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# PRESIDENT'S WORD

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is a great honour to welcome you to Iffley Rd tonight, the home of Oxford University Rugby Football Club.

We are delighted to host tonight's opposition, Trinity College Dublin, as the Blues head into their Autumn Internationals block. This long-standing fixture promises to be an exciting match. The Blues will be eager to avenge last year's loss at College Park in Dublin. Under the lights at Iffley Road once again, we are set for a thrilling encounter.

The weather this week hasn't hindered OURFC's continued development across the teams. A frosty 7am training session on Wednesday saw the lads get together for training, sharpening tools for a weekend of fixtures, as our teams look to end the term on a high prior to departing for two OURFC tours.

Tonight's second row features an exciting all-St Hugh's College pairing. It's also a row of Toms! Tom Toze and Tom Elway bring weight, physicality, and aggression to the Oxford pack. Both players have had admirable starts to the season and will be pushing to earn their first Blues in this year's Varsity Match.

On that note, I am excited to in-

form you that tickets for the Varsity Match 2025, on 8th March 2025, are now available at thevarsitymatches.com. A truly historic fixture that needs no introduction promises to be a fantastic day at the StoneX.

Additionally, you may notice some unique Movember-inspired facial hair on display this evening. OURFC is proud to support Movember, raising awareness and fostering conversations about men's mental health. Led by undergraduate Will Roddy. the team completed a remarkable challenge this month: collectively climbing the stands at Iffley Road 43,200 times to honour those who tragically lost their lives to suicide in November 2023. You can find how our challenge went on our Instagram page, and if you're able to contribute, donations can be made https://bit.lv/3YzS4ZQ.

Finally, thank you for supporting us here at OURFC and I hope you enjoy your evening for what is set to be another fantastic Friday night under the lights. I look forward to welcoming you back to OURFC.

Yours in Dark Blue

George Morgan

President

# FIXTURES 24/25

#### **MEN\*S BLUES**

| 16/10/24 | Richmond Vikings              | 7:00pm | Away   |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 25/10/24 | Stockman Rugby <sup>^</sup>   | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 1/11/24  | Ealing Trailfinders*          | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 8/11/24  | Crawshays*                    | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 22/11/24 | TCD*                          | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 28/11/24 | UCLA*                         | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 4/12/24  | Major Stanley's #             | 3:30pm | Home   |
|          |                               |        |        |
| 17/1/25  | Leicester Tigers <sup>^</sup> | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 7/2/25   | Oxford Brookes #              | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 12/2/25  | Royal Navy*                   | 7:15pm | Home   |
| 19/2/25  | Penguins*                     | 7:15pm | Home   |
|          |                               |        |        |
| 8/3/25   | Varsity Match #               | 4pm    | StoneX |

# **GREYHOUNDS (2ND XV)**

| 19/10/24 | Loughborough 5s   | 2:00pm | Home   |
|----------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 26/10/24 | Brookes 2s        | 2:00pm | Home   |
| 2/11/24  | United Hospitals  | 2:00pm | Home   |
| 9/11/24  | Welsh Academicals | 1:00pm | Away   |
| 16/11/24 | Chinnor 2s        | 2:00pm | Away   |
| 23/11/24 | Henley Bulls      | 2:15pm | Henley |
| 30/11/24 | Kew Occasionals   | 2:00pm | Home   |
|          |                   |        |        |
| 1/2/25   | Richmond Saxons   | 2:00pm | Home   |
|          |                   |        |        |
| 22/2/25  | Varsity Match     | 3:00pm | Home   |
|          |                   |        |        |

# WHIPPETS (3RD XV)

| 2/11/24  | Mo Students                                 | 5:00pm           | Home   |
|----------|---|------------------|--------|
| 9/11/24  | Cardiff Met Freshers                        | 1:00pm           | Away   |
| 17/11/24 | Berkshire U20s                              | 2:00pm           | Home   |
| 23/11/24 | Henley Vikings                              | 2:15pm           | Henley |
| 26/1/25  | Berkshire U20s<br>Richmond<br>Normans/Jutes | 2:00pm<br>2:00pm | Away   |
|          |   |                  |        |

12:30pm Home

For an up-to-date fixture list, please visit ourfc.org/fixtures

22/2/25 Varsity Match

#### **WOMEN\*S BLUES**

| 16/10/24 | Swansea           | 6:00pm  | Home   |
|----------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| 23/10/24 | Bath              | 6:00pm  | Home   |
| 30/10/24 | Cambridge         | 7:30pm  | Away   |
| 6/11/24  | Bristol           | 4:00pm  | Home   |
| 13/11/24 | Brunel            | 7:00pm  | Away   |
| 20/11/24 | Swansea           | 1:00pm  | Away   |
| 27/11/24 | Bath              | tbc     | Away   |
| 4/12/24  | Major Stanley's # | 11:30am | Home   |
|          |                   |         |        |
| 15/1/25  | Bristol           | tbc     | Away   |
| 22/1/25  | Cambridge         | tbc     | Home   |
| 29/1/25  | Brunel            | tbc     | Home   |
| 26/2/25  | BUCS Play Off     | tbc     | tbc    |
|          |                   |         |        |
| 8/3/25   | Varsity Match #   | 1pm     | StoneX |
|          |                   |         |        |

# **PANTHERS (2ND XV)**

| 30/10/24 | Cambridge 2s     | 5:00pm | Away |
|----------|------------------|--------|------|
| 13/11/24 | Northampton 1s   | 2:00pm | Home |
| 20/11/24 | Derby 1s         | 2:00pm | Home |
| 27/11/24 | Anglia Ruskin 1s | 2:00pm | Home |
| 11/12/24 | Anglia Ruskin 1s | tbc    | Away |
|          |                  |        |      |
| 22/1/25  | Cambridge 2s     | tbc    | Home |
| 12/2/25  | Northampton 1s   | 5:00pm | Away |
|          |                  |        |      |
| 23/2/25  | Varsity Match    | 3:00pm |      |
|          |                  |        | Road |
|          |                  |        |      |

# **PUMAS (3RD XV)**

| 23/2/25 | Varsity Match | 12:30pm | Grange<br>Road |
|---------|---------------|---------|----------------|
|         |               |         |                |

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# TONIGHT'S VISITORS

Dublin University Football Club (DUFC), founded in 1854. is the world's oldest rugby club in continuous operation. Based at Trinity College Dublin, the club has played a central role in the history of rugby, helping to shape the sport both in Ireland and internationally. Known for its emphasis on student rugby, DUFC has produced numerous players who have gone on to achieve international success.

A key highlight in DUFC's calendar is their historic annual fixture against Oxford University RFC. This rivalry, steeped in tradition, alternates between Dublin's College Park and Oxford's Iffley Road. The fixture symbolizes a bond between two historic university clubs and a celebration of rugby heritage. It has gained a reputation for its competitive yet sportsmanlike atmosphere.

This year, the much-anticipated clash returns to Iffley Road, with Oxford aiming to overturn last year's narrow

defeat in Ireland. The Blues, motivated by their home advantage, are eager to reclaim bragging rights on familiar turf. The match is seen as a litmus test for both teams' strength and development during the season.

The DUFC-Oxford rivalry is more than a game—it is a showcase of tradition, camaraderie, and elite-level university rugby. For DUFC, the annual fixture exemplifies their commitment to fostering sporting excellence while maintaining deeprooted connections within the rugby community.



# BLUES PLAYER PROFILES **FORWARDS BACKS**

\*Harry Pratt



Malone RFC

**DOB:** 19/03/2004 Height: 193 cm

Queens Medicine

\*Michael Fankah



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**DOB:** 19/08/2003 Height: 185 cm

**Tom Elway** 

St Hugh's

St Paul's School 1st XV

**DOB:** 09/09/2002 Height: 190 cm

**Henry Henderson** 

St Edmund Hall

Will Roddy



St Hilda's

Newport 1st XV & Worcester Warriors Academy

**DOB:** 03/10/2003 Height: 188 cm

**Tom Toze** 

St Hugh's Engineering Science

Salisbury RFC

**DOB:** 03/12/2003 Height: 188 cm

**Luke Newland** 



Mansfield History

Llantrisant RFC 1st XV & Cardiff Blues U16s

**DOB:** 08/10/2004 Height: 170 cm

**Fergus Dick** 

Trinity MSc Sustainable Urban

Loughborough University 1st XV & Bristol Bears U18s

**DOB:** 17/06/2002 Height: 190 cm

\*Jack Hamilton



**JAMES BEAUFILS** 

**DOB:** 09/10/2000 Height: 179 cm

\*Wolfe Morn

Christ Church Classics

York RUFC

**DOB:** 20/07/2004 Height: 195 cm

**Jonty Scott-Brown** 

St Catz Human Sciences

Old Leamingtonians RFC & Worcester Warriors DPP

**DOB:** 21/10/2004 Height: 183 cm

\*Harry Bridgewater



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Oxford Quins 1st XV

**DOB:** 09/10/2003 Height: 184 cm

Pat Meigh

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Greyhounds

**DOB:** 16/06/2003 Height: 190 cm

12 \*Luke Wyllie



St Hilda's Chemistry

Harlequins U18s

**DOB:** 26/04/2003 Height: 186 cm

14 \*Tom Mewes



Brasenose Medicine Ripon Grammar School

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**DOB:** 20/12/2000 Height: 188 cm

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# FINISHERS

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Mike Behan



MSc Financial Economics

Leinster U20s & Old Belvedere RFC

**DOB:** 29/10/2001 Height: 180 cm

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#### Oli Kirk



Keble MSc Financial Economics

Durham University 1st XV & Warwickshire U2Os

**DOB:** 29/01/2003 Height: 179 cm

**Matt Wall** 



**Mathematics** 

Hampstead RFC

**DOB:** 17/11/2002 Height: 183 cm 19

#### Mike O'Donnell



Kellogg MSc Sustainable Urban

University of California Davis 1st XV & California Grizzlies

**DOB:** 20/04/2002 Height: 186 cm

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**Ben Hartigan** 



New Biology

Cheshire U16s & Sale Sharks Academy

**DOB:** 17/03/2006 Height: 193. cm

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#### \*Vasco Fariah



Exeter

Portugal U18s & London Irish Academy

**DOB:** 21/07/2003 Height: 177 cm

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**Jack Sander** 

New

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#### Noah Miller



New Biochemistry

King Edward VI Aston 1st XV

**DOB:** 20/04/2003 Height: 184 cm



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1 Sami Sjoberg

*school:* Kantonssculle 2 Matt Sherwin

St Michael's College

**9** Oscar Cawley

*school:* Naas CBC

1854 ×

10 Matt Lynch

*School:* Terenure College

**3** Cole Kelly

School: Coliaste Chroab 4 Tom Davidson

*school:* Lisgar Collegiate, 11 Kofi Barton-Byfield

School: Downside College 12 Hugh Goddard

school: Gonzaga College

**5** Steve Woods

St Michael's College

6 Dave Walsh

School: Blackrock College 13 Louis McDonough

school: Castelknock College **14** Dave Colbert

*School:*Gonzaga College

**7** Oisin McCloskey

school: CC Roscrea 8 Kevin Jackson

School: Blackrock College 15 Noah Byrne

*School:*Gonzaga College

# REPLACEMENTS

16 Zach Baird

School: St Michael's College

18 Cuan Doyle

School: Terenure College

20 Jack Kearney

School: Clongowes Wood

**22** Conor Tracey

School: St Mary's College

24 Hugo Lynch

School: Napier HSOB

**26** Spencer O'Connell

School: Gonzaga College 17 Johannes

School: Wellington College,

19 Dylan Ryan

School: St Michael's College

21 Mark Walsh

School: Blackrock College

23 Zach Quirke

School: Blackrock College

25 Max Dunne

School: St Michael's College

27 Luke O'Callagan

School: Gonzaga College















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