



BLUES AWARD

A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1829 the first boat race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities was rowed on the River Thames from Hambleden Lock to Henley Bridge, distance of about 2.25 miles.

There were old Etonians in either boat and, as the crews had no distinctive uniform to identify themselves, just before the start a Cambridge Etonian tied a light blue scarf to the little post at the bow of his boat and an Oxford Etonian tied a dark blue scarf to the bow of his. Thus began a tradition and a basis for the award of Blues for outstanding achievement in university sport, a tradition adopted by English-speaking universities in many parts of the world.

From the early years of the University of Queensland Sports Unions, Blues were awarded to outstanding performers in intervarsity contests and more recently the Sports and Physical Recreation Association, through its Blues Committee, has developed a selection method with criteria and standards which ensure that the award of a Blue or a Half-Blue in this University is a highly prized and indeed a rare honour.

The presentation of a Blue or Half-Blue award is made with ceremony at a Blues Dinner and attested by a certificate. In Oxford, the Blue or Half-Blue will probably have received a hand written note from the President of his club inviting him to take part in the annual match against Cambridge. The annual Oxford versus Cambridge Rugby Match is a huge event and every time a player plays in this annual event they receive the distinction of being a Blue for Rugby in that year. A number of University of Queensland footballers have received Blues when undertaking studies at Oxford and Cambridge especially those selected as Rhodes Scholars. The great Tommy Lawton who became embroiled in what came to be known as the "Lawton Affair" eventually received three Blues from Oxford after being banned for a period for having played the professional game at the University of

Queensland.

In Track and Field Athletics, where each University may have two or more competitors in an event, the first string in each event will be awarded a Blue (unless the President considers that the athlete qualifies for a Half-Blue only) and the second and third strings, a Half-Blue. If a Half-Blue manages to win the event, they will be given a Full Blue.

To understand the standard required to be honoured with a Blue or Half-Blue award from the University of Queensland Sports Association a general rule of thumb for the Blues Committee now exists. Athletes, who represent Australia at senior level, are awarded a Blue and athletes with similar qualifications at state level or attain a particularly high ranking at Australian level in the junior listings, are awarded a Half-Blue. Each sport has more specific standards but generally the Blues Committee endeavour to keep the standards from sport to sport similar.

A Blues Honour Board displays all the recipients of the award since the University was founded in 1910 in the foyer of the Indoor Sports Pavilion.

Blues Awards are granted to University Sportpersons by the University of Queensland Sports and Recreation Association upon application by the University's Sporting Clubs. Blues are awarded to Sportpersons for sporting excellence. The nominees must be University Club members who are currently enrolled students at the University of Queensland or Graduates of the University of Queensland. The rules have changed over the years as a number of players in early years of the Club received more than one Blue. During the 1930s this rule changed when it was decided that in awarding Blues, the Blues Committee were to consider the nominees achievements in intervarsity contests and interclub meetings as well as their character and attitude toward the club. It was also decided that no members could receive a Blue in any one sport more than once, although they could receive a Blue subsequent to receiving a Half Blue.

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FOOTBALL BLUES

YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1912	LLOYD, Norman Austin	
1913	FOOTE, Leonard Hardwick LLOYD, Norman Austin	
1914	BROWN, George Duncan FRANCIS, Eric FRANCIS, Stanley LLOYD, Norman Austin ROW, Allan Warren Linford	
1919	BRAZIER, Felix Howard FISHER, Gordon Arthur FRANCIS, Eric FOWLES, Duncan GRENNING, Victor HALFERTY, John Joseph LAWTON, Thomas	
1920	BROWNE, William Creighton CLARKSON, Victor Charles McCARTHY, Vincent David McCULLOCH, Alfred FISHER, Gordon Arthur HOOPER, Charles Sinclair	BAILEY, George Squires BOULTON, George Oswald BURTON, Herbert FREEMAN, Eric Bernard McLEAN, Charles Robert
1921	BROWNE, William Creighton FISHER, Gordon Arthur HOOPER, Charles Sinclair HORSLEY, John Alan Talbot LAWTON, Thomas McCULLOCH, Alfred	BOULTON, George Oswald FREEMAN, Eric Bernard FRYER, John Denis WHIGHT, Thomas Burnside POWELL, Lytton Redvers Baden
1922	ALLMAN, Jeremiah Michael BOULTON, George Oswald FISHER, Gordon Arthur VIDULICH, John Joseph	IRVINE, Fergus Albert LYNAM, John Finley

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YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1923	AHERN, William Henry ALLMAN, Jeremiah Michael DOWER, William Peter HENDLE, John Henry McCAUGHEY, Gordon Hamilton VIDULICH, John Joseph	
1924	AHERN, William Henry LYNAM, John Finley	
1925	BIRD, George Thomas Melbourne FENWICK, Osborn Thomas GERRAND, Andrew Graham HULBERT, John McLean LYNAM, John Finley	
1926	BAGLEY, William Walter CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane HULBERT, John McLean LYNAM, John Finley McDOUGALL, William Alexander NEVILLE, Paul Cyril Lobie STURTRIDGE, Gordon Short	
1927	CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane HULBERT, John McLean IRWIN, John Samuel YOUNG, William	
1928	CARMICHAEL, Kenneth Macfarlane GEORGE, William Ian HICKEY, Michael Francis HULBERT, John McLean IRWIN, John Samuel NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife VIDGEN, Frank Grahame YOUNG, William	
1929	CLARK, James Goode IRWIN, John Samuel MINES, Francis NICHOLSON, Ernest Harry Andrews VIDGEN, Frank Grahame	ANDREWS, Onslow Rutherford HAMILTON, Robert
1930	CHANNER, Eric Jack CLARK, James Goode HAMILTON, Robert LAWTON, Thomas McADAM, James Bannister McGRATH, James Patrick MINES, Francis	EDWARDS, John Samuel Donald FOOTE, Stewart Clarence Hale

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YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
	NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife PRO-COPIS, George Sandford RISSON, Robert Joseph Henry VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	
1931	CHANNER, Eric Jack CLARK, James Goode CLARK, Phillip Andrew FOOTE, Stewart Clarence Hale HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert NIXON-SMITH, Walter Fife WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	RISSON, Robert Joseph Henry
1932	CLARK, James Goode CLARK, Phillip Andrew EDWARDS, Trevor Rice HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert McGUIRE, John Michael VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHITE, William George Searle WHYATT, Frederick Joseph	
1933	CHESTER, Robert Davis CLARK, Phillip Andrew HALL, Graham HAMILTON, Robert HAYES, Reginald William Higson LEE, Charles Que Fong PEARCE, Edward Tom Stanley VINCENT, Fitzgerald Roxburgh WHYATT, Frederick Joseph WILSON, Vayro William	BROWNE, John Mervyn FOOTE, Stewart Clarence STUMM, Harley Charles
1934	ATKINSON, Ronald John DIXON, Patrick Leslie	GRIFFIN, Charles Edgar TULLY, John Charles
1935	HALL, Noel Lyster RYAN, John Hartley Pennefather	SALTER, Roger Burnett
1936	MONTI, Ansel Italo Carrado	EVANS, John William HEMPENSTALL, Thomas Patrick NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset SILCOCK, Philip Maynard WINDSOR, Morgan Francis
1937	NICHOLSON, Vaux Morriset	ELLIOTT, Richard James Hutton WENSLEY, William Neilson

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1938	EVANS, John William SALTER, Roger Burnett	PROCTOR, Percy Claude Richard
1939	STUMM, Harley Charles	FAINE, Eric Neville ISLES, Alexander Dennis
1940	BRIDGMAN, Peter GANNON, William John	BROAD, Edmund George DONOVAN, Francis Patrick MARTIN, William Norman O'DRISCOLL, Andrew Florence PROVAN, Donald Murchison
1941	COOKE, Desmond Patrick ELLIOTT, Richard James Hutton MORRISON, William John SHARPE, Gordon John	RICKETTS, Lionel George
1942		CHENOWETH, Thomas Norman
1943		HOYLING, Noel Henry Vaughan VENTON, Cedric Bruce WINDSOR, John Clement
1944	WINDSOR, John Clement	LOWTH, Lawrence John
1945	LOWTH, Lawrence John QUATERMASS, Malcolm Ernest RYAN, Thomas Joseph	FLANAGAN, Henry Patrick McGUINNESS, Edward Francis ROE, John WINNING, Keith Charles
1946	JOHNSTONE, Daryl WILSON, William George WINNING, Keith Charles	ELLIOTT, Charles Edward GOW, Neil Milne LEMON, Alan John
1947	AHERN, Edward Gilles ELLIOTT, Charles Edward ERICKSON, Colin Donald O'DRISCOLL, Andrew Florence PROCTOR, Rex William	CARROLL, John Patrick DUNN, Hugh Alexander ELLWOOD, Robert William
1948	CARROLL, Victor Joseph CARROLL, John Patrick DUNN, Hugh Alexander HANCOCK, Viv McLean McNAMARA, Raymond John	CLARKE, Ian Edwin
1949	GOW, Neil Milne MARLES, William Gordon PATANE, John Salvatore ROBERTSON, Duncan	PRIMMER, Conrad James

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YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
1950	BRUSASCO, Italo Prospero CANTAMESSA, Remo Lawrence PRIMMER, Conrad James	
1951	HICKEY, Howard Thomas	BOAST, Jack Robert GIRLE, Albert Edward Ashley HATHERELL, William Ian LIGHTBODY, Eric William O'NEILL, John Michael
1952	CLARK, Raymond Arthur GIRLE, Albert Edward Ashley HATHERELL, William Ian MURPHY, John Joseph O'NEILL, John Michael SHEIL, Ainslie Glenister Ross WILSON, Charles Roy	
1953	RILEY, John	CRAIG, John SHEIL, Glenister Fermoy THOMPSON, John Richard
1954	O'BRIEN, Edward Ephrem THOMPSON, John Richard	LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall
1955	BREW, Francis Malcolm LARKIN, Kerry Kelsall WALLER, Kenelm George Trevithick	CRIDLAND, George William MANTEIT, Trevor John
1956	BAXTER, Thomas MANTEIT, Trevor John	NUGENT, Michael Anthony TURLEY, Edward George
1957	DONALD, Kenneth John	JAMES, Peter Michael KNOWLES, Michael Cosby OSBALDISTON, George William
1958	JAMES, Peter Michael	BEDGOOD, David John LINDENMAYER, Travis Erwin MURPHY, Thomas Julian
1959	BEDGOOD, David John HAMILTON, John Alexander LINDENMAYER, Travis Erwin	CONNERS, David Charles FINEMORE, Ross Gordon
1960	CONNERS, David Charles FINEMORE, Ross Gordon SHEARER, Gilbert James	ADCOCK, Henry ALP, Michael Hugh MORRIS, Peter John Glasgow OHLRICH, Gregory David
1961	ALP, Michael Hugh MORRIS, Peter John Glasgow	FRANZMANN, Dennis Dominic GUERASSIMOFF, Julius

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	OHLRICH, Gregory David POTTER, Robert Thomas	McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive PARKER, Denis John
1962	GUERASSIMOFF, Julius MARKS, Richard James Pickett McDERMOTT, Lloyd Clive WILLIAMS, Leo Gerard	ANNING, Eric Tunbridge ARMSTRONG, Graeme James BENNETT, Francis Leslie
1963	WOLFE, John Keith	BECCONSALL, Clive Winston MAGUIRE, Michael Andrew TRIVETT, Richard Keal
1964	ANNING, Eric Tunbridge BECCONSALL, Alan Richard TRIVETT, Richard Keal	CROMBIE, David Charles DUHS, Graeme Ernest ELLIOT, Richard Geoffrey MAY, Alfred VINCENT, Peter Fitzgerald
1965	CROMBIE, David Charles MAYNE, Norman Colburn	ALEXANDER, David Edward BROWN, Bruce Robert DELOUGHERY, Michael James MANNING, Russell Charles Sylvester TAYLOR, David Aubrey TEITZEL, Ross Gordon
1966	MAGUIRE, Michael Andrew TAYLOR, David Aubrey TEITZEL, Ross Gordon	COOKE, Roger Anthony HULBERT, John McLean
1967	MANNING, Russell Charles Sylvester BROWN, Bruce Robert	GREGORY, Stuart Carlton JENNINGS, Keith Samuel McCREADY, Stephen Peter McNICHOLL, Lee Gerard
1968	GREGORY, Stuart Carlton	BELL, Keith Radcliffe CREAGH, James Matthew ESTWICK, Colin Craig
1969	BELL, Keith Radcliffe	GALLIGAN, Brian Graham McINTYRE, Brian Lloyd MILLER, David James SEXTON, Dennis Richard WOODWARD, Charles Herbert
1970		MALONEY, Peter Foster McNICHOLL, Paul Bernard MILLER, Richard Ian
1971	MILLER, David James	ROSS, Ian David
1972	ROSS, Ian David	BATCH, Patrick Gerard

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YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
		CRUICE, John David MEANEY, James McDowell PEARSON, Gary John
1973	LOANE, Mark Edward CREAGH, James Matthew	HARTIGAN, Stephen John HENDERSON, John Spencer WILSON, James Christopher
1974	WILSON, James Christopher	
1975	BATCH, Patrick Gerard	McCASKER, Kim NOON, Graham John
1976		ROSS, William Scott
1978	NOON, Graham John ROSS, William Scott	BOMAN, Vincent McINTYRE, Andrew John
1979		McDONNELL, William Francis MacNISH, Brian James
1980	HALL, Duncan McDONNELL, William Francis	SANDERS, Guy Jon
1981	PARKER, Anthony Joseph SANDERS, Guy Jon	
1982	LYNAGH, Michael Patrick McINTYRE, Andrew John	MARTIN, Gregory John
1983	MARTIN, Gregory John	LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul
1984	LILLICRAP, Cameron Paul	NASSER, Brendan Paul
1985		NUCIFORA, David Vincent STURGESS, James Richard TEMPLETON, Andrew Robert TWEEDY, Sean Michael
1986	NASSER, Brendan Paul	ANDERSON, Mark Andrew
1988		PALM, Mitchell Brice Hinkler
1989	NUCIFORA, David Vincent PALM, Mitchell Brice Hinkler	
1990	ANDERSON, Mark Andrew TWEEDY, Sean Michael	HEATH, David Clive HOOD, Matthew David LUMB, Brendan Timothy
1991	KASSULKE, Nigel Thomas	

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1992		INNES, Angus Robert
1993	HOWARD, Patrick William	
1994		AIKEN, Deena Louise HART, Christopher Patrick
1995		DAVOREN, Carmel Anne MURPHY, Desmond Thomas GALLIE, Price Andrew Michael COOK, Steven Patrick BARRY, Shaun Joseph
1996		BLANSHARD, James Anthony Lacy GLADWIN, Mieke Jane
1997		LAIDLAW, Bronwyn Ann SHARPE, Nathan Charles
1998	SHARPE, Nathan Charles LAIDLAW, Bronwyn Ann GLADWIN, Mieke Jane	PLASTOW, Andrew Roger James
1999		BURGESS, Richard Patrick
2000	MURPHY, Thomas Desmond	LARSSON, Ross Stuart
2001		ELPHINSTON, Ashley James JOHNSON, Nathan John NYHOLT, Richard Willem Norbert
2002	NYHOLT, Richard Willem Norbert	GOODE, Reece Leonard
2003		GRAHAM, Joshua Dan MOORE, Stephen Thomas
2004		BROWN, Andrew David
2005	BROWN, Andrew David CHAPMAN, Mitchell James MOORE, Stephen Thomas	CUTTS, Jacqueline Maria HOCKINGS, Thomas James HORWILL, James Edward WARD, Benjamin James
2006	HORWILL, James Edward	GILLESPIE, Brett Ross HANSON, James Elliott HOBBS, Michael Joseph Deans LINDE, Daniel Joseph John
2007	GILLESPIE, Brett Ross	
2010	HANSON, James Elliott	BUCHANAN, Timothy Edward Lewis

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YEAR	BLUE	HALF BLUE
		PRIOR, Ian Gareth
2011	PRIOR, Ian Gareth	
2012	FOLEY, Cornelius Timothy	BROWNING, Curtis Stuart REISER, Samuel David
2013	BROWNING, Curtis Stuart CHERRY, Emilee Jane	KAWA, Melanie Ruth MALOUF, Nicholas Andrew Jason ONO, Asaka PARKER, Harry Anthony
2014	MALOUF, Nicholas Andrew Jason GALE, Scott Terence	DALGLEISH, James William DE GUINGAND, Jack Elliott Thomas KORCZYK, Adam Michael
2015	KORCZYK, Adam Michael	PLEASH, Aaron James
2016	SCOTT-YOUNG, Angus Norman	BELESSIS, Marioulla HOCKINGS, Harry Mack JURD, Liam Alexander King POTGIETER, Philippus Rudolph RACKEMANN, Georgina May
2017		Clancy, Connor Joseph
2019	CAMPBELL, Jock Hunter HOCKINGS, Harry Mack	MORREY, Patrick William MUSCAT, Kate Anne NASSER, Joshua Samuel Malcolm
2020	NASSER, Joshua Samuel Malcolm	
2021	WRIGHT, Natalie Rosemary	GREALY, Maconal James NASSER, Isabella Lily
2022	GREALY, Maconal James	WRIGHT, Natalie Rosemary
2023	NASSER, Isabella Lily	
2025	MINNS, Tiarah Kiah-Beth	NASSER, Isabella Lily ROBINSON, Thomas Hunter

DOUBLE BLUES

Winners of two Blues Awards for the University of Queensland

BROAD, Edmund George	Half-Blue Football Half-Blue Cricket Blue Cricket	1940 1940 1941
CANTAMESSA, Remo Lawrence	Half Blue Basketball Blue Rugby Water Polo???	1947 1950
CARMICHAEL, Kenneth MacFarlane	Blue Rugby Blue Rowing	1927 1928 1929
CLARKE, James Goode	Blue Rowing Blue Football	1929 1929 1930 1931 1932
CLARKSON, Victor Charles	Blue Athletics Blue Football	1920 1920
DIXON, Patrick Leslie	Blue Football Blue Cricket	1934 1936
DONALD, Kenneth John.	Blue Athletics Blue Football	1956 1957
EDWARDS, John Samuel Donald	Half-Blue Football Half-Blue Rowing	1930 1932
FREEMAN, Eric Bernard	Half-Blue Football Blue Rowing	1920 1921 1921 1922 1923 1924
FRANCIS, Eric	Blue Football Blue Cricket	1914 1919 1921
GRENNING, Victor	Blue Football Blue Hockey	1919 1924

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GUERASSIMOFF, Julius	Blue Athletics Half-Blue Football Blue Football	1959 1961 1962
HICKEY, Howard Thomas	Blue Football Blue Athletics	1951 1952
LAWTON, Thomas	Blue Football Half-Blue Athletics	1919 1921 1930 1921
McCULLOCH, Alfred	Blue Football Half-Blue Cricket	1920 1921 1922
McDOUGALL, William Alexander	Blue Cricket Blue Football	1925 1927 1926
MONTI, Ansel Italo Carrado	Blue Football Blue Boxing	1936 1936
NASSER, Isabella Lily	Half Blue Football 7s Blue Football 7s Half Blue Football XVs	2021 2023 2025
RICKETTS, Lionel George	Half-Blue Football Blue Boxing	1941 1948
ROW, Allan Warren Linford	Half-Blue Rowing Blue Football	1913 1914
VIDGEN, Frank Grahame	Blue Football Blue Hockey	1928 1929 1930
WRIGHT, Natalie Rosemary	Blue Rugby XVs Half-Blue Rugby 7s	2021 2022
WILLIAMS, Leo Gerard	Half-Blue Swimming Blue Football Blue Swimming	1960 1962 1964

TRIPLE BLUES

Winners of three Blues Awards for the University of Queensland

BROWNE, William Creighton	Blue Football Blue Rowing Blue Cricket	1920 1921 1921 1921
McGRATH, James Patrick	Blue Rowing Blue Football Blue Tennis	1928 1929 1930 1930
SHEIL, Glenister Fermoy	Half-Blue Tennis Blue Tennis Half-Blue Football Blue Squash	1947 1948 1953 1959