



Ice Hockey Varsity 2024

106th Men's Ice Hockey Varsity Match

42nd Women's Ice Hockey Varsity Match

6th Annual match between the Huskies and Vikings B

Schedule

- 10am Cambridge Narwhals vs. Oxford Men's Blues Alumni (VA) Match
- 12pm Cambridge Huskies vs. Oxford Vikings B
- 3 pm Opening ceremonies and celebration of William 'Bill' Harris' induction to the UK Ice Hockey Hall of Fame.
- 4pm Cambridge Blues vs. Oxford Blues, The 42nd Women's Varsity Match
- 7pm Cambridge Blues vs. Oxford Blues, The 106th Men's Varsity Match



Presidents' Message

Dear Hockey Lovers,

This year's Varsity Matches promise to be nothing short of spectacular. Our teams have been tirelessly training and preparing to showcase their skills on the ice, and we cannot wait to witness their determination and passion in action. Hockey's oldest rivalry, the competition between Cambridge and our esteemed opponents from Oxford which started in 1885 is legendary, and each year the Varsity Matches serve as a testament to the spirit of competition and camaraderie that defines our sport and our Universities.

To our dedicated fans, your unwavering support means the world to us. Your cheers from the stands fuel our players with energy and motivation, driving them to push harder and strive for victory. We invite you to come out in full force, don your Cambridge blue, and create an electrifying atmosphere at the rink as we cheer on our teams to glory.

To our esteemed alumni, your continued involvement and passion for the sport inspire us all. Your legacy lives on through the traditions and values upheld by the Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club (CUIHC), and we are grateful for the foundation you have laid for generations of players to come. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us for this special occasion, reconnect with old friends, and relive the memories of your time on the ice.

To our home, the Gattiker Ice Arena and its devoted staff, we thank you for working with us to maintain the facilities which allow us to train, compete in games, and strive for excellence. The organisation of the Varsity Matches would not be possible without you.

Let us come together as one proud Cambridge Ice Hockey community to support our teams, celebrate our achievements, and showcase the spirit of sportsmanship that defines the Varsity Matches. Whether you are cheering from the stands or tuning in from afar via our livestream, your presence and enthusiasm mean the world to us.

We look forward to seeing you all at the rink on March 9th as we unite in our passion for ice hockey and proudly represent Cambridge University. Go Light Blues!

Yours in Hockey,

Simrat K. Sodhi and Martin Limback-Stokin

Presidents

Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club



Concerning Varsity

Dubbed ‘Hockey’s Oldest Rivalry’, the Cambridge and Oxford Ice Hockey Varsity Match first began in 1885 and stands as a storied tradition deeply entrenched in British sporting history.

This fiercely contested clash has evolved into a showcase of both athletic prowess and academic prestige. In the Winter of 1885 the Oxford Blues and Cambridge Blues ice hockey teams travelled to St. Moritz to play the first ever ice hockey match between students from these historic Universities, the two oldest in the English-speaking world. Throughout the decades, it has witnessed moments of triumph, heartbreak, and unparalleled sportsmanship, captivating spectators and participants alike. Throughout the years, it has counted many distinguished alumni, such as Lester B. Pearson (Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Canadian Prime Minister), Michael Spence (winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics) and Mark Carney (current governor of the Bank of England). As each new generation of scholars takes to the ice, they carry with them the weight of tradition and the aspirations of their alma maters, ensuring that the Cambridge and Oxford Ice Hockey Varsity Match remains an enduring emblem of excellence in both sport and academia.

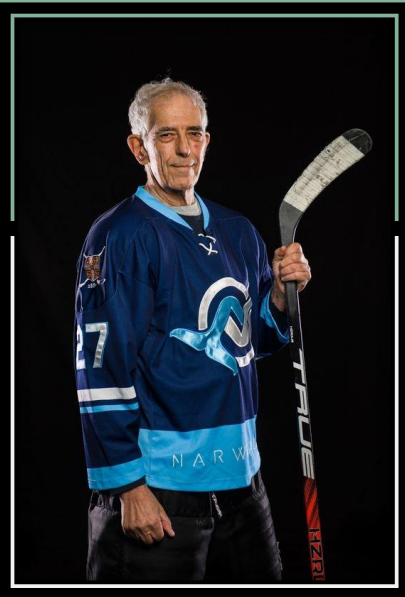


Women Varsity

The introduction of the Women's Varsity Match in 1981 marked a significant milestone in the history of Cambridge and Oxford ice hockey. Breaking through gender barriers, this addition to the Varsity tradition heralded a new era of inclusivity and recognition for women's participation in the sport. The Cambridge and Oxford Women's Blues battle each other in March for a chance to hoist The Coyne Cup, named after Canadian constitutional lawyer Deborah Coyne who founded the Oxford Women's team back in 1982. Over the years, the Women's Varsity Match has grown in prominence, showcasing the exceptional talent and determination of female athletes from these esteemed universities. With each face-off and power play, the Women's Varsity Match continues to inspire generations of young athletes, reinforcing the notion that the pursuit of excellence knows no gender boundaries.



Bill Harris



Professor Bill Harris has been single-handedly responsible for maintaining, developing, co-ordinating and delivering the ice hockey programme in Cambridge for over a quarter of a century.

When Bill, a Canadian from Toronto, came to Cambridge in 1997, he was surprised to discover that, despite the university's ice hockey club having been established over a century earlier in 1885, and having a distinguished playing record, it had never had a rink to call its own.

After he was further told that a former captain of the team, wealthy Canadian David Gattiker, had recently bequeathed £1 million towards a 'permanent ice hockey facility', he immediately made it his mission to get one built.

He led a 22-year-long fund-raising campaign, turning the initial million into £5.5 million, with £2.5 million donated by the university. Many obstacles had to be overcome along the way, including finding the land and acquiring planning permission.

Thanks mainly to Bill, the dream eventually became a reality. The 1,000-capacity Cambridge Ice Arena – known locally as the Gattiker Ice Rink – was completed and opened in August 2019. It now hosts seven teams and is proving to be highly popular with the new generation of hockey players in Cambridgeshire. A plaque in the changing room honours his role in its creation.

Nationally, he provided support and advice in establishing the British Universities Ice Hockey Association in the early 2000s. This currently comprises 24 teams of both sexes, in rinks from Glasgow to Gosport.

At Cambridge University, he is head coach of the Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club, and has to date guided the men's Light Blues through 28 annual Varsity Matches against their great adversaries, the University of Oxford.

The inter-varsity rivalry was established in the late 19th century and is recognised by the IIHF and the Hockey Hall of Fame as the one of the oldest continuous fixtures in world hockey. Prof Harris's input and influence is credited with keeping the tradition going well into the 21st century.

He was also instrumental in bringing together under one umbrella the University's men's and women's teams, and helped to set up the Huskies, the entry point for newcomers to Cambridge University ice hockey.

Whenever he can, Bill plays on defence (at the age of 72) for the recreation team, the Cambridge Narwhals, which is part of the local community. Another of his passions is inline hockey and he presides over the Cambridge Lightning, which he formed in 1998.

A highly accomplished neuro-scientist, Prof Harris's academic prowess is internationally recognised. He is Professor Emeritus of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience at the University of Cambridge, a Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge and a Fellow of the Royal Society in London.

For his exceptional work in his field, he has been awarded numerous prizes, most notably in 2017 the Waddington Medal by the British Society for Developmental Biology for his work on the development of the visual system.

Professor William Anthony Harris was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 26 November 1950. He was inducted into the Ice Hockey UK Hall of Fame in 2023.

As such, his jersey is going to be retired today.





NARWHALS

Narwhals



Dan McConnell #10

Dan is the Narwhals' captain. He is large, Canadian, and has all the speed and grace of an elderly moose. But he's our leader, and we love him for it.



Jaroslav Mikysa #39

Jaro likes to wear a white onesie under his goalie kit... We aren't ask why.



Michal Horniak #25

Michal is like Leon Draisaitl. But without the big stick.



Matthew Crouch #8

Matt is obsessed with hockey. It's a good job his partner is as well



Saara Karvonen #5

Saara is also obsessed with hockey. It's a good job Matt is her partner.



Jim Price #76

Is big. We call him Jimbo for obvious reasons.



Narwhals



Vratko Jurasko #83

Vratko is easy to spot. He's the one hanging out on the opposition blue line the whole time.



Derek Mumford #11

Derek makes the Narwhals happy. And he's American.



Samuel Serviss #7

Sam is Canadian, and you can tell.



Damien Theuveny #15

Damien is French and has no taste in music



Radim Bryol #19

Radim will mess you up, given the opportunity. So will his brother.



Narwhals



Jakub Bryol #70

Jakub will mess you up, given the opportunity. So will his brother.



Chris Giunta #89

Chris is the Italian equivalent of Norman Hunter.



Andrew Terentjev #38

Andy has the appearance of a toddler with a beard but is actually really good at hockey.



Valdis Suharevs #18

Valdis likes to film himself playing hockey. We dread to think why.



Ryan McGinley #20

Ryan is also easy to spot, courtesy of his saggy-ass 30-year-old Takla pants.



Narwhals



Per Strid #40

It's a little-known fact that Per is named after the most dangerous river in England. Not really... He's just Swedish.



Felix Von Nathusius #44

Felix looks and sounds like he should command a submarine. But he doesn't.



Patrick Heimendahl #2

Patrick looks like he's fallen through a time portal from 1979.



Vaclav Ondruch #28

Vaclav is by far and away the most important player to the Narwhals...He knows how to fix the Zamboni.



Narwhals



Bryan Woolgar-O'Neil #21

Bryan is what you get when you cross a Wookiee with an Ewok.



Raymond Pallister #77

Ray isn't with us tonight. He's late, as per usual. We love you Ray, RIP buddy.



Vikings A

Welcome fans!

Once again the Vikings are coming into the Varsity Match off an undefeated season in the top non-checking division in the BUIHA. I could not be prouder of every one of the Vikings - and there's a lot of us, through all the growth that each of us has seen this year on and off the ice; I couldn't ask for a better group of people to call my team and my friends.

We've had our share of problems, from the banning of the blind puck to shots after whistles, the Vikings have always stood together as a team.

We couldn't have reached the heights we have this season without the help of our awesome coaches, a familiar face in Fil Borowiak and a new face in Riki Crussel, both providing invaluable help at key points in the season. I'd also like to thank my assistant captains for their help this season - Sean Herrington, and the previous seasons captains Ben Verboom and Jakub Ulik; I couldn't have done this season without you all and everything you've done for myself and the team.

The dedication the Vikings have shown this year has been amazing, the turnouts to our very late night training - improvements week on week and willingness to help out when the others ask, hockey's more than just about playing and that's a sentiment embodied by this year's team.

Throughout this remarkable season, the Oxford Vikings have achieved milestones that belong to each and every one of you. It's not just about the goals scored or the late-night practices; it's about the collective spirit that defines us. Together, we've risen to challenges, faced adversity, and emerged stronger each time.

There's no denying that the Narwhals are fearsome opponents, while our last win came only last season it's impossible to forget the streak of Narwhals victories stemming from 2014. As we step out onto the ice, remember the countless hours of late night and early morning practices, the penalties taken and the goals scored. We are not just playing for ourselves; we play for the pride of Oxford, our teammates and our opponents. Let the clash of sticks and the roar of the crowd be the soundtrack, as we write another chapter in the epic saga of the Oxford Vikings!

Here's to a fun, fast-paced, and clean 2023/24 Vikes-Narwhals Varsity.

Hockey Love,
Jack Haynes #24
Oxford Vikings Captain 2023/24
Vikes varsity bios



Vikings A



Jack Haynes, the charismatic captain of the Vikings, brings a flair to the ice that's as unmistakable as his long, floppy hair that seems to have its own fan-following. Studying business and finance at Oxford Brookes with a laissez-faire attitude that suggests his textbooks are merely decorative, Jack embodies the spirit of a true multitasker. With legendary and inspiring pre-game talks which include such classics as “pucks in deep” and “lets win this”, Jack stays calm in the face of massively challenging games where his goalie might take up to five shots. He's quick to organise his team in the face of a familiar penalty kill, and is always camera-ready before, after and even during every game. Jack Haynes is the heart of the team, whether he's dazzling on the ice, charming his way through business classes, or simply being the most recognizable head of hair in Oxford.



Ben Verboom (A), if Captain Jack is the heart of the team, then Ben “Laser-eyes” Verboom is the soul. With a league-leading average of 5 points per game, Ben's stick is less a tool of the trade and more a wand of wonder, casting goal spells and assist charms. With humble beginnings at Oxford in stick and puck, last year's co-captaincy saw him steer the team through an undefeated season to an 8-4 triumph against the Narwhals. Top of the league in chirps, his “you got nothing” hurts like a Canadian nice guy would intend to- barely at all. The “Laser Boomer” legend was born from a now-iconic image, not pictured here, where Ben's eyes were replaced lasers; an image which has become part of the team's folklore, a visual representation of a man who can pinpoint the net's sweet spot from anywhere on the ice, as if his gaze alone could bend the puck to his will.



Sean Herrington (A), the esteemed president of the OUIHC, not only stands tall in stature but also in his contributions to the team. Coming from a co-captaincy that led the team through an undefeated season, Sean's smiles and joy on the bench would get the team through any tricky game... if they ever encountered one. Sean's encouragement as a coach even stretches to the opposing team, and maybe you'll see him beckoning the forwards as he skates backwards. Off the ice, Sean's heart belongs to another kind of French connection which proves that maybe some skinny STEM boys do have social skills, or maybe they can succeed without them.



Jakub Ulik, the Oxford Vikings A's very own Goliath on skates, towers over the ice at a lofty 6ft 4, casting shadows and doubt in the hearts of the Cambridge Narwhals. As treasurer for two years, Jakub handled the club's finances in the same way he handles his games: energetically and unpredictably. Off the ice, his commitment to juggling, both literal and metaphorical, showcases not just his dexterity but also a keen ability to keep multiple responsibilities in the air without dropping any - a skill that undoubtedly terrifies physics as much as it does opposing hockey teams. His presence on the team ensures that games are not just played but are turned into legends, possibly studied by future physics students as examples of chaos theory in action.



Vikings A



Jacob Greenspon, a name that resonates through the halls of ice hockey lore - or at least, it does since that fateful game against the Glasgow Stags B team. In a dazzling display of skill, Jacob scored not one, not two, but five goals in a mere 25 minutes. Most of this year, however, the legend of Greenspon has been more of a myth than a presence on the ice, as he's been sidelined by circumstances only whispered about among teammates. But like a phoenix rising from the ashes, Jacob has made his triumphant return to the ice this term, ready to add new chapters to his already storied ice hockey career. As Jacob laces up his skates and hits the ice once more, the question on everyone's lips is not if he will score, but how many times and in what spectacular fashion. Will there be another game to rival the legend of the Stags game? Only time will tell, but one thing is certain: Jacob Greenspon is back, and the ice hockey world is all the better for it.



Kevin McGlynn, esteemed leader of the geriatric line, plays like a fine wine in a sports drink bottle. With an age that hints at wisdom far beyond the typical university setting, Kevin's tenure at the club stretches back so far that his stories often sound like myths from a bygone era - a time when he could skate onto the ice without first checking if his kids had homework. Kev has some familiar faces at the Cambridge Ice Rink, but his loyalty is never in question as he has spent the year padding the Men's Blues goal difference. Piss him off and face the spray of his water bottle- you can find him in the penalty box if you wish to complain.



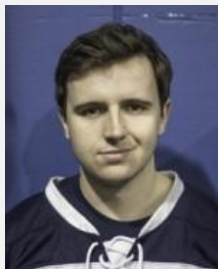
Michael Levinson, in the bustling, energetic world of the Oxford Vikings, Michael Levinson stands out—or rather, doesn't. As the newest addition to the team's defence, he's the embodiment of the phrase "speak softly and carry a big stick." Levinson has an interesting interpretation of Josh Ho's coaching, or maybe he really does think Josh is saying "DO take risks on the blue line". In a team of loud personalities Michael remains unfazed, his response as silent as his demeanour, letting his performance on the ice speak for him. As the Vikings take on their rivals, it may just be the quiet ones who turn the tide with silent resolve and undeniable skill.



Ah, **Harvey Wilson**, the slapshot enthusiast with an ambition as vast as his hair is curly. His slapshot, unleashed with the force of a medieval catapult and the frequency of a social media influencer posting selfies, has become legendary. Not for its precision goal-scoring, mind you, but for the sheer optimism with which it's deployed. This defenseman with a cannon for an arm and a mane that rivals the finest 80s rock bands is a sight to behold. Picture this: the puck slides to Harvey at the point, the anticipation builds, he winds up with all the drama of a Shakespearean actor at the climax of Hamlet, and then—thwack! The puck soars, a blur of hope and rubber... only to embark on a scenic tour of the rink that occasionally culminates in the back of the net.



Vikings A



Alex Burns. Having joined the club in its nascent stages somewhere in the twilight of the 15th century, Tim's tenure with the OUIHC has been so long that historians are considering redefining the Julian Calendar to accommodate his service. Serving as president, treasurer, and men's blues captain, Tim has worn more hats than he has points for BUIHA. He doesn't so much play hockey as coexist with the puck on a fundamental level, in a partnership that has been described as "eerily serene" by those who have witnessed it, often leaving opponents wondering if they had, in fact, been part of the game at all or merely spectators in a Tim-centric universe. Stay tuned and listen out for the classic "number 8, unassisted"



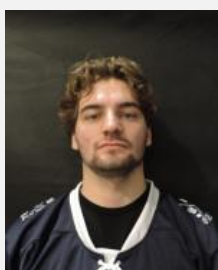
Torr Baldwin. Good things come in small packages, and they don't come much smaller than Torr Baldwin. Watching Torr is like observing a particularly fast and determined hummingbird; he's zippy and speedy and sometimes even successful. His speed not only makes him a formidable opponent on the ice but also brings an infectious energy that boosts team morale, even if his small frame suggests a strong breeze might pose a significant challenge.

A member of Oxford rink staff, Torr's high-octane Zamboni escapades, once confined to the lonely, late hours of ice resurfacing, turned out to be the perfect training ground for the breakneck speed of ice hockey. In Torr Baldwin, the Vikings have not just a player, but a symbol of the undeniable truth that sometimes, life's best preparation comes from the places we least expect.



Martin Bureau. Professor Marty strikes fear into every opponent. With a career at Oxford that spans back to the days when the idea of an ice rink was to wait for a pond to freeze over, Martin has somehow managed to become a PIMS thug and notorious hard hitter without ever touching another player. His car, marked by a huge dent that looks like it could have been the result of an experiment gone awry, serves as a metaphor for his approach to life and hockey: unafraid to dive into the fray and take a few knocks. This weekend he's swapping his lecture notes for hockey pads, (so long as he avoids the Major PIMS)

Mik



Alex Burns stands as the living embodiment of "If you can't beat them, join them" as he started the year condemning the attitude of the "ones team" before immediately and shamelessly joining them. Having spent the year showcasing his talents with the Blues, Alex finds himself donning the Vikings jersey, not because of any falter in skill, but due to the unfortunate fact that he is a Brookes student. He's not just a fourth line goon- he's our fourth line goon. When he's not colouring in pictures of buildings Alex can be found sending pucks past the net, and very occasionally in the net.



Vikings A



Mik the Malaysian Menace is the latest sensation to hit the ice for the Oxford Vikings A. Hailing from a country more known for its tropical climate than its ice hockey prowess, Mik has quickly shattered any and all stereotypes, proving himself to be a force to be reckoned with on the rink. Opponents often find themselves outmaneuvered and outpaced, left to wonder how a player from a country with no natural ice can skate circles around them.



Jace Rademacker, the erstwhile star of the Vikings B, has ascended to the vikes ranks with the gusto of a rocket. In the short span of half a dozen games, he's not just made his mark, he's practically carved it into the ice with 12 goals, turning the rink into his personal leaderboard. Paired on the wing with Misha Garbur, another ascendant star who's made the leap from the bikes, they've become the dynamic duo of the Vikings A. Together, they slice through defences with the precision of a well-orchestrated ballet, except with more puck and less pirouette. With Misha at his side, Jace isn't just playing games; he's redefining what it means to be a wingman.



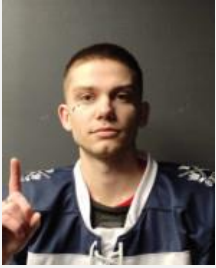
Misha Garbur. "Can't Go Pro Misha" is a character who brings as much entertainment to the ice as he does skill. It's said that his unique brand of "Franglais" has done more for Franco-British relations than any diplomatic endeavour in recent history, and Misha has proved that you don't need words, or apparently privacy, when on the pull in Southern France. Having ascended from the ranks of the Oxford Vikings B team alongside his trusty wingman, Jace Rademacker, Misha has proven that his place among the A team is well-deserved. As Misha gears up for the Oxford-Cambridge varsity match, his story is a reminder that success comes in many forms – and sometimes, the most memorable victories are won off the ice.



Lewis Phillips. On the quieter side, Lewis is known for turning down a pint and listening to women. Mischief and misbehaviour are not words in his lexicon, and Lewis is the first to condemn any questionable actions of his teammates. Lewis is a lifeguard and has recently taken up running, uphill, naked, in France. He's a huge supporter of the emergency services and is working hard to keep our firefighters, police officers and coastguard employed. We just wish he would loosen up and have some fun with the boys every now and then.



Vikings A



Thomas Bello. People, step in line. Are you attracted to men? Do you have a pulse? It doesn't matter- Bello wants to hear from you. Add him on snap- thomasbellero. Hi, I'm Thomas and I'm 6"4 since apparently that matters. Graduated from the school of life. First round is on me if it's tequila. My controversial opinion is pineapple doesn't belong on pizza. Looking for a person that doesn't take themselves too seriously, doesn't wear too much makeup and isn't too emotional. I'm a feminist so you can pick me up and pay for the meal. Must love dogs and be physically fit. Not looking for any drama or anything serious so don't get attached. I never message first so message me or you'll get unmatched. Hit me up if you're looking for someone to ruin your life.



Marlon Williams. Last year, the ice rink felt a little emptier without Marlon's thunderous shots and the unmistakable force of nature that he brings to the game. His shot, a perfect fusion of power and precision, has been the stuff of legends—and goalie nightmares. But Marlon's contributions to the team go beyond his scoring prowess. His physicality is a game-changer; he's essentially an immovable object on the ice. Crashing into him is not recommended unless you fancy being acquainted with the ice on a very personal level. Marlon Williams is not just a player; he's a phenomenon, a force to be reckoned with, and an essential chapter in the ongoing saga of the Oxford Vikings.



Owen Sinclair, the long-haired maestro of defence, has not only defended the team's honour on the ice for six years but also brought a unique sense of style to the locker room. Owen's creativity isn't limited to on-ice manoeuvres as his fabric crafts are the stuff of legend, having last year embarked on a quest to outfit the team's teddy mascots in miniature Viking helmets and jerseys, turning them into the fiercest plush warriors this side of the North Sea. Owen is known for his head-to-toe red kit, which makes him so iconic it's almost enough to stop people mixing him up with Jasper. Known for his long hair, which flows behind him like a battle standard as he patrols the defensive zone, Owen's presence on the team is both iconic and inspiring.



Vikings A



Michal Drobny, Slovakia's gift to the Oxford Vikings, has his iconic number tattooed on his chest. Why 64, you ask? Some say it's the number of seconds it took for him to earn his first penalty; others wager it's his total number of PIMS over the years. A goalie's dream, Drobny defends the net like his life depends on it, and plays on a cerebral level that sees him tied physically and emotionally to the team. Cambridge better look out for his shot- if they're standing three feet away from the net. We've missed Drobny over the last few years and we are thrilled to welcome him back on the team even just for one game. **BIG ENERGY!!**



This year, **Josh Ho (NM)** has been tested. It has been completely unreasonable of us to put him out there, week after week, and expect him to stay awake in net for the entire game. Frankly some of the team have taken to passing him the puck mid-game to see if he wakes up. With a single digit shot count in most games, Josh is a season ticket holder to all Vikes games with arguably the best seat in the house.



The Huskies



The Huskies

During the 17-18 Seasons, any men that could not make the Men's Blues and were willing to go to Peterborough went training with the Cambridge Woman's Blue as the "Men's Devs".

That year one of the Men's Devs players, Angus Bain, got in contact with someone of the Vikings B and they decided to organise a varsity match so the Men's Devs could play.

The name Huskies was chosen, and the first Huskies Varsity was played in Oxford. A player from the Vikings created the Stanley Puck trophy. Sadly, the huskies lost the first varsity but were massively out-numbered.

The following year (18-19), the Huskies carried on training at Peterbough but this time as a separate team.

They again play the Vikings B in a 2nd varsity and lost yet again.

During 19-20 season, after the construction of the new rink, the Huskies were then entered into BUIHA to play in the league.

It was then that Joe Allison took over as the official Huskies coach.

The Huskies, a team of nearly complete beginners, lost their first ever league game to Birmingham Lions C with a score of 28-0.

However, against all odds, they were able to win the varsity against the Vikings B in the 3rd year 4-2 in what was a very close game.

The following season 20-21, as COVID was everywhere, they Huskies were only able to do some training that season.

The next season of 21-22, the Huskies carried on in the league but lost varsity 5-2 (due to some miscommunication inside of the team).

Then last year, for the 5th varsity the Huskies got a crushing victory with a score of 8-1.



The Huskies

Cambridge Huskies Captain's Message

While often overshadowed by the Blues Varsity games, the annual match between the Huskies and Vikings B is a celebration of access and inclusivity, and the opportunity offered at both universities for everyone to experience ice hockey. This is reflected in our rosters – players with varying degrees of experience united by a shared, child-like enthusiasm in playing the sport we all love. With an unprecedented influx of players necessitating an extra match the night before, we sincerely hope that hockey continues to grow at these two historic institutions.

The Huskies this year have shown incredible heart in approaching the challenge presented by a league promotion in BUIHA. Through thick (getting battered by the meaner version of our varsity rivals, Vikings A) and thin (Birmingham Lions B), the squad has always remained positive, dedicated, and passionate. Never taking ourselves too seriously, every single member of the team has made significant improvements, creating a squad very different to the one assembled in October last year. Newly imported goal scoring talent and extremely solid defense make the Huskies quite the force to be reckoned with.

Of course, none of this would be possible without Professor Bill Harris, the godfather of Cambridge Ice Hockey, and the wider club, which continues to actively support the development of our players. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our coach Joe Allison, who has so selflessly spent too many late nights whipping us into shape in preparation for this event.

With a revolutionary, thriving meme page (please follow @huskiesonthree) and a perpetual desire to find out what time puck drop *really* is, the Huskies are more than prepared to replicate their devastating victory over the Bikes last Varsity and hold onto the Stanley Puck for yet another year.

Jayhyun Lee

Captain of the Cambridge Huskies



The Huskies



Filip Ayazi is doing a PhD developing a low-cost microscope for malaria. This requires as far as we understand wearing a white lab coat, feeding his colleague's tank of shrimps, and tinkering, lots and lots of tinkering. We discussed his history in tinkering last year, predicting you might soon find his jersey on a humanoid robot skating on the ice. Sadly those didn't have teeth so couldn't be fitted with a mouthguard—BUIHA spoiled his plans yet again. Despite the absence of humanoid robots, you might still want to check the puck for servo-motor noises and a battery compartment since he seems to win suspiciously often at puck drops. After taking a brief pause, which made him even closer to a real-life Iron Man, he returned to the ice in person to punish Oxford with his signature move: surprise precision stick-lifts. It will be these which will test whether Vikings are wearing their mouthguards when they inevitably smack themselves with their own stick.

In his free time, he does even more tinkering, providing the Cambridge Theatre scene with sound and lighting as a stage technician. And, in the process, he frequently outshines all the Eddie Redmayne and Emma Corrin wannabes' performances with his functioning kitchen tap in the middle of the stage.



Kevin Shao came to Cambridge all the way from Canada to understand the mysteries of physics and the universe. Apparently when he's not playing hockey he makes rockets?? We weren't sure if he was old enough to drink, so Jay had to do a safeguarding check before he let him have a beer. The rest of the huskies feel like grandparents in comparison. I can certainly see the grey hairs coming through.

His insights into the workings of the universe didn't stop Kevin misunderstanding the rules of non checking hockey in his first match. His collision with the Birmingham forward about half his size sent her flying six feet through the air and him straight to the penalty box. A perfectly elastic collision indeed.

Kevin is a great guy and we're all so glad he joined the huskies. It's been great playing with you all year!



Hailing from the frozen shores of Canada, **Ishaan Lohia** is clearly born to play goalie, and when he isn't working hard on his 'plasmonics' research (whatever the hell that is), that's exactly what he's doing. In fact, Ishaan is so dedicated that he showed up to play only hours before taking a flight. That or he has a concerning lack of faith in our ability to cope without him. His warmups with his personal tennis balls are... let's just say interesting. John Poole as one time replacement goalie for the WB may have had more shutouts. but Ishaan is a much loved member of the Huskies and we'd be lost without him. Now wait to see him in front of the net, and you'll understand why his nickname on the group chat is "GILF".



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Meet **Filip Hrnčirik**. Filip is surrounded by the cloud of mystery and conspiracy stories. Is it because he is so secret? Perhaps because he has been spotted at practice only a handful of times? No one can tell. But what everyone can say for sure, is that Filip is Huskies top D man. He will crack anyone attempting to skate into our zone. The rumour has it that Filip will snipe top corner laser beams all night long from the blue line leaving zero chances for defending goalie to make a save, even if his life will depend on it. In preparation for Varsity, Filip been spotted playing undercover in world top hockey leagues. In essence, Filip is great guy, amazing hockey player and awesome teammate. We are proud to share ice with this guy.



Jamie Ellis (*2nd line center*). With CUMTS: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Gangster); *The Music Man* (Harold Hill, Olivier Nomination); *Cats* (Grizabella, SWET Best Actress Award); Returning to Cambridge after a string of critically acclaimed off-west-end shows, Jamie is primed to razzle-dazzle defenders, box-step the penalty kill, and upstage Jay's point record by scoring the 16 goals he's been saving up all season. (Watch out, Ishaan!). With season's-high 6 assists, 1 goal, and more end-to-end backchecks than you can shake a stick at, his SAG-ACTA "Best Skater in a Supporting Role" is assured, and the stage is set for his ascension to the spotlight. Known by throngs of admirers as "Short King" and "Player of the Match," what he lacks in lower-register he makes up for in hustle, heart, and pure core-engagement. Make no mistake! 3rd-year music student Jamie's Player of the Match record is not accidental. Wielding his stick like a conductor's baton, he's more than A-minor key to the Huskies' success. When not "working on your mum", Jamie is composing on the bus with a roll-up piano, forgetting to pack dinner, and letting unspecified women break-into his room. A lesson to us all, Jamie's fighting spirit at 4-foot tall proves that it's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog – provided the dog is your mum. So, silence your phones and prepare for the curtain. When the lights come up on Jamie's red helmet, you'd better be ready for Treble!



Charlie Seymour

Look around you, how well do you know your teammates? Charlie's got men on the inside and an encyclopaedic knowledge of every division one, non-checking university ice hockey team in the South of England. Are you struggling with crossovers? Do you still not know the offside rule? Charlie knows. And he will make a meme about it. A reformed Birmingham student, Charlie is a driving force when skating through centre ice (if he remembers to take off his skate guards). Some say his spirit still floats through planet ice Solihull - a mysterious story of legend like an interesting rower or a successful breakout. Now a husky, Charlie is certainly one of the players of all time, and we are all excited for him to craft some top-tier content after Jay scores.



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Dushanth Seevaratnam. He was here at the beginning of the huskies and it seems he will be there until the end. This Canadian can never leave a Cambridge for long, born in (you won't believe it) Cambridge Ontario, then moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts before finally landing here in Cambridge. He finished his PhD years ago, but he's now stuck here as he's run out of towns named Cambridge (Some says he has been cursed). But that is not the only reason we knighted him as Alternate Captain: you can always count on Dushanth to be there helping newer players and working hard at every practice. That is whenever he's not in the field diagnosing neglected diseases. With his background in nanotech, Oxf*rd better watch out for his nanometer-precision rockets from the blue line!



Introducing **Jeremy Ingham**, the defenseman with a figure skating flair that's ice cool. When he's not gracefully pirouetting through the rink, Jeremy's strategic play, precise passes, and powerful shots remind everyone that he's more than just a figure skater stuck in hockey gear. Studying medicine, Jeremy's got more life-saving moves than a superhero on skates, ensuring the opposing team stays on their toes. Off the ice, you will either find him in the Wolfson gym or trying to recruit figure skaters from the Huskies. In summary, Jeremy Ingham isn't your typical defenseman; he's the puck-flipping, figure-skating, life-saving wizard of the rink, turning every game into a comedic masterpiece on ice!



A sporadic addition to the Huskies roster, less is certainly more when it comes to our number 51, **Ned O'Hearn**. As a part-time night porter at St Edmund's college, he leaves plenty of time for tearing up the ice, with his blistering speed and silky mitts ensuring that the opposition defenders will be losing sleep in no time. Whilst he's only played a handful of games in his debut Huskies season, he made an instantaneous impact against the O*ford Women's Blues, bagging a goal that would prove decisive in securing the W in our final home game this year. He's fast, he's flashy, and above all, he's American - all the proof you need that he'll be a handful for the Oxford defencemen.



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John Poole: A strong Canadian accent. A dashing smile. A long, flowing haircut. Three essentials for any would-be hockey player – and the Huskies are in luck, because our #4 brings all three and more to the table!

John's coming off the back of an outstanding debut season for the Huskies, with his defensive prowess and inter-period oranges cementing him as a crucial part of the team. Don't let his position in the lineup fool you, however – not only is he a prolific attacking threat, tallying up 7 points in his 8 games this season – but he's also a part-time goalie-for-hire, helping the Women's Blues earn a shutout vs UCL in February. When he isn't tearing it up on the ice, John can be spotted working hard at his compsci masters (he's smarter than you), getting the Huskies to a Churchill formal (he's smarter dressed than you), or taking careful care of his luscious locks (he's got better hair than you).

Never one to shy away from a big occasion, our eccentric Alberta native will be revelling in the chance to defend the Huskies' varsity title and send the Vikings B back to Oxford empty handed.



It's always a surprise when **Matus Lazar** is physically capable of doing sport – after all, as the former captain of the League of Legends team at O*ford he's only used to esports. Finding his place as the poster boy (door opener) of the Huskies, we can only hope he remembers us as he shoots to stardom, though his actual shooting leaves much to be desired. Breaking his goal scoring streak just to get some action shows where his loyalty really lies. But don't be fooled by pretty faces, watch as our local "influencer" M. Loser schools O*ford with his silky touch and crisp crossovers. This Slovakian storm leaves destruction in its wake.



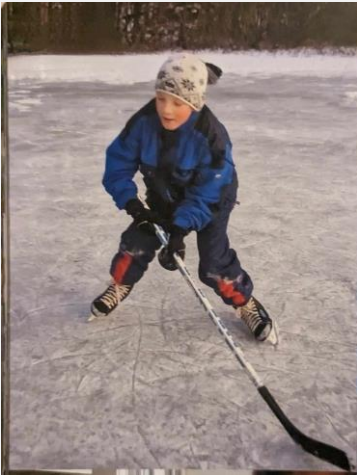
Slavik once stated that he is so old that when he started seriously dating, some of the members of the current Huskies weren't even born yet. This, however, plays to his advantage as his experience translates to him being the backbone of the Huskies defence. Often you can hear him shouting instructions or helpful tips while on the ice. Off the ice, he is the person who keeps the Huskies running, or should I say sliding, smoothly by being the team's skate sharpener. An honourable position dating back generations that he got by defeating the previous skate sharpener in gladiatorial combat. If all the Huskies make sure to actually *pay* for their skate-sharpening, Slavik will surely be an invaluable part of the team for the foreseeable future.



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Meet **Damion Box**, the ice hockey sensation hailing from the quaint corners of South Cambs. While his neighbours know him as the guy who always seems to be shouting at the birds in his driveway, little do they know he's been secretly tearing up the ice under the alias of Connor McDavid in the NHL. Damion's journey to hockey greatness started when he traded his tea kettle for a hockey stick at the tender age of one. From there, he honed his skills in frozen puddles, perfecting his slap shot while dodging looks from curious youths and concerned family members. Much like his job as Laboratory and Facilities Coordinator at the Centre for Brain Repair, where chaos meets precision, ice hockey demands a delicate balance of strategy and spontaneity. Just as scientists orchestrate experiments, hockey players choreograph plays, both navigating through chaos with finesse. And when Damion gracefully executes a slap shot, it's akin to a scientist discovering a breakthrough—a moment of pure, unadulterated brilliance. The huskies are still waiting for Damion to have his breakthrough... there's still time.



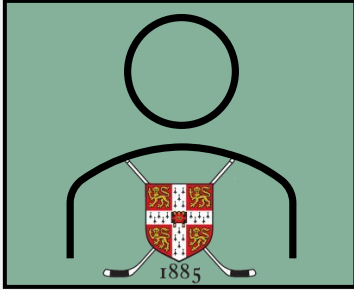
P2...initially nicknamed for being the second **Petr**, P2 has remained...well...P2 even after P1 left because he's not just a second Petr, but in fact an evolved Petr. A man with so much stamina that he can stay on the ice for not 1, not 2, not 3, but 4 or more shifts without changing. Can you even comprehend the sheer tactical advantage you can have when you have a winger who can play on all four lines at the same time?! In fact, P2 is capable of racking up so much ice time it would make a goalie blush. Even if warned, there is nothing the O*ford defense can do to prepare for this pucking chasing Husky!



Meet **Daniel**, the hockey maestro with a grin as wide as the rink and moves slicker than a Zamboni. When not cracking sharp jokes and maintaining high spirits off the ice, Daniel is known for firing long-range slap shots and leaving opposition defensemen in his wake. His ability to read the game is matched only by his lightning-fast reflexes, often leaving opponents scrambling to keep up with his unpredictable maneuvers. Daniel's infectious enthusiasm makes him a favorite among teammates, always boosting team morale with his positive attitude and infectious smile. Whether he's setting up plays with pinpoint passes or disrupting opponents' strategies with his strategic positioning, Daniel's presence on the ice is impossible to ignore..



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There are two types of hockey players. The first type you want on your team because they are terrifying and to oppose them is to know true mortal fear. The second type you want on your team because they are an endless source of positivity and encouragement. **Joe McWilliam** is an exemplary player who always has his teammates' back, whether it's supporting his fellow defenseman on the ice or being a reliable voice of positivity on the bench. However, forwards of the opposing team should think twice about challenging this fearsome menace at the point. In short, we are very glad to have Joe on our team. In his spare time, Joe is a first year PhD student in Biological Sciences at the Wellcome Sanger Institute. He is from St. Catharine's College.

"Meet **Jay**, the Huskies team captain, the rare combination of goal-scoring wizardry and organizational prowess. Jay's ability to find the net this year has seemed effortless, always finding a way to put the puck past the keeper when the Huskies have needed it the most.

But Jay is more than just a hockey virtuoso he is also a strategic savant. His detailed breakdown of a perfect 2v0 drill could make even the most seasoned coaches take notes. Jay's between-period speeches are motivational magic and no player on the Huskies has ever started a period giving less than 100% after hearing them, often turning deficits into comeback stories.

Jay bravely faces the Herculean task of ensuring the team knows when to hit the ice every week. While on paper this may not sound too difficult it might liken to herding cats. Despite this daunting task, Jay emerges victorious with a squad on the ice each week. It is a testament to his leadership and resilience and without him the Huskies could not function."

Say hello to **John Barker**, the human equivalent of a wrecking ball on ice, hailing from the hallowed halls of Wolfson College. This guy's idea of a warm-up is a crossfit session that would have most of us crying for our mommas, followed by bulldozing his way through anything that dares to stand on the ice - pucks, sticks, referees, you name it.

John's technique? If you can't skate around 'em, just go through 'em. Who needs finesse when you've got the strength to make the opposition wonder whether they signed up for ice hockey or a demolition derby?

Off the ice, John's tackling an MPhil in International Development with a focus on Blockchain, because why not mix brain and brawn? He's the guy making his professors wonder whether he's there for the tech talk or to bench press the lecture hall.

In the world of ice hockey, John's the lovable enigma - less about dainty pirouettes and more about ensuring the opposing team's players have a solid health insurance plan. With his blend of academic prowess and a play style that's part freight train, part ballet (if ballet involved a lot of smashing), John's definitely breaking the ice - sometimes literally.

So, if you're at a Huskies game and hear the sound of thunder on ice, don't fret. It's just John Barker, doing his thing and probably redefining the laws of physics while he's at it.



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Meet **Dennis "The Giant Guardian" Purchase**, a towering force on and off the ice! Often confused with the big friendly giant, this alpha male is a beast of a defender, ready to unleash his fury if provoked! When he's not dominating opponents on the ice, he juggles work commitments with the delicate art of parenting his infant daughter. Dennis is also making waves in the business world, spearheading the UK's fastest-growing prototype project managing company. Whether he's executing flawless slap shots or seamlessly managing high-stakes projects, Dennis is a true giant in every sense of the word!



Lars, the Dutch dynamo, has been tearing up the ice for the Huskies on offence. When he's not dangling opponents with his silky mitts he's studying the mechanics of jet engines with the same fervour he applies to perfecting his slap shot. Watch out Oxford, Lars is here to clog up your defence and propel the Huskies to victory!



Will Lowe - Corpus Christi College - PhD in Chemistry of Quality in Wines and Spirits

William Lowe MW runs many things, including but not limited to, a world-famous gin distillery, a sh*t-ton of marathons, and an extremely tight ship in the locker room. When not busy dining with gazillionaires or taking his daughter to the North Pole to meet Santa Claus, Will "Daddy" Lowe is pretending to complete a part-time PhD in the "Chemistry of Quality in Wines and Spirits" which we all know is just an excuse to sign an 8-year, -250 GBP AAV contract with the Cambridge Huskies. With cardio that embarrasses those of us on the team born in the 21st century and a fearsome shot that has recently begun to lift off the ground, watch out for this madman come the 9th of March as he embarks on a mission to cause irreparable damage to his already fractured finger.



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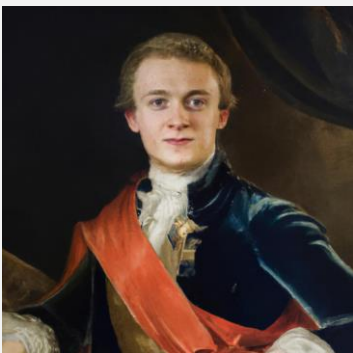
Computer scientist, Mathematician, and former student the disgusting hovel which is the University of O*ford, **Alex Rice** joined Darwin College Cambridge in 2020. Along with his PhD in Computer Science, Alex supervises and lectures several courses in the department including "Advanced Topics in Category Theory", "Intro to Probability", and "Methods for outplaying the Vikings so badly that they forfeit after the 1st period in tears". Along with Ice Hockey, Alex is also a keen Cellist, playing with the University Graduate Orchestra. This has helped him develop crucial upper-arm strength allowing him to be such a physical presence on ice. Off ice, Alex has also been applying his expertise in computerizing mathematical proofs to demonstrate beyond doubt that the Huskies are superior in every possible way to the Vikings. He believes that by game-day he will have formalized this in the Agda programming language, making it a mathematical certainty that we will in fact win the game.



Thomas George, #29

Wolfson College, Masters in Entrepreneurship, Judge Business School

Thomas "Taco" George grew up in North Carolina. There was no rink, but this didn't stop him becoming a hockey fan. A trip to Pittsburgh at the old Igloo was the inspiration. He saw the great Lemieux, Jagr and Barrasso play, with the latter showing Dominik Hasek the finer points of goaltending. Back in good old NC, there was still no rink, so ESPN's dynamic duo Gary Thorne and Bill Clement had to suffice until many years later. Thomas began his hockey career when he was exiled to Antarctica. There he finally found some ice, but had no idea what he was doing. The weird scientists living there put him in front of a goal and shot pucks at him. Thomas quickly developed into a promising player and was voted one of the 500,000 best goalies in Antarctica, which remains one of his proudest achievements. These days he's proud to play for Cambridge as a postgrad student and likes to pretend he is Felix Potvin when nobody is looking.

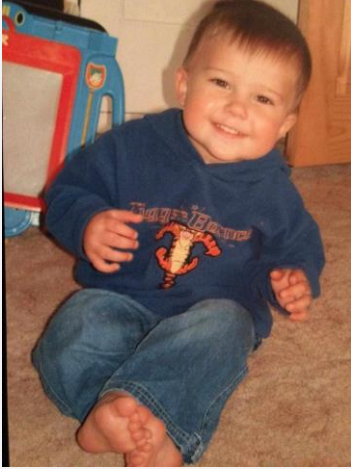


Eric LeGresley - Wolfson College - Medicine

Eric "LeGretzky" LeGresley comes from a long line of Canadian curling royalty. Having traded in the brooms and rocks for sticks and pucks, the next step in Eric's ice hockey journey is understanding that he is indeed allowed to touch the round thing with the long thing. Built like a Doritos Chip from a lifetime of gymnastics (and a severe leg-day allergy), this self-proclaimed power forward is not to be trifled with. After all, Eric's entire routine on the rings is just one long iron cross, as he enjoys the feeling of dominance he gets from T-posing at the judges. When not on the ice, Eric spends his time scamming innocent high schoolers with Get Smart Quick schemes, explaining his questionable internet purchase history to MI5, and securing a career for himself as a doctor by cultivating the next virus with pandemic potential.



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Chris Andrews - University of Westminster - Building Control Surveying

The guy only showed up to 3 sessions, so we know nothing about him. Here's what his friend George had to say:

Chris Andrews is a very active 21-year-old who has the energy and stamina of a horny rabbit on speed. He is a confectionery connoisseur but somehow still skinny. When he's not measuring the height of a staircase on a new build house or pretending to be a hooker with big burly men he likes to play inline hockey for the mighty Norfolk Bears.



Luca Owen-Jones - Clare College - Undergraduate Engineering

Luca is the newest addition to the Huskies. This first year engineering undergrad student has recently joined the Huskies, after started playing for the WB but decided that the Huskies were a better place.

Off ice Luca, doesn't complain much, you can drink all the wine that was meant to be shared.

But that is not all, he has been working hard on perfecting the bench press and his backward crossover to perform some quick dekes and finish in the perfect spot for a shot.

All jokes aside, Luca has gained so much confident in himself during games since he joined the huskies and has become an essential asset in the Huskies offence. Luca has progress more this term than some player ever fathomed during their entire time in the Huskies.

He has truly made the Huskies his team!



Petr Dostal - Pembroke College (Alumnus) - Junior Doctor

The Huskies are yet to fully process their grief following ex-Captain Petr [expletive] Dostal's departure from the team last year. Thankfully, having not quite finished living out his CUIHC glory days, Petr makes an unexpected return this Friday against the Trikes to captain our new recruits, who will be oh so glad they waited till this year to join the Huskies. While the NHS has kept Petr busy (on the picket lines), we must not forget he was captain for a reason, as he is sure to run a clinic on the ice with his silky hands and terrifying shot. In preparation for Varsity, any rookie Huskies should be aware that Petr's worst nightmare is too many men on ice, which is perhaps slightly surprising given how well he navigates the too many women in his DMs. After all, I'd let him finger my dostal.



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Ming Yang - St Johns College - 3rd year Astrophysics

Ming is a 3rd year astrophysics student who has been playing with the Huskies for a couple of years. After a season patrolling the blue line, Ming has been brought forward to round out the star-studded all-Asian line. When he's not calculating the trajectory of comets or studying the curvature of spacetime, Ming can usually be found on the rink perfecting his slap shot or his imitation of a penguin waddling across the ice. With his infectious energy and unrivaled dedication to the game, Ming Yang is a force to be reckoned with.



Owen Allemang - a Frenchman whose surname means “German” - is basically doing a PhD in ice hockey. That’s right, Owen is so dedicated to the sport that he’s chosen to spend 3-4 years of his life researching ocean currents under the Arctic ice using machine learning, making him an expert on the ever-shifting, half-frozen ice sheets found in rinks around the UK. Before each shift, Owen feeds his machine learning algorithms live data on rink conditions and uses his finely-tuned model to map out the exact moves he needs to make on-ice to score against his opponents. Owen has also made brief appearances between the pipes for CUIHC Women’s Blues, but lets just say the algorithm isn’t optimized for making saves. Skating out, Owen is a lethal weapon on any ice rink, and O*ford should be wary of his data-driven style of play. When asked if he intends to publish his research and its applications in ice hockey, Owen replied: “check my stats on BUIHA, that’s all the publication I need”.



Coach Joe Allison - University of Leeds - Electrical Engineer

Coach Joe “Governor” Allison took a vow during the pandemic to only cut his hair if the Huskies ever made two consecutive tape-to-tape passes. Unfortunately, his lustrous locks have since long surpassed the length of the M. Laser goal streak. With edges as deep as his mantras (“pucks on faces, smiles on net”), Coach Joe is an irreplaceable presence on the bench who we suspect secretly enjoys watching the Huskies pass through their own slot. Known to skate so fast his hands can’t keep up, Coach Joe’s heroic end-to-end efforts usually culminate in a perfect pass... to the opposing goalie. In all seriousness though, we adore Coach Joe, and the Huskies would not exist without his selfless dedication to expanding access to the game we all love.



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Vikings B Captain's Statement

Starting a meme account after having to sleep on the Ibis floor was not how I imagined starting my captaincy of the Bikes. Bikes has always been full of surprises- one season you lose every match, then the next two you go undefeated. This year was no different- turning 38 people away during tryouts we were still left with a roster of 35, which grew to 45 by the second term. Access and inclusivity have always been paramount to me, but training with such a large roster proved challenging. The disparity in level between the top and bottom of the squad was unquestionable, but a divide was the last thing the Bikes needed. Some strings were pulled, and a trinity of an extra ice slot, numerous challenge matches (6), and separate Nationals and Varsity, birthed the Vikings C (Trikes) team. Occasionally training with the Bikes, but also having some of their own sessions and games allowed the Trikes to develop their own team identity, whilst still being part of the Bikes family. It's an exciting time for dev hockey, as we hope to enter the Trikes into their own league next season!

Coaching my players week in week out, it wasn't surprising to see from afar that the Bikes were crushing their competition- Bikes currently has the most talent in it since its inception. After reordering my priorities, I got to properly captain the Bikes in the second term, and whilst offsidés, body-checking, and back-checking had clearly not been taught in training, the team chemistry was nothing short of prime Sidemen in GTA racing videos. Each player brings their own set of skills and camaraderie to the table, and it's such a joy and honour to be able to captain them on the ice.

Bikes wouldn't be Bikes without a serious love for tomfoolery, buffoonery, and non-hockey shenanigans. This year we've smashed that reputation out of the park. Coining our own branding identity, becoming nano-influencers, and bolstering our relationship(s) with the Women's Blues team has ensured that the fire of Bikes ice hockey keeps ablaze long after the season simmers to a close. Getting to know each and every one of the Bikes *et al.* has been such a pleasure. At the start of the season, I felt like people trod on eggshells around me, talking up to me with such fear and respect (shouting at them for 2 hours a week probably didn't help). Gradually, these were whittled down, and now people feel comfortable targeting and gaslighting me during Among Us. The one thing I've learnt about the Bikes, is that nothing attracts them like food and alcohol, it's just a shame that I can't attach them to my weekly Bikes Bulletins...

As promised in the Welcome Social, I aimed to make it the most memorable year of hockey for those only in Bikes for this year, and I sincerely hope that that will be the case. The hockey may be what brought us together, but it's the friends and memories that keep us together.

Bikes on 3!



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Dan Kwok #51 (C)

Is there a doctor on board? No, what about a captain? After having used the vents to remain hidden for the first three games, our captain has finally surfaced after becoming another victim to the tragic vacuum cleaner incidents plaguing the team. Wearing the number 51, a humorous nameplate, and his signature piss-yellow helmet, gloves and stick combo, Dan is hard to miss both on the ice and off. Whether he is leading the bikes in a drill or reading out the code to the among us lobby, his contribution to the team has inspired loyalty and respect from all. The founder of the Vikings C, Architect of the bikes' almost undefeated season, and the inventor of the ubiquitous "bikes go" prefix, this PhD student is about to show Cambridge the results of putting more effort into a hockey team than a doctorate.



Joe Smith

"I remember first meeting Joe last year- he could barely skate, and was a fragile little Irish boy. About 100 concussions and multiple sunstrokes later, he's still just as pasty but can manage some crossovers (anticlockwise). Having only stepped on the ice 1.5 years ago, Joe is a keen and quick learner. Which is why it's remarkable he never learnt how to wear sliders without his gammy toes sticking out the ends. His dedication is a double edged sword- he lives and dies by the team, but can sometimes get himself in a bit of trouble. As a new housemate, Joe brought some new things with him- waffles for breakfast, a coffee machine, and some random sweatshop worker. In all fairness, she did a good job sewing on his 'A', I just wish she didn't make so much noise. A proficient and creative cook, Joe loves whipping up a mean chicken katsu curry and sucking on the meatiest of Tesco's finest balls. Be it from the bench, the penalty box, or the stands, you'll be sure to hear this guy's bark loud and clear."



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Leo Turica #53 (A)

Leo “The Professor” Turica, it’s not all about lab coats and equations for him. With a mind sharper than his skates, he is a puck-smashing, smoke-puffing genius on and off the ice. Despite his affinity for physics, his true passion lies on the ice. Leo is an iron-clad defenseman who will shut down your offence at the speed of light, leaving nothing but a smoke trail and the broken dreams of any forward brave enough to cross him. He is a standout player on and off the ice and is always there for the team, even when injured. Cambridge better watch out for his laser-like shot and his positive attitude that is guaranteed to give the Vikings the win.



Rish Dhoot #33 (NM)

Rish in the past couple of years has had the kindness of heart to stay in net and make space for Connor Bedard to have the privilege of being top NHL prospect this season. Rish's other prominent hockey achievement came from successfully auditioning for the TV show *Shoresy*, but then being promptly kicked out for being too much of a goon and nearly stealing *Shoresy*'s girl and namesake of the show. However this fits in perfectly with the spirit of the Vikings and Rish is the ideal goalie for our club. Fortunately for our opposing teams, they didn't spend much time in front of Rish's crease this season. Such encounters in places like the downstairs area in the Westgate ended with Rish using his huge body weight and absolute pythons of arms to whack one of his mischievous friends with his stick edge-first. Rish got hench enough to carry our team out of our mistakes by lifting some heavy quantum field theory and some well engineered models of neutron diffusion in fusion device materials. We Rish C*mbriage good luck getting past our mountain-of-a-man wall-incarnate in the crease.



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Felix von Moltke #30

Determined to live up to the weighty historical legacy of a name like von Moltke, Felix is often found strategizing plays as if he's plotting military manoeuvres. Embracing fully the old Prussian doctrine that the best defence is a swift and decisive attack, he remains one of the most offensive defencemen the bikes have ever known, with a mighty stat line that puts 90% of the Bikes forwards to shame. This is perhaps more a testament to the lethality of his wrists given that his slapshots remain utterly paltry—if only he put as much effort into practicing them as he does taking unflattering photos of his sleeping teammates! When he is not orchestrating offensive onslaughts, Felix can be found fortifying the blue line, ensuring that no one gets to Rish unimpeded (except for Kent; the less said about that, the better). Always the first man back and the first to lead a breakout, a disappointing lack of PIMs is now the only thing holding him back from greatness (c'mon, nobody would notice a few hip checks against Cambridge). Nevertheless, just as the von Moltke's of old broke the spirit of France, Felix shall undoubtedly lead a campaign that strikes fear into the heart of any Cambridge skater who dares challenge him!



Book Pasin Jiranantawat #69

Goalies fear him. Women love him. Men want to be him. Transferred to Oxford from Bangkok, Book brings more to the table than chugging pints. Whether he's putting the puck in the net or putting dents in his fridge, it's a bad idea to get between his slapshot and his target. His offensive instinct is so pure, backchecking and defense aren't even in his vocabulary. When he's not on the ice, he's still making an impact for the team. Whether in Atik, Oxo, or The Skeld, he's locked in. In his first year at Oxford, he's already considered a prodigy alcoholic, following in the footsteps of countless legendary bikes before him. His sty is impeccable. He's a celly savant, and on rolling up his sleeve you can see that he never plays hockey with less than two Rolexes on his wrist. And while the Michigan has so far eluded him, goalies should be careful to always look over their shoulder when he's behind the net.



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Ras.I Martin #39

If you're reading this, then somehow, Ras I. has through divine intervention made it without an injury longer than a week. With his recognisable laugh and charming spirit, you cannot miss his prescience on the bench or in the changing room. Studying PPE you'd imagine he would be a bit of a wet wipe, but this man can get everyone listening and believing in whatever he has to say, unlike any of his graduated predecessors. He's even been filmed dropping a griddy mid ice during nationals (can't imagine Rishi doing that now can we). But rest assured he will be out of position on the breakout and giving his all into the boards. So watch out Cambridge this man is ready to fight and he has no fear of injuries....injuries fear him. P.S. this was written over a week ago, so he could still have been injured in the meantime.



Alex Tlkanec #93

Once upon a time, in the ice rink, there lived a puck-wielding wizard named Alex. Affectionately dubbed "fridge" by his comrades, not for his chilling demeanour, but for his appetite, agility, and the beers in his bag, Alex is a force to be reckoned with. His prowess on the ice strikes terror into the hearts of his opponents, provided they are frightened of German techno beats, of course. Yet, beneath his clumsy exterior lies a formidable athlete. With puck in hand and an open goal before him, Alex transforms into a marksman, (with a success rate hovering around 50%) and his stick handling dangerous (with crosschecking his specialty). In Cambridge they had better hope there is no Pepsi around as it unlocks Alex's true power. Fuelled by the fizzy potion, he transcends into the realm of legends, akin to Juraj Slafkovský, as his impressive tally of points bore witness. And so, with each slap shot and every slice of pizza devoured, Alex's legend continues to grow, weaving tales of triumph across the many rinks of BUIHA.



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Hugo Fung #10

Resident Bikes blackjack player, Hugo “slot machine” Fung does only one thing – score goals. The epitome of “they don’t ask how, they ask how many,” Cambridge better hope their goalie has some rebound control if Hugo’s in the crease. There’s no getting him out of position once he’s set up, since there are only three things that can defeat him: his own team’s supersonic yet wildly inaccurate slap shots, the “vacuum cleaner”, and his maybe 5ft tall housemate complaining about the bins again. He won’t get tired no matter how long his shifts are, since he only leaves the zone to go to the bench or sit high on the blue line, and always waits for the right opportunity – after all, he did wait chasing the same girl for nearly two years. Cambridge should watch out that he doesn’t steal their goals as well.



Tom Davies #26

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Bikes number 26, Tom Davies, who's jumped twenty feet into the air again after getting bored waiting around for the faceoffs to start. An academic weapon of an engineer by day, hockey player and pogo stick by night, and an around-the-clock father of @newcollegedjungelskog- Tom does it all without ruffling a single strand of his luxurious mane. He's cemented himself as one of captain Dan's favourite Ds after his legendary coast to coast goal in the UCL Yetis game, but if hockey doesn't work out for him he could certainly consider returning his bloodstained elbow pads to the club and venturing onto OnlyFans, as his adamant refusal to use leg tape has led to many a cheeky exposed thigh during training and games. Turns out the refs aren't blind- it's all just a part of Tom's ingenious distraction tactic.



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Shin Ikeda #17

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Angie? Imported all the way from the bustling streets of Tokyo, you'll find this pint-sized powerhouse wielding his hockey stick with all the finesse and elegance of a battle-hardened samurai and the unmatched power of a Yokozuna. Fuelled by Asahi Superdry and Pocari sweat, he utilises all of his 5 feet and 3 inches (separate measurements) to effectively fulfil his role as enforcer of the bikes, though, you wouldn't know it as all of his penalty minutes are mysteriously given to Shuhan. Aside from screaming obscenities at the refs, or anything else that moves, some of Shin's favourite pastimes seem to include deathmatches with vacuum cleaners (or maybe vampires?), wearing turtlenecks (unrelated), and playing well when Katie is watching. Despite trying his damndest to get injured the week before varsity, unfortunately, Cambridge have not been let off so lightly and he is back in full force ready for some Cambikaze. 'Certain victory' boldly emblazoned on his helmet, when Shin hits the ice with his strikingly handsome linemate Aidan, it's not just a game- it is a spectacle of sheer dominance like nothing you have ever seen before, which the huskies will unfortunately be leaving with thoroughly shivered timbers and maybe a new perspective on life.



Jacob Best #98

With the best beard and a grandpa attitude, we know him as the mayo slut. Meet my hockey buddy, Jake, a mayo enthusiast on and off the ice. Despite his tough demeanour during games, his love for mayo is surprisingly endearing. Whether slathering it on sandwiches or celebrating victories with mayo-laden treats, Jake's passion for the condiment adds a unique flavour to the team. He's got a friendly face, but a mean slap shot so goalie watch out (or don't) His disarming smile conceals a sniper's precision on the rink. It's a delightful paradox - cute face, killer shot - making him an asset and a formidable opponent, surprising everyone.



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Aidan Hill #29

Huskies beware, for the greatest rizzler is back in Cambridge. Aidan picked up Yapanese in his childhood in Cambridgeshire and came to Oxford with a smile on his face and a bit of on-ice thigh voyeurism. Not content with the yapping-scene in the UK, Aidan set his sights on the biggest population to yap with and travelled to China. Having picked up Mandarizz, half the global population is at his mercy. Too good for elbow pads and sock tape, Aidan is a dedicated member of Bikes who likes to live on the edge. Do not let his child-size gloves from his innocent days fool you, his magic hands perform miracles off and especially on the ice. With a sweet heart and smile, Aidan is the whole package, and the go-to hugging stress ball for the Bikes. Huskies get your sock tapes ready if you want to keep your ladies (and your mans) away from his juicy thighs, Aidan Hill is here with a lot of skin in the game.



Shuhan Li #57

Is it a Shin? Is it a Shuhan? The BUIHA refs don't seem to know! Affectionately known as "the Great Wall of China" - few have managed to get past Shuhan with their egos intact. Don't be fooled by her smile: the grim streets of Manchester have made her a force to be reckoned with. The only thing more positive than her attitude in life is her plus-minus. The only thing brighter than her hair is her future in ice hockey. Following her year as president of Oxford's beginner-friendly ice hockey club (ALTS), she has plenty of experience giving out skating tips to those less familiar on the ice - let's hope the Huskies brought their notepads. Strengths: Engineering, Hair dye Weaknesses: Joe Smith #7



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Michal Sikos #11

Coming from the proud nation of ice hockey legends, nestled right in the center of Europe is center Michal Sikos. Michal's rise within the team has been as swift as his skating... well, at least forward skating. He's graciously excused himself from the backward skating drills, citing his avant-garde, full-attack strategy as far superior. No need to skate backward if the puck is always going into the offense. Michal boasts a repertoire of skills that would make a Swiss army knife blush, excelling not only in ice hockey but also in tennis, golf, and presumably, polo with all the balls he juggles. His adaptability is truly a sight to behold. The team hit the jackpot with this one, and the Czechoslovak line hits the ice harder than a Zamboni in overdrive. With Michal in the mix, the only thing backward here is the competition trying to keep up.



Oliver Warren #94

A seasoned member of the Bikes, this ginger geezer not only has a superpowered slap shot but can also effortlessly secure the team's free entry into Atik. When he's not ensuring you bypass club queues or downing pints of Strongbow Dark Fruits, Ollie is a menace on the ice with his crisp passes and impenetrable defence. Yet when it comes to skating backward, he's more like Bambi at the ice rink. By day, a lab technician, by night he's the unrivalled dartboard sharpshooter, hitting the bullseye with ease. Don't let his lab coat fool you; he revels in a good sesh like it's an art form. Whether he's aiming for bullseyes or scoring goals on the ice, Ollie's skills are as versatile as his taste in music during a night out. Cambridge better watch out as Ollie is a force to be reckoned with. Before they know, he'll speed past in a whirl of ginger and they're already down a point.



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Vikings C Captain's Statement

When I received an email at the start of the year telling me I hadn't been offered a place at OUIHC tryouts, I think it's safe to say I didn't expect to get a chance to play ice hockey this year, let alone captain a team.

The Vikings C team (affectionately known as the Trikes) was created only two months ago after the Bikes captain Dan decided to roster two teams' worth of players to the team. I was fortunate enough to be invited to tryout specifically for the Bikes, and alongside many other new players, I joined a 45-person strong group of enthusiastic skaters. You've heard enough about this team already from Dan himself, but it's because of him that the Trikes now exists in the way it does, so we all owe him a great deal for everything he's done for us.

We began training as our own team at the beginning of January, learning from the various other captains in the club as they built us from the ground up to play together in one fearsome unit, mighty ducks style. With no league games for us to compete in, we secured a couple of friendlies throughout the term, the most prominently being our first against the N-CHK D1 South team, Birmingham Lions B. Being in the same league as our Women's Blues and Vikings A teams, the result would have seemed easy to predict, but in true David vs Goliath fashion we ended the game officially at 2-2, and in the end won on the penalty shootout! This is what I see as the defining moment in the creation of the Trikes; seeing a team that began as the extra challenge only players for the Bikes, and in that night become a new team in their own right.

It really has been a pleasure to captain this brilliant bunch of people, however questionable my drill demonstrating has been during our late night trainings. My thanks goes again to Dan, as well as the Vikings captain Jack (who you'll see playing as our resident goalie!) and the club president Jakub for all the support they've given me, both in guiding me on how to properly coach a hockey team and helping me run trainings to make sure this team can grow in the short space of time that we've had. I would also like to personally thank everyone who's ever been rostered as a Trike: without you this team would have never flourished at the speed that it has to bring us to where we are today, giving us the opportunity to shoe the tabs ourselves.

This inaugural Vikings C vs Huskies B varsity match is the true climax to all our efforts as a team, and we hope to show you just how formidable a force the Dark Blues really are.

Trikes on 3!

Ben Kyd

Vikings C Captain 2024

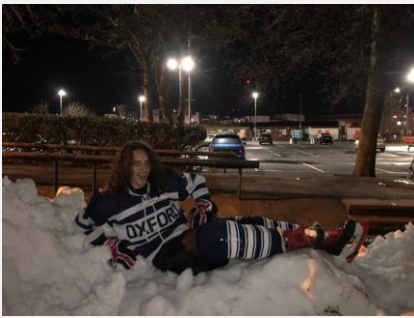


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Ben Kyd #55 (C)

Ben Kyd is the best Trikes captain anyone has ever had, full stop. Yes, he may also be the first captain the Trikes have ever had, but Ben has really stepped up for his team and taken on the role in full stride - metaphorically, that is (his skating is still a little wobbly). No one really knows how Ben found his way to ice hockey; he's got a Blue in orienteering, so you'd think he'd have a better sense of direction. But Ben somehow wandered into the Oxford Ice Rink one day and has been there pretty much nonstop ever since, playing in and organising the Alternative Ice Hockey League while also training with multiple OUIHC teams, running the clock at their games and now taking on a captaincy. He is truly dedicated to the sport and a great example of the type of player development this club tries to foster, going from playing in ALTS to running it and from being an OUIHC reserve to captaining a team. He can be found representing OUIHC on and off the ice by getting weird looks at libraries for the nozzle on his water bottle and causing quite the scene as he bikes down Cornmarket with various pieces of kit strapped to his backpack and a stick balancing on his handlebars. He fights for his team and we are lucky to have him as a captain this Varsity.



Jamie Yon #9 (A)

A man of few words but much hair, Jamie "The Lion" Yon is sure to put up the ferocious defence befitting his mane. After escaping the physics department, The Lion is here to give a demonstration to Cambridge about speed and force. A fresh addition to the Oxford roster, this undiscovered particle will break all laws of physics to achieve victory. Initial findings show that his energy is limitless, and he'll simply pass through any obstructions in his way. He can frequently be found at "ALTs" hockey, sporting the finest fashions. He teaches the other players about orbits by skating circles around them. Both an unstoppable force and immovable object, keep an eye on this player and you'll hear him roar!



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Jack Haynes #24 (NM)

Paid to play, that's right our Vikings A captain Jack is officially paid to play (just not quite a pro yet). This man is always at the rink, I mean quite literally, when he's not playing he's working there, or sometimes both! He's a very skilful player and an amazing centre, quick on his feet, great dekes and dangles quite the slap shot and a great team leader. Many of us thought he would continue excelling..... but no.....he's decided to start playing in goal!! I guess he must be good in goal? I mean surely there must be some transferable skills right???

More ice time maybe ?? At least I bloody hope so, **WHY HAVE YOU STARTED PLAYING IN GOAL JACK??!!!!** He has a very strict off ice training routine, following our 7am Wednesday training he heads straight for a nutritional breakfast and pint in the healthy establishment Wetherspoons. He's an all round great hockey player and not someone you want to take your eye off ;) Watch out Cambridge you never know where he might be playing!



Marshall Hunt

The mad lad from the North himself. A chemist that's bound to get a reaction from the opposing defence!, slipping in goals with style like its nobody's business. A rising star on the team making a big impact (only occasionally with other players) we all appreciate having this chap around! With his snazzy new helmet and stylish shots he's certainly one to keep an eye out for on the ice. The kid of guy you'd want to have a pint with he's a proper lad and down to earth at that. You better watch out though or he'll have you down on the ice!



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Jack Fulford

Introducing Jack Fulford, a new sensation in the OUIHC world, making a name for himself with every trip to the ice and to the penalty box. Hailing from the Slough Jets junior system, Jack brings with him a wealth of knowledge that makes him a weapon on and off the ice with the Oxford Brookes Lacrosse team. Under the Ice Spice banner, Jack's already brought home one championship - winning the 23/24 ALTS Cuppers for Brookes not Books (including Book); with a Stella in one hand and a hockey stick in the other, better give Cambridge a heads up as Jack's a force to be reckoned with!



Ivy Wong

"I am HOOKED". This is the message I received from Ivy following her first ever hockey game, and was something that really shone through during the following week's trainings (of which she attended none of them). One of the newest additions to the Trikes roster, Ivy has joined the squad with great enthusiasm, gliding along the ice with all the force from the right hand skate. Having said that, she spends more time than most on her pads rather than her skates, though in her defence it's proved good training for her trying to become the Trikes' first dedicated goalie. Our team's resident psychologist, she'll be looking to psych out everyone she chases down for a backcheck (a word that she's only just come to understand), and she will be stuck in the Huskies' heads as the D that crushed their scoring dreams.



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Matthew Young

Hair to die for. Seems like a very chill guy.



Simon Kolarik #24

Hailing from the picturesque streets of the Czech Republic, Simon "The Swift" Kolarik is known for his lightning speed on the ice and his unquenchable thirst for Branik, the beer that fuels his rapid sprints. This Czech maestro has been spotted more often with a fishing rod than without, claiming that understanding the nets on the river is the secret to mastering the nets on the rink. His teammates know well that if you can't find Simon, just look for the nearest body of water or listen for the crack of a beer can - he'll be at one or the other, but always plotting his next goal. On the ice, he's as nimble as he is in his fishing boat, effortlessly gliding past defenders with the grace of a river current. They say the only thing quicker than his breakaway is his ability to pop open a cold one after the game. With a puck on his stick and a fish on his line, Kolarik is the true definition of a Czech force to be reckoned with. As we Czechs say, "In Prague, we don't just chase pucks, we catch them too!" Keep an eye on this one - if you can keep up, that is.



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Joseph Fields #85

A man of many words but little hair, Joe is a visiting student frequently found questioning the 'pretentious' Oxbridge ways. However, this won't stop him putting up a strong fight against Cambridge, as he has done throughout the season, sending them retreating faster than his hairline. Being from the North and studying at the hockey powerhouse that is Sheffield, Joe has hockey running through his veins, alongside all that Yorkshire tea. It clearly takes up a lot of his memory space too as he is known to frequently forget kit, most impressively realising 5 minutes before ice time that he'd left his skates at home, and driving in full kit to collect them. When he's not at the rink, Joe can be found working on his robotics - now is he building a perfect robot hockey player? Only time will tell, but if one thing is for sure it's that Joe is anything but robotic on the ice, and will be a force to be reckoned with.



Nicole George

From the frigid lands of Russia, introducing skater turned hockey player, Nicole George. Don't let her cute Animal Crossing or aquarium music fool you, she is not one to be messed with on the ice. This defender will take you down with a smirk that makes you question if she's a model. With grace and elegance unmatched, she can also be seen ripping up the slopes or showing off her acrobatics pole dancing. Though Cambridge is her hometown, don't expect any sympathy from her when she's out on the ice!



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Cecilia Feldmann

Oh Cecilia! Watch out Cambridge, Cecilia Feldmann is going to be breaking your heart and your defences on the ice! This Canadian-born English student is going to tackle you harder than she tackles her readings – she's been saving up all the points she failed to score since the women's blues season, and she's going to score them all at once. While she's only started playing ice hockey properly this year, she's brought great pride to both her country (finally) and college by being an absolute demon on the ice. It's a good thing her flight home is in the next couple of days, because after how well she plays against you, you'll be begging her to go home.



Alexander Grange #25

Did anyone here that? A Canadian accent on the ice? Not much more terrifying, except perhaps the sound of his newly practiced slap shot (we don't talk about accuracy yet). Alex Grange is a cornerstone of the Oxford Vikings C team, and is looking better and better with every training session. He may be one of the friendliest people off the ice, but don't let that fool you. A menace on the ice, and always ready for a fight, he'll be dropping the gloves if you try to mess with anyone on the team. One can only assume this is the effect of being a former Warwick and Coventry Panthers player; we all know what they're like. Alex has become a great defenceman, so watch out forwards, you better be getting comfortable with the boards because that's the only place you're going while he's on the ice.



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Emma Stratford #28

Half Swedish, Emma has Ice flowing through her veins and is sure to be a threat to any huskies trying to take her on. Emma is arguably the most committed trike by far, having gone so far to infiltrate the Huskies as to actually date one of them. She surely knows all their strengths and weaknesses and will be sure to hit them where it hurts; provided she doesn't get checked first, be it by a certain husky, or a teammate. When not playing hockey Emma studies physics. This is solely for the purpose of improving at hockey by being able to more precisely predict the exact motions of the puck. The only downside to the distraction that is "a degree", is that she will have to attend full days of labs just after graveyard shifts at the rink, yet her dedication is such that she will be seen back at the rink the following night with near certainty. Watch out Cambridge, no-one will be getting past our legendary Emma Stratford...



Maggie Baker #22

Straight from the Salt Lake City of Snakes, when she's not busy "Rockin' the Kraken" and skating circles around the opposition, you'll probably find Maggie posted up in Pret. Originally learning to skate under the bluebird skies in Sun Valley's open air rinks, Maggie is an all-star American talent (*eagle cries*). As an undergrad she was on the track team for Brown, but upon her arrival to the UK she took straight to the ice. Oh you know someone that went to the university in the States as well? 99.9% chance Maggie knows them too. She probably also knows the person they dated in first year. And their best friend from high school. The only thing more connected than her LinkedIn is her stick to the puck! (But seriously if you want to connect find her @pooperuncherpenis69). And don't drop your guard as we head to the pub after the game because she can definitely drink you under the table.



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Becky Hu #34

Hu's zest for life extends far beyond the buttoned-up world of banking. When she's not busy navigating the intricacies of the financial realm and maximizing shareholder value, you'll find her knee-deep in her other passions: beers and the BOYSSS. Yes, that's right - Becky Hu, the financial wizard, knows how to let loose and chill with the best of them. But there's more to Becky than just the hustle and bustle of the banking world. In a surprising twist, this esteemed physicist turned engineer has dedicated a significant chunk of her life to mastering the art of hockey. For the past five years, she's been toe-dragging around unsuspecting opponents, gracefully gliding across the ice before sending a husky player into the boards - a move that rivals her strategic prowess in the boardroom. So, next time you're sipping a cold one with Becky at the local pub, discussing the latest market trends, just remember that behind the banking facade lies a hockey virtuoso. She's not just counting dollars; she's counting the minutes until she can hit the rink and unleash her inner hockey maven.



Callum Umaña Stuart

Have you seen, fresh on the scene: Callum Supreme. Dusts you like a snowman and doesn't forget the coal and carrot, so bring some syrup and a cup for a free slushy. He asks for your sock tape like a bully for lunch money. When he's not at the rink he sits in the dark and etches on his wall the days until his next win against you and sharpens his skates like an executioner, so enjoy yourself while you can, before you face Callum Supreme.



Cambridge WB



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WB Captains address

We are very excited to welcome everyone to the 42nd Cambridge vs Oxford Women's Blues varsity match at home in Cambridge! This year has been an exciting journey for the Cambridge Blues. We have made huge progress since the beginning of the season, and we can't wait to get back on the ice and give it our all to reclaim our title as varsity champions at home.

We have a strong team this year - along with our core of returning players, we have some amazing new recruits who brought their previous ice hockey experience to Cambridge, and some fantastic rookies who have made incredible strides with their experience in figure skating and other sports such as field hockey and football. We've been putting in the hours on the ice and the team is unrecognisable compared to the beginning of the season! Our team this year hails from all over the world - including Canada, America, the UK, South Korea, the Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, China, and Germany.

We couldn't have done it without our amazing coaches, Dan McConnell, and Professor Bill Harris, who meticulously planned practices every Sunday, and shared his strategy wisdom and knowledge with us. We also thank Josh Gooden for putting us through our paces at strength and conditioning every Tuesday and getting us in shape for the big day! We would like to thank them all for their input, advice, and support, and for sacrificing their late evenings and weekends to help us develop as a team. We would also like to thank our teammates - from late night practices, to even later night coach trips to away games, and great strength and conditioning turnouts. The team has shown amazing dedication, spirit and commitment this year, and has become a true community. Finally we are grateful to all of our supporters - the friends, family and fans who have been there through it all and kept our spirits up during the tough losses and cheered us on when we came out on top.

We're confident that this will be an exciting game that will showcase the hard work and dedication that we have put in this season! We are proud to carry on the legacy of Cambridge Women's Ice Hockey and are thrilled to be part of another historic meeting between these two teams.

Alicia and Saashi

Women's Blues Captains



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Melissa Yuan

#88

Degree: Medicine
Home country: UK
College: Jesus

Did someone just fall on the ice? Oh that was just our club treasurer, publicity officer and on-call doc, Melissa (nickname pending). One look at her calendar (Google sponsorship pending) will give you nightmares but somehow she does it all and still has time to help others. She may have started her training in the "other" hockey, but she's a pro on the ice. She's a definite goal scorer from the point, as long as her legs aren't cramping up.

It's not her first time in the varsity line up and you only need to watch her stick skills to know it. She will for sure heat up the competition (Oxf*rd better hope they don't get burnt). But even if they do, Melissa specialises in reconstructive plastic surgery. She goes hard at the rink but goes even harder at the club (although she'll deny all knowledge of any drunken events). You better hide your champagne glasses and your cowboy hats and watch out for our fearless defender!!



Lizzie Jack

#44

Degree: Veterinary Medicine
Home country: UK
College: Jesus

Introducing Lizzie "The Vetvenger" Jack! Our coolest vet-to-be is a former field hockey whiz - she swapped grass for ice and is here to diagnose the competition's weaknesses and prescribe a hefty dose of puck-to-net therapy. With her skills honed from her days on the field hockey pitch, Lizzie brings determination and a sprinkle of animal instinct to every game. Don't ever underestimate her dedication, even if that means she has to hand her on-call bleep to one of our coaches at practice. Get ready to witness her unleash a "fur-ocious" storm at the Varsity match!



Julia Maybury

#18

Degree: PhD Psychology
Home country: USA
College: Christ's

Julia joins us from the Boston College Eagles, and we are so glad she made the right choice and chose light blue for her PhD career! Julia started playing at age 4, but her hockey journey began practically before she could walk - the first time she stepped on the ice, she asked her parents "where's my stick?!" This is partly thanks to her older brothers, whose idea of babysitting was to dress her up in goalie equipment and take slap shots - but instead of becoming a goalie, Julia became a goal SCORER (a mantra she repeats in the mirror every day). Off the ice, you'll find her spinning records like a pro, thanks to her former side hustle as a DJ, or researching sleep, ageing and memory for her PhD. Fittingly, Julia is an extreme morning person and likes nothing more than an early night - but she manages to stay upbeat and cheerful when we're still on the ice at midnight mid-week! Keep an eye out for Julia this varsity - her powerful shot and deft moves will be no match for Oxford!



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Grace Colverd

#77

Degree: PhD Computer Science for environmental risks
Home country: United Kingdom
College: Fitzwilliam

Meet Grace, our “Frosty Fashionista” and stash queen who hails from the United Kingdom but has since earned her status as an honorary Canadian after pledging her allegiance to Justin Bieber and Maple Syrup. When she’s not at the rink, you can pick her out of a crowd by finding the sickest bucket hat or trendy outfit. In her spare time, she tries (unsuccessfully) to stay out of trouble. For the record, she never tried to ruin a very important royal ceremony. Grace joined CUIHC in 2022 but is no stranger to the ice rink as she grew up figure skating. As a defender for the WBs, Grace has an aggressive presence and does not back down from any battle (something she practised from her time in the clink). She’s looking forward to skating circles around Oxf*rd!



Mengyuan ‘May’ Li

#62

Degree: PhD Architecture
Home country: China
College: Lucy Cavendish

If you see someone rocking Drew apparel before Matthews even gets his hands on it and pre-game fits that belong on the runway, you’ve just met May. Even with all her drippy pieces, she’ll still order insane quantities of stash items and fashion some of them into outfits for our team mascot, Teddy. May always has a smile on her face (except when she has a KFC bag on her head for a bit of shut-eye on the bus) and a positive attitude. Her post-game spirits are equally as high. The later the night goes, the more bananas and ice cream cones May demolishes. Don’t worry, they always get replaced by boujee equivalents. She’s equally legendary on the ice. Doesn’t matter who you are, if you have the puck, May isn’t backing down without a fight. Get ready to watch her light it up at Varsity! *cue Justin Timberlake “it’s gonna be May” meme*



Simrat ‘Sim’ Sodhi

#25

Degree: Medicine
Home country: Canada
College: Lucy Cavendish College

You’ll probably hear Sim before you see her, cheering on the bench at a volume that’s as terrifying to opposing teams as is her fierce forechecking. Medical student, club president, locker room DJ, interim co-captain (that gives many water breaks), die-hard Maple Leafs fan—Sim wears so many helmets it’s tough to figure out (a) why she keeps getting concussions in practice and (b) how she even has time for her most important role (as owner of the team’s most popular party house). Away from the rink, Sim splits her time between Ipswich, Stockholm, Bedford, and Davos. But most importantly, Sim grew up in Canada (“NA vibes only”). Somehow, she has inexplicably played most of her illustrious ice hockey career in England, starting the sport just six months before coming to Cambridge four years ago. She’s now a grizzled veteran and owner of several Varsity trophies already, so Oxf*rd better watch out!



Cambridge WB



Saashi Bedford

#7

Degree: PhD Neuroscience
Home country: Canada
College: Trinity

Meet one of our Women's Blues Captains, Saashi Bedford, a dynamic force both on the ice and in her field of Neuroscience. Saashi discovered her love for ice hockey when her family moved to Canada, and her dad enrolled the entire family in the thrilling sport. Her hockey journey began in high school, where she quickly became enamoured with the game. However, life took her on a detour, and she took a decade-long break from the rink. Fast forward to her time at Cambridge University, Saashi found herself lacing up her skates once again. In the final year of her academic journey, she juggles the demands of completing her Ph.D. and understanding Gen Z lingo while simultaneously leading the Women's Blues Ice Hockey team.

Wearing the lucky number 7, Saashi is a commanding presence on the ice, armed with a fierce slap shot and the agility to navigate any opponent. Her return to the game not only showcases her dedication but also underscores her resilience and passion for both sports and science. Whether making groundbreaking strides in neuroscience or dominating the ice hockey rink, our captain, Saashi Bedford, is destined to lead our team to a varsity victory.



Lisa Rossi

#20+1

Degree: PhD Engineering
Home country: Italy
College: Robinson

You better watch out for this winger Lisa, as she tears up the rink on the hunt for goals. Hailing from Rome, Italy, she came over to the UK and it only took her 10 years to find out she was part-British! In her spare time, she is researching the circular economy with a PhD in engineering, but her full time job is hassling the oppo's goalie and scoring 5-hole! Despite only starting ice hockey last year, Oxf*rd better watch out as this Roman is about to 'veni-vidi-vici' this varsity game!



Marie Zedler

#5

Degree: PhD in Geography
Home country: Germany
College: Fitzwilliam

Marie started PhDing in wavy t-shirts this last September and quickly realised she needed some time in a cold cold ice rink to decompress from researching hot hot things and volcanic things ("Alexa play 'Hot in Here' by Nelly"). Accordingly, Marie swapped in her roller blades for skates and a hockey stick.

Marie still hungered for more ice time and took up figure skating and speed skating to further weaponise their zig-zag-ZEDLERing up the wings. Oxf*rd need BEWARE; Marie threatens the top of the net like she threatens the top of a bouldering face and will be fighting to score.



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Frederique Joosten

#8

Degree: PhD in Law
Home country: the Netherlands
College: Medwards

Introducing Frederique, our powerhouse from the Netherlands, known for her Superfans and excellent fashion sense. Affectionately known as Freddie, this Reneé rap fan can be spotted always decked out in Carhartt or Dickies. Despite only starting her hockey journey last year, Freddie has swiftly become one of our top players, frequently finding the back of the net with her scoring prowess. As an irreplaceable member of the team, fulfilling the role of welfare officer and briefly co-captain (leading a very welfare-oriented session...) Freddie is an inspiration and great source of support. Keep an eye on number 8 —she's not just a player; she's a force to be reckoned with, bringing style, skill, and spirit to every game.



Alice Beardmore

#1

Degree: PhD Chemistry
Home country: UK
College: Gonville & Caius

Alice (aka Beardsy), our IceGuardian, born in Birmingham, has been playing field hockey since she was 7. Recruited by childhood friend Melissa (see above), Alice quickly fell in love with the ice, despite not being able to skate... She does it all on ice and turf! Alice represents both the field hockey club (CUHC Beds) and CUIHC as a goalie in the 2024 varsity matches. She just loves taking hits to the face, puck or ball! Alice has struggled with the anti field-hockey (fockey) narrative that permeates the club, and gave no reply when asked to comment which club she prefers. What we do know for certain is that she loves varsities and hates Oxf*rd. Previous varsities have seen streaks of light blue enter Alice's hair, but with the Ice Hockey Varsity debut comes the Mullet - keep an eye out for the FLOW! Luckily with it being a home varsity - there is hope that she will make it back home after this one... With her lightning-fast reflexes and unwavering determination, she is ready to protect the net, slipping and sliding to ensure Oxf*rd don't score!



Hayoung Choi

#2

Degree: BA Natural Sciences Tripos (Genetics)
Home country: South Korea
College: Peterhouse

Hayoung's ice hockey skills were forged in the all-night rinks of her South Korean hometown, where she first took to the ice alongside a team of older men. Now a final year biological scientist, she owes her academic success to her habit of ice skating on the eve of important exams - so don't expect her to collapse under pressure! Hayoung is excited to play her first all-female hockey game, but watch out - if you see a white helmet speeding towards you, remember that its owner is used to playing with the big boys.



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Ellie Pressdee

#30

Degree: History
Home country: UK
College: Homerton

A jack of all trades - Ellie (aka Presser) has had a stint at almost every position on the ice and even though she started the season as goalie, her defensive prowess has meant that she has found her calling as a D. Despite originally being from 'the other place' and starting with 'the other kind of skating' (figure) Ellie's true loyalties have been found to lie with CUIHC. However, CUIHC has to compete with the one club that is truly treasured in Ellie's heart - she is often found walking around with their stash and scurrying off after practice to this club... no it's not the Chelsea appreciation club, no it's not the Ospreys... it's Lola Los! This reputation is befitting of her title as the team's social sec; if she's not found handing out Mash tickets to every member of CUIHC...including to the godfather of CUIHC himself, she is found teaching the team drinking games, taking limbo very seriously and accusing them of being too good at word association. With Ellie on the ice, her strong tackles and rapid back-checks mean that Oxford's chance of victory will be HISTORY!



Naomi Jenkins

#14

Degree: Education
Home country: UK
College: Churchill

Naomi, aka "JENKS" or the newly minted "Nay-Nay" ("Alexa play 'Watch me' by Silento"), burst onto the ice hockey scene like a firecracker! With her graceful youth, she fearlessly dives into every play, showing no hesitation in putting her body on the line. As a forward, her strategic positioning is second to none, always finding herself in the right place at the right time. With her relentless work ethic (and undeniable desire to overthrow captain authority), she's a force to be reckoned with on the ice. And as an undergraduate in Education, she doesn't just know how to school opponents; she's rewriting the playbook on how to crash the net! Watch out Oxford because number 14 is COMING FOR YOU.



Orla Delaney

#81

Degree: PhD English
Home country: Ireland
College: St John's

Move over Paul Mescal, there's a new Irish sweetie in town. It may seem as though Orla was born with a hockey stick in one hand and a lucky shamrock in the other, but her career only started in 2017. Back then she played with a team named after either an ape or the camping products manufacturer (sponsorship pending). Little did she know, she was about to become the coolest thing on ice since a pint of Guinness on a hot summer's day. Fast forward to 2021, she moved to the superior school where the green-ish cambridge blue fleece compliments her green, Irish heart. Here she's a fierce presence in the crease, a tough D and a head-banger. When she's not busy schooling opponents on the ice, you can catch her spreading smiles and laughter wherever she goes. She may have got the meaning of GDBO wrong, but she knows what to do with O'ford on game day!



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Alicia Anderson

#11

Degree: Physics PhD
Home country: Canada
College: Trinity

Introducing one of our Women's Blues Captain, Alicia Anderson (aka LEESH). Alicia is an unstoppable force both on and off the ice. Her filthy mitts (literally and figuratively) and Conor McDavid speed mean she's always going Bardowski. Hailing from the home of ice hockey, Alberta Canada ('Berta babyyyyyy), Alicia's ice hockey career started at the age of 4. She may have been the sickest tendy in Lethbridge but luckily for us, her academic career brought her to Cambridge. Her PhD work in exoplanets means she gets to play with cool telescopes (which are sometimes used to impress dates) and she can finally get down to the bottom of Co-star's cryptic messages.

Taking on her second varsity wearing #11 but her first as a player means O*ford should watch out. If you don't wanna get bruised by her powerful slap shot and game-dominating play, get out of the way! As captain, Alicia keeps the team working hard with effective drills, plenty of line sprints and brilliant plays. Always selfless, never lonely. Off the ice, our fearless captain continues to entertain us with her stories about the infamous 'Bertan war on rats (they may have had a slip up, but they'll get it under control soon enough) and ostrich anti-bullying vests. Varsity victory is within reach with this Albertan at the helm!



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This season began with our team's promotion into the British University Ice Hockey Association's top non-checking league - an impressive feat following last year's successes, but a daunting jump that left us mentally prepared to spend the year dragging along the bottom of the ranking tables. Yet this year's Women's Blues had no such intentions. From the start, this collection of OUIHC veterans and talented newcomers proved that we fully belonged in our new tier and managed to nab wins against every team in the league, apart from our own Oxford Vikings (and that doesn't really count, right Huskies?). This unstoppable group of women has led the team to historic new heights over the course of the past season. Yet even more special has been the palpable sense of camaraderie that has grown amongst our players, giving us confidence that even if the season's score lines had proved as bruising as we'd feared they might, we would have had just as much fun in the process.

At every turn, our players stepped up. From Sophie gamely turning in her player kit for a set of hand-me-down goalie pads to ensure we weren't left empty-netted for Varsity, but then quickly taking on a meteoric rise as she dominated the crease game after game, to Hillary playing on without any accommodation after we were unexpectedly banned from using a blind puck in this season's competitions, to our nearly infinite volunteer drivers, bakers, photographers, coaches, mischief-makers, and seamstresses, we knew we could rely on this team to come through when it counts. The fabric of the team this year has been made up of some of the most incredible women we have had the privilege of playing hockey with, and each individual has been a pivotal part of making this team the success it has been.

For the two of us, this season has provided a rewarding capstone, and swan song, to the many years spent ploughing far too much time and energy into this little sports club. We may never know how ground-breaking (or how swift) our DPhils might have been without the brutal incursion of OUIHC, but it's impossible to regret time spent in such special company.

Yours in hockey since 1982,
 Emma Walker-Silverman
 - DPhil, St Catherine's College/Lincoln College
 Leanne Iorio
 - DPhil, Linacre College
 Women's Blues Captains, 2023-24



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Leanne Iorio #68 - Captain

Leanne Iorio Iorio, fearless two-time co-captain of the Oxford Women's Blues, is an OUIHC living legend. Despite barely clearing 5 ft Leanne has never been one to back down from a fight, and has the fake teeth to prove it. A multi-lingual, multi-sport, multi-disciplinary force of nature (did you know she also basically has a DPhil in Biology?), Leanne is not here to "play" hockey, she's here to win it. Even the puck gets nervous around her. Her exacting S&C routine includes getting her resting heart rate above 180 while rescuing stranded teammates en route to Cambridge at t-15 to puck drop, building arm endurance plaiting her waist-length tresses into braids that could technically be classified as weapons, and taking her trusty Ford Fiesta Talullah for a nightly jaunt all of five minutes to the rink. Cambridge, BUIHA, and other enemies of the heir beware: Leanne has spent the last six years studying military strategy and she plans to put it all to use on the ice - if anyone would just read her 20-page LaTeX game day document. Still, Oxford's troops have won every match-up against the Cambridge Women's Blues since Leanne has been at the helm, and she has no intention of letting that change this year. As only Leanne would say, she's "loaded for bear!"



Emma Walker-Silverman #66 - Captain

Flying down the ice at a speed formerly unknown to mankind, Emma Walker-Silverman leaves a trail of flames in her wake - and no, that isn't just her flowing red locks of hair! In her inaugural season as captain of the Women's Blues and her soccer mom era, Emma has led the team to amazing new heights, despite her short stature. Topping not only the points leaderboard for Women's Blues and ranking third overall in the league, she is making a good run for first in PIMs too! While it may be her first official year as captain, Emma is no stranger to leading OUIHC both on and off the ice over the past 8 years since her auspicious arrival in 2016. Hailing from the high-altitude mountain town of Telluride, Colorado, Emma's impressive hockey skills will leave you breathless - as will her driving. When not fooling the passersby of Istanbul as to her mysterious national origins, Emma can be found happily bartering in perfect Turkish with the market vendors, rescuing stray kittens, and occasionally working on her DPhil in Refugee Studies. Tenacious, fierce, and an unparalleled leader, Emma will wear down the Cambridge defenses more thoroughly than her signature gold palmless hockey gloves. Able to float seamlessly around the ice in any position her team needs her (yes, even in goal when occasion calls!), she offers a true masterclass in what ice hockey is all about (except shooting)! Cambridge Women's Blues beware, this small but mighty Yank packs a punch!



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Rebecca Lim #19 - Assistant Captain

Fresh from the ponds of Vancouver, Rebecca floated over on a patch of sports mix gummies and has been terrorizing BUIHA teams ever since. Our beloved assistant captain is always armed with treat-sized Coffee Crisps to lure her players to midnight practices. Rebecca knows the only way to motivate a team is through a steady supply of Timbits and a deep passion for wombats. As a Master's student in Global Health Science and Epidemiology, Rebecca is an expert at isolating the puck and spreading Oxford victory. She may have been the downfall of the Lincoln Labradoodles, but on the WB her enthusiasm is contagious. This hockey star has a case of chronic scoring disorder and acute assist syndrome. Rebecca is a one-woman wall on defense committed to making sure that the only movement in the defensive zone is an increase in her penalty minutes.



Hillary Scanlon #2 - Assistant Captain

Hillary Scanlon is back, and Cambridge is quaking in their skates. A skilled defender from the lesser known province of Ontario, Hillary scored the game winning goal in last year's Varsity match, winning her the Oxford Sporting Moment of the Year (in what was truly an Oscar-worthy shootout). As one of the team's Alternate Captains, Hillary is also OUIHC's first Chief Commissioner of the Shift Police: keeping the team in line when we've been out seeking glory for too long. She's no stranger to the box however, leading with the joint highest PIMs on the team - what for, you ask? Some say biting, others say fighting, but the truth is she head-butted another player for insulting her unorthodox pizza choices (the footage has sadly been misplaced). When she's not practicing her killer point shot, Hillary can be found captaining the women's Canadian blind soccer team, finishing her degree in Modern Middle Eastern studies, or continuing her mission to get Margarita to pee in every college in Oxford.



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Sophie Fischer #95 - Netminder

Sophie prefers unconventional approaches to fitness sessions, including using canned beans and miscellaneous toolboxes instead of standard weights. She's also a huge fan of mountain climbers, as evidenced by all the stepping up she's done this year (goalie, secretary, and Bane of Cambridge's existence, to name but a few instances). If you'd rather be utterly defeated by Sophie at something unrelated to hockey, I would recommend trying to compete at aggressive gate opening (the warm up exercise), jiu-jitsu, or Duolingo. Sophie is also completing a DPhil on the usage of Google sheets (having tragically abandoned her first love Excel) for club management, with a relaxing side hobby of Computer Science.



Tiffany Duneau #38

Introducing the unstoppable force on ice, the one and only Tiff! With more BUIHA games under her belt than anyone else on either the Oxford or Cambridge women's teams, Tiff is practically a hockey legend in her own right. But wait, there's more! Think you've got good skating skills? Well, Tiff takes it to the next level by rollerblading to the rink in cobblestone-riddled Oxford, stick and bag in hand, ready to conquer the ice with style and grace. And let's talk about her hand-eye coordination—off the charts! Whether she's stealing the puck off of the other team or showing off her sewing skills, Tiff is a force to be reckoned with. Just ask anyone who's seen her legendary creation: the OUIHC women's cape for our player of the match. Trust us, it's the stuff of legends. So, when Tiff hits the ice, you know you're in for a show. Get ready to witness her magic both on and off the rink, because when Tiff's on your team, victory is just a skate away!



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Jessica Feng #5

Hailing from Northern Virginia, USA, Jessica "Bear" Feng is a veteran on the Oxford Women's Blues, playing in her 2nd Varsity match. Jess is studying for her Bachelor's in Biology, and like a mitochondrion, Jess is a powerhouse on the Oxford Women's Blues. Despite needing the occasional bribe to attend late night (early morning?) trainings, Jess shows up for her team. She's dynamic and adaptable, stepping up when duty calls as centreman, winger, and DJ. She tracks down the puck with almost as much tenacity as she tracks down the supply of game snacks. She sneaks up on her opponents like her essay deadlines sneak up on her. You might hear her before you see her, though, as her unfiltered exclamations confuse her enemies (respectfully) and keep her teammates laughing. A natural playmaker, Jess is shifty and creative, and her youthful spirit brings energy to an otherwise elderly roster. We only have one piece of advice for anyone unlucky enough to face Jess on the ice: Be Bear Aware!



Gloria Lee #14

A figure-skater turned ice-hockey player, "Blobfish" "PLZZZ" "BAHAHAHA it's doomed.." @ultimated00kiemaster14 asian flush Gloria Lee is unstoppable on the ice, whether it's sprinting up the boards, mid-ice twirls or scoring hat tricks. When she's not doing the noble role of studying cancer science, she is at the rink at a graveyard practice or carrying around her enormous camera the size of her head (and her head is very big). Her dedication to her country is clear, with the American flag adorning her helmet as well as jumping on a plane to America two weeks before varsity (which is why she is unfortunately not pictured in our team photos). Also, I heard Gloria's looking for a boyfriend, so hit her up ASAP before she leaves this country for good. Some requirements she has are: plays hockey (lucky for you reading this!), taller than her (still lucky for you!), and good-looking (sorry but you probably don't make the cut)... go talk to her to see if it's written in the stars!



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Katie Zhang #18

Standing at 4 feet and 130 pounds of raw athletic talent, Gloria Lee Angie Liu Katie Zhang is a force to be reckoned with...after she takes her pregame nap in the locker room and vacuums down 2 packs of strawberry laces...and maybe not on power plays when she forgets whether the umbrella is supposed to be a smiley-face or a frowny-face...or when she has to skate backwards...but every other time! Not only is she constantly eating snacks in the locker room, she also provides them. She concocts the most amazing gluten free brownies that everyone can't stop asking her about, and her less popular fish sauce cookies. Her creative abilities aren't only limited to cooking, she is also an artistic genius, using her outstanding artistic abilities to tape her teammates' helmets with obnoxious American flag paraphernalia. An avid hockey fan, she spreads her love of hockey to her companions by bringing them to the rink then breaking their collarbones and shattering their knees. When she's not on the ice she's getting drunk off half a shot of tequila and creating fake content on Poop Maps much to the dismay of her loyal followers (follow her @ultimated00kiemaster18). Next year she will be taking the entire team out to dinner funded by her seven-figure job where she punches numbers into calculators or something like that. So make sure to stay on her good side this weekend.



Angie Liu #13

Now that she has sharpened her skates for the first time in 10 years, Angie Liu is unstoppable... At a mighty 3'11" (in skates), she might seem small and shy at first, but don't be fooled by the latter. When she's not racing an elderly walker on her 20 minute 1K run at dawn in 2 puffers or stubbornly ignoring her lactose intolerance in order to rate the restrooms of Oxford for her grateful followers (like, comment and subscribe to @ultimated00kiemaster13), she can be found cross-checking U12s in the Hong Kong league (she's still too short for her own age group), bruising her butt tripping over her own skates or starting fights with her own team (weapon of choice: hug). With a poodle called Muffin and an obese lizard called Wilbert, Angie is the epitome of intimidation and will not hesitate to recite all of Taylor Swift's songs in order and/or host you at a Jesus formal to incapacitate you, so watch out. Grrr. She is also on the prowl for a new C-lister boyfriend (her type is the sons of quarter-Polish expat pastors), so be sure to shoot your (puck-less) shot this weekend.



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Cecilia Feldmann #12

As song dedicated to Cecilia:
 'Cilia, you're beating the tabs
 You're skating the puck past them daily
 Oh, Cecilia, they're down on their knees
 Keep skating the trophy back home
 'Cilia, our new ice hockey player
 You're ringette skills shine through daily
 Oh, Cecilia, So lovely and sweet
 I'm telling you she's tough on the iceee
 Bring it home
 [Verse]
 Playing on the women's blues with Cecilia
 Up the wing together (together)
 We pass up to her knowing
 When the pressure is on
 You can rely on Cecilia



Katie Driver #42

The question is not what sports Katie Driver plays, but what sports she doesn't. Katie is a fiend on the field hockey pitch and a terror at triathlon whether on land, bike or sea. This year, she's taken sports to a new medium, transferring her mad stick-handling skills to the ice. Despite being a rookie, Katie has become one of our top goal scorers and can easily outmanoeuvre any opponent on the boards. While mastering ice hockey, Katie is also pursuing her Masters in Biology, and is as fierce about protecting the planet as she is on ice. She has as much passion for ice hockey as she does for sustainable seaweed farming (which, as I can attest to having been in conversation with her on the long car rides to Cambridge, is really saying something). You'd better watch out for this environMENTAList at Varsity - Katie Driver will beat you to a kelp.



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Suzanne Antelme #72

Suzanne, a cheerful, salsa dancing, tea loving Brit, may fool you upon appearance, but she's a Japanese jiu jitsu blue belt (aka 2 belts from black). She was training for her brown belt until COVID-19 hit, so you better watch out because she may O-goshi you into the boards or seoi-nage trying to get to that puck. Despite her British accent, she spent some childhood years growing up in one of the biggest hockey countries, America, but chose the wrong states: California, Florida, and Georgia. This term, she can be found writing her history and politics thesis on the rise of the early New Left in the most austere, depressing library of Oxford, the Gladstone Link. Once a hater, she now embraces the industrial lighting, cold metal, and smileless fellow students who inspire her to be mentally tough and grind it out. These are the same traits she'll take to the ice against Cambridge.



Krista Flinkstrom #22

Krista may have been to only three training sessions this season, but that was just a crafty tactical move to throw her opponents off guard and build up a super-powered sleep cache that, combined with her military discipline, will see her backchecking, forechecking, and generally terrorising the Tabs this Varsity! Alongside perfecting her sleep schedule, Krista has just returned from holiday a very important mission to learn the secrets of ice hockey from Europe. Of course, growing up in Massachusetts, US, fifteen minutes away from eight ice rinks, there isn't much more she can learn... Between the military tactics she learnt at West Point and the behavioural patterns she's studied for her MPhil in Economics, Krista's mental game is as sharp as her skates. While she hates marmite and once created and committed an ingenious new sin by using a crockpot to make tea, one tradition Krista is fully in favour of is Shoeing the Tabs - so watch out!



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Dear Friends and Fans of Oxbridge Hockey!

On behalf of the Cambridge Light Blues, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 106th episode of the oldest rivalry on the ice!

The theme which has defined much of our season is *resilience*. We have faced many challenges as individuals and as a team. Each of us has had to balance the pressures of our academic degrees with the commitment to hockey. We battled several rounds of illness and a number of injuries. Overcoming these challenges showed us that we can rely on each other and together be a team that is more than the sum of its parts. We grew into a tight-knit unit. To us, the boys are a family. We are thankful to our players for the sacrifices they made in the process - they will pay off.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us along the way and without whom we would not be able to play the game we love. Tristan Coles has been looking after our conditioning for many years. We are grateful to our coach Greg Babbitt for spending many hours every week meticulously designing and executing practices, and for being part of the CUIHC family. Franz Sturm offered his time and coached us in Zuoz. The Cambridge Ice Arena and Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz provided us with facilities for training. We thank the cornerstone of CUIHC, Professor Bill Harris, for over 26 years of his relentless support and we celebrate his appointment to the English Ice Hockey Hall of Fame!

It is only by standing on the shoulders of these people, and on the shoulders of 105 Light Blue teams coming before us, that we can strive for high goals. Thank you, CUIHC alumni for setting a shining example to follow. Finally, we thank you all, our dear fans, for joining us tonight. We are energised by your cheers and the roar of your support. Tonight, we represent the city of Cambridge, the University, our respective colleges, and you, our fans, against our Dark Blue rivals. We will play with the heart of a lion and commit everything to winning this battle. Join us in this effort!

Yours in hockey since 1885,
Ivan Grega, Martin Limbäck-Stokin and Scott Partington
Cambridge Men's Blues Captains



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Jonathan "Jeep" Parker #3

Jonathan Parker, aka Jeep, is a well-seasoned defenseman for Cambridge Blues. Generally described as one of the nicest people on the team, his true face fully shines once on the ice. He's not only a fierce competitor but also reportedly a record holder of the fastest-growing facial hair in Cambridge. On the surface, it seems that Jeep has his facial hair under control, but those close to him know that it is indeed a force to be reckoned with. More than once, he has arrived at practice clean-shaven, only to emerge at the end with a beard that would make even the manliest of lumberjacks blush. It is rumored that once, during an intense road game, his beard grew so rapidly that it began interfering with his vision on the ice. Wisely, Jonathan chose to switch from a full cage to a half-visor, allowing his glorious facial hair to flow freely while still protecting his handsome features. Now fully unleashed, Jeep's beard commands a presence all its own during games, impressing his countless admirers and sending shivers down the spine of his opponents. So, watch out, Oxf*rd, there is no way you will get past this fine defenseman.



Sam "Cookie" Cukr #4

Sam Cukr /Suck-er/, aka 'Cookie', is not quite the team dad, no, Cookie is more like the weird older cousin, who claws desperately to reclaim his twenties while his hairline recedes into those deplorable thirties. Apparently, there have been lots of complaints at his student accommodation, regarding the unholy sounds that emanate from his room. But, it's never shouting, nor loud music. No, the noise is coming from the bluetooth enabled, laser aligned, multi-function LCD, Sparx BEAM™ skate sharpener. Pretty cool right! Well, it would be if any of us on the team could actually use it. Perhaps we'll all get our first and final cut before varsity. However, Cookie has been generous in other ways, such as coordinating the patagucci stash and financing the boy's flights to Zouz. Though, we do always have to pay him back with an extra 8%, which serves us right for dealing with an ex-mortgage broker. What was Cookie during 2008, nobody knows. Where he is on the back-check is equally a mystery. All I know is we'll need him on March 9th.



Jonathan "Konesy" König #6

Ladies and gentleman, allow me to introduce you to our number 6 Jonathan König, AKA Konesy. He never fails to deliver spectacular plays in order to demoralize the opponent's forwards. However, this is surprising considering his inability to deliver on his promise of showing up for Monday morning TTR. One reason why everyone should watch out for this beauty is because this year he is changing his approach: Instead of being on the receiving end of a hit, he is going to make attacking the basis of his defense. He is ready to have smoke(s) with anyone on and off the ice. The second reason why you should pay attention to him is of course his glorious long and luscious flow which is rumored to have given him the strength to smash all the melons. However, besides his aggressive tendencies towards fruit, he has been a great asset on the team, as he is the most reliable supplier of tape. During his studies he has also become an expert in sorting and I have no doubt that he will have no problem with implementing this knowledge into sorting out his opponents. Given his skills, 2 years of varsity experience and magnificent partially ginger beard, any reasonably minded person should fear going up against this imposing Canadian equalizer. Therefore, no spectator will be disappointed if they keep their eyes on him.



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Keir Reid #21

He's got lettuce for days. He's a politico with puka shells. And he used to work in women's health products. Ladies (and Oxf*rd), HE is..... Keir, a formidable winger pursuing an MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History. He's got a degree from LSE, he went to a posh independent school in Edinburgh, and he likes his ice time like he likes his hair—LONG. The team is better for it, on both accounts! Don't let his beachy, laid-back looks fool you. He's an absolute killer who isn't afraid to mix it up and spend a little time in the sin bin. For the less-hockey literate, that is the penalty box AND the name of the campervan he uses to give the boys a lift to pracky. Despite that being his actual LinkedIn profile picture, this...is the YEAR of KEIR. Did I Starmer?

Jack "Murph" Murphy #24

Next up on the roster, we have Murph, number 24, the Irish legend defenseman making his second Varsity showing. Offensive players tremble upon seeing his imposing stature and the impressive reach of his definitely-not-regulation-sized stick. As a PhD student, Murph works hard on constructing artificial hearts, which is surprising considering how often he breaks real ones. (It's hard to ignore him when he's wearing a dress at the party). Murph has proven himself an asset to the team both on the ice and off, where he enjoys running around obstacles and taking Ls like a champ. Although he came prepared tonight, Murph has a habit of running out of supplies, a debt he repays to the team on the game sheet. Watch out for a big performance from this beauty tonight, you can't miss him and his luscious flowing locks of hair.

Massimo "T..." d'Ambrosio #26

Hailing from Vienna, the Austrian-Italian Massimo d'Ambrosio is a physical presence on the ice, and his carefully constructed and widely advertised physique is certainly also a presence in the locker room. A steady diet of cottage cheese and bench press has sculpted this Greek God of a man and inspired his nickname, which unfortunately cannot be shared in this venue. Sadly such an intense focus on physicality may have subtracted from other skills, on and off the ice. Basic things such as skating or remembering the names of his conversation partners sometimes seem to be a challenge for the rookie winger. The latter is particularly strange considering the exorbitant number of different, but generally similar looking, girls he is pictured with on his instagram. How he achieves such off-ice success remains unclear, although it may have something to do with his inability to not go tarps off in every situation possible (take a look for yourself, @massimodambri). But whatever he does with that bod in his spare time is irrelevant this weekend. We know he'll leave it all out on the ice to help the boys bring another VM win home. #26 works hard, battles for his teammates, and scores when it matters most. Having scored once against the Dark Blues already this year, I'm sure he can do it again in the most important game.



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Tiago Richardson #85

I saw this man wandering along Jesus Green by the River a couple of weeks ago. I tried to say hello. In fact, I made several different attempts to communicate my greetings and well wishes. I was blanked. Then there was a side eye as he strove to move off the path to prevent clashing. Then he carried on as if there wasn't a crazed human shouting "Tiago!" at the top of their voice and flailing their arms in an effort to catch what remained of any peripheral awareness. I was blanked, with a side eye, and left embarrassed among town, gown, and tourist stares... Anyway, Tiago is an adept skater and proper third-line material. Regularly jumps in and out of injury, and appears to be building a private bank of CUIHC go-pro B-roll. Make some noise and flail your arms, you might just, just, possibly be acknowledged while Tiago is busy going beast-mode at Varsity.



Martin "Marty" Limback-Stokin #88

Although many things are unknown about Marty "the Martian" Limbizzy-Stokin—his citizenship, why he talks and acts like a midwestern frat boy, his allegiance to the communists, etc.—there are a few constants the boys have observed over the years. Firstly, Marty can never resist a Big Mac (or late-night T-Bell mukbang), a margarita (available for hire), or shooting from behind the opponent's goal line in a desperate attempt to show where momma Stokin keeps the peanut butter, even if three of his fellow teammates are waiting at the backdoor... "shooters shoot." Second, Marty loves to show his pride for the Kraken, regardless of how much the local residents of Cambridgeshire seem to hate Seattle.... It must be the weather. Finally, despite the promise his cute lil face holds, he can't grow anything more than a cookie duster even a 9-year-old boy wouldn't envy. Thankfully, Marty has a lot to offer besides pathetic facial hair. I think he's a nurse or something? Without his constant flow of chirps in the locker room, silky dangles on the ice, and righteous flow everywhere, the team wouldn't be the same.



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Charlie "Baarsy" Baar #94

Charles 'Baarsy' uhhh Baar (he/him/dawg)-- what a guy. Despite having a complexion of the British Isles, flaming red curls, and a strong affinity for a cup of tea...Charles is not actually British. Struggling with English as his second language, completing a coherent sentence is as much a surprise to Baarsy as it is to the boys. He sometimes reverts back to his native tongue which the boys do not understand at all. [Edit] Turns out his first language is English ("speak Canadian goddammit") after all! It is just combined with uhhh a lot of mumbling. In his spare time Baarsy enjoys running (13 minute 5K), leg day, canoe trips to the Arctic and, most importantly, having foreign fingers enter his mouth outside the off-licence on Milton Road. Baarsy likes to start off the day the right way by listening to the Canadian national anthem - it is called 'The Pipeliner's Song' by Grievous Angels (great tune). Returning for his second Varsity Match, Baarsy will be bringing back his infamous play style; he will indeed be getting the pucks in deep (not as deep as those fingers in his mouth though) and banging bodies for the whole sixty. Having joined the team last year as a mere Charmander, Baarsy has evolved into a shiny Charizard (he loves Pokémon). Watch out for him on the ice or you might get burned!

Ivan "Master Ivo" Grega #97

Grasshopper: Master Ivo ... I have come from the distant lands of YeeYAA, moose, tree syrup, and tuques to train under your tutelage. Can you teach me the secret of ice hockey?

Master Ivo: Come Grasshopper, let's begin our training. I wish to be one with water in all its forms, therefore, I skate, I swim, and I sauna. Young Grasshopper, what have you learned from this teaching?

Grasshopper: Mmm... you skate because you are strong and determined. You swim because you are yielding and flow, and you sauna because you have to make sure your pores are always exfoliated.

Master Ivo: No! I sauna to thaw my frosty personality. And Grasshopper, why do you think my workout clothes on Monday morning are so tight?

Grasshopper: I don't know, why Master?

Master Ivo: So you can see my body is not like a bad bucket of chicken-- all skin and bones with no breasts or thighs!

Grasshopper: Master, why is it then that so many of the pupils don't come on Monday mornings to train?

Master Ivo: Ah, Grasshopper, what you don't see is that these pupils are training, they are perfecting their sleeping dog technique!

Grasshopper: Ah, you have spoken wisely master! Finally, Master, why do you always wear running shoes?

Master Ivo: Ah, Grasshopper, that is easy, so I don't look like Jimmy of course.



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Samu "Shamzy" Marosi #28

After a season on the sidelines, this Hungarian Beauty is ready to make a return to the ice and make sure the Men's Blues continue their winning streak. It seems the only thing that can stop this 172cm eastern european sack of pure muscle is himself... and his shoulder that struggles to find the right spot, the same way Shamzy's shots fail to find the net (but only in training). He comes back ready and is sure to score goals with the same passion and certainty that he has for delivering shareholder value as an MBB consultant (the process of interviewing for such a prestigious job known to have taken away from his presence at late-night practices). Few people know this, but professionally he is known as an expert on the Polish beer market and isotonic beer, probably from significant personal experience. Shamzy will surely do everything in his power to ensure a sixth varsity victory in a row, so make sure to watch out for him on the ice (just as you should watch out for his mini cooper convertible if you happen to travel to Budapest).



Alex "The Cat" Lorincz #38

The second most famous #38 from Slovakia, Alex has tapped into many fields. He made his debut in baseball and was the 19th best player in Slovakia (with its player pool of 20). When he realised he was a better catcher than pitcher, the path to the net was clear. He played roller hockey at first but was unsatisfied with how little pain the ball inflicted. These days he prides on every bruise he gets from Marty's muffins during practice. While this might be the first Varsity you see him on the roster, Alex is a seasoned veteran with 4 Varsity victories under his belt as the team's equipment manager and training goalie. You could tell he was a civil engineer by the intricate stacks of pucks before warmups. The moment he stepped into the Engineering Department and got a whiff of research, he signed up for a 7-year PhD. His time is now divided to 20% on his job, 10% on his PhD, and 70% on hockey. His job expertise in reinforced concrete structures is invaluable to the Blues as he is our solid reinforcement in the net. "The Cat" can often be seen chasing the lights on the wall, telling coach about all the great goalie drills he'd seen the previous night, or breaking in his new equipment at work. His wife is already sick and tired of all the new gear he's bought this year - good thing the new set is complete now; he won't have to ask for Cookie's advice on remortgaging the house. Alex would do anything for the boys, and the boys love him back.



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Oskari Peltonen #40

Oskari can be a man of few words, so we just have to imagine he's thinking hard about investments as the club's future financial advisor. Team statistics reveal he has missed the most TTR sessions out of everyone, which makes his six-pack even more impressive. He's built Oh-so-skari that Oxf*rd will be quaking in their skates and Finnish the match in tears. Analysts reveal that he sticks with Finnish tradition and fuels the saving machine with 4 meals a day. Oskari is always sure to dash away from training quickly on Wednesdays so he never has to miss a night at Revs. He embraces the true North American spirit of ice hockey by dressing up as Donald Trump. Come Varsity Night, Oskari will be on the top of his game on the ice and off the ice in Lola's afterwards.



Anders "Ders" Gulbrandson #68

Churchill Scholar, ice hockey player, future submariner, Las Iguanas marketing rep, and 2018 Minnesota all-hockey hair team honorable mention Anders "Ders" Gulbrandson spends 90% of his days sweating it out in the sauna with naked old men telling stories that invariably start with "This guy I knew in the navy...". Hailing from the great state of South Canada, Dersy spent his childhood hunting in his backyard and blasting early 2000s rap out a F-150 pickup. Such experiences instilled in him a deep love for Minnesota and its people—especially a certain mother of four on local radio. Ders is a physical presence on the ice: a no-nonsense defenceman with a solid point shot, he is sure to have a stand-out performance at Varsity.



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Scott "Scotty" Partington #10

Despite being an elite point scorer for the Light Blues, Scott has trouble finishing 2v1s at Thursday night 'practices'. This won't be a problem in this year's Varsity because, after years of hard derivation, Scott has come up with the following equation for his pre-game meals: $\frac{1}{2}$ rack of ribs + 8 wings + 2 large Starbucks coffees (at least) = point per game. His refined pallet doesn't end there. He was over the moon last year when a nice Mexican restaurant finally opened in Cambridge. In fact, he ordered from them so often they had to stop doing deliveries. 'Hungry' for goals, you can spot Scott's red pants flying across the ice. Just don't ask him to dress as a pilot—it hasn't served him well in the past. Yeah, Scott likes hockey. But his true passion is stationary biking, even though you'll never see him ride a real bike to practice. When not admiring the extra muscles his quads have sprouted as a result, he uses them to blow by (right) defensemen. Scott's influence on the team has grown over the years, and while normally used for good, the power can sometimes go to his head. This can be seen in the various mustaches being dawned by the Light Blues today.

Collin "Coots" Janich #11

From Alabama's warmth to Michigan's frosty clime,
Collin's journey hath woven through a life sublime.
A youth with dreams of Broadway clear,
He yet chose a path less trodden, far from theater's cheer.

In a pact with power, to The Swamp, he'd stride,
Where lobbyists and lawmakers in dark dances confide.
For Big Oil's might, his soul, he bargained, bold and sly,
In corridors of power, his ambitions reached the sky.

Yet, in Cambridge's storied halls, an MBA in sight,
He joined the hockey team, under the spotlight bright.
Known for playing hard, with checks firm and fair,
Collin's style on the ice shows grit beyond compare.

A pillar on the team, with spirit bold and true,
His presence on the ice, a force that grew and grew.
Yet, with a quirk so odd, leaving teammates in a bind,
Off Swiss mountainsides, a different adventure he'd find.

Abandoning boys for lands better known,
In dungeons of rain, the camaraderie he'd bemoan.
Despite the flight, he nevertheless stayed tight,
For the boys, we'd never leave one alone in the night.

So, here's to 'Coots', with a legacy so grand,
From Alabama's heat to rainy English land.
Through every check and challenge, his spirit never sank,
Among the boys, on the ice, he forever ranks.



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Tomos "Wheelsy" Griffiths #8

"Ice hockey in Wales"... seems strange, but it's music to our ears. CUIHC rejoiced when a strapping, blonde lad, forged in the Biz-Nasty era of Cardiff Devil hockey came to write his nation into Varsity history. Wheels is OK too, I guess. But seriously, dig a little deeper and in the shadow of this great figure of the Welsh game called Jimmy, you will find none other than Tomos Griffiths, a man of many names and very little hockey skill. Hailed as 'The Spank Engine', a title he embodies maybe a little too well, this man is only ever a lip pillow, a drink and a puff on the vape away from transfiguring into a monster called 'Evil Wheelsy,' causing violation after violation for the boys. Yet, in the locker room, he's most commonly called Wheels - an ancient reference to his game off the ice which, much like his actual hockey ability, totally disappeared after his first year. He was wrongfully shamed, abused and ultimately forced into retirement as Social Sec shepherding the team to swaps - he has since come back into the herd which, you guessed it, is his favourite spot to be. But Wheels' sheer commitment to the team, unless it involves showing his face for TTR on a Monday morning, has been infallible. His ability to urinate in Switzerland, less so - I hope things are better. What is certainly impressive is the tache he's grown for Varsity. It's stronger than any athletic performance he's given the CUIHC in living memory. It's just a shame he looks more bad Vladimir Lenin cosplayer than an NHLer. He may have grown up watching Biz Nasty but if you see this menace skating towards you; watch out, he means some nasty business himself. So keep one eye open this Varsity. If there's one thing I know about this perfect-record, undefeated, lineal heavyweight boxing champ... he's got that dawg in him.



Jimmy "Tom" Morgan #9

There are many myths to what Jimmy "Tom" Morgan does in his time off the ice, some say he is an undergrad student at the Department of Land Economy, and others say he goes back to his job running a pub (which he picked up at age 12)...the second being more likely considering the man can disarm 10 Jaeger Bombs on a Stubli Night and say "Yeah I'm starting to feel kind of tipsy... wish they had white wine". As mentioned before, many things are unsure about this man, yet some are clear as day. Jimmy is an absolute big-neck beauty and no lady is safe from his reclining hairline or negative rizz game...still, he holds reign over Jesus Bar almost firmly as he does over the D zone. Whether Jimmy turns up to game day warm-up in dress shoes, without even knowing what a mouthguard is or simply straight out of MASH, he is a weapon at the point and will slap the puck into that five-hole with ease. And FYI, Jimmy might not be the fastest player on the ice or have the silkiest mittens but if you are wearing some weird dark blue jersey you are not getting past this prime defence male specimen. PS: Pshhhhhh I have a secret: goaltenders and forwards fear him, the boys love him and there is no way we are walking away without that silverware...FOSHIO



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Jonathan "JR" Romic #27

Playing hockey with Jonathan "JR" Romic is easy. All you need to do is "give Daddy the rock," and JR will gladly "spread the d-men like peanut butter." (Yes, these are actual JR quotes). Do you know what goes well with peanut butter? Apples. This certified Peanut Butter Boy™ gives assists to his teammates like a sheepdog herds sheep. Indeed, a leading theory among Cambridge geneticists maintains this dawg was artificially selected for a singular purpose: giving tape-to-tape passes. On the rare occasion when Johnny Appleseed decides to shoot the puck himself, though, goalies are reminded "Hot Jon, PhDeeeez" still has that "lemon squeeze lemon squeezeze." Away from the rink, JR enjoys sailing the Lake Ontario waters, receiving standing ovations for his lectures on Promethean innovation, being ranked Top 100 in the world at Call of Duty, and asking Uber drivers about their religious beliefs. But make no mistake, JR knows how to lock in for game days. Just give him a hotel room, a coffee pot, fill it to the "top" with ice and Diet Coke, and he's ready to play... that's a vet move, boys. JR sets a high standard for the Blues on the ice, but he sets an even higher standard off the ice. He always brings a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and invaluable nutritional wisdom to the team. JR is the ultimate teammate and the ultimate nightmare for the Oxf*rd defense—no doubt this ultimate dietician will spread them like peanut butter at the 106th Varsity Match.



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Hello everyone and welcome to the 106th Ice Hockey Varsity Match!

Varsity is always the highlight of the season for the boys in dark blue, and we are looking forward to hitting the ice in another historic battle against our formidable rivals from Cambridge. Though we may be missing the home advantage of the netting in Oxford, this year's roster has have gone the extra mile throughout the entire season to prepare for this very moment.

Our season started with a high energy, home-opener win against Cambridge, followed by some hard-fought battles against London. Heading into Hilary term, the team suited up for another clash with the Light Blues, which resulted in a draw. We then faced off against our respected opponents at UCL, emerging victorious.

During the break, team representatives headed to Davos, Switzerland to accept recognition of the clubs participation in the inaugural Spengler Cup, a competition the OUIHC have one four times in the tournaments 101 year history. Later, the team had the honour of returning to Zuoz, Switzerland. We took the opportunity to get some intense training sessions in surrounded by the majestic alps and finished third in the tournament hosted by Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz.

Bound together by our passion for the game (and late-night practices), our Men's Blues team is comprised of an extraordinary group of student athletes. Pushing each other to excel on and off the ice, the team this year has grown better together, becoming a force to be reckoned with. As captains, we are proud of each of these gentlemen for balancing gruelling trainings with rigours study throughout the season and playing with the upmost class.

Thank you to all of those who have made tonight possible and worked to keep the Men's Blues competing throughout the years. We would like to give a special thanks to our alumni for their continuous support and laying the foundations for the successful team and club that is seen today. Furthermore, we would like to thank all of our fans, friends and family for making the trip to watch us play tonight.

We wish our Light Blue opponents the best of luck, and while we will dearly miss our ineligible teammates this weekend, we are excited to bring some hardware back for all of us.

We hope you enjoy the game, & go Blues (Oxford though)!

Yours in hockey since 1885,

Shaan Baig (C)

Michael Furlan (A)



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Shaan Baig (Captain) Brossard/Canada MSc Clinical Neuroscience Keble College 88 Centre Yes, that right - Shaan Baig is back with his pseudo-American charm and proclivity for chatter but, this year, he's captaining the Men's Blues. As his Uncle Ben said, "with great responsibility, comes free Bauer helmets (or something)". When he's not cultivating cells in the lab, Shaan can be found cultivating the minds and spirits of his teammates, willing them to victory every game. Holding the ability of Pavlov an entire team to bag skate every late night practice and dishing out 3D chess chirps (respectfully), Shaan has truly mastered psychological warfare. Baig has cemented his position as everyone's favourite number 88, firstly due to his lack of criminal offences, and also his top point scorer position which can be found on BUIHA's home page. Even though he may be tanking in fantasy this year after losing some players to healthy scratches, Shaan's ready to snipe his way to victory in a land known for being number two in both bicycle theft and academic institutions. Ladies, with gentle hands, I present to you this year's Men's Blues captain, Shaan Baig.



Michael Furlan (Alternate captain) Port Credit Canada DPhil Materials Science Exeter College 16 Defence Michael Furlan has solidified himself as a quintessential member of the Men's Blues and an enigma of Exeter College. Despite having a plethora of Michael's on the team, you know this is the one planting trees on college grounds or visiting London for private gallery viewings in his Patagucci, OUIHC track pants and Birks. The Sauga boy is the life of the party, except for when he is being questioned when working the college bar with a varsity lacrosse shirt by Cambridge's mixed lacrosse team. This hunk is the cornerstone of not only the Men's Blues but his coppers punting team. Some would say he's good with his shaft no matter the medium. When he's not in the lab, which is most days, he can be found discussing resilience with Kevin Spacey or spilling all the tea on Emma Watson. It is with these admirable qualities we are extremely grateful to have him spearheading the back end of the Blues this year.



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Mike Agureev Moscow Russia MEng Engineering Science Oriel College
 90 Left wing Mike Agureev, scion of an ancient Russian noble family, continues to grace the halls of the Oxford Ice Rink with his inimitable charm and wit. A survivor of tumultuous times, he navigated the upheavals of the Russian Revolution with grace, finding sanctuary within the confines of the Rink's walls. Known for his impeccable manners and unwavering optimism, Mike remains a beloved fixture in Moscow's social circles, regaling guests with tales of a bygone era when he's not trucking foes on the rugby field. As the life of the social scene for the Men's Blues, he's always looking for a cheeky crewdate ferda boys. Especially if you ride horses or play a sport with balls, please let this man know for next term.



Matthew Berns Cincinnati USA DPhil Biomedical Sciences Green Templeton College 44 Defence Meet Matthew 'Bernsy' Berns, the defenseman with a heart of gold and hands as steady as the northern star. But don't let his easygoing demeanor fool you; when the puck drops, Bernsy's all business. Always ready to get the call up from the big leagues, this D-man is about to bring the heat to the ice like the Oxford Ice Rink's broken Zamboni. Hailing from the beer league circuit where he's known for dishing out more sauce than a pasta factory, Bernsy's is always ready to drop those Joffa gloves to defend the honour of a teammate - don't believe us, check the livestream.



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Graydon Davidson Toronto Canada MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy Green Templeton College 21 Left wing

Graydon Davidson is the Men's blues newest secret weapon on the ice and is an absolute force to be reckon with. Thankfully his goals are way silkier than his cellys, and while this has strained his ability to rise socially (one generally prefers to associate with those he can anticipate reliably), it has conferred a singular advantage on the ice, as the defence never quite is able to predict his next move. Both on and off the ice, he is a lad with gentle hands and only acquires max wynns. **TRUSS ME DADDY**. Mans has never been in a marquee and not yelled a drake reference. Although it is clear as day this man rocket is from Toronto, he will always be the first to remind you that he went to the Harvard of the north. When hes not at a pub or the union speaking yapanese about IR stuff with Nik, he can be found sniping genos in the late hours in teh city of dreaming spires.



Eli Harris-Trent Austin USA Nuffield College 98
Goaltender

The guy who gave every single member of Cambridge PTSD, Eli Harris-Trent, is back for vengeance. This guy did not have enough of Oxford during his year abroad and he's back... now fully matriculated. You hear that Cambridge? When he is not betting bag skates at the end of every practice against the offence, he can be found admiring the Picasso in his humble dorm room. No, he did not steal it - he only puts on the mask while on the ice robbing even the most skilled player with his swift glove hand. The Men's Blues heart throb is here to stay as the arsenal of the back end.



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Sebastian Herdt Boston USA DPhil Public Policy Hertford College 93 Right wing Sebastian Herdt, a prodigious savant, emerged from the streets of South Boston, a diamond in the rough amidst the grit and turmoil of his upbringing playing college lax. With a genius intellect and a penchant for mathematics that defied conventional understanding, he remained a reluctant participant in academia, preferring the solace of his blue-collar existence. Raised in foster care, Sebastian's tumultuous past left him grappling with inner demons, which only deepened his aversion to societal expectations. It was through the guidance of his therapist, Sean Maguire, that Sebastian began to confront his emotional scars and embrace the possibilities of his extraordinary mind. In the crucible of self-discovery, Sebastian's journey from troubled youth to academic prodigy stands as a testament to the transformative power of mentorship and introspection. He can also do the splits. He also has offspring. They do not correlate, but what is known as that he will send any opponents flying in the air on any given shift. After being roped into playing lax as well by captaincy, he is an academic weapon here to stay for which Cambridge will have nightmares about for years to come.



Wade Kamphuis Rotterdam Netherlands BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Lincoln College 72 Left wing Thursday nights are legendary in Oxford because they belong to Wade 'Thursday' Kamphuis, the heart and soul of the Men's Blues. In the frosty realm of ice hockey, amidst the thunderous clash of blades, Wade emerges as a paragon of grace and skill. Hailing from the quaint hamlet of Rotterdam, young Wade honed his craft at the venerable Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Prep School, where he dazzled with his finesse and tactical brilliance upon the frozen stage. Beyond the rink, this dashing sportsman finds solace in the refinement of literature, often found ensconced in the leather-bound tomes of Byron and Shelley, his mind adrift in the poetic ether. His elegant demeanor and unwavering dedication to the game have earned him admiration on Thursday nights for which he has torn up the ice. Known for his spectacular plays, fierce dedication to the team, and for eating lunch in his office, Wade is the ultimate team player.



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Mathieu Lizotte Baie-Comeau Canada MBA St. Edmund Hall 9
 Defence Mathieu, 'Chewy', the formidable Quebecois warrior, hailed from the lush forests of upstate Quebec, where he honed his skills and forged lifelong bonds within his clan. Known for his towering stature and fearsome roar, Chewy navigated the complexities of his home world's tribal society with stare downs after big hits. After hanging up the skates as a D man in the Q, Chewy came back to tear up the O zone where he was not afraid to snipe some goals as a winger for his partner. When you thought he could not get any better, Mathieu showed the rest of the boys how he used to walk the blue line back in the day. Vive le Quebec libre!



John Angus Macaulay Toronto Canada DPhil Medieval History
 Blackfriars Hall 20 Centre In the icy domain of hockey, John Angus strides with a silent determination, a testament to his English roots. Raised amidst the rugged beauty of the moors, he learned the art of the game's dance upon the ice. Educated at the venerable St. Andrews (for which he loves to pull out his jersey during practice), he absorbed the ethos of discipline and perseverance, qualities that define his every move on the rink. Beyond the arena's confines, John Angus seeks solace in the tranquility of nature, often found casting his line upon the flowing waters of the River Wharfe, his thoughts as deep as the currents below. In hockey's arena, he embodies the essence of Hemingway's stoic hero, his prowess unrivaled, his spirit unyielding. John Angus will be as fast on the ice as our taxi sped up through the mountains of St. Moritz's when he tried to translate "please stop, Nik is going to vomit!"



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Nikesh Mehta-Spooner Waterloo Canada MSt US History St Hugh's College 11 Defence
 Nikesh Mehta-Spooner, widely regarded as the most meta of spooners West of the Mississippi. "Spooners" is willing to put it all on the line for his team. He is also an innovative thinker. For instance, he conceived of, formulated, patented, and commercialised Axe's first-ever "5-in-1" men's shower lotion - and the results are devastating to all those who claim Chris Hemsworth's hair is the gold standard. The combination of these unique traits influenced his discovery of the 'infinite food hack', whereby one regurgitates gastrointestinal items only to promptly send them back down from whence they came. His dedication to his comrades and creative thinking under pressure will surely produce success for the Men's Blues tonight.



Will Paine Flimwell UK DPhil Biology Keble College 41
 Right wing In the hallowed halls of Oxford University, where minds are sharpened and theories debated, Will Paine isn't just dealing with flies—he's also dishing out assists on the ice as a vet returning for vengeance. Majoring in Biology by day and donning the Oxford jersey by night, Will brings his scientific precision to the rink, analyzing plays like he would a complex experiment. As he represents the Oxford squad in the annual Varsity clash against Cambridge, he's not just aiming for a win—he's conducting a masterclass in teamwork and strategy. With his skates laced tight and his lab goggles replaced by a helmet, Will proves that even in the pursuit of knowledge, there's always room for a bit of puck action. This genetic specimen is coming for the other place Saturday night.



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Joe Ross Toronto Canada DPhil Engineering St. Cross College 55
 Defence Hardened from his time at a Toronto private school, and a stint in Kingston, Ontario, Joe "Terry" Ross knows how fight, well, at least go cage to cage in open ice. With an inability to go one practice without ripping a slapshot at a goalies head, Ross is truly the monster under every BUIHA netminders bed. Having conquered polydipsia at the tender age of 10, Terry is an unstoppable force ready to conquer anything, including C*mbriage. Joe's first days on the team cemented him as not another stay at home defenceman, in fact, he's more of an "escorted back home" defenceman. While his girlfriend may need to send Amber Alerts for his whereabouts, the boys know he will always be manning the blue line. Joe Ross, while not a beloved Canadian hero, despite popular belief, is a hero in his own right to the rest of the Men's Blues. Please Drink Responsibly.



Yuri Tamitegama Montreal Canada DPhil Mathematics
 Keble College 14 Centre Get ready to see lightning on the ice when this guy hits the ice! He's the fastest skater you'll see, and he knows how to use it to his advantage. With a big heart and a strong work ethic, he's been a valuable team player for the Men's Blues all season, winning puck battles, setting up scoring opportunities and is not afraid to send bodies flying. On Saturday night, he'll be a thorn in the side of the Cambridge defence, striking like lightning to light up the scoreboard.



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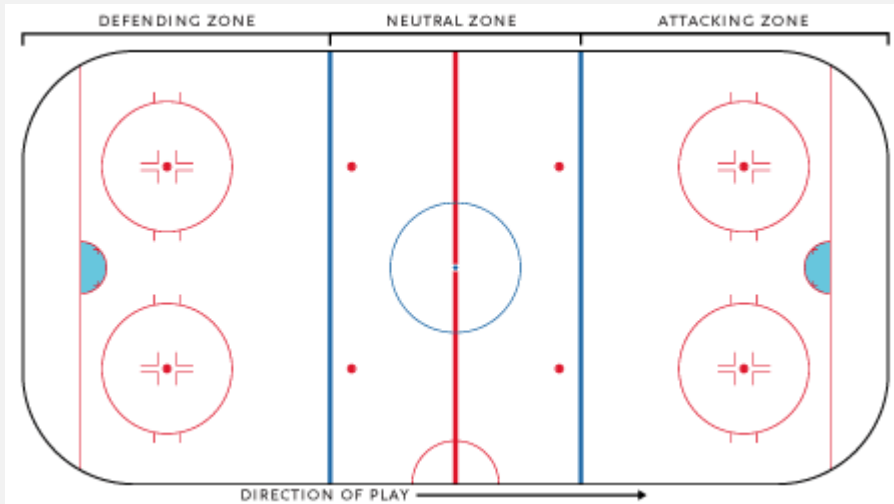
Edouard Tessier-Blais Rouyn-Noranda Canada MBA Brasenose College 15
 Defence Bonjour Hi! A Montreal legend and a master of business administration, 'Edouwaaahrd's talents translate seamlessly from the office to the ice. His record-breaking performance this year on the University's golf team would make you think he was a Maple Leaf's fan. However, on the Men's Blues, Eddy is committed to ensuring there is no early start to the golf season. To be sure, hockey remains his first love. This is evidenced by the fact that he keeps a puck in his pocket at all times, putts with a make-shift blade (copyright Chubbs Peterson), and once got knocked out by Bob Barker at the ProAm.



Oscar Zhou ShanghaiChina MEng Engineering Science Lincoln College 96
 Right wing Meet Oscar, the guy who decided to pursue engineering after being mesmerized by a blue jet on a magazine cover (seriously, who knew a jet could be so inspiring?). Now, he's not just mastering the mechanics of machines; he's also mastering the art of the snipe. All those hours spent crunching numbers have given him the perfect formula for finding the back of the net. Off the ice, Oscar's about as chatty as a mute mime, but his teammates know that beneath that reserved exterior lies player with dekes as smooth as Sam Smith's voice. Moving up from the blue line this year, Oscar is ready to show Cambridge how they do it in Shanghai.



Hockey Basics Crash Course



OFFSIDE

A team is offside when any member of the attacking team precedes the puck carrier over the defending team's blue line. The position of the player's skates and not that of his stick is the determining factor. If both skates are over the blue line before the puck, the player is offside. If he has only one skate over the blue line and one on it, he is inside.

ICING THE PUCK

Icing the puck is not permitted when the teams are at equal numerical strength. Thus, it is an infraction when a player on his team's side of the red centre line shoots the puck all the way down the ice, it crosses the red goal line itself and is first touched by a defending player. When this occurs, play is stopped, and the puck is returned to the other end of the ice for a face-off in the offending team's zone.

Icing the puck is not called:

- A. If the goalie plays the puck by leaving his net.
- B. If the puck cuts across part of the goal crease.
- C. When a defending opponent, in the judgment
- D. of the linesmen, could have played the puck
- E. before it crossed the red goal line.
- F. When an attacking player who was onside (in
- G. the same zone) when the puck was shot down
- H. the ice, manages to touch it first.
- I. When a team is playing short-handed because
- J. of a penalty or penalties.

PENALTIES

- **Body Checking.** A player can use his shoulder, hip, or torso to make contact with an opponent, but only when the opponent is in control of the puck. A body check to the head is illegal and so is a body check to an opponent's back if the opponent is facing the boards.
- **Minor Penalties.** A minor penalty results in a player being sent off the ice for 2 minutes without any substitutions to replace him. The penalty ends immediately if a goal is scored by the opponent. Minor penalties involve obstructing an opponent by: tripping, holding, hooking, checking or obstructing a player without the puck, boarding, charging, slashing, spearing, high-sticking, cross-checking, butt-ending, elbowing, checking from behind, kneeling, roughing.
- **Major Penalties.** A major penalty results in a player being sent out of the game for 5 minutes. If the player in violation causes serious injury or attempt to injure, he is ejected from the game. If a player is ejected, a teammate has to serve the 5-minute penalty, and no substitutes are allowed to come in.

