

Tom Harvey – Intermediates

Secretary



Disclaimer

You will have noticed that this is not the only manifesto I'm running by you. Here's the thing, if I am not successful in becoming president I'd still like to contribute to the club. If I am successful, however, I won't be able to do this job as well. So if that happens and you'd like to see any of the following implemented, mention it to whoever does get the role.

Aims

Matches:

The big problem with the intermediates course as I see it is a lack of direction. This, I think we can find in the scheduling of some matches with Anglia Ruskin. We've played the beginners against them in the last month and it went well, but earlier in the year it'd be great to play them against the intermediate cohort when the beginners aren't yet ready. For the graduates of this year's beginners' course that might feel like a re-run, but fear not, because I reckon the town club will also be keen to play as well. To accompany these matches we could organise socials in the evening with our opponents, giving intermediate fencers the chance to mingle in a more social context.

2^{nds} Team Integration:

I'd also like to turn the intermediates into a better pool for the seconds' teams. The seconds often struggle to put out a full team, particularly with away matches, I'd like to see closer integration between the intermediates and the seconds so that seconds' captains have people they can and want to call on in a jam.

3 Weapon:

If we can achieve it, the expansion of training in epee and sabre could be of great help in improving the integration of seconds and intermediates.

Old Beginners' Match

I want to look into the possibility of a copycat 'Old Beginners' match, in the same way that Novice Varsity copies Varsity. The idea being that beginners from this year's course form teams to run against next year's beginners. This will hopefully happen before Novice Varsity. This will be a chance for the old beginners to pass on the wisdom they gleaned from the perspective of the inside of the beginners' course, a perspective that most of the beginner's coaches won't have experienced.

My hope is that organising fixtures like this will make the intermediates course a more focussed one. Having goals to achieve and something to train for provides a good motivation for really getting the most out of CUFC and that is what I would like to see every member of the club get from it.