

Imperial College Hockey Club Annual Report 2008-2009



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CLUB CAPTAIN: CHRISTOPHER BAKER-BRIAN

Introduction

Imperial College Hockey Club (IHC) is one of the largest and most successful mixed sports clubs that exists in Imperial College Union. The 2008/2009 season has seen 96 members play almost 100 matches throughout the year, with notable achievements in BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) and ULU (University of London Union) competitions. The social atmosphere of the club remains strong with successful events held throughout the year, cumulating in forty members embarking on a summer tour to India, the largest such event in the club's history.

This season the club has benefited enormously from the generous sponsorship provided by Merrill Lynch, allowing match fees and training fees to be frozen, as well as subsidising numerous social events throughout the year. In addition, this money has been used to fund a top-level coach for the Men's 1st and 2nd XI and the Ladies 1st XI, as well as investment in club playing kit and equipment for use in future years.

Reflections from the President

Before discussing this season, it is with regret that I need to announce the passing of someone very special to the Club. Dr David Hardwick passed away on 18th May 2009. He served as President of the Club for many years until stepping down four years ago due to ill health. What endears me most to him is the story of how he became president; as a new lecturer in Civil Engineering from Canada he became aware that the Hockey Club was looking for a President and felt that taking up the position would be a great way of integrating into College life and continuing to be involved in his passion for hockey. He was however quite shocked when he came to watch his first match – it was not being played on ice, there was no body armour and no fighting! He did however take *our* hockey to heart by becoming an umpire and serving in his capacity as our President. He will however be remembered by the Club through the Hardwick Award which recognises an outstanding contribution throughout a College Career. He will be missed and our thoughts go to his wife, Alison.

I would like to extend my gratitude on behalf of the Club to Chris and his Team for their efforts this year; their dedication has helped this season to be a great success.

The journey for me started in Brighton at the Fresher's Tour, where despite the very poor weather raining off any hope of hockey, the latest members of the Club were quickly versed in the off-pitch antics that have always been a strong part of Club's ethos. The early parts of the season were also characterised by much more professional look of the club made possible by the very generous Merrill Lynch sponsorship – new kit as well as much improved coaching for the senior teams.

The season progressed well on and off the field. Both the Christmas and Annual dinners were well organised and attended and as you will see later in this report, there were some excellent performances from the Club in BUCS and ULU.

This year's Presidents' Day built well on last year's event and I was particularly encouraged by the increase in old boys and girls that attended as well as their positive reaction to the changes that have been made over the last few years. The Alumni Fund is now in its second year and has a balance of £440 (no draw downs were made this year since the Club was in good financial health).

I would also like to bring two points to attention. Firstly, the Club will be launching a 5th Men's team next year; this is truly a great moment for the Club and is testament to its strength. I wish Oliver and his team all the very best. Secondly, the Club set itself a challenging goal of organising a tour to India over the summer where hockey was to be combined with community outreach (as well as an appropriate amount of social activity!); a significant amount of effort went into making it such a success and I would like to thank all of those involved.

As we look to next season, I feel very confident. The Club has a strong and gregarious leader in Jessica and she has a great team to support her. Merrill Lynch have also agreed to continue their financial support, which is really great news in this current financial climate and is a testament to the work the Club has done to give them real value for money this year. I look forward to Fresher's Tour!

Purpose of this Report

This report has been compiled by the 2008-2009 Club Captain and is intended provide information about the club and its activities this year. It should include enough information for consecutive years to use it as a reference when carrying out their roles in the executive committee.

The report will be divided into sections based around executive positions that currently exist and events that have taken place during the year. Comments will be made upon the success of events and how improvements could be made.

Executive Positions 2008-2009

- **Club Captain:** Christopher Baker-Brian
- **Honorary Secretary:** Maria Parkes
- **Treasurer:** Robert Weinert-Aplin
- **Wednesday Fixtures Secretary:** Nicholas Jones
- **Monday Fixtures Secretary:** Matthew James
- **Sponsorship Secretary:** Siten Mandalia
- **Mixed Captain:** Arabella Walker
- **Social Secretary:** Jess Poore and Emma Beresford
- **Website Secretary:** Oliver Johnston
- **Tour Secretary (elected November 2008):** Luke Reynolds
- **Kit Secretary:** Alex Self
- **Alumni Secretary:** Jack Cornish
- **1st XI Men's Captain:** Jack Cornish

- **2nd XI Men's Captain:** Mark Sheppard
- **3rd XI Men's Captain:** Andrew Bromfield
- **4th XI Men's Captain:** Elliot Dye
- **1st XI Ladies Captain:** Sarah Clayton
- **2nd XI Ladies Captain:** Elizabeth Smith

Club Captain

Work over the summer before the season started included:

- Working with the Sponsorship Secretary, Treasurer and Kit Secretary to finalise the sponsorship deal with Merrill Lynch. In particular, this included obtaining branded playing shirts, pitch-side banner and other promotional materials to be used at freshers fair.
- Co-ordinating the purchase of new keeper kit, additional playing kit and training/playing equipment in conjunction with the Kit Secretary.
- Organising the Fresher's Fair stand and Fresher's Trials as well as pre-season friendlies.
- Making sure all committee members (especially those involved in fixture organisation and Freshers' Tour) are working on their relative jobs ready for the new season.

Throughout the year the club captain deals with the day to day running: picking up external emails and responding/forwarding accordingly; ensuring the club is well-informed of upcoming events; overseeing committee members jobs (especially if their job involves financial input from the club); sorting out any problems such as transport errors or fixture problems; dealing with all matters relating to the coaching staff; attending union and ACC meetings; keeping in regular contact with the President to let him know about any progress/problems as well as dealing with other jobs that do not fall into the domain of other executive positions. The club captain is also responsible for arranging the AGM in March, as well as exec handover in the summer term. In addition to these regular commitments, this year the club captain has also set up a sporting partnership between Sport Imperial, ICHC and Hampstead and Westminster HC, arranged pre-season friendly matches with PHC Chiswick and planned a Christmas lunch between Merrill Lynch and 3rd/4th year ICHC students.

Honorary Secretary

The main responsibility of the Honorary Secretary is the Annual Dinner, which this year was successfully held at the Regency Hotel on Queen's Gate with 100 members and guests in attendance. Due to the absence of a tour secretary this year, the Honorary Secretary co-ordinated the fresher's tour at the beginning of November, an arrangement that proved successful and should continue in the future. Regular responsibilities included organising executive committee meetings and recording minutes.

Treasurer

The treasurer has had a particularly busy year during 2008-2009. Building on the hard work of past treasurers that have placed the club on a firm financial footing, this year has seen an increased turnover (and hence increased workload) of close to £50,000 as a result of expanding club membership, sponsorship, numerous applications for kit and equipment and the increased size of the annual dinner and our summer tour. A key part of the treasurer's role has been to ensure that budgets for all large events are accurate and submitted to the union for approval. In addition, his regular jobs included collecting money for match fees, training fees, kit/equipment and events tickets, as well as regularly checking the union accounts pages. He is the first point of contact within the club for any finance related issues.

Fixtures Secretary

The Wednesday Fixtures Secretary puts in a significant amount of time before the start of the year, scheduling the seasons home games in late August and early September. Whilst the season is in progress, the Wednesday Fixtures Secretary is responsible for organising home transport (captains organise away transport) and organising umpires with Middlesex Umpires Association for home games.

Monday Fixtures Secretary responsibilities include organising transport to training and a schedule for training space at Harlington. It is recommended that this position be renamed "Coaching Secretary" for 2009-2010, with a greater responsibility being given to communicating with and co-ordinating the coaching staff, under the supervision of the club captain.

Sponsorship Secretary

The Sponsorship Secretary's responsibilities include preparing sponsorship packages and finding suitable contacts. The Sponsorship Secretary should also be willing to attend formal meetings with potential sponsors to secure a contract.

This year the club secured sponsorship of £6000 with Merrill Lynch for the 2008-2009 season. The Sponsorship Secretary has been in regular contact with the sponsors throughout the year to ensure both parties are happy. He has helped to organise promotional material for distribution within the club and arranged for a company presentation to take place in November (in conjunction with a tour selection event). He has also helped to arrange sponsorship for 2009-2010 with Merrill Lynch (now renamed Bank of America) .

Mixed Captain

The Mixed Captain not only organises mixed team fixtures and enters teams for tournaments but is also in charge of organising the ICHC Mixed Tournament. This year several matches were unfortunately cancelled at short notice due to problems outside our control. This years mixed tournament was well organised, although attendance was down on previous years.

Social Secretary

The two Social Secretaries are in charge of organising social events throughout the year; primarily freshers' events and the Christmas dinner. The events they organised this year included social events on fresher's tour, pub golf in the first week of term, ACC bar nights, events after freshers trials and inter-team curry nights, as well as the successful Christmas dinner held at the Walkabout in Shepherds Bush.

Website Secretary

The Website Secretary is in charge of maintaining the website and adding any applications/pages to the site to advertise events. In addition, he/she is responsible for maintaining the club's mailing lists, something which is particularly important at the start of the new academic year.

Tour Secretary

After agreement at the AGM in March 2008, this year's tour secretary was elected in November 2008 at a tour selection event, held in conjunction with a company presentation from our sponsors, Merrill Lynch. The club-captain invited members to submit proposals for tour destinations approximately four weeks in advance of the meeting, with three applications received. After short presentations on each destination, a club-vote was used to select the tour destination and elect the member who proposed the tour as the tour-secretary. The event was attended by approximately sixty members and resulted in Luke Reynolds being elected the tour secretary for 2008-2009, with the destination chosen as India.

This year the responsibility for fresher's tour was passed to the Honorary Secretary, something which should continue in the future. It should also be noted that the process of selecting a tour secretary in November may encourage larger and more expensive summer tours and hence European destinations should be considered every two years.

Kit Secretary

The Kit Secretary has had busy year during 2008-2009 with new kit and equipment being purchased as an investment for the future. During August/September 2008, he arranged for new playing kit to be purchased and delivered in time for the new season and also helped to co-ordinate the purchase of playing equipment (sticks, balls etc) in conjunction with the club-captain. In addition, the kit secretary has obtained several thousands of pounds worth of new keeper kit, using donations provided by the Harlington Trust in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

Alumni Secretary

The main responsibility of the Alumni secretary is to build and update the club contacts and alumni list. The Alumni Secretary also needs to secure details for current final year leavers and add these contacts to the alumni mailing list. Other responsibilities include producing the ICHC Newsletter for the New Year and organising (along with the ICHC President) President's Day in May.

Events

Regular Events

Training

Minibuses were primarily used for transport (cheapest per head) with a rotation of drivers organised by the Club Captain (for 2009/2010 this should be passed to the Coaching Secretary), although coaches should be used for transport in the first few weeks – this year 100 people turned up to the first two training sessions. Everyone pays £1 for training and priority is given to those that have signed up online (players who have signed up online and do not turn should be required to pay the £1 anyway). This year the departure of busses has been staggered to ensure pitch space is used more effectively. This arrangement works well provided training fees are collected by the first buses. The collection of training fees in general should be reviewed for the 2009/2010 season as a significant amount of money was lost during the course of the year.

Pitch space is requested during the week and organised by the Monday Fixtures Secretary. Through the Sport Imperial, ICHC and HWHC partnership we secured the services of Coach Avtar Bhurji for the 2008/2009 season. Avtar has worked with the Men's 1st and 2nd XI and less frequently with the Ladies 1st XI at Monday evening training sessions and (for the Men's 1st XI) home and away matches. Funding for his services has been provided by Sport Imperial (£2000), with the remainder coming from Merrill Lynch sponsorship and members contributions. Jon Lander coached the Men's 3rd and 4th XI for a few training sessions in the autumn term, however due to work commitments he was unable to continue and we were unable to find a replacement. A better solution for coaching the Men's 3rd, 4th, 5th XI and Ladies 1st and 2nd XI should be investigated for the 2009/2010 season, with the IC/HWHC hockey partnership being used to help find qualified coaches.

Funding for basic coaching courses is available through Sport Imperial and it is recommended that team captains (where possible) get themselves signed up for these courses, as this will help improve the quality of the training sessions when coaches aren't available. Coaching assistance/training schemes are also available through the IC/HWHC hockey partnership.

Wednesday Matches

Wednesday home matches are in order of standard with the highest teams playing first (first match at 13.30 with 1.5hrs per match) up to a maximum of four home matches per afternoon. The transport to home matches is organised by the Wednesday Fixtures Secretary as well as umpires through Middlesex HUA. Away match transport is organised by team captains.

Weekend Matches

Weekend matches (i.e. ULU Cup, Mixed) are treated like Wednesday matches in terms of organisation. Captains and Fixtures Secretaries need to keep an eye on the ULU website for the ULU Cup fixtures.

Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings once every two weeks seem to be sufficient, with fewer meetings in the spring and summer terms. If a formal meeting is required a room needs to be booked in advance, with the agenda distributed by the Honorary Secretary and the Club Captain. The Honorary Secretary is responsible for booking a room and should also take minutes, type them up and send to the exec and President.

Annual Events

ACC Pre-Season Training

The ACC organised pre-season training in the two weeks before term started, which was attended by twenty members of the hockey club. We used the pre-season training fortnight to later secure the services of fitness instructor Paul Smethurst, who ran several fitness sessions in the gym at Harlington during our Monday evening training sessions. Paul's time was generously funded by Sport Imperial and proved beneficial to all members of the club.

Freshers' Fair

This year's freshers fair took place in the business school entrance due to the wet weather forecast on the day. Despite the location of the stall, we obtained roughly three hundred email addresses, which were later typed up and placed on a "freshers@imperialhockey.co.uk" mailing list. Having a computer at the stall may speed up this process in the future. The fresher's mailing list was active for approximately one month after freshers fair, with members who had signed up then moved to the main hockey club mailing list.

The club captain needs to produce a leaflet to give away and try and get freebies from sponsors to draw in freshers. Signs, banners, people wearing hockey club kit and plenty of photos of hockey club life also help to attract people to the stall. A rota of willing club volunteers may help to ensure the stall is adequately manned at all times.

Freshers' Trials

This should be organised between the Team Captains and Club Captain. This year we continued to use athletics style numbers so everyone could be easily identified and Captains could select their team more efficiently. A mass warm-up took place at the start of the session, before players were divided into groups based on previous ability. Pizza was provided in the Harlington bar, although social events back at the union were limited due to a high entry fee. Providing freshers with branded t-shirts may help to retain a larger number of students and make them more visible at social events in the evening.

Warm Up Matches

Warm up matches again took place on the Sunday between the Freshers' Trials and the first match, with a Men's and Ladies 1st XI match against PHC Chiswick. This gave the 1st Team Captains a chance to see the players once more and allowed the new teams to play together. PHC Chiswick are keen to continue this arrangement in future years, with the view to attracting players from ICHC to join them after graduation.

Fresher's Tour

This year the tour was organised by the Honorary Secretary and we went to Brighton for around £25 for one night. A match was organised by the mixed captain for the Sunday afternoon. Merrill Lynch sponsorship was used to cover the cost of transport and keep the price down, although numbers did not significantly increase from the 2007 tour.

A substantial number of freshers attended as well as some older players. The focus of this tour was fun and affordable to all and this needs to be at the forefront of future organisation.

Tour Selection Event

The sponsorship secretary arranged for two members of Merrill Lynch's investment banking division to come into college in November (Wednesday afternoon after matches) and give a presentation on life in investment banking. A room in college was booked and free food/alcohol provided. The event was well attended by sixty members of the club and the presentation was followed by the summer tour selection event and the election of the tour secretary for 2008-2009. Three tour destinations were presented and following a club vote, India was chosen as the location for the 2009 summer tour.

Sponsors Christmas Lunch

A Christmas lunch was organised with Merrill Lynch for the first Thursday of December and was held at the Radisson Edwardian Hotel in South Kensington. The event was free for approximately twenty 3rd/4th year students and was an opportunity to socialise and network with Merrill Lynch staff.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner was organised by the Social Secretaries with supervision from the Honorary Secretary. The majority of the club attended the dinner at Walkabout in Shepherds Bush, which was priced at £15 for members and £25 for non-members (to encourage people to pay their subscriptions). Future venues need to be able to hold a substantial (80-90) number of people as well as being cheap for food and drink.

Mixed Tournament

The mixed tournament held in March was well organised, although failed to attract same numbers as previous years and no profit was made. The use of a coach to transport IC members to Harlington was unnecessary due to low numbers, therefore minibuses should be considered in the future. More commitment from both external teams (a deposit system) and IC players is required to boost numbers for future years and ensure the event makes a profit which can be used to fund the summer tour.

AGM

A large room in college or the union should be booked as early as possible and enough time allowed for all the votes to take place (three hours). Nominations should be received on the Monday before the AGM, allowing enough time for proxy votes to be gathered from people unable to attend. Team captains need to be sorted amongst teams before the AGM and announced at the meeting. It is strongly encouraged that all members of the exec help persuade interested people to stand for election well before the AGM takes place. Free food and drink, coupled with extensive advertising and a close competition for positions helped to increase attendance this year.

Annual Dinner

This was organised by the Honorary Secretary and was held this year at the Regency Hotel on Queensgate. Price was £40 for members (£38 for early sign-ups) and £50 for non-members, with a £500 subsidy from Merrill Lynch sponsorship. A room for one hundred people was booked, which was just filled, although it is recommended that ninety spaces are sufficient. In future captains should be advised to keep speeches to a maximum of three minutes, otherwise there is no time left for dancing!

President's Day

This was organised by the Alumni secretary and the president, with a team of volunteers. Price was £15 and included breakfast, hog-roast, salads, drinks, t-shirt, bouncy castle (to attract alumni with children), transport to/from union and a beer at the union. The format included a club captains XI vs a presidents XI, which helped to attract alumni to the event. This was followed by a mixed tournament, which also included the traditional RCS vs C&G vs RSM matches. Despite a good attendance (~70 people) and the use of Merrill Lynch money, the budget relied on higher number and a small loss was made overall. Two areas where costs could be reduced in the future are the free t-shirts (basic printed t-shirts are sufficient) and less alcohol/more soft drinks during the day. Shade should also be provided for alumni with young children. The event was enjoyed by all those who attended, including many alumni who commented that it was the best president's day they had been to since leaving IC!

Summer Tour 2009

Preparation for the 2009 summer tour began in the autumn term of 2008, with the destination (India) selected via a club vote in late November. The tour secretary Luke Reynolds (ably assisted by Jack Cornish) and his team worked hard to advertise the tour to members over the Christmas break and thanks to their efforts, a record forty students were signed up for the tour in January 2009.

Funding for the tour came from four sources. The Union and IC Trust provided generous funds to help cover transport costs, whilst a bar night was held in the union in early May which proved to be very successful with students who had just completed their exams. The remaining funds came from members contributions.

The two week tour departed on the 27th June from Heathrow and landed in Delhi the following day. After touring the many sites of India's capital for two days, the team moved north to the city of Chandigarh to play three games of hockey against the regional academy side, who clearly demonstrated that India were not a spent force in world hockey!

The tour party then returned to Delhi and over the next few days visited the Jim Corbett National Park and Tiger reserve in the foothills of the Himalayas, followed by a day trip to Agra to see the beautiful Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. This was followed by an over-night train journey to Kolkata (Calcutta) where the club engaged in some very worthwhile charity work with the Future Hope school, as well as playing (and winning) a match against a local club side. The majority of students then returned to Delhi on the overnight train and flew back to London on the 12th July, leaving 15 students to make their own way back to Delhi over the following weeks.

The tour was enjoyed by all those who attended and thanks must go to the tour secretary and his dedicated team who worked hard to make it such a success. Further details of the tour can be found in the full tour report, which was submitted to the IC Trust and the Union.

Other Important Information

Equipment

This year the club used money generously provided by the Harlington Trust in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 to purchase replacement and additional goalkeeping kit that was urgently required by the club. The Harlington Trust money was used to replace kits purchased over ten years ago, much of which was unsafe to use and to also purchase additional kit for the new Men's 5th XI for 2009/2010. The club is very grateful for the generous financial support provided by the Harlington Trust and a copy of this report has been sent to Louise Humphreys, Governance Officer of the Harlington Grants Funds Committee as requested.

Playing kit for 2008/2009 was purchased by the club using Merrill Lynch sponsorship money. The supplier was hockeyfactoryshop.co.uk, with Sport Imperial contributing £300 to place their logo on the back of the shirts. It is recommended that the club continues to use this style of playing shirt for 2009/2010. Sport Imperial also provided playing balls, although with more matches in 2009/2010, the number of playing balls should be increased in future.

General playing balls have once again been regularly lost mainly due to the low height of the fence at Harlington Sports Ground. It has been suggested that an application for funds for increasing the height of the fences be applied for from various sources. Significant numbers of extra balls were purchased during the season, although these will need to be added to at some point during 2009/2010.

The backboards in the match goals at either end of the pitch should be replaced before the start of the 2009/2010 season, Sport Imperial should be able to fund this cost. The possibility of purchasing pitch-side dugouts for next season was raised by British Airways Hockey Club, who use the pitch on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. They indicated they would be willing to fund 50% of this cost and it is recommended the club applies to the Harlington Trust during 2009/2010 for funding.

As an Imperial College Union Club, ICHC should be able to provide suitable kit for any member of college. To meet this aim, spare playing sticks were purchased during 2008/2009 for use at fresher's trials and the first few weeks of the season. This should help new members who are deterred from joining the club because they do not have kit.

Club Expansion

With club numbers nearing one hundred active members during 2008/2009, a Men's 5th XI was entered into ULU for 2009/2010. If this proves sustainable, it is recommended they are entered into BUCS for future seasons. The possibility of creating Alumni teams (to be entered into the Middlesex or London Saturday leagues); along with creating a permanent mixed Sunday team, were discussed at a meeting in December 2008. Interest was shown in setting up alumni teams; however we have not yet managed to follow through with this. It was also agreed that a permanent mixed Sunday team was not feasible at the current time. Both of these options should be reviewed in the future if sufficient interest is seen amongst members.

Sports Partnership and Coaching

A sports partnership was set-up in August 2008 between ICHC, Sport Imperial and Hampstead and Westminster HC. The partnership is designed to attract international and national level players to study and play hockey in London and comprises a scholarship from Sport Imperial, top-level hockey with Hampstead and Westminster HC and weekly hockey with ICHC. The partnership has also been used to secure the services of Coach Avtar Bhurji for 2008/2009 and is likely to be used in 2009/2010 to find a Ladies 1st XI coach.

Sponsorship

The club secured sponsorship worth £6000 from Merrill Lynch for the 2008-2009 season. Merrill Lynch benefited from a range of promotional opportunities such as logos on playing shirts, a banner at Harlington Sports Ground, media coverage as well as full support from the club members to help with promotion of the company around the college campus. The sponsorship money was used to fulfil the terms of the sponsorship agreement, cover the cost of instructors and subsidise events for the benefit of all members.

Due to the current economic climate, in future years the club should be prepared to ask for smaller amounts of money from a greater number of sponsors and be prepared to be flexible in accommodating their aims in order to secure a deal.

Awards

This year the standard hockey club awards have been awarded as well as additional awards from the President:

- **Club Man of the Year:** Christopher Baker-Brian
- **Club Woman of the Year (Ellain Kellow Award):** Maria Parkes
- **Most Improved Player:** Suzie Squire
- **Most Sociable Fresher:** Edward Lacey
- **Outstanding Contribution through College Career (Hardwick Award):** Jack Cornish
- **Presidents Award:** Edward Lacey
- **Club Colours:** Ian Lawrence, Robert Weinert-Aplin, Sarah Clayton, Andrew Bromfield.

Members have also been awarded Athletics Clubs and Committees Colours for sporting achievement as well as Union Colours for outstanding contribution to Union life:

- **ACC Half Colours:** Robert Weinert-Aplin, Sarah Clayton.

- **ACC Full Colours:** Christopher Baker-Brian, Jack Cornish
- **Union Full Colours:** Jack Cornish

Finances

The club has had a very active year financially, with a large summer tour, increased membership and larger events leading to a turnover in the region of £50,000. Most events were successfully managed financially and Merrill Lynch sponsorship money was used where appropriate to reduce the financial burden to members. The treasurer should continue to approve all event budgets to avoid a return to the clubs past financial position. As of the 31st July 2009, the club had £642.21 in its union account.

Felix Reports

As in previous years the hockey club has featured prominently in the student newspaper, Felix. This is highly beneficial for the club for keeping a high profile, promoting sponsors as well as recruiting new members. However, the reports that are entered must not bring the club into disrepute hence it is advised that the Club Captain reads all reports before they are sent to Felix for publication.

Playing Achievements

This season saw several on-field playing successes:

- **Men's 1st XI:** University of London (ULU) Premier League champions and British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) 2A division champions.
- **Ladies 1st XI:** Runners-up in the ULU Championship Cup and BUCS Conference Cup.
- **Men's 2nd XI:** ULU League Division Two Champions and ULU Reserve Cup Runners-up.
- **Men's 3rd XI:** ULU League Division Three Runners-up.

Club Officers for 2009-2010

At the AGM in March 2009, the following people were elected to the club's executive committee for 2009-2010:

- **Club Captain:** Jessica Poore
- **Honorary Secretary:** Elizabeth Smith
- **Treasurer:** Edward Lacey
- **Wednesday Fixtures Secretary:** Amanda Cheung
- **Monday Fixtures Secretary:** Ewan Quince
- **Sponsorship Secretary:** Alice Rowlands
- **Mixed Captain:** Emma Beresford and Benjamin Bell
- **Social Secretary:** Teddy Middlebrook and Chelsea Wong
- **Website Secretary:** Oliver Johnston and Jason Ye
- **Tour Secretary:** To be elected November 2009
- **Kit Secretary:** Gemma Bale
- **Alumni Secretary:** Christopher Baker-Brian

- **1st XI Men's Captain:** Christopher Baker-Brian
- **2nd XI Men's Captain:** Douglas Weber-Steinhaus
- **3rd XI Men's Captain:** Carl Vetter
- **4th XI Men's Captain:** Michael Dowling
- **5th XI Men's Captain (New Position):** Oliver Joris
- **1st XI Ladies Captain:** Victoria Galligani
- **2nd XI Ladies Captain:** Carina Carter