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2013

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Professor Christopher Jennison
Warden of the Blues

Welcome

BLUES EVENING 2013

On behalf of everyone gathered here tonight, I am delighted to welcome the Vice-Chancellor and distinguished guests to the University of Bath Blues Evening.

At this special event, we celebrate the sporting achievements of students at the University of Bath. As ever, our athletes have shown dedication to their sports and excelled both as individuals and as team members.

At last year's Blues evening, we were still waiting for the Olympic summer of 2012 to unfold. We are now able to look back on a remarkable time. It is our pleasure to honour the alumni of the University who competed in London 2012 as well as other athletes who trained at the University in the run up to the games.

As Warden of the Blues, I am charged with ensuring that the standards of achievement required for the award of Colours, Half-Blues, Blues and the Special Awards are strictly applied and that these standards are maintained from year to year. I can assure you that the Blues Committee takes this responsibility very seriously and all award winners have earned the recognition they will receive this evening.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of our talented young sports men and women. There is much to celebrate and I look forward, with everyone else present, to hearing this year's round of accomplishments.



Stephen Baddeley
Director of Sport

The Blues Awards give us an opportunity to celebrate the exciting contribution that sport makes to life at the University of Bath.

The last year has been a particularly memorable one for everyone at the University who loves sport. It was fantastic to see two of our students Michael Jamieson and Samantha Murray winning silver medals at the London 2012 Olympics.

It was equally gratifying to see some of the University's alumni winning Olympic and paralympic medals at the Games. Heather Stanning's gold medal with partner Helen Glover was a particularly proud moment, their gold was Britain's first of the Games and the first time a GB women's crew have won Olympic rowing gold. Heather and Helen learned to row at the University.

Our alumni also created some memorable moments at the Paralympics. Ben Rushgrove and Katrina Hart, who both train at the University, were among the British athletes who revelled in the atmosphere of the Olympic Stadium and came home with medals. Graduates Alexandra Rickham and David Smith won medals in the sailing and rowing respectively.

It was terrific to share collective pride in watching many of the athletes who train in Bath competing on the world's biggest stage. It's fitting that we pay tribute to them at tonight's Blues Awards.

Once again, there have been plenty of other highlights since the last Blues Awards, including the gold medal won by Mhairi Spence, a member of our alumni, at the 2012 Modern Pentathlon World Championships.

Our student athletes have also excelled, both at British Universities and Colleges Sports competitions and on the wider sporting stage.

Our women's tennis firsts retained their BUCS Cup this year and our netballers were runners-up this time around.

The University's teams also claimed the South West Varsity trophy against Exeter for the second year running in their annual feast of student sport. University students have excelled on the international stage in a wide range of sports, from swimming to judo and from shooting to badminton.

And of course, we continue to focus our energies on providing world-leading services and facilities to our students, to help make the student experience at Bath a truly memorable one. We work closely with Students' Union Sport on this and I would like to thank everyone who has worked with us this year for their contributions.

Student Sport Review

2012-13 has been a year of development for Students' Union Sport, and one that has seen a great deal of change.

One of the biggest changes that Students' Union Sport has witnessed is an increase in its profile, both within the University as a whole and the broader community. Having built links with local media, Sport here at the Union now has a wider reaching audience than ever before, highlighting some of the excellent achievements to which our students have helped contribute. One such example was the Varsity series held earlier this year, which saw a great number from the local community come to The Mayday Trust Park to show their support for our students. Varsity was a huge success this year, with five Bath teams battling it out with Exeter for the second 'Best of the South West' title. The event was sponsored by ALDI recruitment and our men and women in blue and gold didn't disappoint, winning the day's events 4-1 overall.

The work done with the local community this year has also placed SU Sport in a strong position for future years, laying the foundations to further develop and nurture some of the relationships built up with the local media and clubs.

This year saw a record number of nominees and voter turnout in club committee elections, a significant success since club development is integral to the future success of SU Sport as a whole. Over the year, many of our clubs have been working towards their Clubmark accreditation, a national stamp of approval which confirms that our clubs run to a sustainable model that other Unions could also adopt.

This wouldn't be a yearly round up without some mention of BUCS though. 2012-13 has seen a consolidation of our 4th place finish last year (at the time of writing). The University of Bath continues to rank amongst the top five best sporting universities in the country, having finished no lower than fifth place for the past decade.

of the Year

Over the course of the year, the number of clubs seeing success in the BUCS tournament exceeded even our best expectations. American Football was one such club, who in their inaugural BUCS season reached the semi-finals of the Championships only to be knocked out by the reigning champions, Hertfordshire. The 'Killer Bees' recorded the first perfect league season in their history on the way. The Hockey men's was another such team, with the first team winning the most competitive premier league in the country, by beating Exeter to the league title for the first time in many years. Both the men's and women's Badminton first teams won their respective premier divisions, continuing from where they left off in 2011-12, unbeaten. Women's and men's Tennis also managed to go the year unbeaten in their leagues and topping their respective divisions.

The Pool Snooker Darts club deserves a mention as well. The club has only participated in the BUCS tournament for two years. Last year it did not

manage to achieve any BUCS points but this year it managed to return 35 points, making the club Bath's third highest point scorer in the February Championships. In that same weekend, our Judokas came back to the West Country with an impressive 68 point haul, ranking them amongst the best in the country.

As well as this, we end the year with women's Tennis as national champions and Netball as runners up, which all continues to highlight our strength on the national stage.

It is fair to say, therefore, that it has been a good year for SU Sport and the successes this year will hopefully bode well for the future as well.



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STUDENTS' UNION
SPORTS
ASSOCIATION



Colours

Colours are awarded to students who have consistently represented the University over two or three year period.

Association Football and Futsal

Jennifer Glendinning
Jade Booth

Athletics

Catherine Shin

Archery

Victoria Swann
Rhiannon Norfolk

Badminton

Steven Cappleman
Ross Blyth
Matthew Siddle
Lubomira Stoynova
Kate Stephens
Justine Walker
James Scott
Helen Wiley
Harry Wilkinson
Catherine Thomas
Alex Hutchings
Nicholas Bridge
Chu Tse

Basketball

Hannah Murray-Sykes
Alice Castle
Daniela Huamán Rodríguez

Canoe

Catherine Gardener
Robert Sayers

Cricket

Philippa Morris

Fencing

Wen Jing Teo
Catherine Hsu
Florence Bird

Hockey

Emma White
Thomas Irons
Rebekah Sinton
Phoebe Raley
Jessica Howse
James Lee
Eleanor Hynes
Eleanor Biggs
Kate Kittow

Steven George

Robynne Smith
Harry Graham
Fil Spiers
Eleanor Rudnai
Catherine Perry
Sarah Whitehead
Tamsin Hartley
Jessica Marshall
Sara Lundgren
Jack Barrow
Dan Trigwell
Helen Devereux
Alex Grounds
Thomas Sobey
Lizzie Cox
Josie Rixon
Jennifer Bryant

Lacrosse

Olivia Muir
Katherine Friend
Fiona Couchman
Alice Wright
Sam Gregson-Williams
Lara Lambert

Rugby League

Rhys Williams
Miles Dempsey

Swimming

Julia Scrivin
Justin Austin

Ultimate Frisbee

Robert Tilley
Andrew Ready
Samuel Green
Michael Connor
Alexander Brooks
Daniel Waters

Honorary Colours

Honorary Colours are awarded to students who have made a valuable contribution to the administration and development of a sport or recreation in the University or British Universities, either within a club or the Sports Association as a whole.

Association Football and Futsal

Hannah Charman

Archery

Amyce Aurora-Smith

Hockey

Steven Wilkins

Rowing

Rosanna Steel

Triathlon

Emily Hogge

Sports Association

Executive

Tom Love

Amy Gardner

Tom Janicot

IDEALS Zambia Project

Emily Nicholls

Ibrahim Abou El Fadl

Stephanie Gubas

Tom Browne

Half Blues

Awarded to students with junior international representation or podium finishes
in BUCS whilst competing for the University first team.

Archery

Daniel Paterson

Badminton

Emily Hollis

Lauren New

Stuart Rowlands

Hockey

Charlie Olley

Jess Rickman

David Hatherley

Shaun Comley

Monika Jurcic

Andrew Machin

Shaun Cox

Guy Tasker

Elizabeth Stainsby

Judo

Natasha Maslen

Sailing

Marianthe Evangelidis

Swimming

Eamon Rivers

Georgina Lockwood

Jennifer Oldham

Tennis

Max England

Alexandra Walker

Full Blues

Full Blues are awarded to students who have competed for a University 1st team for two years along with two years representation at international level.



Panuga Riou
Badminton

Panuga joined the University of Bath in 2010 to begin studying a degree in Sports and Social Sciences. She has combined studying with a full time training schedule to maximise her potential. Her hard work was rewarded when she was selected for her first England cap in 2011 at the Uber Cup. She was later chosen to represent Great Britain in the World University Games 2011 and 2012. She won a bronze medal in the badminton BUCS Individual Championships 2011 whilst representing the University. She has always performed well when representing the University, always playing with a smile on her face and has been a great asset to the badminton team over the past 3 years.



David Jennings
Futsal

David has been a valuable member of the Futsal first team since 2008 and has played for the first team every season since being at the University. David has also captained the 1st team for two seasons and has made over 100 appearances for the club in all competitions including two European University Championships in 2009 and 2011. David graduated from the University in December 2012 after completing his Masters in Interpreting and Translating in Spanish, Italian and French. David is a current England futsal international and made his debut for England in May 2012 in two international friendlies against Denmark. David has gone on to play for England 7 times since and will next play for England in the main round of qualifying for the UEFA Futsal Championships against Ukraine, Slovenia and Turkey.



Lee Jones
Futsal

Lee is a Masters student at the University, studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering. He has been part of the futsal club since it was formed in his freshers' year and is the current chairman of the club. Lee is also a senior Welsh International futsal goalkeeper and to date has three international appearances for his country. Lee made his international debut last September with two away international friendlies against Andorra. Lee has also played for Wales in the UEFA European Futsal Championship qualifiers that were held in Bulgaria in January 2013 where he played against Armenia. At University level, Lee has played in the European University Futsal Championships, which were held in Montenegro in 2009. At National League level, this season Lee has helped the futsal club win the National League Midlands Conference for the first time in the club's history. In BUCS and in the National League, Lee has achieved over 100 appearances for the futsal club.



Ben Carless
Hockey

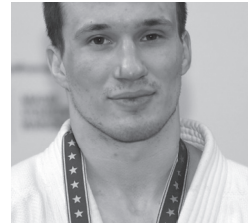
Ben is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Bath and in his penultimate year of studies. Ben has represented the University Hockey 1st Team for three years and enjoys being an active member of the club, taking a position on the Committee as Secretary for the 2012/13 season. At weekends, he plays club hockey for Team Bath Buccaneers in the National League West Conference. Representing Wales, Ben has over 50 Junior International Caps and 9 Senior International caps, competing in the Celtic Cup, Test Series against Austria and World Cup Qualifying tournament in New Zealand. Ben's ambition is to be part of a victorious Bath University Hockey Club in the BUCS championships. In the longer term, Ben hopes to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



George Farrant
Hockey

George joined Bath University in 2010 with the aspirations of winning the BUCS Premier South League and the Men's West Conference with Team Bath Buccaneers. In his 3 years at this University he has led the Men's 1st team to victory in the BUCS Premier League South beating their biggest rivals Exeter both at home and away. These results along with victories over Oxford Brookes, winning 9-1 at home and also beating Oxford 2-1 at home and then 3-2 away were highlights in a very successful season. In his second year Team Bath Buccaneers won the England Hockey's Men's West Conference.

George has represented England U21 and England A whilst being at the University. For England A he played against local opposition, Scotland and Ireland, securing victories in all 5 games he played in. The England U21 competition saw George compete in the European Championships held in Den Bosch, Holland, during last summer.



Jan Gosiewski
Judo

Jan is a member of the GB national Judo team and competes in the U73kg category. His headline results include: 2013 European Open Warsaw - 3rd; 2010 European Cup Sweden - 1st; 2012 European Cup London - 3rd; 2011 World University Games - 7th; 2012 British Championships - 1st.

British born, Jan grew up in Gdansk, Poland in 2004 he moved back to England together with his family were they settled in Darlington. After completing his A Levels in Maths, Physics and Chemistry in 2006 at Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College, Jan came to University of Bath to study towards a degree in Medical Engineering. One of the main reasons for choosing Bath was not only the strong engineering department but also the excellent judo training group. With the guidance of his coach Juergen Klinger he progressed quickly and developed as an athlete, getting good results both in the UK and abroad.

Jan is currently studying and training very hard with his sights firmly fixed on the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Honorary Blues

Awarded to any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of University Sport.



Lord Tugendhat
Chancellor

While Chancellor of the University of Bath, Lord Tugendhat has shown great commitment to University Sport. He has made time to attend many Blues Evenings, despite a busy personal schedule.

The event is always enhanced by the presence of special guests and Lord Tugendhat has added greatly to the sense of occasion. Recipients of Blues and Special Awards have felt even prouder when given their award by the Chancellor of the University.

The Tugendhat Trophy for Sporting Endeavour has become one of our most prestigious awards, recognising achievements by a student athlete in an area unfamiliar to them before arriving at the University. Recipients of this award have risen to the challenge, taking up a new sport and going on to represent their national team while at the University.

As Lord Tugendhat is about to step down as Chancellor, it is most fitting to express our thanks for his services to University Sport in the award of an Honorary Blue.



Freyja Prentice

Freyja has established herself as one of Britain's top modern pentathletes, achieving a host of major successes on the international stage at the same as studying for a Biology degree at the University of Bath.

Freyja secured top-10 finishes in her first eight World Cup competitions in her first two seasons competing on the international circuit and won her first World Cup medal, a bronze, in Italy in 2011.

In 2010 she won the individual silver medal at the World Junior Championships in Hungary, helping GB to gold in both the team event and the team relay. She followed that up by helping the British team to the silver medal in the team competition at the senior World Championships in China. Individual bronze followed at the 2011 World Junior Championships in Argentina and at the European Junior Championships in Poland.

Her impressive performances saw her top the world junior rankings during the 2011.

In 2011 she became the first British woman of the London 2012 Olympic cycle to achieve the Olympic qualifying standard when she finished eighth at the European Championships in Kent. However, the standard of athletes at the Pentathlon GB high performance centre at the University of Bath is so high that ultimately she was one of five British women to achieve that benchmark and with only two places available, she did not get to compete at the Games.

Freyja has proved an outstanding ambassador both for modern pentathlon in Great Britain and for the University of Bath.

London 2012 Honorary Blues

Qualifying to represent your country at an Olympic or Paralympic Games is the greatest representative honour within sport. The University is extremely proud of the fact that 38 athletes qualified for the 2012 games who either used the University of Bath as their training base during the year or years prior to 2012 and/or are University alumni. The Blues Committee wishes to honour their achievements by awarding an Honorary Blue to each of these athletes.

Olympic Athletes

Athletics

Eilidh Child
Lawrence Clarke
Jack Green
Dai Greene
Lee Merrien
Marilyn Okoro
Andrew Pozzi
Danny Talbot

Badminton

Hadia Hosny El-Said

Beach Volleyball

Zara Dampney
Shauna Mullin

Fencing

Natalia Sheppard

Judo

Gemma Gibbons
Emmanuel Nartey

Modern Pentathlon

Samantha Murray
Mhairi Spence
Sam Weale
Nick Woodbridge

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Georgina Cassar
Jade Faulkner
Francesca Fox
Lynne Hutchison
Louisa Pouli
Rachel Smith

Rowing

Heather Stanning

Swimming

Michael Jamieson
Siobhan-Marie O'Connor
Stacey Tadd
Chris Walker-Hebborn
Andrew Willis

Paralympic Athletes

Athletics

Paul Blake
Katrina Hart
Sophie Kamlish
Ben Rushgrove

Rowing

David Smith

Sailing

Alexandra Rickham

Swimming

Liz Johnson

Wheelchair Tennis

Louise Hunt

Special Awards

The Gethin John Bevan
Club Member of the Year

The Tugendhat Trophy for
Sporting Endeavour

The David VandeLinde Award

The Ivor Powell Award
for Excellence in Coaching

BUCS Team of the Year

Club of the Year

Sports Personality of the Year

The Gethin John Bevan Club Member of the Year

This award acknowledges that Sports Association clubs would not function without a substantial input from student volunteers.

Steven Wilkins



Steven started at the University in 2009 studying for a 4 year Master of Mathematics degree. He was awarded an Alumni Fund Scholarship in recognition of his high academic results whilst studying for his A Levels at Peter Symonds College, Winchester. He has kept on track for a 1st class degree throughout his time at Bath and will graduate this summer.

Holding captaincy of the men's 5th team during his third year as well as Chairman of the club this year has led to some of his greatest experiences and most important lessons.

Steven has made a tremendous impact in his role this year. His energy and commitment to the task at hand has rubbed off on everybody around him in the club. He has contributed to the all-round success of the hockey club across the board, from the performance teams to the recreational side and he has a meticulous attention to detail. Steven has led on several initiatives which have contributed to the special environment the club is trying to create for its athletes. He has already set in motion plans for next season to continue the momentum gained in this.

The Tugendhat Trophy for Sporting Endeavour

This award recognises the successes achieved by student athletes in new areas, unfamiliar to them before their arrival at University. The prize will be awarded to a student who has started a sport as a fresher and gone on to improve sufficiently to achieve a BUCS podium finish inside three years.

Daniel Paterson



Daniel had never tried archery before he came to University in 2010, when he joined the club. In his first BUCS Championships (Indoors 2011) he came 26th, competing as a Novice Gentleman Recurve. He then changed bowstyles and in the Outdoor Championships 2011, he came first, narrowly beating the other competitors in his category (Novice Gentleman Barebow). His score was also part of the University of Bath Novice BUCS team, which earned Bronze medals.

By the start of the indoor season in 2011, Daniel now had to compete against many more archers in the experienced/senior category. In the BUCS Indoor Championships 2012, he came 2nd out of 29. Thus he achieved his first individual BUCS medal and points at his first senior championships, the first at which he could earn individual points. He then went one better to win Gold at the BUCS Outdoor

Championships 2012, which was his first time seriously competing at the distances required for experienced/senior archers (up to 90 meters in his case).

At the 2013 Indoor BUCS Championships, he medalled yet again in the Senior Gentleman Barebow, coming 2nd out of 32.

During his second year, Daniel took on the vital role of Equipment Officer. He had to work hard to keep up with the amount of repairs needed to the club bows and arrows, but then had to work even harder in his third year when he became Chair of the Archery Club. Under his leadership, this year has seen the club being visible on national TV (assisting in the BBC 'Superstars' programme), gaining more members than before, going to more competitions than ever and gaining great BUCS results.

He has independently earned 28 BUCS points to date, a massive result in Archery.

The David VandeLinde Award

The David VandeLinde Prize recognises sporting accomplishment, leadership and academic success.

Ben Carless



Since joining the University in 2009 Ben has always been a core 1st team player and has stood out as a dedicated, composed and professional athlete. This year he returned from an industrial placement to become a key member of the men's 1s. His determination over the season has been pivotal to the team's success and he has been a model athlete for those new players coming into the team scoring 5 goals over the season despite playing in defence.

This year the team's aim was to create a "professional" 1st team and Ben has been the personification of this, regularly assisting the captain and coach as a figurehead in the team. He has been an example of the success you can achieve with hard work, acting as a mentor for the more junior players to associate with.

He has held the position of Club Secretary, organizing umpires for games and carrying out many admin tasks. His assistance in aiding other committee members has been key to the club's success this year. Ben has also been coach for the women's 3s as well as for a successful Bath Buccaneers team and members of the University club and external ones have benefitted from his considerable experience.

Ben is a 3rd year Mechanical Engineering student and has been able to balance this very demanding course with his intensive training programme making him a true student athlete. He is currently working on his 3rd year group project capitalizing on the knowledge gained during his industrial placement and is currently on track to achieve a 1st class degree.

The Ivor Powell Award

for Excellence in Coaching

The Ivor Powell Award recognises the significant impact to sport made by coaches based at the University campus. An exceptionally high calibre of winners is maintained as the award is only presented when suitable candidates are available. The Ivor Powell Award is intended to recognise qualities of excellence in a Coach epitomised by Ivor Powell himself, who represented passion, integrity, and total commitment to University sport.

David McNulty Head of Bath ITC



David McNulty heads up the British Swimming's Intensive Training Centre at the University of Bath, alongside assistance coach, Graeme Antwhistle. The ITC produced four London Olympians, including the country's best swimming performer at the Games in Olympic silver medallist Michael Jamieson. Siobhan Marie O'Connor, who was the youngest swimmer of TeamGB, competed in the 4 x 100m medley team relay, whilst Andrew Willis also made the 200m breaststroke final and broke the English record.

David McNulty was asked to be interim British Swimming head coach for the World Short Course Championships in Istanbul shortly after the London Games and a number of high profile athletes have switched training bases to join the programme under David's stewardship.

At the International meeting in Leeds in March 2013, Michael Jamieson took Gold in both the 100m and 200m breast-stroke with Andrew Willis taking Silver in the 100m. Chris Walker-Hebborn took Gold in the 100m backstroke whilst Siobhan Marie O'Connor took Gold in the 200m individual medley.

BUCS Team of the Year

This award is only open to the 1st team of any sport and will be presented purely on the level of performance and achievement during the season

Three Nominations – Winner announced on the night

Men's Football 1st

The 2011/12 season saw the University of Bath men's 1st football squad win the National Championship at Selhurst Park. Before 2011/12 the football club had been through some difficult times with changes in the programme and high turnover of coaching staff, however the season saw more stability in the programme and players were engaged. The end of the season saw many challenges and the biggest challenge of all came with the squad needing to beat St Mary's in the season's final to stay in the Premier Division. Through desire, teamwork and sheer grit the squad won emphatically 4-0 and never looked back.

This result sparked the team's cup run and with away wins against both Cardiff and Manchester, the squad grew in confidence. A dramatic semi-final victory against Northumbria, when they were crowned national champions.

Tennis Women's 1st

Undeclared in the 2012-13 season the women's 1st team have won the Southern Premiership for the 2nd consecutive year and only lost one rubber in their quest to successfully defend the Championship. They have been utterly dominant, winning 65 rubbers and conceding just 7, and with 123 sets won compared to 22 lost. With Stephanie Cornish (Economics), Alexandra Walker (Sports Performance) and Natasha Starling (BBA) all having represented GB universities at the BNP Paribas World University Championships, Bath is currently the only university in Britain to have 3 student international tennis players as part of its team.

Their achievements have resulted in a greatly increased interest in the University tennis programme from prospective students, with the University of Bath now viewed as "the one to beat" in women's tennis in Great Britain.

Men's Hockey 1st

After a difficult season last year and losing several key players to graduation and placement aims for the 1st team's performance this year were modest. However the team has completed its best season in history winning the league and beating Exeter twice – the only team to beat Exeter this season and putting an end to Exeter's 5 year league winning stint. Their only defeat in the league was on the final day of the season where an injury-ridden team gave way to a Bristol team fighting to avoid relegation.

Outstanding players in the team include George Farrant, Sam Hatherly, Ben Mackey, Dave Devey, Nicholas Reiger, Josh Guy and Ben Carless, all of whom have represented their country at international level. The team contributes to all aspects of the club through coaching and committee roles and continues to be a fantastic example of the professional behaviour expected by a 1st team representing the University.

Club of the Year

This award recognises the success and substantial achievements clubs can attain when they function effectively as a whole.

Three Nominations – Winner announced on the night

Archery Club

The University of Bath Archery Club has been having a successful year. It has recently won 32 BUCS points at the Indoor Championships, with one Gold and one Silver medal and three 4th places. The club is especially pleased that the Gold medal was won by an archer competing in a senior category at his first BUCS Championships.

The club has been building up relationships with local archery clubs, with one of the club members now regularly working with a local club, Bitton Archers, as a coach. This has led to proposals for a local friendly league, which is being developed into a formal plan to be submitted to the Somerset County Archery Association to spread across the county. The club has good links with the County Association, with a committee member sitting on their Council.

The Archery club has put on several events for external groups during the last year. Working in conjunction with the Sports Officer, have-a-go sessions were arranged for service users of Julian House and also for postgraduate students on campus over the summer, as it is one of the few clubs that remains active during the summer

vacation. It also worked with the SU, STV and a TV company to enable it to safely offer archery as an element of the ‘Superstars’ programme. This required hard work from the committee and coaches to organise, as well as liaising with the SU, the NGB and the STV to arrange everything in advance of the event.

Hockey Club

The club continues to offer great opportunities for its members to develop. This year they have 11 student coaches coaching 9 teams. These are mainly 1st team players who understand the importance of helping the club to progress, but also includes members of the 4th and 5th teams. Most teams now make use of the club fitness session or the sessions made available from SU Sport.

Participation levels have reached new heights now that the men’s and women’s 6th teams have been able to compete in a full list of fixtures against the best of the local colleges, schools and clubs. The University of Bath Hockey Club now sees 192 members competing on some afternoons.

Perhaps unique to sports clubs at the University, the Hockey Club decides on a local “Club Charity of the Year” every season with the aim of promoting its cause and fundraising on its behalf. This gives its members a fantastic opportunity to get involved with charity work on whatever level they can and enables the club to promote the image of SU Sport to the University and its students in general. So far this year the club has seen more than 20 runners in the Bath Half Marathon and nearly 100 members in a Charity Calendar, with future events including an attempt at a world record length hockey match, an annual fancy dress hockey day and a “Hockey Outreach” day with its charity. They hope to reach their target of £10,000 for this year’s charity SWALLOW, a charity assisting those with learning difficulties to live independently.

Canoe Club

The Canoe Club provide a variety of different activities, and travel the length and breadth of the UK from Polzeath and Dartmoor, through to Teeside, the Lakes and Snowdonia. They not only restrict themselves to the British Isles, providing the chance to spend two and half weeks in the French Alps, paddling the vast stretches of white water in the area, thereby allowing for dramatic sporting development in a short space of time.

This year has seen the inclusion of disabled members to the club. Very few clubs have the ability to offer opportunities but the Canoe club have been able to cater for several active members with disabilities ranging from deafness through to physical impairments.

They provide coaching and opportunities for personal development at all ability levels, providing in-house coaches at all skills and river sessions. They have also been working with several Bristol clubs on the development of pitches in the floating docks. Another outside project that they had a large part in helping out with was the BBC Superstars programme. Here they not only provided internal coaches to teach the athletes for free, but also helped run the actual canoe section of the competition, providing safety and briefings to all involved.

Sports Personality of the Year

The winner of this award will be announced at the Blues Dinner.

This award recognises a student who has contributed significantly to student sport during their time at University, and encapsulates the spirit of University Sport. 'Positive contribution' may take many forms, including performance, service, and participation.

Candidates may have achieved outstanding levels of performance, represented the University in a number of sports, or had significant input into a team, both on and off the pitch.

Michael Jamieson Swimming

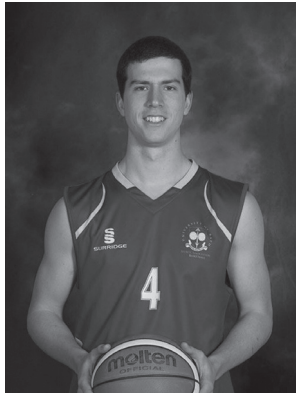


Michael is a third year Sports Performance student at the University, who recently competed at the London 2012 Olympic Games, and won a Silver medal in the 200m breaststroke. He trains at the Bath ITC, based at the University, coached by Dave McNulty and Graeme Antwhistle.

Michael values student sport very highly, and represents the University wherever possible. He recently competed in the BUCS 2012 Short Course Championships, where he won the men's 100m breaststroke, the men's 200m breaststroke and the men's 50m breaststroke, as well as coming 3rd in the men's 200m individual medley and participating in both the 4x50m medley relay and the 4x50m freestyle relay, finishing in 3rd and 4th places respectively. The significant boost that Michael's achievements have given swimmers at Bath is immeasurable, and his presence at club events is certainly a source of enthusiasm for the team. His contribution at BUCS team events no doubt helps to bring about the success that the University of Bath has achieved. Michael is undoubtedly a modest, approachable swimmer, who is very clearly dedicated to his goals and is a fantastic asset to have on the University team.

Tom Janicot

Basketball



Immediately from his arrival at the University in 2009, Tom got involved with the Basketball club. He spent all four years of his university career involved in the club in one capacity or another, from playing in his first year, to sitting on committee for a further three years, as club treasurer and chairman, and passing his extensive knowledge on to the new members.

Tom has supported the club and driven them to achieving two promotions in two years to see the men's 1st team compete in the Premier South division for the first time in their history. Tom's dedication to the club and his success in finding new ways to drive the club forward, included the setting up of local league matches, developing recreational sessions and recruiting coaches.

Although graduating this year, he has set the club up for a solid future and one which he will be able to oversee in his new, recently elected position as SU Sport Officer for 2013/14.

As if that wasn't already enough, in his final year, Tom sat on the SU Sport Executive Committee as treasurer and always sought to go above and beyond his role whether that was volunteering at Varsity and the Snowball or generally assisting the Sports Officer whenever help was required. He is always one of the first individuals on the Exec to nominate himself for any given task, no matter how tedious it may seem. As well as this, no matter the challenge Tom will always carry the task out with smile on his face and always has time for those who require his help.

Mia Ritchie

Netball



Having only played for local teams, Mia Ritchie arrived at the University of Bath with few netball accolades but lots of ambition. Since moving to Bath in 2009 to pursue her academic and netballing potential, Mia has become a well-recognised mid-court player for England, Team Bath Superleague and the University of Bath.

Mia made her senior international debut, producing an impressive performance as England ran-out 53-48 winners over Barbados at the University of Bath in April 2012. Soon after, Mia played a key role in helping England to defend their title at the 2012 Netball Europe Open Championships. As a Team Bath Superleague player, Mia appears as a regular volunteer at school and community events to coach and deliver presentations. Mia has also used her profile to raise awareness of worthy causes, supporting local charity events and in particular is an ambassador of the Wessex Heartbeat Appeal.

The Sports Performance student has been heavily involved with the student club, first as a player, then taking on a coaching role in her second year followed by captaincy. Mia was captain of the University of Bath team that won the BUCS Championships in 2012 and is now captain for the second year running. There is no doubt that a player of this calibre has made a huge contribution to the success of the student club and the netball 1st team in particular.

Samantha Murray

Modern Pentathlon



Samantha Murray produced a terrific all-round performance to capture Britain's 65th and last medal of the London 2012 Olympic Games – a Silver medal in the modern pentathlon.

Qualifying for a place on the GB team for London 2012 was tough – the sport sees athletes tackle fencing, swimming, show jumping and a run/shoot all in the space of one day.

Samantha was only ranked 78th in the world in February 2012 but secured a place on the GB team for the Games by winning a Bronze at the World Championships in Rome in June. She was one of five GB women to achieve the Olympic qualifying standard and knew she had to gain a medal at the World Championships to secure one of the two places on the team.

Samantha, who has combined training with studying for a degree in French and Politics at the University of Bath, showed determination and strength of character to battle back from losing her first seven fencing bouts in a row to take Silver at London 2012. This maintained the remarkable track record held by British women pentathletes of winning a medal at each Olympic Games since the sport was added to the Olympic programme at Sydney 2000. Samantha's medal was the fifth Olympic medal won by a British woman pentathlete.

Samantha's World Championships performance followed some equally impressive displays on the World Cup circuit in 2012, with 6th place in the USA in March followed by 4th in Hungary in April and then Bronze in Russia – her first World Cup medal – just a week later.

Thanks

I will remember my year in office for a number of different reasons: the work the area has done as a whole, the challenges we have faced as an area and I as an individual. However, what I will remember most is the team of dedicated volunteers and staff who have made this year such a success.

It is to them especially that I would like to give special mention to. This year being such a success is due in no small part, to the

hard work that the club committees and, in my eyes, the most functional Executive Committee for years, have carried out. Without their dedication to their roles, we wouldn't be in the position that we are to continue going forward.

The next few years promise to be an exciting time, with investments being made across campus, and improvements to facilities being planned. There is also a strong foothold from which a new recreational strategy is

being developed to create a programme to rival our competitive structures. With the continued work from a dedicated team of volunteers and members, these projects will prove to be of huge benefit to SU Sport and the University as a whole, and I just want to say keep up the great work once I've long since left.



Jonathan Gleave
Sport Officer 2012-13



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