

# OULTC Alumni Newsletter

## Hilary Term 2024

As we embark on another year, it is with great excitement that we update you on what has been happening at OULTC and what 2024 promises. The Alumni Dinner on Friday 8th March will be a particular highlight, and we hope to see you there!



### 2023 Varsity Results

The 133rd Lawn Tennis Varsity kicked-off on the weekend of 24th/25th June, with eleven Oxford teams competing in venues across the city. Matches were played out amidst scorching temperatures (reaching 30°C) for much of the weekend.



Blues played at North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, with other teams in University Parks, Magdalen College Sports Club, St John's College Sports Ground and Iffley Road Sports Centre. We thank the above venues for allowing us to use their excellent facilities. Oxford clinched five of the trophies, with results as follows:

#### **Men's Blues: 10-11**

**M2: 5-13**

**M3: 7-14**

**M4: 11-10**

**M5: 10-11**

**M6: 8-13**

#### **Women's Blues: 15-6**

**W2: 14-7**

**W3: 7-14**

**W4: 11-10**

**W5: 16-5**

## European Clay Court Challenge 2023

As Michaelmas Term 2023 kicked off, seven lucky Blues players got the chance to compete in the European Universities Clay Court Challenge, played at the Monte Carlo Country Club, Monaco. This annual tournament, generously hosted by HEC Paris, had been won by Cambridge in the two previous years, when they beat Oxford in the finals and semi-finals. Thankfully, this year's team were able to reverse this unfortunate pattern, defeating Cambridge in the final to clinch the trophy. For a far more in-depth report of the weekend, see the OULTC blog post.



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## Clubhouse Completion

In early October, after months of work, we are delighted to say that the clubhouse refurbishment was completed, with fantastic results. Players have been enjoying the new space to relax and host visiting teams. We thank all those who made gifts to this project.

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## Alumni Dinner

We are delighted to announce that this year's Alumni Dinner will take place on **Friday 8th March** at the All England Club, Wimbledon. Tickets are now available through the OULTC website and invitations will be sent shortly!

## Alumni Day

On Saturday 28th October we were happy to host our first alumni day, showcasing the refurbished clubhouse and reconnecting with past members. Considering the time of year, we were blessed with calm, dry conditions and (almost) blue skies. The afternoon also saw some quality tennis across OULTC generations, with current Blues captain Jack Pickering teaming up with former Blues captain Mark George to trounce OULTC Treasurer Sam Christie and OULTC Chairman Jeff Hunter 6-0. It made for an enjoyable afternoon, and we plan to run another alumni day in Trinity Term once the weather lightens up, so please watch this space!



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## Stay in touch

For more information about any of our projects, please visit our website at <https://www.oultc.org/alumni>. As ever, if you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to contact us at [oultcalumni@gmail.com](mailto:oultcalumni@gmail.com).

Wishing you a very happy new year!

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