

# The 95th Ice Hockey Varsity Match

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Saturday 7th March 2015

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In addition, we would like to thank the generous aid given by alumni members whose continued donations help to keep Ice Hockey at Cambridge strong.

These generous sponsors ensure the success and longevity of our club, and we are enormously grateful for their help. Our players are faced with considerable expenses each year, including subscriptions, ice rink hire, equipment costs, insurance, match fees and travel. For this reason the club is always looking for ways to help keep costs to students down. In return for your investment we would provide national exposure displaying your logo on our website, Varsity programmes and at matches. Previous Varsity Matches have drawn crowds of over 1000 spectators. The CUIHC also receives international media attention and in recent years has seen featured on both Canadian national television and radio.

If you are interested in sponsoring CUIHC, or would like more information, please contact our Captain, or visit website:

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## Proposed new rink for Cambridge!

Cambridge could soon have its own ice-rink. David Gattiker, captain of the CUIHC Blues in 1931, bequeathed a substantial sum to the University of Cambridge to build an ice rink for the city. Bill Harris formed Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre (CLIC), a charitable company to expend this and other more recent donations for the creation of what is now known as the Cambridge Ice Arena. With more than its fair share of false starts, today CLIC and its partners have finally applied for planning permission on the site that could become home to the city's first permanent ice hockey venue. For more information about this project and how you can help support it, go to:

**[cambridgeicearena.com](http://cambridgeicearena.com)**

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# Varsity History

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The first Oxford-Cambridge Varsity Match was played in 1885 in St. Moritz, Switzerland. In commemoration of this advent of Oxbridge ice hockey, the Light Blues hold their annual training camp in Zuoz, which is fewer than 20 kilometres from St. Moritz. The 1885 match is recognised by the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto and the International Ice Hockey Federation as the oldest ongoing hockey rivalry in the world. The first Varsity Match also saw the genesis of the Cambridge Light Blues and the Oxford Blues, who are together acknowledged as the second oldest teams in existence, after the McGill Redmen. Cambridge defenseman Spencer Brennan honours the uniting of these legacies, having played for McGill before coming to Cambridge.

After getting its start in Switzerland, hockey remained dormant in Europe until some ten years later. There is a well-documented Varsity Match taking place on the lake at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, seat of the Duke of Marlborough, in 1895. On March 16th, 1900, the first “official” Varsity Match was played at the famous Prince’s Club in London. Historical records indicate that Cambridge was led by Mr. J.J. Cawthra, who is credited as being the founder of the current series of hockey Varsity Matches.

In the following years, bizarre rules appeared to limit the number of Canadians on each Varsity side. For instance, the 1914 match permitted each team to include at least two Canadians none of whom had “resided in North America for more than three years after their ninth birthday”. (It was not until December, 1920 that an unlimited number of Canadians was allowed on either team).

A break brought on by the Great War was followed by an increase in the popularity of ice hockey in the UK. By 1939, well over 10,000 people were attending the Varsity Match until it was once again interrupted by war on the Western Front and beyond. On-ice battles between these two universities resumed in 1949.

Tonight will be the 95th installment of the ice hockey Varsity Match. On the line for both teams is a season of intense dedication to winning the Patton Cup, the symbol of Varsity triumph since 1927. The trophy is named after Major B.M. “Peter” Patton, founder and the first President of the British Ice Hockey Association, the league in which Oxford and Cambridge now play.

# Blues Description

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## Cambridge and Oxford Full and Half Blues

### Blues Explained

A blue is an award earned by Oxford and Cambridge students for athletic achievement at the highest level. Blues are regulated by the Men's and Women's Blues Committees at each respective university, who strive to maintain the credibility of the awards. A Full Blue has been described as the highest honour that may be bestowed on a Cambridge or Oxford athlete. The Half Blue standard is approximately equated to being successful at the county or regional level of competition; whereas, the Full Blue denotes success at the national level of competition. Half and Full Blue athletes are entitled to wear their respective half and full blues blazers and ties, the latter of which are one of the most recognizable and distinctive garments at the University.

### Cambridge Men's Ice Hockey – Discretionary Full Blue

In 2014, Cambridge was elevated to Discretionary Full Blue status for the first time in its history. This means that all Cambridge players who take part in the Varsity Match get a Half Blue. At the discretion of the captain, in line with the criteria listed below, a select number of players are recommended to the Blues Committee for Full Blues. Six Cambridge Light Blues earned Full Blues last year, including three playing tonight: Julien Gagnon, Oscar Wilsby, and Jaason Geerts.

### The Full Blue Criteria in Ice Hockey

Full Blue recommendations are made based on the following criteria:

- (1) A starter in the Varsity Match.
- (2) Performance in the regular season, as measured by statistics (e.g. points, goals, assists, plus/minus, save percentage (goaltenders)) and Player of the Match nominations.
- (3) Performance in the Varsity Match, as measured by the same statistics as above.

# BUIHA Season Statistics

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## 2014 - 2015 Men's BUIHA Division One Ice Hockey Season Records

### Goals

1. Christopher Finch (Cambridge) 22
2. Kory Kaunisto (London) 18
3. Julien Gagnon (Cambridge) 15

### Goals Against Average (Goaltenders)

1. James Andrew (London) 3.67
2. Romain Tourenne (Cambridge) 4.14
3. Ryan Berg (Oxford) 4.17

### Assists

1. Jaason Geerts (Cambridge) 16
1. Christopher Finch (Cambridge) 16
1. Matthew Arnold (London) 16

### Save Percentage (Goaltenders)

1. Romain Tourenne (Cambridge) 0.91
2. James Andrew (London) 0.90
3. Stefan Mirus (Oxford) 0.89

### Points

1. Christopher Finch (Cambridge) 38
2. Kory Kaunisto (London) 29
3. Julien Gagnon (Cambridge) 28

### Oxford - 6 - 0 - 2

- (Loss) Saturday, November 8: London Dragons 9, Oxford Blues 6  
(Win) Saturday, November 15: Oxford Blues 7, Oxford University Blues 6  
(Win) Saturday, November 29: Oxford Blues 8, Cambridge Light Blues 3  
(Win) Saturday, January 31: Oxford Blues 6, Coventry and Warwick Panthers 4  
(Win) Saturday, February 14: Oxford Blues 10, Oxford University Blues 2  
(Loss) Saturday, February 21: London Dragons 8, Oxford Blues 3  
(Win) Sunday, February 21: Oxford Blues 9, Coventry and Warwick Panthers 2

### Cambridge - 5 - 1 - 2

- (Loss) Saturday, November 1: London Dragons 9, Cambridge Light Blues 5  
(Win) Saturday, November 8: Cambridge Light Blues 12, Oxford University Blues 6  
(Win) Saturday, November 15: Cambridge Blues 9, Southampton Spitfires 4  
(Win) Saturday, November 22: Cambridge Light Blues 9, Oxford University Blues 1  
(Loss) Saturday, November 29: Oxford Blues 8, Cambridge Light Blues 3  
(Win) Saturday, January 24: Cambridge Light Blues 12, Coventry and Warwick Panthers 1  
(Win) Saturday, February 14: Cambridge Light Blues 4, Coventry and Warwick Panthers 0  
(Tie) Saturday, February 28: Cambridge Light Blues 8, London Dragons 8

**where BUIHA = British Universities Ice Hockey Association.**



# Cambridge Blues

# Captain's Welcome

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**Jaason Geerts**

## **Dear Friends and Fans of Cambridge and Oxford Ice Hockey,**

It is an honour to welcome you to the 95th annual Varsity Ice Hockey Match! We are thrilled to be hosting the newest installment of the longest-standing ongoing hockey rivalry in the world. This is a particularly momentous year given that the long-awaited reality of an ice rink in Cambridge is nearly upon us.

Emerson writes that what lies behind and before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. This encapsulates the beauty of the Varsity Match: two universities, more alike than different, striving furiously all season with the singular focus of being champions of this one match. This preeminent goal, like any great competition, charges individual players and teams alike to rise above their usual performance and discover the absolute best within themselves – to discover a champion.

Last season was particularly remarkable for Cambridge in that for the first time, the Men's Blues team was elevated to Discretionary Full Blue status. This meant that a select number of Cambridge ice hockey players received Full Blues, described as the "highest honour that may be bestowed on a Cambridge athlete." Three of those players will be in action this evening.

Tonight you will witness the culmination of an entire season of preparation on both sides – always looking to the other place as the benchmark of progress. As has been the trend over the past two years, off-season turnover was high and the majority of our players are new to the team. Julien Gagnon has done a magnificent job as the Head of Recruiting and as a result, our roster has strengthened continuously. Michaelmas term included losses to the league champions London Dragons and to the Oxford Blues, but we showed



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great potential by beating Southampton and the Oxford University Blues decisively. The Cambridge men went into the Christmas break highly motivated to become a fitter, smarter, and fiercer unit. We are indeed now a faster and more unified team than the Light Blues of Michaelmas. The cornerstone of our improvement was the comprehensive training camp in majestic Zuoz, Switzerland in January, home of the first Varsity Match. This intensive, high-altitude experience helped the Blues fine-tune our individual skills, positioning, team systems, and most importantly, chemistry.

Lent term has been an excellent test of the team's development in Switzerland. Cambridge defeated the Warwick and Coventry Panthers in back-to-back matches, including the first shutout for the Light Blues in more nearly a decade (4 – 0). We are set to face London again in our final preparation for Varsity.

We have the utmost respect for the history and calibre of the Oxford ice hockey programme. This year's instalment includes a highly coordinated group of very talented players who are the current holders of the Patton Cup, a trophy which has represented the Varsity Champions since 1927.

I am confident that we have done everything we can to prepare and hope that you enjoy this fast-paced, hard-hitting pinnacle of our efforts. Cambridge would be remiss if we did not thank the invaluable play and input of our assistant captain, Christopher Finch, our treasurer Michal Barabas, the instrumental insights of coach Bill Harris, and the tremendous work our manager Jeff Torosian has done. Most especially, I would like to thank my teammates who have are well prepared to represent the University and their colleges, and thereby, all of you in the Cambridge community, as fierce and gentlemanly competitors.

Finally, Cambridge would like to thank the fans of both teams in the audience. We hope this edition of the storied tradition will be as memorable for you as for us and we vow to play our best until, as Emerson suggests, a champion emerges!

## **Jaason Geerts**

Captain and president (2013 – 2015)

Cambridge University Ice Hockey Club (CUIHC)

# Roster

#	First Name	Surname	P	H	W	Nationality	College	Academic Programme
2	Alan	Bauer	F	6'4"	195	American	St. Edmund's	MPhil in Advanced Computer Science
4	Spencer	Brennan	D	6'0"	185	Canadian	Trinity Hall	PhD in Physics
5	Julien	Gagnon (A)	F	5'8"	130	Canadian	Trinity	PhD in Economics
7	Simon	Rodier	F	6'0"	193	Canadian	Homerton	MPhil in Medical Science
9	Vaclav	Beranek	F	5'11"	160	Czech	Magdalene	PhD in Molecular Biology
10	Jaason	Geerts (C)	D	6'5"	215	Canadian/ Dutch	Sidney Sussex	PhD in Leadership Education
11	Christopher	Finch (A)	F	6'3"	205	American	Churchill	MPhil in Plant Sciences
12	Oscar	Wilsby	F	6'5"	220	Swedish	Kings	PhD in Engineering
16	Gil-Arnaud	Coche	D	5'8"	181	French	Churchill	PhD in Fluid Mechanics
19	Kumaran	Nathan	F	5'7"	165	Australian	Corpus Christi	PhD in Engineering
23	Cosmin	Davidescu	F	5'11"	185	Romanian/ French	Clare Hall	PhD in Pure Mathematics
26	Jiro	Sakai	D	5'7"	128	Japanese	Queens'	PhD in Veterinary Medicine
27	Michal	Barabas	F	6'1"	208	Czech	Wolfson	Grad Med
30	Daniel	Orvomaa	G	5'8"	185	Finnish	St. Edmund's	BA in Human, social, and political science
36	Martin	Smoragiewicz	F	6'1"	215	Canadian/ Polish	Kings	MPhil in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics
39	Romain	Tourenne	G	5'7"	145	French	Downing	LLB
42	John	Armitage	D	6'5"	270	Canadian	Girton	Mphil in Electrical Engineering
83	Steve	Schiffer	F	6'2"	185	Canadian	Darwin	PhD in Social Anthropology
84	Martin	Sedlak	D	6'0"	171	Czech	Hughes Hall	MPhil in Development Economics
	Bill	Harris	Coach			Canadian	Clare	Professor of Neuroscience
	Jeff	Torosian	Manager			American/ Armenian	Sidney Sussex	MPhil in Education

# Player Profiles

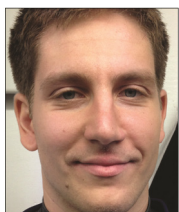
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**Oscar "Lars" Wilsby:** Lars is a celebrity in his native Sweden and often gets fevers ... exclusively when we have training, never when we have swaps. Oscar's self-lauding RAG Blind Date form led to scandal as ladies all over Cambridge fought to lay their hands on his renowned abs and his countless hours of video footage (of Christopher). The result is a masterpiece of ambiguously happy teammates who enjoy each other intimately, all in a hockey setting. Lars is ultra vague and metaphysical in swap recaps and thinks that shirts-on partying is so ridiculous that he's going to double fist pump until you all join the flippin party. Full Blue in ice hockey, Oscar was also a varsity basketball player before devoting all his non-PhD time to working out, sometimes in his tres euro golden yofa helmet.



**Gil-Arnaud Coche:** This former Calvin Klein underwear model is recognizable primarily by his ever-present Angry Birds tuque; but make no mistake: G-A is anything but angry. The only angry ones are the droves of lady folk drawn in by his French charm, sculpted pects, and inordinate good looks, only to discover that he is already locked down. Because of this magnetism, G-A is the single worst wingman in all of Europe. A perfect gentleman, fit, and unfailingly genuine, his only failing (not at all a failing) is his preference for doing hairy body shots.



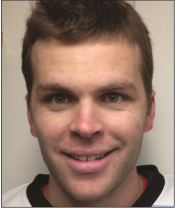
**Michal Barabas:** The term "No man left behind" unfortunately does not apply to Michal. A certain Swiss girl's dream of: "Hey, can I get a picture with you and your shirtless teammates?" was followed by the horrid realization that the future Dr. Mikey was the lone Light Blue still in St. Moritz following a night out. In fact, Michal's Gatwick fry-up nearly made the entire team miss their flight to Switzerland. Phew! Close one! This former June Event President suffers from the Stockholm syndrome and does his best security hiring while being ejected from a bar. If you're curious to know how Mikey spends his Friday nights, you can petition city council for the CCTV tapes whose magic will soon be available on Netflix. Herculean on the ice, Michal is the champion of the "Lady-in-Red"-playing-in-the-background-soulmate look in social situations. He also has the best laugh and takes his medical school fitness to practice expectations very seriously.



**Marty Smoragiewicz:** Marty is gifted in many areas of life. A recently engaged cancer doctor by day, he is a stealthy pennyier (usually in a friendly fire capacity) by night, a warm and welcoming (hairy) body shot receptacle, an absolute boss in the Zuoz video thanks to his gangster 80's neon sunglasses (normally a contradiction in terms, but in this case, believable), and a major proponent of the "Shake what you got" style of working it at King's dance parties. On the ice, Marty has a honey badger-like fearlessness and sometimes on 3-on-1's, Marty will pull up and bury a slapshot from the blue line because honey badger don't give a shoot. Don't offer Marty your grandma's herbal root and leaf of toad remedy, if it isn't proven in a medical journal, it has the credibility of a colouring book.

# Player Profiles

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**Alan “Alan Alan Steve” Bauer:** Bus monitor Alan gave up his Cast Away Malawian hair for ALL the milk in Britain. The boys want it back (the hair, not the milk). This defensive tower left the life, sweetness, and hope of Notre Dame to add his William Wallace-like hockey stick to the Cambridge arsenal. One half of the Alan and Steve YouTube video, Alan maxes out at one cardio session a month (especially after a leisurely car trip). When not doing boring computer crap, Alan can be found hanging out with Danny at Eddies and trying to avoid the snoring room at the Convict. When Alan sticks strictly to his No Drinking After Midnight policy, things go well; and when he doesn't ... things still go pretty well we have to say.



**Danny Orvomaa:** Danny is the only person who's ever done military service in two armies and is still packing the sexy curves on. His outstanding cleavage is the only reason why some of the players get out of bed for early morning roller hockey training. The Oxford goalie need not fear a duel, as Danny, though deadly in hand-to-hand combat, would be out of wind and doubled over well before hitting his own blue line. He has non-diagnosed, habitual inappropriate blurts, but is a snake-in-the-grass fan favourite with the ladies and though normally offensive, he can take it. “It.” His real genius lies in opening the gate where he has showed real promise this season.



**Steven Jay:** Half of the Alan and Steve YouTube video, Steven has an encyclopedic knowledge of video games and movies from the 80's and early 90's, especially Red Dead Redemption. Although he claims that violence is merely a social construct, the definition of which varies from community to community, Steve is the model of gentlemanly play on the ice. A near-perfect Peter Griffin laugh goes a long way and so does Steven ... on foot. Four years in Cambridge and he still doesn't own a bike, so it takes him just under 6 hours to stroll to morning training.



**Kumaran “Kum Shot” Nathan:** This affable Aussie was elated to see snow for the just the fourth time in his life while in Zuoz, where his prowess in the snoring room was nothing short of symphonic. His effusions are not restricted to the auditory realm, as Kum is extremely passionate about eating baked beans from a can. His often mispronounced name lends itself nicely to many nicknames, particularly during Basic Training as a private, later as a major and then general, and a stint in the South Seas as a Merchant Seaman. Kum has been dropped by four UK phone providers for excessive usage, to which he responded: “I won't apologise for being popular.” In the same vein, on +1 social events, Kum is well known for bringing three. Kum had a momentary love affair with a certain urinal at the Hawks' Club, but just as our hero moved in for the kiss, a mountain of vom erupted and shattered all hopes of a meaningful relationship. If you don't find this funny, then I found \$5.

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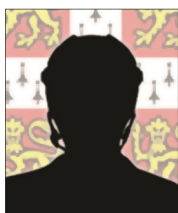
**John "Johnzilla" Armitage:** "Hello, my name is John Armitage, and this is my Varsity profile. No problem, bud. Sure thing, bud." Johnzilla, power play specialist and champion of the one second pint, has many hobbies, including fully extended belly flops off the coach bus into absent swimming pools, parting Red Sea-like hedges so the CUIHC Israelites can flee the Downing college bar, and generally storming through town causing structural damage to Cambridge's most secure edifices. Sorry ladies, he's taken!



**Simon Rodier:** Simon is another two-sport member of the Light Blues, starting the year on the varsity triathlon team. One might think it was remembering that he is Canadian and watching the World Juniors win gold on home ice that finally made Simon join the team, but no; it was a little thing we at Cambridge like to call a cheerleaders swap. This future doctor is a devastating hitter and near impossible to move from the front of the net, partly from sheer strength, and partly because after 22 years, Simon has never learned to do laundry (pea-ewe). Simon is also a key member of the CUIHC Jewish society.



**Jiro Sakai:** The most senior member of the Light Blues, Jiro has learned a thing or two after going to Harvard and MIT before coming to Cambridge. English is not one of them, but "safety first" is. (Very important lesson, kids). Anytime he is not in his fab Cambridge lion outfit, Jiro can be found donning his ice hockey helmet, full cage, and full kit ... even for sports like basketball. (Don't laugh, if you bailed every other minute, you'd wear equipment too). Jiro hopes to be honourable enough to be reincarnated as a hamburger and in the meantime, he likes girls who are "lakajohn." Everyone knows that the foghorn-like signal for the transition between a tranquil social environment and a real party is marked by when Jiro starts to scream, usually at our guests. When he's done his PhD, Jiro hopes to be a motivational speaker to high school students on the topic of robots (and yes, he does actions too).



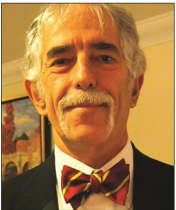
**Jeff "Jeffy" Torosian:** Jeffy is undoubtedly the most professional and handsome manager in the UK. Don't let looks deceive you: he may be reminiscent of a Chicago mob boss, but as he will tell you (at the beginning of every sentence), "[Jeffy's] from California." (Don't ask which part). He's the only member of the team who has lived in a sorority (pre-op) and who holds a licence to have a concealed weapon. He's all class and generously supplies bottles of bubbly, and has just a hint of cheek in him as well, as his better can well attest. Jeffy is the best thing that's ever happened to the Light Blues, and the Sidney rowing team, though surprisingly not the shooting team, despite being a professional hunter (and again, being from the ghetto part of California).

# Player Profiles

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**Martin “Sven” Sedlak:** Svenny is the only player in the history of the CUIHC who has had a VM profile before ever skating with the team. Sven suffers from national confusion and after three years of playing varsity football, it was brought to his attention that Czech people play a collision sport (hockey) LIKE soccer players. His nickname predates this revelation and refers to the fact that for years, everyone assumed he was Nordic (also non-football nations). Sven is also the only player selected for the squad on the honour system (“Now I need you to promise me you’re not sh%t”). We’re all hoping the gamble pays off. Just to prove how keen he was, Svenny showed up at the bus stop two hours early for his first game.



**Professor Bill Harris (Coach):** Billy is the heart and backbone of Cambridge ice hockey and despite his internationally renowned work in Neuroscience, Billy is quite happy to be known around Cambridge as “the hockey guy.” This tops being known at Berkeley as the chilled out, always hungry guy. Billy is arguably the fourth best Dr. Harris in his immediate family. Just this year, he finally realized his lifelong dream of being serenaded with “When I’m 64.” A poet, an artist, Bond-like handsome in a dinner suit, and a fantastic host of West Coast garden parties, Billy is also a reliable defenceman on the Eskies.



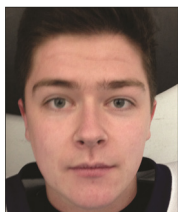
**Julien “Most Blessed” Gagnon:** On the surface, Ju is the Oxbridge poster child: former Rhodes and now Gates scholar, Full Blue in ice hockey and the BUIHA’s third leading scorer, devilishly handsome (especially with the beard he’s had since before he was potty trained and with which comes great responsibility), a talented musician, loyal boyfriend, great friend, team fashion rep, and can pump out more groin crunches than anyone on the maternity ward. And yet ... and yet ... Gordon’s adopted parent constantly witnesses his “Guys! Come on!!? Right?! Right?!” received with baffled, blank Bueller-like stares. Since the day he first joined the team, he has failed to understand 100% of the drills in training, including the “Put all the pucks in the corner drill.” Ju also leads our team’s Thursday fitness session, which has been very well attended. He is very pleased to explain where his teammates fall on the Most Blessed scale (none higher than second, he will reluctantly add).



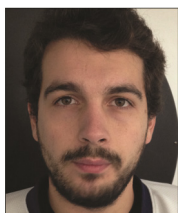
**Spencer Brennan:** This former Redman was a contract holdout until the Ghost of Varsity Future visited Spencer on Christmas Eve. Later the next day, he was granted a tryout. When asked how our recruiting nets missed him, Spencer responded, “Oh I was aware ...” My how things have changed. Spency baby’s social appeal has increased 17x since joining the Light Blues and Gordon has taken a special shining to him. At McGill, Spencer learned about dumping it in on a breakaway, gooning it up, and (only in key situations) tripping over the blue line. Ladies, if you’re wondering about the key to Spencer’s heart ... romcoms (actually. LOVE Actually, as a starter). Skilled in the art of conversation, Spencer will often wonder if you’re up to “anything in particular.”

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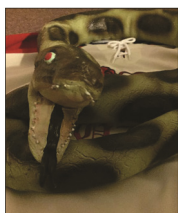
**Romain “Romanche” Tourenne:** An Erasmus student of French descent, Romanche speaks a language only comprehensible to a handful of people worldwide. Notorious for being tripped by invisible (non-existent) opponents in games, sh&t fines on swaps, drinking and pennyng for England, cranking out 100 4-inch pushups, bailing off tables without spilling a single drop of his beer, getting mystery injuries (off-ice only), and owner of the war child face when his team plays poorly, Romanche is the baddest thug in Cambridge ... when his two 6’5” defensemen are standing right behind him. He is also co-founder of the Cambridge University Curling Club (CUCC) with Jaason despite having no curling knowledge or experience. When found missing by police, Romanche explains: “I leave in zuh booncure.”



**Cosmin Davidescu:** Cosmin has two personas: one is as a mind-mannered, dedicated winger with a bullet shot, pure maths hair, and a one horn up, one down Viking on swaps, while the other mercilessly litters the women’s goalie with pucks over and over. One is reminded of the opening scene in Happy Gilmour. When Cosmin is not training regularly with his girlfriend in full equipment, he also finds the time to practice with the Blues.



**Christopher “Ben Dover” Finch:** If Ben were social sec, every swap theme would be Tight and Bright (it would actually be tight and pink but those don’t rhyme). Juggle, whiff; juggle, whiff; juggle, whiff is how Ben spent an entire morning in Zuoz. No need to lend him shampoo; he’ll pass (unless it’s Wednesday). Star college rower and BUI-HA leading scorer (and assist and points leader), Christopher’s unrelenting dedication in social settings makes Goose look like a deadbeat wingman. Ever naked, Ben made his own decisions until about two months and in the same timeframe for perhaps the same reason, seems to often develop mystery headaches. The guys are thrilled that Ben’s brush with death in Switzerland was non-fatal and that he’s kicked his gluttonous cashew addiction.



**Gordon:** Gordon is new to our team this year and is the epitome of reptilian blue tuck. Gordon has exceptional taste and is a possessive lover, so he restricts his sexy time to the most recent Most Valuable Player on the team. Gordon was meant to go on a RAG Blind Date with Monty, mascot of the Pythons American football team, but since Monty doesn’t actually get any playing time, Gordon stood him up. A hustler’s work is never through. Gordon loves swaps and my oh my do the ladies love him. Infinitely loyal, once when a swap guest tried to steal Gordon and have him for her very own, she came out of the ordeal (following a drink or two and a dark staircase) with a black eye before Gordon was collected and reunited with his beloved team. Gordon was a hit in Switzerland and loved the chocolate, but the thing Gordon loves more than anything in the world (he told me) is CRUSHING OXFORD.

# Player Profiles

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**Vaclav Baranek:** A former star of the Czech league, Vaclav is best known for also getting fevers, designing drills that make no sense, and for his patented jump rope style of dancing. To settle debates, the team has adopted the term “hybrid” that refers to resolutions to make Vaclav feel better but in fact include a combination of 0% of what he suggested. An excellent skater, Vaclav is also the teams PR rep, partly when concerned contentious global issues.



**Jaason Geerts:** Jaason is known for big numbers: the amount of (made up?) assists he has for the season, his Facebook friend count, his height, and his numerous degrees. He is a self-proclaimed gentle giant but somehow seems to deal with the police more than anybody else on the team. Jaason’s favourite pastimes include swiping right, acting as a personal bodyguard for our feisty French goalie, and bullying local tailors. He likes to keep the team mentally fit too by making them remember the names of each fan he brings to games/practices. As the captain of both the ice hockey and American football team, it was a real mystery how Jaason had time to make any progress on his PhD in Leadership Development, until a theory was formulated that these roles are actually just an experiment for testing new leadership techniques. Did I mention Jaason is also a BBC radio superstar? Jaason is searching for his one true love. If after reading this you think it could be you, head to Spoons any night of the week.



# Oxford Blues



# Captain's Welcome

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**Rob Main**

## **Dear Blues Fans, Supporters and Alumni,**

It is an honor to welcome you to the 95th annual Varsity Match between the Oxford Dark Blues and the Cambridge Light Blues. Tonight will be another spectacular addition to what is recognized by the International Ice Hockey Federation and the Hockey Hall of Fame as the oldest ongoing hockey rivalry in the world. It is my honor to act as captain of this year's Oxford Blues in my second Varsity Match.

It has been another successful year for the Blues. We currently sit in second place in the Southern Conference of Division One of the British Universities Ice Hockey Association, our two losses coming in tough games against the London Dragons where our team fought hard but came up just short. However, this season can only be considered a true success if we defend the Patton Cup tonight. Our European Tour this past January was a truly memorable experience. Playing as our historic touring side and first Team Canada, the Oxford Canadians, we set out to cross the continent on an epic nine night journey through Antwerp, Amsterdam, Prague, Vienna, Munich, and Brussels. We were victorious against Groningen, the defending Dutch varsity ice hockey champions, and suffered close losses against Vienna University (in an exciting outdoor "winter classic" in the heart of the city) and Munich University. Altogether, this year's Tour was an incredible adventure that established lifelong bonds within the team.

I cannot say enough about the group of guys assembled before you today. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have captained the team this year and I have a tremendous amount of respect for our players. Every one of them has balanced a gruelling training schedule with Oxford's tough academic demands and contributed to an excellent year of hardhitting hockey.

Thank you to all the friends, family and fans who have joined us on this historic night. We are indebted to you for your continued and boisterous support. Go Dark Blues!

Yours in hockey,

## **Rob Main**

Captain, Oxford Blues Varsity Ice Hockey Team Trustee,  
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# Player Profiles

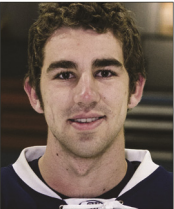
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**Ryan Berg #39**



**James Johnson #11**



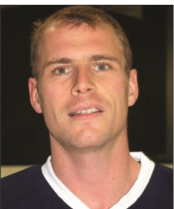
**Nick Bartos #19**



**Jamie Rooney #95**



**Devin O'Brian #09**



**Sam Pigott #27**

# Player Profiles

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**Alex Watson #4**



**Axel Nystrom #32**



**Jason Phelan #24**



**Connor Roth #2**



**Tyler Ambrose #6**



**Roderick Lubbock #8**

# Player Profiles

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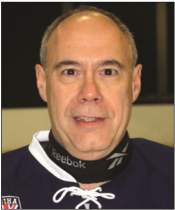
**JP Moszynski #14**



**Kevin Dunne #15**



**Rob Main #77**



**Keith Krause #12**



**Jason Lacombe #21**



**Benedict Corkery #10**

# Ice Hockey Basics

**An ice hockey team is made up of six players, each with a specific position and job.**

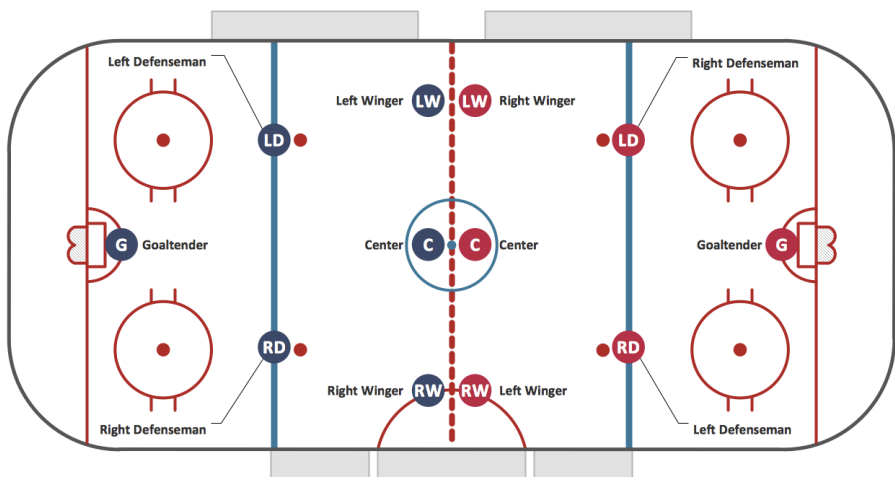
**Goalie:** Perhaps the toughest position in all of sports, the goalie is the one player who can control a team's confidence. His job is to keep the puck out of the net, and if he is good, he can take his team a long way. Good goalies win championships.

**Defensemen:** A team at full strength has two - one on the left side and another on the right. Nowadays, there are three primary kinds of defensemen. One is creative and offensive-minded; he likes to handle the puck and lead the team up ice, but is not too physical. Another is defensive-minded, a stay-at-home bruiser who plays a physical game and doesn't often venture out of his zone with the puck. And there are those rare athletes who are a combination of the two.

**Right wing:** He works the right side of the ice for the most part. He needs to be a physical player who is good along the boards and in the corner. He is responsible for the opposition's left defenseman in the defensive zone.

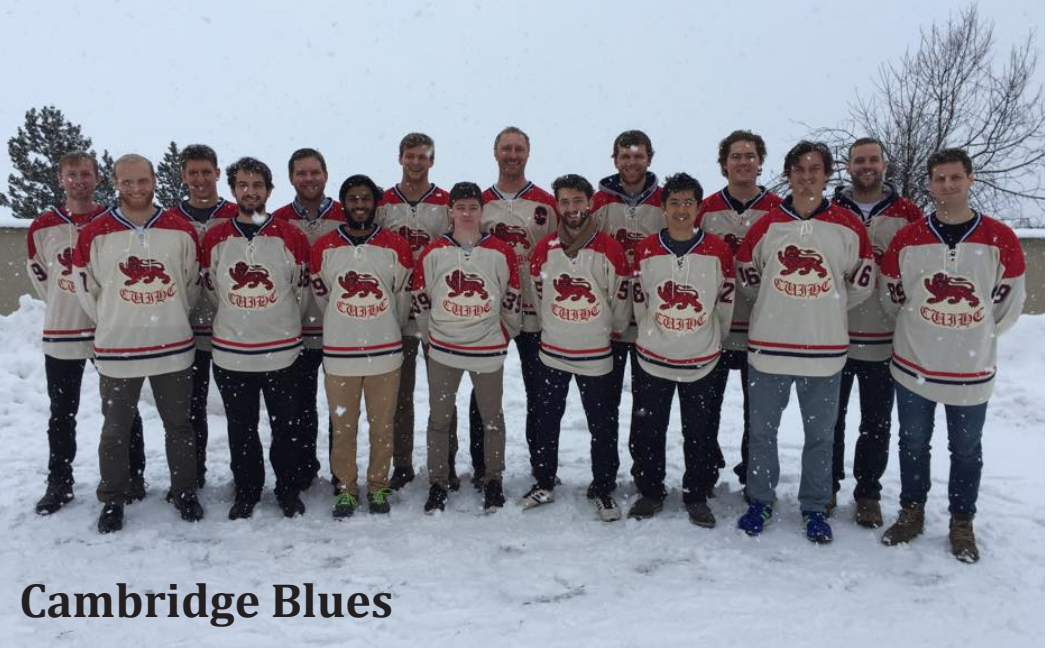
**Left wing:** Traditionally a left-handed shot, but the NHL is seeing more right-handers playing this position now, a practice picked up from the Europeans. A right-hander has a better angle to shoot from when he's coming in on his wing. Like the right wing, he needs to be able to dig out the puck from the corners and battle in front of the net.

**Center:** He quarterbacks his club at both ends of the ice. Must be good at face-offs and passing, and it doesn't hurt if he's a good shot as well. Coaches want a lot of creativity in this position - and a lot of hockey smarts.



# Varsity 2015 Squad

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**Cambridge Blues**



**Oxford Blues**

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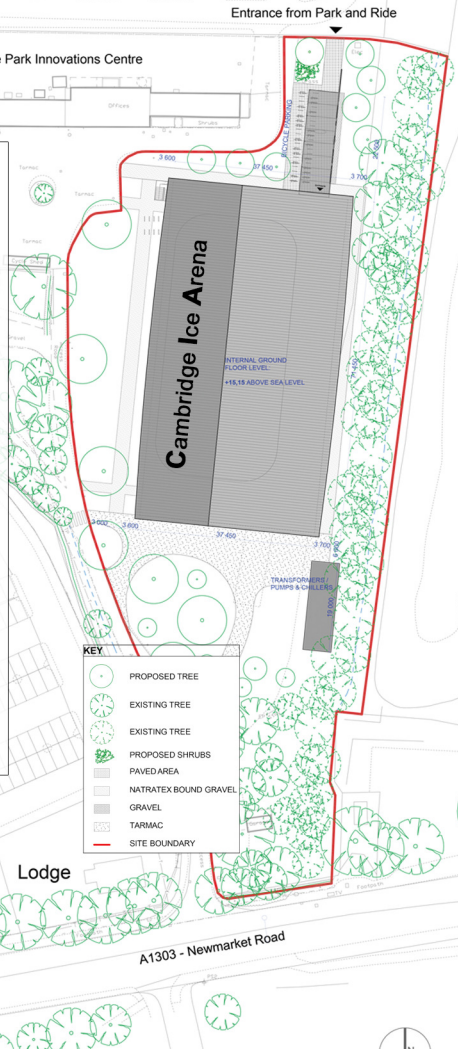
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