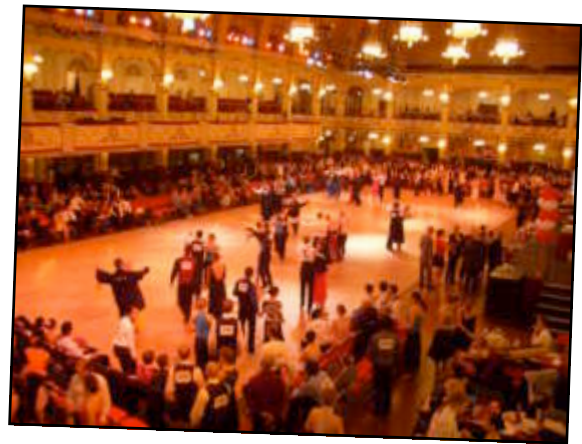


ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

IVDA Champions 2005

IVDC "The Nationals", Blackpool 2005

Held at the infamous Blackpool Winter Gardens, host venue to the annual British Open, the Nationals took place on Saturday 12th March. 27 universities had entered the competition representing the entirety of the university dancesport circuit. Cambridge A and Bristol A had been tipped as the closest rivals to the Oxford A Team, looking to defend their title.



Oxford saw enormous success throughout the day with Oxford represented in every single final. The Beginners had numerous couples in both the Quickstep and Waltz finals. Novice standard saw 3 Oxford couples placing well, **Paul Brand & Alison Gray** placed 3rd, closely followed by **Henry Newman & Joss Paulley** in 4th place and **Simon Edkins & Parvy Vis Nathan** 5th. Intermediate Standard final consisted of half Oxford couples as well, **Alex Hobbs & Karen Zieger** (2nd), **Ozzi Uhiara & Ailsa Longmuir** (3rd) and **Joe Coulson & Sarah McGinley** (5th). Advanced Standard saw yet another astounding victory for Oxford with all 6 couples in the semi-final and star couple **Nick Faull & Ju Min Wong** as "**National Advanced Standard Champions**" and **Sugata Kaviraj & Cécile Défossé** placed 4th. The ex-student event was dominated by ex-Oxford with **David Weston & Sharon Withers** winning and **Peter Nixey & Hazel Crow** as runners-up.

In the Latin section, again the Blues shined through. In the Novice event, **Sahaj Kothari & Mila Gorokhovich** placed 4th. Once more, the intermediate competition had 3 Oxford couples in the final; **Kevin Skelton & Alice Pocklington** (3rd), **Ian Watson & Camilla Sen** (5th), **Sugata Kaviraj & Cécile Défossé** (6th). In the advanced - possibly the most highly contested of events - Oxford had 4 couples in the semi-final with **Alex Hobbs & Marianna Ofosu** making the final amongst extremely strong open circuit couples from other universities.



The Team Match

	Waltz	Quickstep	Cha	Jive
A	Nick Faull & Ju Min Wong	Sugata Kaviraj & Cécile Défossé	Alex Hobbs & Marianna Ofosu	Wolfram Schmitt & Andrea Zitna
B	Robin Schlinkert & Claire Wrathmell	Ian Watson & Camilla Sen	Ozzi Uhiara & Ailsa Longmuir	Arvi Luoma & Louisa Christofidou
C	Christoph Ortner & Kimberley Brownlee	Joe Coulson & Sarah McGinley	King Tan & Karen Zieger	Matthew Jones & Wen Chuan Dai
D	Reuben Arasaratnam & Sarah Ward Jones	Paul Brand & Alison Gray	Kevin Skelton & Alice Pocklington	Simon Edkins & Parvy Vis Nathan

The entire Oxford Blues Team made the semi-final of the Team Match (the top 12 teams in the country). The D Team improved on the previous year's performance placing 12th and the C Team only just missed the final placing 7th. Unfortunately the IVDC Committee have misplaced the single copy of the results and as such individual placings in the Team Match will never be known.

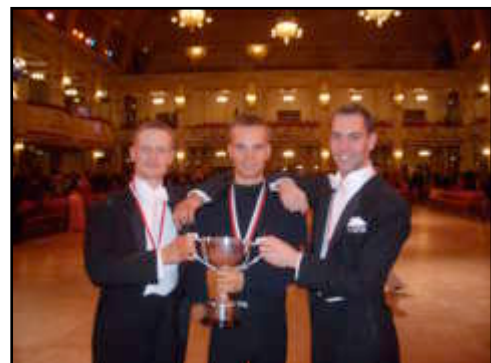
The Oxford B-Team had an astounding day beating Imperial A, Cambridge A & Cambridge B Teams placing 3rd in the Team Match. The Oxford A Team could not quite grab the 1st place by only one point to Bristol's A Team, however the entire team danced exceptionally and the results were impressive. As a consequence of the day's performances, Oxford won the B, C & D Team trophies and consequently won the overall **IVDC Champions** trophy.

IVDA "National" Champions

- A Team trophy**
- B Team trophy**
- C Team trophy**
- D Team trophy**

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

- 2nd Oxford A
- 1st Oxford B
- 1st Oxford C
- 1st Oxford D



The IVDA Champions Trophy

SUDC:	A Team Trophy	2nd Oxford
	B Team Trophy	2nd Oxford
	C Team Trophy	1st Oxford
	D Team Trophy	1st Oxford



Two weeks prior to the IVDC, SUDC took place in Weston-super-mare. The competition saw the return of numerous outstanding open circuit latin couples at other universities. The standard of dancing could clearly be seen in the Advanced events. Possibly the most notable result of the day was **Nick Faull & Ju Min Wong** beating Paul & Vesna of Cambridge for the first time in Advanced Ballroom. Throughout the day numerous couples placed in finals. In the Team Match the A Team saw a strong Bristol team dominate and the B Team, with unfortunately only two couples in finals found it hard to fight for the trophy. The C Team had an astounding day only one point behind the B Team, but drawing with Imperial A setting a good president for the Nationals. The Beginners' Team had couples in each final placing well.

OPEN CIRCUIT:

Numerous of the Oxford dancers have competed at Open Circuit events such as Egham and more recently the **South of England Championships**. The latter took place on the 20th March and saw success on behalf of the Oxford Team. **Sugata Kaviraj & Cécile Défossé** made the quarter finals in the Amateur Standard competition and placed 3rd in the Pre-Champ event having won the Waltz. **Robin Schlinkert & Claire Wrathmell** also made the Pre-Champ final.



Sugata Kaviraj & Cécile Défossé

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As an end-of-season event, we are proposing to hold an **OUDT show** in Oxford in late-June. The evening will take place on a Saturday evening with the majority of Blues Team couples displaying their best routines, a fully licensed bar and music & dancing afterwards. We hope this will give the ideal opportunity for parents, friends and other guests to watch the couples demonstrating what they practice many hours a week for as their favourite pass-time. More details will be announced soon once a venue is confirmed.

You can also see the Team perform at Christ Church, Trinity, St. John's and Univ. balls this summer.

The next Alumni Newsletter will be post-**Varsity** which takes place on the **7th May**.

Have a great Easter!



Ex-Student Standard Champions



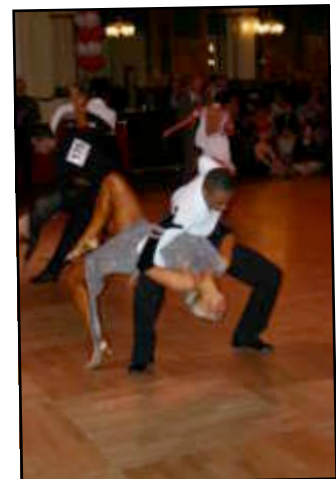
IVDC Most Promising Couple



Matt Jones & Wen Chuan Dai



Advanced Standard National Champions



Ozzi Uhiara & Ailsa Longmuir



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