



University of Bath
Blues Awards
2011





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Professor Christopher Jennison
Warden of the Blues

Welcome

BLUES EVENING 2011

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

At this special event, we celebrate the achievements of sportsmen and sportswomen who have chosen to study at the University of Bath. We recognise their commitment to sport through competing, coaching and enthusing new participants on local and international stages. Whether as individuals or team members, our athletes show dedication to their sports and aim to excel.

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

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



Stephen Baddeley
Director of Sport

Having now had a full year as Director of Sport, I've had the opportunity to fully appreciate the vast scope and impressive variety of sporting activities taking place on the University campus. Alongside supporting the delivery of a vast array of activities for students, we truly provide extensive community activities for residents of B&NES and beyond from the ages of four to 94.

Inevitably our profile and reputation is based primarily on our involvement with the elite end of sport and this year has seen us add to our impressive collection of high performance activities with the return of British Bobsleigh to its 'spiritual' home. In addition British Trampoline confirmed us as its venue of choice for all its national training camps through to 2012. We now host and support high performance squads across 12 sports either at national or regional level. I was delighted that Badminton England selected us as one of only two regional high performance centres and that British Judo has recently established an Excel centre for talent development in the Sports Training Village.

Last summer we hosted a highly successful and emotionally moving British Transplant Games, followed by the first of three major British Paralympic Association preparation camps. The latter attracted sports movers and shakers from across the UK who descended on Bath in late August making us truly the centre of British sport for 24 hours.

The achievements of athletes, both students and non students, based at the Sports Training Village has once again been outstanding and there have been particularly notable successes within the field of Paralympic sport.

Sports Performance student Katrina Hart won gold at the Commonwealth Games and a gold and two bronzes at the Athletics Paralympic World Championships, where Paul Blake won a gold and two silvers and University alumnus Ben Rushgrove won silver and bronze medals.

Swimmer Michael Jamieson and modern pentathlete Freyja Prentice were also among students to excel this year. Michael (Sports Performance) won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games and Freyja (Biology) won a World Cup bronze medal last month.

Of non-students who train at the University, Dai Greene's achievement of winning 400m hurdles gold at both the European Championships and Commonwealth Games stands out, while Paula Walker steered Great Britain to the World Junior Bobsleigh title.

As our thoughts turn to next year I know that our focus and energies will be on ensuring the introduction of student sports memberships will help to truly enhance our students' sporting experience. This is a significant strategic shift in priorities for my department and it can only be implemented successfully if we work in a close and genuine partnership with the Students' Union Sports Association. I am fully committed to doing that and look forward to ensuring that this opportunity is grasped with both hands so that we can make the student sporting experience a truly memorable one for many more students.



Sports Association

In 2010/11, the University of Bath Students' Union Sports Association has continued to cater for the sporting requirements of over 4000 students at the University of Bath. With an evermore diverse membership, the Sports Association has endeavoured to ensure the provision of sporting opportunities for all students; regardless of age, background, degree, discipline or ability. As such, the Sports Association incorporates a variety of programmes ranging from The British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Performance to inter-university varsity competitions, as well as a developing Intramural programme. In this way, the Sports Association is committed to providing an enhanced student experience for all those wishing to participate in sport at the University of Bath, from the budding Olympian to a complete beginner.

The BUCS Championships have always been a focus for the Sports Association, but this year saw the introduction of the first aspects of the new BUCS Strategy, a combined project with the University Sports Department. With the aim of reclaiming second place in the BUCS overall points table, the Strategy, although in its early development, incorporates detailed points distribution analysis in order to efficiently identify and manage improvements in performance for the next three years. A large focus has now been placed on percentage success, with the target of increasing Bath's 50-60% to the level of Loughborough's 70-80%, across all sports. Badminton and Netball are both leading the way in these areas, with astounding results across almost all the teams. The Badminton Men's and Women's 1st teams and the Netball 1st team have both been crowned Premiership Champions, all of them doing so with an unbeaten league season. Similarly, the Badminton Men's 2nd team won Tier 1 and the Men's 3rd team won both their league and knock-outs without losing a single fixture all season. This has meant that this year the Badminton Club alone contributed

nearly 300 points, a total which currently makes up nearly 15% of the overall Points won across all 45 BUCS sports in which Bath currently participates.

In addition to the success of these sports, Bath are now Tier 1 Champions in Women's Football, Women's Rugby, Women's Volleyball, Women's Squash, Men's Lacrosse and Men's Fencing. The Men's Water Polo team and the Women's Rugby team were also crowned Trophy Champions.

In the tournament sports, the Men's Mountain Bike Cross Country team won Gold as did the Judo Women's team and our Modern Pentathlon Mixed team. Silver team medals were won by the Women's 200m Relay team at the Athletics Indoor event, the Men's Karate Kumite team, the Men's Trampoline team, the Men's Coxless Pair at the Rowing BUCS Head event, the Swimming Long Course Men's 4x100m Medley Relay Team and the Swimming Short Course Men's 4 x 50m Free Relay team.

Individual Gold medals were won by Kim Murray (Sport & Exercise Science) in Indoor Athletics Women's Long Jump, Shaun Mitchell (Sports Performance) and Kate Walker (Pharmacy) in Men's Under 60kg and Women's Under 63kg Judo respectively, Jonathan Garner-Richardson (Biochemistry) for Jiu Jitsu (Light Blue Belt), Freyja Prentice (Biology) in the Women's Individual Modern Pentathlon, Michael Jamieson (Sports Performance) for Swimming Long Course Men's 100m and 200m Breaststroke, and Jessica Dickons (Sports Performance) Women's 200m Fly.

Silver Championship medals were won in the Men's and Women's Indoor Archery Barebow events, Men's and Women's Indoor Athletics Long Jump, Men's Mountain Bike Individual Cross-Country, Judo Men's Under 73kg and Under 100kg categories, Women's Modern Pentathlon and Tennis Women's Singles. In the Swimming Long Course event, silver medals were won in the

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Men's 100m and 200m Backstroke and Women's 100m and 200m Breaststroke, as well as in the Short Course Men's 100m and 200m Breaststroke and Women's 200m Fly.

In order to support improved performance for our BUCS teams and individuals, as well as non-BUCS sports, priority has been placed on the need to develop club volunteers, through training, opportunities and qualifications. The Coach Education programme provides subsidies for students to gain coaching qualifications in their sport. This is available to all Sports Association members, which is then graduated according to the level of voluntary activity that is then put back into the club. This programme, and other aspects of volunteer support, have been crucial in allowing the continued development of the student-led clubs, and in particular, the growth of each individual student volunteer.

Key volunteers include those students on the Sports Association Executive Committee who provide significant voluntary support to the Students' Union Vice-President Sport and the student clubs. This year, they have helped to fundraise more money than ever before, provided event support (most notably for the hosting of the BUCS Western Conference Cup Finals) and led the University of Bath Intramural Programme. The Intramural programme provided a competitive outlet for over 400 students, outside of student club activity. This year the sports available have included Futsal, 6-a-side football, touch rugby and the flag-ship programme, the Inter-Departmental Football Competition (IDFC). The IDFC is the highly competitive 11-a-side league played on Wednesday afternoons alongside BUCS fixtures. Purely catering for University of Bath students, it allows additional competition and a way for students to have a departmental identity. Winning the competition is a highly coveted prize, this year claimed by the MoLES team representing the European Studies and Modern Languages Department.

Outside of this, the number of inter-Varsity competitions has risen with many clubs offering competition against other higher education institutions in addition to the BUCS league. The most successful of these have been Netball, Football, Volleyball and Rugby who have all offered student organised activity for members outside of the BUCS set-up. Most notably, the Rugby club have formed a brand new Rugby League side this year which, following a successful season, will now become part of BUCS in the 2011/12 season. Many sports now participate in Varsity events, including Swimming and Rowing, the most prominent example being the Rugby Varsity hosted at Bath's famous rugby ground 'The Rec' against Loughborough. Unfortunately, for the second time in a row, the Bath Men's team narrowly missed out by a single point, whilst the Bath Women retained their Varsity title with a 31-10 win over their midlands counterparts.

Other Sports Clubs have also enjoyed notable successes this year. The Gliding Club will now host the 2011 Inter-University Gliding Competition following their win last year and both the Kick-boxing 'Fight Night' and American Football 'The Sting' were highly successful events.



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STUDENTS' UNION
SPORTS
ASSOCIATION





Colours

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

Association Football and Futsal

Charlotte Plumb
Colin Rhodes
Fynn Scheben
Hannah Charman
Jamie Podkowka
Joe Dibben
Josh Merritt
Katie Ransome
Matthew Dochniak
Matthew Hind
Michael Geggus
Nicolas Mastenbroek
Sam Dormon
Sam Tufts

Athletics

Christopher Wakeford
Lucy Ferguson

Badminton

Alex Huttunen
Benjamin Tier
Bronwyn Powell
Stuart Rowlands

Canoe Club

Ben Bolton
Laura Pascoe
Stuart Richard Taylor

Cricket

Gary Chappell
Michael Geggus
Sam Cooper

Fencing

Andreas Kouyialis
Anthony Cameron
Barnabas Williams

Floorball

Rory Hawkins

Hockey

Julia Holder
Lucie Celerier
Lucy Eayrs

Jiu Jitsu

Graeme Kirkwood
Johnathan Garner-
Richardson

Karate

Bassam Talsi
Richard Sheppard

Lacrosse

Anthony Ackers
Charlotte Benbow
Chris Turner
Helen Whateley
Katherine Murray
Rhys Morgan

Netball

Becky Watkins
Clare Locke
Elizabeth Walker
Lisa Panes
Lois Rideout
Megan Bows
Mia Ritchie
Neala Brennan
Sophie Mead

Pool, Snooker and Darts

Rupinder Hunjan

Riding

Laura Pascoe
Portia Mckay Forbes

Rowing

Hannah Gavin

Rugby

Amy Tidmarsh
Joseph Charles Ellyatt
Katerina Josephides
Katie Mason
Matthew Keyte
Rebecca Harrison
Rhys Davies

Squash

Andrew Smith

Tennis

Caroline Rosamond
Marianne Lancaster
Steffi Colyer

Waterpolo

Elizabeth Walker
Emma Vincent
Holly Smith
Rachel Ganly
Rebecca Macenri
Samuel Heard



Honorary Colours

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

Association Football and Futsal

Jamie Podkowka

Jiu Jitsu

Chris Guiver

Latin & Ballroom Dancing

Hayden Phyto

Sports Association Executive Committee

Christopher Clements

Laura Jackson

Leigh Culling

Patrick Balling

Trampoline

Daniel Willis

Zambia Project

Grace McCatty

Joseph Dale

Matthew Dochniak

Matthew Guy



Half Blues

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

Association Football and Futsal

Jose Lima
Mark Ingram
Robert Yilmaz
Tom Piotrowski

Fencing

Matthew Edgar

Golf

Matthew Steven Floyd

Hockey

Dani Black
Hannah Tsui
Harriet Stratten
Joanna Helen Slade
Lucy Moir
Phillipa Mitchell
Simon Rea

Judo

Shaun Mitchell

Karate

Thomas Beasley

Rowing

Gabriella Luisa Rodriguez

Tennis

Lara Crouch

Full Blues

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

James Grocock Athletics



James is a 4th year student and has represented the University Athletics' team for the past four years, competing in the BUCS Indoor and Outdoor Championships every year.

James has represented England U20 and GB U20 on numerous occasions in the Long Jump. He was ranked UK number 1 indoors for long jump for 2 years in a row (2007, 2008) and ranked UK number 2 for U20 outdoors in 2008. He gained a Bronze medal at BUCS indoors 2008, and Silver in 2011. James also won a Silver medal in AAA (English) U20 indoor Championships in 2008 with a personal best of 7.39m, which ranked him 18th in the country.



Alex Paske
Judo

Alex started Judo at 5 years old and is currently in his 4th year studying Chemistry here at the University of Bath. He has been training alongside his degree full time with the Judo team for nearly 4 years.

During Alex's time here at the University, he has competed in the BUCS Championships U66kgs category and has won an array of Gold and Silver medals in individual and team events.

Outside of the University, Alex has represented Great Britain at U23 European Championships in Zagreb, with consistent podium finishes for the past two years at British Senior ranking events.

In 2007, Alex gained Silvers at the U20 British Championships and the Heart of England U20 championships. The following year he represented GB at the U23 European Championships, was selected as reserve for the U20 World Championships and represented GB at the Lyon international U20 A-tournament.

Most recently in 2010, Alex won Silver at the English Senior Open and Bronzes at the Heart of England, Welsh Open and Scottish Open Senior championships.

John Whittington
Mountain Bike



John only started racing when he joined the University in 2007, after enjoying mountain biking in school. Since racing John has ranked up as fast as is possible, gaining his Elite XC licence after just 2 seasons.

In 2009, John represented the University of Bath in the BUCS Championships gaining one Bronze and 2 Silvers in the XCO Champs and the Team Cyclo-Cross. Most recently in 2010, he gained a Gold medal in the Team XCO Championships.

At a National Level, John competed in the U23 Championships in 2009, and in 2010 raced in the Elite National Series.

Internationally, John has competed in 4 World Cups in Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and UK.

John's long term aim is to progress towards Rio 2016, along the way concentrating on the British National Series and a number of International races, including further World Cups. As a student, John hopes to be selected for the 2011 World Student Games in China.





Sam Perry
Netball

Sam studies Business and German at the University and has played 1st team netball every year of her degree other than that of her placement year when she was in Germany.

Sam has represented England at U17, U19 and U21 level, culminating in the World Youth Championships in 2009 in the Cook Islands. After this event, Sam went on placement and on her return this year was selected for the National Excel Plus programme which includes senior players who make up the larger national squad.

She was a member of the BUCS winning Netball team in 2008/9 and in all other years has achieved nothing less than the semi finals stage with 3 podium finishes.

Sean Bathe-Taylor
Rowing



Sean is a 4th year Civil Engineering Student here at the University of Bath. He has been representing the University as Team Captain at BUCS for 4 years in the Small Boats Head, Head of the River and BUCS Regatta Championships where he has gained Gold and Silver medals.

Sean is a Senior International Rower, and he competed at Home Countries International Rowing Regatta in 2009. Sean claimed a double Gold in the Coxless Pairs and Coxed Eights events.



Nicola Hoole

Rugby



Nicola is studying for a BSc in Sports Performance and is now in her final year. When Nicola started at the University she was already the Captain of the England U 20s team and a starting player for Bath Rugby Ladies. Over her three years at university, Nicola has proved her worth as an “all-rounder” on the rugby field, playing back-row for England, centre for her club and fly-half for her University. Now playing in the Premiership at Bristol Rugby, Nicola is part of the England A senior squad, representing her country against Spain and the Nomads, scoring a try in the match against the former. This month she will be in Spain to represent England at the European Trophy.

During her time at the University of Bath, Nicola has made a significant impact on the success of the Women’s Rugby team, helping them to secure BUCS League Runners-up, BUCS League Winners, BUCS Trophy Runners-up and BUCS Trophy Winners in successive years. Her most memorable performance is probably that of her iconic break-away try that helped to seal the rugby varsity win over Loughborough in 2009.

Lucy Ferguson

Triathlon



Lucy is a Masters student studying Mechanical Engineering. During her time here at the University she has been involved with Pentathlon and Triathlon.

Lucy has already gained a Blue for Modern Pentathlon and this year has been awarded a Blue for Triathlon. Lucy is the University of Bath’s top female Duathlon competitor and Biathlete.

Lucy has competed at Senior International Level in Biathle for Great Britain in 2009 and claimed a Bronze Medal. She has also competed at Triathlon Sprint Distance in the 20-24 age-group for Great Britain where Lucy achieved 2nd place at the European Championships.

In 2010 Lucy qualified for Worlds, but unfortunately could not compete due to injury. She has qualified again for the Europeans 2011 in June.

Honorary Blues

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



Paul Blake
Athletics

University of Bath-based athlete Paul Blake completed a stunning International Paralympics Committee Athletics World Championship debut this year in New Zealand.

Paul impressively won a medal in every event he entered in Christchurch, including 2 Silver Medals in the T36 800m and 1500m. Paul then rounded off his performance at the International Championships by striking gold in the T36 400m, smashing his personal best in the process.

The trip to New Zealand is the last major international event for Paul ahead of the London Paralympics in 2012 where the athlete dreams of winning Gold.



Special Awards

The Gethin John Bevan
Club Member of the Year

The Tugendhat Trophy for
Sporting Endeavour

The Ivor Powell Award
for Excellence in Coaching



The Santander
Outstanding Sportsman Fresher of the Year

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Outstanding Sportswoman Fresher of the Year

BUCS Team of the Year

Club of the Year

Sports Personality of the Year





Robert McDougall Rowing

Robert McDougall is a key part of the Rowing Club, and his influence reaches beyond the boundaries of any positions that he has held. Rob has been a member of the Club since 2006, and since then has held two positions on the committee – Senior Men’s Captain and Transport Secretary. His Rowing achievements are amongst the top in the club, including a Gold medal at BUCS Regatta last year, high finishes in Great Britain trials and performances both at Henley Royal Regatta and EUSA Regatta.

Now in his 4th year with the club, Rob is no longer a member of the committee, however, is still a fantastic source of help and inspiration to other club members. He donates countless hours of effort to the club, with examples including 4 days’ work in the week leading up to BUCS Head of the River to repair and refurbish a boat to allow an additional novice VIII to compete.

The Gethin John Bevan Club Member of the Year

While his skill and knowledge of all things relating to rowing has improved the club and its facilities endlessly, it is his drive to improve the club which shines through as an outstanding example of his spirit. This drive can be seen in numerous areas, including boat house improvements ranging from the creation of a blade pit and the sourcing two coaching launches to club improvements such as the procurement of the club’s 4x4 truck and new boat trailer, which are invaluable resources.

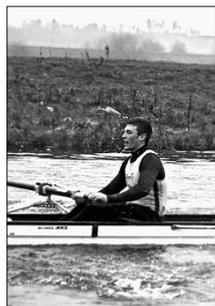
While assisting the rowing club wherever possible, Rob has found time to row in the club’s first boat for the past four years, winning a number of national medals and competitions and last summer representing Great Britain at the European Universities Championships in Amsterdam.

Without Robert, the University of Bath’s Boat Club would be a shadow of the organisation that it is today.

The Tugendhat Trophy for Sporting Endeavour

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

Jack Cadman Rowing



Having only had very little contact with Rowing before arriving at the University of Bath, Jack embarked on a journey within the student Rowing Club.

Jack's dedication was noticed immediately when he joined the Club and began training with the Senior Men's Squad. Because of his committed approach and natural strength, Jack entered straight into the Senior Men's 1st VIII, which took 6th place at the BUCS Championships Head in 2010. This was followed by winning the IM3 category at the Head of the River, the best result in the club's history.

Jack was selected to train with the High Performance GB Start group, and with his ongoing improvement he was selected to race in the University's Championship Pair at BUCS Small Boats Head in 2010 where he and his partner claimed their first BUCS points of the Year.

In 2011 Jack has brought home a wealth of BUCS points for the University with top 6 finishes in the Men's VIII, Quad and Coxless four.

Continuing dedication to his training and strong performances at GB Rowing Trials has led to Jack being accepted onto the GB Start Programme, and he is now one of the strongest U20 competitors in the country, and has been selected for a place in a GB U23 boat in a set of exhibition races against the Cambridge Blue Boat.

Jack is now looking forward to further medalling opportunities at BUCS Regatta in May and to final Great Britain Trials.

The Ivor Powell Award

for Excellence in Coaching

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

Jess Garland

Head Netball Coach



Jess is a well-respected and popular Head Netball Coach at the University of Bath that has helped develop some of England's most talented young players.

Under Jess' guidance since 2005, University of Bath-based players have won a steady stream of titles at junior, senior and British Universities levels, with a number of players called up for the Senior England Squad.

The student teams which Jess coaches, compete in the BUCS League and not only do they win nearly all of their matches, but

they win almost every week by a large point difference.

Jess has had an extensive playing career. She has played for England U16, U18, U19, U21 and with the National Squad. Jess played in the World Youth Championships 2000, Commonwealth Games 2002 and the European Championships.



The Santander

Outstanding Sportsman Fresher of the Year

George Farrant
Hockey



George is studying for a Foundation Degree in Sport (Sports Performance). Along side his studies he has been a key member of the University men's 1st Hockey team playing all of the BUCS league games this year.

George is currently an NPC athlete and a member of the England U21 men's Squad. He has been identified as a future GB International with a view to competing in the 2016 Olympic Games.

Alongside his England representation, George also competed in the Great Britain Super League in 2009/10 and has been selected for 2010/11.



The Santander

Outstanding Sportswoman Fresher of the Year

Rosie Allison
Netball



Rosie Allison started at the University this year and is studying Biology. She is a member of the England national Long squad and England U19 team. She also competed at the World Youth Championships in 2009 in the Cook Islands.

Rosie is an incredibly driven and committed individual, moving from Sussex when she was only 16 years old to attend school in Bath in order to access the High Performance Netball Training at the University of Bath as well as follow her academic ambitions. She lived with a host family and settled in well to her new life. Rosie has trained everyday, mostly twice a day throughout her A Levels and was committed to coming to the University of Bath.

Since arriving Rosie has been a valued and well liked member of the University Netball 1st team and is a respected role model to her peers both in academia and Netball.

In her short time at the University she has helped the 1st Team to a league winning title with an unbeaten record and has earned a place in the England National Squad.

BUCS Team of the Year

Four Nominations – winner announced on the night

Netball 1st Team

The 1st team have won their league this season with an unbeaten record 10/10 wins – the only team in both the North and South Premier leagues to do so.

While winning the league they have scored 715 goals for and only conceded 253 against with half the squad being made up of Freshers which is a fantastic achievement for such a new team. In one match the team achieved a record score of 96 goals. The team then progressed to the semi finals in the Championship.

Six members of the team this year have been selected for the 14 man strong squad to play for English Universities in Northern Ireland in April – a record number from the University of Bath in 1 team.

Futsal Men's 1st Team

The men's 1st V side have had unequivocal success both within BUCS and non-BUCS competition this year. The men's 1st V started their BUCS season in Cardiff in October, and capitalised on their success in previous BUCS competitions after finishing 3rd in the Championship Finals last year.

Over the 4 qualifiers that ran until the end of February, the men's 1st V won all of their 8 games in the BUCS South-West Premier Division. This took them to the BUCS finals in Sheffield for the second time and they ended up as semi-finalists.

This season the side produced some outstanding results.

Overall, the club has scored 34 times and conceded only 10 in their BUCS games this year.

This form progressed to non-BUCS competitions where the team has not lost yet.

Badminton Ladies 1st Team

The Badminton Ladies 1st team have continued to dominate the South Premier league this season by winning all 6 matches, with a game tally of 45 won and 3 lost. They progressed through to the semi-final of the Championships for the 5th year in a row, beating arch rivals Loughborough but coming away with a Silver Medal in the final.

The Ladies have done especially well this year with many new players who have strengthened the team leading to numerous 8-0 victories, showing the strength and depth the team now has.

Karate

Members of the Karate club have been BUCS Champions for the past 3 out of 4 years setting them up as Number 1 Seeds for the Championships this year where the team took their largest number of competitors yet.

The team has been training with the England Squad to enhance their performance and have won a total of over 10 medals in Senior, Novice and Team events at the Championships along with achieving successes in both senior and junior categories at various regional events.

Club of the Year

Netball

This year the Netball club has achieved and beaten all the targets it set itself at the start of the season. Individually set aims were for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams to finish no lower than second place in their leagues and for the 5th team to stay within its league. The club wanted to have the most members to date and increase participation within the recreational club. The members have put in hours of hard work by training, volunteering with the recreational club or volunteering at super league. The enthusiasm for the club is shown by all its members.

All of these targets have been achieved and in many cases been exceeded. The 1st and 3rd team were unbeaten in their leagues and progressed to the Championship semi-final and the Conference Cup final respectively. The 2nd team finished an admirable 2nd place and battled its way to the Trophy final for the first time in 4 years. The 4th team gained promotion this year and the 5th team remained steady in their league. The Netball club as a whole has seen a win rate of over 80% this year.

These achievements will result in a significant points increase for the University of Bath's overall BUCS total on last year and this is a fantastic, collective improvement.

The achievements within the club could not have happened without the support of the coaches. The club has made significant improvements in its provision to its members this year by providing a coach for every team, more training hours and training sessions. The coaches of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th teams do many extra hours that are not paid and are students who attend or have attended the University.

The club has increased its provision for the recreational side of the club with more hours on a Wednesday and Friday to cater for the huge interest from players who either opted out of BUCS

teams or had not been fortunate enough to get a place. Match play against schools and colleges has also been implemented for these players this year for those who wanted the opportunity.

The members of the Netball Club pride themselves in working together, as a committee, as teams, as players, and are proud to be part of the club

Rowing

The University of Bath Rowing Club is currently experiencing the most successful year in its history, outstripping its previous performances in every way. This success ranges from racing results, membership and participation.

The club is more organised than it has ever been. With the largest ever intake of beginner rowers and the club's greatest ever number of members who continue to compete throughout the year, an incredible amount of planning is required. This success is down to the incredible commitment of the committee who plan the events and the rowers taking part.

Good running of the Rowing Club is vital. The club's members and leaders are closely tied with other local clubs extending across the South West, including the Minerva Bath Rowing Club with which the University club shares a boat house. These relationships have allowed the Club to borrow boats and equipment, make composite competition crews and improve the level of coaching within their own club, through cooperation

The standard of results this year has only been achieved because of the remarkable efforts of the members in training hard, as the club is currently without a paid coach. In excess of 70

Three Nominations – winner announced on the night

members attend circuit training at 7am every Wednesday morning, and a similar number train every weekend at a stretch of river in Bath, all organised, coached and run by students.

This commitment extends to other areas of the club, where members regularly strive on behalf of the club to be part of its continued improvement. Four completely new sponsors were found this year, almost trebling sponsorship income and a brand new Alumni dinner event, requiring many months of preparation, has been started in London to improve relationships between the club and its previous members.

This has put the club in the best position possible to gain its highest ever placing at the upcoming Head of The River Race in London, and go on to get the best finish positions at BUCS regatta. This should all culminate with the club managing to have a crew get further at Henley Royal Regatta than ever in the club's history. This success has also allowed two of the club's seniors to make it through to the final stages of the U23 trialling system and places them amongst the top athletes fighting for a place at this summer's World U23 Championships.

Jiu Jitsu

The enthusiasm, drive and accomplishments of the University of Bath Jiu Jitsu club this year have surpassed anything seen before from the club. Over the last few years the club has recruited and retained a steadily increasing number of people. This year, due to the outstanding efforts of the committee members at the Sports fair, the season started with over 75 people 'on the mat'. By the end of the first semester the club had retained over 50 of those who came to the initial taster session.

In November, the Jitsu club participated in a regional competition involving a network of clubs in the South West which includes Bristol University and University of the West of England. After an enthusiastic competition Bath reigned victorious with outstanding performances from both the novices and the higher grades.

Later in November the club headed to the Jitsu Foundation's annual National BUCS Competition that had nearly 80 clubs and over 800 people attending. The University of Bath walked away with a number of Gold and Silver medals, and were prestigiously crowned "The Jitsu Foundation National Atemi Champions 2010", something any club can be proud of.

Completing their storming of the Jitsu calendar last semester, the club went through the rigorous process of the grading, an event attended by people from all over the region. The University of Bath achieved a 100% pass rate. Only three students were awarded the top mark for their yellow belt out of the 40 novices graded that day and all of them were from Bath. Two of the club's members also made the extraordinarily tough step to Dark Blue, one grade away from Instructor level.

The club have set up additional sessions with other mandated instructors, so they can extend their practice. This means that the Bath Town Club, a smaller club operating out of the Bath Leisure Centre is regularly supported by members of the University who train there as much as they can.

All the extra training paid off in February this year as the club walked away from the (second of two) Jitsu Foundation National Championships with two Gold medals, two Silvers and three Bronzes.

Sports Personality of the Year

The winner of this award will be announced on the night.

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.

Sam Perry **Netball**



Sam is a 4th Year student studying for a BSc (Hons) International Management and Modern Languages degree and has played 1st team netball every year of her degree other than that of her placement year when she was in Germany.

Throughout her university life Sam has been a fantastic role model for any sports person who has wanted to combine high academic ambition with an international sporting career. She has represented England at U17, U19 and U21 level, culminating in the World Youth Championships in 2009 in the Cook Islands.

On Sam's return this year from placement, she was selected for the National Excel Plus Programme which includes senior players who make up the larger national squad. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates Sam's progress towards a full International Cap. She trains regularly with the national coach and players and is on the TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) designed to support those athletes looking likely to progress in their sport.

Sam was a member of the BUCS winning Netball team in 2008/9 and in all other years has made nothing less than the semi finals stage. She is Co-Captain of the current 1st team who remained unbeaten all the way to the Championship semi-finals this year.

Isabelle Noel-Smith Rugby



Isabelle is a final year student studying for the BA (Hons) Coach Education & Sports Development degree. When Isabelle started at the University of Bath, she was already a member of the England set-up in the Under 19s squad. By the end of her first year, she had been awarded several England Under 20s caps, including playing in the final of the Nations Cup in Canada, was a starting 1st team player for Bath Rugby Ladies, and a TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) athlete. Isabelle has always shown incredible commitment to the University of Bath Women's Rugby team above and beyond expectation, ensuring she played whenever her international commitments allowed, on one occasion playing in a University, Premiership and International fixture in the space of 7 days. Whilst at University she has worked hard to further develop her rugby and is now an established member of the Senior England squad, whilst also representing England at the BUCS Home Nations Sevens Championship and Great Britain at the World University Sevens Championships.

During her time playing for the University of Bath, Isabelle has played a significant part in the success of the women's Rugby team, helping to secure BUCS League Runners-up, BUCS League Winners, BUCS Trophy Runners-up and BUCS Trophy Winners in successive years. She was also a starting player in the last Real Varsity rugby match, where Bath beat Loughborough for the first time. This year, Isabelle was elected Vice-Captain of the University team and has been instrumental in helping the women's Rugby team to win their league and reach the Trophy final for the third time.



Lucy Ferguson Triathlon

Lucy is a 4th year student studying for a Mechanical Engineering Masters. Lucy started out university life heavily dedicated to Modern Pentathlon. In 2007 Lucy won a Silver medal at the Swiss Open Modern Pentathlon Championships. She then went on to represent Great Britain in 2008. Lucy competed in the European Championships and the World Championships and it was there that she won a team Silver medal.

If these outstanding achievements weren't enough, Lucy is now competing as a top level Triathlete and has competed at senior international level in Biathle (run/swim/run) for Great Britain. Lucy gained a Bronze medal at the senior world Biathle championships in 2009.

Furthermore, Lucy has competed at Triathlon Sprint distance in the 20-24 age-group level for Great Britain where she came 2nd at the European Championships. Most recently, Lucy has qualified for Europeans 2011 in June.

Alongside Lucy's successful career and transition from Pentathlon to Triathlon, she has been an influential member of the Triathlon club this year, dedicating her experience as a senior member and many hours of her time in organising and

sorting out many issues. One of her main achievements has been successfully assisting the organisation of the Bath Run Series, with the aim of generating funds for the club's training camp in Lanzarote. Lucy has tried to make both clubs more attractive to novices as well as the elite, by providing opportunities for both to compete at their respective levels.

This year Lucy has been awarded athletics colours and a full Triathlon Blue, having competed for Great Britain in her age group in 2010 and 2011.



Michael Jamieson

Swimming

University of Bath's Sports Performance student Michael Jamieson is one of Britain's top Commonwealth swimmers. His first British Silver medal was won in the 100m Breaststroke at the 2010 British Gas Swimming Championships with his first Gold won in the 200m Breaststroke a few days later.

An un-rested semi-final appearance on his major international debut at the European Championships in Budapest confirmed the Scottish swimmer's promise before his breakthrough Commonwealth medal in Delhi where Michael claimed an impressive Silver medal in the 200m breaststroke.

Michael is TeamBath's latest male athlete of the month and collected the award for his impressive performances at the British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) Championships, when he won a 100m and 200m breaststroke double, setting a qualification time for July's World Championships in Shanghai in the process. Michael led the way as the University of Bath finished as runners-up at the British Universities and Colleges Sport long course championships.

Katrina Hart

Athletics



Katrina, a 1st year Sports Performance student, started off her professional athletics career by winning a Bronze medal in the 100m at the 2005 European Championships in Espoo, Finland, when she was the youngest member of the GB team aged just 15. Katrina made her Paralympics Games debut at the Beijing 2008 Games, finishing seventh in the T37 100m final.

She just missed out on a medal at the World Championships in Assen, the Netherlands in 2006, setting a personal best to finish 4th in the T37 200m and coming 5th in the 100m.

However, with a few more years experience under her belt, Katrina struck gold at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games. She sprinted to Gold in the T37 100m final to claim England's first athletics Gold medal of the Games. And she did it in style, setting a British record of 14.36 seconds. She became the first University of Bath-based athlete to claim a medal in Delhi.

2011 has been an equally successful year for Katrina, as she claimed a Gold in the T37 200m Athletics World Championships in New Zealand and a brace of Bronzes, winning a medal in every event she entered. This achievement gained her the title of TeamBath's athlete of the month.



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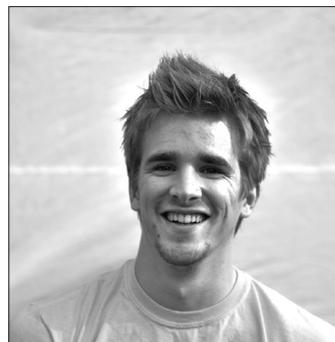
2010-11 has been a difficult year for Sport at Bath for a number of reasons. Last year saw us fall to 4th in the BUCS table, a position that we will struggle to improve on this year. That is not to say we haven't had some fantastic sporting achievements, whether it is a student scoring their first goal/try/points for the University or a student representing their home country at an International level, everyone can look back proudly on something they have done this year.

Behind the scenes, there are staff within both the Students' Union Sports Association and the University Sport's department that ensure sport is successfully delivered to students at an ever improving quality. With that in mind I would like to give great thanks to those staff for their dedication and hours of hard work that go largely unnoticed.

However, none of what we achieve would be possible without the hundreds of volunteer students that give up their time, to ensure the smooth running of the 49



sports we offer, to provide opportunities and further develop their peers. I would like to thank all the club committees, the coaches, the captains and the SA executive committee for the countless hours they have put into making sport at Bath successful. The year I have spent in office would have been no where near as easy without you.



Andy Crawshaw
VP Sport





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