FENCING CLUB 2016/2017

Membership

- Number of members: 80
- We have benefitted from a lot of new members this season who are already relatively experienced.
- We have also retained many beginners who regularly attend training.
- This year, the club has grown substantially.

Training

Semester 1

- Due to the Sports Centre redevelopment, hall times during preseason were limited. Attendance declined in comparison to the previous year. Our two coaches delivered structured training that prepared the club for the competitive season that starts early in the academic year.
- In Semester 1, we ran 3 sessions per week for advanced fencers and 2 sessions for beginners.
- Individual lessons for 1st and 2nd Team fencers were given by our Director of Fencing, Stan Stoodley, and Head Coach, Phil Carson. This was at the expense of coach-led structured group sessions.
- Both the 1st and 2nd Teams have benefitted from weekly S&C sessions.

Semester 2

- Up until spring break the training format of Semester 1 was kept. Afterwards, 3 sessions a week were opened to everyone, with a 4th squad session being aimed at performance.

BUCS

Sports Centre redevelopment enabled us to host matches.
Premier League match results:

- Durham 135-79 Away loss
- Edinburgh 126-98 Home loss
- York 110-111 Away win
- Durham 126-73 Home loss
- Edinburgh 135-113 Away loss
- Leicester 77-102 Away win
- Newcastle 125-108 Away loss
- Leicester 135-83 Home win
- York 125-133 Home win
- Newcastle 125-118 Home loss

Placed 4th/6 in the league table, they improved on last season’s result.
In the BUCS national knockout competition, they were knocked out in the first round by Bristol, 135-110.

**Women's First Team**

Unfortunately we had lost a lot of experienced fencers from the previous year, fencing with small teams in both leagues.

**Premier League match results:**

- Edinburgh 134-94 Away loss
- Nottingham 135-94 Home loss
- Newcastle 124-115 Home loss
- Leeds 129-105 Home loss
- Durham 109-87 Away loss
- Durham 127-85 Home loss
- Nottingham 129-94 Away loss
- Edinburgh 135-63 Home loss
- Newcastle 90-95 Away win
- Leeds 122-113 Away loss
Placed 6\textsuperscript{th}/6 they won their first BUCS national knockout competition against UCL (126-106). They were knocked out in the next round by Durham (135-108).

In the playoffs, they won 128-126 against Loughborough. Unfortunately they ended up being relegated to the Scottish 1A league due to a 125-120 loss against Liverpool.

**Men's Second Team**
The men's 2\textsuperscript{nd} had an especially strong sabre team due to high influx of new members.

**Scottish 1A match results:**
- Dundee 1st 127-113 loss
- Aberdeen 1st 127-109 loss
- Stirling 1st 106-103 loss
- Heriot-Watt 1st 98-128 win
- Edinburgh 2nd 113-96 loss
- Glasgow 1st 135-99 loss
- Stirling 2nd 49-135 win
- Strathclyde 1st 114-115 win

**Trophy match results:**
Aberdeen 1\textsuperscript{st} 135-96 loss.

Season Completed: 6th/9 in the league table, eliminated in preliminary trophy round, remaining consistent from the previous season.

**Women's Second Team**

- **Scottish Conference results:**
  - Glasgow 1st 127-104 loss
  - Stirling 1st 135-62 loss
  - Aberdeen 1st 135-74 loss
  - Strathclyde 1st 135-81 loss
• Dundee 1st 135-91 loss
• Edinburgh 2nd 103-131 win

In a league where they competed against almost exclusively 1st teams, they finished 7th/7.

**Trophy match results:**
• Newcastle 3rd 62-135 win
• Liverpool 1st 135-69 loss

This was the second season that the Women had operated a 2nd Team. For next season it will be discontinued.

**Individual Competitions**

**Scottish Open**
• Jenny Zhan won bronze in women’s sabre
• Torii Douglas-Song 6th/24 in men’s sabre

**Saints Sabre Open**
• Oliver Graham won bronze in men’s sabre

**SSS Beginners**
• Jorgen Borchgrevink and Chris Gunn competed in men’s foil, finishing 7th and 11th.

**BUCS Individuals**
• Indira von Gierke 8th/64 in women’s sabre
• Oliver Graham 10th/117 in men’s sabre
• Keno Schwalb 13th/150 in men’s foil and 23rd/150 in men’s epee

**SSS Individuals**
• Jenny Zhan won gold in women’s sabre
• Bryant Yang won bronze in men’s sabre

**Stirling Sword**
• Francisco Tenopala Carmona 6th/36 in men’s epee

**Stirling Sword Team Competition**
Joshua Dibble, Bryant Yang and Lewis Clough won bronze in men’s sabre.
**St Andrews Competitions**

- The Club hosted the Saints Sabre Open for the first time which is recognised as a British Open (worth ranking points).
- An internal Club Christmas competition was run. It offered an opportunity of fun fencing before the winter break.
- The Mixed Team Tournament was run for the second time.
- We enjoyed seeing our alumni at the annual Alumni competition. After an enjoyable team competition, a pub quiz rounded off a lovely day.

**Socials**

The many social events organized by the committee complete the experience offered by the Fencing Club. The events included but were not limited to Club Dinners, Pub Quizzes, Barbeques and the infamous Sinners nights.

**Goals for 2017/8**

- Men’s 1st to remain competitive in the Premier League
- Women’s 1st to be promoted to Premier League
- Continue to grow the club, particularly the women’s team
- More structured training sessions to facilitate high attendance and maximum performance.
- Achieve local sponsorship
- Higher attendance at socials
- More entries into Open competitions

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