



OULTC Hilary Term Newsletter

Dear OULTC Alumni,

The start of this academic year seems busier than normal, but we're extremely happy to be able to have our members back actively on and off court with club sessions and events, after a little bit too much screen time in the 20 months prior. Indoor court trainings are back, our teams are competing at BUCS, and social tennis sessions are receiving interest like never before. The committee has been working hard to ensure that the covid disruption minimises the impact on club development and we'll be sharing you these updates as the year progresses.

I am delighted to introduce myself as this year's alumni officer. This is my second year in the committee, and I am very excited to be sharing you news about the club, keep you engaged, and listen to any suggestions you may have. I must apologise for the lack of a Michaelmas update, but I hope that this newsletter is able to fill those gaps.

2022 ALUMNI DINNER

We are pleased to confirm that after the absence of the 2021 event, the OULTC Alumni Dinner will be back on March 4, 2022 at Queen's Club, London. This is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends and hear updates about the club in the past 2 years, as well as our plans forward.

You can purchase a ticket on the following link: <https://www.oultc.org/alumni-dinner>. We look forward to seeing you at the Queen's Club!

2020/2021 RECAP



University of the Year (Central & East) Regional Winner awards ceremony, joined by LTA Councillor Steve Winyard.

The previous academic year was one like no other, but OULTC shone through the hardships. We awarded the hardship fund launched in the year prior, ran successful Cuppers and Club Championships, and reached a record-breaking 394 members, some of which are from the newly structured Staff Membership. Our social tennis programme is ever growing, and we continued to hold sessions over the Long Summer. Due to our club growth and our commitment in ensuring the continuation of tennis during Covid-19 restrictions, we were extremely proud to have

been awarded the National Runner Up for University of the Year by the Lawn Tennis Association.

Though Tours were not able to go ahead in 2021, we were very excited, despite Brexit, to have our top three players invited to the HEC Clay Court Challenge 2021 in Monte Carlo, organised by HEC Paris. This tournament invites the best business schools across Europe and has previously been held in Roland Garros, before moving to the Monte Carlo Country Club (MCCC). Unfortunately, we lost against Cambridge – the eventual winner– in the semi-finals, with two deciding matches going to three sets. We secured third place through convincing wins against HEC Paris.

Our teams were unfortunately very affected by Covid-19 over Varsity weekend, with three key players in the Women’s Blues team having to self isolate and miss the event. Regardless, we still managed to have a successful weekend, with the Men’s Blues taking home the trophy after a high-quality, nail-biting 11-10 win.

During the same weekend, the rest of our team players held a home Varsity –the first home fixture since 2018– across courts at Iffley Road Sports Centre, University Parks, North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, St John’s College, Magdalen College, and Worcester College. The full results are as follows:

| Team | Result (Oxford - Cambridge) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Men’s Blues | 11-10 |
| Women’s Blues | 4-17 |
| Men's Seconds | 13-8 |
| Women's Seconds | 12-9 |
| Men’s Thirds | 12-0 |
| Women's Thirds | 2-11 |
| Men’s Fourths | 9-12 |
| Women's Fourths | 12-9 |
| Men’s Fifths | 5-14 |
| Men's Sixths | 8-13 |



MICHAELMAS & HILARY TERM 2022

We have a busy term ahead, following the success of Michaelmas Term, with our Blues players Jack Molloy and Ross martin taking home the bronze medal in the BUCS Doubles Championships. In addition, this year’s club secretary Izzy Marshall was awarded awarded the 2021/2022 Vincent’s Award and has been selected, for the second year in a row, as a Blues Individual Performance athlete.

Hilary Term will see our teams continue to compete in BUCS, as well as friendly matches against Old Blues and the All England Lawn Tennis Club in February. If you are an Old Blue and would like to reach out to the Old Blues Captains, please email oultcalumni@gmail.com and we will get you in touch with the relevant captains.

The Prentice/Seabright Cup is planned to go ahead this August in America—after subsequent cancellations— with team selection to be finalised at the end of this term. In addition, the Blues Tour is scheduled to go ahead in California over Easter Break, with the 2/3s Tour in Portugal.

VARSIITY 2022

We are pleased to announce that the 132nd Blues Varsity will be held in Moor Park on June 25-26. We hope to be able to welcome back spectators this year and include an alumni reception. Please save the date and we will be informing you with further details in Trinity. Our 2/3/4/5 Varsities will be in Cambridge this year, with dates to be confirmed.

That is all from me this term, I will be back in early Trinity to confirm Varsity arrangements as well as further development plans, particularly on the Iffley clubhouse. Thank you for your continued support.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing some of you at the alumni dinner.

With best wishes,
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OULTC Alumni Officer

