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Blues Awards 2025

The Blues Awards provide an opportunity to celebrate another remarkable year of sport at the University of Bath. It is an absolute pleasure to work with the Blues Committee to consider nominations for all of the awards.

This year saw a large number of nominations describing outstanding achievements, unforgettable performances and unwavering dedication. On a personal note, while I was reading about the activities and achievements described, I was reminded just how special it is to be involved in sport at the University of Bath. It is wonderful that we can congratulate so many people for so many successes.

I would like to thank the Blues Committee for their diligence in maintaining the very high standards that have been set over the many years of these awards and ensuring that all of the award winners are thoroughly deserving of recognition. Thanks also go to all those who work so hard to provide opportunities for everyone to participate and the support required for many to excel.

Congratulations once again on a fantastic year of sport at the University of Bath. Here's to many more victories and many more memories.



Stephen Baddeley

Director of Sport

One of our fundamental goals at the University of Bath is to be the best environment to enable academic and athletic potential, and the magnificent year of sport we are gathered to celebrate tonight certainly suggests we are on the right track.

Nowhere was that better illustrated than at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games where 18 athletes who had progressed through our Student Performance Sport (SPS) programme took to the biggest stage for their countries.

It was a particular source of pride to see four sporting scholars win medals and we once again congratulate Tom Dean (gold, swimming), Kate Shortman (silver, artistic swimming), Prisca Awiti-Alcaraz (silver, judo) and Becky Wilde (bronze, rowing) on their outstanding achievements.

Kate is a current Bill Whiteley Scholar and we were delighted to offer scholarships to 11 other student-athletes this year. They

have already made a big impact with Justin Davies winning the British Athletics indoor 800m title, Ranjuo Tomblin becoming the first British male artistic swimmer to win World Cup gold, and Alanna Pullen joining fellow scholars Jayda Pechova and Sophie Kelly on an England Netball U21 tour to Australia.

Scholars Joshua Gammon, Matt Ward, Cam Brooker (all swimming) and Luke Ball (athletics) were gold-medallists at February's BUCS Nationals, where Bath athletes won 21 medals in total, and Aiden Ainsworth-Cave was one of eight students to compete in the U20 Men's Six Nations.

He was joined by Charlie Griffin, Tyler Offiah, Billy Sela, Connor Treacey, Kepu Tuipuloto (England), Enoch Opoku-Gyamfi (Italy) and Jack Woods (Wales), all of whom are part of the SPS Breakthrough Programme which, with the backing of sponsors Rengen, has been relaunched this year and provides bespoke support to more than 160 student-athletes across 25 different sports.

Other notable student performance sport successes from the past 12 months include a first-ever BUCS Premier Division South title double for the netball 1sts and 2nds. They went on to reach the BUCS national finals, as did three of our tennis teams, while Bath dominated the BUCS Judo Championships, winning 21 medals on the way to the overall title.

It has also been a significant year for high-performance sport in general, with the University becoming the first institution to

be officially presented with UK Sport Elite Training Centre accreditation.

Thirty Bath-associated athletes competed at last summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games in total, winning a magnificent 17 medals between them. Wheelchair fencer Dimitri Coutya led the way with two gold, one silver and a bronze, and his four-medal haul was matched by training partner Piers Gilliver, the duo being joined by Oliver Lam-Watson for their two team podium placings.

Aquatics GB's Kieran Bird won Olympic gold alongside Tom Dean in the men's 4x200m freestyle relay, and Dan Bethell, who trains with the University's badminton performance squad, claimed a second successive para-badminton silver in the SL3 men's singles. Congratulations all.

The next major championships on the horizon are the Milan Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympics Games, and we wish our partners at the British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association all the best for the months ahead. They will certainly take confidence from this year's impressive results, particularly in the men's skeleton where Matt Weston and Marcus Wyatt won gold and silver respectively in both the Overall World Cup and World Championships.

These high-profile successes are a source of great pride, as is the fact that hundreds of students partake in sport every week at the University of Bath. Well done all on your achievements over the past 12 months and enjoy your evening.



Student Sport, Review of the Year

The Blues Awards is a wonderful celebration of the incredible sporting achievements and contributions at Bath throughout the year. We have seen yet another increase in SU Sport memberships, reaching 6,467, with over 8,500 total club members. Our largest clubs – Tennis and Badminton – each have over 560 members, showing that students at Bath love racquet sports.

It has also been a successful year competitively, with 1,070 of our student-athletes participating in BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) leagues and another 1,000 entries into BUCS tournaments so far this year.

Each year, the university feels more and more inclusive for all students engaging in sport, and this year was no different. Many clubs ran their own initiatives to create a more inclusive atmosphere, such as disability-friendly sessions by the Hockey Club and wheelchair basketball sessions by the Basketball Club. The Golf Club introduced a female coach to deliver female-only coaching sessions – an amazing initiative that was very well received. We also continued distributing rainbow laces this year, giving out 500 pairs to students. Our marketing efforts have further highlighted and celebrated underrepresented groups in sport, ensuring they receive the recognition and respect they deserve.

Every club has truly excelled in providing recreational opportunities this year, with intramural and interdepartmental events being more abundant than ever. Many clubs now offer a variety of sessions for students of all skill levels, fostering a more inclusive environment. Bath Active, our free social sport programme, has also thrived, with many students engaging in 14 different sports, including postgraduate-specific sessions such as badminton and football. Additionally, the Golf Club exceeded its membership target by almost 100 students, offering an exceptional experience to all members.

Looking at our social events and activities, we have also had a highly successful year. Attendance at every SCORE event – both at home and away at The Plug and Komedia – has been amazing, with clubs dressing up in different themes each week. The Snowball, our Christmas ball, sold out in just 2 hours, with both nights drawing 1,200 attendees. Rugby at The Rec saw record numbers, with an incredible crowd of over 7000 spectators, ending in a thrilling 37-37 draw against rivals Hartpury – highlighting the unity among Bath students. Varsity, now in its eighth year, sold out in just 2 hours. This year, we travelled to Cardiff Met, showcasing 331 athletes across 16 sports, with the event concluding with Women's Rugby and Men's Basketball.

Charity has remained a key focus for sport on campus, with events growing in scale and fundraising efforts



achieving record-breaking results. Movember was once again a huge success, raising over £50,000 – placing us as the 11th highest fundraising university in the UK. Our Rugby Union team demonstrated outstanding charitable efforts, raising an impressive £17,000, ranking 27th among all teams nationwide. Beyond this, many clubs organised other initiatives, from showcase matches for International Women's Month to collaborations with BUBT and RAG – further showcasing the commitment of our sports clubs to good causes.

Our BUCS campaign has been another success, as always, with five teams qualifying for Big BUCS Wednesday in Loughborough. We also had representation in five sports at BUCS Nationals, winning 30 medals – including seven gold medals. Highlights include an incredible double gold for swimmer Josh Gammon and a well-earned gold in high jump for Luke Ball.

Additionally, we had the privilege of hosting the Western Conference Cup finals this year, thanks to the hard work behind the scenes by our SU Sport team. Five of our teams participated, with table tennis, rugby, lacrosse, and volleyball securing gold medals, while our football club earned silver. The event was exceptionally well-organised and executed, congratulations to all the teams involved!

Other standout performances include our dodgeball team, which impressively won the national league on their first attempt – an incredible achievement. Both our Netball 1sts

and 2nds topped their leagues, and our Men's 1st Rugby team, The Brothers, finished third in BUCS Super Rugby after delivering incredible performances throughout the season. Bath is currently ranked 9th in the overall BUCS league table, securing another top 10 finish, and I am confident that the university's sporting success will continue to grow year after year.

Our athletes have also excelled beyond BUCS competitions, with many students representing their countries and competing at both national and international levels. This spans a wide range of sports, from international rugby call-ups to gold medals in artistic swimming.

Looking ahead, the completion of our 3G pitch is another exciting milestone. This new facility will enhance our already world-class sports infrastructure, providing better provisions for our athletes and enabling an even wider range of student sports.

Once again, students at Bath have demonstrated why this university is such an outstanding place for sport. As clubs continue to develop and grow, I am sure that next year will be even bigger. Every club should take immense pride in the way they have represented the university this year, and I cannot wait to see the exciting new directions that sport at Bath will take!

Olivia Warner
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.

Cheerleading

Lily Arnold
Isabella Halladay
Iola Harper

Hannah Lydon
Abbey Marsden
Eleanor Mordue

Jasmine Richardson
Lucymay Treacy
Natasha Williamson

Latin & Ballroom

Alexandra Bulley
Jack Cooper

Colours

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

American Football

Angus Gueterbock
Oliver Powell
Noah Swatton
Angus Webber

Association Football and Futsal

Jimena Alamo
Ava Berglin
Susannah English
Isabella Hale
Liam Hilditch
Izzy Hiles

Tayla Lock
Miriam Owen
Ellie Pearson
Ella Terry
Matthew Wood
Abbie Woodward

Colours

Athletics

Elizabeth Ingram

Badminton

Brendan Dunne

Dan Kite

Tom Paterson-Watts

Anna Webster

Lucie Whiteman

Catherine Wong

Basketball

Sophia Al Hussaini

Keira Boucher

Kasper Kranker

Aidan O'Flaherty

Climbing

Thomas Hodges

Aisha Suhaimi

Alesia Vallance

Cricket

Hamish Bell

Ben Chapman

Trishan Patel

Cue Sports

Thomas Malns

Dodgeball

Dylan Buckley

Jed Ionov-Flint

Adrian Ng

Fencing

Diego Baird-Ludlow

Gaia Guido

Ian Zafir Bin Harris

Renee Nassozi Kiggundu

Joshua Saunders

Lara Tyler

Golf

Steffan Evans

Handball

Arthur Tredgold

Hockey

Maisie Ballsdon

Hamish Bell

Anna Bent

Luke Cunningham

Sophie Dixon

Sam France

Abi Green

Alex Haywood

Josh Heyworth

Anna Hill

Maddy Hill

Henry Moore

Josh Jack

Cerys King

Olivia Maddox

Benjamin Marshall

Benjamin Millett

Freddie Palmer

Emma Philpot

Harriet Pope

Rachel Scott

Libby Shepherd

Ella Turner

Maria Uria Kabashima

Anthony White

Amelia Williamson

Judo

Charlie Bourton Cole

Harvey Creasey-Cottle

Sam Elliott

Ammar Mir

Karate

Holly Annetts

Farouk Attia

Liam Turpin

Hiren Venn

Lacrosse

Jamal Akhras

Martha Blomfield

Roben Els

Ella Rose Entwistle

Louisa Jones

Isabella Sankey

Toby West

Scott Williams

Colours

Netball

Stephanie Bryer
Esme Harley
Becca Hinkins
Alanna Pullen
Katie Steele
Rhian Thomas

Rowing

Ben Furley

Rugby Union

Charlotte Ankerstjerne
Georgina Barham
Harry Breeze
Lily Downes-Hall
Cassius Forshaw
Archie Friend
Rebecca Lacey
Lucy McGrath
Iona Mitchell
Ffion Owen
Ellie Ratcliffe
Jemima Sewrey
Raff Weston

Table Tennis

Aadya Gupta
Millie Rogove
William Whitehall
Jonathan Yip

Tennis

Isabella Townsend-Carrasco
Fred Withers

Ultimate Frisbee

Kate Clewer

Volleyball

Anna Fertig
Veikka Korhonen
Thomas Stringer

Water Polo

Luke Barnsley
Eve Dadolle
Xanthe Dyer
Charlotte Reed
Rory Ward

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.

Association Football and Futsal

Joshua Cook
Miriam Owen

Athletics

Joshua Burton

Badminton

James McNamara

Cheerleading

Hannah Lydon
Jasmine Richardson
Lucymay Treacy
Iola May Harper

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Anna Pretorius

Dodgeball

Ethan Brown
Dylan Buckley
Aimee Burton

Hockey

Christian Moody

Karate

Hiren Venn

Lacrosse

Louisa Jones

Rugby Union

Alex Briggs
Cameron Davies
George Doel
Fraser McEvoy
Ffion Owen
Ellie Ratcliffe
Gracie Reece-Gresty
Jemima Sewrey
Egor Varivoda

SU Sport Executive Committee

Ffion Owen
Anna Pretorius

Taekwondo

Erin Thompson

Volleyball

Anna Fertig
Tanay Hemchand
Miranda Garcia Perez
Charles Seddon

Half Blues Award

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

Badminton

Harry Hodges

Cue Sports

Olivia Warner

Fencing

Juliet Lumineau

Judo

Gergo Berendi

Kaitlin Chapple-Allen

Sam Elliott

Lydia Pearson

Roxy Proctor

Lacrosse

Luca Marshall

Netball

Scarlett Creasey

Ellie Ervine

Charlotte Watts

Rugby Union

Jasper Spandler

Taekwondo

Marat Akhmetov

John Steward

Lani Widdeson

Tennis

Francesca Franchi

Ultimate Frisbee

Alex Bradshaw

Water Polo

Adam Slezak

Full Blues

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



Jacob Mitchell

Fencing

Jacob has been a key part of the University of Bath Fencing 1st team for four years, demonstrating exceptional versatility by competing in all three fencing disciplines. His adaptability has been crucial to the team's success, helping Bath secure strong BUCS performances and achieving a major milestone in his third year as Men's Captain, when he led the team to victory in the Division 1 Western League, securing promotion to the Southern Premier League.

Jacob's success extends far beyond university competition. He has represented Great Britain at both the U17 and U20 levels, winning multiple medals at national cup events. While at Bath, he was selected for four U20 World Cups and the European Championships.

His career highlights include finishing 29th at the Italian U20 World Cup in the individual event and winning a silver medal in the team event at the European Championships – a standout moment in his international career. During his time at Bath, Jacob has also had the privilege of training with the British national pentathlon team as a fencing partner, working alongside world-class pentathletes based at the university. Jacob's time at Bath has been defined by high-level competition, leadership roles, and contributions to elite training environments. His commitment to excellence, both on and off the piste, has made him a key figure in university sport, and he is proud to have played a role in elevating Bath's fencing programme to new heights.

Full Blues

Emmanuel Langton Hockey



Emmanuel has been an integral part of the University of Bath's hockey programme, representing the Men's 1st XI for three years at the highest level in the BUCS National League. In his final year, he served as Men's Club Captain, leading both on and off the pitch to foster a high-performance culture while ensuring the development and organization of all male members of the club. His leadership extended beyond competition, as he played a pivotal role in promoting mental health awareness within the club and the university's high-performance teams. Passionate about men's mental health, Emmanuel took on the role of University Representative for Movember in his final year, regularly delivering talks on mental well-being and leading fundraising efforts that raised £50,000 for men's health initiatives.

Beyond university hockey, he has represented the USA U21 national team, competing in the Junior Pan American Cup and touring across Europe. His commitment to international competition required frequent travel during term time, demonstrating exceptional time-management skills and resilience in balancing elite sport with academic demands. His journey at Bath has been defined by dedication, leadership, and a strong commitment to both performance and the well-being of those around him.

Full Blues

Katie Partridge Hockey



Katie is an accomplished hockey player who has excelled on the sporting stage throughout her time at the University of Bath. She has been an integral player within the 1st team since joining the University and has helped them progress into and remain a strong force within the BUCS National League. Along with the promotion and retention of the 1st team in the League, other successes of Katie's university career include winning the Mixed National Plate Finals in 2022 at Lee Valley with the University's Mixed team and winning a silver medal at the BUCS Vase finals in 2023 and winning Mixed National Plate Finals. Katie is a huge advocate for the entire club at university and has had several different roles within her time here. In her second year, she took on the role of captaincy and remains within the leadership group for the

team this year to continue sharing her game experience and tactical knowledge.

Beyond university, she also has international duties for Wales' senior team. This has included several clashes against Scotland and a trip to Poland to compete in the Euro Hockey 5s International tournament where Wales placed 7th overall. This season she has also made her debut in the Premier League playing with and against the best players across the country with her move to Reading Hockey Club. In addition to playing, she is also the current assistant coach for the England Masters Women Over 35s. Under her leadership they have won back-to-back Home Nations tournaments, have received a silver medal at the European Masters Championships and a bronze at the Masters World Cup.

Full Blues

Deni Agnew Netball



Netball has been at the heart of Deni's life since she first picked up a ball at the age of seven. Deni began her competitive netball career in the Surrey Storm Academy, progressing through the U15, U17, and U19 squads. Her journey continued with the Bath Academy at both U19 and U21 levels, allowing her to refine her skills within a high-performance environment. Internationally, Deni has had the privilege of representing Wales at both U21 and U23 levels, an experience that has been both humbling and inspiring. She has also had the opportunity to be named a training partner in the Wales Senior Development Squad, a role that pushed her to compete at an even higher standard while preparing for the transition into senior international netball.

At the University of Bath, Deni has embraced the demands of being a high-performance athlete whilst balancing her academic commitments. Deni has played in the 1st team during both her first and second years, and this year, has taken on the role of captain for the 2nd team. Additionally, Deni is part of the London Pulse Next Gen programme, further broadening her experience and exposure to elite-level netball.

Full Blues

Alex Clayton

Rugby Union

Alex Clayton has made impressive strides in his rugby career, establishing himself as a rising talent while studying at Bath. His rugby journey began at Fylde Rugby Club, where he developed his skills through the junior ranks and represented Lancashire at age-grade levels. After briefly exploring football with Fleetwood Town, he returned to rugby and quickly made an impact, earning a place in Bath's prestigious BUCS Super Rugby squad. His versatility as a fly-half or fullback, combined with his speed, vision, and tactical awareness, made him a key figure in the university's squad.

Alex's performances at Bath did not go unnoticed, and in June 2021, he was selected for the Scotland U20 squad for the Six Nations Championship, marking a significant

milestone in his career. Representing Scotland at the international U20 level showcased his potential and ability to compete at a high level. His rapid progression from university rugby to international representation highlights not only his commitment but also the strong rugby development programme at Bath, which has been instrumental in his growth. With his natural playmaking ability, kicking skills, and leadership qualities, Alex is expected to continue making an impact in both domestic and international rugby, with the potential for further recognition at higher levels. His journey so far demonstrates the value of dedication, adaptability, and seizing opportunities, positioning him as a promising talent in Scottish and university rugby.



Full Blues



Ieuan Davies
Rugby Union

Ieuan has rapidly risen through the ranks since turning 18, balancing university studies with a promising rugby career. A standout scrumhalf, he emerged from Millfield School as captain of the first XV before earning a senior academy contract with Bath Rugby. His transition to the University of Bath saw him make an immediate impact in BUCS Super Rugby. Davies' performances for Bath's 1st XV soon caught the attention of national selectors, earning him a spot in the Wales U20 squad for the 2024 Six Nations. Making his debut at scrum-half, he impressed with his crisp distribution, decision-making, and defensive commitment. Throughout the tournament, he played a key role in Wales' campaign, featuring in high-intensity clashes against England, Ireland and France. His leadership and composure under pressure marked him as one of the most promising young halfbacks in Welsh rugby.

Following his strong U20 performances, Davies was selected for Wales' U20 summer tour, where he faced top international opposition. His standout displays sparked conversations about potential senior squad inclusion in the future. Back at Bath, he played a pivotal role in the University of Bath's Anniversary Game at The Rec in October 2024, strengthening his reputation as a player capable of handling big-game pressure. In February 2025, he reached a major career milestone, making his official Bath Rugby debut, solidifying his progress from academy prospect to professional. With aspirations of stepping up to Wales' senior squad in the coming years, Davies continues to refine his game, gaining invaluable experience at both club and international levels. His trajectory suggests a bright future in both domestic and international rugby.

Full Blues



Austin Emens
Rugby Union

Austin has rapidly risen through the ranks of rugby, establishing himself as a standout talent at the University of Bath and beyond. Enrolling in 2021 to study Business, he started his university rugby career with the 3rd XV before progressing to the 1st XV in the BUCS Super Rugby competition through sheer dedication and impressive performances. His speed, agility, and strong rugby IQ made him a key player for Bath, catching the attention of national selectors. In December 2023, he earned a call-up to the Great Britain Rugby Sevens squad, making his debut in the HSBC World Sevens Series, where his dynamic attacking play and defensive work ethic proved invaluable.

His rapid development continued in April 2024 when he secured a Senior Academy contract with Bath Rugby,

reflecting the club's confidence in his potential at the professional level. His hard work paid off when he made his Gallagher Premiership debut on October 12, 2024, playing a crucial role in Bath's commanding 55-31 victory over Gloucester. His ability to transition seamlessly between sevens and 15-a-side rugby demonstrates his versatility, making him an asset for both club and international teams. Emens' journey highlights the University of Bath's strong rugby programme, which has been instrumental in his growth as a player. With his speed, physicality, and tactical awareness, he is widely regarded as one of the most promising young players in English rugby. As he continues to develop, he is expected to make a significant impact on both domestic and international stages.

Full Blues



Ludo Kolade
Rugby Union

Ludo's rugby career exemplifies a seamless progression through university, club, and international levels, underscoring his exceptional talent and leadership. His rugby journey gained momentum during his tenure at the University of Bath, where he pursued an Economics degree while making significant contributions to the men's 1st XV rugby team. In September 2023, Ludo was appointed co-captain, reflecting his leadership qualities and commitment to the sport. Under their guidance, the team achieved a top-four finish in the BUCS Super Rugby league during the 2023-24 season, narrowly missing a cup final berth after a close match against Loughborough. Ludo's prowess on the field caught the attention of professional clubs, leading to his inclusion in the Harlequins Senior Academy in 2022. He made his senior debut against Saracens in the Premiership Rugby Cup, marking a significant milestone in his club career.

His performances at the club level paved the way for international recognition, culminating in his selection for Scotland's U20 squad during the 2024 Six Nations Championship.

At 21, Ludo brought experience and dynamism to the team, contributing significantly to Scotland's campaign in the tournament. Balancing academic pursuits with athletic commitments, Ludo exemplifies the archetype of a student-athlete, demonstrating that dedication and hard work can lead to success across multiple arenas. His journey from university rugby to professional and international stages serves as an inspiring narrative for aspiring rugby players, highlighting the opportunities within BUCS Super Rugby as a platform for emerging talent. As Ludo continues to develop his career, his trajectory suggests a promising future, with potential contributions to both club and country on the horizon.

Full Blues

Kim Thurlow Rugby Union



Kim started playing rugby at the age of 5 at her local rugby club, Glyn Ceiriog. From there she progressed to join a girl's section at Oswestry Rugby Club to pursue the sport, as it was not offered in secondary school. From there she joined Ravens Rugby to enable rugby experience throughout the year. Through these and other experiences, she was able to play at a higher level and across the country. Prior to starting at the University of Bath, Kim attended a selection day for Wales Women U20. Throughout first year of University, Kim attended multiple trial days and then was successful in training matches against Scotland to then be

included in the travelling squad to Canada to play USA and Canada, earning her first two caps.

The beginning of the Celtic Challenge ensured high level game time for Gwalia Lightning in which she played at alongside playing for the Universities 1XV in BUCS games and gaining promotion to Premier South. Kim was then included again in a capped game against England and after a successful first start was included in the first ever Women's U20 Six Nations held in Italy. Kim played again against England in the Six Nations, therefore having a third and fourth cap.

Full Blues

Lloyd Thomas

Ultimate Frisbee



Throughout his years at the University of Bath, Lloyd has made sure to dedicate a large amount of his time to developing the Ultimate Frisbee Club. He became the Men's Captain in his second year and led the Men's 1sts through an incredible season that saw them win an historic double, going unbeaten all year. The team won both BUCS Indoor and Outdoor Nationals, including a first Indoor National title in Bath's history. In his final year, he returned as captain once again to lead the Men's team to another BUCS Indoor National gold medal.

Beyond university, Lloyd has been involved in high-level competitive Ultimate in the club and GB setups. In his first year, he competed for the Great Britain Under-20 Men's team at the 2022 World Junior Ultimate Championships in Poland. This year he will also be competing for the Great Britain Under-24 team at the World Under-24 Ultimate Championships in Spain. He has played Senior Club Ultimate at one of the highest ranked clubs in the UK, travelling to play tournaments around Europe. In 2022, he was part of a team that qualified and competed at the European Ultimate Club Championships in Venice, as well as finishing in the top 4 at the UK National Championships last year.

Honorary Blues

Awarded to any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of University Sport, or who has medalled at a World Championships, World Cups or Commonwealth Games and uses the University of Bath as their main training base.

Honorary Blues

Peter Bush



Peter is a former International Badminton player who won 13 caps for England during his career and was ranked number two in England in 1993 and had a highest world ranking of 31 in 1991. He graduated from Chelsea School of Human Movement in 1989 with a degree in BSc Honours degree in Sports Science. He was then a player-coach for Kristiansand badminton club in Norway from 1989 to 1991 before moving to Denmark, where he was based until returning to the UK in 1998.

Peter has been synonymous with badminton at Bath for over 25 years. Since arriving in 1998 funded through a partnership with the NGB to coach a high-performance cell for Badminton England and be Head Coach of the University club, he has been a fixture on the courts every day passionately striving for higher standards of his players, the facilities and his own impact on performance. Among the players Peter has coached are Richard Vaughan, a former world no 15 who won bronze at the 2002 Commonwealth Games; national men's singles champions Nick Kidd and Alex Lane; London 2012 Olympian Hadia Hosny El Said; and GB international medallists Heather Oliver and Mariana Agathangelou.

His biggest impact has been on the thousands of students who have been members of the University club over the last 3 decades. Peter has not only developed players but

also coaches, leaders, committee members and made such impact on their lives that many continue to stay in touch long after graduation. The Badminton club has been highly successful with a consistently large membership, fantastic range of club opportunities from beginners to performance and has won through to numerous BUCS finals to compete for National titles as well as strong performances at BUCS Nationals year on year. The annual Badminton Bronze event has become a fixture in the calendar supporting local players with a chance to compete in a tournament format as well as raising money for the badminton programme. Having brought energy and passion to the badminton courts throughout his 27 year tenure, Peter has decided to retire in September and thoroughly deserves this recognition for the tremendous contribution he has made to University student sport at Bath.

Honorary Blues



Amelia Coltman

Amelia, who has been part of the British Skeleton programme at the University since 2017, enjoyed her best international season to date in 2024-25, winning women's gold in the opening IBSF World Cup plus individual silver and team gold with Marcus Wyatt at the European Championships.



Leon Greenwood

Leon's second season on the IBSF Bobsleigh World Cup circuit saw him help Great Britain win five four-man medals, including gold on the legendary St Moritz track, as well as European Championships bronze.

Honorary Blues

Charlotte Gregory

Serving as Chair of the Golf Club for two years has been an incredible privilege for Charlotte. Her aim has always been to make the club more inclusive, welcoming, and accessible to all students. As one of the few female members in a male-dominated sport, Charlotte has brought a unique perspective to the role. In her first year as Chair (2022-23), she helped the club grow by 45%, with the clubs' efforts being recognised when they won Club of the Year for the first time in 25 years.

To expand playing opportunities, she has organised many different events such as an annual match against Bristol University and launched Down the Plug Hole, a mixed university event that attracted 80 players from five universities. Weekly Wednesday roll-ups for recreational golfers have been introduced, which have become a staple of the club, with their largest event drawing 60 participants.

To promote inclusivity, she has introduced new annual competitions such as the Christmas Jumper Texas Scramble and the Refresher's Competition, both of which have become club traditions. During her time as chair strengthening the club's relationship with Bath Golf Club was a priority, improving collaboration and securing long-term support for their members. To make golf more affordable, she has run Bath Active sessions, purchased a set of society golf clubs, and negotiated a student green fee deal with Bath Golf Club.



In her second year as Chair (2024-2025), the club grew by another 62%. A key focus was increasing female participation with female-only lessons with PGA professionals, female-only socials, and a female PGA professional to deliver free lessons during Inclusivity Week. Her work with increasing coaching time for all teams now allows up to 64 students to access weekly lessons. An inter-society team league has been launched. This initiative provided players who missed out on BUCS and the non-BUCS third team the chance to compete. The league attracted 114 players, who formed 38 teams. To support members' professional development, Charlotte organised a "Careers in Golf" talk, featuring six industry professionals and additionally, she has introduced a charity golf competition in support of Movember.

Honorary Blues

Jonny Gough

During his time at the Bath, Jonny has both excelled at national and international levels within Karate, but also managed to pass on this expertise to the Karate Club to help grow and develop the club as a whole. Over the past 3 years, he has consistently returned 30+ medals a year nationally, including two bronze medals at BUCS in 2023 and 2024 coupled with four 4th place finishes. Internationally, Jonny has attended and medalled at the following competitions during his tenure at University in the 18-20 years age bracket: WUKF European Championships 2022 (Florence, Italy) – 1st in Short Weapons Kobudo, 2nd in Long Weapons Kobudo; WUKF World Championships 2023 (Dundee, Scotland) – 2nd in Team Kumite, 3rd in Short Weapons Kobudo, 3rd in Long Weapons Kobudo; WUKF European Championships 2023 (Antibes, France) – 1st in Short Weapons Kobudo, 1st in Long Weapons Kobudo, 2nd in Other Styles Kata; And in the Senior (21-35years) category: WUKF European Championships 2024 (Warsaw, Poland) – 1st in Other Styles Kata, 2nd in Short Weapons Kobudo, 2nd in Long Weapons Kobudo.

Additionally, in his role as Chair of the Karate Club for 2 years running, he has been instrumental in seeing the club grow from around 40 to 80 members



in 2 years, having brought in International Medallists in the form of free seminars, and taught and coached weekly for the past 3 years at the club leading to further success at BUCS. He was also able to contact former Karate alumni of the University and helped orchestrate an alumni event for the Karate Scholars of Bath, including demonstrations from himself and the current club to the delight of the alumni.

Honorary Blues



Taylor Lawrence

Now well established as a key push athlete for Britain's GB1 sleds, Taylor won 10 medals during the 2024-25 season as he helped driver Brad Hall to third place in both the two-man and four-man Overall World Cup standings as well as four-man bronze at the World and European Championships.



Tabby Stoecker

British Skeleton athlete Tabby, who won World Cup gold on just her second appearance in December 2023, is now a double IBSF World Championships medallist having won team silver with Matt Weston in both 2024 and 2025.

Honorary Blues



Freya Tarbit

Freya's impressive second season on the IBSF Skeleton World Cup circuit saw her win medals at the last two Olympic venues, gold in PyeongChang and bronze in Beijing, as well as making her World Championships debut in Lake Placid.



Joshua Waddell

Joshua confirmed his status as one of para fencing's emerging talents when he won epee and foil gold at the U23 World Championships in April 2024. He has already won numerous team medals with Great Britain at major senior competitions, including foil gold and epee bronze at the 2024 European Championships in Paris.

Honorary Blues

John Taylor



For the past two years, John has served as Chairman of the University of Bath Rugby Union Club, a role that has shaped his university experience. While balancing the demands of his civil engineering degree, he has worked to create a more inclusive, structured, and successful rugby environment, leaving a lasting impact on the club. He introduced an internal non-BUCS league to provide playing opportunities basing teams on the university's four faculties. This strengthened team identity, increased participation, and ensured full squads each week. John has improved the non-BUCS pathway by expanding 'RUSH-D' – previously a freshers-only initiative – to include all year groups. This helped integrate players, foster squad cohesion, and increase match experience through regular Saturday fixtures. The results have been significant, with record non-BUCS participation and greater squad depth, allowing the Men's 3rd and 4th teams to thrive, with the 3s one game away from winning the league and the 4s winning the Conference Cup final.

John also focused on growing the Women's side of the club. He has contributed to

establishing a Women's 2nd team, ensuring more playing opportunities. Off the field, John played a key role in the club's Movember campaign, raising £33,983 over two years. Beyond fundraising, he focused on mental health awareness, collaborating with Bath Rugby and PsychStrength to produce a video series where club members shared personal experiences. These videos helped break down the stigma around men's mental health. John also worked to improve the club's reputation, reinforcing values of respect and inclusivity. He introduced a crowd charter and a code of conduct, setting higher behavioural standards and strengthening the club's image. Socials were made more welcoming, and ensuring all players felt included. Recognising the importance of non-playing members, John organised refereeing, coaching, and first-aid courses, along with CPD sessions for student coaches. These efforts strengthened the club's infrastructure, increased the number of trained officials, and enhanced coaching quality. In addition, John led the development of an alumni website, aiming to establish long-term engagement with past players to provide ongoing support for the club.

PARIS 2024 *Honorary Blues*

Qualifying to represent your country at an Olympic or Paralympic Games is the greatest representative honour within sport. The Blues Committee wishes to honour their achievements by awarding an Honorary Blue to each of the athletes who either used the University of Bath as their training base during the year/years prior to the 2024 games and/or are University alumni.

Olympic Athletes

Athletics

Alistair Chalmers
Chari Hawkins

Equestrian

Sofia Sjoborg

Hockey

Tim Nurse

Rowing

Becky Wilde

Rugby Union

Grace Crompton

Swimming

Leah Crisp
Henrique Mascarenhas
Ridhwan Mohamed
Tobi Sijuade
Jacob Whittle

Paralympic Athletes

Para-Badminton

Dan Bethell

Para-Swimming

Suzanna Hext

Wheelchair Fencing

Gemma Collis

Special Awards

Gethin John Bevan Club Member of the Year

SU Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year

The David VandeLinde Prize

The Martyn Hedges Award

The Ivor Powell Award

BUCS Team Performance of the Year

BUCS Individual Performance 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.

Calla Spires



Since the start of her time at the University of Bath, Calla has consistently been among the most active and engaged members of the rowing club. In her second year, she was elected to the role of Vice-Chair, and, in her fourth year, she became Chair. Calla has continued to train and perform throughout this time achieving BUCS Medals and reaching the final of the prestigious Henley Women's regatta. Calla's leadership has been pivotal to the success of the club this year. Calla has taken an active role in every element of the club's activity and growth.

Calla has worked to find the first Head of Rowing that the club has ever had. Bath is often considered to be the best rowing university without a head coach, and Calla's work to recruit a Head of Rowing has unlocked huge potential for the club. Calla took a leading role in a successful effort to invite prominent donors to their annual Christmas Dinner for the first time. As a result of this effort, they reached their £100,000 fundraising target for the longstanding new boathouse project this year. Calla saw this project as an opportunity for developing the quality and access to rowing at Bath.

Calla also supported the committee to host its first Movember fundraising challenge, organising an 'ergathon' on the parade on campus, in which members of the club rowed for twelve consecutive hours to raise money for charity. These efforts led the club to raise £2000, a remarkable success. Alongside these fundraising projects Calla has pushed to improve the clubs facilities access and

quality of equipment through working with the SU and STV to try and optimise the training and storage space available to rowing on campus. This year the club have doubled the number of rowing machines that members can access, and sessions can now regularly run with nearly whole squads training simultaneously, boosting morale and performance. Furthermore, Calla has worked with local clubs and coaches to source two additional eights to support more beginner athletes to access rowing as well attaining a significant donation which will facilitate the purchase of a new flagship boat. This boat, which will be more suitable for both men and women compared to existing equipment, increases access to boats throughout every level of the club and will facilitate the club to be on a more level playing field with other universities. Her drive and dedication to ensure that not only she, but her whole committee, works efficiently to grow and improve the rowing club cannot be understated.

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.

Lucymay Treacy



Lucymay has shown exceptional dedication to Bath Jets Cheerleading Club during her time at university. Competing and coaching across various squads, she was selected for the Level 2 squad Cyclone in her first year, where she quickly established herself as a positive role model. In her second year, Lucymay coached the recreational sessions, essential for developing new athletes' skills and ensuring their sustained engagement with the club. She also assisted in coaching the performance squad, significantly advancing the skills of over 40 athletes.

In her final year, Lucymay took on the role of squad coach for both the Level 2

and Level 3 competitive squads, a position previously held by a paid coach. Her dedication involved coaching up to 10 hours a week and managing additional administrative tasks. She fosters a team environment of community and fun, emphasising safety and inclusivity. Balancing her final year of undergraduate studies with her coaching responsibilities, Lucymay advocates for Bath Jets as a competitive and fulfilling sport while maintaining an accessible and community-oriented atmosphere. Her commitment is evidenced by the high engagement with the club and competitive squads, primarily by individuals who had never cheered before.

The David Vandelinde Prize

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

Ammar Mir



Ammar has had an incredibly successful three years at Bath, joining SU Judo in his first year and culminating in being elected Chair in his final year. His impact on the club has been transformational, with his passion and leadership driving record-breaking growth and securing the club's long-term sustainability. One of his most significant achievements has been re-establishing financial stability in the club which has allowed the club to flourish. Under Ammar's leadership, the club has more than doubled its membership and doubled the number of competitors at BUCS, setting all-time highs in the history of the club. In addition to his role as Chair, Ammar has

also taken on the responsibilities of Social Secretary, fostering a strong and inclusive community within SU Judo. His approach to club socials includes implementing creative and engaging activities that welcomes all members. Beyond the club, Ammar has played a key role in community and cross-club collaboration, including revitalizing Tuesday community judo sessions to enhance relations between residents and students, and grow the sport further.

Furthermore, he has led the successful organization of multiple hybrid competitions with SU BJJ, promoting cross-training between disciplines and securing additional revenue streams for both clubs. Ammar is not only a leader off the mats but also a fierce competitor, consistently leading the team to competitions across the country. He has competed and medalled at multiple competitions in England, notably securing a BUCS podium. He is particularly proud of the team's performance at the annual BUCS Judo Championships, where the University of Bath has maintained its position as the

top-ranking university in judo. He was also a key member of the Movember Committee, coordinating efforts between university sports clubs and the SU to create and organise events, in addition to securing sponsorship agreements, prize donations and rewards from local and national businesses.

Beyond his sporting responsibilities, Ammar has successfully balanced his full-time undergraduate studies, a part-time job, and entrepreneurial ventures. He is on track to achieve a first-class degree in Management while already securing a highly competitive graduate role at PwC as a Management Consultant. His drive extends into entrepreneurship as a co-founder of the Bath-born start-up, Campus Connect, a student-only marketplace that is currently in the process of raising seed funding. He has had a positive influence on those who cross his path, has led the team by example throughout, and made a genuinely huge impact on judo at Bath. All while balancing sport, club leadership, academic excellence, and entrepreneurial ambitions.

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.

Charlotte Gregory



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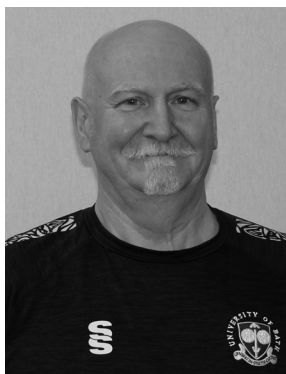
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The Ivor Powell Award for Excellence in Coaching

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.

Andrei Vorontsov



Dr. Andrei Vorontsov is a beloved swimming coach known for his dedication and passion for the sport.

Andrei's coaching journey started in Russia, before he travelled worldwide to coach at the highest levels. The list of countries and success is incredible. He coached in Russia, Jordan, Malaysia, Singapore, GB 1999 - 2008 (Bath Centre & University) 2009 - 2013 Russia Head Coach, 2013 - 2017 National Coach Sweden, where he coached Sarah Sjostrum to World and European records and Olympic, World and European medal success.

Andrei returned to coach at the University in 2017 in that time he has coached several swimmers to British National medals, International teams, including two

swimmers to go to the 2024 Olympics with swimmers achieving national records while studying at the University (countries include Cyprus, Angola, Bermuda, Kenya).

Andrei has been published over 140 times in journals, articles and books. With his latest book 'The Modern Methodics of Training for Elite Swimmers' selling over 1500 copies world wide so far.

Andrei's dedication and love for the sport is infectious and he inspires swimmers daily to reach new heights with his unwavering high standards. His famous saying to his swimmers and fellow coaches is: *'Perfection has no limits'*. With his drive, kindness, sense of fun and immense knowledge he is a very well loved coach, mentor and friend to all he comes across.



Team Performance of the Year

This award is open to any team in any BUCS sport and recognises the achievement of a team over the course of a season or within a one-off fixture.

Women's Netball 2nd Team

The University of Bath Netball 2nd team has had an outstanding season, proving themselves as one of the strongest 2nd teams in the country. This year saw the 2nds compete in the newly established Premier 2 league. Going unbeaten to win the BUCS Premier South 2 title was a huge achievement, with dominant performances throughout the season – including a commanding 59-27 win over UCL to secure the league. Now, with BUCS Big Wednesday ahead, they have the opportunity to do the double and finish their season on the ultimate high.

Their success is a testament to the strength and depth of the club as a whole. Competing at such a high level and consistently delivering top performances shows the quality of talent and development within the squad. The fact that a 2nd team is achieving at this level highlights how competitive the University of Bath Netball setup is, with players pushing each other to succeed. With an unbeaten league run, a title already secured, and the chance to claim another at BUCS Big Wednesday, the 2nds have had a season to remember. Their achievements not only reflect their hard work and determination but also showcase the club's overall success, making them fully deserving of a nomination for Performance of the Year.



Team Performance of the Year

Judo Mixed BUCS Team

The Judo Club has experienced remarkable progress in recent years, both in competitive success and in its overall development as a high-performing squad. The 2023/24 season has been the most successful in the club's history, with the team achieving unprecedented results at the 2024 BUCS Championships, solidifying its status as the top university judo team in the UK. At BUCS, the team delivered an historic performance, securing an incredible 13 medals, including 7 golds, across individual and team events. The men's teams achieved both 1st and 3rd place, while the women's team dominated their competition to take 1st place, marking a complete clean sweep of the team events. This level of success was unparalleled, as Bath outperformed all other institutions, reinforcing its reputation as a powerhouse in university judo. Beyond BUCS, Team Bath Judo continued its dominance across domestic and international competitions. The student club players excelled at club-level tournaments nationwide, achieving medal success at prestigious events such as the London Area Open, the Royal Marines Championships, and the Warwick Invitational Tournament. This exceptional season has not only been about results but also about breaking barriers. The team have dominated BUCS competition, overcame strong opposition, and showcased outstanding sportsmanship throughout. Their historic results at BUCS and beyond make them a standout candidate for this prestigious award.

Men's Ultimate Indoor 1st Team

Bath Ultimate's Men's Indoor 1st Team delivered an unforgettable, unbeaten season, overcoming immense challenges and proving themselves as the best in the country. Losing all but three players from last year's squad, the team battled reduced numbers head on, rebuilding to a small squad of 8. With 7 of the squad having played at the international level, the key to success was building the chemistry and connections in the team, which was done so by weekly rigorous training, tactics and teambuilding sessions. Their dominance started at Regionals, where they swept the competition to book their place at Nationals. Seeded 4th going into the tournament, the team wasted no time proving they were the team to beat, winning their pool. However, a few injuries proved problematic for the knockout day of the tournament. After an intense quarter final, they found themselves 4-2 down in the semi. With only 6 players fully fit, the team showed unmatched strength in mentality, battling back to take the game to sudden death and securing a dramatic comeback victory. That mentality rolled over into the final, delivering a crushing 9-3 victory. For only the second time in university history, Bath Ultimate claimed the national title, cementing their place as one of the most elite teams to ever represent the university.



Individual Performance of the Year

This award is open to any individual competing in a BUCS tournament sport and recognises the achievement of that individual over the course of a season or within a one-off competition.

Justin Davies

Athletics



800m runner Justin Davies had a fantastic start to the 2025 season in February, which saw him smash national records, win a first British title and qualify for the European Athletics Championships, knocking four seconds off his personal best in the process.

His winning time of 1:45.78 at the inaugural Keely Klassic in Birmingham broke a Welsh record that had stood for 13 years

and followed that up with a confident victory at the British Indoor Championships, improving on the bronze medal he had won 12 months earlier.

Those performances earned Justin a first GB selection for a major championship, and he went on to reach the semi-finals at the European Indoors in Apeldoorn, gaining invaluable international experience.

Club of the Year

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

Golf Club

The Golf Club has introduced thriving new recreational and development opportunities, making golf more accessible than ever! The club has experienced significant growth, reaching its largest membership to date with 300 members, surpassing its target by 36%. Notably, female participation has increased, supported by the introduction of female-only lessons and socials, which consistently sell out. In response to growing demand, the club successfully lobbied for additional funding to expand its recreational golf programme. This has enabled the club to double the number of recreational lesson slots available, increasing capacity to 64 slots. These lessons, designed exclusively for non-BUCS golfers, are delivered by PGA professionals and cater to both complete beginners and experienced recreational players. A key change for this season has been the expansion of lessons to campus for the first time. The club expanded its non-BUCS competitive pathway. In 2023, the club established a non-BUCS third team, which competes in friendly matches against other universities. This season, the club built on the team's success by introducing specific coaching for third-team players, delivered by the BUCS coach. This initiative has created a clearer progression route into BUCS competition. In a bid to ensure all members have access to competitive opportunities, the club launched an inter-society team league. This initiative provided players who missed out on BUCS and the non-BUCS third team,

with the opportunity to compete. With 114 players entering, they formed 38 teams, creating a fun, inclusive competition that allowed golfers of all levels to engage in friendly yet competitive matches. The club has also made a deliberate effort to foster a strong sense of community through non-alcoholic social events.

A notable highlight was a trip to a Trackman driving range, attended by 39 members. Additionally, the club has planned an away day to Thornbury Golf Club at the end of March. These events have been instrumental in creating a more inclusive and supportive club environment. Further demonstrating its commitment to the community, the club organised a charity golf competition to raise funds for Movember and hosted an all-pink golf day to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. In addition to these new initiatives, the club continued to offer its weekly Wednesday roll-ups, recreational competitions such as the 'Bee Sting Championship' and 'Christmas Jumper Texas Scramble' and hosted the annual Christmas Dinner at Bath Golf Club. The BUCS 1st and 2nd teams continue to demonstrate their strength this season. The 2nd team is on track to secure a second-place finish in the Western Tier, while the 1st team currently holds second place in the Premier Southern League. The success of these initiatives has been driven by the collaborative efforts of the committee members, who have worked together seamlessly to ensure the club's continued growth and success.

Club of the Year

Lacrosse Club

The Lacrosse Club fosters a welcoming and supportive atmosphere, creating a strong sense of belonging. Welcoming numerous beginners and taking pride in coaching them throughout their university journey. This year has seen record participation across all levels, from beginners earning spots on BUCS teams to high engagement in social events and trainings, as well as their weekly Bath Active session. It has been inspiring seeing members supporting one another – whether on sidelines, in training, or across the university. The committee's dedication is exceptional, going above and beyond enhancing the club and recruitment continues to grow. Lacrosse has had a record-breaking season, representing the university at a high level. Men's 1st Team have built a strong, cohesive squad, blending experienced players with first and second-year students quickly adapting to the sport. Exceptional efforts resulted in an unbeaten season winning the Southern Premier League. Several players have been selected for the Southwest squad, with some on track for the English Universities squad, competing at the Nick Kehoe International tournament. Four players are training with the England Aspire Squad. Men's 2nd Team made an extraordinary turnaround, from no wins last season to being undefeated this year, an incredible achievement. After winning their league, they are well-positioned for the Western Conference Final.

Women's 1st Team displayed skilful, tactical play, maintaining strong possession throughout the season. Despite facing tough competition, they remained resilient, securing well-earned victories. The Women's 2nd Team had an impressive season, maintaining momentum and dominance on the field. They remain undefeated and are confident heading into their final game, determining the league winner. Mixed Lacrosse was an enjoyable and rewarding season. Despite some tough losses, new players have had the opportunity to play. The impact on the players from the inclusive and supportive environment is more noticeable than any score line. A standout moment was defeating Southampton with a small team of newcomers, a testament to the club's strength and camaraderie.

Beyond competitive play, they have hosted incredible social events this year. Weekly mixed socials seeing record attendance, running smoothly and receiving positive feedback. Their two sober secretaries have been a fantastic addition, promoting a balanced club culture. Their Movember inclusive 5k run around Bath saw 60 club members participate, raising over £1600. A second charity run from Bristol to Bath in memory of their late Lacrosse Coach, raising over £1000 for Young Minds. These moments highlight the positive impact they have made as a united club.

Club of the Year

Rowing Club

This year, the Rowing Club has made exceptional strides in performance, engagement, and culture. For the first time in years, the club has a permanent head coach. This, alongside a remarkable level of athlete participation and determination this year, has led to strong results so far, including gold medals at BUCS and regional events. Alongside the successes at competitions, the club has benefited from a record membership both in its novice and senior squads. This can be directly attributed to the sheer amount of time and effort put in by the committee and, in particular, the captains. In a sport as intense as rowing, it is normal to have a significant rate of attrition as members fail to keep up with the high volume of training. This year, drop-outs have become the exception rather than the norm: captains have taken on a 'no man left behind' mentality, ensuring that we push our top athletes to success while ensuring that those who are struggling are supported both from an athletic and pastoral point of view. The club has also enjoyed high levels of success outside of training.

Having secured multiple large donations, the club hopes to turn these into long-term sponsorship agreements to create a hardship fund for students from disadvantaged backgrounds who wish to row at the University. Initiatives such as this are central to the values of the rowing club, which firmly believes that the sport should not be exclusive or elitist. In keeping with this philosophy, the club has formed a recreational squad for the first time ever, allowing students who are unable or unwilling to train and compete to enjoy the sport at their own pace. Finally, a concerted effort from the current chair and committee has enabled us to start work on our longstanding new boathouse project this year. This will give us the security of having our own facilities to store boats in, allowing us to expand our current fleet. Finally, the acquisition of new equipment, including boats and rowing machines, has allowed the club to greatly increase its training capabilities. It would be no overstatement to say that this year has been success after success for the rowing club. However, this is no coincidence: it is a direct result of concerted efforts by our coach, committee, and chair.

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.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominee



Justin Davies **Athletics**

Justin has been involved with athletics since a young age, originally competing at local competitions. Ever since joining the University of Bath, he has represented Great Britain three times, with the most recent occasion being at the European Indoor Championships in Apeldoorn. Whilst balancing an integrated masters in biomedical sciences, Justin has become the English, Welsh, and British Champion over the 800m. Other achievements include: Running a university record of 1:45.37 over the 800m (placing him 10th in the UK in 2024) – Gaining a bronze medal at the 2024 British Indoor Championships – Earning a silver medal at the World University Cross Country Championships in 2022 – Breaking the Welsh U23 Outdoor 800m record – Breaking the Welsh U23 and Senior Indoor 800m record – Earning two BUCS silver medals and one BUCS bronze medal – Breaking the British U23 Indoor 800m record. From a personal level, Justin has always been an invested and contributing member of the athletics team, attending almost every session and providing a sense of enthusiasm. He has been heavily involved with the University athletics club, taking on roles such as Kit Secretary and Track & Field Captain during his time to give back to the team.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominee



Charlotte Gregory
Golf

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Sports Personality of the Year Nominee

Charlie Brown

Modern Biathlon/Pentathlon



Over the past two years, Charlie has exceeded expectations and excelled as an athlete. He recorded multiple top 10 international finishes in his first years as a junior athlete, before being selected to compete an age group up and securing multiple international medals at senior events. Some examples from 2023 and 2024 include: Being the only British athlete to make a world cup final on his senior debut, winning mixed relay gold at the world cup and Team Gold at the European Games. His success of 2024 resulted in being selected as the reserve athlete for Great Britain for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Charlie was then officially selected for the team as a late replacement for the injured Myles Pillage. He finished 10th in his semi-final and 21st overall, missing out on a place in the Olympic final by three seconds. Charlie finished the 2024 season with eight top 20 finishes in his first senior year, ranking 27th in the world. Upon his return from the games, Charlie has been a stellar example of how to use his status as an elite athlete to be a role model for the University of Bath. In the first semester alone, he has volunteered for 10 appearances at schools, nursing homes, and corporate events. Charlie has been credited by multiple staff involved with these events for his perfect level of interaction and engagement with his audiences and his enthusiasm for delivering inspiring messages about his experiences as an athlete.

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Since the start of her time at the University of Bath, Calla has consistently been among the most active and engaged members of the rowing club. In her second year, she was elected to the role of Vice-Chair, and, in her fourth year, she became Chair. Calla has continued to train and perform throughout this time achieving BUCS Medals and reaching the final of the prestigious Henley Women's regatta. Calla's leadership has been pivotal to the success of the club this year. Calla has taken an active role in every element of the club's activity and growth.

Calla has worked to find the first Head of Rowing that the club has ever had. Bath is often considered to be the best rowing university without a head coach, and Calla's work to recruit a Head of Rowing has unlocked huge potential for the club. Calla took a leading role in a successful effort to invite prominent donors to their annual Christmas Dinner for the first time. As a result of this effort, they reached their £100,000 fundraising target for the longstanding new boathouse project this year. Calla saw this project as an opportunity for developing the quality and access to rowing at Bath.

Calla also supported the committee to host its first Movember fundraising challenge, organising an 'ergathon' on the parade on campus, in which members of the club rowed for twelve consecutive hours to raise money for charity. These efforts led the club to raise £2000, a remarkable success. Alongside these fundraising projects Calla has pushed to improve the

clubs facilities access and quality of equipment through working with the SU and STV to try and optimise the training and storage space available to rowing on campus. This year the club have doubled the number of rowing machines that members can access, and sessions can now regularly run with nearly whole squads training simultaneously, boosting morale and performance. Furthermore, Calla has worked with local clubs and coaches to source two additional eights to support more beginner athletes to access rowing as well attaining a significant donation which will facilitate the purchase of a new flagship boat. This boat, which will be more suitable for both men and women compared to existing equipment, increases access to boats throughout every level of the club and will facilitate the club to be on a more level playing field with other universities. Her drive and dedication to ensure that not only she, but her whole committee, works efficiently to grow and improve the rowing club cannot be understated.

Thanks



It has been an honour to serve as your Sports Officer this year, and it has been an incredible experience to support so many clubs and students. I am immensely proud of everything I have accomplished throughout the year, but my greatest pride comes from witnessing the amazing contributions our students have made. So many go above and beyond, constantly reminding me why Bath is one of the greatest universities in the world.

If I could convey just one message, it would be to the students: you should all be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved in the world of sport this year.

There are so many people to thank, and I will do my best to ensure everyone feels appreciated. Firstly, I want to thank every student who has participated in sport this year – these award nights exist because of the incredible individuals at our institution. I would also like to extend my gratitude to every student who has taken on a leadership position. Without your input, we would not be able to achieve what we do. Every role is equally important, from committee members to execs, and even those who simply volunteer at events – we are so grateful for everything you do.

I also want to express my sincere thanks to my fantastic colleagues in the SU. Working alongside them this year has shown me just how hardworking and committed they are to ensuring the student experience is as exceptional as possible. Their dedication amazes me every day. The work they put in every day is nothing short of brilliant, and they have an immense impact on every student involved in sport, not just this year but every year. Their ability to adapt to the constantly changing university landscape ensures that every student's experience is as enriching as possible.



My next thank you goes to the Sports Department. They play a crucial role in supporting student sport and providing facilities for students of all abilities to get involved. Without their commitment to students, it would be impossible to provide the opportunities we do. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them this year.

Finally, I want to thank everyone involved in organizing the Blues Awards – from the committee to the venue staff and our sponsors. It is a privilege to showcase and recognize our students' achievements at the end of each year, and so many people make this event possible. As we celebrate our 51st Blues Awards, we are now officially counting down to number 100!

Congratulations to everyone who has received an award or a nomination – you are here because you truly deserve to be.

As I step away from this role, I will never forget the impact that sport has had on my time at Bath. It has given me countless experiences and unforgettable moments, both as a student and as an officer, that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Thank you to everyone who made my time at Bath so welcoming – this has been the best chapter of my life.

I am confident that next year will be even greater, and with Sport Officer-elect Angus Gueterbock stepping into the role, SU Sport is undoubtedly in safe hands.

Olivia Warner

Students' Union Sport Officer

