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Welcome



**Professor
Keith Stokes**
Warden of the Blues

Blues Awards

The Blues Awards provide an opportunity to recognise another exceptional year of achievement across our sporting community. It has been a privilege to work with the Blues Committee in reviewing the nominations for this year's awards.

These nominations highlighted not only excellence in performance, but also the dedication, commitment and sense of community that continue to underpin our unique sporting heritage. As I read about the activities and successes described, I was reminded of the distinctive character and energy that define sport at the University of Bath. It is a pleasure to celebrate the accomplishments of so many individuals and teams.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Blues Committee for their diligence in upholding the high standards that have long characterised these awards, and for ensuring that each recipient is thoroughly deserving of recognition. I would also like to acknowledge all those who work tirelessly to create opportunities for participation and to provide the support necessary for our athletes to thrive.

Congratulations to all the award winners and to everyone who has contributed to another outstanding year of sport at the University of Bath.



Stephen Baddeley Director of Sport

As befits our status as *The Times* and *Sunday Times Sports University of the Year 2026*, tonight we gather to celebrate a groundbreaking 12 months of sporting achievement at the University of Bath.

It has been a year where impact is measured not just by the traditional yardstick of medals and awards but also innovation, collaboration and ambition.

The opening of the UK's first fully recyclable 3G pitch, a key part of the University's commitment to developing sustainable facilities, the adjoining Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and Britain's first 'dry' system hockey pitch has elevated our student sport offering.

The 3G Pitch has become home to several teams and a fortress to the men's 1st XV, who won seven of their eight matches at

'The Yard' on the way to a first-ever BUCS Super Rugby league title. Their other 'home' fixture was the unforgettable Anniversary Game at The Rec, which was enjoyed by a record 9,000-strong crowd.

It has been a stellar year for rugby all round with 25 students and graduates helping our partners at Bath Rugby complete a historic trophy treble. Max Ojomoh, who scored the winning try in the Premiership final, made his England debut days after graduating in Business and Enoch Opoku-Gyamfi won a first senior Italy cap.

Opoku-Gyamfi – one of eight students to compete in the U20 Men's Six Nations 2026 – is among the winners of the Team Bath Rengen Athlete of the Month Award, a new accolade introduced to recognise the achievements and dedication of athletes on the Student Performance Sport programme. So far recipients have come from athletics, hockey, judo, modern pentathlon, netball, rugby, swimming, triathlon and wheelchair fencing, demonstrating both the breadth of sport and depth of talent we have here.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the UK's first sporting scholarships being awarded at the University of Bath and it has once again been inspiring to see the current crop thrive in their dual careers. Notable achievements include Sophie Kelly winning the Netball Super League title with London Pulse; swimmer

Jack Skerry claiming European U23 100m backstroke gold; and artistic swimmer Ranjuo Tomblin winning 17 international medals, including European gold and Britain's first-ever World Championships mixed duet medal with Izzy Thorpe.

Scholar Alanna Pullen was among several students who helped Team Bath Netball finish runner-up during the inaugural NXT Gen League season and it has been wonderful to see that programme retain its profile and fanbase after a challenging period.

As well as celebrating student sport, tonight will see Honorary Blues awarded to several Bath-based bobsleigh athletes who made their Team GB debuts at the Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games. We are incredibly proud of our long-term partnership with the British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association and it was magnificent to see Matt Weston become Britain's most decorated male Winter Olympian by winning double skeleton gold in Italy, following up his men's title by partnering Tabby Stoecker to mixed team glory.

Congratulations to all those receiving accolades tonight and thank you to everyone – students, athletes, coaches, support staff, partners, sponsors and colleagues at the University and The SU – who has contributed to Bath's sporting legacy during a memorable year.

Student Sport, Review of the Year



Angus Gueterbock Students' Union Sport Officer

We've enjoyed an outstanding year of student sport at Bath and, as we come together at the prestigious Blues Awards to celebrate our achievements and contributions, I would like to share a reflection on the year just gone.

The year began on a high as we were crowned The Times and Sunday Times Sports University of the Year 2026, setting the tone for everything that followed. This recognition highlighted the strength of our sporting programmes and is testament to the hard work and dedication of our elected

student leaders and staff who tirelessly support and grow the sporting community we're all so proud of.

Even before Welcome Week, things were already in motion. We welcomed Padel, Pilates and Baseball into the fold, and the opening of the new 3G pitch provided a much needed all weather surface for our grass-based sports.

Welcome Week itself was full on. Our 56 sports groups took over the Founders Hall for the Sports Fair, showcasing themselves to nearly 4,000 new students. Then followed a packed programme of tasters and fixtures to help students settle into their new clubs, alongside a few standout moments: the first BUCS match of the year with Men's Rugby 1s and showcase games for Men's and Women's Football as part of the Freshers' events programme.

With the first BUCS match complete, the competition teams never stopped; 1,086 BUCS athletes secured 412 wins from 761 fixtures, placing Bath in a strong 7th position in the BUCS league

table. Four of our teams made their conference finals, with the Basketball Women's 1s and Badminton Women's 3s taking home gold and of the 5 teams who qualified for Big BUCS Wednesday the Hockey Women's 1 and Rugby Union Men's 3 came home victorious. And of course, the Rugby Union Men's 1st XV made history, being crowned champions of the BUCS Super League.

The Anniversary Game truly took the country by storm, generating national conversation and coverage. More than 8,000 supporters packed into the stadium, with a further 23,000 watching via livestream, making it by far the biggest fixture of the season. The atmosphere was electric yet respectful throughout, showcasing the very best of our sporting community.

Outside of BUCS, Bath Jets Cheerleading's Cyclone and Typhoon teams were crowned national champions for their pom and stunt performances respectively, and the



Rowing club have made club history, with their Women's Eights qualifying for Henley Royal Regatta for the first time.

With such impressive competitive results, it is important to remember that Sport at Bath has never been just about competition. It's a space for recreation, wellbeing and personal growth.

Our student-led clubs have been instrumental in developing our recreational offer through alternative leagues, 'turn up and play' sessions and friendly fixtures. Often part of our Bath Active programme, our clubs have continued to play a vital role in creating an inclusive and accessible environment for student sport. This year, students have been able to take part in a diverse weekly offer that included Sitting Volleyball, Flag American Football, Postgraduate Football, Women's Rugby Union, Postgraduate Badminton, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Latin and Ballroom dance classes and training groups for the Bath Half Marathon. Bath Active also launched The Daily Mile. An initiative which promotes

active travel to boost mood, reduce stress and improve fitness, by actively travelling (at least) 1 mile a day. These sessions have opened the door for even more students to try something new, stay active and feel part of our sporting community.

Not only have we achieved excellence in sport, but our groups are nationally recognised for their fundraising. Netball and Cricket made huge contributions for breast cancer awareness, raising £1100 and £2631 from their yoga sessions, bake sales, pub quizzes and sponsored half marathon. It's no secret that Movember is big at Bath, but this year surpassed all expectations, as our student groups raised an incredible £63,800. The month was packed with challenges and events, from 100-hour charity cycles and 24-hour rowing efforts to ultra marathons, bake sales and more. This was Bath's biggest year, not only in fundraising, but also participation, with more than 40 teams and 600 individuals taking part. University of Bath ranked 6th out of

120 universities. Hockey and Cricket each made a huge impact, each raising over £6700, but the Rugby Union club absolutely smashed it by raising over £31,000 and ranking 2nd nationally!

This year has been packed with events and initiatives that brought our sporting community together. From the ever-popular Snowball to the Superbowl and Six Nations watch parties; sporting events have been a huge part of student life. Our clubs delivered an incredible 81 large scale events, from training camps and tournaments to fight nights and residentials.

At the time of writing, Varsity is just around the corner, and what better way to finish the year than to win back the trophy! So, fingers crossed!

It has been an incredible year, and I am so pleased to have shared in this journey with you all. At the end of another year, the Blues Awards is a chance for us to celebrate all these achievements, so please be proud of what you have achieved.

Ribbons

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

Cheerleading

Leanne Barber
Eleanor Grange
Aelwen Haines
Emily Murray
Jane Rolls
Maisie Rose

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Gaia Del Prete Ferrucci
Huw Ford

Latin & Ballroom

Megan Edwards
Nina Lane

Netball

Polly Fisher-Edwards
Ruby Porter

Orienteering

Will Lewis

Sailing

Iolo Davies
Killian Magee
Emily Page
Imogen Wade

Volleyball

Pia Jaspersen
Joshua Jones
Gigi Pesch

Colours

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

American Football

Matthew Evans
Jack Hutton
Ben Grear
Sami Martin
Ralph O'Hara
Charlie Williams

Association Football and Futsal

Tom Beeson
Maddie Bond
Owen Crawford
Jack Oatley
Charlie Standford
Emma Vilday

Athletics

Madeleine Casey
Theo Cheshire

Badminton

Hugh Simpson

Basketball

Jennifer Azzi
Natthanicha Luengvoraphan

Canoe

Holly Barnfield
Benjamin Broadbent
Jessica Pinnell
Edward Spackman

Climbing

Thomas Hodges
Emma McCook

Cricket

Benjamin Allen

Cue Sports

Archie Heap
Alexander Hung
Reece Thomas

Fencing

Owen Harms
Connor Johnstone

Golf

Charles Evans

Hockey

Natasha Aitchison
Ella Armstrong
Joseph Browbank
Kaya Champion
Harriet Carpenter
Emilia Chittenden
Ella Clarke
Lucie Crelin
Loughlin Davidson
Maya Davies
Honey Dickinson
Rebecca Forey
Cara Fraser
Sophia Gallagher
Alice Gigney
Ayla Heslop-Moore
Fflur Hill
Tom Hodges
Sean Irwin

Colours

Oliver Jameson
Molly Marshall
Christian Moody
Isabella Osborne
Faaris Rana
Abbi Sinclair
Ben Taylor
Grace Thomas
Isabella Usher
Sam Utley
Francesca Wilding
Giles Woodland
Liam Writer

Karate

Farouk Attia
Finley Hitchings
Daniel Pigott
Aron Schmidt

Lacrosse

Sianna Barling
Joe Beddoe
Kate Clewer
Lucy Foster
Anna Hinson
Georgia Khouri
Megan Marter
Lara Parker-Janopulos
Vicki Miller
Annabel Osmond

Alice Sims
Sophie Soin
Annabel Sykes

Netball

Lucy Chatwin
Sasha Kelly
Katie Millington
Camille Phipp
Katie Rolph
Emily White

Orienteering

Joel Taylor

Riding

Jodie Rodgers
Izzy Smith

Rugby Union

Louis Bouverie
Iwan Coyle
Lucia Garcia-Sammons
Alfie Griffin
Shannon Jarratt
Olivia Lewis
Max Pearce
Nell Powell
Zara Roberts
Tom Simm
Sasha Ward
Jacob Yates

Touch Rugby

Brandon Curtis
Euan Davis
Charlie Foreman
Ella Halsall
Carissa Hirt
William Lewis
Joshua Morgan
Alex Oakley

Volleyball

Martyna Binek
Rochelle Doel
Sean Featherstone
Nina Maudling
Ana Tonidandel
Matthew Williams

Water Polo

Aaron Horwood
Zoe Miller

Weightlifting and Powerlifting

Matthew Ackroyd
Niall Byrne
Lydia Siegert

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

Tom Waring

Athletics

Alex Ilioaie

Raj Patadia

Dodgeball

Alice Player

Netball

Charlotte Coldicott

Eliza Porter

Emily White

Rowing

James Robinson

Rugby Union

Max Covil

Lily Downes-Hall

Matt Hall

Abbie Lamb

Olly Latto

Olivia Lewis

Nell Powell

Zara Roberts

William Stanford

Mollie Wilkinson

SU Sport Executive Committee

Emily McManus

Touch Rugby

Shana Thurley

Volleyball

Pia Jaspersen

Zebedee Marsh

Gigi Pesch

Max Robins

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.

Athletics

Luke Ball
Evelyne Fonteyne
Ariyanna Mcgee
Basil Rock

Badminton

Toby Dillingham

Cycling

Samuel Nisbet

Golf

Eilidh Henderson

Judo

Evie Halvey-Jacobs
Anika Rabi

Netball

Lucy Button
Ronnie Thomas

Rowing

Rebekah Court

Tennis

Isabella Townsend-Carrasco

Touch Rugby

Rory Fulton

Water Polo

Tanush Reddy
Jonathan Roche
Alex Sandberg
Andre Savic
James Wainwright
Alejandro Wood

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.



Ian Harris

Fencing

Ian has been fencing from the age of 9 and has always thought of Fencing as Chess on feet. Ian has managed to keep his performance exceptional throughout his time at the University of Bath and has maintained a place on the BUCS M1 team, as well as taking on the role of captain for the past 2 academic years. In the 2023-24 season, Ian was an integral part of the team that achieved promotion to the BUCS Premier South division, and this year has led the team to an undefeated season in the league.

Outside of competing for the university Ian was selected to compete at the 2019 World Championships in Budapest and competed at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. Competing highly for the university and being selected to compete at international events, whilst maintaining his studies, shows the commitment Ian has for his sport.

Full Blues

Kate Haswell

Fencing



Kate's early success came from competing at national level in indoor and open water swimming, as well as the U17 pathway for Modern Pentathlon. Kate's passion for fencing started at a community club in her hometown of Ashbourne. As an undergraduate, Kate has balanced the varying demands of her academic studies with a disciplined approach to her fencing training programme. Kate has been a key player of the Women's 1st team throughout her time at university, captaining the team in her final year. Kate's international fencing debut came as a junior in 2022 when she represented GB in epee on the European circuit competitions. She enjoyed further international success in 2024 with a Commonwealth Gold medal in the Junior Women's team epee event.

Moving into the Under 23 category during her university placement year, Kate represented GB at several U23 European qualifiers which earned her a place in the individual U23 European Epee Championships in 2025. Nationally Kate has had great success, winning bronze in the British Senior Fencing Championships in 2024. This performance was followed up the next season by a bronze medal at the BUCS individual Women's Epee in 2025. Kate is currently ranked 8th in the GB Women under 23 epee, as well as 12th in Senior Women.

Full Blues

Patrick McElhinney

Hockey



During Patrick's time at Bath, he has had to balance the demands of his Biology degree with elite sport, something that has been greatly helped by the generous alumni fund scholarship he was awarded in his third year after representing Ireland at U21 level. Before coming to the university, Patrick played in the Irish premier league for Annadale HC, making his debut at 16. Following this, Patrick won the 2021-22 interprovincial tournament in Ireland, and was subsequently selected to play for Ireland U18 in a five nations tournament in 2022, playing against Belgium and the Netherlands. That summer, he was selected to travel to Frankfurt with Ireland U21 to the eight nations tournament playing against England, Germany, Scotland, the Netherlands and Poland U21.

He represented Ulster U21 during his first year of university in the Interprovincial tournament. In his second year of university, he represented Ireland U21 in both a series against England and a home tri-nations tournament in which they finished first. He has also co-captained the University 1st team in his final year.

Full Blues

Isabella Sale

Lacrosse



Isabella has been a member of the University of Bath Women's 1st Lacrosse Team since her first year, demonstrating consistent commitment and performance at the highest level of university competition. In her second year, Isabella was appointed Vice-Captain of the 1st team, and in her final year, was appointed to be both Women's Captain and Team Coach, leading the squad on and off the field.

Alongside her university commitments, Isabella has been part of the Scotland national training squad throughout her time at university. She has represented Scotland at the Under-21 level in the Home Internationals and played in two international matches against England and Wales. She was selected in the Scotland B team for Home Internationals 2025 and has gone on to compete internationally at the European Sixes Championship.

Full Blues

Daniella Carr

Netball



Daniella represented the Wales U21 squad at the 2025 World Youth Cup, featuring in matches against England, Jamaica, Singapore and Malaysia. Wales finished 10th overall after placing 3rd in their pool. She has also competed for the Netball BUCS 1st team over the past two seasons, achieving a 2nd place finish in her first year and making it to the semi-finals of the National Championships in her second year.

Alongside university netball, Daniella played in the Next Gen league in the 24/25 season, where her team finished 2nd. More recently, she has joined the Wales pathway and has been selected as a Welsh Feathers training partner for the 2025/26 season, marking her progression into the senior international environment.

Full Blues

Luka Bayley

Rowing

As a rower, Luka has developed significantly over the course of his time at Bath and began training with British Rowing's Olympic pathway programme in his second year. This is also the year that he won his first BUCS gold and secured his first international vest when he was selected to row for the Slovenian national team at the 2023 U23 European Championships.

Since then, Luka has continued to represent the Slovenian national team at the 2024 U23 European Championships, where he reached the A Final and placed 6th in the quadruple sculls. Luka's 2024-25 season has been his most successful to date, both for the University and on the international stage.

At BUCS regatta, he brought home three medals, including two bronzes in the Championship quadruple sculls and Intermediate double sculls.

Following the BUCS season, Luka qualified for the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta and was subsequently selected to represent England at the 2025 Home Countries International Regatta. There, he was able to secure two further gold medals in the coxless pair and the sprint 8+. To close out the season Luka represented the University of Bath internationally at the European University rowing championships 2025 where he raced in the quadruple scull and won a bronze medal.



Full Blues

Annie Ainscough

Touch Rugby



Since joining the University of Bath Touch Rugby Club in 2024, Annie has been a standout member of the Hawks (1s) over two seasons. She serves as the club's captain and coach, leading the team both on and off the pitch and dedicating significant time to running training sessions for high-performance players as well as newcomers. On the field, Annie has excelled in the BUCS League, currently ranking as the eighth top try scorer for the 2025-26 season. Her technical skill and consistency make her a key player in the squad.

Internationally, she has earned seven caps for the England Women's Under-20s at the Youth Atlantic Cup in Limerick, Ireland, scoring a try and contributing strongly to the team's performance. Annie's leadership, technical ability, and commitment to developing both herself and her teammates have made her an influential figure within the Touch Rugby community.

Full Blues



William Burton

Touch Rugby

Throughout his time at the University of Bath from 2022 to 2025, Will was a driving force within the Touch Rugby Club. Acting as both captain and coach, he set standards on and off the pitch and was instrumental in guiding the team through one of its most successful periods. Under his leadership, the club secured a silver medal during the 2024-25 season, alongside a further bronze medal, highlighting sustained excellence at BUCS level. Renowned for his relentless work rate in the middle, Will was a key on-field leader whose consistency and physical presence underpinned the team's attacking structure. Partnering with Rory Grant, he formed a dominant combination, finishing as the top scoring pod at the UTC Championships and playing a decisive role in the team's success. Will's ability to lead, coach, and perform at a consistently high level made him central to the club's achievements and a standout figure within the University of Bath Touch Rugby programme.

Full Blues



Beatrice Graham

Touch Rugby

Since joining the University of Bath Touch Rugby Club in 2024, Beatrice has established herself as a key player for the Hawks (1s) over two seasons. She was part of the team that secured a silver BUCS medal last year, contributing consistently to the squad's success. On the field Beatrice made a decisive impact during the 2025-26 season, finishing as the winning scorer for BUCS Round 3 Championships, securing the Hawks' only Championships win of the year. Known for her powerful running and precise execution, she is a highly talented player who consistently hits hard lines and challenges the opposition.

Beyond university, Beatrice represents the South East regional squad and serves as a Try Sports ambassador, demonstrating her commitment to the wider Touch Rugby community. Her skill, physical presence, and dedication have made her a standout figure both on and off the pitch.

Full Blues

Rose Huguet

Touch Rugby



Rose has been a consistent member of the Touch Rugby Club's first team since 2023. Throughout her time at the University of Bath she has played a key role in the squad's success across multiple seasons, contributing to strong performances at BUCS level. During the 2023-24 season, Rose helped the team secure a bronze medal, before going on to win a silver BUCS medal in the 2024-25 season. Individually, she enjoyed an outstanding 2023-24

campaign, scoring 19 tries to finish as the fifth highest try scorer of the season.

Beyond university, Rose has represented France at the highest level of international Touch Rugby. She competed for the France Women's Open team at the 2024 Touch World Cup, continuing her progression from the French junior squads to senior international competition.

Full Blues

Annie Russell

Touch Rugby



Throughout her time at the University of Bath, Annie has dedicated a significant amount of her energy to the Touch Rugby Club. She has served as team manager, supporting the squad both on and off the pitch. Under her guidance, the team achieved notable success, with Annie personally securing a bronze and a silver BUCS medal and finishing as the third top female try scorer in the 2024-25 season. She is also widely respected and well-loved within the Touch community for her enthusiasm, support, and positive influence.

Beyond university, Annie made her international debut in 2024, being selected as a 'link' for Ireland's Opens Squad at the Touch World Cup. She earned nine caps during the tournament and contributed two tries, marking an impressive start to her international career. Remarkably, Annie balances all her sporting commitments alongside pursuing a PhD in Applied Statistics, demonstrating exceptional dedication, discipline, and time management. Her achievements both on and off the field highlight her skill, leadership, and commitment to excellence.

Full Blues

Danny Ticehurst

Touch Rugby



Since joining the University of Bath in 2022, Danny has been a standout player for the Touch Rugby Club, going straight into the Hawks (1s) thanks to his extensive experience with Canterbury and the South East Taipans at a regional level. Over four seasons with the 1s, he has helped the team secure two bronze and one silver BUCS medal, consistently performing at a high level.

Internationally, Danny represented England U20s at the Youth Atlantic Cup, contributing to a gold medal-winning campaign and showcasing his skill on a larger stage. Known for being thoughtful, driven, and meticulous, Danny approaches every challenge with sharp questions and relentless refinement, balancing technical ambition with genuine self-awareness.

His dedication, skill, and character make Danny a highly respected and influential member of the University of Bath Touch Rugby community.

Full Blues

Alex Bradshaw

Ultimate Frisbee



Alex began playing Ultimate Frisbee in October 2022 during Freshers' Week, joining the club as a complete beginner. Although new to the sport, he immersed himself in training and by the end of his first year, he had earned selection to the Men's 1st team. The following two seasons saw him and the team take home six medals at national tournaments: two golds, two silvers, and two bronze medals. He has represented Bristol at the World Beach Club Championships in 2024, the European Club Championship in 2025, and placed 3rd at the UK National Championship in 2025.

In 2025, Alex was selected for the Great Britain Open Squad that attended the World Under-24 World Championships in Logrono, Spain. Over the season, he had 15 international caps, playing a key defensive role in Great Britain's efforts in their 10th place finish in the world. Alongside his playing development, Alex committed equal energy to strengthening the University club. Elected Co-Chair for the 2024-25 season, he focused on increasing participation and raising performance standards across squads, contributing to record engagement levels and sustained competitive success.

Full Blues

Georgie Jones

Ultimate Frisbee



Georgie began playing Ultimate Frisbee in primary school and in her first tournament at age 10, won gold at U14 Girls' Nationals. She continued competing at school through U14, U17 and U20 age groups, captaining the mixed team for 4 years across U17 and U20 divisions. During this time, Georgie also coached within the school programme, helping to grow participation in the club. Georgie has also been proud to represent Great Britain numerous times throughout her playing career so far. First in the Women's U17s European Championship in 2019 where she captained the team.

Georgie represented GB in 2022 in the U20s World Championships and whilst at university as captain for GB Mixed in the World Championships in 2025.

Since joining the university, she has consistently competed at the highest level of Bath Ultimate, achieving 1 gold and 2 silver medals in her first year alone. In her second year, Georgie captained the mixed team to victory at Division 1 Mixed Indoor Regionals and Nationals, reflecting the growing competitive standard of the club. This success was sustained throughout the season, where they achieved a bronze medal at Mixed Outdoor Nationals.

Full Blues

Thomas Oliver Ultimate Frisbee



Tom has consistently performed at a high level within the GB national programme. He represented Great Britain at the World Under 24 Championships in 2023 (Nottingham) and again in 2025 (Logroño), this time as one of the captains. He was also a member of the senior training squad for the 2024 World Championships. He has competed at European Club Championship level on multiple occasions with his club, Chevron, and will compete with the

club at the 2026 World Ultimate Club Championships in August 2026.

In addition to his international commitments, Tom has been a key contributor to the University of Bath's success in BUCS and UKU university competitions in recent years. During his time at the university, the Ultimate club has secured six national titles: BUCS Men's Indoor (22-23, 24-25, 25-26), BUCS Men's Outdoor (22-23), and UKU Mixed Indoor (22-23, 24-25).

MILANO CORTINA

2026
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 2026 games and/or are University alumni.

Milano Cortina Olympic Athletes

Bobsleigh

Ashleigh Nelson

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

BUCS Team Performance of the Year

BUCS Individual Performance of the Year

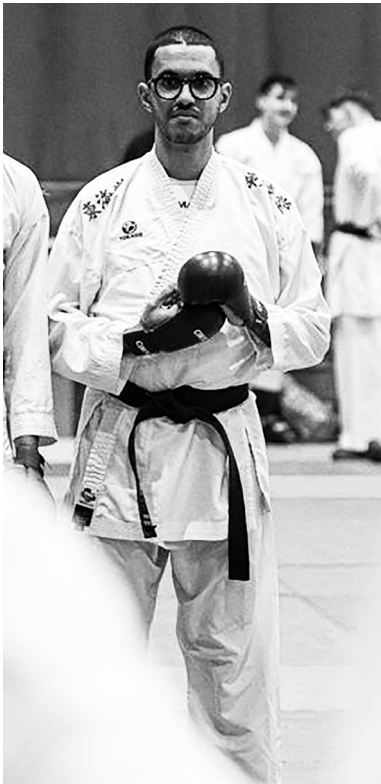
Club of the Year

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.

Farouk Attia



Farouk currently serves as Chair of the Karate club. Stepping into the position with such a strong legacy, he has demonstrated confidence, dedication, and a clear commitment to continuing the club's high standards. He has played a central role in organising competitions, coordinating seminars with external instructors, and expanding participation opportunities for members. He has been instrumental in growing the club's BUCS squad, increasing engagement across all levels, and strengthening both the administrative structure and community culture of the club. Through his leadership, Farouk has helped ensure the club remains competitive, inclusive, and sustainable for future members.

Farouk has gone above and beyond for the Karate club, making an exceptional contribution to its organisation,

development, and inclusivity. He has organised a lot more competitions for the club this year to enhance their competitive level. Leading to a BUCS squad that has nearly doubled in size from previous years. To help support this achievement of club members he has also arranged many seminars from top karate instructors and has even had the chance to make some free, so it is available for all. If the professional development for Karate members wasn't enough, he has also made a big contribution in promoting the club and making sure it is inclusive for all members whether experienced or completely new. The main reason however is how welcoming he is to all members of the club. If you're a new face or seasoned veteran, he makes sure to say hello and ask how you're doing. Helping create the inclusive and supportive "family" environment that is the Karate club.

The SU 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.

Jonny Gough

Jonny has excelled at coaching throughout his four years at the university, starting only five weeks into his first year, taking the initiative to utilise unused weekly time to teach. At first these weekly sessions were quiet but within the four years Jonny has taught them the number of attendees has climbed to 20+ on a regular basis. In his second and third year at university Jonny took on being Chair of the Karate Club alongside his coaching. Whilst Chair, Jonny encouraged other students to become volunteer coaches to pass on their knowledge, and in doing so he added an additional 9 volunteer coaches to the roster in the three following years, all through Jonny's mentoring and



encouragement to always give something back. He uses his 8 years of international level coaching experience from his home club to introduce fun and engaging lessons each week, as well as in 2024-2025 offering monthly catch-up sessions on weekends for those students who started midway through term.

At BUCS he has coached for all 4 years and has encouraged more to compete increasing the squad size from 14 on average to 26 in his time at university. He personally coached the individuals who achieved many of the results the squad achieved across all disciplines and all experience levels, all while competing himself in his own respective events. Finally, in November 2025 Jonny had to undergo shoulder surgery keeping him from doing what he loved for the club. However, Jonny still turned up to training to coach from the sidelines, overcoming this adversity further by being pivotal in the karate club experiencing their best results at BUCS in the last 3 years at an individual level. He has laid the groundwork for student volunteer coaching standards in karate for the years to come after his graduation this summer.

The David Vandelinde Prize

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

Fraser McEvoy

Fraser McEvoy has contributed to rugby at the University of Bath both as a BUCS athlete and as a transformational club leader. After representing the club for three years in BUCS competition competing at performance level while balancing the academic demands of his Biomedical Science degree, injuries led him to transition into full-time leadership, serving as Treasurer and then Chairman during the most ambitious period in the club's history. Under his leadership, participation expanded significantly, new strategic partnerships were secured with the RFU and Armed Forces, and the club delivered record-breaking fundraising of £48,770 for Movember across two years, earning national recognition at the 2026 UK & Europe Mo Awards. He also personally designed and delivered the Men's 5th XV programme, strengthening inclusive access to competitive rugby. The internal league now engages approximately 150 players, including 40 new-to-rugby participants, reinforcing inclusive access while strengthening progression into BUCS squads.

Alongside his sporting and leadership commitments, Fraser is a final-year Biomedical Science student averaging a high



first-class mark, balancing a part-time job and securing a graduate role as a Sustainability Consultant with a leading London firm. Transitioning from BUCS athlete to Chairman has allowed Fraser to contribute to student sport in a broader capacity, his sustained sporting contribution, executive leadership and academic excellence exemplify the qualities recognised by the David Vandelinde Prize.

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.

The Martyn Hedges Award

Christian Moody



Over the course of his four years, there seems to be no stone within the club that Christian has left unturned. From a playing perspective, he began in the Men's 2s and was part of a league winning team in his first year. He captained the team in his second year as they earned a remarkable fourth place in National Premier South, competing against several first teams. He broke into the University first team in his third year and became Bath's top scorer in the league that season. He is now playing another year in the 1st team where he has continued to be a key member, providing experience, tactical knowledge and leadership within the group.

His coaching throughout his time at Bath has also developed significantly. After coaching the Men's and Ladies 5s in his first and second year, he now coaches the Ladies 1st team in BUCS Premier National for his second season. Team Bath Buccaneers is a crucial relationship for the hockey club and Christian's involvement has been valuable in strengthening this. He has coached a variety of junior teams over several years and now coaches the Ladies 1st XI in the National League, where they are striving for promotion.

He has also coached and now runs the Talent Academy where he has overseen the development of junior players. Earlier this year he had the privilege of seeing one of his former players make her England debut.

Lastly, his contribution to the club through committee roles has been second to none. He served as secretary in his second year before taking on the role of Chair, leading the club of more than 300 members. He placed a huge focus on inclusivity within the club, demonstrated by founding Accessible Hockey sessions to provide opportunities to as many new people as possible. In his final year, he has continued to support the club by organising preseason and co-ordinating the club's most successful charity campaign to date for Movember, which raised more than £6000. Christian's commitment to the hockey club during his four years has been unparalleled. Balancing his degree and career development with his playing, coaching and organisational responsibilities has been truly inspiring, and he is held in the highest regard by everyone within the club.



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 Netball 2nd team have enjoyed an exceptional and highly successful season, winning their league in convincing fashion and remaining undefeated throughout the campaign. Their consistent performances reflect not only their technical ability and tactical discipline, but also their resilience, professionalism, and commitment as a squad. They have demonstrated their capacity to perform under pressure, adapting effectively to different opponents and competitive environments. In addition to their league success, the team has progressed to the final of the National Trophy, further underlining their status as one of the strongest sides in university netball this season. Their route to this stage has been

marked by dominant displays, strong squad depth, and outstanding leadership both on and off the court. Beyond results alone, the team has fostered a culture of excellence, accountability, and mutual support, which has been central to their sustained success. They serve as a model for performance, development, and teamwork within the club. Overall, this season represents a landmark achievement for the 2s. Their dominance across multiple competitions, combined with their professionalism and ambition, reflects the strength of the programme and highlights their potential to secure further silverware. Their continued success not only enhances the club's reputation but also sets a benchmark for future squads to aspire to.



Team Performance of the Year

Men's Rugby Union 3rd Team

The Rugby Union Men's 3rd team have enjoyed a remarkable season in 2025-26, establishing themselves as one of the most exciting sides in their league. After earning promotion into a new division last summer, they began the campaign with high spirits and determination, and they didn't disappoint. Through the early months of the season, the 3s went unbeaten up until Christmas, a run that included a string of convincing victories and hard-fought results away from home. Their blend of experienced forwards, skilful backs and a strong team ethic made them a formidable opponent every week. Across all competitions, the 3s have only lost two games all year, showing consistency and resilience. Their excellent league form saw them sit near the top of the table for most of the campaign, firmly in contention for the title as the season progressed into spring. A highlight of their year has been reaching the Big BUCS Wednesday Final, where they earned the right to compete against Leeds Beckett 2s – a match that represents one of the biggest occasions in the club's recent history. Looking ahead, the squad are not content with just a strong season. They are on track to win the league, and there's real excitement

about the possibility of achieving a double promotion within two years, something that would underline the progress of rugby at Bath University. If they can lift a cup as well, it would cap off an outstanding campaign for a team that has shown grit, talent and unity throughout.

Athletics Indoor Championships Team

The Athletics club achieved their highest finishing position at BUCS Nationals (Indoor Athletics Championships) post-COVID, with the Men's and Women's teams placing 3rd overall, behind athletics heavyweights Loughborough and Birmingham but ahead of rival universities such as Brunel and Cardiff Met. The Athletics club has grown consistently over the last 4 years to its largest ever team, and this year has the strongest set of talented athletes in recent years. The Track and Field captains have worked hard this year to promote BUCS championships and build an incredible team atmosphere which consistently beats all their competitors in the stadium with the entire team supporting every individual.



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.



Isaac Skinner-Kakitie

Athletics

Isaac is an economics student in his second year at the University of Bath. He has worked incredibly hard at the club's recreational sprint sessions which led him to achieve a BUCS bronze in the 60m at BUCS Nationals this year. This placed him in a group all by himself as the only athlete in the university's history to train with a recreational group and go on to achieve a medal at BUCS.

Isaac's determination and commitment led him to this performance and achieve a podium finish. This season he has worked tremendously hard during countless sessions, whilst seeking and taking on any advice passed down to him from his coaches and teammates.

Club of the Year

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

Athletics Club

The Athletics club has demonstrated consistent improvement across the last 2 years. In this time, membership has grown by over a third to our largest ever (269) because of the hard work of successive committees. In Cross Country this year, the club entered the Gloucester Cross Country League with over 45 athletes representing the University in the local cross country league.

Strong results this year include: 1st Senior Women's team, 1st U20 Women's team, 2nd U20 Men's team in the league. In BUCS Cross Country Championships, participation was increased by almost 25% with 48 athletes travelling further away to Loughborough this year, exceeding targets set by the committee. The Women's team placed 5th Nationally. A notable highlight of the year so far was at BUCS Indoors where the club sent a strong team who placed 3rd.

Away from competitive events, the club has engaged much better with members this year. They participated in the annual Movember fundraising, running over 2,500km collectively across 80 athletes in a 24-hour relay, and a group of 15 members volunteered at the Bath Half Marathon in March while more than 50 members took part in the race. Recreational Endurance coach Raj Patadia set up a brand-new programme with Bath Active to help students from across the University train for the Bath Half Marathon on a 10-week programme starting after Christmas. These sessions consistently achieved over 20 participants each week who did not usually attend other club sessions. For the first time, the club took part in a home Varsity in Bath this year. Overall, it has been an incredibly successful year for the club so far and there is a significant positive outlook as they prepare for Outdoor Championships at the end of May, as well as seeing significantly increased engagement in the election process with many younger members of the club interested in positions as they look to secure the club's future.

Club of the Year

Netball Club

The Netball Club has demonstrated exceptional excellence, leadership, and commitment throughout the academic year. With over 350 registered members and more than 150 recreational participants, the club has achieved record levels of engagement, reflecting its inclusive culture, strong leadership, and effective communication structures. Training schedules, fixtures, and activities have been delivered with outstanding organisation, ensuring that members at all levels feel supported, informed, and valued. Performance has been a defining feature of the club's success. All BUCS and Moonraker teams have competed in the highest leagues available, demonstrating ambition and sustained development. The 2s secured the league title and are strong contenders for Big BUCS Wednesday, while the 3s are on track to win their league and reached the quarterfinals of their national competition. The 1s progressed to the semi-finals of the National Championships and the 4s advanced deep into cup competition, reflecting depth and quality across the programme.

Beyond performance, the club has shown outstanding commitment to community engagement and student wellbeing. This year, the club raised a record amount for Breast Cancer Awareness through coordinated fundraising initiatives and organised a successful Movember tournament in collaboration with the Rugby Club, strengthening cross-sport relationships. The club has also taken a proactive role in developing men's netball in the South West, working closely with regional partners to host competitions at the University of Bath. This initiative has already led to players being identified for England trials, highlighting the club's wider impact on the sport. The committee's professionalism was further demonstrated through high-level engagement with university leadership, including meetings with the Vice-Chancellor to discuss the strategic development of netball at Bath. Collectively, the club's exceptional organisational ability, competitive success, inclusive participation, and commitment to the university and wider community exemplify the values of student sport at Bath. The Netball Club has not only delivered outstanding results but has also created a sustainable, supportive, and ambitious environment that continues to inspire its members.

Club of the Year

Rugby Union Club

The University of Bath Rugby Club has delivered the most ambitious and successful year in its history, defined by record participation, elite performance and nationally recognised impact both on and off the pitch. With over 400 members across nine men's squads and two women's squads, UBRFC operates one of the largest student rugby programmes in the country, facilitating up to five BUCS fixtures and six non-BUCS fixtures per week while supporting more than 250 active players through structured training and performance environments. Clear pathways now connect beginners entering through Bath Active or the internal league to BUCS Super Rugby athletes competing in front of over 8,000 spectators. The faculty-based internal league has reached record participation, engaging over 150 players, including 36 new-to-rugby members, strengthening inclusion while reinforcing progression into BUCS squads. The expansion of the non-BUCS programme has further transformed opportunity within the club. The reintroduction of the Men's 5th XV delivered 16 fixtures, exceeding its original commitment, while five Freshers' Grand Prix tournaments were organised as part of the club's role as an RFU hub in the South West. A new three-year partnership with the RFU has strengthened long-term fixture provision.

The women's programme has also achieved record growth, reaching 80 members, supported by weekly beginner sessions and 15 fixtures for the Women's 2nd XV. On the field, performance standards have reached historic levels. The Men's 1st XV achieved their first ever league title in BUCS Super Rugby. The Men's 3rd and 4th XVs have both reached cup finals and are pushing for league titles and promotion.

Beyond competition, UBRFC has delivered significant charitable and cultural impact. The 2025 Movember campaign raised £31,270, finishing second worldwide among university societies. The "Battle for Bath" event has since earned a nomination for the 2026 UK & Europe Mo Awards in London. A four-part mental health documentary series reached over 6.2 million people. Sustainability remains central to the club's model. With 41 student coaches delivering most of the programme, 8 completing the England Rugby Coaching Award and 10 qualifying in Emergency First Aid, alongside structured referee development through a partnership with Somerset Refereeing Society, UBRFC continues to invest in long-term infrastructure. The launch of the first SU-supported alumni website of any sports club further strengthens future engagement.

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

Sophie Kelly

Netball



Sophie is a standout student-athlete at the University of Bath, balancing a demanding academic schedule with a thriving professional netball career. As a member of London Pulse, she became a 2025 Netball Superleague Champion, all while commuting from Bath to London two to three times each week for training and match commitments. Her ability to manage elite-level performance alongside university life reflects exceptional discipline and drive. Internationally, Sophie has represented England across multiple age groups, earning 12 junior caps and contributing to major successes including a bronze medal at the 2025 Netball Youth World Cup, selection for the Fast 5 squad in 2024, and several European championship titles.

Her leadership qualities were recognised early through captaincy and leadership roles within the Roses Academy. At Bath, Sophie has been instrumental in the success of the University's 1st team, helping guide the squad to two BUCS finals and one BUCS semi-final over the past three years. Her influence extends beyond match day; she also coaches a development team, supporting younger athletes and contributing to the long-term strength of the university's netball pathway. Awarded a Full Blue 2 years ago for her outstanding contribution to student sport, Sophie is widely respected for her professionalism, humility, and commitment to the sport she loves. Her achievements and impact make her an inspiring figure within the university community.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominee

Cameron Brooker

Swimming



Cameron Brooker is a final year student studying for his Masters in Mechanical Engineering. He has represented the University for 5 years (both individually and on relays) at BUCS competitions and has swum for Great Britain 3 times during his time at the university. He trains under David McNulty at the Bath Performance Centre for swimming.

Cameron has achieved exceptional performances both individually and for team relays across every year of studying at university, remaining incredibly dedicated to 25-30 hours of training a week. Anchored multiple relays to national championship titles and has won 41 medals at BUCS competitions for Bath during his time studying. Cameron has just achieved a first class in his studies, whilst competing at the highest level of university sport.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominee

Jonny Gough

Karate



Jonny has excelled at coaching throughout his four years at the university, starting only five weeks into his first year, taking the initiative to utilise unused weekly time to teach. At first these weekly sessions were quiet but within the four years Jonny has taught them the number of attendees has climbed to 20+ on a

regular basis. In his second and third year at university Jonny took on being Chair of the Karate Club alongside his coaching. Whilst Chair, Jonny encouraged other students to become volunteer coaches to pass on their knowledge, and in doing so he added an additional 9 volunteer coaches to the roster in the three following years, all through Jonny's mentoring and encouragement to always give something back. He uses his 8 years of international level coaching experience from his home club to introduce fun and engaging lessons each week, as well as in 2024-2025 offering monthly catch-up sessions on weekends for those students who started midway through term.

At BUCS he has coached for all 4 years and has encouraged more to

compete increasing the squad size from 14 on average to 26 in his time at university. He personally coached the individuals who achieved many of the results the squad achieved across all disciplines and all experience levels, all while competing himself in his own respective events. Finally, in November 2025 Jonny had to undergo shoulder surgery keeping him from doing what he loved for the club. However, Jonny still turned up to training to coach from the sidelines, overcoming this adversity further by being pivotal in the karate club experiencing their best results at BUCS in the last 3 years at an individual level. He has laid the groundwork for student volunteer coaching standards in karate for the years to come after his graduation this summer.

Sports Personality of the Year Nominee

Mollie Wilkinson

Rugby Union



Whilst studying at the university Mollie achieved her first senior international cap for Wales against France in the 2024 Six Nations. After injury she then returned and achieved 2 official caps for Wales Under 20s in the Six Nations Summer Series along with 3 unofficial caps in warm up fixtures leading up to the tournament. Molly has been part of Bristol Bears and Brython Thunders squads throughout university.

This year Mollie has been the women's rep which has required her to be the main advocate for the women's side of the club in committee meetings. Mollie has helped increase female participation to having over 75 players this year and more 2nd XV games than ever before. She has worked alongside the committee to ensure that the women are on an equal playing field to the men, starting and continuously pushing the 'One Club' initiative in the summer and since. The women have been more involved than ever with whole club events like Movember, and this has grown the general vibe of the club to be more inclusive and welcoming. Alongside her role as women's rep Mollie has been assistant coach heading up the backs this season and lastly making sure that although she could not play due to injury the team have been in the best shape to perform on a BUCS Wednesday.

Thanks



I have immensely enjoyed being part of sport development here at Bath and there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the impact of the positive changes brought about by our student leaders and staff.

I would first like to thank our SU staff team, who are the engine behind our competitive and recreational offers. The sheer scale of work that goes into delivering such a high-quality sports programme should not be underestimated and we are all very appreciative of the hard work and dedication you all show.

Thank you and congratulations to the award winners. To represent your university to such a degree is no mean feat and you should all be very proud.

Thank you to the Sports Department for their continued support and facilitation of our sports programme, both on and off the field.

And thank you to those involved in the Blues awards: the committee and venue. We very much appreciate the hard work that has gone into preparing and running such a special event.

I would also like to thank Berkeleys and Surridge, our providers for transport and match kit. As always, your service has been impeccable.

Now there is one more group that deserves a very special thank you, and that is our elected student leaders. This year, 475 volunteers have shaped the student sport experience, as committees and exec, across our 56 sports clubs. These clubs are student run, and every event, session, social and fixture is the product of these student leaders. Their commitment underpins every success we celebrate and it's essential that we continue to recognise and champion their impact. On behalf of everyone at the Students' Union and all the students whose experiences you have shaped; thank you!

And so, I enter the last few weeks of my term as Sport Officer, and I just want to say it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all. I wish you all the best for the year ahead and look forward to seeing the continued achievement and success of sport at Bath. You will soon be in the hands of your officer-elect, Emily, and I know she will do fantastically!

Angus Gueterbock
Students' Union Sport Officer

