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MAJOR STANLEY'S XV

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024

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WELCOME TO THE MAJOR STANLEY'S MATCH DAY



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The most public part of Oxford's preparation for the Varsity Match remains the November game against the Major R.V. Stanley's XV. Stanley was an Oxford local who took a keen interest in OURFC, becoming our representative on the RFU committee from 1907 to 1923. Whilst it is believed that Stanley first raised a side to play Oxford in 1894, the first official Stanley's Match did not feature on the fixture list until 1914 (though this was cancelled due to the war). The first Stanley's match was eventually played in 1919, in which the future England greats and RFU Presidents, William Wavell Wakefield and Thomas Anthony Joyce, donned the white Stanley's shirt. The first Women's Stanley's match was played 100 years later, in 2019. The captain of today's Women's Major Stanley's XV, Clodagh Holmes (Blue 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023), has played in every match, with this year being her first as a Stanley. Similar to the invitational team the Barbarians, the Stanley's XV has included some of the biggest names in world rugby and it is still regarded as a great honour to be selected.

Outside of rugby, little seems to be known about Major Stanley. He appears to have never attended the University or indeed played any rugby himself. However, Stanley remains a household name amongst OURFC circles, largely due to his lifelong dedication to the club, where he served almost every role possible

on the OURFC Committee. As a result he was fondly known as 'Uncle' by those who knew him. In 1957, despite the death of Stanley on the eve of the match, his team pulled off an impressive 19-9 victory.

Every year it is tradition to invite the Cambridge side to watch the Stanley's Match and the Oxford side to see the Steele-Bodger's game. This brings with it the dilemma of trying to hide our 'tricks' and star players from our Varsity opponents. In 1955 the Oxford Captain Roy Allaway declined Cambridge's invitation to watch the Steele-Bodger Match. Despite this his opposite number, JW Clements, brought his team to watch the Stanley's Match anyway. However, before the match Allaway and his squad decided not to conceal anything, but instead embrace the spirit of the Stanley's XV and play open and exciting rugby. That day 44 points were scored, with one try coming from an interplay of passing including every Oxford player and lasting 1 minute and 22 seconds. That year Oxford won the 74th Varsity Match by 9 points to 5. Since 1955, the Stanley's Match has gained a reputation for exciting rugby.

A big thank you to Blue #116 (1998, 1999, 2000) Rebecca Syed-Sheriff and Blue #1277 (2022) Alexander Post, for putting together and the respective Women's and Men's Major Stanley's XV's today.

HILARY TERM HEADLINERS



TICKETS

WEEK 0

BLUES VS LEICESTER TIGERS

7:15PM 17.01.25

WEEK 1 TAB SMASHING DOUBLE HEADER

BLUES vs CAMBRIDGE 7:30PM

PANTHERS vs TIGERS 5:00PM

22.01.25

WEEK 2

HOUNDS vs RICHMOND 3S

WHIPS vs RICHMOND 4S

2PM 01.02.25

WEEK 4 BATTLE FOR THE CITY

OXFORD vs BROOKES

DERBY DAY

ALL DAY 07.02.25

WEEK 7

HOUNDS & WHIPS VARSITY MATCHES

12:30PM/3PM 01.03.25

WEEK 8

BLUES vs JAPAN U19S

7:15PM 12.03.25

THE VARSITY MATCHES

OXFORD UNIVERSITY vs CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025

WOMEN KO: 12PM

MEN KO: 3PM

STONEX STADIUM

WEEK 7

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1 Estelle Onwuka
 Worcester
English
 DOB: 06/01/2005

2 Sophie Goodman
 Brasenose
Physics
 DOB: 15/11/2003

13 Amelie Harris-Lovett #422
 Worcester
Biochemistry
 DOB: 12/05/2003

14 Victoria Kennedy
 Oriel
PPE
 DOB: 04/09/2004

3 Liz Drake
 LMH
Chemistry
 DOB: 24/05/2003

4 Madison Quig #421
 Jesus
MSc Womens & Reproductive Health
 Stanford University 1st XV
 DOB: 23/07/2001

15 Lucy Hamer #411
 St Hilda's
DPhil Medical Sciences
 Imperial College London, UCL, Barnes RFC, Oxford Quins RFC
 DOB: 07/02/2000

16 Michele Szegda #416
 Wolfson
MSc Oncology
 US Military Academy at West Point 1st XV
 DOB: 24/02/1998

5 Lucy McBride
 Hertford
Music
 DOB: 09/04/200

6 Sky Stewart-Roberts #402
 New
Biology
 DOB: 23/01/2003

17 Juliet Hill
 St Hugh's
 DOB:

18 Izzy Hedges
 Mansfield
History
 Havant Women's Rugby
 DOB: 15/03/2005

7 Olivia Rosin
 St Hugh's
 DOB:

8 Tolu Duckworth #410
 Keble
Medicine
 DOB: 03/01/2001

19 Sophie Shams #400
 Teddy Hall
DPhil Geophysics
 Durham University 1st XV, Saracens (2021-2023), Ealing Trailfinders (2023-2024), Samurai 7s (2018-present), Dubai RFC
 DOB: 12/11/1999

20 Clara Malling Strømsted #403
 Jesus
MPhil Comparative Social Policy
 DOB: 23/08/2000

9 (C) Alex Wilkinson #404
 Keble
Economics & Management
 England U20s and Wasps RFC
 DOB: 19/11/2003

10 Chloe-Marie Hawley #384
 Queen's
 DOB:


21 Kat Vincent
 Christ Church
Geography
 DOB: 23/09/2004


**Head Coach:
 Scott Hall**


11 Katie Hains #397
 Lincoln
DPhil Biochemistry
 University of Bristol 1st XV
 DOB: 25/06/2000

12 Lilla Berry #412
 Hertford
English & Spanish
 Eastern Counties U18s
 DOB: 01/01/2004

WOMEN'S MAJOR STANLEY'S XV


1 Kit Levenson #398

 Hackney RFC
 Edinburgh Uni RFC (2018-2021),
 Hackney RFC (2022), OURFC
 Blues (2023, 2024)
DOB: 04/07/1998


2 Zed Nott #409

 Oxford Quins RFC
 OURFC Pumas (2020), Panthers
 (2021-22), Blues (2023-4)
DOB: 04/09/2000

13 Grace Gibson #413

 Oxford Quins RFC
 OURFC Pumas (2022), Panthers,
 and Blues (2024), Oxford
 Harlequins (2024)
DOB: 22/08/2002

14 Shona Reid-Evans

 Chinnor RFC
 Chinnor RFC (2021-2024)
DOB: 28/07/1995

3 Juliette Shorey #390

 Wimbledon RFC
 London Scottish U18s, OURFC
 Panthers (2021), Blues (2022,
 2023)
DOB: 29/08/2001


4 Lauren Preece

 OURFC Panthers and Blues
DOB: 27/02/2002

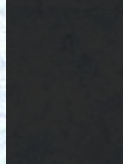
15(C) Clodagh Holmes #364


 Moseley RFC
 OURFC Blues (2019, 2021, 2022,
 2023)
DOB: 22/08/2000


16 Sarah Pentecost


 Witney RFC
 Played for Witney for 10 years and
 represented Oxon County 2023
 season. Current Captain of Witney
DOB: 30/10/1977

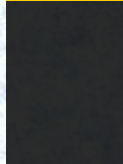
5 Lisa Craddock

 Witney RFC
 Old Leamingtonians (2017);
 Banbury (2018-2021); Buckingham
 Swans (2021-2024); Oxfordshire
 County 2024
DOB: 23/01/1992


6 Lauren Belforti

 Witney RFC
 Florida State University (2017-
 2020), Department of the Air
 Force (2022-2024), Banbury
 (2024)
DOB: 28/07/1999


17 Nat Barnard-Williams

 Supermarines RFC
 Supermarine 2004-2024
DOB: 01/04/1981


18 Amber Wilkins #393

 OURFC Panthers (2020), Blues
 (2021-2024)
DOB: 15/03/2002


7 George Close-Smith #419

 OURFC Pumas (2022), Panthers
 (2023), Blues (2024)
DOB: 14/06/2003

8 (VC) Licia McCutchen

 Old Albanians RFC
 Hertfordshire County, Saracens
 U18s, Loughborough University,
 Old Albanians
DOB: 09/08/2003

19 Charlie Groves

 Oxford Quins RFC
 Gosford All Blacks, Oxford
 Barbarians and Oxfordshire
 County, Loughborough University
 2015-2018, Loughborough Town
 2016-2019, Oxford Quins 2021-
 2024
DOB: 21/09/1996


20 Amy Bothwell

 Reading Abbey
 Reading Abbey (2007-2010),
 Chipping Norton (2010-2014),
 Gosford (2014-2018), Worcester
 Warriors training squad (2018-
 2019)
DOB: 01/10/2001

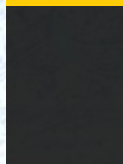
9 Emily Darch

 Brunel University RFC
 Sussex County (2022-23),
 Harlequins U18s (2023-24)
DOB: 08/09/2005

10 Alex Leeds

Hong Kong (2014, 2024)
 Hong Kong Football Club (2009-
 2015 and 2023-24), Aberystwyth
 University (2014-2017), Swansea
 University (2018-20), Swansea
 RFC (2019-20), Richmond RFC
 (2021), Oxford Harlequins (2022-
 23)
DOB: 17/09/1996

**Director of Rugby:
 Rebecca Syed-Sheriff**

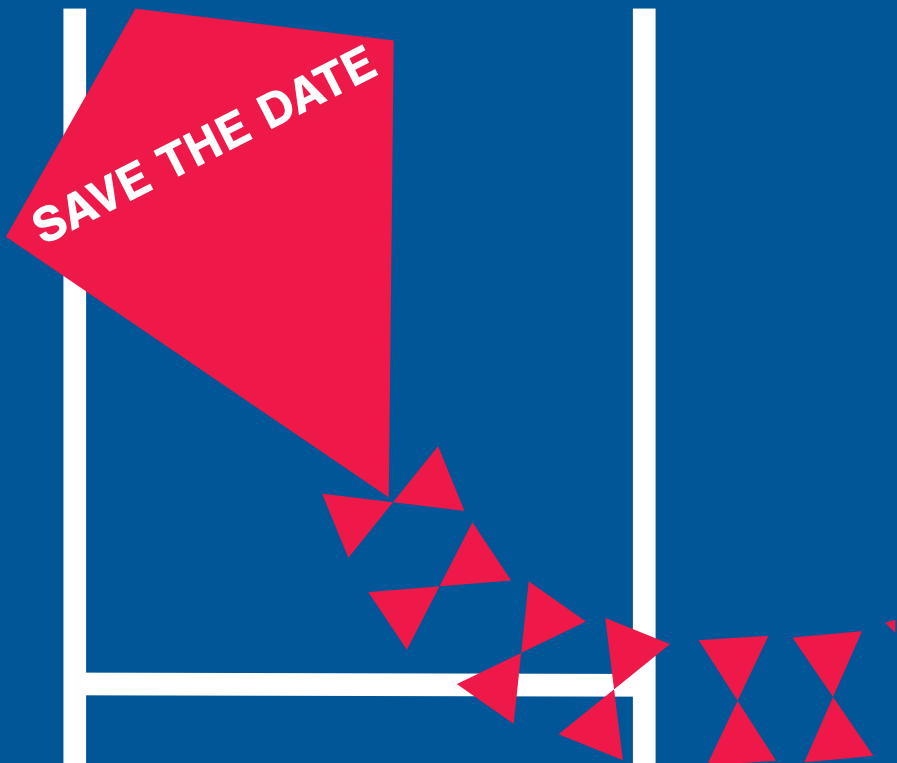
**Head Coach:
 Lou Grey**

11 Lily-Mae Phillips #394

 England Deaf RFC
England Deaf (2024)
 OURFC Panthers 2021, Blues
 (2022, 2024), England Deaf
 (2024)
DOB: 25/06/2002

12 Rebecca Syed-Sheriff #116

 Chinnor RFC
 England Students (1998), Laos
 7s (2018)
 OURFC Panthers 1997; Blues
 1998-2000; Melbourne University
 2001-2003; Bangkok Southerners
 2017-2020; Chinnor Kites 2022-
 2023
DOB: 13/07/1975

**Team Manager:
 Grace Gibson**

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2025

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INSPIRATION

Ian Michael Williams was a talented tight-head prop fulfilling his dream of being a professional rugby union player. Sadly on 20th February 2018 he collapsed whilst training for English Championship club Doncaster Knights, and, despite the best efforts of his teammates and the emergency response team, he could not be resuscitated. He was aged just 27.

Known as a gentle giant (unless you happened to be facing him in the pack!) Ian was well respected and liked by all of his teammates from his various clubs, and will always be remembered with much affection.



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VISION

Our vision for **The Ian Williams Foundation** is to create an impactful vehicle for change. We want his Foundation to be big, sporty, strong, compassionate, dynamic, driven and caring - like he was. We have started our work within rugby, as it was Ian's world.

We plan to **SEE** out this vision through three key objectives:



SCREEN

Campaigning to make **cardiac screening** available at all levels within rugby.



ENCOURAGE

Destigmatising mental health issues by supporting **open conversations** amongst athletes.



ENABLE

Opening doors for those with potential to play rugby regardless of their background.

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OURFC MEN'S BLUES

<p>1 Harry Pratt #1310</p>  <p>Queens <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>Malone RFC</p> <p>DOB: 19/03/2004</p>	<p>2 Will Roddy</p>  <p>St Hilda's <i>Biochemistry</i></p> <p>Newport 1st XV & Worcester Warriors Academy</p> <p>DOB: 03/10/2003</p>	<p>13 Jack Sander</p> <p>New College</p> <p>DOB:</p>	<p>14 Tom Mewes #1290</p>  <p>Brasenose <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>Ripon Grammar School</p> <p>DOB: 20/12/2000</p>
<p>3 Michael Fankah #1285</p>  <p>St Peter's <i>Economics & Management</i></p> <p>England Counties</p> <p>DOB: 19/08/2003</p>	<p>4 Otis Walker #1307</p>  <p>Brasenose <i>Geography</i></p> <p>Monmouth 1st XV</p> <p>DOB: 05/05/2005</p>	<p>15 Harry Bridgewater #1284</p>  <p>Lincoln <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>Oxford Quins 1st XV</p> <p>DOB: 09/10/2003</p>	<p>16 Mike Behan</p>  <p>Keble <i>MSc Financial Economics</i></p> <p>Leinster U20s & Old Belvedere RFC</p> <p>DOB: 29/10/2001</p>
<p>5 Ned Bowman</p> <p>St Hugh's <i>PPE</i></p> <p>St Paul's School 1st XV</p> <p>DOB: 04/08/2006</p>	<p>6 Mike O'Donnell</p>  <p>Kellogg <i>MSc Sustainable Urban Development</i></p> <p>University of California Davis 1st XV & California Grizzlies</p> <p>DOB: 20/04/2002</p>	<p>17 Oli Kirk</p>  <p>Keble <i>MSc Financial Economics</i></p> <p>Durham University 1st XV & Warwickshire U20s</p> <p>DOB: 29/01/2003</p>	<p>18 Jasper Singh</p> <p>Teddy Hall <i>DPhil Materials</i></p> <p>Warwick University 1st XV</p> <p>DOB: 21/12/1999</p>
<p>7 Henry Henderson</p> <p>Teddy Hall</p>	<p>8 Fergus Dick</p>  <p>Trinity <i>MSc Sustainable Urban Development</i></p> <p>Loughborough University 1st XV & Bristol Bears U18s</p> <p>DOB: 17/06/2002</p>	<p>19 Luke Newland</p>  <p>Mansfield <i>History</i></p> <p>Llantrisant RFC 1st XV & Cardiff Blues U16s</p> <p>DOB: 08/10/2004</p>	<p>20 Matt Wall</p>  <p>New <i>Mathematics</i></p> <p>Hampstead RFC</p> <p>DOB: 17/11/2002</p>
<p>9 Vasco Fariah #1286</p>  <p>Exeter <i>Biochemistry</i></p> <p>Portugal U18s & London Irish Academy</p> <p>DOB: 21/07/2003</p>	<p>10 Pat Meigh</p>  <p>St John's <i>Law</i></p> <p>Greyhounds</p> <p>DOB: 16/06/2003</p>	<p>21 Sam Line</p>  <p>St Catz <i>English and Portuguese</i></p> <p>Harlequins Academy</p> <p>DOB: 27/10/2005</p>	<p>22 Ben Shaw</p>
<p>11 Wolfe Morn #1309</p>  <p>Christ Church <i>Classics</i></p> <p>York RUFC</p> <p>DOB: 20/07/2004</p>	<p>12 Jonty Scott-Brown</p>  <p>St Catz <i>Human Sciences</i></p> <p>Old Leamingtonians RFC & Worcester Warriors DPP</p> <p>DOB: 21/10/2004</p>	<p>23 Noah Miller</p>  <p>New <i>Biochemistry</i></p> <p>King Edward VI Aston 1st XV</p> <p>DOB: 20/04/2003</p>	<p>Head Coach: Ian Kench (#1128)</p>

MEN'S MAJOR STANLEY'S XV

1 Euan Friend #1281
 Independent Schools U18s,
 Cullompton RFC
 DOB: **18/02/1998**
 Height: **185**

2 Harry Scoble #1293
Australia U20s
 Western Force RFC, Australia
 U20s
 DOB: **12/11/1994**
 Height: **6'0"**

15 Henry Cheeseman

16 Josh Navarajasegaran

3 Stefan North

4 Jasper Dix #1236
 Northampton Saints Academy,
 England U18 Squad
 DOB: **10/03/1999**
 Height: **6'4"**



17 Barnaby Vaughan #1257
 Otley RFC, Ilkley RFC, Yorkshire
 Carnegie Academy
 DOB: **04/09/1991**
 Height: **185**

18 Hugo McPherson #1233

5 Eoin O'Sullivan #1291
 Wicklow RFC, Leinster Youths
 DOB: **21/11/1994**
 Height: **6'3"**

6 Joe Vajner

19 Edward Blake #1283
 Wimbledon RFC
 DOB: **21/04/2003**
 Height: **6'4"**

20 Seth Dockery #1301
 Kings Norton Rhinos RFC,
 Worcestershire County, North
 Midlands RFC

7 Kemp Price

8 Jack Glover #1287
 Newcastle University 1st XV,
 Harlequins Academy
 DOB: **02/09/1999**
 Height: **186**



21 Cal Grant #1264
 England Students, Henley Hawks
 RFC, London Scottish, Ealing
 Trailfinders, Richmond
 DOB: **20/03/1996**
 Height: **180**

22 Paddy Mayhew

9 Ross Parsons

10 Louis Jackson #1250
 Worcester Warriors Academy
 DOB: **14/04/2000**
 Height: **185**

23 Ellis Rudder

24 Ben Scher #1308
 Canada U20s & Durham University
 1st XV
 DOB: **10/02/1997**
 Height: **186**

11 Will Panday
Hong Kong U20

12 Sam Moorby #1227
 Richmond FC, Surrey U20s,
 Penguins
 DOB: **18/07/1994**
 Height: **6'0"**

**Team Manager:
 Paul Roberts**

**Head Coach:
 Alexander Post (#1277)**

13 Henry Hackett #1256
 OURFC
 DOB: **19/12/1998**
 Height: **196**

14 Harry Parker #1292
Australia U20s
 Australia U20s, Brisbane City NRC,
 University of Queensland 1st XV
 DOB: **10/11/1992**
 Height: **5'11"**

**Assistant Coach:
 Eric Fry (#1273)**



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