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Alumni of the CULC,

My warmest welcome to the Lent 2026 alumni newsletter for the Cambridge University Lacrosse Club. It has been an absolute honour to serve as President for this season, and I would like to thank the rest of the Resident Committee for their hard work during the season. In particular, I hope you will join me in sending our gratitude to Mr Jasper Bates, Club Captain for 2025/26, for his personal dedication and unyielding efforts in delivering a very successful year for Men's Lacrosse.

On the pitch, a 4th place finish in the league, a cup run to the Quarter Finals and an unfortunate narrow defeat to O*ford in the Blues Game are evidence of the progress made under the capable hands of Mr Bates, and I am confident that all at the Club will be eager to push on further in the 2026/27 season. Congratulations to the Eagles team of 2026, who comfortably dispatched of the O*ford 2s with a scoreline of 7-6.

Off the pitch, a combination of social success and a kit refresh has set the Club up very well for the years to come; not only improving the experience of current members but also increasing the Club's visibility and pull to prospective members.

A special mention to Mr Alexander Erbstein, Mr Joshua Maggiano and Mr Rye Walker who in their only year here at Cambridge, showed a level of grit, dedication and passion that has invigorated the club. I would like to wish you and all graduating members well for the future.

Overall, I believe that this has been a hugely successful year for the CULC and I look forward to my final term as President (and at Cambridge), when we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting, the Alumni Dinner at Hawks', and Tour 2026, amongst other events.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to Mr Nathan Sweeney, Vice-Captain for 2025/26, who registered 43 goal contributions in all competitions, finishing 3rd in the standings for goals (16) and 2nd for assists (20) in BUCS Midlands Tier 1.

Congratulations to Mr Alexander Erbstein who has been selected to represent Southeast English Universities Lacrosse Team at the upcoming Uni Bowl tournament.

**Match Results**

Date	Opponent	Competition	Location	Score
22 October 2025	Loughborough University 2s	League	(H)	17 – 3
05 November 2025	Nottingham Trent University 2s	League	(H)	13 – 1
12 November 2025	<i>Lincoln University 1s</i>	<i>Men's National Trophy (R32)</i>	(A)	4 – 10
19 November 2025	Warwick University 1s	League	(H)	6 – 11 (L)
26 November 2025	<i>King's College London 1s</i>	<i>Men's National Trophy (R16)</i>	(H)	17 – 6
03 December 2025	Nottingham Trent University 2s	League	(A)	7 – 7 (D)
28 January 2026	Lincoln University 1s	League	(A)	5 – 6
04 February 2026	Loughborough University 2s	League	(A)	9 – 5 (L)
11 February 2026	<i>St Mary's University 1s</i>	<i>Men's National Trophy (QF)</i>	(H)	11 – 12 (L)
18 February 2026	Lincoln University 1s	League	(H)	10 – 2
04 March 2026	Warwick University 1s	League	(A)	9 – 1 (L)
11 March 2026	Nottingham University 2s	League	(A)	0 – 0 (Forfeited)
18 March 2026	Nottingham University 2s	League	(H)	8 – 4

Final League Position: 4th

Final League Points tally: 13



Available Match Reports

Cambridge vs Loughborough University 2s (22nd October 2025)

The CULC is back and better than ever in our first game of the season with a 17-3 win against Loughborough 2s.

The first minutes of the game saw 3 goals in quick succession for the light blues, opening the scoring was Captain Jasper Bates, followed by Joshua and Shaan. Loughborough struck back with two but US import Alex Erbstein swiftly shut down all purple hopes, dodging his way through the entire midfield and pinging the ball in off the bar (twice). The quarter was concluded by ex-captain (and DoD) Jacob Powell, dancing his way to the crease for a goal.

The second quarter was somewhat defensive, and our new recruits held solid, with Rye Walker leading the defensive trio, commanding Dan and man of the match Ed into brilliant formation and performing formidable slides. Loughborough threw the ball around for ages and scored only once, which would prove to be their last goal of the game. In response, Erby, Jacob and Shaan found the back of the purple net.

Slaughter in the third. 6 in a row for light blues, with Erby (x2), Jasper, Sweeney, new recruit Sergio (from the tightest angle I have ever seen) and again from JP. Loughborough did not score, a testament to keeper Rob Tombs' cat-like reflexes and bullish strength.

In the final quarter, with the score already ridiculous, two free goals came when Shaan and Sweeney both found JP (goal hanging) on the crease, pulling the final score up to 17-3.

Cambridge vs Nottingham Trent University 2s (5th November 2025)

Week 4 saw another big win for CULC at Emmanuel College grounds, our new home pitch. Our only other performance at this venue was the historic Varsity win last February, so the boys had big shoes to fill.

With captain Jasper Bates absent (medic duties), the team arrived in disarray. While NTU warmed up, CULC searched for balls, helmets, and elbows - defensive stalwart and DOTD Dan Silverthorne ended up playing with one elbow exposed.

Despite the pregame dawdling, the Blues picked up where we left off against Loughborough. Makeshift FOGO Alex 'Herby' Erbstein dominated at the dot, but ignored the 'GO' in FOGO, and tested the keeper four or five times to start the game.

The NTU keeper came prepared, stuffing all of our best attempts for much of the first quarter. But the barrage was relentless, and eventually Josh Maggiano found the back of the net, opening the floodgates.

Over the following quarters, all starting middies and attackers scored, alongside huge contributions from the bench. Many players recorded their first CULC goals including MOTM Cam Rapoza, President Naylin Naidu, and Varsity LSM Jonathan Romic.

On the other half of the field, Ben Massey showed off his pole practice, making a solid defensive debut. Led by part time mixed goalie Rob Tombs and high school D veteran Rye Walker, our defence denied NTU a single shot on goal until the second half.

NTU voiced their frustration from the sidelines, berating our players for practicing swim moves on their demoralised troops. All ended civilly. Jacob Powell was integral as always.



CUP: Lincoln University 1s vs Cambridge (12th November 2025)

The CULC gathered on a bright November morning in Cambridge, ready to board a coach to Lincoln. With only 9 men, the team were somewhat apprehensive as they arrived at the pitch, a feeling that was only made worse by Lincoln turning up with 16 men and refusing to play with nine. As the rain began to pour, the lads took to the field.

The first 2 quarters were somewhat uneventful, as Erby and Josh Maggiano proceeded to demonstrate exactly how to play when you're a man down, ending the quarter with the CULC 6-3 up. In the third quarter the fight had gone out of the Lincoln players, while Jasper, potentially upset by having troubles getting his stick to perform, accidentally wiped out a bloke. Following a lengthy stoppage we recommenced, finishing the game 10-4. Shout outs to a solid defence led by Ed, and Sam who stepped up in goal.

MOTM - Louis. Drafted in on very short notice, the debutant stepped up to display an impressively physical performance. Unfortunately, this upset the Lincoln captain, who as his last action decided to run out newest player over.

Lincoln University 1s vs Cambridge (28th January 2026)

The CULC made their second appearance at the lacrosse 'pitch' in Lincoln to face Lincoln 1s. The field we were playing on could adequately be described as a swamp and the team we brought out was 72.73% new recruits. The first play of the game saw a quick goal from O*ford's ex captain Shaan Baig. Lincoln responded with two goals and the game settled into course with the obvious importance of ground ball physicality, highlighted as a key variable to this game.

The second quarter was slow and saw only an equalising goal from Shaan to bring the score to 2-2 at half time. The game was beginning to break down to a Lord of the Flies re-enactment by this point due to a combination of (very) laid back refereeing, the abhorrent conditions of the pitch and a particular Lincoln player who clearly mistook his stick for a machete. Some heavy hits given and received with note to Zhang, Massey, Dan and Joe for being frequent Lincoln obstacles on the defensive side.

Sweeney opened the scoring in the second half from outside the fan after sustaining multiple injuries to body and brain attempting to level with the Lincoln captain (notably half a foot and 20 kilograms larger than him) on numerous occasions to varying degrees of success. A massive shout out to keeper Rob for keeping us in the game this quarter (despite a Lincoln player screaming 'say my name' after scoring his only goal) and a great effort from first time face-off taker Ed Kennedy for stepping up. I'm not sure what the score was going into the final quarter (the 'scorecard' was the notes app of a Lincoln supporter) but I think it was 3-3.

Unable to face the prospect of a draw Shaan fired first at which point Lincoln captain decided to piece up our entire back line and score twice. 4-5. The next two goals were top class. A cut to the crease and a thread-the-needle pass from Shaan found Sweens with a mid-air catch, cradle and dump top corner. An impressive dodge fully around the goal and back again put Shaan at an insanely acute shot angle, which he shot from and found the inside of the far pipe with 10 seconds to spare. Absurd. 6-5 full time.



CUP: Cambridge vs St Mary's University 1s (11th February 2026)

The CULC turned up in full force at Wilberforce road this morning, a great change from our slightly undermanned trip to Loughborough the previous week. Facing a strong St Mary's side in the quarter final of the national cup the lads displayed great heart. The first quarter was tight, with goals from Shaan, Naylin and Sweeney leaving us all square at the break. The second quarter went less smoothly with another goal from Shaan being our only response to four goals from the opposition. After an even third quarter the boys entered the fourth both three goals and a man down. Three quickly became five and it looked dire for the boys in blue. However the boys rallied following great runs from cam and jasper, clawing it back to a one goal deficit before falling at the final hurdle, with the game finishing 11-12 to st marys. Big shoutouts goes to everyone who played with the boys leaving it all on the pitch. Both Kman and Ed scored goals better suited to a hockey pitch. Unfortunately, Ed's one went in our own net. Rob also made some great runs down the pitch and is clamouring for the opportunity to try a coast to coast goal in varsity. Jasper remains unconvinced by his appeals though.

VARSITY: O*ford 1s vs Cambridge 1s (28th February 2026)

The CULC set off at the crisp hour of 7am from Cambridge finally with an away day squad number greater than 10. The Blues were facing off at 12.45pm so had a healthy warm-up before the squad lined up against the O*ford team.

O*ford scored the first two (notably with a shot success rate of about 10%) before the light blues equalised in the form of Alex Erbstein* with a powerful dodge and shot from up top and a quick feed into Rye Walker* on the crease. A rattled dark blue side called their first timeout, in which they must have performed some sort of hexing ritual against us, as the next 6 successive goals (2 in this quarter, 4 in the next) came from the dark blues, notably one of the unsuccessful shots was blocked with the abdomen of light blue pole Joe Larkin, who shrugged the hit off and proceeded to munch his attacker immediately after.

The second quarter saw the 4 goals mentioned earlier, alongside a standard (strictness) of refereeing never before seen by the Midlands Tier 1 Cambridge squad. Accustomed to the scrappy, passionate and aggressive games in their league, the light blues dominated O*ford physically - a level of dominance that the referees (for whatever reason) did not enjoy. Special mentions go to Josh Maggiano*, Nathan Sweeney** and again Rye Walker* for particularly massive hits against the dark blues.

The third quarter was a light blue quarter. Following an inspiring half-time talk from Coach Ji (Ex McGill captain, national championship winner and all round great bloke). We scored three from clean set offence thanks to Erby*, Rye* and Josh*, with only two goals in return from O*ford.

In the final (of the TWENTY MINUTE quarters) quarter, a huge shift from captain Jasper Bates** running mid on both offence and defence and strong offence from Cambridge led to two further goals: one from O*ford's ex Captain Shaan Baig*/* and the other from Erby claiming his triple. Unfortunately, this was matched and then overcome by the dark blues, scoring 3 against the outstanding Cambridge keeper Rob Tombs** who had played a full game for the Mixed 1s prior to our game. His shot-stopping was what kept us in the game and a massive shoutout to him.

First half score: Oxford 8-2 Cambridge

Second half score - Oxford 5-5 Cambridge

Final score - Oxford 13-7 Cambridge

Shoutout the Eagles, who won their match with a spectacular 8-6 scoreline, a match report may be on its way...

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Alumni Dinner 2026

Spaces are still available for the upcoming Alumni Dinner on the **13th June 2026**. Sign up for the upcoming Alumni Dinner at the Hawks' Club using this link:

<https://forms.gle/AwGiZsXaTGispJrf9>

This dinner will act as a pilot event for further planned alumni events. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or recommendations.

Hawks' & Ospreys' Event 2026

For those keen on making a return, please do consider buying a ticket for the Hawks' and Ospreys' Event which takes place on **Friday 19th June 2026**, before May Week. A strong CULC contingent always makes for good fun. In store for you is unlimited tomahawk out of watermelons. Please see the Hawks' website (<https://www.hawksclub.co.uk/>) or Instagram for information on further ticket releases.



H&O Event 2025

Merchandise

Please see below for a list of items that are still available to purchase. Please get in touch via email to make an order. *Standard UK delivery: £4.99 | International delivery: £14.99*

Club Long tie (<i>Ryder & Amies</i>)	£28
Club Bowtie (<i>Ryder & Amies</i>)	£28
Boonie (<i>myBoonies</i>)	£35

A further order will be made in Michaelmas 2026 by the newly elected Committee for the following items. Please get in touch via email to register interest.

Fleece (<i>Saxon Clothing</i>)	£65
Pinnie (<i>Pioneer</i>)	£35

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If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me via WhatsApp or email (nsn24@cam.ac.uk).

Stay hard,

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President

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