



»» EUBC ««

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

22/23 SEASON

# WRAP UP OF THE 22/23 SEASON

## »»» FROM RETURNING PRESIDENT TOM BUSBY

In the 2022/23 season, EUBC were finally able to shut the book on Covid and enjoy a proper year of basketball, socials and so much more. With 170 attendees at this year's autumn trials, we all knew it was going to be a big year for the club, and that it was. National Championship wins for both the Men's and Women's 1st teams, a BUCS cup final appearance for the M2s, new coaches, new players and two new teams for the 23/24 season.



Working alongside this year's committee has been an absolute pleasure and my biggest praise has to go to the rest of the Execs, Rose, Freddie, Ben and Craig, who the club would not have survived without.

A huge amount of credit has to go to our social team who delivered the club some of the best Wednesday nights in Edinburgh. The Christmas dinner, Sports Ball and Ceilidh were all huge successes and I can't wait to see our socials go from strength to strength in the coming year.

Results-wise, it was a mixed bag of a year. The W1 National League team went unbeaten and won everything there was to win in the League, cup and playoffs. On the flip side, the M3s battled adversity and wound up losing their final game of the season seeing a relegation down to Div 4. In true EUBC spirit, the team is now just excited to push for promotion back into Div 3 next season.

Since my arrival at the club, an additional men's team had been a project that always had an aura of excitement around it, but never materialised. In the 2023/24 season, EUBC will have 4 competitive men's teams following the arrival of the M4s as well as a development side. This will allow more people to have access to teams, play the sport that we all love and become a part of the EUBC family.

As is always the way with university sports, we had to say our goodbyes to a huge number of players, coaches and player/coaches, who will be seriously missed by all of us.

As for me, in what I thought would be my only year as president, there were too many highs, and so few lows that I will be staying on for the 23/24 season to watch the club continue to grow.

To all players, coaches, members and friends, thank you for making EUBC the club it is.

See you in September.

Tom Busby



# WOMEN'S 1S

## »»» SEASON ROUND-UP

Our W1s, led by co-captains Rose Harvey and Elise Tweedie, came 4th in BUCS Premier North this year after winning 5 of their 10 games. A 69-59 win over Durham was the first of their 8 games in the first semester, which also saw them twice beat both Nottingham Trent and Northumbria. Coach Bart Sengers then guided the team to a massive 120-36 win over Southampton in the first round of the national championship, but they then just lost out away to Essex who went on to progress to the quarter-final.

In national league, the team finished top of the table, ending the season undefeated.

In December, they beat Strathclyde 83-31 to become SSS National Champions, with Eabha Kerr earning MVP for her performance in the game.



They then went on to become SBC Cup Champions in February, winning 84-48 against St Andrews in the final. Having contributed a huge 18 points and 17 rebounds, Elise Tweedie was awarded MVP for the game.

The team ended the season as SBC Playoff Champions as well, starting with a win away to Caledonia Pride 63-92 before winning again 71-34 at home to secure the trophy.

This year we sadly say goodbye to Elise Tweedie who will be greatly missed after being such a big part of the women's teams for the past 4 years.



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# MEN'S 1S

## »» SEASON ROUND-UP

Coach Eoghann Dover returned this year with Liam McCabe to assist, along with team reps Oliver McFarlane and Beau Davidson. The team started the season with an unfortunate 75-69 loss to Strathclyde, but quickly bounced back to win three games in a row over HW, UWS, and Glasgow. The second semester started with another loss but this time to UWS 73-62. They then went on to win 4 of their last 5 games, earning them second place in the league below Strathclyde.

An 86-78 win in an intense final against UWS saw the M1s become SSS National Champions, with a standout performance from MVP Michael Langsen helping to secure the win.



This year the M1s are sadly saying goodbye to many of their players. Oliver McFarlane, Lolo Negreira, Aidan Massaro and Sam Bellarby are all moving on after several years at the club, as well as semester 1 players Alex Hadwen and Axel Nielsen, and semester 2 player Brady Nickerson, after their semesters studying here.



# WOMEN'S 2S

## »»» SEASON ROUND-UP

Our W2s ended a turbulent year finishing 5th in BUCS Scottish Tier 1. After a slow start not winning in the first semester, despite a close game against Stirling where they just lost out in the final minutes 53-56, the team drew Aberdeen in the National Trophy who they hadn't faced so far in the season. A hard fought game saw the girls come out with an unfortunate 59-60 loss in the final minutes. However, ending the semester with this game saw the team come out fighting to begin the second semester, with a 55-51 win over Glasgow followed by a 70-48 win against Aberdeen securing their place next year in the league. The team were coached this year by M2s player Mihaly Kovacs, assisted by M3 player Jaime Garcia Fernandez, and with team rep Elena Mendez. W2 leavers Mariam Stephen, Deniz Eymur, Eliza Farrugia, and Alex Barbosa Gonzalez will be greatly missed.



# MEN'S 2S

## »»» SEASON ROUND-UP

The M2s, coached by Erynn Legge, assisted by M3 player Jaime Garcia Fernandez, and with team rep Mihaly Kovacs, ended the season 4th in the BUCS Scottish Tier 2. After a slow start to the year, they ended the first semester with a close game against Dundee which saw them come out with their first win, 83-86. This continued into a much better start to semester 2, with a walkover win to Abertay followed by an 80-46 win over Abertay. Having had only a few, spread out games for most of the season, the men were unlucky to have to play their last 4 games within the final 2 weeks of the season. After some close losses, they ended the season on a high with a 46-51 win against Dundee.

The men beat Heriot Watt, RGU and St Andrews on their way to the BUCS Conference Cup final. Unfortunately, the final also fell in the last two weeks of the BUCS regular season, as their 5th game during that period. After an intense game the team took a 71-78 loss to Stirling.

The team say goodbye to several of their players this year. Andrej Jovanic, Mihaly Jovacs, Anas Othman, Pablo Ruiz, Oskar Schaplitz, Bernie Crane, and Lefti Toramanidis will all be leaving after being a big part of both the team and club over the past four years. We also said goodbye to our visiting students Angel Torrado Alvarez, and Guillem Vila Llorca after semester 1 and semester 2 respectively.



# WOMEN'S 3S

## »»» SEASON ROUND-UP

The W3s ended the season 4th in BUCS Scottish Tier 2 with coach Maela Faleu, assisted by Sam Bellarby, and with team rep Shoug Khuraibet. The team started both semesters with big wins over Heriot Watt, first by 29-57, then by a huge 72-15. After some difficult games against RGU and Dundee, the W3s came back in March to win their last 3 games. Having taken a 65-47 loss to Edinburgh Napier in February, the team came away with a big 66-45 win over the same team only a month later. This gave them a boost going into the last games, both against unknown team Glasgow Caledonia. After a close 44-40 win in the first of the games the team kept their heads to win again 40-43 the following week to end their season having won 5 of their 10 games.

Leavers Claudia Blanco, Erica van Loon, Tammy Chandra, and Ellen Mezrani will all be missed as they move on after this season.



# MEN'S 3S

## »»» SEASON ROUND-UP

After a strong start to the season winning their first two games, 68-40 over Heriot Watt followed by 51-59 over Strathclyde, the M3s experienced a difficult rest of the season. Players from across the EUBC, and within their own team, had to step in to coach the team, meaning the team had to adjust from match to match, and had to player-coach the majority of their own training sessions. Unfortunately, they ended the year in BUCS Scottish Tier 3 at the bottom of the table, with only the first two wins over the season. Therefore, the team will be playing in Tier 4 next season but are looking forward to beginning their campaign to get back into the Tier 3 division.

A strong first match against St Andrews in the Conference Cup in November saw the team make it through to the second round with a 59-77 win. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful against Aberdeen later in the year, coming away with a 70-40 loss.

The M3s will be saying goodbye to Jaime Fernandez Garcia, a player who has not only been a big part of the team for the past several years, but also a huge part of the club, both as a member and as a coach, as well as his involvement in the intramural league. He will be hugely missed in his various roles and all the teams he was a part of.





# OTHER GAMES/TOURNAMENTS

## ➤➤➤ NEW MEN'S LOTHIAN LEAGUE TEAM

This year we introduced a new Men's Lothian League team to the club. 3 wins and 5 losses throughout the season saw the team qualify for playoffs to end the year. This team created an opportunity for players from all 3 of our mens teams to mix and play with each other, but also to play against other non-university clubs with new opponents and challenges. More playing time outside of the usual university basketball programme helped prepare our players for the regular BUCS season games.

## ➤➤➤ LEAVERS VS RETURNERS GAME

To end the season, we had an opportunity to watch our 22/23 leavers in action one more time. On the 29th March, a huge crowd came to watch an amazing display of basketball between our future. The green team was coached by president Tom Busby and assisted by Sid Shewale, against the white team coached by Craig Miller and assisted by Freddie Laffin. It was the green team who came out victorious 74-64.

### Green Team:

**Anas Othman**  
**Andrej Jovanovic**  
**Erynn Legge**  
**Jaime Garcia Fernandez**  
**Eleftherios Toramanidis**  
**Lolo Negreira Gomez**  
**Ollie McFarlane**  
**Oskar Schaplitz**  
**Shoug Khuraibet**



### White Team:

**Aaron Plater**  
**Aidan Massaro**  
**Bernie Crane**  
**Elena Mendez**  
**Emily Melrose**  
**Guillem Vila Llorca**  
**Mihaly Kovacs**  
**Pablo Ruiz**  
**Sam Bellarby**



# OTHER GAMES/TOURNAMENTS

## ▶▶▶ INTRAMURAL ALL STAR GAME

To open semester 2 we had a game between an All Stars Intramural team, player-coached by M1s and NBA Spanish Society Intramural player Alvaro Beattie, and an EUBC select team, made up of players from the W2s, M2s and M3s and coached by W1s player Rose Harvey. After a close first half, the EUBC select team came home with a 68-52 win. A special shoutout to our M1s players Oliver McFarlane and Beau Davidson for their much raved about commentary.



### EUBC SELECT TEAM:

**Sam Elliott**

**Antoine Mellon**

**Pablo Denis**

**Jaime Garcia Fernandez**

**Sid Shewale**

**Cameron Davies**

**Tom Busby**

**Emily Melrose**

**Cameron Reid**

**Abbie Taylor**

**Georgia Taylor**

**Craig Miller**

**EUBC members (who also play for the NBA Spanish Society Intramural team) on IM All Stars team:**

**Elena Mendez W2**

**Rita Garcia W2**

**Hugo Gamez M2**



## ▶▶▶ ONE EDINBURGH INTERCULTURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On 2nd April, we hosted an Intercultural 3v3 tournament with One Edinburgh and sponsored by Red Bull. We had over 20 teams consisting of players from the EUBC, our Intramural leagues, Boroughmir Blaze and more. 77 earned the win after a tense final against Aviation Amigos.



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## SOCIAL

32BELOW / WED 8TH MARCH / 10PM  
PRIZE FOR THE MOST CREATIVE COSTUME

## EUBC BBQ

18 May 2023 | 2 pm  
The Meadows

End of season celebration!  
Hope to see you all there

WEDNESDAY 21ST. SEPTEMBER

## JOIN US FOR THE FIRST SOCIAL OF THE SEASON AT 32BELOW

Theme: **anything but basketball**  
think swimmers, horseback riders, skiers, honestly anything your heart desires as long as you're dressed to impress

## OCT HALLOWEEN 26

EUBC

SOCIAL



DRESS UP

## EUBC PUB CRAWL



## WORLD CUP FINAL SOCIAL OF 2022

join us for a

## ST. PADDY'S DAY SOCIAL

32Below | 15/03



on wednesdays  
we wear  
**PINK!**

COME LOOKING FETCH

EBASKET

# SOCIALS

## WE LOVE WEDNESDAYS

### >>> OUR 22/23 SOCIALS

This season has seen our teams become closer than ever, and much of this was down to our socials, which allowed us to bond and get to know each other with some well-deserved downtime and more than a few pints. Every Wednesday we have had themed socials, pub crawls, and quizzes, all organised by our amazing social secretaries Beau Davidson, Rita Garcia, Heather Barbour, and Morgana Angeli, and hosted by our sponsors Love Wednesdays at WhyNot (very much loved by our teams) and our new sponsor this season 32Below.



### >>> CEILIDH

Next year's vice-president Rita Garcia, with some help from our other social secs, planned a sensational ceilidh in March which saw our teams swap their basketball shoes for dancing shoes and consume a lot of pizza in record breaking time.



### >>> SPORTS BALL

Back in January we were able to dress up again to represent our club and party with the rest of the Sports Union clubs at the annual Sports Ball at the conference centre.



# SPORTS UNION ATTENTION



## TEAM OF THE WEEK

In semester 1, the club was voted as Edinburgh University Sport Union's Club of the week, after a week where both the Men's and Women's 1s became Scottish Student Basketball Champions.

## FOCUS FIXTURES

Also in semester 1, the M1s vs UWS match was selected as the SU weekly focus fixture. The men's win was live streamed with commentary from our own president Tom Busby and national league secretary Craig Miller.

In semester 2, the W1s had their game against Durham livestreamed and commented by our M1s players Oliver Mcfarlane and Beau Davidson (returning by popular demand after their success in the intramural game).

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS AWARD

At the Sports Ball, Msia society received intramural team of the year due to their performance in our intramural basketball league this year.



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SEE YOU FOR THE 23/24 SEASON

