



## **Hawks' Club Sportsman & Team of the Year 2021-2022**

### **Sportsman of the Year:**

#### **Alex Moen (Magdalene, CUCC, CUHC, CURC)**

I'm sure that many would agree that Alex has got his time at Cambridge pretty 'spot on'. Whilst avidly pursuing his academic interests in Geography & Management, Alex has invested an unrivalled amount of time in sport at the University, yielding some highly impressive results over his four years at Cambridge, but particularly during the 2021/22 academic year.

Playing as an all-rounder during the 2022 season, Alex was the second leading run-scorer for the Blues Cricket XI (scoring 818 runs in 25 innings, averaging 36, scoring 8 fifties), whilst also taking 17 wickets and 13 catches. It should be noted that many of these runs scored and wickets taken were in the BUCS National Premier League (the highest level of university cricket in the UK), playing against many professional cricketers. Furthermore, Alex was also captain of the Blues Cricket XI, where his impressive leadership skills and tactical insights were valued highly by his teammates and noted by coaches, observers and alumni.

Annoyingly, Alex is as, if not more, gifted with stick and ball as he is with bat and ball. He played for the Blues Hockey team in 2021/22, winning his Hockey Blue in the 2022 Varsity Match. Alex was a highly versatile member of the squad, operating in defence, midfield and attack. He combined his Cambridge hockey duties with playing for Holcombe Hockey Club in the England Hockey Men's Premier Division (the highest standard of club hockey in the UK). This means that Alex regularly plays with and against the top hockey players in the world – putting him firmly in the shop window for international honours and recognition in the future.

If you think you were coming to the end of Alex's nomination for this year's HOTY award, you were wrong – there is more to come. In the 2021/22 season, Alex played for Cambridge University Rackets Club in the 2022 Varsity Match. Squeezing in training sessions in Hertfordshire, Kent and London between his cricket and hockey commitments, Alex won both his singles and doubles matches three games to love. His hand-eye, agility and calmness on court ensured that all his opponents from O\*ford were dispatched with ease.

Not only has Alex achieved a huge amount over the past year on the pitch, he has also devoted a significant amount of time and energy into his respective university sports clubs off the pitch. As mentioned previously, Alex was the Blues Cricket Captain (this involved organising training sessions, selecting teams, attending club events), the Hockey Club Captain (this involved organising the Hockey Varsity Match, sending out weekly match reports and overseeing physio sign ups), and the Blues Rackets Captain (this involved



overseeing the Club committee, organising training sessions and trial matches, and organising the annual Varsity Match). Alex has given a lot back to his respective clubs over the course of the year.

In summary, Alex has had a remarkable year performance wise for his respective clubs – he regularly excels at national level in a number of different sports. Combining these highly impressive achievements with a significant level of dedication to his respective sports' clubs make Alex someone who you always want on your team and make him a worthy contender for the Hawks' Sportsman of the Year Award.

### **Team of the Year:**

#### **Cambridge University Cricket Club Men's Blues**

CUCC emphatically defeated Oxford by 10 wickets in the T20 Varsity Match at Lord's. The victory was comprehensive - Oxford's total was chased down with 10 balls to spare. The win meant the Men's Blues have recorded back-to-back wins at Lord's (for the first time in over a decade) and it was a great way to round off the Varsity Matches at Lord's, as this year looks set to be the last time this historic fixture is held at the Home of Cricket.

In addition to this resounding victory, the Men's Blues also retained their spot in the highly competitive BUCS National Premier League (the highest standard of university cricket in the UK), consisting of top sides who are able to draw from multiple universities. For instance, the Leeds' team is filled with players from four educational institutions (this is the case with many of the other sides in the National Premier League), meaning that Cambridge's opposition are able to select from a much larger pool of players. The Blues did well to compete at this high standard, with the opposition sides often full of current and aspiring professional and semi-professional cricketers.

This success in both the Varsity T20 and BUCS illustrates what a strong season the Men's Blues have enjoyed under captain Alex Moen.