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THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1978

RUGBY UNION

Skilful Varsity outlast Americans

By RON GRIMSHAW
AFTER early shocks Oxford University's superior skills proved far too much for the enthusiasm and physique of University of California, Los Angeles, who lost for the first time on their four-match tour 33-13 at Iffley Road yesterday.

The Dark blues, not yet a day back from winning both games on a short tour in the South of France, were somewhat jaded at the start and perhaps apprehensive at taking on a pack of "giants."

Piled up

The Americans, who included three members of the national team, the Eagles, arrived with good wins over an Invitation XV at Osterley Park and Cwmbran.

As the points piled up, American heads dropped, their heavyweight pack tired noticeably and tactics generally were faulty with chances wasted. Long torpedo passes whizzed across the field and found their target, but were largely wasted.

UCLA took the lead after 22 minutes when



Oxford University winger Eddie Quist-Arcton sets off on a run as Kim Johannson moves across to cover.

●Picture: ATHAR CHAUDHRY

scrum half Kim Johannson gave a long, one-handed pass to winger Del Chipman on the blind side and he raced in. Full back Rob Duncanson converted.

The Dark Blues drew level when Eddie Quist-Arcton won the race for a diving touchdown after a clever chip by Roy Hoolahan. Tony Watkinson kicked a splendid goal from the touchline.

Exchanges were not too friendly and at one stage referee Tony Fisher took aside the Oxford halves and full back with skipper Watkinson in attendance.

Oxford went ahead when Chris Bray tapped the ball over the line and dived to touch down. Again Watkinson converted from the touchline.

Seven minutes into the second half UCLA paid the

full penalty for a blatant obstruction as Watkinson pegged them back with a long-range penalty.

The Americans had no answer at all to dazzling switch play which brought Oxford's next try. Full back Ken Hopkins was in support to take a scoring pass from Quist-Arcton.

Then Oxford's full back gathered a kick through at his own 22, burst between

two Americans and sped away on the right wing, slipping an inside pass to put over Hoolahan.

Oxford pressed on, Steve Faktor breaking round the blind side of a scrum and through two tackles to go over, and finally Reg Clark went in from a pass by Hoolahan. Watkinson kicked one more conversion.

The game was safe and in injury time (Bray went off with a broken nose after 41 minutes) when UCLA in a late rally scored a dropped goal by Gray from a free kick and a try by Mike Molina

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: K Hopkins (St Ed Hall), R Hoolahan (St Edmund Hall), R Clark (Christ Church), A Watkinson (St Edmund Hall, capt), E Quist-Arcton (Keble), J Fisher (University), S Faktor (University), T Jones (Wadham), B Light (St Edmund Hall), P Woodhead (Lincoln), K Budge (University) R Robinson (Lincoln), C Finch (Queen's), C Bray (Keble), G White (University).

UCLA: R Duncanson, D Weiner, M Boyd, M Molina, D Chipman, S Gray (capt), K Johannson, S Reid, L Layne, R Wollard, G Christianson, D Pederson, J Fowler, R Pigott, B Brisbane.

●In a curtain raiser Oxford Thursday beat UCLA second XV 25-16. The Americans were 10-0 down at the break, but came back well to lead 16-10 before losing.

According to our club historians, the last time that UCLA took a trip over the pond to dig their boots in the hallowed grass of Iffley Road was March 1978, nearly 50 years ago. That match resulted in a 33-13 win to Oxford, despite a heavyweight UCLA side containing 3 US Eagles. Here's hoping our 2024 Blues can repeat the W!

HILARY TERM HEADLINERS



TICKETS

WEEK 0

MEN'S BLUES VS LEICESTER TIGERS

7:15PM 17.01.25

WEEK 1 TAB SMASHING DOUBLE HEADER

WOMEN'S BLUES VS CAMBRIDGE 1S 7:30PM

WOMEN'S PANTHERS VS CAMBRIDGE 2S 5:00PM

22.01.25

WEEK 2

MEN'S GREYHOUNDS VS RICHMOND 3S

MEN'S WHIPPETS VS RICHMOND 4S

2PM 01.02.25

WEEK 4 BATTLE FOR THE CITY

OXFORD VS BROOKES DERBY DAY

MEN'S 2S, MEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE, WOMEN'S 1S, MEN'S 1S

ALL DAY 07.02.25

WEEK 5

GREYHOUNDS AND WHIPPETS VARSITY MATCHES

12:30PM/3PM 17.01.25

WEEK 8

MEN'S BLUES VS JAPAN U19S

7:15PM 12.03.25

THE VARSITY MATCHES

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY vs **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

WOMEN KO: 12PM

MEN KO: 3PM

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TONIGHT'S VISITORS

UCLA Rugby, established in 1934, is a leading collegiate rugby program in the United States. Its growth was spearheaded by coaches like Dennis Storer, who guided the team to national championships and helped develop players for the USA Eagles. Known for its dedication to rugby excellence and academic achievement, UCLA Rugby has built a rich legacy on and off the pitch.

We have hosted UCLA in previous international fixtures, see overleaf. This has proved to strengthen the bond between two storied rugby institutions. These matches highlight rugby's ability to connect diverse teams and cultures. Tonight's fixture at Iffley Road continues this tradition, with the Bruins aiming to showcase their competitive edge after a strong season. The Thanksgiving timing adds a unique touch to the encounter, blending American celebrations with Oxford's historic rugby environment.

The UCLA Bruins enter this game amid a successful tour of England, reflecting their commitment to international rugby development. Their recent form has been strong, making this a highly anticipated clash. For OURFC, the match offers a chance to test their squad against high-level opposition and reinforce their role as a hub for global rugby fixtures.

Tonight's game at Iffley Road promises to be a thrilling encounter, uniting two rugby powerhouses in a celebration of sport and tradition. As UCLA brings their distinctive American rugby style, OURFC looks to defend their home turf and build on their own historic legacy of hosting world-class matches.



BLUES PLAYER PROFILES

FORWARDS

BACKS

1 ***Harry Pratt**




Queens
Medicine

Malone RFC

DOB: 19/03/2004
Height: 193 cm

2 **Will Roddy**



St Hilda's
Biochemistry

Newport 1st XV & Worcester Warriors Academy

DOB: 03/10/2003
Height: 188 cm

9 ***Jack Hamilton**



Lincoln
DPhil in Physiology

Sydney University 1st XV

DOB: 09/10/2000
Height: 179 cm

10 **Pat Meigh**



St John's
Law

Greyhounds

DOB: 16/06/2003
Height: 190 cm

3 ***Michael Fankah**




St Peter's College
Economics & Management

England Counties

DOB: 19/08/2003
Height: 185 cm

4 **Tom Toze**



St Hugh's
Engineering Science

Salisbury RFC

DOB: 03/12/2003
Height: 188 cm

11 ***Wolfe Morn**



Christ Church
Classics

York RUFC

DOB: 20/07/2004
Height: 195 cm

12 **Jonty Scott-Brown**



St Catz
Human Sciences

Old Leamingtonians RFC & Worcester Warriors DPP

DOB: 21/10/2004
Height: 183 cm

5 **Ned Bowman**



St Hugh's
PPE

St Paul's School 1st Xv

DOB: 04/08/2004
Height: 196 cm

6 **Luke Newland**



Mansfield
History

Llantrisant RFC 1st XV & Cardiff Blues U16s

DOB: 08/10/2004
Height: 170 cm

13 **Jack Sander**



New College

14 ***Tom Mewes**



Brasenose
Medicine

Ripon Grammar School

DOB: 20/12/2000
Height: 188 cm

7 **Henry Henderson**



Teddy Hall

8 **Fergus Dick**



Trinity
MSc Sustainable Urban

Loughborough University 1st XV & Bristol Bears U18s

DOB: 17/06/2002
Height: 190 cm

15 ***Harry Bridgewater**



Lincoln
Medicine

Oxford Quins 1st XV

DOB: 09/10/2003
Height: 184 cm

FINISHERS

16 Mike Behan



Keble
MSc Financial Economics

Leinster U20s & Old Belvedere RFC

DOB: 29/10/2001
Height: 180 cm

17 Oli Kirk




Keble
MSc Financial Economics

Durham University 1st XV & Warwickshire U20s

DOB: 29/01/2003
Height: 179 cm

18 Jasper Singh



Teddy Hall

DOB:
Height: cm

19 Mike O'Donnell



Kellogg
MSc Sustainable Urban

University of California Davis 1st XV & California Grizzlies

DOB: 20/04/2002
Height: 186 cm

20 Matt Wall



New
Mathematics

Hampstead RFC

DOB: 17/11/2002
Height: 183 cm

21 *Vasco Fariah




Exeter
Biochemistry

Portugal U18s & London Irish Academy

DOB: 21/07/2003
Height: 177 cm

22 Danny Stokes



Pembroke
Law with French Law

Leicester Tigers DPP & Notts, Lincs and Derby U18s

DOB: 24/05/2003
Height: 179 cm

23 Noah Miller



New
Biochemistry

King Edward VI Aston 1st XV

DOB: 20/04/2003
Height: 184 cm



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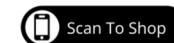
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1 **Asbjorn Ross**



2 **Samuel McMillan**



Junior
Business Economics & Accounting
Ladera Ranch, CA
6'0" **225lbs**

9 **Jo Sykes**



10 **Vicente Allue**



3 **Lau Rocco**



Junior
Geography & Fire Science
Montrose, CA
6'0" **225lbs**

4 **JonPaul LaFever**



11 **Daniel Odejinmi**



12 **Ben Quarrey**

Freshman
Political Science
London, England
6'2" **210lbs**

5 **William Sherman**



Junior
Economics & Accounting
Salt Lake City, UT
6'5" **230lbs**

6 **Austin Diaz**



13 **Dayen Joyce**



Junior
Sociology
San Diego, CA
6'0" **190lbs**

14 **Zak Wall**



7 **Freddie Jobber**



8 **(C)** **Logan Turner**



Junior
Economics
6'2" **210lbs**

15 **Josh Cox**



Junior
Economics, Statistics & Data Science
Durban, South Africa
6'1" **185lbs**

16 **Jonathan Pearson**



Freshman
Computer Science
Granite Bay, CA
5'10 **170lbs**

REPLACEMENTS

17 Nolan Alvarez

Ucla
RUGBY

18 Jose Miranda



Junior

Political Science & Public Affairs

Sacramento, CA

6'2" 280lbs

19 Ritchie Desmond



Freshman

Business Economics

Carmichael, CA

6'5" 195lbs

20 Niko Cortessis



Junior

Political Science

Lafayette, CA

6'2" 190lbs

21 Max Griffiths

Ucla
RUGBY

22 Sacha Martiny



Junior

Biochemistry & Biomedical Research

Pasadena, CA

6'1" 185lbs

23 Blake Allen

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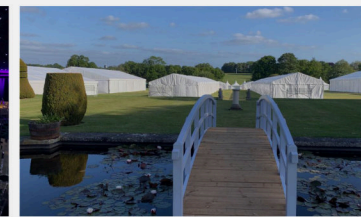
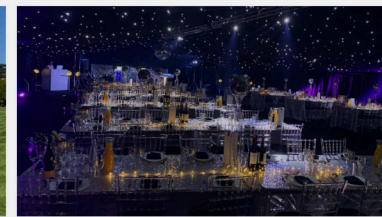
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8TH MARCH 2025

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