



BLUES VERSUS BIRDS



8TH FEBRUARY, 2025
3:00PM

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OXFORD WOMEN*S BLUES VS SCIENCES PO BIRDS

ABOUT THIS MATCH

Today, the Women*s Blues will kick off against a visiting French team from Sciences Po University. This Parisian institution has long had a relationship with Oxford, though previously this relationship was specific to St John's College. Each year, the men*s rugby teams have travelled to the other for a weekend of rugby and international culture. This year, with the French team travelling to St John's for their annual fixture, the Women*s team will be joining them abroad in Oxford for the first time.

The Women's Sciences Po team, Les Birds, come to England with a successful track record in both sevens and tens: Champions of France Rugby VII 2024 and silver medallists at France Rugby X 2024. This match will be their first foray into XV rugby, and our Blues hope to deliver a competitive but friendly learning opportunity.

The Blues are bringing a large squad, looking to try out some potential combinations for Varsity

as well as creating the opportunity for game time for some Panthers players.

This match will expose both teams to a style of rugby neither are too well acquainted with, so promises to be a great experience all round. Our Blues are looking to sharpen their skill sets ahead of their Varsity Match against Cambridge at StoneX Stadium on the 8th of March: tickets are available at www.ourfc.org/varsity. Our Women*s section are looking to grow in strength, hoping to deliver the triple: beating the Tabs in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams' Varsity matches.

We would like to thank the Sciences Po Birds for playing this fixture against our Blues, and look forward to Le Crunch between a French and an English team ahead of the Men's Six Nations match at 4:45pm today, which I'm sure both teams will be watching with friendly international rivalry in our Pavilion after the match.

LES BIRDS

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| 1 Célia Ribiere | 2 Inès Saheb | 3 Chiara Blanc Bolelli |
| 4 Lili-Jeanne Thibierge | 5 Naomi Delophont | 6 Marie Lespayandel |
| 7 Charlotte Noiret | 8 Anais Fahrour | 9 Fanny Dubois Flores |
| 10 Romane Huillet | 11 Manon Lefort | 12 Solène Lusseau |
| 13 Emilie Cuisset | 14 Louise Favennec | 15 Aline Pellote |
| 16 Fanny Bonnet | 17 Emma Geneau | 18 Swann Demuyneck |
| 19 Valentine Odillard | 20 Lila Vallot | 21 Tess Massini |
| 22 Lilie Noll | 23 Jeanne De Kesling | |

BLUES PLAYER PROFILES

TEAM A

TEAM B

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| 1 Charlotte Scowen New | 2 Sophie Goodman Brasenose | 3 Liz Drake Lady Margaret Hall | 1 Estelle Onwuka Worcester | 2 #416 Michele Szegda Wolfson | 3 Naomi Thornton Jesus |
| 4 Izzy Hedges Mansfield | 5 Naomi Owen Queen's | 6 #421 Madison Quig Jesus | 4 Lucy McBride Hertford | 5 Emily Cameron Lady Margaret Hall | 6 Juliet Hill St Hugh's |
| 7 #422 Amelie Harris- Lovett Worcester | 8 JoJo Blyth Wadham | 9 Ruby Hancox St Anne's | 7 Olivia Rosin St Catherine's | 8 Melissa Morley St John's | 9 Kat Vincent Christ Church |
| 10 Jess Chiriboga Keble | 11 #397 Katie Hains Lincoln | 12 Tori Kennedy Oriol | 10 Iona Ffrench- Adam St Peter's | 11 Max Cook Merton | 12 Evie Wood Lady Margaret Hall |
| 13 Poppy Burrows Christ Church | 14 Kate Mitchell St John's | 15 Esha Gupta Magdalen | 13 Esha Gupta Magdalen | 14 Libby Smith New | 15 Emilia Perry- Poletti Exeter |