Teddy Hall players to take part in Varsity Rugby
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The annual Oxford v. Cambridge Varsity Rugby matches take place this Thursday, 7 December, at Twickenham, and once again there will be Teddy Hall representation in both the men?s and women?s sides.

Sophie Behan (2014, Engineering Science) will captain Oxford?s women, wearing the number 8 shirt, when they kick off at 11.30am, together with Laura Simpson (2017, Medicine) at number 13 and Joanna Male (2016, Earth Sciences) as a substitute. The women?s match was held at Twickenham on the same day as the men?s fixture for the first time in 2015, when they were beaten 52-0. They bounced back last year though, with a 3-0 victory over Cambridge.

?To win last year was incredible,? said Sophie, ?but it was made all the better by the fact that a year earlier we had stood on the same pitch at the end of the game having conceded eight tries and been beaten 52-0. Things have changed dramatically at Oxford and the win at
Twickenham last year has played a big part. Our first pre-season training session was insane?we had 30+ athletes who had all played rugby before. In my first season we were having to introduce people to the ball, the laws and the game?run forward, pass backwards. We are at a whole new level this season and loving every minute of it.?

The men?s game is a 3pm kick-off and the squad includes Teddy Hall?s Lisiate Fifita (2017, MBA) at number 4 and Dan Barley (2016, Engineering Science) amongst the replacements.

Both games will be available to watch on the BBC?the women?s match via the red button and the men?s fixture on BBC2. A number of Teddy Hall supporters?including the Principal Keith Gull and some of our alumni?will be there on the day, watching from a box in the stadium.

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