, Cambridge were 1 down going down the last hole but Etta was not to be denied some reward for her

consistent good play and won the 18th to secure a half. In the last match Cambridge's Alexia Sohet fought back from 2 down to be all square after 17, but on this occasion Oxford's Lucy Webb-Wilson holed a great putt for birdie to win the match. In the match between the reserves Cambridge's Angharad Porteous beat Jane Han 5&4. Despite the historic rivalry between the Universities and a strong desire to win on both sides, all the matches were played in fantastic spirit.

Blues:

Played – 30

Won - 4

Drew - 3

Lost – 23

(But we won the Varsity Match!!)

Other News

We sent two representatives to the Boyd Quaich Memorial Tournament, St Andrews.

We sent a team to the Students Match play Championship, Ingolstadt, near Munich, Germany.

We sent representatives to Klenkes Open, Aachen, Germany.

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Cambridge University Olympic Gymnastics Club

The Club caters for all levels of gymnasts
from beginners to international competitors

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Women's Captain: Sophie Skillen, St Catharine's

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

Edgar Engel, Trinity

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Maxim Daniline, Trinity

Sebastien Barfoot, St Catharine's

Steven Methven, Gonville & Caius

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Mike Andrew, Corpus Christi

The Gymnastics Club is a friendly, social club that attempts to cater for all levels of gymnasts at the University, from beginners to international competitors.

Varsity Match

21/02/09 at Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastics
Club

Victory for Cambridge Men's and Women's
A Teams and the Men's B Team.

All individual victories.

Reports

The gymnastics varsity match took place on the 21st of February at Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastics Club, home of Beijing medallist Louis Smith. Despite facing the strongest Oxford side in history, Cambridge was able to make up for last year's disappointment in the team events with a victory from both the men's and women's teams.

On the men's side a relatively fresh Cambridge team took on a more experienced Oxford side. Both sets of gymnasts performed almost flawlessly throughout the very tense event but piece by piece the Cambridge team pulled out a little breathing room on the score sheet. The end result was Cambridge 305.00, Oxford 290.70. The world-class judges present at the event commented on the formidable level of the event in recent years and said that this year had again raised the bar.

The main competitors on the Oxford side included Oxford captain Mathew Bullimore, a former GB gymnast, and Simon Haenni formerly the Swiss National Champion. Haenni, who placed second last year, had again raised his game but Cambridge captain Alex Hedges, back in heavy training this year at his world renowned Huntingdon club, was still able to separate himself from the Oxford pair. A commanding individual score of 86.40 saw Hedges win the Individual All-Around title but performance of the day went to Cambridge fresher Edgar Engel; after a speedy recovery from an ankle injury Engel did not take it easy and used his extensive gymnastic experience to show fantastic execution of very high level routines. Amazingly his score of 80.20 only earned him 4th place among the international level competition, however he more than proved his worth by hitting the full-blue target score with 0.2 marks to spare.

The Men's B-team took a dominant victory too and picked up all three medals in the Individual All-Around with B-team Captain Maxim Daniline taking the top spot. The silver medal went to Joshua Mouland and the bronze to Jolyon Winter.

In the women's event Cambridge were well clear from the start and pulled further away on every apparatus with stylish and flawless routines. The end result of Cambridge 203.70, Oxford 185.00 showed just how easy the Cambridge girls made it.

In the Women's Individual Event Cambridge achieved another clean sweep. Sophie Skillen, a finalist in the Tumbling World Championships, earned the gold medal that many felt she deserved at last year's event with a commanding 53.10, while Christy Lowe and Harriet Clough picked up the silver and bronze respectively with scores of 50.40 and 49.20.

The Women's B-team missed the team title by an incredible 0.4 marks, which would make an individual event agonizingly close but is almost unheard of in a team event. The Cambridge girls did gain gold and silver in the Individual Event however, courtesy of Sophie Durham and Fiona Strobridge. While there was disappointment at letting Oxford take home even the one gold medal, everybody recognised the need to leave something for next year's teams to aim for.

The result was a testament to the hard work put in for many months by all members of the Cambridge teams and a big thank you goes to

the club's Committee for their dedication to providing the best training conditions possible to the University's gymnasts.

Other News

Men's Captain Alex Hedges came 6th in the BUCS championships, 6th on vault in the British Championships and 12th on vault in the Northern European Championships. The highlight of the year for Alex was winning his first British title representing Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastics Club at the British Teams Championships. Alex's performances through the year also saw him qualify for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.



Ian Walker – Professional Sailor

It is scary to think that it is 20 years since I was at Downing College and that I have been a professional sportsman ever since. My Director of Studies, Bill Adams, will say I was more of a sportsman than a scholar throughout my 3 years at Downing and he is probably right. Term time was dedicated to trying to win the Annual BUSA (British University Sailing Association) Team Racing Championship for Cambridge as well as playing for as many of Downing's sports teams that I could. Sadly we were losing finalists in all 3 years at BUSA but I gained some satisfaction from coaching the ladies to BUSA victory in the last year. All that time driving out to Grafham Water from Queens car park and sailing in the freezing cold was not entirely wasted! University Team Racing was also a fantastic platform for learning essential boat handling, tactical and racing rules skills for my future sailing career. Holidays (and the odd week here and there during term time) were for training towards my dream of racing for Britain in the Olympics. This was somewhat more successful.

'Professional sailor' is a somewhat odd job description and doesn't do justice to what I now do. Having won Olympic Silver medals in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 I coached the infamous '3 blondes in a boat' to Olympic Gold in Athens 2004. After years of making ends meet through lottery grants, sponsorship, coaching, corporate sailing and racing yachts for wealthy owners I finally got a 'job' as Skipper of the British

America's Cup team in Auckland, New Zealand. I followed this up with working for an Italian team in Valencia in the last America's Cup. I have dedicated the last 2 years of my life to skippering the Irish/Chinese entry 'Green Dragon' in the Volvo Ocean Race (Around the World). This fully crewed race in very powerful 70ft racing yachts at speeds of up to 40 knots across the world's oceans is physically and mentally one of the toughest sporting events you can do. It involves extended periods of miserable conditions onboard with no creature comforts, no real food and little sleep. Danger is never far away but help often could be. Despite a very last minute and low budget campaign we finished 5th but my appetite for this great event has now been wetted for years to come. I often joke that my Geography is far better now after sailing 37,000 miles around the world than it was after studying it for 3 years at Cambridge! (Sorry Bill)

As in all sport you are judged by results, but my education at Cambridge has always helped my career. Much of my job is about presenting to sponsors, managing people, budgeting, managing resources and handling myself in any given environment. Being able to think clearly is every bit as important as how fast you can manoeuvre the boat. Needless to say I never realised how lucky I was to be at Cambridge until long after I had left. Having spent a lot of time recently with Chinese press and media I can also say that they were far more impressed with the fact that I went to Cambridge than any of my sailing achievements!

Sailing has defined my life since I was 8 years old. I never meant to sail professionally, I simply had a

dream to sail in the Olympics and was prepared to give up everything else to do so. I have continually done well enough to make the next step and it has become my career. I am lucky that at the age of 40 I can still be at the top of my sport although I will admit the Olympics are beyond me now and it takes a lot more training to keep the body in one piece. It seems funny to think the likes of Mike Atherton who was at Downing at the same time as me has long since hung up his cricket bat. Sailing is a fantastic sport as you can move from one discipline to another and there is always so much to learn about yourself, your boat, your sails, the weather and everything else that defines your performance. I do look forward to one day sailing for fun again and with 2 beautiful daughters aged 6 and 8 that time may well soon be approaching.



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Cambridge University Hare and Hounds (Cross Country)

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

Helen Rollins, Corpus Christi
Naomi Taschimowitz, Trinity
James Kelly, Jesus
Chris Bannon, Downing
Tim Pattison, Downing

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Anna Anderson, Girton
Polly Keen, Murray Edwards
Emma Figures, Lucy Cavendish
Lauren Barklie, Magdalene
Sam Dobin, Trinity
Matt Grant, Queen's

Will Mackay, Robinson
Robin Brown, Jesus
Matt Clark, Homerton

One of the oldest running clubs in Britain, Cambridge University Hare & Hounds continues to provide countless opportunities for training, racing and socialising for members of diverse athletic backgrounds and disparate athletic ambitions. The friendliness and camaraderie of the club are best felt in the Varsity Matches at the end of Michaelmas Term, but they also help to propel the Hares & Hounds forwards through the Lent Term wind and rain and to revive flagging marathoners at the end of April. The club prides itself on its diverse membership and its ability to foster an active social scene without compromising achievement and performance.

Varsity Match

06/12/08 at Wimbledon Common, SW15
Women: Oxford Win 15-24; Men: Oxford Win 27-53

As the 2008 Varsity Match approached, the Cambridge women faced a familiar foe – and no, this had nothing to do with Oxford. Injury once again decimated the squad, ruling out GB U20 International Charlotte Roach as well as interrupting the preparations of a host of other contenders for positions in the Varsity Team. Nevertheless, the women had no intention of racing like a weakened team, and as the competitors approached the 2km mark of the 6.4km race, the Cambridge pack was positioned prominently at the front. Unfortunately, the experience and strength of the Oxford women began to show as the course undulated towards the dreaded Butts, a miserable series of muddy hills that guide the competitors from the meadow to the finish. One by one the women emerged for the final sprint, and Light Blue supporters were delighted to see two debutants, Helen Rollins and Naomi Taschimowitz, in the first group of four. Helen ran strongly over the final stages to record a fantastic second place finish, losing only to 2007 World Championship 5000m semi-finalist Michelle Sikes. Naomi closed well herself to claim fourth and leave the race delicately poised. Unfortunately, the next three to cross the line wore dark blue, and with four to score, Oxford had defended their win in the Ladies' Varsity Match. Anna Anderson, on return from injury, came home in 8th, with 10th-paced

Ladies' Captain Polly Keen leading home the trio of herself, debutant – and late replacement – Emma Figures and Lauren Barklie, another whose preparations were seriously undermined by injury.

Two consecutive wins in the Men's Varsity Match had tipped the all-time race score narrowly in Cambridge's favour, and the youthful octet was determined to defend the position. Facing an experienced Dark Blue team bleeding just three over the 7.5mile course (as opposed to the five fresh faces in the Cambridge ranks), the Light Blues were aware of the size of the challenge. Each sought to boss his pack and so ensure a lower cumulative score than the Oxonian rivals could muster. While the race predictably dissociated into a series of smaller packs, it was unfortunately Oxford whose presence was strongest. Club Captain James Kelly set a quick pace from the start, but was joined by three of Oxford's best. Although he was able to shed his counterpart Ian Kimpton, Richard Franzese and David Bruce proved to be too strong over the Butts and claimed first and second places respectively. Events at the front unfortunately foreshadowed action from the midfield. With Oxford claiming five of the first six places and only six to score, the chances of a Light Blue victory were fading quickly. Blistering finishes from Chris Bannon and Tim Pattison briefly restored hope, but when Oxford's sixth counter followed them across the line, the flame of hope was extinguished. Nevertheless, an encouraging performance from Sam Dobin (10th) on debut and gritty efforts from Matt Grant (12th), Will

Mackay (13th), Robin Brown (14th) and Matt Clark (16th), all of whom were beset by injury or illness in the build-up to Varsity suggested that the Light Blues might well turn the tables in 2009.

Other News

With the cancellation of BUCS Cross Country 2009 due to adverse weather conditions in Aberdeen, CUH&H was denied its opportunity to officially gauge its performance against the rest of the British Universities. However, in the unofficial abridged race that took place in the snow, the club recorded some outstanding results. The women celebrated Helen Rollins' unofficial bronze medal while the men, paced by fourth-placed James Kelly, won the unofficial silver medal in the team competition.

Second place team finishes for the men at the prestigious Hyde Park Relays and Teddy Hall Relays (this year an event to celebrate the 80th birthday of Sir Roger Bannister) confirmed the team's national prominence, with the women's third place team finish at Teddy Hall also representing a giant step forward.

The club also had a number of representatives selected to represent their counties in the 2009 Inter-Counties and World Trials Cross Country. Among the 278 Senior Women to finish were Naomi Taschimowitz (54th, Avon and Somerset), Anna Anderson (114th, Lancashire), Polly Keen (133rd, Hampshire) and Lauren Barklie (162nd, Oxfordshire), while the Senior Men included James Kelly (64th, Surrey), Chris Bannon (164th, Warwickshire) and Will Mackay (206th, Cambridgeshire).

Finally, Tim Pattison was selected to represent Great Britain in the World Junior Mountain Running Championships in the Summer of 2008 on the back of his selection to represent England in the Home Counties International Cross Country of March 2008.

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Cambridge University Hockey Club

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Blues Awarded 2008-09

Fran Stubbins, St Catharine's
Hannah Rickman, Pembroke
Kirsty Elder, St John's
Rosie Evans, Selwyn
Mel Addy, Jesus
Rachael Barraclough, Murray Edwards
Sarah Baggs, St John's
Lisa Noble, St John's
Emma Goater, Jesus
Charlotte Brearley, Homerton
Jenny Stevens, Downing
Anna Stanley, St John's
Rupert Allison, Jesus
David Bell, Clare
Elliot Bishton, Fitzwilliam

Adam Gordon, Corpus Christi
Jeremy Hansell, Girton
Stuart Jackson, Girton
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Nicholas Parkes, Jesus
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David Saunders, Emmanuel
Jack Yelland, St John's

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The Cambridge University Hockey Club is the largest sports club in Cambridge with over 100 members, and it is one of the high profile "Full Blue" sports. It is also one of the only fully integrated male and female clubs.

The club runs 3 men's and 3 women's teams comprising of the best of a pool of 800 players in the college leagues. The teams all play weekly in the East Leagues, and the Women's 1st team in the prestigious National Premier League South BUCS competition

Varsity Match

03/03/09 at Southgate Hockey Club
Women: Oxford 2: Cambridge 1
Men: Oxford 4: Cambridge 1

Women's Report

In the 109th Varsity Hockey match the Cambridge Blue teams traveled to London to compete in the highlight of their sporting season to take on the Dark Blues. Watched by hundreds of spectators the hockey at the Southgate pitches reached a new level with an exhilarating exhibition of all that is best in the game, amazing pace, logic defying flair and a nail biting score line which kept the spectators guessing until the final whistle.

Last year the women only lost out narrowly and were eager to prove they were every bit as good as their Dark Blue opposition, having lost to them previously on two occasions in the BUCS South Premier League.

This motivation could be seen from the off as Cambridge impressed spectators with great passing and pressure, creating a clear chance with only 37 seconds played. Centre forward Jenny Stevens managed to exploit the sleepiness of the Dark Blue defence by skillfully slipping the ball past the Oxford keeper meaning the Cambridge Blues were set to dominate this game.

Fighting hard for fifty-fifties, Lisa Noble did a fabulous job as centre midfielder, keeping Oxford captain CJ under control, and helping the defence move the ball out of the tight press. Continuous movement by all three forwards and good passing up both sides of the pitch enabled Cambridge to keep the pressure up. A few short corners were won, but the Light Blues struggled with the logging Oxford keeper, who made some good saves and helped her team stay in the game. After a period of intense pressure, the Cambridge Women sat back and were soon punished when a ball up the left hand side was crossed into the D, where the Oxford forward was already waiting. Cambridge was then frustrated when the umpire took away an advantage, which led to a goal. Going into half time, the score was one apiece; Cambridge clearly looked the better side.

The second half saw the Dark Blues up the pressure but Cambridge was not going to give up just yet. Hannah Rickman's passing enabled Anna Stanley to make some quick runs with the ball,



taking on the Oxford defenders and trying to find her fellow forwards in the D. Emma Goater and Mel Addy tried to press up the right but the short corners which they won went unconverted. A ball back to the injector was stopped by Oxford on the line and prevented the Light Blues from taking the lead, but that is how close they got.

It simply was not meant to be; luck definitely was not on their side. Slightly disheartened by the lack of returns for their constant pressure, Cambridge sat back and let Oxford take charge once more, paying the price when a short corner was converted. The Light Blues continued to push for the equalizer but in the end lost 2-1. Cambridge felt they were the better side in this game and proved they are a force to be reckoned with, but unfortunately for them this just was not enough.

Men's Report

Having dominated Oxford for two years, the Cambridge Men's Blues Team were confident. With a team brimming with talented freshers, three internationals and one National League player, along with a number of seasoned Varsity participants, Cambridge stepped onto the pitch anticipating the chance to even the day's score. Starting positively with searing runs from the midfield, Scotland-capped Nick Parkes took the game into the opposition half, and with his customary flare Jack Yelland finished neatly to bring the Light Blues the advantage early in the first half. The midfield were positive on the attack; David Bell distributed well from the centre while Vice-Captain Stuart Jackson was only inches from stretching the lead on a number of occasions.

The game was inevitably a physical one and fast-paced. Nevertheless Cambridge seemed to find it difficult to establish a hold on the game. Play was end to end with both teams eager to press on the D. Keeper Chris Robinson was superb in goal, thwarting a number of Oxford attempts but the chance to capitalize on the lead when they were in possession passed Cambridge by. With the midfield clearly struggling to find their feet it was once again the stalwart defence of Captain David Saunders and record-breaking seven-time Blue Jez Hansell meant that Cambridge were able to enter the half-time break with the one goal advantage.

Five minutes into the second half, Cambridge were punished as they looked the other way. John Fedderson opened Oxford's account and with the support suffering from the bleak rain and biting cold winds, it seemed as though the match might be played out to the draw. Man of the Match Rupert Allison was keen to keep the pace of the game up, however, and while Oxford were quick to shut down the Light Blue attack, Allison picked out keyhole spaces to thread passes through to Jonny Knight, who was unlucky not to pull back the lead. It was only in the last quarter that the game finally found its stride and unfortunately it was in Oxford's favour.

David Madden was inspirational at the back, however his best efforts were not strong enough to keep out an aggressive Dark Blue attack. Thomas Lockton took the game to 2-1 with a masterful reverse stick strike into the back of the net. In the last ten minutes Alex Evans found the goal again and Cambridge, piling forward in a last

ditch attempt at evening the scores, left themselves vulnerable at the back. John Fedderson rubbed salt in Cambridge's open wounds as he scored his second of the match to seal the deal and regain the trophy for Oxford. The final score was 4-1 to the Dark Blues, a less than ideal result and not one that reflected the ability, tenacity and strength of the Cambridge side.

Other News

Men's Blues Season Report 2008-9:

The Blues target for the season was to achieve promotion back into the National League. The influx of a host of new freshers combined with years of experience meant this was a realistic goal. The acquisition of Craig Sieben as the new coach was another huge positive for the club this year. A hard training regime and plenty of fitness meant we got off to an excellent start to the season beating Cam City 4-0 in the derby. However the chase for promotion took a huge set back as we suffered back-to-back defeats to Bedford and Havering. This produced a sharp realisation that the season was not going to go all our own way and that we needed to vastly improve to be playing at the level that we wanted to be. The Blues bounced back with a couple of wins and with performances improving the Blues faced Harlestone who had not dropped a point, only conceding 2 goals in the process. The team were very much aware of what was needed to get a positive result from the match and pressed the opposition harder than anyone had previously. However Harlestone proved too strong in the end as we lost the fixture 5-3.

In the Cup the Blues faced Brooklands who play in the National League and a result would have provided huge confidence for the rest of the season. Brooklands came to Wilberforce Road with a young team, but they were still very talented. After conceding 2 early goals, the Blues fought back to lead at half time 3-2. The second half saw the balance of power switch between the teams regularly, and at the final whistle the score was 5-5. Golden goal extra time followed and Brooklands managed to snatch it in the second period, winning the game 6-5.

The Blues progressed in the league on the back of this performance winning their next few games. This put the blues firmly in contention for second place in the league. A loss before Christmas left the team sitting 4th at the midseason break but wins at the start of the new term saw the Blues up to 3rd in the table. This was an encouraging build up to Varsity and the team was positive of their chances. Though the result didn't go our way on the day it was a promising performance against an experienced side, and with few leaving this year most of team can hopefully avenge the result next time around.

Having not lost a game since Varsity the Blues have taken 2nd place in the league behind the unbeaten Harleston; we will look to go one better next season and hopefully regain promotion to the National League.

Women's Blues Season Report 2008-9
2007/08 was a successful season for the Women's Blues with promotion into the BUCS (formerly BUSA) Premier South Division. This season promised to be challenging, with the departure

of 6 of the last years Varsity starting IX, including three quarters of the defensive line-up. However, the squad has been strengthened by the arrival of some talented new fresher's, as well as players from both last years Bedouins and Nomads squads.

Having achieved our target of 4th place in Ladies East Premier Division last year, the Blues have been determined to repeat this success. Although confronted by early season difficulties, which led to early, dropped points, the team has continued to develop. In the second half of the first term, despite injury and illness within the team, the Light Blues managed to secure important wins against Lowestoft Ladies, Canterbury II's and Bury St Edmunds, bringing us into the closely contended mid table. A strong goal difference, due to the attacking efforts of Jenny Stevens and Anna Stanley and the superb keeping of Fran Stubbins, stood us in good stead for the second half of the season, where our aim of achieving a top 4 placing is well within our grasp.

On a Wednesday, BUCS matches have been a challenging but positive experience. Many members of the team have relished the increased standard of play, and the determination for victory and fight has been evident, especially during our 3-2 victory against Cardiff away. Not only has the team risen to the challenge of the increased standard of play but also the vastly increased travel times, which have grown to anything up to a 10 hour round trip in a single day. Convincingly defeating Cardiff earlier this term 4-0 in a crunch match, has guaranteed survival in the BUCS top league. Competition in the BUCS league has been fierce this year, facing

teams from Universities of sporting excellence, which boast national representative players. However the Blues have shown themselves capable to meet that standard in the highest level of University hockey competition.

A string of victories over teams in the top half of the table meant a strong end to the season, and a place in the top half of the league away from the bottom 5 relegation spots! Players from the Nomads have been called upon to represent the Blues during the last few weeks due to injury and have performed spectacularly. The ease with which they faced the pressurized conditions at this higher standard is extremely promising for next year.

Men's Second team: Wanderers Season Report 2008-9

With only three surviving players from last year's Varsity match, this season has seen the influx of a diverse array of new players into the squad. A mix of home grown and international talent took its time to gel at first, with the early part of the season characterised by a succession of disappointing and occasionally baffling defeats.

However, the 10-1 demolition of St Neots heralded a meteoric rise in performance, which led to the New Year dawning with high hopes of a strong assault upon the league table. And so this proved, with six straight victories (the highlight of which being a highly satisfying 5-0 demolition of third place Brentwood) catapulting us from the depths of relegation to the heights of fifth place.



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As the season closed, we have taken a point (and very nearly all three) away from home against the best team in the league, whilst picking up further results that leave us comfortably in the top half of the table. And with the two runaway league leaders both promoted for next season, the Wanderers must surely start amongst the front runners to earn the promotion back to Premier B that has eluded us over the last few years.

Away from the stresses and latterly the accomplishments of the league season, the highlight was undoubtedly the defence of our Varsity crown in front of a vibrant Wilberforce Road crowd on a sunny afternoon in February. Although not at our best for certain periods of the game, we rose to the challenge in defence and attack when it most counted to come back from 2-1 down at half time to emerge as 4-3 victors.

Women's Second Team: Nomads Season Report 2008-9

The Nomads squad was almost completely different from last year's team, but the spots were ably filled by talented fresher's new to CUHC and experienced players moving up from the Beds. The Nomads soon bonded as a team and the strength of the bond was reflected both on and off the pitch with everyone supporting one another and enjoying themselves to the maximum.

The Nomads got off to a shaky start this season with alternating wins and losses as positions were being shuffled and the team was trying desperately to get settled. Since then the team has gone from strength to strength due to the fighting spirit and determination of each player and also to the work of our two coaches, James Waters and Phil Balbirnie, who motivate us each week and push us to improve. The team has been confidently sitting in the top half of the table since early in the season, having scored more goals than any other team in the league before Christmas. Wins against the top few teams in the league at the start of this term boded well for Varsity, until snow ruined the momentum. A lack of preparation and a strong Oxford side meant a 2-0 defeat in Varsity, but the day was still enjoyed by everyone. Since then results have confirmed our place in the top half of the league, a goal that was set at the start of the season.

Men's Third Team: Squanders Season Report 2008-9

The Squanderers faced new challenges this season having been promoted to the East 2nd Division last year. The challenges were tough especially with the usual early season team alterations and new players having to fit in.

As is often the case, the Squanderers got off to a shaky start this season, losing to teams that we really should have beaten. As is also a common trend, other players eager to gain a place in the squad have replaced many of the players who started in the team at the beginning of the season. Some tough matches and mixed results has left the Squanderers near the bottom of the

table all season, but the run up to Varsity was encouraging having beaten the league leaders and knocked them from the top of the table. That strong Squanderers side faced Oxford on Varsity day and came away with a 1-1 draw, having narrowly missed out on the win after the umpire blew the whistle seconds before our second goal went in!

Post Varsity injuries have led to more mixed results and the challenge of climbing the table was just too much, especially as four teams go down from the league. So unfortunately the Squanderers will be back in the East 3rd Division next season, but hopefully not for too long. The most consistent pattern of the season has been our enjoyment of the hockey and this is set to continue in seasons to come.

Women's Third Team: Bedouins Season Report 2008-9

With only one returning Bed this season the team has been filled with new members of CUHC, who have stepped up to the mark of University hockey very well. The Bedouins have become a particularly close-knit team this year, and this translated into outstanding on-pitch performances from the outset, although a frustrating inability to score initially resulted in a series of draws early on in the season. Earning single points the Beds sat in the lower half of the league at the Christmas break.

With a large squad there has been constant competition for places on the team, which has encouraged commitment and focus. Unfortunately the Bedouins have been plagued with injury and illness; however, this has not

hindered the success or spirit of the team. After a bit of re-grouping over Christmas the Bedouins came back fighting strong, and produced a flurry of goals in their matches. Their form continued for the rest of the season leading to a rapid rise up the league and the Beds gaining 2nd place at the climax of the season. Varsity saw the Beds retain their unbeaten record (now held for 10 years) with some fantastic play they dominated in the match to win 3-0.

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Soo Hong Park, Girton

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Ice hockey at Cambridge is a tradition that stretches as far back as 1885 when the first Varsity Match was played at St Moritz in Switzerland. The annual Cambridge-Oxford match has now been recognised by the Hockey Hall of Fame as the oldest ongoing hockey rivalry in the world. In addition to participating in the Varsity Match, the Blues also play at the top level of University competition, competing in Division 1 South of the BUIHA and participating in Tier 1 of the University National Championships. The team trains weekly and also travels to Switzerland for a weeklong training camp on an outdoor ice rink surrounded by the Alps. Players of all skill levels are welcomed into the club. The only requirement is a very high motivation for the fastest game on earth, ice hockey.

Varsity Match

07/03/09 at Milton Keynes

Oxford 4-2 Cambridge

Having won four of their seven games during the season, the Light Blues were convinced of their ability to defeat the division leader Oxford in the 90th Annual Varsity Match. The Light Blues, playing in front of their supporters, started the match with very high intensity. Unfortunately, the Light Blues got a few penalties giving a chance to Oxford to take a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period. The Light Blues came back strong in the second period with a quick goal from rookie winger Cole Smith. After a few key saves from Carl Mazurek, the Light Blues thought they had tied the game but unluckily the goal was disallowed by the referee who judged it to be a high stick.



A few minutes later, Oxford scored their third goal on a 5 on 3 power play. Trailing 3-1, the Light Blues got many scoring opportunities in the third period, but Oxford were able to hold on to their lead. The final score was 4-2 in favour of Oxford. Having scored the two Cambridge goals, Cole Smith deservedly received the Cawthra Trophy, awarded to the most valuable Cambridge player of the Varsity Match.

Other News

With a strong recruitment drive and core of returning players the Cambridge Light Blues had a large and dedicated squad for the 2008-2009 season. With eleven new faces in the lineup, it took some time for us to find our form. After two close losses to start the season, our hard work was rewarded with victories over Southampton and London (last year's National Champions) to close out Michaelmas term.

The highlight of our season was unquestionably our annual training week in the Swiss Alps in January. Hosted by alumnus Dr Curt Schmitt at the Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz, we enjoyed several hours of practice each day on their beautiful

outdoor rink. We also played several spirited matches against the school team and a local club. The absence of an ice rink in Cambridge makes the training at the Lyceum Alpinum's world-class facilities invaluable; we are greatly indebted to them for their unwavering hospitality. We capped off a productive week by winning an invitational tournament, with victories over teams from Zuoz and Zurich.

This success continued into the New Year as we avenged an early season loss to Warwick. The Light Blues finished the season in third place in Division 1 South with 4 wins and 4 losses.

This year, the Light Blues also participated for the first time in Tier 1 of the University National Championships in Sheffield. With only eight skaters for the competition, Cambridge pulled a great effort with two wins against Newcastle and Birmingham. The Light Blues lost against Nottingham and London, two teams that met each other in the final of the Competition. With the likelihood of about ten players returning next year expectations will be high and we hope to win the Varsity Match Trophy, which will be awarded for the 91st time. Please refer to our website for details about the team and the Varsity Match.

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

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Llana Porter, Pembroke

Clare Watkinson, Wolfson

Stacey Hickson, Trinity Hall

Claudiane Ouellet-Plamondon, Jesus

Kirsty Brain, St Catharine's

Sarah Johnson, Emmanuel

Jennifer Rutter, Murray Edwards

Rachel Sidda, St Catharine's

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Rachael Breeze, St Catharine's

Siok Ong, Downing

Sarah Driver, Girton

Alefiyah Jafferji, St Catharine's

Cambridge and Oxford Universities lay claim to the oldest ice hockey rivalry in the world, so it is not surprising that the only two women's university teams in the country are also found at these two institutions. As such, the annual Varsity Match, in addition to serving as the highlight game of every player's season, also determines the top university team in the country. Having convincingly won the match for the past two years, Cambridge has positioned itself as the country's top Women's University Ice Hockey Team.

Beyond the Varsity Match, Cambridge competes against university men's and mixed teams in the British Universities Ice Hockey Association Cup Competition and plays friendlies against regional

women's teams. The team trains once a week on ice and multiple times per week off ice (except for during the winter months of December and January, when land training is switched for ice training on the temporary Cambridge ice rink) plus spends one week per season at a training camp in Finland.

Ice hockey is a demanding sport physically and mentally: it requires a good base of athleticism plus individual and team techniques and tactics on the ice. From seasoned veterans to complete beginners, the skill level is diverse, but the commitment and effort put in is high across the board. Needless to say, as much as the players put in to the sport, they always receive more back in return!

Varsity Match

8/03/09 at Planet Ice Peterborough

Cambridge 10 – Oxford 2

On March 8th, 2009 in Peterborough, Cambridge played host to Oxford in the annual Women's Ice Hockey Varsity Match. The Cambridge-Oxford ice hockey rivalry is recognised as one of the oldest in the world, dating back to 1885, with women's teams formed in the 1980s. Heading in to the 2009 match, history was on Oxford's side, leading the women's standings by a wide margin. Momentum however was on Cambridge's side, entering the contest as the reigning champions after a memorable 8-3 win in 2008.

The first period began slowly; both teams were cautious, playing a defensive game, and afraid to take chances too early. Mid-way through the first period, after a scramble in front of the Cambridge net, Oxford dribbled the puck over the goal line to put them ahead. Cambridge's all-American Lana Porter replied less than a minute later to tie the game at one a piece. It seems that was all the encouragement Cambridge needed to get their game in motion. Captain Sarah Creber added another goal; only a minute after Porter's to put Cambridge in the lead. Rookie net minder Christina Yek easily stopped Oxford's lone breakaway attempt. Two more goals near the end of the 20-minute period by Cambridge's rookie Claudiane Ouellet-Plamondon and veteran Siok Ong meant Cambridge went to the locker room ahead 4-1. A minute and a half into the second period, Cambridge was on the offensive again, with Creber scoring on a long-range attempt from the blue line. The Light Blues' Clare Watkinson pocketed a long-overdue beauty mid-way into the second period and Porter tallied again with a strong wrist shot. Keeping the Dark Blues off the scoreboard the entire period, Cambridge went to the break ahead 7-1 and in hopeful spirits. The third period followed on the trend of the previous two. Creber came out quick, netting two unassisted goals in the first 25 seconds of the period, then another at the 10-minute mark. Oxford picked up their second goal of the game late in the third, but with little effect. The clock ticked down and the Cambridge players spilled on to ice to celebrate their decisive win. While the scoreboard suggests a game dominated by offensive action, Cambridge's defensive pairs of Sarah Johnson/Kirsty Brain and

Jennifer Rutter/Rachel Sidda plus centre Stacey Hickson are much to credit for their efforts shutting down Oxford and setting up plays for the offensive lines.

Debbie Lowther, Chair of the Cambridge University Sports Syndicate was on hand to present the trophy to the home team Light Blues. On the Cambridge side, the Most Valued Player Award went to Creber for her five-goal performance, and Spirit of the Match went to net minder Yek who untiringly held Oxford at bay throughout the game.

Other news

The Cambridge women compete in the British Universities Ice Hockey Association (BUIHA) Cup Competition and are the only women's team to do so. The 2008/09 season got off to a slow start as the team lost many old players (due to both injury and graduation) but assimilated many eager new faces. Despite entering the end-of-season Nationals at the bottom of the tables for the Cup Competition (Division 3, Southern Conference), Cambridge finished with an amazing performance in the one-day tournament, placing 3rd out of 6 teams in their grouping. This despite having only one sub and playing against all-men's teams! The team has matured considerably over the course of the season and, at full strength, is undoubtedly one of the top teams in their division of the BUIHA. Cambridge also plays friendly matches against regional women's teams from across the country, usually fairing very well in the contests.

One of the greatest challenges each season for Cambridge is the lack of an ice rink in the city. Without a home rink, ice training is limited to once per week in Peterborough, and no rinks give priority ice time to Cambridge teams for games. This places the team at a considerable disadvantage as most teams (Oxford included) get twice the amount of on-ice training. BUIHA and friendly games are played late at night and at "home" rinks located up to 2.5 hours' drive away from Cambridge; sadly, this lack of reasonable home game ice times means that the team is barred from entering the English Ice Hockey Association Women's League and is thus denied the opportunity of playing competitively against other women's teams in the country.

A huge thank you goes to our coaches Bill, Andrew, Ian, Mike, Derek, and Billy who have put in hours of time on the ice, on the road, and behind the bench. Their help is invaluable and have made a profound impact on the development of our team. The committee worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth season. Thank you for all your help in keeping us going! Finally, the financial support of our sponsors, Cambridge University Press and the McCall MacBain Foundation, continue to make the sport accessible to all our players. For this we are profoundly grateful.

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Cambridge University Judo Club have developed since our formation in 1906 and welcomes adults from across Cambridge, the world, students and non-students. We are a vibrant club with a diverse membership of beginners, social judoka and talented amateurs from the University and young and old(er) people from all walks of life from Cambridge and the surrounding area. We train hard, but with an ethos of fun, respect and personal development, so we cater for everyone from complete beginners to international standard black belts.

Varsity Match

28/02/09 at Cambridge

Men's A: Won 5-4, Women's: Lost 3-2 (1 Draw),

Men's B: Won 7-1, City: Won 4-3

Cambridge Judo put in a fantastic performance at this years Varsity competition. Oxford had once again produced four very skilful and experienced teams, however after an intense afternoon of spectacular throws and grappling Cambridge won three out of the four matches. The non-student city team was the first to fight and a win here not only shows that the core, lasting members of the club are at a high standard but also have a huge impact on the team moral for the rest of the day. The fight was close however after four ippons, the Cambridge team secured a 43 win. The Cambridge Men's B team came out and produced some impressive judo against heavier Oxford opponents. They won 7 of the 8 fights to claim back the B Team Trophy.

Having not won Varsity for seven years the Cambridge women stepped up and put everything into their fights. Alexie Frize-Williams (St John's) fought a tough fight and was unlucky to come out with a Draw. Dan grade, Cambridge Captain Catharina Casper (Corpus Christi) was up against Oxford's best player and despite performing well was eventually beaten. This left Lisa Kleiminger (Fitzwilliam) and Jessica Alsiö (Clare) needing to both win by ippon. They handled the pressure well. Lisa threw her opponent with a series of tomonages and then finished her off on the ground with a hold down. Jessica then took little time getting hold of her opponent and applying a vicious strangle. This left the match at a Draw and so the drawn fight

was replayed under Golden Score Rules. Alexie came back onto the mat and gave everything she had, however the result went Oxford's way. Each year the standard of women's judo in Cambridge is improving and it won't be long before they achieve success against Oxford.

The Blues contest saw the highest standard of judo that has been fought at the Varsity Match for a long time, with a total of twelve Dan grades between the two teams. Oxford weighed in much heavier, but despite this it was a close match.

After the eighth fight the teams were tied at 4 each with wins for Cambridge coming from Scott Bolingbroke (Robinson), Gary Chandler (Emmanuel), Philipp Oberhümer (Queen's) and Seb Nadal (Trinity). Philipp's fight was selected to be replayed and so he once again stepped up against the Oxford Captain. This was a Golden Score Contest, but Philipp ipponed his opponent with a massive hip throw to win the match. After receiving a crushing defeat at Oxford last year Cambridge has fought back strongly and come away with a much-deserved result.

Kane Chandler, Men's Captain

Other News

The year kicked off with a judo exchange visit to Marburg, Germany in November 2008. With clubs from all over Germany coming together with English and Finnish guests for a large scale training weekend, the trip always promises to be one of the highlights of the judo calendar, and this year was no exception. The judoka benefited from the expertise of a top Bundesliga coach and German national players, as well as entering the contagious party spirit of the German host club.

January 2009 saw the launch of the first ever CUJC judo training camp, to Zakopane, Poland. Judo training every day at the purpose built training camp/ dojo/ hotel, mixed with skiing in the Tatra mountains made for a thoroughly rewarding, albeit exhausting, unforgettable week!

Through links with CU alumni in Belgium, CUJC is also fortunate to have the opportunity to undertake an annual exchange with a partner club in St Denis. In March 2009 the Belgian side visited Cambridge for a convivial training weekend and friendly competition. It was fantastic to see so many of the new players to the club get involved in their first competition, after only one term of training. After the success in the all-important Varsity competition, the teams were raring to go in the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) National Competition two weeks later. In the women's competition CUJC had a terrific day, with Catharina Casper fighting her way to bronze amongst very demanding competition in the 57kg Dan grades. Jessica Alsiö managed to achieve a gold medal in her 53kg

category, after only a year and a half of judo, and Lisa Kleiminger and Alexie Frize-Williams were also delighted with their gold medal wins in the 57kg and 63kg respectively.

Amongst the CUJC men, Xiong Chang displayed some raw talent in the 66kg Kyu grades, ending up in the final and claiming a well-earned silver medal. BUCS Dan grade men's individual competition always offers a superb, highly demanding level of contest, with large pools in each weight category, consisting of many contenders who train full time. Philipp Oberhümer fought incredibly well to reach the repechage fight for the bronze medal in the 73kg category, losing narrowly to a previous BUSA gold medallist. Kane Chandler, Gary Chandler and Sebastian Nadal all faced forbidding opposition amongst Britain's finest Dan grade students, with Gary and Seb winning several tough rounds to make it out of the pools, but unfortunately no further. Cambridge men came back set on revenge in the team competition the next day, but faced a demanding pool with the Light Cambridge team, already a man down due to a lack of available heavyweight fighters! Cambridge rose to the challenge and fought fantastically to pull off impressive victories against Oxford and Manchester before narrowly losing in the second round to eventual bronze medallists Imperial College London.

2008/09 has been an incredibly successful, busy year for Cambridge University Judo Club, with the new inclusion of a weekly Brazilian Ju-Jitsu session in the training schedule making an interesting addition to our fighting repertoire.

The varieties offered by this fresh take on fighting styles, as well as active involvement in numerous competitions, foreign exchanges and training camps makes CUJC a great place to meet new and interesting people and enjoy a fantastic range of coaching and training approaches.

Alexie Frize-Williams,
Secretary

Cambridge University Karate Club

The CUKC welcomes new people to compete for CUKC,
and the squad contains members from a wide variety of
styles

www.cukc.org

President: Tegwen Ecclestone, Queen's

Men's Captain: Paul Smith, Trinity

Women's Captain: Gemma Coughlin, Darwin

Secretary: Roman Stylzer, King's

Senior Treasurer: Dr W J Fitzgerald, Dept of
Engineering

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Madeleine Wood, Emmanuel

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Nicholas Edwards, Corpus Christi

Richard Morrisby, Robinson

Paul Smith, Trinity

Nim Sukumar, Sidney Sussex

Roman Sztyler, King's

Malgorzata Stanislawek, Jesus

Stephanie McTighe, Pembroke

Tegwen Ecclestone, Queen's

Cambridge University Karate Club (CUKC) was formed back in 1976, and over the years the club has evolved and grown into one of the largest and most successful University Karate clubs in the UK. We are fortunate to count Sensei Richard Poole (6th dan black belt) as our Chief Instructor, under whose guidance CUKC has developed a long and distinguished record at Regional, National and International competitions. The club is always keen to welcome new people to compete for CUKC, and the squad typically contains members from a wide variety of styles, training backgrounds, and levels of experience – from people who have only been doing karate for 6 months right through to several members of the KUGB England Squad.

Varsity Match

23 Feb 2008 – Iffley Road, Oxford

Cambridge (Men's A: Cam, Men's B: Cam,
Women's: Draw)

23/02/09 at Chesterton Sports Centre, Cambridge

Men's A: Cambridge 78-52 Oxford,

Men's B: Cambridge 86-44 Oxford,

Women's: Cambridge 67-35 Oxford.

Cambridge secured another resounding victory against Oxford in the 2009 Varsity Match, the club's third win in a row. All four trophies (Men's A, Men's B, Women's, and the overall Enoeda Cup) are now safely back where they belong — here in Cambridge.

In the kata event, a commanding performance from British and German champion Roman Sztyler set the tone for total Cambridge domination. Further classy performances from Nim Sukumar and Paul Smith completed a Cambridge 1-2-3 in the Men's A, while Gosia Stanislawek, and Joseph Poore and Kai Chai, ensured Cambridge topped the Women's and Men's B events respectively.

By the mid-way stage both men's teams had built up almost insurmountable leads, while the women were just two points ahead. On to kumite and up first was Smith who comfortably eased past the Oxford first man. Stephe McTighe

dominated the women's event, taking control of both of her fights, and there were further wins for Stanislawek, Madeleine Wood and Tegwen Ecclestone. However it was Men's B where the real excitement was with Andreja Erbes producing the point of the day, sweeping away his opponent's front leg he swiftly punched him in the back of the head; the Cambridge crowd exploded as all four judges' flags flew up for



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ippon. A win for Mike Hayoun and a hard-fought draw for Chai rounded off an excellent day and a clear win for the Light Blues. The final scores were Men's A: 78-52, Men's: 86-44, and Women's: 67-35.

It would have been easy to be complacent after the last two victories, but that was never the case. Everyone on the team trained intensely to achieve the success, and it's a credit to the whole team that the final scores were so one-sided. As always Cambridge competed with the utmost spirit, determination, and sportsmanship, making it plain to see what our club is all about: top class karate.

Other News

Roman Szt Tyler won men's kata at the KUGB National Championships – our first ever student National Champion. He is also German National Champion and was placed 6th at the 2008 European Shotokan Karate Championships.

Three members of the club (Madeleine Wood, Katerina Pateraki, Paul Smith) were reselected for the 2009 KUGB England Kumite Squad earlier this year.

Cambridge men are the Central Regions Kumite Champions for the fourth year in a row.

Cambridge University Korfball Club

Korfball is a mixed sport with four girls and four boys on the team

www.srcf.ucam.org/korfball/

President: Laurie Handcock, Selwyn

Captain: Sophie Cuene-Grandidier, Jesus

Secretary: George Marshall, Jesus

Senior Treasurer:

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Sophie Cuene-Grandidier, Jesus

Laura Soul, New Hall

Sian Mawditt, Homerton

Sophie Harley-McKeown, Magdalene

George Marshall, Jesus

Angus Davidson, King's

Nic Buttinger, Selwyn

Elgon Corner, Pembroke

Joe Bakes, Emmanuel

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Nicola Platt, Pembroke

Fiona Hogg, Robinson

Ying Mei Wong, Queen's

Melissa Law, Downing

Sara Ho, Christ's

Neelam Hassan, Emmanuel

Bob Thomas, Trinity

Anthony Hitchin, Downing

Laurie Handcock, Selwyn

Martin Taylor, Pembroke

Amit Mulji, Chemical Engineering Dept

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

Varsity Match

07/02/09 at Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall,
Cambridge

1st's: won 10-6

2nd's: Lost 1-5

Match Report

Cambridge put in an impressive display of korfball on Sat 7th Feb '09 to justify their status as favourites and retain their Varsity Trophy. Five goals from George Marshall saw them to what was eventually a comfortable victory over their rivals, to make up for a second team Varsity match that had been won by a strong and experienced Oxford team.

Cambridge were fielding their strongest team for many years, boasting a combined 16 Varsity caps between their eight players, and when it became apparent that Oxford's two most influential players of past years had finally become ineligible, Cambridge confidence was further bolstered.

However, in Varsity matches things are never that simple. Within a couple of minutes of the start Oxford rattled the Cambridge nerves by taking the lead with a big long-shot, which required an equally immaculate finish from Varsity debutant Sophie Harley-McKeown to be cancelled out. A couple of trademark drop-offs supplied by the captain Sophie Cuene-Grandidier for Marshall quickly followed by a Nic Buttinger long-shot seemed to have given Cambridge a cushion, but some more good distance shooting from Oxford saw Cambridge go in for half-time with a slender 4-3 lead.

In the second period Cambridge looked more comfortable from the start. The experienced pairing of Angus Davidson and Sian Mawditt started to control their end, and the substitution of Joe Bakes for Elgon Corner reaped dividends as Bakes sunk a running-in shot to ensure that all three debutants marked the occasion with a goal. Oxford continued to hang in, however, scoring at crucial moments to make sure Cambridge never pulled too far ahead, but a further three goals from Marshall, combined with long-shots from Mawditt and Davidson, were enough to ensure an impressive victory.

Cambridge University Lacrosse Club

The Lacrosse club is the oldest lacrosse club in the country

www.culacrosse.org

President: Chris Jones, Jesus

Captain: Ian Ralby, St John's

Co. Captain: Phil Hall, Trinity

Secretary: Chris Jones, Jesus

Senior Treasurer: Revd I M Thompson, Selwyn

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Ian Ralby, St John's

Sam Spurrell, Clare

Alex Walker, Selwyn

Dan Pennington, Wolfson

Carl Tilbury, St John's

Aaron Ralby, St John's

Todd Nichols, Pembroke

Edward Cassels, St Edmund's

Oscar Bennett, Hughes Hall

Jack Gillett, Trinity

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Michael Lipton, Trinity

Phil Hall, Trinity

Chris Jones, Jesus

Cambridge University Lacrosse Club is the oldest Lacrosse Club in the country and is the oldest Half-Blue sport in Cambridge. Today the team maintains a high standard having just completed one of the most successful seasons for many years.

Varsity Match

28/02/09 at Parker's Piece, Cambridge

1st Team: Lost 13-3

2nd Team: Lost 8-7

The 93rd Varsity Men's Lacrosse match saw the Light Blues match up against a strong Oxford side, virtually unchanged from the previous year. The Cambridge boys were hopeful for a win on home ground, but knew that they could not underestimate their opponents.

The game began at great pace with Oxford scoring first after being given too much space by a cautious defence. Top scorer Todd Nichols looked to have scored an equaliser, but it was disallowed due to a technical foul, thus removing any momentum the Cambridge boys could have had. The first quarter of the game saw Oxford dominate, winning almost every face-off and capitalising on chances to secure a 7-0 lead at the end of the quarter. By contrast, the failure of the Cambridge attack to penetrate a strong Dark Blue defence left the whole team needing to step up their game if they were to recover.

After this nightmare first quarter, the game became more even. Cambridge began to see some progress in attack as fresher midfielder Carl Tilbury shot low in the second quarter to put Cambridge on the score sheet. The Light Blue defence saw a more energized second half once they were able to cope with the main Oxford threats. Experienced defenders Alex Walker and Dan Pennington repeatedly frustrated attempts to dodge and Chris Jones put in several big hits to put Oxford attack men on the floor, though he saw several penalties as a result. Man of the Match goalkeeper Sam Spurrell had a 71% save rating for the game, saving 32 out of 45 shots on goal.

Despite the improvements at the back, the Light Blues still found it hard to get back in the game. Co-Captain Phil Hall worked tirelessly in midfield throughout the game, his pace and stamina allowing him to try and start a faster paced period of Cambridge possession in the second quarter and leading to a deserved goal from



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Nichols. As a result, the second quarter score was 2-2. If Cambridge had started the game as they started the second quarter, it may have been a difference outcome, but it seemed that it was too little too late.

Edward Cassels scored the third Cambridge goal in the final quarter from a drive from behind goal, while Oxford were able to reply with three. The game ended with a score clearly in favour of the Dark Blues, but this does not reflect the real balance of the game. Too much caution in the first quarter and a slow start left the Cambridge boys with too much ground to make up. They faced an experienced and talented Oxford side, but they fought back after a disappointing start and can hold their heads high.

Other News

In SEMLA, East Division 1 we finished second by 1 point, the highest placing of a Cambridge team for years. Cambridge Lacrosse won 15 and lost 3 games in this league and set a record for the most points gained on one day (12 points).

We had three members succeed on the South Universities Team: Chris Jones, Phil Hall and Carl Tilbury.

Our first international match took place in Michelmas term against a Slovenian team the Ljubljana Dragons. Cambridge won 11-4.

Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club

Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club was
founded in 1912

www.culacrosse.org/womens

President: Georgina Rose, Emmanuel

Co. Captain: Genevieve Gotla, Christ's

Co. Captain: Georgina Hurt, Downing

Senior Treasurer: Revd I M Thompson, Selwyn

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Genevieve Gotla, Christ's

Georgina Hurt, Downing

Alex Carnegie-Brown, Jesus

Rosie Garvey, Churchill

Becky Hilbert, Girton

Emily Knight, Trinity Hall

Ros Lloyd, Lucy Cavendish

Sam Mandel-Dallal, Murray Edwards

Lara Moffat, Magdalene

Kate Morland, Jesus

Jackie Vullingshs, Magdalene

Ellie Walshe, Robinson

Angharad West, Girton

Hannah Whittaker, Clare

Lauren York, St John's

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Katy Eccles, Robinson

Lorna Moore, Wolfson

Laura Allen, Gonville & Caius

Tamara Astor, Homerton

Laura Belcher, St Catharine's

Adeline Drabble, Gonville & Caius

Amelia Duncanson, St Catharine's

Calista-Jane East, Christ's

Gemma Ellse, Girton

Olivia Ferdi, Emmanuel

Victoria Foster, Girton

Laura Goldberg, Sidney Sussex

Katy Griffiths, Peterhouse

Edwina Hayward, Girton

Ellie Pithers, Murray Edwards

Allie Rinck, Girton

Katie Salter, Emmanuel

Lina Thompsell, Gonville & Caius

Cambridge University Women's Lacrosse Club (CUWLC) was founded in 1912 and is arguably one of the most successful female sports club at the University. The Club enters 2 teams into the BUCS Leagues (British Universities and Colleges Sport) – the Blues play in the Southern Premier, while the 2nds (the Kingfishers) play in the Midlands Conference.

The Club holds an annual Varsity Match against Oxford, with the Blues convincingly winning their match in both 2008 and 2009.

The squad has around 40 players – a number of whom represent their countries at international level. CUWLC looks to strengthen its squad annually – with new members joining the squad as fresher's, moving from mixed lacrosse or deciding to re-start lacrosse after leaving school. CUWLC continues to work from and strive off its past achievements, to sustain its position in current leagues, and retain its prestigious status as a Cambridge Full Blue sport.

Varsity Match

28/02/09 at Parker's Piece, Cambridge

Blues: win 8-5

Kingfishers (2nd's): Draw 5-5

Varsity Report 09:

This year the annual Varsity Match was held at home, on Parker's Piece, attracting a large crowd to watch the climax of the lacrosse season. The Blues, coming off the back of their most successful season last year, bore the tag of



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favourites, but only marginally. While the first league match of the year at home had produced a comfortable win (17-5), the return fixture had resulted in a 6 all draw, with the Blues coming from behind to equalise in the last few minutes. The result was by no means a foregone conclusion.

The match started tensely with Jackie Vullings opening Cambridge's account, only for Oxford to respond almost straight away tying up the match 1-1. A brace from Varsity veteran and Welsh international Ros Lloyd stretched Cambridge's lead, before her young pretender, Ellie Walshe, added some excellent fast break play. Co-captain Gen Gotla added a fifth just before half time, scoring off a feed from behind. It was all looking a bit comfortable for Cambridge at half time, sitting 5-1 without having completely dominated the play. Lara Moffat was in outstanding form in the goal, keeping the Oxford attack at bay. After half time Oxford came out strongly, with their captain pulling a goal back. Georgie Hurt, England International and Cambridge Co-Captain scored one of her own after a near full pitch sprint with the ball. Centre Rosie Garvey added Cambridge's 7th, but then Oxford responded. They pulled 3 goals back over the next 15 minutes the crowd sensing an astonishing come back. Some tactical substitutions by the Cambridge Captains saw a calm in the Cambridge attack and following fine defence work Emily Knight put in the last goal of the game, with 5 minutes left, quashing any remaining hope of an Oxford win. Final score 8-5 in the Light Blues favour. We were fortunate to

have 4 international umpires for the game, even if the environment was more hostile than they were used to, which greatly increased the quality of the lacrosse on show. They voted goalkeeper Lara Moffat as most valuable player. Ultimately a tough win for Cambridge, but one that was thoroughly deserved and certainly well celebrated.

The Kingfishers had a tense match with the Oxford Swifts, which eventually ended in a 5 all draw. While a draw is never a satisfactory result in a Varsity Match, it was celebrated almost like a win in Cambridge as the team had done well to recover from 5-4 down to tie the game up in the dying moments.

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Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club

Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club is one of the most ancient lawn tennis clubs in the world

www.sport.cam.ac.uk/lawntennis/Team-Info.htm

Chairman: Dr Richard Barnes, Dept of Physiology

Men's Captain: John Western, Selwyn

Women's Captain: Beth Ashbridge, Clare

Men's Secretary: Rob Blythe, Emmanuel

Women's Secretary: Victoria Watson, Jesus

Senior Treasurer: James Berry, Peterhouse

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Beth Ashbridge, Clare

Victoria Watson, Jesus

Alice Barnes, Lucy Cavendish

Laura Morrill, Murray Edwards

Corina Balaban, Homerton

Erica Ross, Gonville & Caius

John Western, Selwyn

Rob Blythe, Emmanuel

James Ashton, Emmanuel

Pavel Chichanov, Queen's

Rutger-Jan Lange, King's

Kirill Zavadov, St Edmund's

Phillip Compeau, Churchill

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Bronwen Derry, Pembroke

Louisa Tarn, Jesus

Katie Woodling, Jesus

Caroline Raths, Homerton

Mimi Hou, Corpus Christi

Susannah Prichard, Pembroke

Kim Green, Trinity

Henriette Guyard, Trinity Hall

Nick Jenkins, St John's

Robert Legg, Downing

Minh Quang Luu, Jesus

Andrew John Nowell, Christ's

Stewart Walker, Robinson

Greg Caterer, St John's

Andreas Schreiner, Gonville & Caius

Frederick Floether, Homerton

Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club is one of the most ancient lawn tennis clubs in the world. It was founded in 1881, seven years before the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain was founded. Although it is called a 'club' it is actually the lawn tennis association of the whole of the University of Cambridge, representing the University as a whole, the thirty-one Colleges, and the other institutions, which are part of the University.

It is directly affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain and has a representative on the Council and on the Board of the Association. The present President of the Club, Sir Geoffrey Cass, was President of the Lawn Tennis Association and Chairman of the L.T.A. Council 1997-1999.

The University and Colleges give considerable support to British tennis by making available their administrative and playing facilities. CULTC regularly arranges for County Week groups to be held on College grounds.

The annual fixture list is one of the strongest in Britain. It includes matches against many different counties, as well as the All England Club, the International Club, The Queen's Club, and Ealing, Roehampton, Hurlingham and Cumberland lawn tennis clubs; also half-a-dozen Universities, and a dozen other clubs and teams.

Varsity Match

29/06/09 – 01/07/09 at National Tennis Centre, Roehampton.

Men won: 12-9,

Women won: 12-9

Women's report: 'Tennis Girls Triumph in Thrilling Varsity' By Victoria Watson

All signposts for grass courts tennis in South London at the start of the summer point towards SW19. Yet, this year, at the same time as the home of tennis entertained the world's finest players upon its immaculately manicured lawns, another tennis competition of comparable tradition, prestige and excitement enlivened the grass courts of the nearby National Tennis Centre in Roehampton.

The annual Women's Varsity Match, which for the first time took place alongside the Men's Varsity Match, sparked support akin to Murray mania, provoked passion equivalent to a Hewitt fist-pump, aroused aggression to match a Williams sister serve and concluded with a climax as riveting as the celebrated 2008 Wimbledon Men's Final between Federer and Nadal.

Following last year's 11-10 thriller, which saw Oxford, triumph in the final round, the Light Blues avenged their painful defeat to prevail 12-9 in an epic encounter.

The story of success begins at 7.30am on Monday morning. As part of a series of measures targeted at turning the tables in 2009, CULTC Chairman Dr Barnes prescribed a team fitness session.

Weights were lifted, hurdles were jumped and treadmills were pounded as, to the cries of 'Come on' from Captain Beth Ashbridge (Clare), the Blues transformed into finely tuned athletes, programmed to peak for Varsity. Peak they did as, kitted out in tight-fitting light blue gear to exhibit enlarged muscles, the team excelled in extremely hot and humid conditions.

Uniquely spread out over three days, the Varsity match commenced with six singles matches. Following an inspired performance from Cambridge Number 2, fresher Laura Morrill (Murray Edwards), to defeat the Oxford Number 1 in a tight three-setter, a rainstorm sufficiently torrential to saturate the scorched grass blighted the National Tennis Centre. Retaining their composure during the break and adjusting to the new surface indoors, Cambridge Number 1 Alice Barnes (Lucy Cavendish) and Number 3 Victoria Watson (Jesus) did the business against the Oxford Number 2 and 4 respectively to level the scores at three all at the end of Day One. Predictably neither side faltered in the opening round as Oxford confirmed the Blues' expectations in proving stubborn to surrender their trophy.

The teams were greeted by conditions more typical of the US and Australian Opens than the Wimbledon fortnight as they arrived for the crucial Day Two of the Varsity Match. With nine matches to play, one side was set to go into Day Three ahead and this was the aim of the Blues from the outset as they prepared for the heat and humidity by dousing themselves in sun cream and downing copious amounts of water. Alice

Barnes confirmed her star credentials once again with a convincing victory over the Oxford Number 1, as Victoria Watson also defeated her opposite number, recovering from a 4-2 deficit in the second set to win 6-4.

The first of three rounds of doubles began after the teams consumed yet another healthy meal produced for the best of British tennis talent based at the £40 million Lawn Tennis Association facility. Cambridge First pair Barnes and Watson won comfortably over the Oxford Third pair as Cambridge Second pair Ashbridge and Morrill launched an impressive challenge against the Oxford First pair, eventually succumbing in three sets. They continued their good form to defeat the Oxford Third pair as Barnes and Watson disposed of the Second pair to cap their successful day. Strength at the bottom of the Oxford order prevented the Cambridge Third pair of debutant Blues, Corina Balaban (Homerton) and Erica Ross (Caius), from adding to the tally and so Cambridge had to satisfy themselves with an 8-7 lead going into the Day Three; a score line which nevertheless satisfied the criteria for success identified prior to the start of play. With three singles and three doubles matches to play on Day Three, Cambridge required three wins for victory and took confidence from the fact that they were in the favourable position. Morrill produced some top tennis to prevail in pressurised conditions over the big-serving Oxford Number Two as Cambridge Number Six, fresher Corina Balaban, won a crucial match against her opposite number to make the task facing the Blues in the final round considerably easier. Rising to the occasion, Balaban retained

her composure as her opponent, playing in her final Varsity match, attempted to frustrate the Romanian with clay court like consistency. As in 2008, it was all down to the final round yet, on this occasion, the Light Blues required just one win for victory, rather than two.

The team talk prior to the crunch round concentrated upon the need for each pair to win their own match, rather than relying upon the other pairs. Following a communal warm-up, rousing words from the Captain and plenty of advice from supporters eager for success, the team took to the courts feeling the pressure but also sensing the opportunity for a monumental result. The team spirit and outside support had already played an important role over the three days as, lead by squad members Claire Bush (St John's) and Bronwen Derry (Pembroke), the Light Blue Fan Club was in vocal mood throughout the afternoon.



Responsibility for sealing the one win perhaps rested ultimately with the Cambridge first pair as they had already defeated their Oxford equivalent on two previous occasions, albeit in extremely close matches. The match proceeded true to form with each player holding serve and nerve in the early stages until a change of tactic called by Barnes yielded the elusive break to give Cambridge a 5-3 lead. Despite the Light Blue position of preponderance, the Oxford duo showed character to bounce back with some blistering ground strokes and, it has to be said, a stroke of luck to level the scores at 6-6. Unfazed by relinquishing their lead, Barnes and Watson played an excellent tiebreak and vowed to keep the pressure on at the start of the second set. Relief at quelling the Oxford comeback, however, led to laxity as they went down 3-0, at the same time as the Cambridge third pair lost their match and the second pair lost the first set of theirs. At this point, the nightmare scenario of three losses in the final round entered into the heads of the Light Blues. This could not happen. This would not happen. Don't let it happen.

Contemplating the possibility of incomprehensibly unbearable desolation, the Light Blues decided to remain calm. Slowly the games came back, one by one, until match point was reached at 5-4. A match of such tension was never going to end routinely, however, and yet again the set was poised at 6-6 after a nerveless service game from Watson prevented Oxford from pushing the match into a third set. It was in the tiebreak that Cambridge truly came into their own with a series of winners exciting the large crowd gathered on the grassy banks behind the

court. Appropriately a winner sealed the match as, punching the air the pair were joined spontaneously by their teammates for an impromptu embrace to celebrate an epic victory in the 2009 Varsity match.

Further revelry was postponed temporarily as the Cambridge second pair continued their match and, encouraged by the result on the neighbouring court, triumphed in a deciding championship tiebreak to consolidate the victory and prove that the anxiety of earlier was clearly unnecessary. For so-called 'Captain Fantashbridge', who had lost both of her previous Varsity matches, the win meant everything as she and the team were presented with the Van Allen Trophy and, even better, a Jeroboam of Pol Roger champagne. With all team members still available for selection next year, we look forward to defending the title in 2010.

[Men's Report: By John Western](#)

The Men's Blues tennis team made their way to the National Tennis Centre (NTC) at Roehampton bright and early on Monday 29th June in the hope of retaining the Doherty Cup for the fourth straight year. With the matches commencing at 2pm, Oxford got off to a good start with a 2-1 lead. James Ashton (Emmanuel) made an impressive comeback against the very talented Oxford no. 1, Marc Baghdadi, but eventually succumbed 8-6, while Rutger-Jan Lange (King's), despite a strong start against the Oxford no. 3, Greg Weir, was defeated 6-2 in the final set. However, Kirill Zavodov (St Edmund's) put in a blistering performance with tremendous

backhands and serves to annihilate the Oxford no. 5 (John Groom) 6-0 6-3. As the second round of singles got underway, the heavens opened and made the grass courts unplayable for the rest of the day. Thus, the teams moved onto the indoor courts that the NTC provided. Rob Blythe (Emmanuel) put in a great performance against the Oxford no. 2 (Tim Weir, Oxford Captain) in order to brush him aside 6-4 6-1, while Pavel Chichkanov (Queens') narrowly lost in a very tentative match to Daniel Rowlands, the Oxford no. 6. Last on court was John Western (Selwyn, Cambridge Captain) against Alan Kelly (Oxford no. 4). Despite a very nervy set and a half from Western, he managed to make a comeback from 6-4 3-2 down to level at one set all. As the length of the rallies increased and the match became more gruelling, Kelly began to show signs of cramp and general fatigue. Using this to advantage, Western ground down his opponent until Kelly was forced to retire at 4-2 down in the final set with full body cramp!

Play on the second day commenced at 10.30am back on the grass, with the score at 3-3 after the first day. Oxford were once again to win 2 of the 3 singles during the first round, with both Blythe and Western losing but Chichkanov winning. Blythe played a wonderful match against Baghdadi (after having lost to him 6-2 6-1 the previous year) and pushed the match all the way to the third set but just missed out losing 6-2. Western unfortunately had a very shaky serving performance and despite playing well off the ground and from the net, succumbed to Greg Weir 6-2 6-4. However, Chichkanov turned

around his tentative first round performance to narrowly defeat Daniel Tristao (who replaced John Groom (injured)) 7-6 6-4, and let out an enormous roar upon hitting a backhand drive volley winner on match point! With Oxford 5-4, the pressure was on Cambridge to perform in the two rounds of doubles to come.

Ashton/Chichkanov ably managed to dispatch the Oxford first pair of Baghdadi/Kelly 7-6 6-3, while the Weir brothers proved to be too strong for the Cambridge 3rd pair of Phillip Compeau (Churchill)/Zavodov. Finally, the Cambridge first pair of Blythe/Western ran out winners in an exceptionally dramatic match against Rowlands/Tristao. The Oxford pair played blinding tennis in order to take a 6-3 5-4 lead and be serving for the match. However, the Cambridge pair dug deep and managed to break back to win the set and cruised to victory 6-3 in the final set. With this match being the turning point of the whole tie, Cambridge were buoyed and it must be noted that Compeau gave a very passionate and uplifting team speech with his American twang!

On to the last round of doubles for Tuesday and Ashton/Compeau destroyed Tristao/Rowlands 6-3 6-1, while Blythe/Western were eventually outplayed by Weir/Weir 6-2 in the third set, after having played a strong second set. Another crucial match was still underway however between Compeau/Zavodov and Baghdadi/Kelly. The standard of doubles was very high, and the big-serving Cambridge pair managed to edge the match 7-6 7-6 in a spectacle that was very nerve-wracking for all spectators!

With Cambridge taking a 8-7 lead into the final day's play, all of the team were confident (yet by no means over-confident) of success. And that's just what they got as Lange and Zavodov crushed Kelly and Rowlands respectively, leaving Cambridge needing one more win to clinch Varsity victory. Ashton duly delivered with a passing shot on match point that was too strong for the Oxford Captain, Tim Weir, and the Cambridge players ran on to the court to congratulate Ashton and each other on another splendid victory. With the tie already over and only dead rubbers remaining, Blythe and Ashton (who were both carrying slight injuries at that stage) were replaced by Lange and Nick Jenkins (St John's) respectively. Despite Zavodov/Compeau notching up a further victory, Cambridge lost the other two doubles.

After all the matches had finished, the Men's Blues rushed over to watch the Ladies' Varsity Match, and were just in time to cheer the Cambridge girls on to victory. At the presentation, Cambridge Captain John Western gave a short speech in which he thanked the organisers and sponsors of the Varsity Match, the spectators and also his own team, who had done him proud during the last three days. At the Varsity dinner at the NTC, the Cambridge Men drank their Pol Roger Champagne directly from the Doherty Cup, and all who played will have fond memories of Varsity 2009 for the rest of their lives.

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Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club

Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club aims to produce a crew of eight oarsmen and a coxswain to beat a crew from Oxford

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

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Club Colours Awarded 2008-08

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Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club aims to produce a crew of eight oarsmen and a coxswain to beat a crew from Oxford University Lightweight Rowing Club in the Henley Boat Races, held annually in March or April.

Lightweight rowing is an Olympic sport and allows people of average build to compete at an elite level. The training is intense but rewarding, and in recent years several CULRC squad members have gone on to represent their

country at the World Rowing Championships. If you want to go beyond college-level rowing but are too small for CUBC, CULRC is the club for you.

Varsity Match

22/03/09 at Henley on Thames

Cambridge win by 3 lengths

Match Report

The 2009 Lightweight Boat Race was raced over good conditions with a light head wind down the Henley Reach. After an uneventful weigh-in, Oxford won the toss and chose the Berkshire station. This gave us our preferred Buckinghamshire station and the chance to fully capitalise on our race plan.

Once attached to the stake-boats, there was a short delay to allow a pleasure cruiser to clear the course. In this time, swift repairs were carried out to our rudder, which had come loose.

Cambridge went ahead from the first stroke, the crew moved aggressively and smoothly at rate 50 out of the blocks, still holding the rate high as we moved into the second 250m of the race, continuing to attack. Around 500m in we had gained half a length on Oxford and were still edging ahead. We found our rhythm, striking 37 strokes a minute and as predicted Oxford's first major attack came 700m into the race, backed by a large Dark Blue contingent on the bank. The crew responded as one to hold them and despite Oxford's efforts, they gained no water on us.

As Oxford's push ended, so did any doubts in the Cambridge crew, as we continued to extend our lead to clear water before our next move. Soon enough we were chasing the distance markers through the last 500m with the luxury of seeing Oxford left with no reply as we forged ahead. We passed the finish line with over 2 lengths of clear water to win in a time of 5:49 and an official margin of 3 lengths, a fitting way to end our Boat Race campaign.



This was a fabulous result for the CULRC, overturning a long run of defeat to the Dark Blues. It builds on earlier successes in the season where we won every event we entered in the VIII. This strong form has been continued as we won the Championship Lightweight Eights event at the BUCS regatta by 11s, comprehensively beating the rest of the field. At the same event, after a strong performance in the IV-, we qualified to race in the European Student Championships in September, where we won bronze.

Other News

Won a private match against the Leander Club 1st Lightweight VIII

BUCS Rowing Championships

- Gold in Championship Lightweight Eights
- Silver in Championship Lightweight Coxless Fours
- Silver in Championship Lightweight Pairs

Marlow Regatta – won the Student Eights event Temple Challenge Cup, Henley Royal Regatta

- lost by 2/3 of a length to a record-equalling Queen's, Belfast crew

EUSA Rowing Championships, Kruszwica, Poland

- Bronze in Lightweight Coxless Fours

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Kestrel

Cambridge University Yacht Club – the yachting arm of CUCrC has been growing steadily since 2002, with the establishment of an RYA Shorebased Training Centre and yachting trips happening most weekends in term and for several weeks over the summer. Each year we had around 140 members and took over 60 students sailing over the summer vacation to varied locations such as Norway, Scotland and the Mediterranean, as well as the weekend sailing areas of the Solent and East Coast.

By Spring 2008, the CUYC Committee saw that the slowly growing financial reserves from the training centre when combined with a loan from central CUCrC funds could allow the purchase of the club's own yacht – replacing the need to commercially hire yachts.

We purchased a Sigma 38 yacht called Kestrel which we have now been sailing for just over 18 months. During this time we have sailed her on two summer programmes, one to Norway and the other to the Baltic, each totalling around 4,000 nautical miles. Our membership has increased to 220 members and we now take almost 100 students sailing during the summer vacation. We have also extended our RYA Training Centre to become a Practical Centre and so now offer all RYA courses to our members at prices that students can afford. In general owning our own yacht has allowed us to reduce sailing costs by around a quarter and we hope to go further as time goes on.

The yacht itself has proven to be an excellent design – perfectly balanced between exhilarating speed and safe, seaworthy comfort. It is ideally suited to our mix of training, adventurous sailing and cruising, particularly as we sail year round and need a yacht that can keep going whatever the weather. It is also possibly the only yacht with an 800W amplifier and a subwoofer – perfect for students!

We look forward to the coming years and hope Yacht Kestrel will continue to serve the club well and allow students affordable access to yachting, breaking down the barriers often present in the sport. If any alumni are interested in knowing more about the yacht, or indeed coming sailing with us, either on a cruise in company or as a member of the crew, then do get in touch with the club – alumni members are most welcome!

www.cuyc.org.uk



Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club

The club has been in existence for the last 50 years and is not only competitive and successful but very sociable and friendly

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

President: Lucy Greenwood, New Hall

Men's Captain: Edward Moffett, Churchill

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St Catharine's

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Nicky Brooks, St Catharine's

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Sabrina Verjee, St Edmund's

Rebecca Riiser, St Catharine's

Zoe Rutterford, Darwin

Willow Kemp, St John's

Edward Moffett, Wolfson

Nicholas England, St Catharine's

Jamie Brunning, Jesus

Ryan Harper, Corpus Christi

Sam Outtridge, Churchill

The club has been in existence for the last 50 years and is not only competitive and successful but also very sociable and friendly. The sport consists of running, swimming, shooting, fencing and horse riding.

We have a variety of members who come from a background of pentathlon to those who have never done any of it before, making it an exciting and diverse club where there is a lot of emphasis on having fun as well as teaching and learning from each other. The Varsity Match at Easter is the highlight of the year but there are also many other competitions held by us and throughout the country where everyone is welcome to compete whatever their level of experience.

Varsity Match

2nd-4th April 09 at Bradfield College, Reading.

Won Women's Full Team & Reserves

Competitions,

Lost Men's Full Team & Reserves Competitions

Match Report

The 52nd annual Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match was this year hosted by the Cambridge Old Blues, whose efforts were fundamental in the organisation and staging of events at Bradfield College, Berkshire.

Despite fears earlier in the season that a gentlemen's team would never materialise, recruitment efforts at the eleventh-hour in fact developed at truly united force, with all individuals bringing personal strengths to the team. Conversely, the ladies of CUMPC had shown continual dedication throughout the year and positions on the team were fiercely contested. Proceedings began on the afternoon of April 2nd. The presentation of teams offered the first opportunity to weigh-up and intimidate the opposition, even if style supremacy is the only card available to hand.

The serious competition began with the shooting phase. Over recent years, Cambridge has developed a reputation for formidable performances in the skilled elements – this year was no exception. Nick England fell just short of the long standing shooting record with a score of 1120. Respectable efforts were seen from both the men and women, enabling the gentlemen to force an impressive early lead of 1080 points and undoubtedly helping Nick to take home the elusive skills trophy for the Best Combined Shoot, Fence and Ride.

The initial jubilation of our men was unfortunately short lived, for the Oxford gentlemen undeniably dominated in the fence. This phase is commonly a crucial decisive phase, being the only occasion where athletes can directly impact on the performance of the opposition and quite literally steal away points. Meanwhile, the Cambridge women were holding strong and a memorable fence from our Ladies' Team Captain, Rebecca Riiser, added an additional 1000 points to their total and carried them further into the lead.

The swimming phase would conclude the first day of events and success in the pool therefore had the potential to provide a great a psychological advantage before entering the final stages. Oxford has a long-standing, and well-deserved reputation for superiority in the pool and they lived up to every expectation. The strength of the Oxford gentlemen could not be refuted: all six athletes swam faster than the optimum time, securing an unbelievable 6824 in just one event. There was little the Cambridge men could do to contend with such a phenomenal effort; perhaps our downfall was our disinclination to strip away every inch of body hair to improve our hydrodynamics! Thankfully, the Cambridge women left the pool again victorious. A special mention should go to Nicky Brooks, in her final appearance for CUMPC, who swam close to the men's optimum time and scored an impressive 1072 points – she was now well on the way to claiming her third successive title as Individual Champion at Varsity, and securing a second Full Blue.

By the end of the first day of competition the men had fallen from an initial lead of 1080 to be behind by a desperate 3816 points. Dejection quickly descended upon us, but the encouragement and belief of our captain, Edward Moffett, helped us enter the final day fighting rather than grieving. On the other hand, an outstanding performance from the Cambridge ladies had secured victory in all three initial phases and had yielded a healthy lead of 484 point going into the final day.

We headed to QUOB Equestrian Centre the following morning for the riding phase. Another event demanding technical prowess, and thus, another opportunity for the Cambridge team to shine. The Cambridge men made a large dent in the Oxford lead, dominating the show jumping arena and clawing back 840 points. A special mention should go to Jamie Brunning, who rode a stunning round on the day – a testament to his tireless training in the weeks running up to the Varsity Match just to become safe on horseback and eligible to ride. The women also rode impeccably and added a further 1252 points to add to their lead over Oxford. Willow Kemp demonstrated exceptional elegance and capability.

Victory in all four preceding events gave the Cambridge women a huge advantage going into the run. Each Oxford lady needed to run an entire minute faster than their counterpart on the Cambridge team to steal the match. This sounded like an impossible feat but only Sabrina Verjee prevented the Oxford ladies from claiming all top six places on the track, and the tension mounted as the final scores were calculated. After five

events the Cambridge women in fact only narrowly secured their third successive match victory, with a final score of 23672, beating Oxford by just 436 points.

By this late stage in the competition there was little the Cambridge men could do to claim the Team Trophy, especially not with Olympic runners at Oxford's disposal. Attention thus now turned to our individual performances and the opportunity to achieve our Blue and Half Blue scores respectively. Earlier mishaps left us with seemingly unachievable running times but, with a personal best time, Sam Outtridge secured his Half Blue by a mere 8 points.

Congratulations also to all our other newest Half Blue pentathletes: Willow Kemp, Zoë Rutterford, Ryan Harper and Jamie Brunning.

Promising results from the reserve's team should guarantee strong foundations for the team next year despite the loss of many experienced members. We will definitely be looking to develop a great deal of fresh new talent beginning in Michaelmas – please get in contact if interested to learn more about CUMPC.

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Cambridge University Netball Club

CULNC plays a key and ever growing role within Women's sports at Cambridge

www.culnc.org

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jessica McGeorge, New Hall

Club Colours Awarded 2008-08

Charlotte Wood, Jesus
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CULNC plays a key and ever growing role within Women's sports at Cambridge. We have two teams playing highly competitive netball in the British Universities & Colleges Sport leagues, and are proud of our achievements as a reputable club within the university. The 2008-9 season saw

two extremely well fought and closely contended matches at Varsity, with the Blue's team securing a closely fought victory.

Looking ahead CULNC also has a lot to look forward to. In the 2009-10 season we can build on the firm foundations laid out by our new coaches last season, with further changes and plans being incorporated to ensure we continue to play netball to the highest possible standard, whilst maintaining a club that has great camaraderie and team spirit both on and off the court.

Alongside the Netball Club, the University boasts a fantastic College Netball League and annual Cuppers Tournament for both Ladies' and Mixed teams. Each year this creates a brilliant opportunity for players of all abilities to get involved with Netball at Cambridge.

Varsity Match

21/02/09 at The Ley's School, Cambridge
Blues 34-31,
Roos 33-35

Both matches were extremely close and tense throughout. The level of play was very high from all four teams.

In the 2nds' match, Cambridge closed up an initial Oxford three-goal lead, and after the second quarter there were never more than two goals between the teams. Going into the last quarter, the scores were tied at 26-26, but Oxford perseverance paid off when a break in the Cambridge defence gave them a vital two goal lead, and with it, the win.

The Blues were initially 4-6 down to Oxford, but fought back strongly in the second quarter to level the score at 14-14. After the third quarter they led 23-21. Cambridge captain, Harriet McGrath, was unperturbed by an ankle injury and played on. Oxford fought back strongly in the last quarter, but Cambridge defended solidly and extended their lead to three goals, winning the match 34-31.

Other News

The Blue's team had a mixed season in BUSA, following several injuries to key players, meaning the team line-up was inconsistent throughout. However, the team secured a few key victories and a draw, highly unusual in netball!

The Roos had a very successful season finishing mid-table in a very competitive league.

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Cambridge University Orienteering Club

Orienteering is a sport that combines map reading and route choice **with running in some beautiful places**

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Men's Captain: Adam Bennett, St Johns

Women's Captain: Clare Sutherland, Clare

Secretary: Victoria Stevens, Jesus

Senior Treasurer: Mike Bickle, King's

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Adam Bennett, St John's

Ben Stevens, Trinity Hall

Graeme Ambler, Wolfson

Clare Sutherland, Clare

Victoria Stevens, Jesus

Sarah Lilley, Fitzwilliam

Chris Williamson, Churchill

Orienteering is a sport that combines map reading and route choice with running in some beautiful places. Membership of CUOC is open to the whole University, we travel to around 4 public events a term, sometimes going away for the whole weekend. Our members range from complete beginners to British and International athletes with most people somewhere in between.

One of the highlights of the year is the training camp in early December. We use some excellent areas in the Lake District for technique training – it's a must for everyone keen to develop their orienteering outside of East Anglia.

We also organise our own events, the Cambridge SprintO for University clubs, and Cuppers, an Intercollegiate Competition in Cambridge. This year we're organising Cambridge City Race in October, bringing the growing discipline of sprint Orienteering to the University.

The Varsity Match with Oxford is held in Lent Term each year, there are teams for everyone who wants to come along.

Varsity Match

Upsaala, Sweden 28th March 2008

Men's team: Oxford

Women's team: Oxford

25th-26th April 2009 at Epping Forest, North London.

Oxford won both the Men's and Women's Matches,

Men's Course Winner: Ben Stevens (Trinity Hall)

Match Report:

The 2009 Varsity Match was held at Epping Forest NW (individual) and on Great Northaw Wood (relay) over the weekend of the 25th/26th April 2009.

The Men's Trophy was won by Ben Stevens (Cambridge), although he didn't quite manage to dominate the course altogether and was beaten by 9 seconds by DrongO's (ex Cambridge Club) Mark Bown. The Men's Team Trophy was won, with a margin of 14 minutes, by Oxford (counters James McMillan, Chris Embrey, Ian Webb, Matt Lyle) in 3:42:40 compared to Cambridge's time of 3:56:32.

The Women's Race was much more one-sided, with the favourites Oxford having a 1 hour winning margin (Oxford 2:46:58, Cambridge 3:47:59). The 3 scorers were Liz Bridge, Ruth Holmes, and Jenn Thornton, although the remaining two Oxford runners were close behind

them. The individual title was won by Liz Bridge, first year postgraduate student at Oxford University. Victoria Stevens (Jesus) was close behind her GBR teammate Ann Edwards and was top scorer for Cambridge. Sarah Lilley (Fitzwilliam) put in a notably good performance having started Orienteering at University.

The Men's B Race was dominated by Cambridge, with Gerard Higgins (Cambridge) winning the overall title and the Cambridge Team (Gerard Higgins, Fred Lyon, Huw Grange and Donald Evans) emerging victorious over Oxford by 30 minutes (Cambridge 2:23:31, Oxford 2:53:44).

Other News

The Club's most significant achievement this year was coming 4th at BUCS on 7th and 8th of March 2009 at Oxshott Heath and Esher Common. Cambridge once again came 4th, an impressive position for a small club in the flat region of East Anglia. There was fierce competition, but everyone's hard training paid off, beating our long-term rivals Durham, who came fifth.

The Cuppers Match was held early in Easter Term on Coe Fen, with Ben and Vicky Stevens winning the men's and women's races respectively. The Team Trophy was won by Peterhouse, (Ed Dickins, Jonny Porter and Kate Hatcher being the three scorers).

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Up and Running

Victoria Stevens Orienteering



The Future Champions Cup Series features around 8 top events in the spring, with the people doing best being selected for summer competitions and training tours. Last year, I came second in the series, winning two of the events.

In June I helped my home club, Airienteers, to win the Handicap Trophy in the Harvester relay. This consists of 7 people, with the start at 11pm in the dark. I set off on first leg, and despite my head torch going out, managed to get round in a reasonable time thanks to my spare torch (though this also went out near the end).

In October I got selected to run for England in the Senior Home Internationals, and ran up an age class to compete in the top, W21 class. This event was held on the moors in Ireland, and I ended up coming third in the individual and helped my relay team (of three members) to come second. Unfortunately Scotland won, with England coming second.

The main competitions are in the next few months, so I look forward to competing in Scotland, Devon and other places in the coming weeks.

Cambridge University Polo Club

Cambridge University Polo Club (CUPC) is fortunate enough to own six Argentine polo ponies

<http://www.cambridgeuniversitypoloclub.com>

President: HRH Prince of Wales, Trinity

Captain: Liam Gamble, Robinson

Secretary: Rebecca Martin, Jesus

Senior Treasurer: Dr Mark Johnson, Selwyn

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jamie Hepburn, Gonville & Caius

Maximilian Kirchhoff, Downing

Samuel Outtridge, Churchill

Tobi Edun, Corpus Christi

The club is fortunate enough to own six Argentine polo ponies, located within cycling distance of the town centre. We organise lessons and chukkas on most days for all standards of Player, combining a mix of Arena Polo during the Winter months with outdoor Polo and a professional coach during the Summer.

The Club teams also compete against local and other University Polo Clubs, including the Varsity Match against Oxford, and the Atlantic Cup against the Ivy League Universities.

Needless to say we don't just play Polo but also organise regular social events throughout the year.

Varsity Match

A Team: Kirtlington Park Polo Club on 07/06/09

B Team: Haggis Farm Polo Club, Cambridge on 11/06/09.

A Team: 2 Cambridge – 6 Oxford,

B Team: 7 Cambridge – 4 Oxford.

Match Report(s)

A team – This year the Varsity Match had returned to its former home at Kirtlington Park Polo Club. So, 12 months in the making, the crowds descended on a slightly damp Kirtlington Park, and the teams took to the field.

Oxford started off strong, by scoring a quick first goal and then following it up with a second towards the end of the first chukka. However, on now choppy ground, Cambridge came back at the start of the second chukka with a lofted shot from Max Kirchhoff sailing through the posts. This, along with strong marking by Sam Outtridge and Tobi Edun meant the game became much more level. Cambridge secured a penalty hit that brought them up to two goals, Tobi Edun converting it, and it was game on. However, quickly Tom Mayou scored a penalty for Oxford leaving the score at 3-2. Reeling slightly from the Cambridge comeback, Oxford came out strong at the start of the third, and were met by a Cambridge team with momentum. However, the wet ground meant any attempts to create complicated plays were frustrated by the wildly bouncing ball, and Cambridge put two crucial

60 yard penalties wide. Towards the middle of the third chukka Oxford scored a scrappy goal to take the score to 4-2.

Cambridge mounted numerous good counter attacks, in the final chukka, but were denied another goal, despite some good runs by Jamie Hepburn (who joined the Cambridge team just 3 days before the match as Liam Gamble was injured in training). As the match came to an end the play got more heated, until Oxford scored again just before the final whistle.

B team – The B team match was once again played at CUPCs home club, just outside the city centre. Once more, the Cambridge team was made up entirely of players trained exclusively by Cambridge, a rare thing in the world of University polo. Both teams came out strong with Oxford scoring their first goal in a B team match for 3 years! However, Cambridge continued to get the better of them and triumphed 7-4.

Polo is a fast paced, exhilarating, and highly entertaining sport, don't forget to come and watch next year! Visit www.varsitypolo.co.uk for more info.

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Cambridge University Powerlifting Club

Cambridge University Powerlifting Club exists to facilitate strength training within the University

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Captain: Alexander Blessing, King's

Secretary: Louis Cox-Brusseau, Homerton

Senior Treasurer: Dr Nigel Spivey, Emmanuel

Cambridge University Powerlifting Club (CUPLC) exists to facilitate strength training within the University and particularly to supply a Powerlifting Team to compete in the annual Varsity Powerlifting Match. As well as dedicated powerlifters, our membership includes sporting people from various other disciplines (athletics, martial arts, sailing), as well as a number of people who train simply as part of a healthy lifestyle, without sporting ambitions.

Varsity Match

08/03/09 at Oxford Powersports, Oxford.

Oxford Win

Match Report

On Sunday 8th March 2009, the Powerlifting Varsity Match was held in Oxford Powersports Gym, Oxford. Unfortunately Cambridge PLC lost 1147 to 1108. The standard of lifting was amazingly high, with both teams managing to surpass last year's winning total.

Despite the result I was very impressed by all the Cambridge lifters, for many of who it was their first powerlifting competition. Cambridge's top scorer was Dave White, who was in the running for top place until his last dead-lift, which cruelly slipped from his hands, after the down command. A huge congratulations to Jerrell Whitehead, who

finished third, despite only starting training 3 weeks ago. There were good all round performances from Ben Harrison, Alex Blessing and Cillian McNamara in their first powerlifting competition. Excellent bench performances from Alex and Omar, both getting personal bests. Cillian's last deadlift was amazing, typifying the spirit and passion of the Cambridge team.

I would also like to say a big thanks to Gavin Jones and Steve Martin (team managers), for all their help and guidance.

Cambridge University Real Tennis Club

Real tennis is the original racquet sport; it is a fast-paced game that requires strength and speed but also finesse

www.curtc.net

President: George Pearson, Trinity

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Women's Captain: Karen Hird, St Catharine's

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Senior Treasurer: Dr Jeremy Fairbrother, Trinity

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jamie Douglas, St John's

Karen Hird, St John's

Sarah Vigrass, Gonville & Caius

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Robert Hird, Trinity

Ali Hakimi, Darwin

Edward Pearson, Robinson

Julia Clarke, St John's

Club Colours Awarded 2008/09

Deborah Jenkins, Trinity Hall

Real tennis is the original racquet sport; it is a fast-paced game that requires strength and speed but also finesse. Cambridge University is one of only three clubs in the country to have two real tennis courts. The club has a large student community and new members and players are always welcome.

Varsity Match

1st Team: 20-21st Feb 2009 at MCC,

2nd Team: 7th Feb 2009 at CURTC.

Men's 1st Team won 4-1,

Women's 1st Team won 5-1,

Men's 2nd Team won 4-3,

Women's 2nd Team won 4-2.

Women's Report

MCC kindly hosted both the Men's and Women's 2009 Varsity matches. The players, guests and spectators were treated to some exciting tennis, and our thanks go to Pol Roger for their generous support of this fixture.

The women's team started the matches off, with Cambridge's number 4, Deborah Jenkins (Trinity Hall), taking on her opposite number from Oxford, Stephanie Walton. Both players had only started the game a matter of months ago, and they were evenly matched, reaching 4-4 in the first set. However, Stephanie managed to control the service end and, with Deborah struggling to adjust to a different court, rattled through the rest of the match, securing a win for Oxford, 6-4, 6-1. Next to take to the court was Julia Clarke (St John's), playing against Sarah Hird. Cambridge were expected to take this match relatively comfortably, but Jules started nervously, with Sarah reaching deuce in both of the first two games. However, Sarah was unable to secure either and Jules's confidence grew, hitting some brilliant backhand volleys, ending in an easy win to Cambridge 6-0, 6-0. In the top two matches, Oxford were always going to face difficulties, having to play against women ranked 6 and 4 in the world. The number 2 string featured Sarah Vigrass (Caius) against the current Oxford (and ex-Cambridge) Captain, Charlotte Barker. Sarah never looked troubled, easing through 6-0, 6-0. The final women's singles saw Karen Hird (St Catharine's) playing Vicki Ormerod. They had faced each other the previous weekend in the Squash Varsity match, with Vicki defeating Karen 3-1; however, the players' relative experience in the two sports was reversed, with Vicki having started real tennis when she went to university and Karen having started squash at the same time. Karen, perhaps still smarting from her defeat the previous week, never looked like giving Vicki any foothold in the game, winning easily 6-0 6-0.

Robert Hird



After receiving an award from the Eric Evans Fund, I used the money to have a lesson with Rob Fahey, the world champion, and to contribute towards entry fees for various tournaments. One of these tournaments was the U21 British Open, where I

reached the final of the singles. I also played number 1 singles in the Cambridge Field Trophy team which won the National Inter Club competition. Later in the season, I was selected for the British U25 Amateur team to play in the inaugural Limb Trophy, which we won 8-0. More recently, I have been promoted to the British Real Tennis Academy, where we receive top level coaching, physical training programmes and psychological advice. I really appreciate the support given to me by the Eric Evans Fund, to help me achieve my goals.

Karen Hird



Although I compete for the university at real tennis, badminton, squash and Eton fives, my main sport is real tennis. Over the past year, the grant I received from the Eric Evans Fund has contributed towards my travel costs to international tournaments.

During the past season, I have competed in the French, US and British Opens, as well as taking part in the World Championships, which took place in Rhode Island in May 2009. In the French and British Opens, I reached the final of the singles and won the doubles, to add to the doubles title I won at the US Open. Furthermore, at the World Championships, I was a finalist in the singles and won the doubles, becoming the youngest winner of a real tennis world title and the youngest finalist in a singles World Championship. My performances at these tournaments have lifted my world ranking to number 2 from number 5 at the start of the season. I am very grateful to the Eric Evans Fund for enabling me to participate in these tournaments and in the future I hope to be able to build on these results and win the World Singles Championship.

After a joint Oxbridge dinner on the Friday night, the Saturday morning brought the women's doubles. First on court were the number 2 strings, with Sarah Vigrass and Jules Clarke playing for Cambridge against their singles' opposite numbers, Charlotte Barker and Sarah Hird. Again, Cambridge always looked in control, although there was some excitement for Oxford when they levelled the first set at 1-1. However, from there it was much the same story as the previous day's play, with Cambridge winning 6-1, 6-1. The final women's match was the first string doubles, Karen Hird and Deborah Jenkins against Vicki Ormerod and Stephanie Walton. With Cambridge already having secured the overall match win, there was only pride to play for, but despite their best efforts, Oxford were outclassed, with a win to Cambridge 6-1, 6-0. So Cambridge took the overall match win 5-1, securing the trophy for the fourth year in succession.

Men's Report

The men began on the Friday with the doubles. Ed Pearson and Ali Hakimi represented Cambridge against the Oxford pairing of Sam Halliday and Horatio Cary. Despite a strong start by the Cambridge pair, they found themselves a set down. This inspired Sam and Horatio as they breezed through the second set 6-0. Ali and Ed then upped their game to take the third set, but unfortunately they were unable to continue their form into the 4th set eventually succumbing 4-6 0-6 6-4 4-6.

In the first string doubles Robert Hird partnered Jamie Douglas, against Will Fortune and Charles Ashbourne. The first set was a major upset as the Oxford pair stormed through 6-1. From then,

however, it was straightforward enough for the Cambridge pair as they won the next 3 sets 6-1 6-2 6-1, to square the match at 1-1 going into the Saturday singles.

First up was Ed Pearson, playing Charles Ashbourne. Ed got off to a flyer; taking the first set 6-0 and holding an early lead in the second. Charles battled back, but Ed held his nerve to close out the set 6-3. Next up was Ali Hakimi, against Sam Halliday. Both players made a cautious start to the match as the early games were shared. As the set progressed, Ali's class showed as he edged it 6-4. The second set was even closer, with both players squandering set points before Sam nicked it 6-5. Ali dominated the final set, leading 5-1. But just as we thought the match was safe, Sam fought back a game at a time to square the match at 5-5. When he laid 2 short chases in the final game, it looked like Sam would pull through, but, thankfully for Cambridge, Ali found some incredible returns to win the set 6-5 and give Cambridge a 3-1 lead.

So now it was the battle of the Captains, Robert Hird versus Horatio Cary. Despite losing the first game, Robert played solidly to take the first set 6-1 and open up a 3-0 lead in the second. However, then Horatio started retrieving everything. Each game was keenly contested, but it was Horatio winning more as he levelled the match at 4-4. Two more close games followed, but it was Robert who took them both, sealing the match 6-1 6-4 to give Cambridge an unassailable 4-1 lead. Finally, to the battle of the number 1's – Jamie Douglas against Will Fortune. Despite a broken finger, Jamie eased through the first set 6-0. The second set was much closer, but Jamie always

appeared to have the advantage as they moved on to 3-3. Then, we suffered a power cut at Lords, so had to call an early finish to proceedings as 'bad light stopped play'. Final result, Cambridge beat Oxford 4-1.

Other News

Jamie Douglas
Amateur Singles Winner 2009
Amateur Doubles Winner 2009
Gold Racquet Winner 2009
Silver Racquet Winner 2009

Robert Hird
U21 British Open Singles Finalist 2009

Karen Hird
Singles World Championship Finalist 2009
Doubles World Championship Winner 2009
British Open, French Open Singles Finalist 2008/09
British Open, US Open, French Open Doubles Winner 2008/09

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Cambridge University Revolver & Pistol Club

CURPC shoots mainly air pistol, over two distances,
10m and 20yrd

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

President: James Mallows

Captain: Daniel Kumbang, Queen's

Secretary: Xiao Han, St John's

Senior Treasurer: John Williams, Hughes Hall

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Daniel Kumbang, Queen's
James Bullock, Clare
Prith Hallikeri, Trinity
Christofer Clemente, Clare
Kenny Wan, Downing
Wenjun Qu, Downing

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Xiao Han, St John's
Sean Ng, Trinity Hall
Lindsay Nemeth, Darwin
Denise Law, New Hall

Cambridge University Revolver and Pistol Club (CURPC) is a small and friendly club. We shoot mainly air pistol, over two distances, 10m and 20yrd, as well as Lightweight Sporting Rifle (LSR), at 20yrd.

Varsity Match

15/02/09 at Cambridge
Cambridge Victory

Match Report

The Varsity Match between CURPC (Cambridge University Revolver and Pistol Club) and OUPC (Oxford University Pistol Club) was shot on the 15th of February 2009 at the Elizabeth Way shooting range, Cambridge.

CURPC had a team comprising mostly of fresher's and was up against the same OUPC team that beat last year's more experienced CURPC team by 80 points.

It was a very tight match which came down to the last shot of CURPC's Captain Daniel Kumbang.

The course of fire was:
5 shots in 150 seconds 4 times,
5 shots in 20 seconds 4 times,
5 shots in 10 seconds 4 times.

Cambridge fielded a team of:

Cambridge A
Chris Clemente
James Bullock
Daniel Kumbang (Captain)
Kenny Wan

Cambridge B

Wenjun Qu
Xiao Han
Prith Hallikeri
Sean Ng

Women's Team

Wenjun Qu
Xiao Han
Lindsay Nemeth
Denise Law

Against Oxford's team of:

A:
David Johnson
Patrick Schweder
Brian Tang
Arulkumaran Umapathy (Captain)

Other News

The Team A match, which counts for the Varsity Trophy, started off with James Bullock and Christofer Clemente shooting concurrently against David Johnson and Amrulkumaran Umapathy.

This resulted in the following scores:
Arulkumaran Umapathy (Captain) 502 ex. 600
David Johnson 531

Chris Clemente 515
James Bullock 534

This put CURPC in the lead by 16 points initially.

In the second detail of the Team A match, Kenny Wan shot concurrently with Patrick Schweder and Brian Tang.

Kenny Wan: 518
Patrick Schweder: 527
Brian Tang: 517



This meant that the final shooter, Daniel Kumbang, had to score a 511 to win the match.

After a bad start and despite the pressure of being the last shooter and knowing the required score, Daniel managed to pull it together to score a 521, with a perfect 10 points on the final shot, winning the match for CURPC.

Final score:
OUPC 2077 ex. 2400
CURPC 2088 ex. 2400.

Half blues achieved (minimum requirement of 500 ex. 600):

Chris Clemente
James Bullock
Daniel Kumbang
Kenny Wan
Wenjun Qu: 501
Prith Hallikeri: 524

Cambridge University Riding Club

The riding club has something to offer everyone from the beginner and the casual rider to the team rider wanting to compete

www.srcf.ucam.org/curiding/

President: Cecilia Aas, Fitzwilliam

Captain: Jenny Morgan, St John's

Secretary: Elizabeth Hurd, New Hall

Senior Treasurer: Dr Frances Henson, New Hall

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Sam Cutts, Emmanuel

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Jenny Morgan, St John's

Georgie Messenger, Clare

Juanjo Sarralde-Tassara, Girton

The riding club has something to offer everyone. From the beginner keen to learn a new sport, the casual rider looking to enjoy some lessons at a good rate, and finally the team riders wanting to compete against other students at the highest level.

Varsity Match

08/05/09 at Brooksby Equestrian Centre
Cambridge win 12 penalties to 113

Match Report

January 18 – Cambridge home match vs. UEA, Essex and Writtle College. Cambridge gets off to a good start with a strong win including individual honours for new team member Georgie Messenger.

January 28 – Cambridge continue their success despite the driving rain, winning their second match on the trot at UEA.

February 11 – Cambridge suffer the absence of last year's captain, Sam Cutts, to flounder at this Essex competition, finishing fourth.

February 18 – The week after however they are back on top with a convincing win away at Writtle College to secure qualification for the Regionals.

March 18 – Regionals. Cambridge performs brilliantly to take the win by just 0.5 of a penalty over Warwick. They thus qualify for the Nationals for the first time in six years.

April 14-17 – National Championships.

Cambridge does well despite some unlucky mishaps and difficult horse selections. Sam Cutts gets through to the second round dressage and Jenny Morgan does the same for the jumping. After three days of tough competition the team end up fourth overall after a solid group performance.

May 8 – Varsity. Cambridge made a clean sweep over Oxford winning by an incredible 12 points to 113. The win makes the back page of Varsity newspaper – a fitting tribute to a hard year's work.

Other News

Cambridge finished the year as the fourth best University in the Country. Sam Cutts was the most successful member – being selected to represent Great Britain Student Riders at the forthcoming Nations Cup in France. New team member Georgie Messenger has performed extremely well, qualifying her own horse for the National Dressage Championships and adapting well to the rigours of student riding.

The club have been incredibly supportive of the team activities and we look forward to seeing how well everyone performs at the Cuppers Competition.

Sam Cutts



The Eric Evans Fund has helped me enormously by enabling me to afford extra training that would not otherwise have been possible. This has resulted in my having a very successful season both personally and with my 2 young horses: Final Alert (7yo) and General Darco (6yo) The latter I bought from Ireland as a 4yo and have produced totally myself and Final Alert I purchased last year after selling a very talented 8yo I had trained myself and who is now winning at top level dressage. The training and results I have had this year have allowed me to hope that I can develop these two talented young horses, and compete at the highest level in the world (CCI****) as I did with my previous (now retired) horse, Piccola Star, and thus enable me to achieve my dream of representing Great Britain at Senior Championship level.

Results 2009: Winning Varsity Riding Individual and team (a 5th consecutive success for me and an 8th for the team). Qualifying General Darco for the SCOPE National Showjumping Championships. Qualifying both General Darco and Final Alert for Regional Eventing Championships in 2010. Qualifying General Darco for the National Amateur Championships.

Cambridge University Rifle Association

CURA holds the record for the longest number of consecutive varsity wins – 24

www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cura

President: Lt. Col. Simon Gray Commanding Officer CUOTC

Captain: Henry Day, St Catharine's

Secretary: George Wright, Corpus Christi

Senior Treasurer: Dr Diana Henderson, Queens'

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

James Bryson, Selwyn

Michael Judge, Trinity

Rosanne Furniss, Trinity Hall

George Wright, Corpus Christi

Ed Dickson, Trinity Hall

Henry Day, St Catharine's

Holly Foster, Churchill

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Jo Harris, Magdalene

Simon Jones, Churchill

Dan Kumbang, Queen's

Ben Yates, Trinity

CURA is the University's full-bore rifle shooting club. We fire full-bore rifles at targets ranging in distance from 300 to 1200yds in all weather conditions. CURA is active throughout the Easter vacation, Easter term and Summer vacation, the highlight of the season being the National Imperial meeting: this is a two week event consisting of many individual and team competitions ranging from club to international levels, including our Varsity matches. Rifle shooting is a relaxed sport open to both men and women of many different ages and with a great social atmosphere and comradeship. CURA holds the record for the longest number of consecutive varsity wins – 24.

Varsity Match

Target Rifle held on Friday 24th July 2009 at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley, Surrey.

Match Rifle held on Thursday 16th July 2009 at The National Shooting Centre, Bisley, Surrey.

Target Rifle: CURA beat OURC by 24 pts:

1157.126v – 1133.96v

Match Rifle: CURA Beat OURC by 30 pts: 845.64v – 815.46v

The Chancellors' Trophy, presented in 1862 by the Chancellors of the Universities, is the target rifle Varsity Match and consists of ten shots to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards by each member of the VIII. This year the Dark Blues had worked hard to boost their numbers, but this meant that they had a lot of new and inexperienced shots in their VIII. By comparison, this year's Cambridge team was strong and experienced, several of the VIII having competed at international level and with only one who had not competed in Varsity before.

Despite this, the opposition are never to be underestimated and the Chancellors' is always a hard-fought match. Fortunately for the Light Blues, conditions were difficult and we were able to use our experience to greater advantage. 300 yards, although the shortest distance, is often the least forgiving and matches can often be lost on mistakes made here. Both teams put in a solid performance with no mistakes made but Cambridge were able to edge ahead, moving back to 500 with a small lead of 5 points. At 500 the wind was getting more difficult to handle and our coaches' ability really showed through. We

edged ahead even more but a 14-point lead can easily dissolve away at 600yds. This was time to step up and really show the Dark Blues what we were made of - then the heavens opened. The grey clouds that had hung threateningly over the match finally unleashed their potential, but there are no rain delays in shooting and we ploughed on. The wind coaches won us the match, keeping their cool in difficult conditions and keeping our shots in the bulls-eye. Top scorers were Ed Dickson, with an impressive 148 ex 150 and Henry Day with 147 ex 150. The Chancellors' was ours for another year.

The Humphry Trophy, presented in 1880, is the match rifle Varsity Match and consists of 15 shots to count at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards from each member of a team of IV. The Humphry is often a lot closer, Cambridge winning last year by only 1 point. This year we were determined to really show the Dark Blues just how strong we could be. In difficult conditions Cambridge chose to use their time limit wisely, waiting for the wind to stabilise and then shooting quickly. Oxford had slower shooters and hence were unable to use their time to their advantage in the same way, ploughing on through the difficult winds and losing points. At 1100, Mike Judge and Rosanne Furniss put in star performances, scoring 74 ex 75 each, and this put us at a great advantage leading into 1200 yards - the most difficult distance. Here all Cambridge needed was to fire good shots and not drop below their average, leading us to an emphatic 30 point victory!

Henry Day



My Sport is Long Range Target Rifle Shooting. This involves shooting a target at distances ranging from 300 to 1000 yards and trying to get the highest score possible by judging the wind conditions and setting one's sights accordingly. The sport is rare in that everyone can compete on equal terms despite their gender, or age. I compete in individual competitions but enjoy team shooting most. Team shooting has enabled me to travel a great deal and I have been fortunate enough to tour Canada twice, South Africa and the Channel Islands and I have represented BUSA, GB U19s and GB U21s.

Unfortunately Target Shooting is an expensive sport, there is no sponsorship of the sport and what prize money there is does not cover the costs of the competition. Competitors predominantly have to fund themselves, which in the current economic climate is becoming increasingly difficult. I am therefore very grateful to have been awarded a grant from the Eric Evans fund, which has contributed significantly towards paying for my competition fees.

This year I was selected for the Great Britain Rifle team to Canada, August 2010. This is my first senior international cap. As well as this I was selected for the GB U25 squad for the U25 World Championships and one of only 4 U25s selected for the GB training squad for the Long Range World Championships in Australia 2011. Shooting

at this high international level is extremely competitive with the world championship match only being won by a margin of 1 or 2 points out of a total of several thousand. Because of this, GB team training is very intense. Apart from practising as much as possible, we also use electronic training devices to analyse our technique as well as looking at sports psychology and nutrition.

One of the best things I've done this year though, has been captaining the Cambridge University Rifle Association. CURA is one of the University's oldest sports clubs and currently holds the record for the longest number of straight varsity wins at 24 years. CURA has been fortunate enough this year to have several members who are competing at a national or international standard and the experience I have gained from GB level training I have been able to impart to the Cambridge team. Captaining Cambridge to Varsity success has got to be one of the best experiences I have had and will be one of the best moments from my time in Cambridge. It is thanks to the support of the Eric Evans Fund as well as the Hawks' Charitable Trust and my college that has made my achievements this year possible and affordable.

Other News

Apart from the Varsity matches, CURA has had a very successful season, winning several of our club matches in Easter term. Unfortunately we narrowly missed out on winning the BUCS team competition. Although we had a decent short-range match, our long range was plagued by an unexpected rifle failure, which put us behind some very strong opposition. We did however win the Universities' Aggregate, with CURA's A, B and C teams taking the top three spots.

Many CURA members have had a great deal of individual success. In Match Rifle, Rosanne Furniss made history by being selected for England in the Elcho Match against the other home nations. She was the first woman ever to be selected to shoot for England in the 147 year history of the match, a true pioneer for Women's Match Rifle shooting. John Lindsay was also selected as reserve for the same match.

Holly Foster was selected for two England tours in target rifle, first to America in September and again to South Africa in April, and she is also on the short list for the GB U25 team to the World Championships in Australia in 2011. Ed Dickson has been selected as Adjutant for the GB U25 team to the Under 25 World Championships.

Henry Day has been selected to represent Great Britain on a tour to Canada in 2010, in addition to also being on the selection short lists for the GB team and GB U25 team to the World Championships in 2011.

In the Imperial meeting at Bisley, Ed Dickson topped CURA in the Grand Aggregate at 68th and came a superb 4th in the Final of the St George's prize. Both Henry Day and John Lindsay qualified for the final of HM the Queen's Prize. Finally, Dan Kumbang had a brilliant meeting: he captained the Malaysian team to success in all the international matches, as well as top scoring on several of these occasions, winning the Junior Mackinnon, the Junior Overseas and the Junior Kolapore matches. These achievements are all the more remarkable when it is noted that this was the first year Dan has entered the Imperial TR meeting!

As you can see, CURA is improving and growing year on year. We are fortunate enough to have some great talent in the team, with several members already competing at international level who are ready and willing to pass their experience and knowledge on to new members and improve the University's shooting a great deal.

Thanks must also go to our many old members and friends of the club who have given us tremendous support, both in coaching and through donations of kit and money. Without them we really wouldn't be able to claim so much success.

Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club

The CURFC is a club with a long history, having been formed well over one hundred years ago

www.cu-sparrows.org.uk/

President: Bob Dolby Esq.

Captain: Chris Jones, Emmanuel

Secretary: Rupert Walter, St John's

Senior Treasurer: Dr P Reynolds, Magdalene

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Chris Jones, Emmanuel (4th time)

Alqahir Ladak, Christ's (2nd time)

Jacob Brubert, Queen's (1st time)

Charlie Dewhurst, St John's (1st time)

The Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club is a club with a long history, having been formed well over one hundred years ago when the first Rugby Fives courts were built at Portugal Place in 1892. Although Rugby Fives is rather unknown by most, the club throughout the years have had some extremely talented players and prides itself on its long tradition and success and continues to breed new talent even though there are no courts currently in Cambridge, so requires commitment of travelling weekly to Oundle school to practice.

Varsity Match

25th February 2009 at St Paul's School, London
Oxford beat Cambridge by 298 to 109

Match Report

This year the Light Blues came up against an extremely strong Oxford team, and adding to that, we lost our most successful player of all time, which meant it was always going to be a tough ask to win Varsity this year.

The annual Varsity Match at St Paul's School in London consists of an 8-man team, of which the top four are awarded Half Blues only. These four play one singles rubber to fifteen points against their opposite number in the morning, and then in the afternoon there is the doubles, where each of the four doubles pairings play four games of doubles.

After the round of singles Cambridge were already 60 points to 14 down, with points difficult to come by against a team which had the BUCS

Champion for the last two years and an ex-Cambridge Varsity winner.

Most of the points however are available in doubles, and so we still knew that we were not out of it, and if we played our best fives then we would give ourselves every chance to do just that. Unfortunately the Oxford team were just too strong all the way down the order, since they had more strength and depth than us this year, and so won all but one of the doubles matches, resulting in a fairly heavy 298-109 points loss.

This was always going to be a very tough task to come out and win, and so overall the team did their best, and can only improve and learn from this for next season.

Other News

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

We played 8 matches this year all against strong opposition, including clubs, which included many ex Varsity representatives and BUCS Champions. We won two out of the eight fixtures, defeating the Executioners and the RFA, and lost narrowly to UCS and Alleyns Old Boys, and also lost out in the Annual Cambridge Past v Present Matchup, which was a memorable day since it was the sixtieth such match, and was marked by a fine dinner in the Great Hall of Magdalene College.

Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club

CURUFC is a strictly amateur club and is open to any student at Cambridge University

www.curufc.com

President: Prof B F G Johnson, Fitzwilliam

Captain: D.J. Vickerman, Hughes Hall

Secretary: D.J. Rowe, Hughes Hall

Senior Treasurer: John Bamford

Blues Awarded 2008-09

J.S. Richards, Hughes Hall

J.S. Wellwood, St Edmund's

C.C. Lewis, St Catharine's

R.M. Ranby, St Edmund's

J.M. Greenwood, Hughes Hall

A.W. Reid, St John's

D.J. Rowe, Hughes Hall

N.T. Conlon, St Edmund's

M.T. Crockett, St Edmund's

J.J.R. Dawson, St Edmund's

M.S. Wilson, Selwyn

D.J. Vickerman, Hughes Hall

W.R. Jones, St Edmund's

T.W. Malaney, St Edmund's

T.P. Boynton, Hughes Hall

P.B.J. Crossley, Homerton

A. Daniel, St Edmund's

C. O'Keeffe, St Edmund's

C. Rees, St Catharine's

S.K. MacLennan, St John's

J.J. Wheeler, St Edmund's

R.P. McGuire, Hughes Hall

The Club is a strictly amateur one and is open to any student at Cambridge University. There are three regular teams, The Blues, LX Club and U21's plus occasional fixtures for U21A's and Colleges XV. The Blues have a strong fixture list against professional clubs A XV's and play midweek whilst the other teams play at weekends. All teams are selected on merit, and receive regular coaching from qualified staff together with medical and strength and conditioning support. The five teams mentioned all have a respective Varsity Match in December culminating with the Blues and U21's competing with 'the other place' at Twickenham.

In addition Cambridge University Rugby Union is a constituent body of the RFU and administers the Colleges Leagues and Cuppers Competition in which over 20 Colleges play weekly fixtures throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms.

Varsity Match

11th December 2008 at Twickenham Stadium, London

Oxford 33 – Cambridge 29

The Blues Varsity Match at Twickenham started well for Cambridge with an immediate shot at goal, which unfortunately missed. The opening try was scored by Oxford down the left following a powerful run by the winger. The Blues were able to hit back almost straight away through a well-worked try by James Richards (Hughes Hall) which he converted. A quick exchange of penalties put the score at 10-8 to Cambridge, with Richards scoring for Cambridge. However, another try from OURFC winger Catlin preceded the sin binning of Richards which was shortly followed by another try and a penalty to the Dark Blues. This 15minute blitz had put Oxford into a strong 25-10 lead at half time.

The start of the second half saw Cambridge hearts sink further when indiscretion brought another penalty. With Cambridge looking down the barrel of a Dark Blue gun, they rallied, and with the introduction of the bench, Niall Conlon (St Edmund's) went over for a try. However, a breakaway Oxford score restored the 18-point deficit. Cambridge struck back again with a try by substitute flanker Joey Wheeler (St Edmund's) following a powerful charge by Charlie Rees

(St Catharine's). With 4 minutes to go, winger James Wellwood (St Edmund's) powered over from close range to leave the score at 33-29. Despite a tense last few minutes, Cambridge were unable to break through and seal what would have been a remarkable win.

Skipper Jon Dawson (St Edmund's) was extremely proud of the commitment and fight shown by his team, in particular in showing the strength of character to come back from such a deficit.

The LX Club v OURFC Greyhounds Varsity game had to be moved from Grange Road to Cambridge RFC at the last minute due to frost and in an exciting encounter the 'Hounds gradually pulled away in the second half to win by 27-15. Tries for CURUFC were scored by Jonny Thompson (Christ's) and Richard Lum (St John's) with a conversion and penalty kicked by Rhydian McGuire (Hughes Hall)

A fantastic performance by the CURUFC U21's at HQ saw a victory by 20-3, keeping the 'other side' tryless through well organised and tough defence and exhibiting some exhilarating expansive attacking rugby on our behalf. The score could have been greater but winger Fraser Johnston (Emmanuel) finished off a great move with a try in the corner and flanker Luke Aylward (Homerton) sprinted in under the posts to score tries and full back Will Balfour (Queens') kicked ten points. It was a consummate victory and great credit should be given to the whole squad for this victory topping off an excellent season.

The U21A XV travelled to Iffley Road defending the cup and determined not to leave it in Oxford. The game was very exciting and skilful with the Cambridge team generally dominating. Tries from No.8 Ben Miller (Robinson) and centre Mat Thomas (St John's) converted by Aaron Sonenfeld (St John's) put the U21A's into a deserved 12-0 lead going into the last fifteen minutes. However, a good fight back from the Whippets culminated in a drawn game 12-12 but crucially a 'winning draw' for CURUFC. The cup is still at Grange Road. The general feeling was happy with the cup retention but very disappointed to have let a game, which should have been won, slip away.

CURUFC Cambridge Colleges XV v OURFC Colleges XV

This was another excellent match, which ultimately proved to be a battle between the power and organisation of the Cambridge pack against the sheer speed of the OURFC backs. As if to prove the old adage that 'speed is king' the four tries scored by the OURFC winger led to a victory by 31-12 which appeared handsome in terms of score but obscured the really hard fought nature of the game. Cambridge tries were scored by No. 8 Ed Wells and centre James Taylor (both St John's) with Leo White (Queens') converting one.

Other News

Tom Malaney (St Edmund's) was selected for the England Students XV.

Blues Squad went on a pre season tour to Portugal and played twice against the National Team.

In November the Blues squad suffered a narrow defeat in Madrid to the Spanish National XV.

9 Players and 2 staff participated in a combined Oxbridge tour to Japan in March based in Yokohama and on an invitation from the Kanagawa Rugby Union and The Japan RFU. Two matches were played against strong opposition from 'All Kanto' and 'All Keio' University RFC's with one victory and one loss.

Blues Player of the Year was centre Chris Lewis (St Catharine's).

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Captain: Rachel Thompson, Murray Edward's

Secretary: Lauren Iredale, Girton

Senior Treasurer: Ian Mills, Wolfson

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Skylar Neil, Magdelene

Rici Marshall, Sidney Sussex

Emily Matthews, Jesus

Lucy Chumas, Downing

Kerry Bloxham, Murray Edward's

Lucy Hartwell, Downing

Fran Bailey, Gonville & Caius

Talia Gershon, Clare

Andrea Turner, Queen's

Claire Dawkins, Trinity Hall

Helen Bellfield, Homerton

Lauren Iredale, Girton

Rachel Thompson, Murray Edward's

Kate Robson, Girton

Anne Venner, Murray Edward's

Louise Anning, Girton

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Rhiannon Pugh, St John's

Katie Pearcey, Murray Edward's

Helen Newsome, Trinity Hall

Sammie Hurrell, Magdelene

Fiona Davies, Trinity

Natalie Cordon, Emmanuel

Kim Roper, Emmanuel

Charlotte Wheeler-Booth, St John's

Miriam Toolan, Murray Edward's

Carol Evans, St John's

Ellie Coen, Newnham

Sarah Moreley, Magdelene

Rachel Nixon, Girton

Hannah Wells, St John's

Nina Wale, Emmanuel

Erni Visser, Queen's

Victoria Watts, Gonville & Caius

Polly Robinson, Hughes Hall

Jo Harris, Magdelene

Jessica Tayenjam, Sidney Sussex

Cambridge University Women's Rugby Club consists of a very committed group of players and coaches who work hard together to produce high standards of rugby. The club plays in a Sunday League and a BUCS League during Michealmas and Lent term. The Varsity Match is played late in Lent term. The club is always working to encourage new girls to take up rugby as, although the popularity of the sport is growing, not a lot of girls have the opportunity to play rugby before coming to University. The club also has a great social calendar with meals, pub-crawls, rugby tours and trips to watch matches.

Varsity Match

07/03/2009 at Grange Road Rugby Club, Cambridge.

Blues: Cambridge win 9, Oxford lost 0

Cambridge Tigers: 34, Oxford Panthers: 5

Match Report:

This year's Women's Rugby Varsity was always going to be competitive, even more so since Cambridge snatched victory from Oxford in the closing minutes of both matches last year. Saturday 7th March dawned brilliantly sunny as Oxford and Cambridge made their way to Grange Road for this year's Women's Rugby Varsity



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matches. Coming into this year's Varsity on the back of a very successful season, Cambridge were determined to retain last year's unprecedented double victory.

The Blues match was an extremely hard-fought affair with both sides determined to win. In the early minutes, Oxford battled their way to a position just short of the Cambridge line but the Cambridge defence held strong and fought off Oxford's attack. A resurgent Cambridge ploughed up the pitch and when Oxford gave away a penalty in front of the posts, right-wing Helen Bellfield slotted the ball over the posts for three points. Hard work from the Cambridge forwards, particularly in the lineouts and in the scrums meant that Oxford found it difficult to make ground. Huge tackles were the order of the day with Vice Captain Emily Matthews scything Oxford's winger in half and left-wing Kate Robson putting in tackles that had the Grange Road crowd wincing. Another Oxford mistake gave away another penalty, which Bellfield kicked over for another three points. However, six points is nothing in rugby and the sin binning of blindside flanker, Fran Bailey, for Cambridge's persistent high tackling could have been the beginning of an Oxford resurgence. Cambridge kept their heads and kept going forward, stretching the Oxford defence until another Oxford slip-up gave Bellfield another opportunity for three points, which she gladly took. The 9-0 score meant that Cambridge's supporters were on the edge of their seats until the final whistle blew, announcing Cambridge as the 2009 Women's Varsity Rugby Match winners.

First up were the Cambridge Tigers taking on the Oxford Panthers. From the outset Cambridge looked the stronger team, dominating Oxford in the rucks and in the scrums. After a long period of play by the forwards, a quick pop from a ruck by Sammie Hurrell to her second-row partner Lou Anning to score the first try of the game. The second try of the game came in a similar fashion with prop Helen 'Doris' Newsome putting the ball over the line. Quick hands down the line by the backs led to a Cambridge overlap and fullback Elly Coen scored over the Oxford line. A series of unfortunate missed tackles allowed Oxford's winger to nip past the Cambridge defence and score Oxford's only try. Cambridge, however, were not overcome by this mishap and with the ball back in Cambridge hands, prop Helen Newsome took a quick tap penalty and popped to Lou Anning for the lock to score her second try of the game. Cambridge's fifth try came from a superb kick from fly half Miriam Toolan which Elly Coen put over the line after catching from a fantastic chase. Captain and inside-centre Carol Evans led her team with determination and confidence and was rewarded when she dodged the Oxford defence to score following a scrum. Oxford attempted to fight back but the score-line was against them. The final whistle blew and Cambridge's victory was set in stone with a score-line of 34-5.

Other News

CUWRFC were undefeated in the BUCS League and won by 6 points. They also reached the Quarter Finals of the BUCS Cup. In the Sunday League, National Challenge 1, the team finished 3rd having only been defeated by the top two teams.

Anne Venner, 1st year PHD student in neuroscience, successfully made it onto the East Regionals Side.

Some members of the team have begun to work with local Cambridgeshire rugby to help develop rugby for girls age 12-15 and hopefully this will continue next season. So far the team have helped with a development day and 7's Tournament.

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Cambridge University Amateur Rugby League Football Club

CUARLFC was founded in 1980 and the club approaches its 30th anniversary

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Matt Bray, Gonville & Caius

Will Brewster, Downing

Ali Glass, Selwyn

Freddie Humphreys, Fitzwilliam

James Hunt, Clare

Patrick Hunt, Sidney Sussex

George Laing, Gonville & Caius

Joe Pitt-Rashid, Sidney Sussex

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James Shearman, Sidney Sussex

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Mark Sweeney, Magdalene

George Sykes, Sidney Sussex

Luke Tyson, Magdalene

Rupert Wingate-Saul, Sidney Sussex

CUARLFC was founded in 1980 and as the club approaches its 30th anniversary it continues to go from strength to strength. With full-time coach and club manager John Evans at its helm, the club is increasing its exposure to Cambridge students, who are more often than not receiving their first taste of the pace and energy of Rugby League.

During the Lent and Michaelmas terms CUARLFC competes in the BUCS League and Knockout Competitions, but the season's focus remains the Varsity Match at the end of the Lent term. The Varsity Match is now firmly established at Harlequin's Twickenham Stoop and support from match day sponsor, Pcuped, has entered its 11th year. The evening fixture has a fantastic atmosphere and is well supported; attracting 1500 spectators, as well as the 80,000+ viewing the match live on Sky Sports.

Varsity Match

5th March 2009; Twickenham Stoop, London
Cambridge 20 – Oxford 4

Match Report

The 29th Pcuped Varsity Match kicked off in front of an enthusiastic crowd and in perfect playing conditions for an open and expansive game. The opening quarter was not for the faint hearted and Cambridge looked to settle first as they exerted good pressure and camped out in the Oxford half. As Cambridge threatened a fumbled pass allowed Oxford's Danny O'Driscoll to hare off up field and the next play saw winger James Batstone cross for the first score of the game. Against the run of play, the score brought back bad memories of last year's unsuccessful match for many of Cambridge's returning players. Fortunately the Green Lions responded with the composure characteristic of their season and as they re-built their field position, Matt Bray bust through his opposite number for a short range try. James Hunt calmly kicked the conversion and Cambridge had taken the lead just three minutes after Oxford's try. The remainder of the half was close, the only other score coming from a James Hunt penalty to make the half time score 8-4.

The Light Blues started the second half with more control in the collision and ruck. James Hunt built on his first half performance to add another penalty and give Cambridge some comfort in a tight game. Several lapses in defence meant that line breaks by Oxford's Hugh McCormick and Pete Forster caused Cambridge trouble, but the defence reorganised quickly to force a series of errors from the Oxford attack. A period of scrappy play meant that neither side could control the



game for long enough to build pressure, but an astute short kicking game from Cambridge Half Rupert Wingate-Saul gave Cambridge good field position from which they were sure to capitalise. With nine minutes remaining, a right side shift to Rupert Wingate-Saul exposed some weak defence on the Oxford left and Aaron Sonenfeld broke the line to send Ignacio Quintana over for his first Varsity try. James Hunt again added the conversion to make it four from four. With a more comfortable lead the Light Blues continued to exert pressure on the tiring Oxford side and good work saw winger Joe Pitt-Rashid score a simple try on the right hand side to make the final score 20-4.

With strong performances from the entire team, special mention must go to the props, Matt Bray and man-of-the-match James Shearman – who played despite his father's serious illness – and second-rowers Freddie Humphries and Paddy Hunt; their strong running formed the basis of much of Cambridge's play.

Other News

CUARLFC have had an outstanding season and for the first time in over 10 years won their BUCS Division. Only beaten in the league by Nottingham Trent early in Michaelmas, it came down to a winner-takes-all encounter for the league title in Cambridge. The game was a close, physical affair, which was borne out by the full-time score of 12-0. Our showing in the BUCS Cup Knock-Out Competition was strong, but was once again thwarted by time, with our quarter-final fixture against Leeds clashing with the Varsity match itself.

As many fixtures at the start of the year were postponed due to the run of poor weather, it was difficult to fit in the usual number of games against academy opposition in the run up to Varsity. Fortunately the Light Blues were able to accommodate Harlequins RL Academy and the game was played in near perfect conditions at Trinity Old Fields. From a 6-16 half-time deficit the team put in one of the season's best performances to win 24-20.

Much of this season's success has been down to the high proportion of returning players; many of whom had also toured Australia over the summer. The Australia tour was played against a high level of opposition and it proved a great learning experience for many of the players. The club has had a great atmosphere this year and with participation increasing again CUARLFC were, for the first time in its history, able to field a reserve team. The 'Cobras' played Oxford's reserve team, the 'Maroons', at St Mary's College in Twickenham in a curtain raiser to the main Varsity match. Unfortunately the Cobras lost 38-12, but hopefully the team will build itself over for the coming seasons and establish its place firmly within the club.

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Cambridge University Ski & Snowboard Club

The aim of the Cambridge University Ski & Snowboard Club is to promote skiing and snowboarding throughout the University

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President: Jamie Gilbert, St Edmund's

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Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Ellie Wiseman, Magdalene

Anna Duch, Peterhouse

Catherine Pelton, Murray Edward's

Jamie Gilbert, St Edmund's

Pete Calvert, Trinity

Andy Wheble, Trinity

Evan Scouros, Trinity

The aim of the Cambridge University Ski & Snowboard Club is to promote skiing and snowboarding throughout the University. Our primary focus for the academic year is undoubtedly the Varsity Trip, which operates every Christmas and is fast becoming one of the sporting and social highlights of the Oxbridge

calendar. Our second alpine trip of the year is the British Universities Ski Trip (aka BUSC) and takes place over the Easter Vacation. Here we join 2000 students for two weeks on the largest student trip of its kind in the world! Both trips are open to beginners and world professionals alike.

We normally field 3 men's and 2 ladies teams for the Varsity Match and enter several teams for the BUSC (British Universities Ski Council) Championships. Training takes place once a week on the dry slope and here we also compete at the BUDS (British Universities Dry slope Championships) National Finals and in the King's Series.

Snowboarding competitions take place on the VT, and training/social trips are arranged to the Milton Keynes Snow Dome throughout term time. These often combine with the Freestyle and Beginner sessions.

An active social program supports our busy calendar with the Varsity Reunion Dinner and après-ski sessions being some of the highlights.

Varsity Match

Despite the disappointment of losing both men's and women's matches this year, the men's was by an incredibly close margin, and we were very pleased that the men's and women's 2nds Competitions were both Cambridge victories.

In the men's competition there were very strong performances from Andy Wheble, Evan Scouros, and Pete Calvert, with Wheble being the strongest Cambridge man finishing second overall. After the first event (Giant Slalom), Cambridge were ahead by 2 seconds overall, but Oxford skied extremely well in the second run of the slalom to clinch the Challenge Cup for another year.

The Cambridge Girls performed well in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom in the Varsity Races, but ultimately could not quite keep up with the strong performance put out by the Oxford Girls Blues. The Giant Slalom in the morning and the first Slalom run in the afternoon were both tricky due to bad visibility and flat light conditions. However, the second Slalom run, carried out in the dark under floodlights, saw some considerably faster times from both teams. Of those who were awarded Half Blues, Catherine Pelton came 2nd in G.S. and 3rd in Slalom, Ellie Wiseman came 6th in both races, and Anna Duch came 7th in G.S. and 5th in Slalom. Emma Cohen also deserves a mention for coming 5th in the Giant Slalom.

Despite losing two of our strongest skiers this year, CUSSC has a real belief, that with new



blood coming through, and the incredibly close nature of the last two competitions, that our time is coming.

Other News

Throughout the year, CUSSC competes in the Kings Ski Club Race Series, against other Universities; the British Universities Dry Skiing Championships (the largest dry slope race in the world), and the British Universities Indoor Skiing Championships (held at the snowdomes).

In the Kings Races we qualified for the National Finals against the top Universities in the UK, and Pete Calvert finished 12th in the men's, while Ros Wallduck finished 18th in the women's. In the Team Event, the Girls team did brilliantly, coming top of the Regional Results Table and narrowly missing out on the top 4 at the National Finals. The Finals team was made up of Ros Wallduck, Sara McCraight, Lucy Greaves and Catherine Pelton.

At the British Universities Indoor Skiing Championships Pete Calvert, Andy Wheble, Catherine Pelton, and Ros Wallduck all qualified through the Southern Universities Qualifier held at Milton Keynes, for the Finals at Castleford. Amazingly, Andy finished an admirable 3rd.

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Cambridge University Small Bore Club

Cambridge University Small Bore Club is amongst the oldest clubs at the University

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Captain: John Lindsay III, Downing
Secretary: Edward Dickson, Trinity Hall

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Lara Bogie, Christ's
Peter Brett, Girton
Edward Dickson, Trinity Hall
James Diviney, Gonville & Caius
Rosanne Furniss, Trinity Hall
John Lindsay, Downing

Club Colours Awarded 2008-09

Daniel Kumbang, Queen's
Sudharshan Murugesu, Jesus
George Wright, Corpus Christi

Cambridge University Small Bore Club, and its sister club, The Cambridge University Rifle Association, are amongst the oldest varsity clubs at the University. CUSBC is an official sports club of the university of Cambridge and we are affiliated to the National Small-Bore Rifle Association of Great Britain.

Varsity Match

1st VIII (mixed) and Ladies IV – 14th February 2009 at Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley Camp, Surrey.
2nd VIII and Three Position – 28th February 2009 at Queen Elizabeth Way Range, Cambridge.

1st VIII (The Heslop) – Won: 1530-1508 (ex 1600)
2nd VIII (The Kensington) – Won: 1527-1470 (ex 1600)
Ladies IV (The Bentata) – Won: 768-706 (ex 800)
Three Position (The Lerman) – Won: 933-887 (ex 1200)

Match Report:

The four Varsity Matches of the Cambridge University Small Bore Club were shot against

Oxford on 14th and 28th February 2009. The 1st VIII Match and the Ladies IV Match being shot away, at the Lord Roberts Centre on Bisley Camp, and the 2nd VIII and the Three Position matches being shot two weeks later at home, at the Queen Elizabeth Way Range in Cambridge. After the success of last year's teams, pressures on this year's 1st VIII were high, especially after a promising series of match victories leading up to the Varsity encounter.

The 1st VIII rose to the occasion and put up a very respectable score of 1530 ex 1600, comfortably beating Oxford's effort of 1508. Furthermore, the Ladies IV who shot on the same day also scored extremely highly (768 ex 800) and overcame the Dark Blue's offering of 706. Special mention must go to Rosanne Furniss, Trinity Hall and Lara Bogie, Christ's, whose scores of 197 ex 200 and 195 ex 200 respectively allowed them both to achieve the first part of a Full Blue qualifying score, with Rosanne also top scoring for Cambridge.

Undefeated thus far, CUSBC prepared itself for the final two Varsity Matches on 28th February. The 2nd VIII revealed the depth of skill within the club and not only won their match (1527 ex 1600 vs. 1470 ex 1600) but also repeated a feat accomplished last year and thus becoming something of a tradition, where the score of Cambridge's 2nd VIII was higher than that of Oxford's 1st VIII. It is hoped that the same will be achieved again next year! Top scorer was Ian Craigie (194 ex 300). The Three Position Match, usually dominated by Oxford, proved even more dramatic this year with the Captain of the team being taken ill and a last minute substitute

having to be found. Needless to say, CUSBC rallied in the face of adversity and put up a score of 933 ex 1200 which beat Oxford's 887. Special mention here must go to the CUSBC Captain, John Lindsay III (Downing), asked to shoot in the match mere minutes before it started but who managed to top score overall with 257 ex 300.

Despite the Oxford teams shooting extremely well, CUSBC managed to win all four Varsity Matches, an accomplishment, which has not been known within the club in recent years. With a strong base of new and old talent, it is hoped that this success will be carried on to next year's squads.

Half Blues were awarded to:

Lara Bogie, Christ's
Peter Brett, Girton (re-award)
Edward Dickson, Trinity Hall (re-award)
James Diviney, Gonville and Caius (re-award)
Rosanne Furniss, Trinity Hall (re-award)
John Lindsay, Downing

Other News

This year was extremely successful for CUSBC in the Varsity Matches and in other regular match fixtures, both internal and external. The club obtained many new and talented members, adding to an already strong foundation of experienced shots. Cuppers saw Trinity Hall retain its title, followed by Downing second and Magdalene third.

Cambridge shot and won matches against Edinburgh University, Southampton University, and Gresham's School.

CUSBC also shot in the English Universities Shooting League, acquitting themselves well over the course of several rounds. Special mention must go to Peter Brett who achieved a perfect score of 200 ex 200 at the Reading round of the competition.

BUCS saw much success for CUSBC: the club finished fourth in the Team Postal League after ten rounds, just behind Oxford. Cambridge also qualified for the BUCS Team Finals. In addition, CUSBC managed to place four of its members in the top twenty of the BUCS Individual Postal League with Peter Brett, Girton, 3rd, Edward Dickson, Trinity Hall, 4th, James Diviney, Gonville and Caius, 7th, and Rosanne Furniss, Trinity Hall, 17th. Finally, both Peter Brett and James Diviney shot in the BUCS Individual Final, finishing an impressive 3rd and 10th respectively

Cambridge University Squash Rackets Club

CUSRC is one of the oldest sporting clubs
in Cambridge

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President: Geoff Moggridge, King's

Men's Captain: Michael Mackay, St John's

Women's Captain: Kate Mason, Peterhouse

Men's Secretary: Dave Allman, St John's

Women's Secretary: Alexandra Bryant, Christ's

Blues Awarded 2008-09

Harry Leitch, Fitzwilliam

Jamie Douglas, St John's

Nick Sutcliffe, St John's

Craig Winthrop, Girton

Ann Babbie, Gonville & Caius

Alexandra Bryant, Christ's

Kate Mason, Peterhouse

Yvonne Ang, Clare

Karen Hird, St Catharine's

Half Blues Awarded 2008-09

Tim Helme, Churchill

Andrea Kuesters, St John's

CUSRC is one of the oldest sporting clubs in Cambridge. This year's was the 78th squash Varsity Match. The men play numerous one-off fixtures throughout the year against teams such as the Jesters, the Army, RAF and Old Boys. The women's Blues play in BUCS League and Cup Competitions and have been promoted to the Premier League this year. All women's teams also participate in the Cambridgeshire County Leagues.

Varsity Match

04/02/2009 held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, and London.

Men Won 5-0, Women Lost 1-4

It was a nervous Cambridge team that awaited the start of the squash Varsity Match this Saturday down at the Royal Automobile Club in London. Having taken apart their Oxford opponents last year 5-0, you would have thought the (largely unchanged) Men's Team would have

been confident. But rumours had reached us of Oxford's new numbers 2 and 3, both of whom are former top ten ranked England Juniors, and their opposing Cambridge numbers – Jamie Douglas and Nick Sutcliffe – were both carrying injuries. The women's team had its own worries.

A tremendous season culminating in a closely fought victory over Durham on Wednesday had seen them promoted to the BUCS Premier League for next year, but a disappointing Varsity result last February still rankled. They had also lost a key player from last year – a significant loss for a team comprised of only five players.

The women were first to play. Karen Hird, already a real tennis and badminton Blue, was playing in her first squash Varsity Match at number 5. Though Hird's Varsity experience meant she kept her cool, it was not enough and she went down 3-1. At number 3, Captain Kate Mason faced Oxford's Jenny Brown, hoping to avenge last year's 3-0 defeat. At first it seemed she might do just that: for the first two games Brown had no answers and Mason was leading 2-0. But in the third Oxford fought back and her confidence faltered. Her match ended in a disappointing 3-2 loss for Cambridge.

On court 2, Cambridge number 2 Alex Bryant was struggling at 0-2 against Varsity veteran Sarah Blakey. But with her characteristic tenacity, Bryant dug in, playing some stunning tight rallies and attacking her more experienced opponent. She played the best squash any of us have seen from her to take her to a brilliant 3-2 win and was named Woman of the Match. Number 1 Ann Babbie's played well for her sixth Blue, but she

could not find her true form to defeat Oxford Captain Aly Hollington, and the match went 4-1 in Oxford's favour.

So it was up to the men to teach Oxford a lesson. And so they did. At number 4, Captain Mike Mackay had his opponent on a string, repeatedly making tight shots and exploiting his superior fitness to win 3-0. New boys Tim Helme (reserve) and Craig Winthrop (number 5) played great games on the unforgiving RAC courts, while Jamie Douglas' fourth Varsity Match was an intense display of shot-making and brutal rallies. His fractured finger only seemed to make him more determined as he overpowered Oxford's Simon Roach to win 3-0 and claim Man of the Match.

Nick Sutcliffe, playing at number 3, faced one of Oxford's new nationally ranked juniors. Despite losing the first game 10-9 against spirited opposition, Nick came back spectacularly to win the last three games, barely dropping a point. Meanwhile Harry Leitch, facing his opponent from last year who caused him some trouble, turned in a stunning display to crush his opponent in another 3-0 win and put the icing on the cake of a special display from the men's team.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to our coach, Richard Loke who, as always, has been so supportive and helpful to everyone involved in the club and without whom the club would not be the same.

Other News

The women's Blues entered the BUCS Competition for the first time in five years. After an extremely successful Michaelmas Term, which saw us win our Midlands League, we travelled to Durham only four days before the Varsity Match to play off for a place in the Premier League. The long train journey and Durham's refusal to move the start time half an hour to help us whetted our appetite for victory. We won by seven games to six.

The women also beat Bath at home to reach the BUCS Cup Semi-Finals. Though the absence of two of our players meant we were below strength for the Semi-Final against Birmingham, to progress so far was an exciting achievement. It also stands us in excellent stead for next year when not one of our five Blues will be leaving Cambridge.

The Second and Third teams played a visiting Oxford side for their Varsity Match on March 7th. The women were led by Gillian Fox and the men by Dave Allman. All four teams beat Oxford in a dazzling display of form in front of the supportive home crowd.

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Cambridge University Swimming and Waterpolo Club

CUSWPC consists of two teams, which represent Cambridge University in swimming and Waterpolo

www.cuswpc.org

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Captain: Men's Swimming: Ho-On To, Trinity
Women's Swimming: Heather Moore, Fitzwilliam
Women's Waterpolo: Jenny MacLeod, Downing

Secretaries: Men's & Women's Swimming: Chloe Grover, Robinson

Men's Waterpolo: Peter Kreuzaler, Trinity Hall
Women's Waterpolo: Kate Weber, Corpus Christi

Senior Treasurer: Dr. C. Burgoyne, Jesus

Blues Awarded (Swimming)

Ho-On To, Trinity
Tom Rootsey, Jesus
Andy Corley, Downing
Tommy Bajorek, Sidney Sussex
Heather Moore, Fitzwilliam
Emily Bottle, Trinity Hall
Caroline Gordon, Emmanuel
Kat De Rome, St John's

Blues Awarded 2008/09 (Waterpolo)

Steve Smith, Hughes Hall
Andrea Cantone, Churchill
Peter Kreuzaler, Trinity Hall
Nicholas McLoughlin, Christ's
Steve Cooke, Trinity
Henry Gomersall, Trinity
Jennifer MacLeod, Downing
Rachael Mell, Newnham
Claire Martin, Gonville & Caius
Rebecca Voorhees, Clare
Josie Faulkner, Clare
Kate Weber, Darwin
Maxine Von Eye, Lucy Cavendish
Philine ze Ermgassen, St Catharine's

Half Blues Awarded 2008/09 (Swimming)

Lewis Jones, Peterhouse
Mike Flower, Queen's
Chris Davis, Selwyn
Roberto Guadarrama-Baena, Darwin
Jamie Leadbetter, Peterhouse
Josh Little, Corpus Christi

Emma Gorton, Selwyn
Natalie Moores, Downing
Jessica Trellick, Trinity
Teresa Thurston, Robinson
Emily Darley, Girton
Charlotte Roach, Trinity
Kate Weber, Corpus Christi
Rachel Long, Queen's

Half Blues Awarded 2008/09 (Waterpolo)

Alex Ross, Gonville & Caius
Marcus Taylor, Hughes Hall
Georgios Lentaris, Churchill
Riccardo Di Pietro, Downing
Stefan Palzer, Hughes Hall
Barnabas Sleep, St John's
James Hutchison, Fitzwilliam
Sally Bullock, Lucy Cavendish
Lizzy Day, Fitzwilliam
Sarah Hopkins, Emmanuel
Katie Zimmerman, Darwin
Lisa Goers, Trinity Hall

Cambridge University Swimming & Water polo Club (CUSWPC) consists of two teams, which represent Cambridge University in swimming and waterpolo. The waterpolo team is further split into men's and ladies teams who train separately. The swimmers are split into the first and second teams, who train separately but are all entitled to swim in competitions and trial for the Varsity Match.

While the teams train separately a single committee oversees the Club. The squads are very friendly and there is a lively social scene: all members, both past and present, are eligible to join the social society known as 'the Tadpoles'.



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Varsity Match

7th February 2009 at Parkside Pool, Cambridge

Men's Swimming: Cambridge 43, Oxford 46

Women's Swimming: Cambridge 46, Oxford 44

Men's Waterpolo: Cambridge 15, Oxford 11

Women's Waterpolo: Cambridge 9, Oxford 7

Match Reports:

Men's Swimming

Having lost most of last year's team members, this year was always going to be tough let alone having to face an Oxford side that had won convincingly last year and had been strengthened by another extremely strong intake. However, the team were up for the challenge and focused on producing a good display.

The men's races kicked off with the 200 metres individual medley where the Light Blues made a positive start. The 100m backstroke followed whereby Tom Rootsey showed his credentials by winning comfortably in a time of 58.62secs and breaking the University record in the process by over half a second. Next up was Man of the Match, Andy Corley, who had managed to borrow a 'LZR Racer' swimsuit for this occasion. The 'LZR Racer' (dubbed the 'world's fastest swimsuit') was the first of its kind in the latest revolution of swimsuit technology and has received a large amount of publicity before, during, and after the Olympics due to the recent barrage of world records being broken. Corley put the suit to good use in the 200m freestyle and finished 1st in an exciting race in 1min 54.05 secs, posting the 2nd fastest time in Cambridge history. In the 400m freestyle, more superb swims from Rootsey and Corley made it a Cambridge one-two with Rootsey producing a 4sec PB whilst Corley broke the 2nd record of the day in a time of 4mins

01.54secs. Ho-On To (Captain) then followed with a gutsy display in the 100m breaststroke to take an important win. The 3rd and final record of the day came in what proved to be the most exciting race, the 4x100m medley relay. The team of Rootsey, To, Bajorek, and Corley were pushed all the way but managed to snatch victory in a time of 3mins 57.74 secs and break the seven-year-old record. Other notable swims included Lewis Jones (200m individual medley), Chris Davis (200m freestyle), and Josh Little (100m freestyle) all producing PBs whilst Mike Flower, Roberto Guadarrama, and Jamie Leadbetter swam SBs. The match went right down to the wire with Oxford having to win the last race of the day to secure victory. Although they won, the Light Blues can be proud for pushing them all the way and making it a lot closer than anticipated.

Women's Swimming-

Saturday the 7th Feb saw the return of the Light and Dark Blues to Parkside pools, Cambridge for the 108th Varsity Match. Having not won for the first time in 9 years the year before the team were hungry to prove their worth. The match got off to a good start with Kat De Rome and Emma Gorton in the 200IM. The 100 backstroke then showed Oxford what they were up against with Emily Bottle and Heather Moore placing 1,2, both a good 6 seconds in front of the fastest Oxford swimmer. Jess Trellick and Natalie Moores then fought well in the 200 freestyle and the first part of the match was finished with Tess Thurston winning the 100 fly for the 6th year in a row with Emily Darley not far behind. The next part of the match saw the introduction of a new event; the Women's 400 Freestyle which has been introduced to reflect the emphasis that is now being placed on distance and open water

swimming at international level. Captain Heather Moore battled against Oxford Captain Clare Kane for the duration of the event with Moore just pulling ahead on the last 100 to win.

Next was the 100 breaststroke, which was won convincingly by fresher Caroline Gordon in a new Cambridge record of 1.15.11. Kate Weber also swam a fantastic 100 and this was the turning point of the match. The last individual event was the 100 freestyle with De Rome and Bottle stepping up again and both swimming fantastically to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The final part of the match saw the relay teams step up to the blocks knowing that they just had to win one relay to win the trophy. The medley team consisting of Bottle, Gordon, Thurston and De Rome went all out, not only beating the Oxford team by a length but also setting a new University record in 2.03.04. The freestyle team of Trellick, Rachel Long, Moores and Thurston then only had to swim a safe race but did so with determination, nearly beating the Dark Blues. The atmosphere on poolside was electrifying, we knew it would be close and the Light Blues pulled together to secure the win. With a predominantly new and young team up against several International swimmers on the Dark Blue side, the Light Blues really showed their determination and to loose out on the overall trophy by just one point shows how well everyone swam. Women of the Match went to Caroline Gordon and Emily Bottle for their fantastic performances and enthusiasm on poolside.

Men's Waterpolo

The 109th Varsity Match was held at Parkside Pools, Cambridge on the 7th February 2009. The

match was a fiercely contested one as always, but this year was to be a particularly exciting encounter after a last second equaliser saw Cambridge held to a 10-10 draw in last year's match. A ferocious BUCS encounter two weeks before Varsity away to Oxford had seen Cambridge throw away a two-goal lead to lose 8-7, so a tense game was on the cards right from the start.

Oxford took an early 3-1 lead, but a good Cambridge fight-back saw the first quarter end 4-3 to Oxford. Further exchanges in a close second quarter saw the Light Blues trailing by one at the half time interval 6-5, having failed to convert numerous chances in attack.

Into the second half and yet again it was Oxford who were sharper from the off, and were looking comfortable at 8-5 with only 3 minutes of the third quarter remaining. The next few minutes however were to turn the match on its head, and ultimately decided the course of the game. A nothing short of heroic effort saw the Light Blues pull back 3 goals within the remaining 3 minutes of the quarter, completely flattening Oxford's momentum, and getting the crowd right behind them. Entering the final quarter, the noise created by the crowd was so much the referees had to halt proceedings before finally getting underway again. Momentum was finally with the Blues for the first time in the match, and the writing was on the wall for a superb final quarter of water polo. Never ones to disappoint an increasingly nervous crowd, Cambridge fell behind yet again, only to respond with a quick fire double and take the lead for the first time in the match. Once more the scoring stayed close,

never more than one goal between the sides, before the Light Blues finally put some daylight between themselves and their ever-tiring opposition. Oxford were a broken side, and Cambridge went on to add to more to the total, leaving the final score at 15-11. The scale of the achievement in the final 11 minutes is something which cannot go unmentioned; the Light Blues put 10 goals past Oxford, and finished the match with nine different goal scorers on the score sheet, in comparison to Oxford's four.

Women's Waterpolo

The women's water polo team went into their match following two great wins in the BUCS Tournament the previous week, which saw them through to the finals, so were confident of their ability to beat Oxford.

However, just seconds into the match they conceded a foul, which led to the Dark Blues first goal. But Cambridge kept their focus, and that was the last time Oxford led the scoreboard, with Cambridge centre forward Rebecca Voorhees pulling one back almost immediately. Two further goals in the period from Maxine von Eye and Claire Martin saw Cambridge going ahead 3-1 at the end of the first quarter.

After the break Oxford came out strongly, despite being beaten to the ball by Kate Weber, and were the first to score in the second quarter. But Cambridge kept strong in defence, and work from Josie Faulkner, Sally Bullock and Line zu Ermgassen saw the ball being moved up the pool well, despite intense pressure from the Dark Blues. Cambridge began to look more and more confident as their game plan was working, and a

tight passing lane defence meant that Oxford began to get rattled as Cambridge kept on putting the ball in the net. In hole-defence, hard battling from Jennifer MacLeod and Maxine von Eye made sure that no balls could come in, forcing the Dark Blues to take shots from further out, which Woman of the Match, goalkeeper Rachael Mell, effortlessly pulled down.

Cambridge lost focus towards the end of the third quarter, with Oxford pulling a few goals back, and Captain Jennifer MacLeod broke two fingers and had to retire.

But coach James Scott ensured that Cambridge were always in control of the game, and as Martin and Voorhees continued to dominate their defence in the pit, eventually the pressure got to Oxford and they conceded a penalty early in the fourth quarter, which Voorhees easily put away to take Cambridge's lead up to 8-5. Cambridge then began to slow the game down and despite a push from Oxford near the end; the game was out of their reach. A 9-7 score line does not do justice to Cambridge's control of the match, and it is a testament to the depth of the squad that the entire bench were involved in the domination.

Other News

Men's Swimming

BUCS Short Course Championships: 14th-16th Nov 2008

Top 10 finishes: -

Andy Corley: 1500m free – 16:20.66* – 9th

Top 20 finishes:-

Andy Corley: 400m free – 4:09.61 – 13th
Ho-On To: 50m breast – 30.88 – 17th
100m breast – 1:08.21 – 15th
200m breast – 2:35.55 – 20th
Mike Flower: 200m back – 2:19.59 – 18th
Tom Rootsey: 100m back – 59.82 – 12th
200m back – 2:11.79 – 12th
200m IM – 2:12.29 – 11th

BUCS Long Course Championships: 13th-15th Feb 2009

Top 10 finishes:-

Andy Corley: 200m free – 1:56.98* – 8th
400m free – 4:08.32* – 8th
200m fly – 2:14.76* – 10th
Tom Rootsey: 50m back – 28.88* – 10th
100m back – 1:01.35* – 6th
200m back – 2:15.10* – 6th

County Championships:

Medallists:

Ho-On To (Lancashire - Long Course):
50m breast – 31.12** – SILVER
100m fly – 1:01.76 – BRONZE
Andy Corley (Cheshire - Short Course):
100m free – 53.93 – BRONZE
200m free – 1:56.24 – SILVER
Tom Rootsey (Essex – Short Course)
: 200m back – 2:12.82 – SILVER
200m IM – 2:15.54 – BRONZE

* Denotes University record

** Denotes National Qualifying Time

Women's Swimming:

BUCS Short Course Championships took place on the 14-16th November. This was a prime opportunity to try out the predominantly new team. Everyone swam well and it was a great event. Highlights include Kat De Rome achieving the first Ladies Blues time of the season and placing 13th in the 200 free and 16th in the 100 free, Heather Moore reaching the final in the 200 back, coming 6th and placing 12th in the 100 back and 13th in the 400 free. Natalie Moores come 23rd in the 100 back and swam well in the 200 freestyle. Chloe Grover, Emily Darley and Jess Trevellick also swam well, showing how integral they are for success against Oxford in the future.

On the 30th November a team consisting of Heather Moore, Caroline Gordon, Emily Darley, Jess Trevellick and Emily Bottle travelled to Hertfordshire for the BUCS Team qualifying rounds. The team swam well, especially Emily Bottle and Caroline Gordon who won the 100 back and 100 breast respectively. However, competition was strong and despite valiant efforts the team finished 7th overall (though in front of Bath who field several internationals), meaning relegation to the second division for next season.

Men's Waterpolo:

Following last year's second placed finish in the BUCS Trophy Competition, Cambridge returned to the top division, and found themselves in a group with Oxford, Imperial and Warwick. Two superb performances against Warwick and Imperial saw Cambridge to victory 19-5 and 20-2



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respectively. An away fixture against Oxford two weeks before Varsity saw Cambridge go down 8-7, under some highly contentious referring decisions and circumstances, and left the Blues qualifying second in their group.

The semi finals saw Cambridge up against tough opposition in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Sheffield. Reaching the semi final stages was an achievement in itself; the last time a Cambridge side managed to do so was in 2002. Cambridge went down 11-3 to both Cardiff and Edinburgh, but managed a superb final performance against Sheffield to win 8-7, and unfortunately missed out on the finals by one place. A tough lesson was learnt during the first two matches, which saw Cambridge come up against not just some of the top players in the competition, but also some of the top players in the country. Many of the teams playing were fielding several Senior Internationals, and had reached the semi final stage consistently for the previous 10 years. Cambridge's inexperience at this level ultimately cost them during the first two matches, but valuable experience at this level will be built on in preparation for next year.

The Barracudas continued strongly this year, building on last year's performances to reach the semi finals of the Trophy Competition this year. This meant Cambridge were the only side in the country to have both a first and second team competing in the semi final stages. Unfortunately, they were not able to proceed towards the finals, finishing fourth in their group, but retaining their status in the second division for next year.

The creation of the new UPolo Competition, a league-based championship in which teams compete in regional leagues on a weekly basis, saw Cambridge win all 10 of their group matches convincingly, with a total goal difference of +143, a figure unprecedented in all the other leagues.

Cambridge travelled to Cardiff on the 26th April 2009 to play in the National Finals of the UPolo competition against the other regional group winners.

Women's Waterpolo:

The team also performed outstandingly in the National Competitions. In BUCS, the ladies cruised through the original rounds and the semi-finals, before facing stiffer competition in the finals. Each match proved exceedingly tough, but outstanding effort and performance from all team members ensured a win in the first two games. They were therefore left to face Leeds Metropolitan in the final. After watching them carefully in the previous games, the Light Blues knew they had some exceptional players to contend with. However, Cambridge's depth and teamwork proved more valuable, and they battled through an incredibly demanding game, which saw each team take the lead at different times, to victory in the BUCS finals.

The team also performed exceptionally in the National U-Polo competition, which does not require members of the team to be at University. However, despite many teams having ringers, the Cambridge team had a fantastic season in the league, ending on a goal difference of 111, and

only losing one game to a very strong team from University of London. They therefore progressed to the finals in Cardiff, but unfortunately were missing many key players and did not do themselves justice. Leeds Met, who Cambridge had battled so hard to beat in Sheffield, this time were the winners.

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CUTTC caters for table tennis players of all standards across the University. Throughout the year we run weekly coaching sessions for beginners and College League players and intensive training for team members. Club nights

and socials feature regularly in the CUTTC members' diaries, not to mention the popular Fresher's squash and garden party at the beginning and end of the year, respectively.

CUTTC has one Men's and one Ladies team in the BUCS Leagues, both of which have maintained a consistent position in the top division and regularly qualify for the latter stages of the knockout competition. Most notably in 2007 the Men's team won silver at the then BUSA Championships, losing narrowly to Loughborough in the final.

The annual Varsity Match is the most important date in the CUTTC calendar. Two Men's and one Ladies team compete against Oxford, cheered on by other CUTTC members, friends and fans. Recently Cambridge has dominated the event, with the Men's 1sts leading their Dark Blue counterparts 32-30 overall.

Varsity Match

21/02/09 at Fitzpatrick Hall, Queen's College, Cambridge.

Men's 1st's won: 9-1, Men's 2nd's won: 10-0, Ladies 1st's won 6-4

Match Report:

Cambridge romped to victory in the Men's Varsity Table Tennis Match winning nineteen out of the possible twenty matches. The Second Team began the day in emphatic fashion, overcoming their Dark Blue counterparts 10-0. Many of the individual games were closer than the score line suggests, but it was noticeable how Cambridge remained more composed and better able to hold their nerve than their Oxford counterparts in the tight matches, winning many deciding legs that could otherwise have swung the final result.

In the First Team match, the Cambridge top pair of Shaun Hall and Hamish Yeung won both of their singles, defeating Oxford's Captain and their spectacular new Chinese number one, while Raphael Assier and Doug Speed followed suit against the Dark Blue numbers three and four. The whitewash was only avoided by a tactical change in the doubles for Oxford, pitting their more experienced pairing against Assier and Speed, but by that time Cambridge's domination was clear to see. This marks Cambridge's sixth Varsity victory in a row for the Men's First Team, and puts the cumulative score at 32 won, 4 drawn and 30 lost.

The Ladies Varsity Match was a closer affair, with the experienced Dark Blue numbers one and two proving too strong for their Light Blue counterparts in the singles. However,

Cambridge's strength in depth proved crucial with Nga Nguyen and Yudan Ren defeating their Oxford counterparts with ease. The doubles this time worked in favour of the Light Blues, as Nguyen paired up with Cambridge number one Helen Pooley to defeat the indomitable Dark Blue top pair leaving Ren and Trang To to clinch the match 6-4.

Credit must go to the multitude of Cambridge supporters who filled Queens' College Fitzpatrick Hall with bodies and voices to cheer on the teams. For an unprecedented third time in his Varsity career, Doug Speed was awarded the Man of the Match for his spectacular spectacularness.

Other News

In the BUCS Team Championships, the Men's team came runners-up in the Premier Men's South division to a strong London Metropolitan side, which consisted of several semi-professional Chinese players. Victories against Bath and Brighton were required to leapfrog the latter side in the final matches, and they were convincingly gained 9-8 and 12-5 respectively. These performances earned Cambridge a place in the knockout stages.

Having thrashed a travelling Aberdeen side 16-1 with the loss of just one leg in the last 16, the quarter-final draw provided opponents in London Metropolitan, who once again proved too strong for the enthusiastic Cambridge team.

On the local stage, the Cambridge and District League Annual Tournament featured several University players. Doubles specialist David Stotz

won the Drawn Doubles, while Ben Roberts and Shaun Hall won the Men's Doubles, coming back from 2-0 down against the number 1 seeds in the final to clinch victory 3-2. Fresher Hall also won the Men's Singles at his first attempt, in dramatic style. After beating the number 1 seed, Martin Gray, in the first round he never looked back, ending in the final with a 3-0 demolition of rising star Daniel Fielding, who had previously beaten Cambridge's Hamish Yeung in a close semi-final.

The College League, organised by CUTTC, has this year grown from three to six divisions. Trinity were outstanding winners of the League Competition, and qualified for the Knockout Competition final with ease. Their opponents, St Catharine's, had a more average League campaign, only just managing to remain in the top division by a few points. However, with a team strengthened by Blues Yeung and Speed their progression into the final was relatively straightforward.

With Trinity's number one lady, Helen Pooley, out with a ridiculous cheerleading injury and St Catharine's Speed away dining with his Fellows, the final was to be unpredictable. In the end, strong performances by Ghassan Moassin, Alex Zhang and Areef Jetha pulled St Catharine's out of Trinity's grasp for Yeung to seal the victory and retain the Cuppers Trophy for a fourth year in succession.

Windsurfing through a storm

Ed Ransley recalls his first experience of windsurfing in the UK, Rhosneigr storm sailing, and the windsurfing club's easygoing attitude... It's a long way to Wales in the back of a hired minibus, but time passes quickly when you've a few tins and some drinking songs to while away the M6. Treasurer of the day Alexis, driving, didn't really appreciate our singing – but we reckoned it was just because he didn't get the jokes. Close behind us was Chris in his ironically named "Sprinter" van, loaded to the roof with club kit in anticipation of a full weekend's windsurfing. After one too many repetitions of "I met a girl called Mary Jane" we finally arrived at our destination – the Student Union of Bangor University, venue for some inter-university socialising before the real windsurfing action of the wave event at Rhosneigr the following day. After a night of civilised conversation and discussion on the relative merits of pipes and slippers we retired to sleeping bags on the floor of our helpful host.

Morning came, we piled back into our trusty minibus and headed excitedly for the beach. On arrival it became clear that this was not going to be a relaxed sail in the sunshine that I was so accustomed to from foreign holidays – as usual Rhossy was going off, with ballistic winds and chunky little waves rolling in. Never known to turn down a challenge, the Cambridge Windsurfers began to rig up...

On Chris's advice I set up a small sail and a tough little board made from extruded plastic – "Take this mate, it's indestructible" was the given wisdom. The gauntlet was set. On getting to the water's edge, the first obstacle was apparent. "Shorebreak" is a peril well known to windsurfers where the waves dump with kit-crushing power onto the beach. Fellow windsurfers on hand to drag out the kit in case it all went washing machine, I went for a gap in the waves – and made it. Screaming out into the middle of the bay, dodging huge chunks of whitewater as I went, it rapidly became clear that the conditions were a little more than I had bargained for. A couple of gybe attempts later and I was ready to head back in for a breather. A long way upwind from my launch point I turned and headed for the beach at top speed. All was going well, I had reached the shallows and was nearly home dry, but windsurfing can sometimes produce unexpected results - one moment you're zipping along at 30 knots, the next heading straight into the water at the same speed as the sail overpowers you and slam dunks you into the water. I came up with feet on solid ground to find the nose of the board was now only useful as a paperweight, completely detached as it now was.

Dragging myself and my kit out of the water I began the long walk back down the beach, wondering how the windsurf club would react to my mishap. It was my first club trip and I had only just met them- would I have to pay for the breakage? Would there be stern looks of disapproval? As I neared the group my intrepidation grew, until I noticed Chris running towards me. As his large grin became apparent, his first words were "GOOD KILL!"



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CUTC is a large, high profile club. We cater for all levels, from complete beginners to elite competitors, whether you want to compete or just turn up for some exercise and run. We take teams to competitions throughout the year, including BUCS and Varsity, as well as Student Open Tournaments, and host competitions of our own including the Annual Cambridge Trampoline Open. We hold sessions four times a week, with a total of 10 hours bouncing time a week. CUTC is also a very social club with regular pub trips and formal swaps, as well as an annual dinner and garden party.

Varsity Match

21st February 2009 at The Leys School,
Cambridge

Cambridge won both the Varsity Match and Varsity Cup.

Match Report s

This year saw the highest standard of performance in the history of the trampolining Varsity match across both teams. Oxford were fielding their strongest team ever and were noticeably confident of victory, but Cambridge's team were sure that an upset was always possible.

Cambridge showed its considerable depth with an impressive result from the C Team, composed of Emma Hunter, Clare Jefferys, Katharina Kohler and Suzanne Tobin. All four Cambridge bouncers completed their routines, including voluntary routines with tariffs double that of Oxford's, and Suzanne was rewarded for her commitment to training this year by winning the individual C Team Competition. A couple of falls by Oxford bouncers put the result beyond doubt and Cambridge won the C Team by an impressive 148.2 to 119.0.

The B Team competitors were put to the test as a strong trio from Oxford completed all their routines successfully. Although Brioney Gee put in two strong performances, putting her in first place in the individual B competition, and strong voluntary routines were completed by Robert McNeil, Sarah Turner and Sarah Pearcey, these weren't enough to help the team recover from several incomplete routines. Cambridge narrowly lost by 0.9 points with a score of 142 to 142.9.

All indications suggested that the A Team Competition would be close and all the competitors performed strongly in the set routines, leaving the teams tied going into the voluntary routines. Showing no effects from the mounting pressure, Carol Evans, Nuala Tumelty and Kate Bramall performed solid voluntary routines, and with only one competitor left to bounce from each team Cambridge held a narrow lead. Asha Bayliss, GB representative, completed an impressive routine containing 5 double somersaults and despite a strong performance from Oxford, Cambridge claimed a well-deserved victory in the A Team Competition and Varsity match with a score of 160.9 to 158.4.

These results also meant that Cambridge retained the Varsity Cup for another year with an overall victory of 451.1 to Oxford's 420.3.

Other News

CUTC's 24th year has been a very prosperous one. With 65 members, we have had a continued good level of membership, which has been reflected by busy sessions being attended by both keen new members, and veterans of competitions.

Cambridge was very well represented at BUCS this year, with 16 competitors entering the Regional Competition. Despite a few transport problems due to the heavy snow that weekend, two of our bouncers qualified from the regional round to the finals, and joined five of our level 1 and 2 bouncers who qualify for the finals in Bristol automatically.

Everyone did extremely well, resulting in our team being placed 5th overall and Asha Bayliss and Kate Bramall coming 2nd and 5th respectively in level 1 and Nuala Tumelty coming 5th in level 2, earning them Full Blues. Brioney Gee came 12th in level 3, giving her a Half Blue.

Our Cuppers Competition was well attended in the Michaelmas term, with competitors ranging in ability from complete beginners to elite level. This served as an excellent warm up to our Cambridge Trampoline Open Competition, which was held the next day. We had a large number of entrants this year with six other Universities attending making the competition a great success. Essex University came first in the Team Competition.

The club relies on members training as coaches to ensure the continuing success and development of the club. This year Rosalind Crossgrove, Stephen Flexer, Adina Gamse, Harriet Johnston, Gordon Ross and Ellen Turnbull have all successfully completed level 2 coaching courses. In addition to this, Suzanne Tobin is now a level 3 coach and Joel Taylor a level 4 coach. We are also pleased to announce that Barry Bryce has trained as a coach mentor.

Cambridge University Volleyball Club

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Cambridge University Volleyball Club aims to provide all levels of volleyball for members of the University, with emphasis both on sporting and social success. This is manifested through both indoor and outdoor collegiate competitions, a beginners program, regional men's and women's teams, and the elite Blues. In addition to competing in the tense Varsity matches, both the Men's and Women's Blues Teams are nationally respected, frequently appearing in National Semi-Finals and on several occasions representing Great Britain in the European University Championships.

Varsity Match

07/03/2009 at Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge

Women's Blues: Lost 0-3

Men's Blues: Won 3-1

Men's 2nd Team: Won 3-1

Women's 2nd Team: Won 3-0

Match Reports

Men's Blues:

This years Varsity Match weekend not only featured the Men's and Women's Blues but also matches between the Oxford and Cambridge Second Teams. After watching the Men's and Women's Second Teams convincingly beat their Dark Blue counterparts the mood of the Cambridge supporters was slightly dampened with the Women's Blues falling 0:3. The Men's Blues took the court at 6pm in front of an enthusiastic crowd at Kelsey Kerridge. After easily winning their home League fixture against Oxford but falling in a close contest in the away match the Men's Blues eagerly awaited this years Varsity Match. Despite their loss to Oxford (the first in 3 years) and a late season slump Cambridge had qualified for the BUCS Championship Weekend, which Oxford failed to do, so the Light Blues were clearly favoured.

After a good warm-up, coach Jean Jacquet sent out Jonas Neeher and Matthias Beestermoeller as middle hitters, Marco Sampaio hitting opposite setter Tjonnie Li, and Marek Chalupnik and Martin Niederste-Ostholt (Captain) as outside attackers. Even though the Light Blues were confident that they could defeat Oxford, the first set saw a rather

nervous Cambridge make a plethora of service errors. This meant that the game was always unnecessarily close. The Light Blues finally reached a decent level of play towards the end of the set with Sunny Thathong replacing Marco although the Dark Blues were still able to clinch the first set by a minimal margin of 23:25. Coach Jacquet, aware of the team's tendency to let a secure victory slip away and the danger of allowing Oxford get into a rhythm, found appropriate words to motivate the Cambridge side.

Sending out the same team that ended the first set, the Light Blues took their coach's encouragement to heart and played up to their usual standard and quickly developed a lead. The set was won convincingly, 25:14, behind strong serving from Chalupnik and numerous middle kills from Neher and Beestermoeller. The third set was much the same as the second with the Light Blues dominating everywhere on the court. Towards the end of the set Jacquet brought on Sampaio again as a blocking substitution for Li and Nick Stone-Villani came on for Thathong as setter and the Light Blues won 25:16.

Having surged ahead so quickly in the previous two sets Cambridge took the final set of the match a little too lightly. After taking the lead early on the score became knotted at 16:16. Despite the constant taunting from the Oxford supporters the Light Blues kept their head and concentrated on simple plays. Another blocking substitution and setter switch at a score of 20:19 for Cambridge brought the desired effect, with Sampaio immediately stuff-blocking an Oxford outside hit. A few more good plays and some luck

saw Cambridge win the fourth and final set 25:20. With the substitute players rushing the court and loud shouts of "Cambridge Oi!" the day had ended just as the Light Blues had planned - Oxford was crushed and Cambridge have now extended their Varsity streak to 3 years. Congratulations to the whole squad and especially to Marek Chalupnik for being voted Man-of-the-Match by the Oxford side. MVP: Marek Chalupnik

Women's Blues:

Cambridge could field a full squad for the Varsity Match and had twelve players on the score sheet, most of whom had not played against Oxford in the two meetings the teams had already had in the BUCS League this season. From these, the teams had come out with equal wins, both taking the away match fixtures, so the Varsity Match was to be the season decider. Cambridge started, after a strong warm up, with Alex Rinnert (Capt) and Flo Preux setting, Katy Scotter and Rebecca Bateman in the middle and Anna Protasio and Silvia Breu on left-side.

Oxford had the better of the sense of the occasion in the opening part of the match, making 3 or 4 points from their first four serve rotations, whilst the Cambridge team seemed to be in confused disarray, not being able to pass any of the Oxford serves. Cambridge were not able to significantly add to their points tally in any of the side-outs caused by Oxford errors, and a late run of 5 serves from the Oxford number twelve sealed the set. A run of substitutions were made to try and stem the leak of points; Saz Knapp replacing Silvia Breu, Sarah Greasley replacing Katy Scotter and Marija Buljan making a late appearance in the middle.

The second set saw more misery for the Cambridge team. Although they were starting to get into the match and making some scoring points, long rallies were not going their way and the Oxford team were able to pick up and recycle more efficiently. Dierdre Cleland replaced Alex as setter and Anna was brought onto a more attacking role through the middle, but two decisive serve runs of five points by the Oxford number eleven and the Oxford number twelve for the second time, saw Oxford easily take the set and look in a commanding position for the match.

With a limited number of substitution options left, the Cambridge side had to find some stability and opened the third set with a much better performance, passing a higher percentage of serves and making kills through Anna in the middle and Caroline Ganzeboom on the outside. Saz provided better defence cover, and Dierdre and Flo were providing good set coverage. Cheered serve runs from Dierdre put the Blues into contention, but even the late appearance of Petra Schwalie couldn't tip the balance and Oxford ran away with the set and match. MVP was Saz Knapp

Women's 2nd Team:

UCCW lined up for their first ever Varsity 2nd team match with a team that had consistently played in the Cambs County Women's League. Bettina Studer (Capt) and Naabia Ofusu-Amaah setting, Pippa Kennedy and Crystal Cheng in the middle and Sabine Reihl and Natalie Thierjung on the outside.



Cambridge made a good start and seemed unafflicted by the nerves of playing in front of a home crowd. Serve accuracy was good, with Sabine making a number of aces, and the team rallied to get recycled plays back into the Oxford court, putting the visitors under pressure. Oxford had the stronger attack in the first set, but the Cambridge team was able to put up a better defence and ran out a good lead. The second set saw the appearance of Camilla Cattania and Asmita Tingare on court, both players contributing to the strong UCCW performance. At two sets up the home team were really looking like they were enjoying the game, Bettina and Naabia working well in defence and making important set choices, whilst Sabine had the stronger attack through four than the Oxford team could muster. In the end, a straight sets victory was a great crowning performance to the UCCW season (25-18, 25-20, 25-19). MVP was Sabine Reihl

Men's 2nd Team:

The Cambridge Men's 2nd team lined up for their first ever Varsity Match with a starting six consisting of: Pieter-Jan van Uytvanck (Capt.), Chris Wymant, Andrea Pastore, Alex Hermes, Clemens Wiltsche and Yasushi Kondo. The team took the first two sets, but then battled well and lost the third. With time pressing, coach Jean Jacquet resorted to his starting line up for a crushing fourth set victory (25-22, 26-24, 22-25, 25-8). MVP was Yasushi Kondo.

Other News

Cambridge University Volleyball continues its run of successful seasons. The Women's Blues Team had a tough season starting out with a completely new team. Despite very tough competition in their BUCS League as well as in the Varsity Match the women put in some good games. The season was crowned with victory in the new BUCS Trophy Competition.

The Men's Blues continued to cement their position in the top four of British University Volleyball. Despite losing the majority of the players that had won the BUCS Silver Medal last year and competed in the European University Championship, the Blues managed to win their Varsity Match, come second in their BUCS League and win fourth place in both the Volleyball England Student Cup as well as the BUCS Championships after heart-break losses in the Semi-Finals.

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The Ospreys is ...

- A society spanning across 43 sports.
- A society with over 1000 current and alumni members.
- A society for all sportswomen with Blues, Half Blues and University Colours.
- A society aiming to:
 - Raise the profile of women's sport at the University of Cambridge
 - Support the teams and individual sportswomen
 - Establish a clear identity for the Ospreys within Cambridge's sporting community

The society for sportswomen at the University of Cambridge since 1985 ...

The Ospreys Society is about ...

- Recognising achievement. Membership of The Ospreys is reserved to those who have been awarded Blues, Half Blues and University Colours.

- Engendering team spirit. We provide plenty of opportunities for Ospreys to learn from, support and socialise with one another in order to engender a team spirit across the women's sports teams. This year we have launched The Ospreys' Supporters Club aimed at raising attendance at Varsity Matches.
- Offering financial support. We award sponsored Ospreys bursaries to both individuals and teams on the basis of excellence, as well as on the basis of need.
- Networking. This year we are privileged to be sponsored by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays Capital and J.P. Morgan with whom we hold numerous networking events.
- Informing. We have recently launched a new website (www.theospreys.org) which, alongside our termly newsletter, publicises and reports on all The Ospreys' events as well as on the fixtures of the various women's sports teams.
- Having fun. Ospreys are among the busiest students at the University. When not in a lecture or at a supervision, an Osprey can probably be found in a gym or pool or at a court or pitch. However, even Ospreys need some time to unwind and have fun....we take care of that!

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