

Thanks

Success is evident and easy to measure at the elite level, but personally I take the greatest pride in the progress made by club committees over the past year in general club activities, despite budget reductions and the introduction of the Sports Pass. Hundreds of student volunteers consistently offer their time, effort and energy for the benefit of others at the University and for that I thank you.

There have been challenges this year, and these are likely to continue into the future, but I believe the passion of all those involved in sport at the University to create the greatest sporting offer possible will always shine through.

Through working with the Sports Department, we are continuing to strive to improve our facilities in order to bring them into line with those offered by our competitors, and although our academic standards can prove a barrier to recruitment we continue to

Half Blue Awards

Presented by Chris Clements, Vice President Sport

Full Blue, Honorary Blue and Special Awards

Presented by
Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell DBE DL, Vice Chancellor
and Chris Clements, Vice President Sport

SPEECHES

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell DBE DL
Vice Chancellor

Chris Clements
Vice President Sport

Welcome



Professor Christopher Jennison
Warden of the Blues

BLUES EVENING 2012

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.

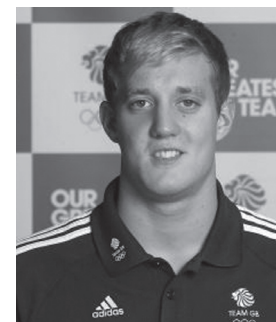
At this special event, we celebrate the sporting achievements of students at the University of Bath. As interest in all aspects of sport grows in this Olympic year, it is a fitting time for us to recognise the commitment of our own athletes in competition, in coaching, and in enthusing others to participate. Whether as individuals or team members, our athletes show dedication to their sports and they all aim to excel.

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 adhered to 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 plenty to celebrate this year and I look forward, with everyone else present, to hearing this year's round of accomplishments.

Sports Personality of the Year

Andrew Willis Swimming

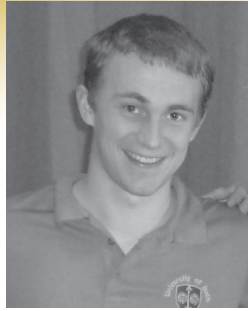


Andrew, a University of Bath Chemical Engineering student, produced the performance of his life to take gold at the 2012 British Championships at the London 2012 Aquatics Centre.

He knew he had to swim well to achieve the London 2012 qualifying standard for the 200m breaststroke and finish ahead of British Gas Bath Intensive Training Centre training partners and friends Michael Jamieson and Kris Gilchrist – a race billed as the battle of the Bath breaststrokers.

And he came up trumps clocking a time of 2:09.33, the fastest time of 2012 so far and also breaking his own England record. He dipped more than two seconds inside the qualifying standard to collect his first British Championship title.

Andrew swam for England at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, finishing just outside the medals in fourth in the 200m breaststroke. He also reached the 200m breaststroke final at the 2011 World Championships in Shanghai, coming eighth.



Alex Huttunen
Badminton

Alex (Hoots) is currently in his 4th and final year of his Maths degree. Over his time in Bath he has become one of the leading figures in the running of sport at the University, most notably for badminton.

This energetic student has not stopped getting more involved, being a captain for three years, a treasurer and now chairman of the most successful club at Bath, and part of the Sports Exec for the last two years. You may also have spotted him teaching people how to drive minibuses or driving people home from the Snowball!

The drive and chirpy enthusiasm which has led Alex through his university life has been largely focussed on improving the experience for members of the Badminton Club with his efforts proving to be a great example of how a sports club can be run. Badminton currently achieves the most BUCS points at Bath, its squad of 50 all contributing to this score with a great feeling of camaraderie. Even better, the club also has one of the most well-attended and enjoyed recreational sides at the University!



Michael Jamieson
Swimming

Michael won his first British Championships title in 2010, taking gold in the 200m breaststroke – his favourite event. He followed that up with an impressive silver medal in the 200m breaststroke swimming for Scotland at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Michael continued his strong form in 2011, this time completing a 100m and 200m breaststroke double at the British Championships and reaching the 200m breaststroke final at the World Championships, where he finished fifth. He was beaten into second place in the 200m breaststroke final at the 2012 British Championships by Bath ITC training partner Andrew Willis. But his time of 2:09.84 at the event, the first of the Olympic trials for British swimmers, was good enough to see him achieve the London 2012 Olympic qualifying standard.

His goals are to reach a final at the London 2012 Olympic Games and then do well at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games – the swimming takes place in the pool in which he trained for six years.

He combines training at the British Swimming Intensive Training Centre Bath with studying Sports Performance at the University of Bath. Michael receives an Intensive Training Centre Swimming Scholarship.



Stephen Baddeley
Director of Sport

The 2012 Blues Awards come at a particularly exciting time for all of us with an interest in sport, just months before Great Britain hosts both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We're proud to be playing an important role in helping athletes based at the University of Bath to prepare for the Games. I'm sure we'll be keeping a close eye to see how athletes linked to the University – many of them students or alumni – fare at London 2012.

At the time of preparing this text two of our current students, Michael Jamieson and Andrew Willis, have won places on the GB swimming team for the Olympic Games, along with Team Bath athlete Stacey Tadd, while a member of our alumni, Alexandra Rickham, will compete in the sailing event at the 2012 Paralympic Games. The British rhythmic gymnastics group, based at the University, are also set to compete at London 2012. By the time you read this, I'm sure many more names will have been added to this list.

While London 2012 will dominate many of the sporting headlines this year, it's important that we don't lose sight of the other sporting achievements and activities that happen at the University.

Dai Greene, for instance, returned to his training base after adding the 400m hurdles World Championship title to the European and Commonwealth crowns he won in 2010.

And Mhairi Spence, one of our graduates, won a silver medal in the opening Modern Pentathlon World Cup of 2012. Another of our alumni, Luke Charteris, played for the Wales team that reached the semi-finals of the Rugby World Cup.

Swimmer Jess Dickons produced an outstanding performance to win one of only two gold medals earned by the British team at the 2011 World University Games.

Our sports teams have also produced some impressive performances at the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions this year. Our netballers won the BUCS title for the first time in four years and our men's rugby union team reached the BUCS semis. By the time you read this our men's football first XI will have played in the BUCS final.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

And of course, alongside our involvement in these activities, we continue to focus our energies on providing world-leading services and facilities to our students, both individually and as teams, to help make the student experience at Bath a truly memorable one. We work closely with the Students' Union Sports Association on this and I would like to thank everyone who has worked with us this year for their contribution.

Sports Association

2011-12 has been a year in which the tide has started to turn for sport at Bath. Although the full benefits will not be seen until future years, the hard work and dedication of staff and student volunteers has ensured clear improvements have been made.

The launch of the Sporting Volunteer Recognition scheme will not only help recognise the fantastic contribution of those involved in running student sport but, alongside the Bath Award, help develop these individuals into future leaders both inside and outside the sporting arena. This year has seen a significant increase in the number of individuals involved in sport progressing through The Bath Award.

Membership of the Students' Union Sports Association is currently only marginally below the level of previous years despite the introduction of the Sports Pass. There can be no doubt that this is due to the phenomenal commitment of club committees in attracting new members.

This year has also seen the launch of the 3:Thirty club, a Sport England funded initiative. This is designed to ensure that every student, not just the elite, have opportunities to play sport at Bath. The programme

has been growing throughout the year and has tremendous potential, especially alongside an inter-halls system next year.

Performance in the British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) championships has seen a great improvement. Having finished 5th with a significant margin to 4th last year, we are still in a battle for 3rd place at the time of writing. This is a fantastic testament to the athletes and coaches involved.

The Netball 1st team was successful in winning the BUCS Championship in Sheffield. In addition to this, they won the Premiership South with a goal difference of +512, an average of a goal every 70 seconds better than the opposition.

Both the Men's and Women's Badminton 1st teams won their premier leagues with 100% records and all other teams in the club won their leagues apart from the Men's 3rd team, who finished 2nd behind only the 2nd team.

Despite this, Badminton lost the top place in the table of contribution to Bath overall BUCS points total to Swimming. This was due to fantastic performances at the Long Course, Short Course and Team

Jack Green Athletics



Aged just 20 and with just one year's training as a full-time athlete, Jack's career is being fast-tracked by acclaimed coach Malcolm Arnold who has set him the target of reaching the pinnacle of the sport and becoming an Olympic and World champion.

Deciding to leave his family home in Kent to join Malcolm's training group in Bath and concentrate on athletics full-time, Jack's speed improved significantly as he lowered his personal best by over one second, setting the fastest time of any 19 year old British male 400m hurdler in history.

2011 proved to be a big year in Jack's development as he stepped up from the junior circuit to compete internationally with the biggest names within the event. In July he broke the 49 second barrier for the first time in his career in front of his home crowd at the Aviva Grand Prix in Birmingham. He then headed to Ostrava to compete in the European U23 championships where he reigned supreme, claiming gold in the 400m hurdles.

As European U23 champion, Jack was named in the GB squad for the 2011 World Championships in Daegu. In his first senior international competition he narrowly missed out on a place in the final but can reflect on 2011 as his breakthrough onto the world stage.

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.

Jess Dickons
Swimming



Jess was one of Britain's two gold medallists at the 2011 World University Games in China, striking gold in the 200m butterfly final. Her medal was Britain's first gold of the Games. She came home in 2:08.91, just edging out Japan's Natsumi Hoshi by three-hundredths of a second at the Games in Shenzhen.

Jess recently just missed out on Olympic selection coming 3rd at 2012 British Champs.

Jess has been studying Sports Performance at the University but has put her course on hold for a year to concentrate on trying to get to the London 2012 Olympic Games. First selected for Great Britain in 2004, she represented England at the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games at Pune in India, winning bronze medals in the 200m butterfly and the 4x100m medley relay. She made her full Commonwealth Games debut at the Delhi 2010 Games, finishing seventh in the 200m butterfly final.

Review of the Year

Championships, with several national champions crowned and multiple event records being set.

Also victorious in both the Men's and Women's Premiership South competitions were the Tennis club. Both qualified for the Championship semi-finals. The Men's Football 1st team also reached the championship final at Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park Stadium. The Men's 2nd team were winners of Western 2A.

Other national podium finishes included the Women's Judo team winning the Championship and the Men's Futsal, Women's Volleyball and Trampoline teams finishing 2nd in their respective Championships. There were also individual medals in advanced categories for Shaun Lombardo (Gold – Boxing), Daniel Paterson, Amyce Aurora-Smith (Archery – silver), Sophie Tyers (Gold – Athletics 800m) and Tom Ash (Bronze – Fencing Epee)

It was a vintage year for the Rugby club, with the Men's 1st team winning Premiership South and progressing to the Semi-finals of the Championship. In addition to this the Men's 2nd team won tier 1A. The Rugby League team had a

sensational first year since formation winning the Wales and West league by a significant margin.

Basketball Men's topped Western 1A with a 100% record. Also winning their league was the Women's 2nd Hockey team. The tennis club saw more success from the Women's 2nd team, winning both their league and cup.

We also have a number of clubs competing in non-BUCS competitions and saw successful years for the American Football, Handball and Snowsports clubs.

This year also saw the successful launch of the Varsity – Best of the South West series. Approximately 3500 spectators saw the events over the day hosted on campus, at Twerton Park, and at The Recreation Ground. Bath ran out 5-1 victors with the most notable individual result of the day Rugby Leagues 28-26 victory over Exeter.



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Colours

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

American Football

Dominic Chaopradith

Association Football

Kathryn Hawkins

Louise Goode

Robin Nicholls

Badminton

Andrew Kidger

Hannah Wilkie

Jessica Hill

John-Paul Cosgrove

Jun Tao

Lauren New

Vikki Primmer

Basketball

Alix Floyd

Enrique Garcia Bourne

Katie McGibbon

Matthew Blair

Rebecca Stevens

Tom Janicot

Emma Britton

(Basketball/Netball)

Canoe Club

Gail Watts

Jonathan Howell

Cricket

Anna Ross

Floorball

David Corcoran

Dom Gillan

James Knowles

Joe Darcy

Joe Duncan

Mark Crabtree

Matthew Sellars

Scott Bennett

Golf

William Butler

Gymnastics

Caitlin Elliott

Edward Nice

Kasha Smith

Hockey

Alexander J V Hewson

Alexander Urquhart

Conrad Langridge

Elizabeth Rose Cattle

Gabriella Lucy Singleton

Guy Bishop

Hannah Davies

Jacob Bowman

Katie Heard

Matthew Sloper

Nkoni Nicholas-White

Steven Wilkins

Jessica Cremin

Tancred Porteous

Jiu Jitsu

Daniel Firth

David Tregurtha

Graeme Kirkwood

Matej Benka

Lacrosse

Camilla Swift

Charlotte Copson

Clementine Turner-

Powell

Eve Florence Simpson

Hayley Gyere

James Talbot

Natalie Laura Greening

Samuel Scott

Sian Barnett

Netball

Alice Wilson

Charlotte Crow

Emily Nicholls

Hannah Ings

Helen Bate

Laura Mallinson

Stephanie Gubas

Riding

Charlotte Neal

Rowing

Graham Davis

Robert Good

Oliver Horncastle

Simon Benjamin Smith

William Stride

Rugby

Charlotte Young

Michaela James

Robert Good

Sailing

Alexander Mathews

Snowsports

Anna Ross

Robert Wagner

Trampoline

Rebecca Haywood-Farmer

Ultimate Frisbee

Thomas Fox

Water Polo

Francesca Paoletta

Helen Davidson

Holly Jackson

Kathryn Baker

Rebecca Cook

Rebecca Sherren

Matthew Smith

Three Nominations – winner announced on the night

The club makes every effort to be actively involved in the SA. It has attended every SA General Meeting this academic year and has remained in close correspondence with SA staff and volunteers, particularly with regard to financial issues and affiliations. Without such a strong relationship, the club could not function as effectively as it does, and the appreciation of this fact by committee members has ensured this close relationship has been maintained.

Trampoline Club

The success of the Trampoline club this year has been reflected in high participation at university, regional and national grading competitions and particularly in the fact that the number of active members attending training sessions in semester two is the highest the club has seen in the past ten years.

This year the Trampoline Club has restructured training sessions to ensure that everybody's needs are catered for, from total beginner to elite. This has allowed formal structured coaching to be provided for all individuals, with everyone allocated to a specific group with specific coaches. There are 13 volunteer coaches and one external coach ranging from Level 1 to 4.

This year, Bath hosted their own inter-university competition, raising approximately £500. Organising this competition required a substantial amount of time and commitment from the Bath competition captain.

Trampoline have experienced great success this year, winning many individual and team medals at events across all levels of competition. At the Bath competition, 7 podium finishes saw Bath outperform the other universities, with 3 of the medals being won in the highest Elite category leading to a 1st place overall team position being secured.

This year, the club has strengthened its relationship with Team Bath Evolution, who share the hall space with the University club. Both clubs have been able to work well together, training at the same times and sharing equipment. Members of the University club are able to compete for Evolution in regional and national grading competitions. The collaboration of the two clubs strengthens the attraction of Bath University for top level trampolinists.

Club of the Year

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

Badminton Club

This is the first time ever that the University of Bath Badminton Club has had six teams competing in the league. All six teams remain unbeaten in their leagues when competing against other universities. (They also play against each other). The commitment and enthusiasm of the squad has been superb this year. It was necessary for 36 out of 50 players in the squad to compete each week in BUCS matches, which was only possible due to the excellent organisation and communication between the squad captain, chairman, coach and the rest of the squad.

All teams are unbeaten in league matches except when playing against other University of Bath teams. Across all teams they have currently won 89% of all rubbers in matches for the whole season in the league and this may well rise!

All members work very hard as a squad to make things as energy efficient and cost effective as possible and the committee has a very close relationship with the Sports Association.

The University of Bath Badminton Club also has a large recreational element. There has been a vast improvement in integration between recreational players and squad players, which has led to great feeling of community within the Badminton Club.

Mountaineering Club

The Bath University Mountaineering Club (BUMC) has had a very successful year. It has provided its 114 members, both new and old, with fantastic opportunities to visit destinations across the UK and abroad to improve their skills in various aspects of mountaineering.

Every two weeks during term-time the club runs weekend trips to destinations across the UK including Dartmoor, Snowdonia and the Lake District amongst others. Each of these trips offers members an opportunity to participate in walking, climbing, scrambling and bouldering. In addition to these, day trips are also run to more local destinations to enjoy some fantastic walking and rock climbing venues. Such trips are organised by committee members, who share the responsibilities of booking accommodation and transport and completing risk assessments.

With all of these fantastic opportunities available to such an active body of mountaineers, communication with members is paramount to the successful running of activities and events. A newsletter detailing the latest news and upcoming events is sent to members on a weekly basis.

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

Kat Hawkins

Badminton

Alex Huttunen

Basketball

Tom Janicot

Canoe

Gail Watts

Gliding

Toby Ayre

Gymnastics

Helena Bleasby

Mountaineering

Owen Tomlinson

Rugby

Adelaide Young

Alasdair Dawson

Sports Association Executive

Tom Lacey

Chris Kiely

Alex Huttunen

Dom Chaopradith

Owen Tomlinson

Rachel Seymour

Tennis

Fiona Sim

Volleyball

Holly Stock

IDEALS Zambia Project

Jordan Kenny

Josh Atkinson

Paul James

Rebecca Cook

Half Blues

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

Archery

Amyce Aurora-Smith

Association Football and Futsal

David Jennings
Sam Dorin

Badminton

Andrew Kidger
Panuga Riou
Vikki Primmer

Hockey

Danielle Black

Netball

Lois Rideout
Mia Richie

Rugby

Sam Miller
Jamie Collins
Matthew Keyte
Tom Meatyrd
Zac Vinnicombe

Tennis

Caroline Rosamond
Richard Abbott
Stephen Knowles

Triathlon

Christopher John Kiely

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.

Four Nominations – Winner announced on the night

Futsal - Men's 1st

The University of Bath Futsal Club men's 1st team has once again had another fantastic season. The men's 1st team achieved yet again another record performance in the BUCS Premier League Western with 8 wins out of 8 games and a positive goal difference of 31 goals.

The team have achieved qualification for the 4th year in a row to the BUCS grand finals in Sheffield in mid-March where they will be among the best 8 university futsal teams playing for glory to be crowned champions and represent Great Britain at the European University Futsal Championships for the 3rd time. The men's 1sts are also the only team alongside Loughborough to go through the finals with 8 wins.

Judo - Women's 1st

The University of Bath women's Judo team were this year crowned BUCS Champions for the 10th consecutive year. This performance is unparalleled by any other team and quite

extraordinary. Rebecca Ellrich (Sports Performance), Kate Walker (Pharmacy), Lauren Jackson (Sport and Exercise Science) and Natasha Maslen (Sports Performance) were involved in this history making team, competing at the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield. The girls also came away with Gold, Silver and two Bronze individual medals.

Netball - Women's 1st

Having fought hard over the past 3 years the BUCS Netball 1st team have progressed from quarter finals (2010) to semis (2011) to finally lifting the championship title in 2012. What a journey it has been for this group who have shown huge commitment, determination and passion to achieve success before many of these student athletes graduate.

Not only have they finally reached the pinnacle in student netball but they have really done it in style. They were unbeaten in the quest

to win the Southern Premiership, scoring 566 goals and conceding only 184. During their campaign they registered an amazing 108-17 win over Gloucestershire, which is something that few teams can say they have done. Their goal difference was 382 and their nearest competitor's goal difference was 69.

It doesn't just stop at team success. 5 athletes have been selected for the English Universities team and 6 are trialling for the World Student Games team which will compete for the first time in South Africa in July. Finally, a special mention must also go to Kadeen Corbin and BUCS captain Mia Ritchie who have both been selected into the full England squad for the Test Series against Barbados. Fingers crossed they will be out on court in Test match 2 being hosted at the University of Bath on Thursday April 12th and to Yasmin Parsons in her 1st year here at the University of Bath who has been selected into the England U21 squad competing in the World

Youth Championships next August in Glasgow.

They have truly worked for one another this year and have received the ultimate team reward of Championship winners

Volleyball - Women's 1st

The women's volleyball team this year has had considerable success in a variety of competitions. The team achieved 3rd place at the Volleyball England student cup in February, battling through three matches in a day and with only 6 players. As last year's BUCS league, results counted as qualification for this year's BUCS championship. The 100% league record gave them an automatic place at the finals. The team did not disappoint and played some amazing volleyball to get to the overall final, unfortunately losing out to Leeds Carnegie who all are professional volleyball players, but putting out a great performance and competing well.

Martyn Hedges Award

This is the highest accolade that is awarded by the University of Bath Blues Committee and the recipient must have demonstrated more than simply aptitude at a given sport. It is presented in memory of the original Sports Scholar at Bath, Martyn Hedges, who was an exceptionally talented Canoeist at the University from 1976 to 1982. His list of achievements is remarkable, yet does not reflect his value to the University. He was totally dedicated to the Canoe Club, even following his graduation.

He was selected to represent Great Britain at the Barcelona Olympics, but was tragically killed in a car accident shortly before departure. This Award is made to those who have made a significant contribution to furthering the progress of others within their sport over a period of time. They will have excellent knowledge of their sport and will probably have reached a recognised level as a player or coach. It recognises outstanding individuals whose commitment and enthusiasm has been exceptional.

Pete Bush Head Badminton Coach



Pete Bush joined the University of Bath Department of Sports Development and Recreation in 1998 delivering sessions to Sports and Exercise Science and Coach Education students as part of their degrees.

Pete was recognised for his coaching achievements in 2010 and was awarded The Ivor Powell Award for Excellence in Coaching.

Egyptian badminton number one Hadia Hosny El is currently being coached by Pete and is combining studying for a Masters whilst training at the University of Bath high performance badminton centre with the goal of making 2012 her second Olympics. Pete was recommended to Hadia by Richard Vaughan, who used to train at the University of Bath and now manages the World Badminton Federation's Road to London Africa Project.

Pete has helped develop a pathway of badminton from tribe to club development, regional talent support through to student club and high performance. Pete continues to work with the badminton regional officers in the

development of badminton to develop structures benefitting all players. He supports the Higher Education Volunteer Badminton officer in the No Strings badminton organisation, supporting staff and recreational student players. Pete has been invaluable during the organisation of international matches held at the University of Bath.

Pete's good humoured rivalry with coaches of other sports sets him aside from others. If you ask Pete what the percentage of badminton points made up Bath's over BUCS league position or what was the points difference between Bath's Hockey or Athletics team compared to Badminton he would be more than happy to sit you down and cheerfully highlight the club and team's success.

Pete's dedication towards student sport has been without question an inspiration to those he coaches and supports. Helen Ward a previous student at the University of Bath is a key example of Pete's guidance. From being the women's 1st team captain, winning gold at BUCS and given the opportunity to coach, Helen went on to be the Director of Badminton at Exeter University and Head Coach of a nearby performance centre.

Full Blues

Full Blues are awarded to students who have competed for a University 1st team for two years and two years of international representation.

Emily Deaman Futsal



Emily is a final year student reading French, German and European Studies and has played 1st team women's futsal since her first year of University. During her 3rd year, whilst studying abroad, she set up and coached a junior girls' futsal team.

Emily represented Great Britain at the World University Championships in Serbia, 2010. She helped lead her team to victory at the National Women's Futsal Open in Birmingham, 2010. Ladies Futsal also won the FA Futsal Cup and @Futsal Swindon League in this year.

Emily was awarded Manager's Player of the Season 2009 and was a member of the BUCS team who reached national semi and quarter finals in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Emily has stood as captain and women's futsal representative throughout the current academic year.



Hector Mackie
Football

Hector joined the University of Bath in 2009 and by the end of the season he had been signed to Bath City FC, at that time playing in the Blue Square South League. He was then included in the team for the Play-off final against Woking, Bath City finishing as winners and gaining promotion to the Conference Premier League. In the following season, the team finished in 10th position with Hector making regular appearances, whilst he was also invited to trials at Wycombe Wanderers FC.

During his University career, Hector has won a silver medal at the World University Games and this year has been selected for the English Universities side who will play in April at the Home Nations tournament.



Abbi Matthews
Fencing

When Abbi arrived at Bath in 2008 she was in the final year of what had been a long and illustrious U20 career; individual Commonwealth silver and team gold in 2006, individual and team UK School Games gold, selection for the U20 European championships in the same year and top 20 finishes in world cups established her as one of the leading British athletes of her generation. Abbi has been able to balance academia with making the transition to senior fencing. Ranked 14th nationally thanks to last 8 finishes in major opens, she is also one of only a very small group to have scored World Cup points (having reached the quarter finals in Copenhagen) and thus is among the top ten British women in the world rankings.

Despite her busy international career, Abbi has been a stalwart of the Bath 1st team since her first year, not just at epee, her own weapon, but at foil and sabre as well. She captained the team to 3rd place in the Western conference in 2009-10, a performance which the team she has captained this year is set to better.

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 represents passion, integrity, and total commitment to University Sport.

Aaron James
Head Rugby Coach



Aaron is one of the most successful Head Rugby Coaches that the University of Bath has ever had. Since joining initially as an assistant coach in 2009, Aaron has been the driving force behind the development of all rugby at the University, and with his appointment as Head Coach in 2011, has now supported the University of Bath Rugby Club to one of the best seasons in its 45 year history.

This year, the Rugby men's 1st XV have changed from a side near the bottom of the table to BUCS Southern Premiership Champions and Championship semi-finalists. Furthermore, Aaron's commitment to the recruitment and retention of elite rugby players, combined with his dedication to maintaining key links with the Bath Rugby Academy, has provided sustainable development pathways for many of our male rugby players. As a result, 7 students were selected for the England Students Squad this year. In addition, Aaron has supported players to strive to maintain high levels of academic achievement whilst training nearly full time

Aaron's role extends far beyond the men's 1st team though, and the 2nd team have also been phenomenally successful this year, finishing the season as Western 1A Champions. The 3rd and 4th rugby teams have also finished 2nd and 4th in Tier 2A, finishing only below other institution's 1st teams. Aaron's remit also includes the women's rugby Premiership side and he has been supportive of the introduction of a men's Rugby League team into the club as well. The success of these sides means that, depending on play-off results, Aaron has the potentially unenviable task of being in charge of three Southern Premiership sides and a Southern Premiership B side, with potential BUCS points of 510 points, the highest of any of our BUCS league sports.

Beyond the performance of the teams, Aaron seeks to improve all aspects of rugby at the University. All of this demonstrates Aaron's passion, integrity and total commitment to University sport and, as such, makes him a truly deserving recipient of the Ivor Powell Award.

The David VandeLinde Award

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

Shaun Mitchell
Judo



Throughout Shaun's time at the University of Bath he has represented Great Britain in two Senior European Cups (British, April 2010 + Malaga, Spain, November 2011). Also, after winning gold in the -60Kg weight group in both 2010 and 2011 at the BUCS Championships, Shaun was selected to represent the University of Bath and Great Britain at the 1st European Universities Judo Championships, Sarajevo, Bosnia in June 2011 where he attained a creditable 7th place. Recently, Shaun has been faced with a move up to the 66Kg weight group in which he will compete in the BUCS Championships 2012 on the 17th/18th

March. Along with these sporting achievements Shaun has also attained a sound 2:1 in his Sports Performance Foundation degree and successfully transferred to the BSc top-up year.

In addition to the above achievements, Shaun has also contributed a large amount of his free-time to University sport by holding various positions on the student Judo club committee over the past two years (2010/2011 Club Secretary + 2011/2012 Club Chairman). Within these roles Shaun has helped create a successful club that has the potential to grow even bigger in the next few years.



Matthew Edgar
Fencing

Before starting at Bath Matt established himself as British number 1 in the U17 rankings and recorded Britain's best result at numerous international competitions, but was then involved in a car accident that resulted in extensive reconstructive surgery. This should have put a permanent end to Matt's fencing career. However, he chose to persevere and completely redefine his fencing style to accommodate his injury. Although this would normally rule him out for any kind of international selection, he showed true determination and dedication in his training, with the result that in his final U20 season he was selected for the GB squad, finishing the season ranked 5th in the age group rankings and 21st on the open circuit. Most significantly he was selected for the England U20 Commonwealth team, winning an individual bronze medal and anchoring the team to a silver. He has also captained the West Midlands and Hereford and Worcester epee teams.

Matt has been a crucial and versatile member of the University team, anchoring the final relay bout in all three weapons and scoring in some matches more than two thirds of Bath's total points.



Zoe Shipperley
Hockey

Zoe is currently in her 3rd year studying Sports Performance. During this time she has represented the University of Bath 1st team, achieving two BUCS semi-final positions, during her final year as captain. Zoe is also captain for the local club side, National League Bath Buccaneers.

In 2011 Zoe went out Australia to play professionally for a club in Melbourne.

Zoe has represented England at U16, 18 and U21s. Currently she is a member of the GB Super League squad competing this summer.

Prior to this she has achieved gold medals at both the 4nations and UK school games and more recently was reserve for the World Cup team to travel to Boston.

Nicki Godbold
Rowing



Nicki took up rowing at the age of 16, and went on to represent Great Britain in the Coupe de la Jeunesse in the women's 4- and 8+. She took a year out from the sport in the 2008/2009 season and played hockey instead, playing for the University 1st XI for most of the year. She then returned to rowing and in 2009/2010 raced for the University throughout the season, her final achievement being a bronze at the National Championships in the WU23 2x.

In 2011 Nicki attended the GB rowing trials, making it to the last 10 for the U23 women's 8, and raced in the 8 at domestic regattas throughout the summer including Met Regatta and Women's Henley, coming 2nd in Elite 8+ at both. Nicki then competed at the British Championships, winning gold in the Women's 8+ and Women's U23 2x, and bronze in the women's 4x. Nicki was then selected to represent England in the 8+ and U23 4- at the Home Nations Competition, winning gold in the 4- but, unfortunately, Nicki was taken ill on the day of the race and had to miss out on the 8+.



Stephanie Cornish
Tennis

In Stephanie's first season at Bath, the team finished 2nd in the league. During this time, she was undefeated in singles, and she was runner up at the University individual championships. This season, the team are currently top of their league and in the semi-finals of the BUCS Championship.

Stephanie was selected to compete for Great Britain in the Master U BNP Paribas University Challenge in France, where Great Britain was placed 3rd with wins against China and Germany. Stephanie also finished in the top 10 in the country on the women's Aegon British Tour leaderboard for the year 2011. Stephanie was selected as one of 3 girls to make up the Great Britain tennis team at the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China. She competed in the singles and mixed doubles events, and she made the last 16 of the mixed doubles event.

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.

Matthew Smith
Water Polo



Matthew has developed over the past three years into an outstanding goalkeeper and club member. Matthew had never played water polo before coming to University but he was always excited, energetic and keen to learn - infectious attributes which have greatly benefited the club as a whole. His dedication to his sport has led him to attend multiple training camps seeing him improve vastly.

The men's 1st team have been very successful over the last 3 years, winning BUCS leagues every year and many

external leagues also - Matthews personal performance made this possible, especially in the BUCS 2011 Trophy finals where his goal-stopping prowess allowed them to narrowly beat Loughborough to win the competition.

He is now training with Bristol Central water polo club (last year the top club in Britain) and is their reserve keeper, second to that of the Great Britain goalkeeper. He has become a player of the highest calibre and now perfectly embodies the University's sporting excellence.

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.

Colin Field Gliding



Colin joined the club in 2008 and immediately put his prior experience to use, helping run the club, and conducting over 100 instructional flights as one of the youngest Basic Instructors around. Furthermore, he was keen to offer his services as a MiDAS driver and participated in the development of club strategy, including the organisation of the Inter-Uni's team and rebranding of the club.

Colin arranged for a glider to be rigged on Parade during Freshers' Week to help recruit new members, and formalised the club textbook library and promoted its use as a training aid. Colin also took a week out of his summer to train as an Assistant Instructor with the aim of being able to teach more advanced pupils and exercises.

Building on the success of the previous year, Colin was chair again in 2010-2011 and fully implemented three Wednesday introductory sessions, helping over 40 new pilots discover gliding without pressurising the weekend trips.

During the first half of 2011, Colin took on the organisation of the national Inter-University Gliding Competition, securing substantial sponsorship, prizes, sourcing additional aircraft and liaising intensively with the host club. The competition was highly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the competitors.

Colin took on the role of treasurer for the 2011-2012 academic year, assisting the chair, Toby, with our response to a proposed fees restructure at our host club which had the potential to disadvantage many of our pilots.

Honorary Blues

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

Colin Field



Chris Clements

As VP Sport you can guarantee an extremely high work load throughout the year, however not every VP Sport reaches the level for which I feel an Honorary Blue should be awarded. This year I am pleased to say that Chris has gone beyond expectations and managed to maximise his term to full potential. Chris has crowbarred a huge amount of work into one year and introduced projects that will be developed for years to come by future VP Sports. His drive to deliver the very best and fight for the students has been clearly demonstrated this year. Chris has worked extremely close with the students and ensured that they have been involved in key decision making. Chris has earned the respect of students and senior University staff throughout the year which will allow student sport to continue developing in future years.

Colin became interested in Gliding in 2004, while at the Duke of York's Royal Military School. He took a gap year in Canada, pursuing his interest in both skiing and gliding, then, upon joining the University of Bath, became heavily involved with the University of Bath Gliding Club.

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To address the problem of enabling all keen new pilots to experience gliding before the weather deteriorated in the winter, Colin trialled a new initiative in October 2009, after also taking on the role of chair, by running a Wednesday gliding session with volunteer instructors. Colin also took a week out of his summer to train as an Assistant Instructor with the aim of being able to teach more advanced pupils and exercises.

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Colin is pursuing his passion in aviation and flying by studying for a MEng in Aerospace Engineering. His particular interest is Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAVs). Following a 6-month placement in 2011, Colin has now accepted a graduate job with aircraft power systems company Rolls-Royce, which will commence in January 2013 after 4 months of international engineering experience.



Dai Greene

Dai had his first success on the junior athletics circuit in 2005. He won the silver medal at the 2005 European Athletics Junior Championships, finishing with a personal best time of 51.14 seconds. He won a gold medal at the 2007 European Athletics U23 Championships with a new best of 49.58 seconds.

In 2009 Dai relocated to the University of Bath to train under coach Malcolm Arnold. The 2009 outdoor season saw Dai making his first impact on the senior circuit. In June he set a meet record and a new personal best of 48.62 seconds to win the 400m hurdles at the Josef Odlozil Memorial in Prague. This was a significant improvement on his 2008 best of 49.58 seconds and made him top of the European rankings for the first time.

Competing for Team GB at the 2009 World Championships, Dai finished 7th in the final of the men's 400m hurdles, and received a silver medal for the 4x400 m relay.

On 31 July 2010, he won the gold medal in the 400m hurdles at the European Athletics Championships in Barcelona.

On 10 October 2010, Dai won the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

On 1 September 2011, at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Dai won the gold medal, overtaking a strong field in the final straight.

Dai Greene has shown tremendous determination to achieve these three major competition victories with his sights now set firmly on the Olympic games 2012.



Polly Hawker

Polly has been supporting sport at the University of Bath for over 12 years. Arriving in 1998, Polly began University life in the Department for Sports Development and Recreation where she progressed from the operations team to supporting key events and managing pre-season training camps, which saw a number of high profile teams arrive at the University including Sunderland football club, the New Zealand All Blacks, the Springboks and of course England RFU. In 2007 Polly joined the Students' Union as Student Activities Manager, a role which included overseeing student sport.

In Polly's 5 years with the Students' Union Sports Association she has set high standards in student support and provision. Polly's calm and professional manner has supported many sabbatical officers, hundreds of student club volunteers and thousands of students in BUCS fixtures.

Polly's drive to create strong sustainable clubs has seen a focus on long term development plans, officer training, volunteer recognition, activity safety, increased participation, coupled with a systematic approach to BUCS performances where she has worked with individual clubs and coaches to maximise points gained.

Polly is always willing to put in the extra hours and the hard work to ensure student sport is represented in the finest light and the student experience is of the highest quality, shown most recently in the Varsity series against Exeter and this fantastic occasion tonight.

Polly thoroughly deserves this award for her service to student sport, a sentiment which will be echoed by thousands of students who have had their University life enhanced by being part of the Sports Association.

Special Awards

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The David VandeLinde Award

The Ivor Powell Award
for Excellence in Coaching

Martyn Hedges Award

BUCS Team of the Year

Club of the Year

Sports Personality of the Year