



University of Bath
Blues Awards
2020

Order of Virtual Awards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday 27th April

Ribbons, Colours,

Gethin John Bevan Club Member of the Year,

SU Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year

and The Ivor Powell Award

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The David Vandelinde Award,

The Martyn Hedges Award

and The Tugendhat Trophy

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Team of the Year, Club of the Year

and Sports Personality 2020

Welcome



Professor
Keith Stokes
Warden of the Blues

BLUES AWARDS 2020

At this challenging time for everyone I hope that you are all keeping safe and looking after those around you. Under normal circumstances I would be welcoming you all to the University of Bath Blues Evening, but for obvious reasons this is not possible this year.

This is my first year as Warden of the Blues. On a personal note, I have discovered a great deal about outstanding successes across such a wide range of sports. It is important that we celebrate these successes and we should all be proud of the sporting achievements of students at the University of Bath. Over the past twelve months, our athletes have excelled in University competition and on the international stage. Many students have

also made incredible contributions in developing and promoting their sports in, and beyond, the University.

My role is to work with the Blues Committee to ensure that the award of Ribbons, Colours, Half-Blues, Full Blues and the Special Awards reflect appropriately high and consistent standards of achievement. The Blues Committee work hard to maintain these standards and all award winners are thoroughly deserving of recognition.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of those who have contributed so much to sport at the University of Bath. Congratulations to all award winners and thank you all for your dedication to our sporting heritage.

Stephen Baddeley

Director of Sport



It has been another outstanding 12 months of student sport at the University of Bath and while we are sadly unable to gather in person for this year's Blues Awards, there is still much for us to celebrate.

One of the highlights of the past year was undoubtedly when we hosted the Modern Pentathlon European Championships. It was a huge success, both in terms of organisation and for the Pentathlon GB athletes who won a fabulous five gold medals at their home venue. Myles Pillage (Biochemistry) claimed two of them, the second after teaming up with fellow student Oliver Murray (Electronic & Electrical Engineering) in the men's relay.

Both Myles and Oliver are among the 42 student-athletes who receive scholarship support, generously provided by alumni and friends of the University, across a whole range of

sports from bobsleigh and lacrosse to windsurfing and skiing.

Three scholars – Imogen Allison (Sport & Exercise Science), Tash Pavelin (Natural Sciences) and Sophie Drakeford-Lewis (Integrated Mechanical & Electrical Engineering) – have established themselves as regulars in Team Bath Netball's 2020 Superleague team, England international Sophie having been voted by her peers as Superleague Young Player of the Season last year.

Tim Nurse (Sports Performance) helped Great Britain Hockey U21s successfully retain the Sultan of Johor Trophy and swimmer Tom Dean (Mechanical Engineering), who is aspiring to represent Team GB at the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics in 2021, won 400m freestyle silver at the European Short-Course Championships.

There were further silver medals while representing Great Britain for Kirsty Way (Sport & Exercise Science) in team DMT (double mini trampoline) at the World Championships in Tokyo and Ben Jones (Chemistry) at the Master'U BNP Paribas tennis team tournament in France, while rower Laura Macro (Sport & Exercise Science) won lightweight women's single gold at both the European University Sports Association Championships in Sweden and the Henley Women's Regatta.

We also provide lifestyle support for 133 Dual Career student-athletes, two of whom – Max Ojomoh (Business Administration) and Gwilym Bradley (Economics) – competed for England and Wales respectively in this year's U20s Six Nations Rugby tournament.

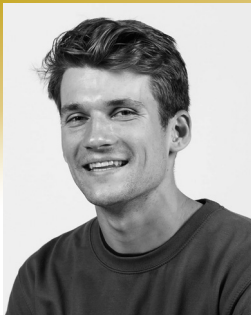
There has been plenty of success on the BUCS stage too, including 26 medals – nine of them gold – won across five different sports when 135 student-athletes proudly wore the Blue & Gold at the 2020 BUCS Nationals in Sheffield.

Twelve teams won BUCS titles, with the men's and women's badminton 1sts once again topping their respective Premier South tables. That was matched by the futsal men and women, as well as the women's water polo team.

There has also been cup success plus individual titles in sports such as shooting, duathlon and modern pentathlon.

Thousands of students proudly wear the Blue & Gold every week and I would like to congratulate all on their achievements and contribution over the past year, as well as celebrate the invaluable contributions made by club officials, coaches, physios and support staff.

Keep well, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all enjoying your sport again soon.



Student Sport, Review of the Year

The Blues Awards ceremony encourages us to reflect on all that has been achieved within student sport at Bath. Looking back at the 2019-20 sporting year, there is so much to be proud of - new ideas coming to fruition, developments of the work of previous years, stories of success and opportunities to learn. Please join me as we celebrate a year of hard work.

The 2019-20 committee year started as soon as exams finished. A new cohort of committees spending one of their first few days of freedom back at university, training for their new roles. Not a fairytale start, but ensuring a safe, enjoyable sporting offer for a community of over 6,000 students was never going to be easy. The summer consisted of committees asking lots of questions about their new roles, and a confused Sport officer going straight to the (very tolerant) SU Sport staff to ask exactly the same questions. We found our feet, eventually!

The start of the academic year was full of excitement and anticipation. Sports Executive committee training, a vibrant (green) sports fair, thousands attending taster sessions over 49 sports, and a record crowd at the Rec watching our Rugby Union Men's 1st team win against Cardiff were just a few highlights.

During November, campus was full of questionable facial hair, with the Sports department and SU sport and other members of the university getting involved with Movember. Our sports clubs stole the show this year, raising the majority of the university-total with great moustaches, competitions and other events. The Kickboxing club's Fight Night was another incredible fundraiser,

showcasing hard work and talent, and camaraderie. This Girl Can week hosted 20 different ways to get active in a female-only environment, including Fencing and Rugby sessions.

December's Snowball was once again a huge student-led success that saw thousands coming through the SU doors to celebrate Semester one's achievements, and say goodbye before the winter break.

Semester 2 kicked off with more opportunities for our students to get into sport at Bath! In the first week back, the SU, Department for Health, and Sports Department volunteered their expertise for 'We The Active'. This 2-day event, reaching hundreds of students hosted sessions aiming to inspire, intrigue and equip students leading active lifestyles. The completion of the first 3G facility on campus increased our ability to cater for the packed student sporting calendar. BUCS nationals, provided a hugely memorable weekend, with the Blue and Gold winning 26 medals over 7 sports!

The student-led inclusive sports day in March showcased some of the regular, and some new adaptive and inclusive sporting offers, provided by our clubs, from wheelchair rugby to VI rounders. BUCS Conference cup was another huge event for Bath, with four wins from a possible five.

The above is only a fraction of the amazing work of our sporting community at Bath, and I fear that the word-count remaining will only allow me to scrape the surface of the amazing work that has been done this year!

A greater focus was seen for initiatives that helped encourage participation easily throughout each semester! The familiar Talent ID, and new Speed dating for sport events provided pathways to ease hundreds of students into competitive and recreational sporting communities respectively.

Recreational offerings of clubs this year expanded yet again, increasing beginner-level participation in so many of our clubs. The BathActive provision expanded yet again, with more clubs, and offering sessions and coaching-time enabling a free, easy introduction to activity. The inception of the Bath Activators ensured friendly faces at sessions, and the Bath Active Bites allowed our doctoral community to get active for free during lunch breaks.

This year saw more, better quality mental health peer support training offered to welfare and inclusivity officers, captains and other committee members. Clubs collaborated with Be Well Week, nightline campaigns and many more wellbeing initiatives. In its second year, the Exercise Peer Mentorship Scheme increased its capacity and flexibility to support individuals who are recommended exercise for their mental health.

The challenge of shifting the University sporting culture was opened wide this year, with more clubs going through - and engaging positively with - the #NeverOK Bystander and 'Good Lad Initiative' empathy training.

The inclusivity award had another successful year, with more than half of our sports clubs actively seeking to engage with underrepresented groups in their clubs, and reduce barriers to their participation.

The shift of the SU Sport General Meetings to committee nights enabled club representatives to develop throughout the year, shedding a light on sector-wide challenges, and allowing networking, sharing of best practice and greater collaboration between committees.

There were a huge number of student-led events, welcoming athletes from other universities and alumni, with Trampolining, Weightlifting and Powerlifting, Basketball, Volleyball, Latin and Ballroom just a few examples! A huge number of successful trips



were also organised by our club committees, with Snowsports, Mountaineering, Cycling and Surf all providing some excellent opportunities to get out of Bath and get active.

As ever, so many memories were made in matches and competitions. Throughout the year, huge performances like these were seen across the board by so many teams, from Cycling's hill climb and track squads and both Futsal first teams in BUCS, to Cheerleading at nationals. As ever, so many of our athletes represented their countries in Rugby Union, Badminton, Lacrosse, Touch Rugby, Rowing, Hockey, Trampolining, Windsurfing, and many more sports.

The 2019-2020 year will forever be remembered as a year that was cut short due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ensuring the health of a nation became a collective effort, and the sporting world played its part. This year, medals and titles weren't won, records weren't broken, matches, competitions and training sessions were cancelled, gyms were empty and seasons stopped before they'd started. For a while, we had no choice but to stay at home and wait. But the sporting world did not sit still, and Bath was a sterling example of that. Though confined, we were restless. In adversity, we showed ingenuity. Though isolated, we found community. Sports clubs, and individuals, came together, providing advice, vital procrastination, and an escape from an at times, saddening reality. It was incredible to watch this unfold, and I am so proud of how this community came together during this time, be that through Virtual Varsity in April, online sporting sessions or trick-shot challenges. This year stands as a reminder that while sport isn't everything, it is so much, to so many; and that the Blue & Gold spirit is near-enough unstoppable!

Tom Sawko

Students' Union Sport Officer

Ribbons

Ribbons are awarded to students who have consistently represented the University over a two or three year period in non BUCS sports.

Latin and Ballroom

Eszter Kovacs

Timothy Scott

Taekwondo

Ryan Simpson

Jae Lee

Ching Hei Cheng

Timothy Oluwole

Piotr Manasterski

Colours

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

American Football

Nathaniel Sewell

Duncan Harrison

Charles Macloskey

Association Football and Futsal

Alexander Evans

Badminton

Kevina Hui

Basketball

Ryan Napier

Ffion Platt

Charlotte Garcia Swalef

Lavinia Wing Lam Tse

Jake Willott

Euan Thompson

Eleanor Frame

Climbing

Elinor Scruby

Samuel Edmans

Colours

Cricket

Megs Woodward
Adam Keane

Cue Sports

Jake Gander
Dave Robjohns

Golf

Harriet Evans

Hockey

Jessica Amps
Gregor McAlpine
Zoe Mather
James Brooking
Rosie Gladdle
Molly McMaster
Thomas Mills
Findlay Dixon
Hugo Andrews
Ewen Alexander
Diana Bevan

Judo

Louis Delsol

Karate

Sebastian Scott

Lacrosse

Marina Morgan
Charlotte Robertson
Isabel Baddeley

Netball

Annabel Staley
Elisha New
Kirsty Harris
Gemma Ashworth

Sailing

Victoria Upton

Tennis

Thomas Cartledge
Victoria Laphorne
Francesco Paschetto
Louis Newman
Freddie Davies

Ultimate

Marilyn Kee
Ella Curtis
Hannah Fleetwood
Tiffany Taylor

Volleyball

Jasmine Olds
Barbara Scevola
Bernard Berari
Theo Thomas
Oliver Watson
Saskia Kreutzfeldt
Maartje Heldt
Nao Joshua Tateno

Water polo

Emma Pearn
Sam Cooper
Sarah Lloyd
Luke Davies
James Stirling
Edward Dunkley

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 SU Sport as a whole.

Basketball

Yoyo Wong

Judo

Charlie Bond

Kickboxing

Alex Upcott-Gill

Rugby

Bronte Sykes

Nye Davis

Rhys Lynch

Sailing

Andrea Malortigue

Tennis

Ashley Stoneman

Trampoline

Kirsty Way

Caleb Staple

Volleyball

Christopher Hagen

Half Blue Award

Half Blues are awarded to students with junior international representation or podium finishes in BUCS whilst competing for a University first team.

Archery

Paul Cobee

Athletics

Isobel Ives

Badminton

Jessica Li

Andrew Heinemann

Hockey

Amelie Green

Samuel Anderson

Oliver Woodcock

Cameron Heald

Judo

Hannah Rogers

Charlie Bond

Lacrosse

Matthew Stamp

Sebastian Phillips

Christopher Mills

Rory Crouch

Marcus Dunn

Netball

Kate Allen

Rowing

Zara Mulholland

Rebecca Wilde

Laura Macro

Full Blue

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.

Ben Jones Tennis



Ben joined the University of Bath in 2017 and has been the number one player on the Men's Tennis 1st team for the duration of his time at Bath. He was named as 1st Team Captain at the beginning of his second year and

in his time here, he has helped the team to successive top four finishes in the BUCS National League and successive semi-final appearances in the BUCS National Cup. In his first year, Ben won Bath's first male BUCS tennis gold medal in over 15 years when he won the doubles title at the BUCS Individual Championships in 2017 and since then, he has medalled at every BUCS Individual Championships in both singles and doubles. In 2018, Ben represented the Great Britain Universities Team at the Master'U BNP Paribas event in Grenoble, France, where he won all three of his matches to help the team win a silver medal at the event. He then represented the Great Britain team again at the same event the following year, helping the team to win a second successive silver medal.

Ben has also had a large amount of success on the professional ITF World Tennis Tour. In the summer of 2019, Ben won the first two professional doubles titles of his career – he won a \$15,000 event in Netanya, Israel in June, before winning a higher tier \$25,000 event in Chiswick in August. As well as this, he progressed to his first professional singles quarter-final at an event in Cancun, Mexico and made several other professional doubles finals. Ben has achieved all of this success while studying for his full-time Chemistry degree and with his singles and doubles professional world rankings currently stood at 1300 and 600 respectively, Ben has a very solid foundation from which he will look to build on as he competes on the professional tour full-time after graduating, while still being based at the University of Bath.

Imogen Allison

Netball

Imogen is currently studying Sport and Exercise Science, completing her final year of the integrated Masters course. Upon arrival at the University of Bath, success in trials led to a place in the TeamBath Superleague squad and the Netball BUCS 1st team. During her first year of study Imogen represented England U21s in the world youth cup, where the team placed 3rd. As Imogen continued her studies through year 2 and 3 she chose to concentrate on her university studies whilst remaining in the TeamBath Superleague squad. During the 2018/19 season Imogen was placed in the leadership group in TeamBath, with potential to be a future leader of the Superleague side. Now in her final year, Imogen chose to trial for the England Futures programme for the 2019/20 season, this is a part-time set up to allow her to continue her Masters whilst playing for England. Success in trials allowed Imogen to represent England on tours to Australia and New Zealand. In addition, she was nominated as co-captain in the England A squad, who played international teams prior to the nations cup. As she finishes her final year, Imogen hopes to graduate with a Masters degree in July and will be trialling for the full-time England programme for the 2020/21 international season.



Tim Nurse

Hockey

Tim Nurse joined the University of Bath in 2017 and is currently studying for a Sports Performance BSc. Although Tim enjoyed many sports whilst growing up, he has excelled in hockey starting off at Bournemouth Hockey Club age 9 and quickly becoming a rising star in his team reaching the England Hockey Club National Finals. Through hard work and determination in the Player Pathway, Tim made the England U16 and U18 National Hockey Squads, awarded The Higgins Writers Club Player of the Year, played in the School National Finals and started playing in the England Hockey Mens National League.

When Tim came to the University, he had already gained a number of caps now totalling over 50 caps for England in his hockey career. During Freshers' week, he found out that he had made it into the Great Britain Hockey Elite Development Programme and selected for The Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia with GB U21s where Tim and the team won silver medals in 2017, narrowly losing out to Australia. Since then, the team have gone on to win two Gold Medals in 2018 and 2019 beating India in the finals. As part of the GB EDP squad, Tim has also won Silver at the European 5 Nations Tournament in Belgium 2018 and 2019 European Championships in Valencia where Tim was awarded European Player of the Tournament. Tim has also captained the England U21 team in a test series in Frankfurt in 2019.



During Tim's 3 years at the University of Bath, he has been a key player in the 1st XI Hockey team and in his 3rd year was made captain. This year the team narrowly missed out on the 2020 BUCS Semi-finals but came second in the west league in 2018 and made the national semi-finals in 2017. He also is a key member of Team Bath Buccaneers Mens 1st XI who compete in England Hockey National League, South Conference League.

Tim was very honoured to be awarded the University of Bath King Sports Scholarship which has helped him enormously with balancing his academic work alongside his international hockey career. However Tim also finds time to coach Team Bath Buccaneers U16s, Monkton Coombe School, at Sport 101 Summer Academies and guest coach for Go Create Hockey Camps. He is part of TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme), an ambassador for Sport 101 Hockey Academies and is supported by Hampshire Talented Athletes and Adidas.

Jacob Greenow

Swimming

Jacob started his competitive swimming career at the age of 9 and won multiple medals, in a wide variety of events at County and Regional level before first qualifying for the National Age Group Championships at 11. He won his first National medal at 14 and from there went on to be selected for Team GB, aged 16 for the European Youth Olympic Festival in Tbilisi and at 18 for British Swimming at the European Junior Championships in Israel; at both of these events, Jacob qualified for the finals.

Since starting at the University to study Natural Sciences in September 2017, Jacob has been a key member of the University Swimming team, gaining essential points at both the BUCS short course, long course as well as the Team Championships by winning individual medals and as part of the relay teams. Furthermore, he has competed at the British Swimming Championships each year, making A finals in various events and has won several individual medals, including gold in 2019, at the British Summer and Winter Swimming Championships. Most recently, Jacob won gold in the Men's 19s and over, 400m individual medley and bronze in the 200m backstroke. In short course swimming Jacob has also managed to break, and is the current holder of, the Men's 400m Individual Medley University club record.

The University team has travelled abroad to compete in important international competitions, the most prestigious of which was the Trofeo Settecolli in Rome, in 2019. Here Jacob managed to reach the A final of the 400 IM, where



he was competing against several world Championship and Olympic Games medallists. Additionally Jacob has competed at the Swim Cup Den Haag in 2018, and in Amsterdam in 2019.

Whilst at Bath, Jacob was selected in 2018 to represent Swim England at the French Open in Chartres and this season (2019/20) he has been selected for the Swim England Performance Squad which has showed he has potential to qualify for future major games. In January he competed at the LEN Euromeet in Luxembourg, as part of this squad, where he won a bronze medal in his signature event the 400 Individual Medley.

Away from the pool, Jacob volunteered as part of a TeamBath outreach day for aspiring local sports players from local schools last year, to provide advice on balancing a dual career as a junior athlete. This year he has become a member of the Athlete Forum, to represent the views of swimmers at the University.

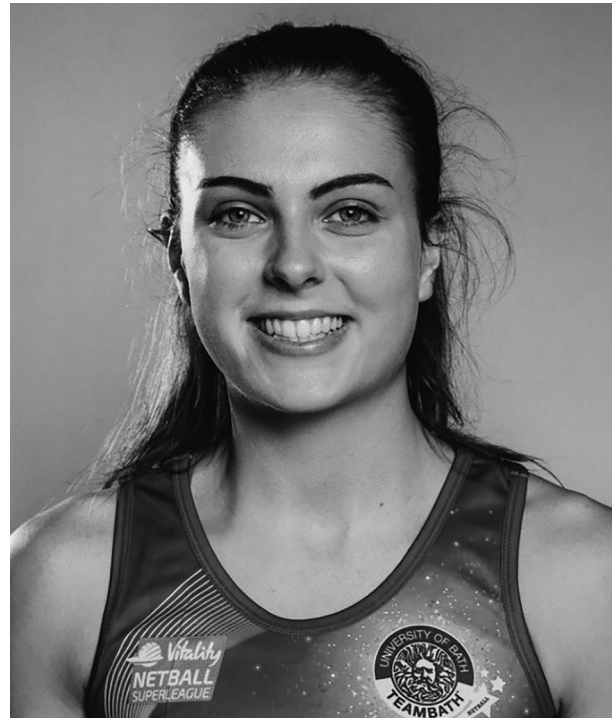
Tash Pavelin

Netball

Tash is currently in her final year of a degree in Natural Sciences, majoring in Biochemistry and minoring in Chemistry. Tash has competed for the University of Bath Netball 1st team throughout her time at university, helping them to achieve 2nd and 1st place in the BUCS Southern Premiership in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 seasons respectively. In the 2017/18 season the team went on to get to the final of the championship cup competition, narrowly missing out and finishing 2nd place. In the 2019/20 season the team finished in 2nd place, successfully progressing into the championship cup competition.

Tash made her debut for Team Bath in the Vitality Netball Superleague in 2018, with the team finishing 4th and making the top 4 before unfortunately losing out to Wasps Netball in the semi-final, narrowly missing out on a spot in the final. She is again part of the team for the 2020 season.

In 2015 she received her first 3 international Caps at U17 level for England in the U17 Netball European Championships, with the team finishing champions of the competition. She then progressed into the England U21 squad in 2017, where she competed for England in the U21 European Championships in Aberdeen, receiving 3 international U21 Caps. The team were unbeaten in the competition and came away as champions.



William Ryley

Swimming

William started swimming at an early age and entered his first competition at 6 years old when he joined a swimming club. At the age of 7 he qualified for the Welsh National age group as the youngest swimmer in the competition.

On starting University he had qualified for the British championships in one event but with the extra training and opportunities he gained by being at Bath he has progressed rapidly to qualifying in multiple events and has made many finals with 5 national medals. William has represented Bath at BUCS competitions, obtaining BUCS points every year and 5 podium positions.

William's most recent success being at BUCS Long Course Championships, where he achieved a silver and bronze medal. William has also entered open water competitions while at Bath and in 2017 won the British Open Water championships in the senior event and also won the transitional under 23 final at last years British Swimming Trials which acted as the World Championship trials. Following this achievement, he attended an open water training camp and competition with British Swimming in Majorca where he achieved 2 second place finishes in the 5km and 1.5km races.

William was selected for the Welsh National squad at 11, and over the years has been selected for skills squads, youth squads and this year as a member of the Welsh National Elite squad. During this time, he has represented Wales 5 times internationally reaching many



finals and several podium finishes. His first international competition as a senior representing Wales was in March 2017 at FFN Golden tour in Marseille. He achieved two gold medals and one bronze in 2018 at a Dutch European Qualification meet in Holland. More recently in 2019 he represented Wales at a Sette Colli meet in Italy reaching several finals. This season 2019/20 he has attended several training camps with the Welsh National team and his most recent representation for Wales being at the Euro Meet in Luxembourg and in Miami for a training camp in January 2020.

Bradley Sutton

Modern Biathlon/Pentathlon

Bradley is one of the talented modern pentathletes aspiring to achieve excellence in sports and academics. He is originally from Basingstoke but has been training at Pentathlon GB's National Training Centre at the University of Bath alongside the National Squad since 2016.

Bradley was selected for and competed at, six international competitions this season, including the Junior European Championships and Junior World Championships, and the U24 European Championships. At the 2019 Junior World Championships, Bradley qualified for the final whilst at the 2019 Junior European Championships he claimed a bronze medal in the men's relay. At the U24 European Championships Bradley finished in a strong fifth position and secured team silver for Great Britain. For the past two years he has represented the University at BUCS competitions, placing second individually and winning team gold on both occasions.

More recently Bradley has achieved a bronze medal at the Hungarian open competition, as well as being selected for the senior World Cup team to compete in Egypt. This has been achieved whilst completing the final year of his studies at Bath University. He will be continuing to train and compete as part of the National Squad for the 2019-20 season, whilst completing his BSc degree, and being a training partner for the 2021 Olympic squad.



Alexander Batstone

Hockey

Alexander Batstone went to school and grew up in Barcelona, Spain- where he first started playing hockey for his hometown hockey club aged 11. At Castelldefels HC, a small local club, he went through the age grade levels playing against larger sides in the region with senior teams in Europe. Playing for the 1st XI from an early age, he was 17 when he vice-captained the team that was promoted to the regional first division for the first time in the club's history.

Moving to the UK for university, he enrolled at the University of Bath to study Politics with Economics. Adapting to a new country and university was made easier by the brilliant club culture in the hockey club. Joining the university performance squad from preseason, he enjoyed playing for the 2nd team in BUCS as well as for the Team Bath Buccaneers in the weekend leagues. After a successful season staying up in the highest possible league for the 2s, he earned a 1st team university debut in his second year. On top of that he was put forward for a trial with the Scotland U21 team, being called up that summer for test series against Wales and Poland. Continuing this progress during a placement year in London, he made his national league debut for Richmond HC and continued playing for Scotland U21. This culminated in playing further test series against Ireland and Wales that summer, before being



selected for the European II Division Tournament in the Czech Republic. Alexander and Scotland went on to win the gold medal and earn promotion to the European First Division in two years time.

Returning to Bath for his final year, he became part of the first team for the university in the inaugural BUCS national competition, as well as making his debut in the new Division 1 South for Team Bath Buccaneers. Despite narrowly missing out on national playoffs, Alexander enjoyed forming part of a successful team that challenged in every game across the country. He is looking forward to continuing his international career with Scotland, currently forming part of the U23 squad.



Sarah Jackson

Windsurfing

Sarah Jackson is a professional windsurfer competing on the Professional Windsurfing World Tour. Competing in her first Pro event, the week before she started her first year, she has gone on to take the U20 World title in Slalom, and an impressive number of wins in the U21 division on the professional world tour also gaining 1st place at three Professional World Cups. At senior level, she has achieved 5th in the Slalom World Rankings and 7th in a World Cup freestyle event.

Sarah has achieved 2nd in the British Slalom rankings, and has most recently been selected for the British Sailing Team iQFoil training squad for Paris 2024 Olympics.

During her time at university, Sarah has not only succeeded on the World Tour, but she has also taken the university scene by storm. She raced to gold in her first BUCS Championships, and led the team to silver in the team racing. Furthermore, she has also progressed on the wave scene, a new discipline to her at university. She has won the female fleet in her first and third year (a broken foot in 2nd

year thwarted her attempt at the triple), and successfully fought off the boys to take the overall national student wave title this season.

Whilst achieving these many successes, she has also maintained a first throughout her degree, and undertaken a number of volunteering roles, both within the university club and the national Student Windsurfing Association (SWA). Most significantly, she introduced provision for intermediate and advanced windsurfers within the university club, developing positive relations at the Official Test Centre in Weymouth; and took participation at SWA events to record highs. Within her varied role in the SWA committee, she has introduced new sponsors to the wave series and setup equipment demos and tuition clinics at the events to help improve the overall level within the national student wave series.

Sarah has been a dual-career athlete, Santander Sports Scholar and Team Bath Ambassador during her time at University; and has represented the university with pride.



Kirsty Way Trampoline

Kirsty competes for Great Britain in a sport called Double-Mini Trampoline (DMT), a discipline of trampolining that relies on power and agility to wow the judges on two small trampolines, opposed to one large trampoline that you so commonly think of. Kirsty is Britain's leading lady in DMT, who inspired gymnasts all over the world with her high difficulty routines that has set world records in the past. Kirsty is the current South West, English, British and European Champion in DMT, leading her team to multiple medals on a world stage. Kirsty has secured herself and her fellow teammates three silver medals at the World Championships in 2015, 2017 and 2019, narrowly missing out on the gold at each competition.

Kirsty is in her fourth year of study here at the University of Bath, studying Sport and Exercise Science. Kirsty thrives on the opportunity to apply the knowledge she gains from her degree to her performance on an elite stage, with a particular passion for the psychological aspects of sport. Kirsty spent

her placement year here in Bath as a Sport Psychologist, where she was able to help out with workshops and 1-1 consultations set out for our BUCS teams to help them to perform at their best. As she approaches the end of her degree, Kirsty is looking forward to finding her niche in Sport Science, as she continues to fight for her lifelong dream to become a World Champion.

Kirsty has been an inspiration to so many at the University of Bath Trampoline Club. For 2 years now, she has committed her time to help out on the committee, as both the Competition Captain and the Coach and Kit Co-ordinator. The committee have the utmost respect for Kirsty and the dedication she has given to the club; during times where she definitely should have been putting her studies and competitions first, she still managed to make time for her committee. During the year, Kirsty managed to sign up more students than ever to compete at our Southern University Trampoline League, including new competitors who had never jumped on a trampoline before the start of the year. Not only did she encourage some excellent competition results from the club, she also contributed to the medals herself by competing in the elite category at as many competitions as possible and it was rare if she didn't win gold.

Last year, we were at our lowest in terms of qualified coaches to help run our club's sessions. To help with the situation, Kirsty put herself forward to complete her Level 1 trampolining coaching qualification and now helps out where she can to help coach our members. She still attends competitions and ensures every gymnast feels comfortable and at ease, whether she coaches them during their competition or is simply their cheerleaders.

However, Kirsty's University trampolining career has not ended the way she had hoped. As Kirsty qualified for her second ever World final at the World Championships late last year, she unfortunately sustained a nasty injury. This has resulted in ankle surgery which leaves Kirsty unable to compete at her final BUCS competition later this year. Despite this, Kirsty still maintains a constant smile on her face and remains an absolute role model for all of our club members and everyone who has had the privilege to be a part of her competitive journey.

Madison Jones

Lacrosse

Madison has represented the Bath Women's 1st Lacrosse team for the two years she has been at the University and has been named the Vice-captain for this season. Madison has always had a tremendous amount of commitment to lacrosse which is evident in the fact she has not missed a single match in her University career so far, despite having a chronic, long-term injury last season. In the Summer of her first year at the University of Bath, she competed at the U19 World Championships in Ontario, Canada. Madison captained Wales for the two years leading up to the tournament, at the Home Internationals in Scotland in April of 2018, the U20 tournament in Poland in the Summer of 2018, the home internationals in April of 2019 and then finally finishing with the World Cup. So far, whilst at University Madison has gained ten Junior Caps, for all of which she was captain of the team. The World Cup tournament consisted of seven matches. The first three matches occurred in the pool stages against New Zealand, Japan and Scotland. Madison's team managed to work their way to the quarter finals, after winning the play offs against Czech Republic, losing to the USA who later went on to win the competition. Wales ended up placing seventh out of 22 teams, as they beat Germany in their final play-off match, with Madison scoring the overtime golden goal to take the final win. This year Madison has been selected for the Women's Senior A squad and chosen to represent Wales at a senior level. Madison is hoping to make the difficult transition from Junior to Senior World Cup in just two years, with the next senior World Cup being in her graduating Summer of 2021.



Honorary Blue

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

Ron Stewart



Ron retires from the University in June 2020 after completing nearly 25 years' service and his impact has been huge and his legacy will remain for many decades to come.

Ron has been passionate about the delivery of sport at the University and has been highly motivated to play his full part in delivering an excellent experience for all users since he joined the University in 1994. Ron joined the University after serving in the Royal Navy for 24 years, seeing action in Northern Ireland, the Persian Gulf and the Falklands. He began as the Head Athletics Coach and Athletics Track Manager before changing to the Sports Facilities Manager when the first phase of the Sports Training Village was built in 1996.

Ron engaged in every form of student activity, regularly delivering circuit training, coaching other student teams and creating legendary assault courses for charity events. He is hugely passionate for student sport and always strives to create the best training and competition environment for them.

He has always been an advocate for the maintenance of the highest standards, and he leads

through example, motivating his 45-strong team through an immensely strong work ethic and huge capacity for hard work. He has always been highly committed to staff development and nothing gives him greater pleasure than to see one of his team grow and develop. He has then championed that these personal achievements are acknowledged and celebrated.

Ron has overseen a huge facility transformation over his time in Bath, growing from the Founders Hall, to the first phase of the Sports Training Village to the second and much larger phase that is enjoyed by so many students today. In recent years, Ron has been centrally involved in further enhancements to the Sports Training Village through major refurbishments to the 50m pool, a huge growth in the provision of gym space and studios and, most recently, the opening of a 3G training strip.

Ron's impact on sport and student life at Bath has been tremendous and will continue to benefit generations of students to come, who will access and enjoy the facilities and environment Ron has helped to establish and nurture.

Steve Egan

Steve Egan, in his role as Vice-President (Implementation), has been a passionate advocate for the importance of sport at the University of Bath throughout his five years as a member of the University Executive Board. He has taken every opportunity to promote the significant contribution that sport makes to the University and during his watch the University has invested in two important sporting facilities, mainly the £3.5M Team Bath Gym and Fitness Centre, and nearly £0.5M in our 3G training strip.

He has been an enthusiastic spectator at Super League Netball and Super Rugby matches, as well as the driving force behind turning the Anniversary game at The Rec into a major University occasion.

He has championed all student sport and values the impact it can have on developing skills, experiences, friends and memories, seeking for all clubs to provide a fantastic offer for their members.

His true sporting passion is American Football, where he is a committed referee, and officiates regularly at BUCS matches. He is also about to come to an end of a six-year term as a Director of British University and College Sport (BUCS). During his tenure at the University of Bath, he has made an outstanding contribution to the development of university sport.



Alisha Lobo

Alisha has been a champion for Inclusion, Mental health and Harassment prevention throughout her time as a student and her two years as SU Community Officer. Much of this has involved direct work with Sport officers, the Sports Executive committee, Sports club committees and club members, meaning her years of work have permeated through the structure of SU sport and beyond.

During her time as community officer, Alisha has been instrumental in developing good mental health practices within SU sport committees, clubs and teams. Alisha helped in securing funding towards Look After Your Mate, Mental Health First Aid, and Mental Health in Sport training. This has resulted in training for Welfare and Inclusivity officers, chairs, captains, coaches and sports club members, resulting in better peer support within SU sport, and effective signposting. With such a large proportion of students saying that they would prefer to disclose mental health problems to a peer rather than a professional, this type of training is of huge value, particularly for athletes who have many added stresses in their university life. Her recent Blue Table talks have helped to shed a light on Male Mental Health in university, and particularly in sport.

Alisha has run inclusion training for the Sports Executive Committee, Welfare and Inclusivity officers and other committee members over the past 3 years, providing a safe, non-judgemental space to educate committees, and work towards genuine, proactive engagement with underrepresented groups in sport.



As part of the #NeverOK campaign, Alisha has run Bystander training for hundreds of members of our sporting community, teaching safe intervention where there may be risk of sexual harassment, empowering sporting communities to look out for each other. Additionally, Alisha's work on the Report and Support tool has enabled anonymous reporting on any type of harassment, including initiations practices too.

Alisha has worked tirelessly to provide support, guidance, and better quality of training to our sporting community. Alisha's time at this university has helped accelerate inclusion, mental health and culture within our sporting community: past, present and future.

Chris Jennison

Chris Jennison has volunteered for the role of Warden of the Blues for 15 years. A position confirmed by the Vice-Chancellor and responsible for ensuring the standards of achievement required for the award of Ribbons, Colours, Half-Blues, Blues and the Special Awards are strictly adhered to and that these standards are maintained from year to year.

Chris has overseen countless Blues committee meetings and read thousands of applications from dedicated and talented students nominating themselves, their peers, their teams or their clubs for awards. Chris has meticulously and systematically taken members of the committee through each and every application ensuring all receive fair attention ensuring awards are given where the criteria is met, and recognition is given to the incredible work of the club committees and volunteers.

Chris has been a hugely passionate fan of student sport and the Blues Awards evening has been a highlight of his year, an opportunity for him to meet face to face the students whose achievements he has read about. As Warden, Chris would always open the Blues Awards evening with eager excitement of the night ahead, keen to see the reaction of those receiving awards and sharing the congratulations with all the winners.



Freddie Sherratt

Swimming

Freddie has been a member of the University for eight years, first during an Undergraduate Masters in Integrated Mechanical and Electronic Engineering and for the past three as a PhD Student investigating novel control methods for prosthetic limbs. Throughout this time Freddie has been an active member of the swimming club holding multiple committee positions, including two years as chair, and actively volunteering for the recreational swimming squad. As chair he also pushed to re-engage the different squads in the club, removing the tension between the vastly different ability levels across the club. During the period following the University pool refurbishment, Freddie guided the club back to full strength first as treasurer then chairman. At the end of his tenure as chair, the club membership exceeded that before the pool refurbishment. He has also acted as SU



Sport executive treasurer for the past two years. In his role as SU Sport executive treasurer Freddie has pushed for the improvement in treasurer training and worked hard to ensure club payments are approved thoroughly and promptly.

Freddie has consistently championed recreational sport in the swimming club. He has done this by pushing for better quality coaching, coaching weekly himself, securing new and improved kit, and mentoring other volunteers in the club. He has coached weekly for the past five years and is regarded highly in the club for his volunteering record. Due to the increasing quality of the performance swimming group, a significant divide occurred between the performance and the recreational groups. To bring unity, Freddie has worked closely with the coaching staff and members of both squads to try and close this divide.

Adele O'Callaghan



Adele has currently got 10 years of cheerleading experience, 5 of which have been with the club at the University. Her passion for the sport has continued to thrive over a dynamic period of development for the sport. When she started the level and standard of the routines performed at competitions were leagues below where they are today. She is immensely proud of how far the sport has come in the public eye; this year she completed the first national cheerleading census in honour of Bath Jets – an initiative to further 'Sport Cheer England' in the first step to initiating a national body for cheerleading which, in turn, can finalise decisions for cheerleading to become fully recognised by 'Sport England' and help drive both Cheerleading's social standing in the UK and its bid to enter the Summer Olympics.

During her time here at Bath she has helped the club develop to new levels. In her 2nd year as a coach she competed and coached simultaneously in both level 2 and level 3 squad teams as well as fulfilling her duties as a squad coach. In this year all of her group stunt teams achieved no deductions and finished top 3 in all their respective categories. Two of her teams were awarded national champions that year and her feats as a coach were established. In the same year

she inspired one of her friends to start cheer, within a year of coaching them they decided to try out and were accepted to cheer on the Team England Paracheer team; this team proceeded to win their division at the cheerleading worlds that year. Each week she would dedicate in excess of 11 hours of coaching minimum, spending extra time to also train so that she could maintain high levels of fitness. In her second year she did this alongside achieving a 2:1 in her degree and performing on a production team for 5 shows (BUSMS and BUST).

This year Adele has worked hard to establish a strong coaching and work ethic for herself and her athletes. She has coached 10 teams, over 100 athletes, and has set in motion for the next Generation of Bath, Bath Spa, Bristol, Cardiff, Cardiff Met, and UWE cheerleaders to have the opportunity to learn and develop their coaching skills in the first opportunity in this part of the southwest of England to provide a levels 1-3, choreography and scoring course being held in the STV by BGU.

Adele hopes she has inspired many people to believe that cheerleading is a worthwhile sport and hopes the University of Bath maintains its success that has become recognised by Universities and all-star teams alike in the past 3 years at competitions.

Special Awards

Gethin John Bevan Club Member of the Year

The Tugendhat Trophy for Sporting Endeavour

The SU Bath Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year

The David VandeLinde Prize

The Ivor Powell Award for Excellence in Coaching

The Martyn Hedges Award

BUCS Team of the Year

Club of the Year

Sports Personality of the Year

Gethin John Bevan

Club Member of the Year

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

Adele O'Callaghan



Since arriving here at the University of Bath, Adele has helped the club develop to new levels. In her 2nd year as a coach she competed and coached simultaneously in both level 2 and level 3 squad teams as well as fulfilling her duties as a squad coach. Two of her teams were awarded national champions that year and her feats as a coach were established. Adele will dedicate in excess of 11 hours of coaching per week, with additional hours when coming up to competition and making sure she is training to remain fit herself, so she is able to compete. In her second year she did this alongside achieving a 2:1 in her degree and performing or on a production team for 5 shows (BUSMS and BUST).

Throughout her 3rd and 4th (placement) years she has remained dedicated to the Jets, but continuing to cheer at least 6 hours a week and help coach alongside that – supporting others through their coaching careers and offering advice.

This year Adele is back to the Cheerleading committee in her final year before graduation. This year she has worked hard to establish a strong coaching and work ethic for herself, her coaching peers and her athletes. Across the year she will have coached 10 teams, which is over 100 athletes, and has set in motion for the next Generation of Bath, Bath Spa, Bristol, Cardiff, Cardiff Met and UWE cheerleaders to have the opportunity to learn and develop their coaching skills in the first opportunity in this part of the southwest of England to provide a levels 1-3, choreography and scoring course being held in the STV by BGU.

Adele hopes that by incorporating all her enthusiasm over the years she has inspired many people to believe that cheerleading is a worthwhile sport and hopes the University of Bath maintains its success that has become recognised in the past 3 years at competitions.

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.

Justine Hammond



Justine joined Cue Sports as a fresher last year, having never played pool or snooker before arriving at Bath. She entered the clubs internal league, struggling against some more experienced members and finishing bottom of her group. This spurred her on to practice more, and she began to improve rapidly. She first represented Bath in the club's mixed fourth team in a local tournament, before moving up to the third team for the Southern Championships.

In February 2019, she was selected for the Women's First team at BUCS. She played exceptionally in the tournament, reaching the last 16 in the Women's Individual Championship, the furthest a Bath player had got for several years. Within the team event, Bath progressed to the quarter final, where they beat Nottingham 4-0. They followed this by knocking out 3rd seeds St Andrews

4-2, becoming the first Bath side (male or female) to reach the Championship final. Justine progressed from novice to BUCS Champion in one year.

Since then, Justine has continued to contribute a lot to the club, becoming the first female player in our mixed BUCS Snooker 1st team in March 2019, before captaining the mixed 9-ball 2nds in November, also a first. She also went on to captain the BUCS Women's 1st team in February 2020, where they drew with the eventual winners in the group stage.

She was also elected onto the club committee for this year, with the role of Welfare and Inclusivity Officer. She has excelled in the role, helping a lot of new members to integrate quickly into the club which has helped the club continue to have high participation levels.

The SU Bath Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year

This award recognises the significant impact to sport made through coaching by student volunteers. It recognises that such volunteers give a substantial amount of time to improve the coaching provisions within their club.

Ben Priestley



Ben has contributed as a coach from his first year at university where he took on the role of Club Development Officer. Having started with a wealth of fencing experience but not much in the way of coaching experience he has persistently sought to improve his coaching abilities

so as to better serve the fencing club and its members. Over the course of the last 4 years he has become a level 3 coach in the weapons of Foil and Epee and coaches clubmates at every level.

As well as being the Fencing Club's Chair Ben also makes time to coach 8-10 hours a week and alongside the club's novice coordinator is responsible for inspiring, encouraging and developing beginners. In addition, Ben's work as a coach has successfully motivated a new wave of BUCS fencers to try their hand at fencing coaching. After not being able to offer the same level of support to the advanced contingent within the club, Ben acquired his Level 2 Coaching qualification in Foil. One of the most rewarding aspects for Ben this year was coaching competing novices to the point that they could successfully compete alongside experienced fencers on the BUCS Men's 2nd team.

With regards to BUCS, having served as Men's 1st team Captain in his second year Ben has now adopted the mantle of head coach after gaining two Level 3 qualifications, and has attended every single home game and as many away games as he can muster. At these events he has not only provided his coaching expertise but has conducted data analysis of his teammates so as to assist them in highlighting their own strengths and weaknesses as well as strategizing methods to defeat their opposition.

Alongside working with the teams, Ben takes individual fencer progression very seriously and provides 1 to 1 support to fencers of all levels, tracking their progress and working collaboratively with them to achieve their goals both in and out of BUCS. Ben's love for fencing shines through in his coaching and inspires his pupils to share in that love.

The David VandeLinde Prize

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



Sarah Jackson

Sarah Jackson is a professional windsurfer competing on the Professional Windsurfing World Tour. Competing in her first Pro event, the week before she started 'freshers', she has gone on to take the U20 World title in Slalom, and an impressive number of wins in the U21 division on the professional world tour. At senior level, she has achieved 5th in the Slalom World Rankings and 7th in a World Cup freestyle event.

Whilst achieving these many successes, she has also maintained a first throughout her degree, and undertaken a number of volunteering roles, both within the university club and the national Student Windsurfing Association (SWA). Most significantly, she introduced provision for intermediate and advanced windsurfers within the university club, developing positive relations at the Official Test Centre in Weymouth; and took participation at SWA events to record highs. Within her varied role in the SWA committee, she has introduced new sponsors to the wave series and setup equipment demos and tuition clinics at the events to help improve the overall level within the national student wave series.

Outside of personal performance and university, Sarah has also spent time working as a windsurfing instructor/coach, where she is qualified to the highest level in the RYA teaching scheme. Sarah has coached within the British Youth Sailing Pathway as well as within some of the World's best windsurfing schools. Sarah's highlights in this role include being invited to coach as a racing specialist on the World renowned Club Vass Speed Week (the largest windsurfing centre in Europe); running girls only windsurfing weeks; working with a client with advanced MS to be able to windsurf independently and most recently being invited back to once again run a windsurfing school in Greece this summer.

Yoyo Wong



Yoyo has been an active member of the Basketball Club and SU Sport since being at University. She has played on the Basketball Women's 1st team since her first year in 2015 and has been a valuable asset to the team as both point and shooting guard. In her placement year, she continued developing herself as a player and official in both national and local league.

Going into her penultimate year of university, she took on the role of Chair of Basketball and vice-captain on the W1 team. She has a

strong work ethic and continually made a positive contribution on and off court, setting an example for new players to the team. She remained dedicated, attended all training sessions and stepped up her role as an assistant coach. When the coach was unavailable, she delivered training sessions when required and even took on coaching games. In addition to this, being unable to play the running game of basketball, she got herself involved with the Wheelchair Basketball squad, and took on the role of vice-captain in the same year. She was made captain of the Wheelchair Basketball squad this season and has continued to deliver on her team leading abilities. She has been a valuable member of the club who has devoted the majority of her time in the development of BUCS and recreational players, namely running the weekly women's only basketball sessions, Bath Active session, and the administration and organisation of the men's recreational squad.

Aside to her extra-curricular achievements, Yoyo has excelled in her studies as an undergraduate

Civil and Architectural Engineering student and is currently on track to graduate with a first-class honour. In her penultimate year, she achieved over 80% in her research dissertation project. Last semester, she was crowned with the prestigious Sir Basil Spence Award, for the best design project (joint with architecture students) within the cohort; she also attained a first-class honour in her engineering report as an aspect of the design project.

Outside of Basketball and her academic studies, Yoyo has also been involved on the Sport Executive on multiple occasions, making a positive contribution on the student body. She furthered her team-leading abilities off-court through attending skill training workshops and undertaking the role of Chair of Sport Exec in 2019-20. Yoyo has been an integral part of the both Basketball and SU Sport communities. She has shown to be a great leader on and off court and has helped others to develop their personal skill set by encouraging them to run for committee/exec roles and guiding them through the role.

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.

Juergen Klinger

For 13 years, prior to his retirement in January this year, Juergen Klinger was the driving force of the hugely respected Team Bath Judo programme.

During his time at the Sports Training Village, Juergen put in place a successful training programme that developed a host of British Champions and international medal winners at every level.

That includes the Olympic Games where Sports Performance graduate Gemma Gibbons, who trained with Juergen from 2006 to 2009, won silver at London 2012. Emmanuel Nartey also represented Ghana at the 2012 Games, while Ben Fletcher competed at Rio 2016 and is on track to qualify for Tokyo 2021 alongside sister Megan, who won Commonwealth Games gold

at Glasgow 2014. Other international-level performers include Tom Reed, Gary Hall, Prisca Awiti-Alcaraz, Jan Gosiewski and Gregg Vary.

Under Juergen's leadership, the Diploma in Sporting Excellence [DiSE] for 16-19 year olds has been integrated into the High-Performance Judo Programme, introducing more potential students to the University, and Team Bath has also become the Performance Centre for Western Area Judo.

The BUCS Nationals in February have been a huge success with the Judo team claiming 3 Golds, 2 silvers and 4 bronzes in the Dan grades and taking Gold in the Men's team event which is testament to the Judoka Juergen has developed over time and the continued strong work of Adam, Tom and Finn Gleeson- student club coach.

His legacy is seen in the strong coaching team he has left in place,



comprising Head Coach Adam Hall and Assistant Coach Tom Reed who, having learned so much from Juergen over the years, are fully equipped to take the judo programme forward and build on Juergen's very solid foundations.

The 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.

Barry Edwards

Barry Edwards BSc (Hons) MCSP MHCPC MACPSEM (Gold) RISPT MAACP MMIMDTP MSc (Science of Sports Injury) Barry joined the University of Bath as a physiotherapist in 1999 and started a full-time role in 2001 operating within the treatment rooms of the Founders Hall in a team of just four staff. In 2005 Barry was promoted to Head Physiotherapist and has contributed greatly in the transition from a small team in the Founders Hall to the development of a Sports Science and Physiotherapy Centre in the Sports Training Village with over twenty staff. Over the years he has made a significant contribution to sports environment at Bath supporting staff both personally and professionally to further their careers and working with hundreds of athletes, many of whom have successfully gone on



to compete at major international Games. He also has a passion for helping our commercial customers with neurological conditions, sought out for his specialist knowledge and positive impact which has resulted in many returning for support for years because he has made a significant difference to their quality of life.

Barry has been part of national teams at major events including World Championships for Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships and Bobsleigh and a number of Judo World Cups. Over the years he has worked with GB Beach Volleyball, GB Bobsleigh, GB Gymnastics, GB Swimming and GB Judo where he was named as a

Lead Physiotherapist, a role he also held for TASS. Barry has contributed to the student programmes in Tennis, Judo, Badminton, Rugby, Netball and Swimming. He has helped develop the inter-disciplinary approach of student performance sport support and can be seen regularly in the gym or on poolside with the swimming team working alongside the coaches and strength and conditioning staff. Over twenty years, Barry has seen and supported thousands of student-athletes and been an integral part of the student performance environment as well as helping a whole area of provision develop from a small number of staff to a large team of passionate and committed colleagues.

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.

Men's Badminton 1st Team

Badminton M1 has an illustrious background. They have won Premier South every single year for the past 16 years, this year not losing a single match, winning all their matches comfortably. The team of six has been incredibly dedicated to represent on a weekly basis whilst juggling club and International tournament commitments with 4-6 current team members medalling at BUCS nationals.

Recent years has seen two Finals appearances in the Championship and a Semi Final. Last season they lost closely (4-4) in the Semi Finals of the Championship and this season they are on track to mount a Championship attempt. Members of the first team also managed to secure a bronze medal at Individuals this year; showing a top-level standard.

BUCS Team of the Year

Women's Futsal

The Women's Futsal Team have always been a very successful team, competing for the Premiership Title every year and winning it in 2016 and 2017, and now again in 2020 while also achieving a good cup run every year. They have always shown extreme hard work and dedication, as displayed in 2017, where the team reached the Super 8s final. This team also reached the Cup Final, however unfortunately lost to Northumbria at the Olympic Park.

This year the team have had an amazing season, securing first place in the Women's Premier League, despite having two games left to play. They succeeded in staying unbeaten all season which is a massive achievement considering the competitiveness of the league. In the 10 games in the League, they scored 117 goals, with three players scoring more than 20 goals each and only conceded 24 goals.

This year, the team had a new coach on board, Chloe Rogers, who has taken the team from strength to strength, helping them secure the Premiership Title and qualifying for the Quarter Finals of the Cup.

The extreme hard work and dedication these girls put in is outstanding as the majority of the players also play

Women's Football but still attend training and fixtures every week and do so at a high standard.

The commitment and dedication of the group of players in the Women's 1st XI has made them successful, they would not have won the league and be top of the Buccaneers league if it weren't for the hard work and dedication of players.

BUCS Judo Men's Team

This year's Judo team saw 20 athletes travel to Sheffield, representing the Blue and Gold for the national championships.

This year the team won 4 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals in the individual competition and the men's team won gold in the Team event, earning a total of 87 BUCS points.

The team as a whole has come together and adapted well to the challenges that come from a new coaching line up, this has been done in a short space of time.

With a large number of the team being freshers to get such a good result with a relatively new and young team demonstrates they have galvanised as a team and shows exciting times may be ahead.

Club of the Year

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

Basketball Club

The Basketball Club have had great success both on and off the court this year. With a greatly improved win rate from last year, the 3 teams have been strong contestants in their respective leagues.

Aside from the BUCS competitions, the basketball club have hosted and taken part in a number of events. The first round of Speed Dating for Sport proved to be a huge success and enabled a huge number of complete beginners to have their first taste of basketball – with quite a few buying membership and continuing to improve their skills. A clear progression from novice to BUCS has been formed this year with women building their basketball knowledge in the coached recreational sessions and eventually progressing to training with the BUCS team.

Our membership numbers have increased hugely this year helping us to comfortably beat our target and giving us a base to improve even more next year. We are taking part in the inclusivity award this year and hope to build on last year's bronze achievement.

We have had great success with our committee this year, consistently bringing five or more members to committee nights and taking part in skills and training sessions. We have three senior members trained in Mental Health First Aid.

There has been a great amount of volunteering within the club with members taking part in tabling, refereeing and coaching every week. We have at least 10 members on their way to becoming qualified tablers and hope to have some taking a refereeing course in the near future.

A charity 3 v. 3 tournament was held in November which raised awareness for the Movember cause as well as money for Bath RAG. This has given the club the opportunity to plan for more charity events in the future.

Wheelchair basketball has been a huge success with the introduction of many new players to the Bath Active sessions and even the Varsity team for some. This was boosted by the Inclusivity Sports day during which there was a coached session.

Overall it has been a great year for the club and hopefully it is a sign for an even better year in 2020/21!

Club of the Year

Lacrosse Club

The lacrosse committee have done some exceptional work this year, smashing their initial membership target and putting themselves at their highest ever membership numbers, with almost 30 more than last year.

The development officers have put in great work with their teams, the girls development team playing a record number of fixtures both in tournaments and against other universities development teams, winning the vast majority a result of the hard work gone in to coaching. The boys have been playing regular competitive games against other universities and in the South England Men's Lacrosse Association (SEMLA) league, soon to play the quarter final game for the SEMLA minor flags tournament, all thanks to the organisation put in by the committee.

Success in the lacrosse club extends to its BUCS teams as well. Both the Women's 1st and 2nd teams are currently boasting their best ever performances on record. The W1s finishing 4th in the Southern Premiership, their best finish since the first time they joined the league in 2006, and the W2s coming 3rd in the Western 1 league, the best finish since their inception back in 2009. This year also saw the Men's 2nd team having their first ever season, which couldn't have got off to a better start, seeing them go undefeated in all league games so far in the Western 2 league, leaving them up for promotion if this performance continues. The M1s have finished

a 2nd season in a row in 2nd place in the Southern Premiership, an exceptional result from a self-coached team where the majority of players had never played the sport before university.

The club have also reintroduced competitive mixed lacrosse after many years of being considered more social within the club.

On top of all of this, the committee has had great engagement all around, with 14+ committee members at each of the committee nights so far, and full attendance at all internal committee meetings and events, the attitude and effort within the lacrosse committee this year is exceptional. The club have been involved in events such as WeTheActive and speed dating for sports hosted by the SU throughout the year amongst others. The club raised over £2,000 for Movember this year and have had excellent participation from the members in welfare and inclusivity related events such as #NeverOK training and the Good Lad Initiative, as well as running inclusive sessions such as an LGBT+ session, and a This Girl Can session where female players padded up to try the full contact men's version of lacrosse.

The lacrosse club has grown enormous amounts in recent years thanks to its excellent social and recreational sport offerings, and with the addition of the new Men's BUCS team, we hope to see this trend continue. None of this would be possible had it not been for the amazing members and committees the club has seen over the years.

Moutaineering Club

The Mountaineering Club has shown rapid growth with the club currently at its largest ever size of 205 members, exceeding our membership target by almost 30%. Their single membership provides 3 distinct sports; Walking & Mountaineering, Climbing and Orienteering to members, requiring large levels of organisation to provide.

Orienteering was a new sport last year, which they have now grown into a key part of their sport offering, including twice weekly training sessions and regular trips to competitions, including BUCS later this year.

They achieved their best result in BUCS Climbing, placing in the top 20 for both individual and team competitions for men and women, including team members who had not climbed before BUMC. Bath is the only university without an indoor climbing centre in its city out of the top 35 universities at BUCS, making this an impressive achievement and a testament to the commitment required to both grow climbing as a sport and develop home-grown athletes at Bath.

Despite the success at competition, the Mountaineering Club remains a recreational club, with an ethos on fostering friendships and teaching skills to allow members to continue mountaineering into their future. This can be shown by 105 members attending club trips to UK national parks so far this year over 21 days, with another 19 days of trips already planned for later this year.

For this to be possible they rely on volunteers, so far including; 19 MiDAS drivers (for 139 days), 22 first-aiders (for 156 days) and over 15 climbing leaders (for 33 days). They have also taught indoor roped climbing skills to 44 novice members, requiring a total of over 250 hours from 15 volunteers, who attended a training course. Totalling over 300 days volunteered, a testament to the character of the entire club.

They are one of the only clubs to have a Postgraduate Secretary committee position, to represent postgrads and to advertise to the PGA. Mountaineering have also attended ISA's International Café, organised Women's climbing sessions to introduce new female members to the sport in a less intimidating atmosphere, provided accessibility information for walks and held several "sober socials". They are now working on retaining their Gold Inclusivity Award for another year.

BUMC also provides sport to the wider community including; Speed Dating for Sport, regular "Sunday Walks" (walks to local areas taking 2-4hours, open to all, with average attendances of 40 and a maximum attendance of 190). Plus, freshers week activities and the annual Night Hike challenge. On top of this, the club is currently organising 2 charity events, as well as providing technical advice to the RAG 3 Peaks Challenge.

Finally, the club is currently engaging with a venture to open a climbing centre in Bath. If successful, it will be of huge benefit to both the club, and Bath as a whole.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominees

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.

Joshua Hong Badminton



Joshua has been an integral part of Bath Badminton, both as individual athlete and as part of the Club.

He has taken on many responsibilities that benefit the Club, serving as a coach and as the Squad Captain for two years. As the Squad Captain he took on the duties of organising, managing and selecting all six Badminton Teams on a weekly basis. His coaching duties include both the Men's and Women's Doubles players and he has dedicated 8 hours of his time every week for the last 2 years to coaching the BUCS teams. He has seen consistent improvement over the years and many players can attest to the impact he has had on their performance.

Additionally, he has delivered exceptional results for the University of Bath including two bronze medals at BUCS Nationals, as well as leading Badminton M1 to back to back Silver Medals at the Championship Finals.

His track record for the University is stellar: he has played in every available fixture for three years as well as crucial matches whilst on away on Placement. He remains unbeaten in the leagues, never having lost a match in 4 years.

Joshua is a valued member of the Badminton Club and is a fine example of an athlete that has gained and given back.

Sarah Jackson

Windsurfing



Sarah Jackson is a professional windsurfer competing on the Professional Windsurfing World Tour. Competing in her first Pro event, the week before she started freshers, she has gone on to take the U20 World title in Slalom, and an impressive number of wins in the U21 division on the professional world tour. At senior level, she has achieved 5th in the Slalom World Rankings and 7th in a World Cup freestyle event.

During her time at university, Sarah has not only succeeded on the World Tour, but she has also taken the university scene by storm. She raced to gold in her first BUCS Championships, and

led the team to silver in the team racing. Furthermore, she has also progressed on the wave scene, a new discipline to her at university. She has won the female fleet in her first and third year (a broken foot in 2nd year thwarted her attempt at the triple), and successfully fought off the boys to take the overall national student wave title this season.

Whilst achieving these many successes, she has also maintained a first throughout her degree, and undertaken a number of volunteering roles, both within the university club and the national Student Windsurfing Association (SWA). Most significantly, she introduced provision for

intermediate and advanced windsurfers within the university club, developing positive relations at the Official Test Centre in Weymouth; and took participation at SWA events to record highs. Within her varied role in the SWA committee, she has introduced new sponsors to the wave series and setup equipment demos and tuition clinics at the events to help improve the overall level within the national student wave series.

Sarah has been a dual-career athlete, Santander Sports Scholar and Team Bath Ambassador during her time at University; and has represented the university with pride.

Joshua Yeoman

Lacrosse



Before joining University Josh had never touched a lacrosse stick, or seen the sport played. Having grown up playing a variety of sports including basketball and rugby throughout school, it wasn't until his first week at university in 2015 that he tried lacrosse. As a result of the numerous beginner sessions and great student coaching within the club, he was able to progress quickly and by the end of his first year was training with the M1s.

Over his time at Bath, Josh has represented the M1s for 3 seasons, including two 2nd place finishes in the Southern Premiership, the first of which while captaining the team. Additionally throughout his captaincy year he was heavily involved in the coaching of beginner players to the sport, regularly giving up Friday evenings and Sundays to coach the development teams, as well as assisting them in Saturday league games with the local Bath city squad. Following on from that Josh has continued volunteering to coach university beginner players a minimum of 6 hours a week.

Over his placement year he successfully trialled for the Wales Senior Men's squad for the lacrosse world championships in Netanya, Israel, where he played in all 8 games helping the team to a 14th place finish out of 46 teams. He has since been selected twice more for the senior Wales squad, representing them as a starting defender in the 2019 Home Internationals tournament where they beat England for a 1st place finish, and is now working towards the 2020 European championships.

At university, Josh has been an integral part of the lacrosse club over the years. Following captaining the M1s through the 2018/19 season, he is now the chair of the club in his final year, overseeing the club through its most successful year to date, both in terms of membership numbers and playing performance. He is also regularly involved in coaching the beginner players and men's second team, coaching and officiating many of the development team matches in order to help those new to the sport progress.

Laura Macro

Rowing

Laura joined Bath in 2015, and in her first year rowed with the main University squad as a lightweight before she was able to join the British Rowing World Class Start centre based at the University in her second year, which she was only able to join by reaching benchmarks set for heavyweight rowers. In her second year Laura qualified for the European Universities Rowing Championships by placing 4th in the W2x at BUCS Regatta, her first taste of international competition. That year she was also part of the first University of Bath crew to win at Henley Women's Regatta, and the first to compete at Henley Royal Regatta. In her third year, Laura struggled with injury but against the odds she was selected to represent Great Britain at the European Rowing U23 Championships, where she finished in 5th place in the WLwt 1x. In 2019, Laura was unbeaten in her single scull, winning BUCS Regatta, Henley Women's Regatta, the European Universities Rowing Championships, as well as several others. Now in her final year, Laura is aiming for selection to represent Great Britain at the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games, and at the World University Games.



Laura has been an inspiration for many rowers at Bath, and through her incredible work ethic, determination, and resilience, she has achieved some of the best results the boat club has ever seen from a current student. In the 2018/19 year, 61% of all of Bath's rowing BUCS points were won by Laura's individual performance. When she arrived at Bath she wasn't quick enough to even compete at GB Trials, and now she is among the best in the country and aiming for the pinnacle of our sport.

Thanks



Tom Sawko Students' Union Sport Officer

How many opportunities do we get to sit back, and actively commit time to celebrating the achievements of ourselves and others? The Blues Awards provide an excellent one, but once a year isn't enough. Celebrating success - whatever that word may mean to the individual, makes hardship worthwhile, gives sacrifice meaning, and provides motivation to work harder. So why don't we do it a little more often?

Please join me, sharing in the success of talented athletes, selfless committee members, and all those who have helped to shape the sporting landscape over the past few years. Thank you all for your contribution.

Providing a sporting offer for over 6000 students over 49 different sports seems like a pretty daunting task, but look at the hundreds of individuals involved in its delivery, and the burden is alleviated somewhat.

Over 400 student volunteers in club and executive committee positions, many more when volunteer coaches, drivers, officials, etc. are considered. And why do they do it? I struggle to believe that it's for an award, or to tick a few boxes so they might graduate and get their dream job. These students are driven by passion for sport, love for their community, and belief that they can make a difference! It has filled me with pride, watching you, the engaged individuals find their feet, develop skills, excel as leaders, lobby, support others, and contribute to a team that create good. Without you, the Bath sporting offer would be a fraction of what it is.

I would like to thank the staff involved in the delivery of sport at Bath. This year has opened my eyes to just what it takes to deliver a sporting offer at a university like this. The SU staff, from co-ordinating fixtures, events, programmes and awards, to providing guidance to committees (and sport officers!). The DSDR staff - an incredibly wide range of roles to thank - Management, the facilities team, duty staff, cleaners, coaches, the gym staff, the SSM team, hospitality staff. Wellbeing services, the Department for Health, the SU officer team and the university Senior management team for their support, guidance and hard work throughout the year. Your hard work has helped students from every level to train, compete, refuel, recover, and enjoy sport!

If you're graduating this year, thank you for all you have done here. It has truly been a pleasure working with you! I hope you will take this opportunity to look back on your time here fondly, celebrate your achievements over the past few years. Please stay involved in your sport - continue to contribute to positive change wherever you may end up and make use of any opportunities to come back!

If you are lucky enough to be returning to university next year, I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to work with you for another year, and I hope we can build upon this year's work to make an even bigger difference in sport!

Thank you to everyone that has made the Blues Awards possible this year, congratulations to all that have received awards and I truly wish you all the best.

