

A night with the
Cambridge University Legends
26th April 2017

The Hurlingham Club, Fulham

“The Red Lion Legends”

Mike Gibson, Gerald Davies, Rob Andrew, Gavin Hastings, Ken Scotland, Eddie Butler, Paul Ackford, Jamie Roberts, Mike Hall, Bill Raybould, Tony Underwood, Alun Lewis, Bob Williamson, Alastair Hignell & Gareth Davies (OURFC)

Auctioneer - Charlie Ross



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Welcome And Thanks...

Welcome to our Guests, Sponsors, Supporters and our Alumni.

Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club welcomes you to an evening in which it honours the contribution made by its Lions and Internationals, of which there have been 326 in total, to the game of Rugby Football.

The Club

As many of you will already be aware, Cambridge University RUFC will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2021. The Club was actually founded in November 1871, and the first Varsity Match took place in February 1872. Many colleges fielded teams for some years before the formation of CURUFC, and the Club played a central role in drawing up the first rules of the game, which were adopted by the RFU in 1872.

In 1972, it celebrated its centenary, culminating in a Cambridge Past & Present v Barbarians match at Grange Road. The two teams included some of the greatest players of all time including Gareth Edwards, Pierre Villepreux, Fran Cotton, Mike Gibson and David Duckham.

CURUFC has produced more players who have represented Great Britain, the British Isles, the Lions and the British & Irish Lions than any other club, as well as seven Lions captains from Johnny Hammond in 1896 to Gavin Hastings in 1993

The Club Today

CURUFC is now a fully integrated club for the best Men and Women Players at the University, and fields teams in six different Varsity Matches each year, as well as a full programme of fixtures throughout the season. The college league and cuppers competitions are also run by the Club, and these continue to operate, with a few variations, very much as they have done for many decades.

The Club launched an Academy programme in 2016 to develop the best your undergraduate talent towards Blues standard, and this crucial initiative will be expanded in coming years. The club also develops young student referees and supports the Cambridge University & District Rugby Referees Society

The Future

CURUFC aims to offer the most admired student rugby experience in the world for academically gifted students, including the Varsity match at Twickenham, tours abroad, intensive coaching and conditioning, and a first class fixture list..

The Club has launched the "Red Lion 150" Campaign, the goal of which is to deliver a sustainable platform for the club and the next generation of players, as well as a vibrant club and an exceptional rugby experience for those with both high academic ability and top-level sporting talent who wish to study at Cambridge.





A new RL150 development website has been recently launched and this can be found at www.redlion150.curufc.com This will be further developed as the campaign evolves over the coming months.

Having previously operated independently from the University in terms of funding, we are actively exploring ways that we can work more proactively with the University to operate on a more efficient and sustainable basis going forward, and we will update our alumni about these developments in due course.

Your Involvement Is Crucial

This may sound obvious, but sometimes it pays to keep things simple, and to focus on the basic and obvious elements which will make a long-term project like Red Lion 150 a success.

We now have a strong team working centrally at the club, both on and off the field, to help deliver a sustainable and vibrant future for the club and Rugby at Cambridge University overall. This programme, and indeed this evening, is not the place for lots of detail, but one message is absolutely vital.

Whatever we do at Grange Road, we will fail without the mass support and engagement from our alumni, members and supporters. Your being here tonight shows that your link to the club remains strong, and most importantly that you care!

Thank you – but please do not make this a one-off, or a once a year thing!!

Please spread the word, encourage others to engage, continue to attend events, support the various initiatives that we will be announcing as we move forward, and help us sustain and develop the positive momentum that we currently have both on and off the field.

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Vice-Chancellor's Message

I am delighted that Cambridge University Rugby Union Football Club is holding a second celebratory evening to mark their record-breaking contribution to the history of the British & Irish Lions.

Sadly, as with the previous event in 2013, I very much regret that I am prevented from joining you due to other commitments I have on behalf of Cambridge. I am sorry to lose the opportunity of joining the event and sharing in it –. I am sure that this will not detract from what looks like a great night for CURUFC and I wish you all the very best for a wonderful evening.

As you will no doubt be aware I am coming to the end of my tenure as Vice-Chancellor. I was delighted that the club managed to break the run of Oxford victories whilst I have been in post – although sadly I had to make do with following the match on the internet whilst on an overseas visit for the University .

It has been a pleasure to be involved in the early stages of the Red Lion 150 development campaign. Tonight's event marks the first major stand-alone RL 150 event, and I am sure that it will provide both a successful blueprint for future events, as well as hopefully providing some funding and support for the coming seasons.

The presentation of a CURUFC shirt (with the notation VC on the back) at the last Old Girls Alumni event in September 2016 was a very special moment for me, and I will cherish both the memory of such a special occasion and the truly unique memento.

At school in Cardiff, I grew up with a love for the sport and still watch games whenever possible at Grange Road or via the media. I remain proud of how Light Blue teams and individuals down the years have taken Cambridge's name onto some of rugby's greatest stages, and continue to do so.

The Varsity match is perhaps the ultimate in one-off rugby matches and still provides a platform for players to go on and play professional and international rugby, as well as to play for enjoyment's sake....and a victory every now and again is certainly very welcome.

I hope that you all have a great evening and raise significant funds for the two charities that you are supporting at the event.

Thank you for your supporting CURUFC.

Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz





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Tonight's CURUFC Legends Dinner

As the first major RL 150 event of 2017, tonight will raise much needed funds for the Club as we strive to repeat last December's victory for the Men's Blues and avenge the narrowest of losses for the CURUFC Women after their landslide victory in 2015.

We will also be raising money for two charities tonight, The first needs little introduction, being "Higgy's Heroes" for Leonard Cheshire disability, the second is Duchenne UK, which is dedicated to the eradication of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a currently incurable and fatal muscle wasting disease which affects children. More on both of these later in this programme

Please support both the auction and the other fundraising activities tonight – three excellent causes.

Sincere thanks go to the following people for their amazing contributions towards the planning and organising of this evening's event, with apologies to anyone who we have unintentionally omitted – we could fill many pages if we tried to thank everyone individually.

- Our Corporate table sponsors for this evening; your contribution is much appreciated and has assisted hugely with the running of the event.
- All those Captains and other table organisers who have sold tickets and promoted this evening's dinner; your contribution tonight, and to RL150 overall will continue to be invaluable.
- The Club is very grateful to former player, rugby enthusiast, demon leg-spin bowler for the Lord Taverner's, and world record-breaking auctioneer Charlie Ross for joining us as tonight's celebrity auctioneer; we are in the hands of a true professional!
- We are also very appreciative of the support that we have had from both the Hurlingham and Sloane Clubs in staging tonight's event, and for their generous support of the auction.
- The various suppliers and supporters who have helped with supplying various key elements which will make tonight a success (not just the alcohol!) – whether they have been donated or offered at amazingly low prices. Making tonight a financial success, whilst at the same time keeping it affordable for all our alumni and supporters, would simply not have been possible without your generosity.
- The RL150 development committee and team at the Club who have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of months to pull this whole event together, Ross-Heber Hall, Matthew Chester and in particular Nykki Webber.





Finally, the Club would like to thank its British & Irish Lions, and all the other CURUFC Internationals who have journeyed from all quarters to be here with us tonight. Your support is invaluable and the rich heritage of the Club, as manifest by so many of you being here tonight, will help us ensure a bright future for Rugby at Cambridge University.

Have a great evening and we look forward to seeing you at the other Red Lion 150 and CURUFC events in 2017.....

Coming Up In 2017

We are introducing a new initiative this year to encourage people to come back to Cambridge and get involved in more than just a visit to CURUFC; with the emphasis on having some fun! There are two “three-day gatherings” in Cambridge planned which we hope alumni will dip in and out of as they wish and if time permits – a sort of CURUFC “pick and mix” if you like!

- The first of these in June features Golf on Thursday, a day at the Varsity T20 matches at Fenner's on Friday, and then a riverside party at the final day of the May Bumps!! All about enjoyment, engagement, time to chat at a more leisurely pace with fellow CURUFC people.
- The second event in late September, on the University Alumni weekend, focuses around the Women's Alumni game on the Saturday, but we will also be supporting the Hawks lunch and gathering on the Sunday. We are working closely with the Hawks to ensure that we both achieve our respective goals.

In between these two Cambridge based events, the CURUFC Women's Alumni will be taking on their counterparts from “The Other Place” on Sunday 22nd July at Wimbledon RFC. This promises to be a cracking day (plenty of top quality Pimms promised), so please support this great initiative if at all possible; something for the younger men in the room to think about maybe!

And all that before we think about the 70th Micky Steele-Bodger match in November and the Varsity Matches on 7th December.

Let's make 2017 a great year for CURUFC when Red Lion 150 really bares its claws!!

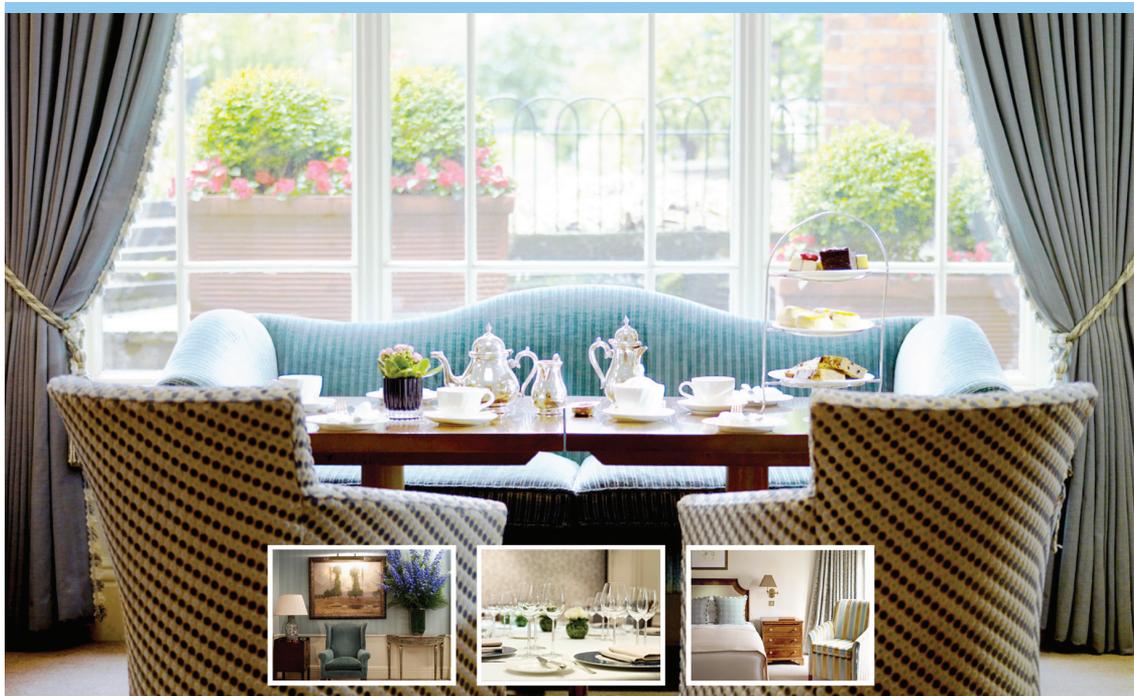
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Tonight's Programme

7.40pm	Guests Called To Dinner
8.00pm	Professor Mark Bailey – President CURUFC
	Gavin Hastings – British Lions
	A Few Formalities And Explanations – Rob Heginbotham
	Auction Telephone Bidding Commences
	<i>Scotland</i>
	Dan Vickerman – Patrick Crossley
	Lions “True or False”
	<i>England</i>
	Charlie Ross - Auction Part 1
	<i>Wales</i>
	Charlie Ross – Auction Part 2
	<i>Ireland</i>
	Lions Selection Quiz Collected
11.00pm	Lions Q & A
11.30pm	Closing Speech
	Bar and General Socialising
1am	Event Ends





CURUFC & The British & Irish Lions

The story of the Light Blue connection with the Lions

Most Lions From A Single Club

70 Lions have studied at Cambridge University, easily more than from any other club.

One, Phil Davies, did not get a Rugby Blue but later played for England and the Lions (1955 tour to South Africa). In the early days, some players selected for Lions tours did not go on to win caps for their individual countries. For example, Johnny Hammond went on the 1891 tour and captained the 1896 Lions but never played for England.

Most Lions Captains

Seven is the incredible number of Lions captains that Cambridge has produced:

Johnny Hammond (1896), Matthew Mullineux (1899), David Bedell-Sivright (1904), Ronald Cove-Smith (1924), David MacMyn (1927), Arthur Smith (1955) and Gavin Hastings (1993). Moreover, Rob Andrew captained the British Lions v France in a one-off Test match in 1989.

The Oldest Living Lion

The oldest Cambridge Lion is W.P.C. Davies from St Catharine's College who toured in South Africa in 1955. He played for England 11 times, winning his first cap in 1953. However, he did not win a Blue whilst at Cambridge!

The First Cambridge Lion

Willie Thomas (Corpus) went on the 1888 tour to Australia & New Zealand - this was also the first Lions tour.

The First Lion To Score A Point On An Official Tour (1891 to South Africa).

William Wotherspoon (Clare) kicked a penalty goal v Cape Town (Port Elizabeth 1891). He also kicked the first conversion and penalty by a Lion. Fellow Blue, Randolph Aston (Caius), scored the

first try and drop goal on the same tour.

Most Lions On A Tour

On the 1891 tour of South Africa, the Light Blues provided an incredible fourteen Lions. They won all three Test matches and all seventeen provincial games. Randolph Aston of Caius College & England was the leading points scorer and played in all twenty games on the tour!

Most Tours By A Lion

Mike Gibson of Queens' College & Ireland toured with the Lions a record five times, a feat equalled only by his fellow countryman Willie-John McBride.

Most Test Appearances

Mike Gibson's twelve Tests puts him third equal with Graham Price and behind Willie-John McBride (17) and Dickie Jeeps (13) on the all-time list.



Most Appearances As A Lion

68 matches by Mike Gibson puts him second behind Willie-John McBride on 70.

Most Penalties In A Test Match And Most Test Penalties By A Lion

6 by Gavin Hastings (First Test, 1993) and 20 overall in six Tests.

Most Test Points By A Lion

66 from Gavin Hastings (1989 & 93) puts him second behind Jonny Wilkinson (67).





Most Test Drop-Goals

2 by Rob Andrew in five Tests (equal with Phil Bennett, Barry John, David Watkins, Percy Bush)

World's First International Test Match Replacement

Mike Gibson replaced Barry John in the First Test in June 1968 v South Africa

Managers & Chairman

Johnny Hammond managed the 1903 tour to South Africa. Gerald Davies managed the 2009 tour to South Africa and is Chairman of the 2017 British & Irish Lions; a position he also held in 2013. John Spencer is also the manager of the 2017 Tour.



Absent Lion Friends

The following cannot attend tonight's event for various reasons but send their best wishes:

Name	College	Lions Tour
Phil Davies	(St Catharine's)	1955
Phil Horrocks-Taylor	(St John's)	1959
John Spencer	(Queens')	1971
John Robbie	(Christ's)	1980

Chris Oti (of legendary Blues, England and Lions (1989) fame) could not be found to be invited to this event, but if anyone knows where he is, please contact nykki.webber@curufc.com

Pictured: "A Night with the Cambridge University Lions 2013"

Back Row: W.H Raybould (Emmanuel), C.R. Andrew (St John's), J.S. Spencer (Queens'), M.R. Hall (Wolfson), P.J. Ackford (Magdalene), R.M. Wilkinson (Emmanuel), E.T. Butler (Fitzwilliam), A.G. Hastings (Magdalene), A.D. Lewis (St John's)

Front Row: T.G.R. Davies (Emmanuel), K.J.F. Scotland (Trinity), I. Robertson (Christ's), C.M.H. Gibson (Queens') A.J. Hignell (Fitzwilliam)

The League Table Of Lions From The Various Cambridge Colleges Is:

Caius: 13	Queens': 5	Corpus: 1
Trinity: 10	Christ's: 3	Fitzwilliam: 1
St John's: 7	Emmanuel: 3	King's: 1
Pembroke: 6	St Catharine's: 2	Selwyn: 1
Magdalene: 5	St Edmund's: 2	Wolfson: 1
Clare: 4	Trinity Hall: 2	





A Complete List Of Lions Who Have Played For Cambridge University.

1888	W.H.Thomas	Cor	1930	C.D. Aarvold	Emm
1891	R.L Aston	Cai		H.M. Bowcott	StC
	E. Bromet	Cai		W.H. Sobey	StJ
	J. Hammond	Tri	1936	W.O.Chadwick	StJ
	H. Marshall	Cai		J.A. Tallent	Cl
	W.E. Mayfield	Cai	1955	W.P.C. Davies	StC
	W.G. Mitchell	Cai		A.R. Smith	Cai
	A. Rotherham	Tri		R.C.C. Thomas	StJ
	C.P. Simpson	Tri	1959	W.R Evans	Chr
	A.A. Surtees	Tri		J.P. Horricks-Taylor	StJ
	R. Thompson	Pem		R.W.D Marques	Que
	W.H. Thorman	Cai		A.A. Mulligan	Mag
	T.S. Whittaker	Tri		K.J.F Scotland	Tri
	W. Wotherspoon	Cl		G.H. Waddell	Pem
	W. Jackson		1962	A.R. Smith (C)	Cai
1896	S.P. Bell	Kin		G.H. Waddell	Pem
	J. Hammond (C)	Tri	1966	C.M.H. Gibson	Que
	O.G. Mackie	Cl	1968	T.G.R. Davies	Emm
	W. Mortimer	Tri		M.G.Doyle	Chr
	M. Mullineux	StJ		C.M.H. Gibson	Que
	A.F. Todd	Cai		W.H. Raybould	Emm
1899	M. Mullineux (C)	StJ	1971	T.G.R. Davies	Emm
1903	D.R. Bedell-Sivright	Tri		C.M.H. Gibson	Que
	W.T.C. Cave	Cai		J.S. Spencer	Que
	G.F. Collett	Pem	1974	C.M.H. Gibson	Que
	T.A. Gibson	Que	1977	C.M.H. Gibson	Que
	A.E. Hind	TrH		A. Lewis	StJ
1904	D.R. Bedell-Sivright	Tri	1980	J.C. Robbie	Chr
1908	H. Laxon	Pem	1983	E.T. Butler	Fit
1910	E.N. Fuller	Mag	1989	P. Ackford	Mag
1924	J.H. Bordass	Cai		C.R. Andrew	StJ
	R. Cove-Smith (C)	Cai		M.R. Hall	Wol
	W.R. Harding	Pem		A.G.Hastings	Mag
	A.T. Young	Cai		C.C. Oti	StE
1927	C.D. Aarvold	Emm	1993	C.R. Andrew	StJ
	A.D. Allen	Cai		A.G.Hastings (C)	Mag
	G.B Coghlan	Cl		T. Underwood	StE
	A.F. Hamilton-Smythe	Tri	1997	T. Underwood	StE
	D.J. MacMyn (C)	Pem		R.I. Wainwright	Mag
	J.O.J. Malfoy	TrH	2009	J.H. Roberts	Que
	G.A.Mcllwaine	Sel	2013	J.H. Roberts	Que
	W.H. Sobey	StJ			
	R.C. Wakefield	Tri			





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Charlie Ross - Auctioneer

We are delighted that Charlie Ross has agreed to lead us through our auction tonight – if you have not been to a Charlie Ross dinner auction before, you are in for a treat!

Charlie Ross ran his own auction house in Woburn for over 25 years and has conducted a wide variety of auctions ranging from antiques, commercial and residential properties, through to vintage cars, which became a speciality, particularly across the pond!

2016 saw Charlie conduct over 80 auctions across the UK, United States and Europe, raising millions of pounds over the past few years. He has supported numerous charities and other organisations in the last year, including Ace Africa, Africa Now, Breast Cancer Now, Caudwell Children, Champions, Clic Sargent, The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, The Dragon School, Great Ormond Street Hospital, The ISB, The Lord Mayor's Appeal, The Lord's Taverners, The Matt Hampson Foundation, The NSPCC, Shooting Star Chase Hospice, Sparks and The Ubuntu Foundation.

For many years, Charlie has conducted the official Pebble Beach Vintage Car Auction in California, and the Scottsdale Auction in Arizona, Texas for Gooding and Company. The latest Pebble Beach auction in August 2016 saw a record four cars selling for

over \$10 million each, the highlight being a 1959 Ferrari 250 GT LWB California Spider Competizione, which sold for \$18.15 million!

Six months earlier, Charlie conducted the Amelia Island Auction in Florida for Gooding and Company, where the 30 most expensive cars sold at the event sold for a combined total of over \$82 million, nearly £58 million.....you will not be surprised that this is a world record!

Away from the rostrum, Charlie is also a familiar face on stage and television alike. He is now one of the 4 regular presenters of the BBC's Bargain Hunt with Eric Knowles, Anita Manning and Natasha Raskin. He particularly enjoyed filming the Christmas Special... playing Scrooge in his nightshirt!

Charlie has always been a keen sportsman, and describes himself as an enthusiastic, if rather uninspiring stalwart of Buckingham RFC 2nd XV for many years (*verified by tonight's organiser, Charlie played for several years with Hegger's uncle*), and his love of cricket persists – he turns out as regularly as possible for the Lord's Taverners, and still delivers a pretty testing, if somewhat unique, brand of leg-spin. His recent career highlight in 2016 was contributing far more (in a positive sense) to the Taverners cause on a rather damp Oxfordshire village afternoon



compared to a certain CURUFC Lions fly-half with a reputed rather higher level of cricketing pedigree!

After many years of treading the boards in Oxford, Charlie has also been elected as President of Oxford Operatic Society – a huge and unexpected honour for him... and, he would say, one obviously not based on any these-pian qualities!

Every lot that goes under Charlie's gavel is important to him, from the local charity pot of marmalade to the most exotic Ferrari. This passion, combined with his extensive and diverse experience, is what makes Charlie one of the leading freelance auctioneers in the UK and beyond.



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Our Charities Tonight

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“Higgy’s Heroes”

The first will need little introduction to the majority of you here – Higgy’s Heroes for Leonard Cheshire Disability. Alastair was first diagnosed with MS in January 1999, incredibly nearly 20 years ago. He has been nothing less than a legend and an inspiration in the way he has dealt with this most formidable life-challenge, and he continues to live life to the full!

Alastair captained Cambridge at both Rugby and Cricket, the first, and we believe only, student to be elected to both offices. He made his England Rugby debut aged just 19 against Australia in the infamous “Battle of Ballymore” in Brisbane, and he won 14 caps in total.

He initially became a teacher after Cambridge, but then joined the BBC in 1986 and made his first live broadcast in 1986 on the France v Ireland game at Parc des Princes in Paris. A stellar career followed and continued until May 2008 when he signed off with the Premiership final.

“Higgy’s Heroes” was born from a group of Alastair’s Cambridge contemporaries who ran the London marathon in 2008; inspired by Higgy’s wife Jeannie, as well as his sons and many family members. The focal point of each year is now the Stroud half-marathon in Higgy’s home town.

We are delighted to support Alastair again at this dinner – an amazing guy who inspires us all.

Duchenne UK

As some of you know, Ali Robertson (1990) recently received the shocking news that his son, Felix, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a currently incurable and fatal muscle wasting disease. It’s a little known condition that has for years been neglected by the authorities and drug companies, and this is despite it being the biggest genetic killer of kids on the planet and absolutely catastrophic in terms of quality of life (wheelchair at age 10-12, ventilator from mid-teens, loss of upper body function from late teens and death in early/mid 20’s).

Huge progress has been made in the last decade, and there is genuine hope that a cure will be found in the next 10 years!

Ali and a group of mates, including Rob Wainwright and Andy Macdonald, are riding their bikes from London to Monaco, via Paris and the Alps, from 9-17th June, covering 1,500 km and climbing 18,000 m in 9 days – insanity! They’re raising money for Duchenne UK, a highly efficient charity that spends 90% plus of all money they receive on research; a charity at the forefront of the push to find the cure. It may not be in time for Felix, but future generations will hopefully not have to face the devastation that DMD causes. Ali would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor him and his MAMIL comrades – or possibly even join them in the saddle in June!!





Events 2017

EASTER TERM 2017

Wednesday 26th April

CURUFC Legends' Dinner **RL 150**
Hurlingham Club, Fulham, London.

Thursday 27th April

Cuppers Final – Grange Road.

**Thursday 15th –
Saturday 17th June**

Summer Gathering in Cambridge **RL 150**
Informal Golf on 15th.
T20 Varsity Cricket at Fenner's on 16th
Final Day of May Bumps on 17th.

Sunday 22nd July

Women's Alumni Varsity Match - Wimbledon RFC

MICHELMAS TERM

**Friday 22nd Sept -
Sunday 24th Sept**

Cambridge University Alumni weekend **RL 150**
Fri 22nd Alumni Golf Day – Gog Magog, Cambridge.
Sat 23rd Women's Alumni game at Grange Road.
Men's event to be announced.
Sun 24th – Hawks' Club drinks and lunch – details TBC.

Sunday 8th Oct

College Tournament – 2.30pm Grange Road.

Oct/Nov TBC

Blues v Trinity College Dublin - Dublin. **RL 150**
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Wednesday 22nd Nov

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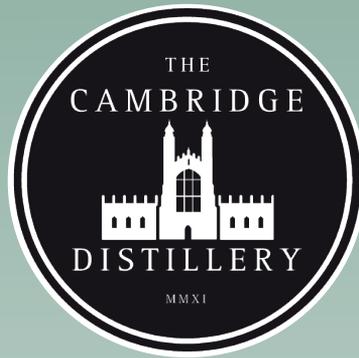
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CURUFC Farewells Since 2013

Regrettably, the Club has said farewell to a number of former CURUFC players and our thoughts and sympathies are with their families, team mates, colleagues and friends.

Since the night with the Cambridge University Lions event in 2013, in particular the Club has sadly said goodbye to:

- **D. G. Perry** (who very sadly passed away recently), a former England captain who was capped 15 times at international level, touring Australia and New Zealand and skippering the side during the 1965 Five Nations. He featured for Cambridge in the 1958 Varsity Match, before going on to play for Bedford between 1962 and 1966.
- **D. J. Vickerman**, who achieved the distinction of playing in three Rugby World Cups between 2003 and 2011. He gained 63 caps playing for Australia and had an incredible impact while at CURUFC setting new standards of professionalism with everyone benefiting from the knowledge and insight he brought to the Club.
- **Dr M Turner**, Mike was among the world's best cross-country runners, England's cross country captain in a supreme era and another great Club servant. Doc Turner was an inspirational man who led many CURUFC players in the 1980s to high levels of performance, higher than they could have ever expected.





- **J.A. Gwilliam**, passed away in 2016, aged 93. He captained Wales to two Grand Slam victories and as the Grand Slam winning captain would have undoubtedly been a Lion, possibly captain, on the 1950 tour to Australia and New Zealand. However, as a school master at Glenalmond College in Scotland he was not allowed to take several months off. How times have changed!!!
- **W. R. Evans**, Christ's College, who won 13 Caps for Wales and toured Australia and New Zealand in 1959. He was known as "Roddy the Body" with his 6ft 3in and 16 stone frame. Known for his practical jokes, he was once sent home from an Oxbridge tour to South America for riding a polo pony through a dinner attended by the President of Chile.
- **The Revd Professor W. O. Chadwick**, KBE, former Master of Selwyn College, St John's College as a student. He toured with the Lions to Argentina in 1936 and was CURUFC President between 1973 and 1984.
- **Dr J. Owens**, a supporter of CURUFC for over 40 years and gave distinguished service as Honorary Medical Officer for much of that time. Always smartly dressed, many an injured player over the years has been grateful for John's arrival at his side on the pitch if somewhat puzzled by such a sartorial elegance in the mud.





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CURUFC Internationals Since 1945

1st Blue	1st Cap	Name	Initials	College	Country	No of Caps
1945	1954	Bance	J F	Clare	England	1
1945	1948	Bruce-Lockhart	L	St John's	Scotland	5
1945	1947	Henderson	A P	Pembroke	England	9
1945	1947	Steele-Bodger	M R	Caius	England	9
1946	1947	Campbell	H H	Magdalene	Scotland	4
1946	1947	Hunter	J M	Clare	Scotland	1
1946	1947	Perry	S V	Trinity	England	7
1946	1948	Turner	M F	St Catharine's	England	2
	1947	Anderson	E	Pembroke	Scotland	2
1947	1950	Dorward	A F	St John's	Scotland	15
1947	1947	Gwilliam	J A	Trinity	Wales	23
1947	1949	Holmes	W B	Queens'	England	4
1948	1947	Davies	G	St Catharine's	Wales	11
1948	1949	Gloag	L G	Trinity	Scotland	4
1948	1950	Smith	J V	St Catharine's	England	4
	1948	Sykes	P W	Queens'	England	7
	1948	Vaughan	D B	St John's	England	8
	1949	Thomas	R C C	St John's	Wales	26
1949	1951	Williams	J M	Clare	England	2
1949	1954	Young	P D	Pembroke	England	9
1951	1957	Bartlett	R M	Trinity	England	7
1951	1951	Dalgleish	K J	St Catharine's	Scotland	4
1951	1954	Leadbetter	V H	St Catharine's	England	2
1952	1955	Beer	I D S	St Catharine's	England	2
1952	1956	Morgan	H P	St John's	Wales	4
1952	1960	Roberts	J	Christ's	England	18
1952	1955	Ryan	P H	Caius	England	2
1953	1959	Clements	J W	Trinity Hall	England	3
	1953	Davies	W P C	St Catharine's	England	11
1953	1954	MacEwen	R K G	St Catharine's	Scotland	13
1954	1958	Herbert	A J	St Catharine's	England	6
1954	1956	Marques	R W D	Queens'	England	23
1954	1956	McClung	T	Emmanuel	Scotland	9
1954	1955	Smith	A R	Caius	Scotland	33
	1955	Estcourt	N S D	Corpus	England	1
1955	1958	Evans	W R	Christ's	Wales	13
1955	1958	Hetherington	J G G	Peterhouse	England	6
1955	1956	Mulligan	A A	Magdalene	Ireland	22
1956	1957	Allan	J L F	St John's	Scotland	2
1956	1958	Horricks-Taylor	J P	St John's	England	9
1956	1960	Lewis	G W	Trinity Hall	Wales	2
1957	1960	Bearne	K R F	Clare	Scotland	2
1957	1955	MacSweeney	D A	Christ's	Ireland	1
1958	1959	Davies	H J	Christ's	Wales	2
1958	1961	Harding	V S J	Christ's	England	6
1958	1963	Perry	D G	Christ's	England	15
1958	1957	Scotland	K J F	Trinity	Scotland	27
1958	1959	Smith	SR	Emmanuel	England	5
1958	1957	Waddell	G H	Pembroke	Scotland	18
1958	1962	Wade	M R	Emmanuel	England	3
1959	1961	Brash	J C	Christ's	Scotland	1
1960	1963	Dovey	B A	Christ's	England	2
	1960	Thompson	R H	Caius	Scotland	15
	1949	Gavin	T J	Christ's	Ireland	2
	1973	Bryce	R D H	Emmanuel	Scotland	1
1960	1963	Michaelson	R C B	Christ's	Wales	1
1960	1963	Thomas	B E	Christ's	Wales	22
1960	1966	Wintle	T C	Christ's	England	5
1960	1964	Wrench	D F B	Christ's	England	2
1961	1963	Drake-Lee	N J	Downing	England	8
1961	1965	Frankcom	G P	Queens'	England	4
1961	1963	Owen	J E	Emmanuel	England	14
1962	1966	Arthur	T G	Christ's	England	2
1962	1963	Clarke	S J S	Downing	England	13
1962	1966	Greenwood	J R H	Emmanuel	England	5
1962	1965	Rosser	D W A	Christ's	England	5
1963	1964	Gibson	C M H	Queens'	Ireland	69
1963	1967	Rees	B I	Christ's	Wales	3
1965	1965	Doyle	M G	Christ's	Ireland	20





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1st Blue	1st Cap	Name	Initials	College	Country	No of Caps
1965	1972	Martin	N O	St John's	England	1
1966	1967	Raybould	W H	Emmanuel	Wales	11
1966	1970	Smith	M A	Trinity	Scotland	4
1967	1971	Hannaforad	R C	Churchill	England	3
1967	1968	Robertson	I D	Christ's	Scotland	8
1967	1969	Spencer	J S	Queens'	England	14
1968	1966	Davies	T G R	Emmanuel	Wales	46
1968	1970	Hughes	K	St Catharine's	Wales	3
1968	1970	Jorden	A M	Fitzwilliam	England	7
1968	1969	Shackleton	I R	Fitzwilliam	England	4
1968	1971	Page	J J	Queens'	England	5
1969	1970	Redmond	G F	Emmanuel	England	1
1971	1975	Biggar	M A	Queens'	Scotland	24
1971	1975	Wilkinson	R M	Emmanuel	England	6
1973	1985	Harding	R M	St John's	England	12
1973	1975	Wordsworth	A J	Selwyn	England	1
1974	1975	Hignell	A J	Fitzwilliam	England	14
1974	1981	Moyes	J L	Emmanuel	Canada	5
1974	1968	O'Callaghan	M W	Emmanuel	New Zealand	3
1974	1973	Warfield	P J	St John's	England	6
1974	1975	Wilkinson	K	St Catharine's	Canada	3
1976	1980	Butler	E T	Fitzwilliam	Wales	16
1977	1976	Robbie	J C	Christ's	Ireland	9
	1977	Young	M	Downing	England	10
1979	1988	Ackford	P J	Magdalene	England	22
1979	1981	Rose	W M H	Magdalene	England	10
1980	1981	Davies	G H	Selwyn	England	21
1982	1985	Andrew	C R	St John's	England	71
1982	1984	Bailey	M D	Corpus	England	7
1982	1985	Smith	S T	Magdalene	England	9
1983	1985	Simms	K G	Emmanuel	England	15
1983	1993	Morrison	I R	Pembroke	Scotland	15
1984	1986	Clough	F J	Magdalene	England	4
1984	1986	Hastings	A G	Magdalene	Scotland	61
1985	1988	Harriman	A T	Magdalene	England	1
1986	1988	Oti	C	St Edmund's	England	13
1986	1992	Wainwright	R I	Magdalene	Scotland	37
1987	1988	Hall	M R	Wolfson	Wales	42
1988	1990	Davies	A	Robinson	Wales	10
1989	1993	MacDonald	A E D	Hughes Hall	Scotland	1
1990	1992	Underwood	T	St Edmund's	England	27
1991	1994	Peters	E W	Hughes Hall	Scotland	21
1992	1995	Hopley	D P	Hughes Hall	England	3
1993	1995	Roy	W S	Hughes Hall	Wales	1
1993	1987	Tynan	C J C	Hughes Hall	Canada	22
1988	1997	Glasgow	I C	Magdalene	Scotland	1
1990	1996	Sheasby	C M A	Hughes Hall	England	3
1992	1996	Bickle	D J	Hughes Hall	Japan	6
1989	1998	Holmes	S D	St Edmund's	Scotland	3
1989	1998	Pool-Jones	R J	Magdalene	England	1
1994	1999	Walne	N J	St Catharine's	Wales	3
1999	1998	Iwabuchi	K	St Edmund's	Japan	21
1997	2000	Robinson	M P	Hughes Hall	New Zealand	9
2000	1999	Rivaro	M G	Hughes Hall	Italy	4
2000	2002	Moffat	J S	St Edmund's	Scotland	4
2005	2010	Ansbro	J A	Robinson	Scotland	11
2008	2001	Ranby	R M	St Edmund's	New Zealand	1
2008	2002	Vickerman	D J	Hughes Hall	Australia	63
2008	2005	Rowe	D J	Hughes Hall	USA	2
2005	2012	Kalman	E D	Fitzwilliam	Scotland	2
2000	2005	Quinlan	D P	St Catharine's	Ireland	2
2012	2016	Brakeley	N	St Edmund's	USA	
2015	2008	Roberts	J H	Queens'	Wales	

Bold - those Internationals who The Club believes will be attending the CURUFC 2017 Legends' Dinner as at 20/4/17





Halcyon Days

Light Blue Lion's Memories Written For The 2013 & 2017 Souvenir Programmes (abridged and adapted)

Ken Scotland: Blues 1957, 58, 59 Trinity College, Scotland & British Lions (1959)

When I arrived in Cambridge, in October 1957, I had had a season of international rugby and I was looking forward to being part of a team with arguably the best, and most concentrated, club fixture list in world rugby.



A Freshers' trialler and now third choice full back for the University, it took a lot longer than I had hoped before I was able to enjoy the pleasure of regular rugby at Grange Road.

The wait was well worth it, however. In the amateur days, the eight weeks of preparation for the game against Oxford was unique. It created a bond amongst players which lasted a lifetime as recent 50-year reunions of the '58, '59 and '60 teams has amply demonstrated.

In many ways a Lions Tour was similar to the Autumn Term at Cambridge. The routine of training, travelling and playing two games a week leading up to a Trial Match had much the same feel. Also, the making of enduring friendships was very similar.

Playing rugby at Cambridge and going on a Lions Tour were a privilege and were undoubtedly two of the best experiences of my life.

Michael Gibson Blues 1963, 64, 65 (captain) Queens' College, Ireland & British Lions (1966, 1968, 1971, 1974, 1977)

Mention of Cambridge produces memories of a sharp wind to keep players active during training, and of being part of a team strong in technique, pace and spirit which survived a match against the All Blacks. There could be no more influential experience than to play at Grange Road and to develop skills cushioned among England internationals. My first year was ideal preparation for other challenges in rugby.

I found a home in Cambridge among people who cared about all the elements of life. Team sport at any level creates an instant band of brothers and an excellent foundation for life. I remain grateful for the opportunities Cambridge offered, and for the friends I made along the way.





Halcyon Days continued

Billy Raybould Blue 1967 **Emmanuel College, Wales & British Lions** **(1968)**

We were amateurs in the 1960s. Playing rugby was a pastime and often meant postponing the start of a career. Playing rugby was also an odyssey, an exploration: how good am I as a fly half? How far can I go? Even before leaving Cathays High School with three schoolboy caps (and I am the only product of my grammar school that has been capped for Wales at the top level) I was asking my teachers “am I good enough to play for the college”.



Playing in the 1966 Varsity match was playing at the top level, and I knew, playing well in that match was important. I did play well; my drop goal was massive and impressive and I was easily spotted because I had been injured and wore a white scrum cap over my bandages. That performance won me my first cap in February 1967 as a centre outside Barry John and, following a similarly massive drop goal in the “Keith Jarrett match” against England that April, it won me my place on the 1968 Lions tour to South Africa.



Unfortunately my perennial question was answered emphatically even before we left Eastbourne. I would not be winning a Test cap for the Lions. I had found my level. I was defined “utility player” (used only as a last resort). It was time to start my teaching career in earnest.





**Bob Wilkinson: Blues 1971, 72, 73
Emmanuel College, England & British Lions
non-travelling reserve (1974)**

Although I was never a British & Irish Lion myself, all my rugby was fashioned and dominated by the victorious 1971 Lions in New Zealand, nearly all of whom I was privileged to play both with and against. The touring party, the only ever victors in New Zealand, contained such great talent, organisation, leadership, flair, character and dedication that it could not fail to leave an indelible impression on a young player. And it certainly did on me. I would forever be a disciple of the running, passing, try scoring, exciting brand of rugby that they played to the very highest quality, whilst not forgetting the tough basics of the game.

Twelve of the 1971 Lions reunited in the Barbarians guise in 1973 to spoil the All Blacks (until then) unbeaten tour in what has be-

come that “legendary” match. I was privileged to be part of that game, helping to keep alive the spirit of 1971 Lions, both in terms of the result and how rugby should be played.

It is to the great credit of the four home rugby unions that, in the professional era, the Lions’ place in rugby has not just been maintained but strengthened, still producing some of the best quality and exciting rugby on offer anywhere in the world.





Halcyon Days continued

Alun Lewis: Blues 1975, 76 St John's College & British Lions (replacement 1977) - the last Lion to be selected whilst at Cambridge

My experience with the Lions was the New Zealand & Fiji tour, as a replacement, between graduating and starting my clinical studies at St. Mary's Hospital. It would be fair to say the tour party, particularly the large Welsh contingent, was disappointed with my arrival as it had been hoped that Gareth Edwards could be persuaded to make the trip and, not surprisingly, I was considered a poor substitute.



Nevertheless I had a wonderful experience apart from being disciplined within 24 hours of arrival for ordering, on expenses, an excellent but rather pricey Nuits St George with dinner, before squaring up to Sid Going the following day. My plea that this was my statutory preparation for big matches proved unsatisfactory by those with little knowledge of being a Cambridge undergraduate and, even less, of decent red wine.

This sort of behaviour, I suspect, may have contributed to the possibility that I may be the only Lion (in modern times) never to be capped by his country so making me a quiz question.

John Robbie: Blues 1977, 78 (captain) Christ's College, Ireland & British Lions (1980)

Sorry I cannot be there tonight. Just to be included in such a list of stars is a huge honour.

Did you know Mike Gibson is my granddad? What a friend he was when I started playing international rugby and what a player!

Eddie Butler. Thanks for protecting me from marauding flankers for two years and for getting me into Pontypool.

Higgy. Your bravery on the pitch is only matched by your valour off it.

Robbo (Ian Robertson). Thanks for all your advice and help - and sarcasm - over the years. Seriously, you have never got the credit you deserved for almost single-handedly rescuing the Varsity match from oblivion by insisting your teams played attacking rugby.

Alun Lewis. You were the best passer of a ball I ever saw.

Looking back at Cambridge and the Lions brings so many memories about friendship and fun. Funny that most of the games are forgotten - except, of course, stuffing Oxford!

Best wishes and regards
John Robbie





**Eddie Butler: Blues 1976, '77, 78.
Fitzwilliam College, Wales & British Lions
(1983)**

Little of the Varsity matches of 1976, '77 and '78 has stayed with me. I recorded them on a Philips N1500VCR machine and when that became obsolete, transferred the content to Sony Betamax, my format of choice. It soon became obvious that predicting commercial viability was not a strong point and my rugby on tape faded to black.



What Cambridge did teach me was how to master the short tour. We did a long tour each year, to Italy, Portugal and Japan, but far more memorable were the days around Easter spent in south-west France. We travelled cheaply - a short hop from Lydd Airport to a clifftop near Boulogne was a favourite way to cross the Channel - and stayed in dormitories of agricultural colleges a long way from anywhere.

For three consecutive years, we bumped into a bearded second row, nicknamed Rasputin, who did his best to beat us to a pulp. At least he was good company in the bar, better than the national French Police XV who used the troisieme mi-temps to settle a few differences between rival regional factions. Their argument soon escalated into a full

brawl. "I shall call the police," shouted the landlord, only to realise that they were already there, wrecking his premises.

This mastery of the short tour served me well when I was called up late for the Lions in 1983. I was rushed out as cover for not one but two number 8s. I arrived in Auckland and was met by coach Jim Telfer. "Welcome to New Zealand," he said. "Thank you," I replied.

"It's not going well," said Jim, whose side were 3-0 down in the Test series with just the one to go.

"I'll do my best, whatever the circumstances," I said.

"Ah, well, yes," said the coach. "I've got to tell you that Iain Paxton and John Beattie, who were both injured, are both now - how can I put it? - fit again."

I glanced at the Jumbo jet out of which I had just eased myself. "Shall I get back on?"

"Ach, now you're here you may as well stay." I sat on the bench that afternoon at Pukekohe and had a bit of bother while doing a few gentle laps of the pitch with my fellow replacements afterwards. We kept on being attacked by people I assumed to be drunken locals. But I suppose they could have been French policemen.

Three days later I played against Waikato and we won. Ollie Campbell was superb. And that was it for me. The Lions lost horribly in the fourth Test. They had a one hundred per cent record on their long tour, and so did I on my short one.





Halcyon Days continued

**Gavin Hastings: Blues 1984, 85 (captain).
Magdalene College, Scotland & British Lions
1989, 1993 (captain)**

I arrived down at Cambridge in the mid-Eighties not really knowing what to expect. It was very much a decision based on pushing myself out of my comfort zone and seeing what transpired. The result was two fantastic years, a huge memory bank of incredible times and experiences, friends for life and unavoidably, of course, Tony Rodgers. Playing against the top sides in England and Wales was a huge challenge but a side containing some illustrious names, as well as six future internationalists, meant that we were competitive and winning much of the time. Our demolition of Oxford 33-6 really made our season and made Tony think that he was quite a good coach. Mistake Number One. I returned from that Christmas break and, to my absolute delight, was made Captain.



Next challenge in my life but loved it all until the following December when, as heavy favourites, we lost 7-6 when going for a record six victories in a row. Mistake Number Two, because Tony has never let me forget it. As if I would. Cambridge made me as a person and a rugby player and prepared me for ten years of International Rugby and two Lions Tours. That says it all.





Mike Hall: Blues 1987, 88 Wolfson College, Wales & British Lions 1989

Memories of my two Varsity matches are sketchy except, of course, for the results which remain with you for a lifetime. One win in 1988 and one loss in 1989. The win was against a very strong Oxford side that was boosted by the Rhodes Scholars, including World Cup-winning captain David Kirk, Irish international Brendan Mullin, as well as Australians, Bill Calcraft and Bob Egerton. The loss the following year was heart-breaking, as we had a very good side and should have won! Both games were played in front of full houses at Twickenham, fantastic occasions. I suppose what sticks in the memory the most is the intense build up over the Michaelmas term and the friendships that were made.



My commitment to the Varsity match was fully tested in the build-up to the 1989 game, as I had been selected to play for Wales on the Saturday after the Varsity match and, in those days, the WRU had a rule that you weren't allowed to play seven days before an international match. So I was faced with a ridiculous and difficult choice (in some people's eyes). Now, I am as passionate as any Welshman who wanted to play for his country, but it wasn't a difficult choice to pick playing for Cambridge. So, on a wet

night in Waterton Cross after a Welsh training session, I told the 'Big Five' (that is what the Welsh selectors were called then!) that I was going to play for Cambridge. I remember getting on the train back to Cambridge and thinking I had blown my chances with Wales but, such was the pull of the Varsity match!

Looking back, it shows what a unique experience it is to play for Cambridge and shows the spirit and the camaraderie that binds the team together in a very short period. The strange outcome was, after losing the game and being devastated, I was called to the Twickenham changing room door by Rhys Williams (one of the big five) and asked to report for training on the Thursday night. There then was a strange turn of events as Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre, was late for training (the rumour was he had been in the north of England negotiating to turn to rugby league) and so he was disciplined and dropped! So I was back in the side, slightly hungover from the post Varsity commiserations, and playing on the Saturday against Romania.

We infamously lost the game and Jonathan Davies never played again, as he started an exodus to Rugby League that crippled Welsh Rugby for years so, all-in-all, an eventful week!





Halcyon Days continued

Paul Ackford: Blue 1979 Magdalene College, England & British Lions 1989

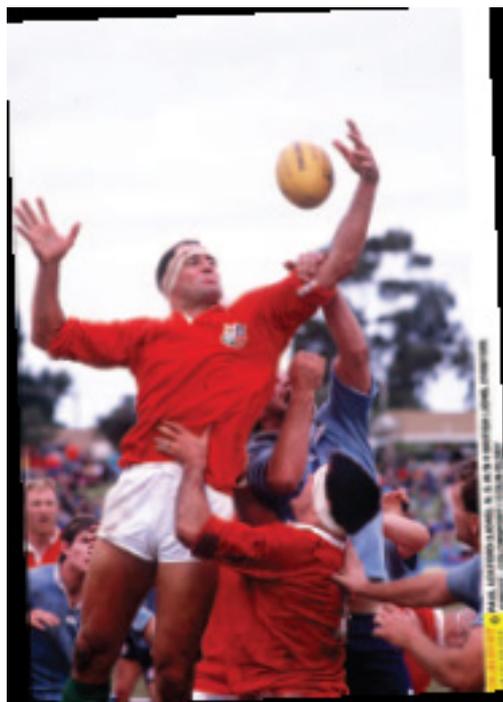
“Pecky, I’ve done it.”
 “Pecky” was Ian Peck, the Cambridge captain for my all too brief spell at Grange Road. “It” was the application form I had just sent off for the one-year Post Graduate Certificate of Education course. “Great,” he said. “I trust you kept the rugby references to a minimum. They’re not keen on people spending their afternoons training when they should be in the classroom.”



Fast-forward a few months to the interview. “I see, Mr Ackford, from the detailed explanation of your sporting experiences in your submission that you are a keen rugby player,” said a man whose interest in athletic pursuits of any kind was clearly less than enthusiastic. Small, wizened, with a little pot-belly, wearing a jacket smudged with chalk dust (we are talking a long time ago here), he was as interested in physical activity as I was in crochet. “Ahh,” I said. “That was then. I’ve had an epiphany since I sent off the form. Now all I want to do is teach. I enjoyed sport, but the time is right to concentrate on more important matters.” I must have been convincing because he let me in, only for me to disappear smugly off to Grange Road to train ev-

ery afternoon. And that was that, I thought. A rare occasion in life when I had beaten the system. Except that it wasn’t. For the whole of the summer term, when all the parties were in full swing and my mates were enjoying Cambridge at its glorious best, I was locked into teaching practice. In Swindon.

I never set foot in Cambridge that term. And we lost the Varsity match.





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