On **1st March 2026** CUKC competed against Oxf*rd in Varsity, a highly anticipated, high stakes match against our long-term rivals. With our winning streak having been broken last year, the squad was eager to reclaim the Enoeda Cup and start a fresh streak.

The competition began promptly at 9:45am, starting off with the Men's Kata Category. Despite some strong kata performances from Alex, Tom, Dani, and Lukas, with Tom and Lukas coming 4th and 6th respectively, the Oxford men dominated this category with the final score being 8-34 to Oxford.

The next category was the Women's Kata. With extremely strong performances from Hannah, Feri, Angela and Talin, the Cambridge women ended up emerging victorious with the final score in the Women's Category being 23-19 to Cambridge. A very well done to Angela, Talin and Feri for coming 2nd, 3rd, and joint 4th respectively.

Next it was time for Mixed Kata, with Nuha, Taaliya, Yusuf and Nirmay representing Cambridge. Thanks to some incredible performances, Cambridge once again emerged victorious with the score in the Mixed Category being 25-17. Congratulations to Yusuf, Nirmay, and Nuha for coming 1st, joint-2nd and 5th respectively.

Despite Cambridge being ahead in both the Women's and Mixed Categories, tension was still high as we moved onto Team Kata.

The Oxford men started the Team Katas off with Enpi, taking the win against Nirmay, Lukas, and Dani's Jion. The score in the men's category was now 8-46 to Oxford. Next up were the Women; thanks to Talin, Angela and Taaliya's impressive performance of Jion, Cambridge won by an impressive 0.5 point difference. The score in the Women's Category was now 35-19 to Cambridge. Last but not least was the Mixed Team Kata, with Feri, Tom and Li Sen

representing Cambridge. Despite a very valiant performance, Oxford unfortunately came out on top, with the points in this category now being 25-29 to Oxford.

With Oxford currently in the lead in both the Men's and Mixed Category, CUKC was on edge and eager to get kumite underway and claim back the trophies.

First up to compete were the Cambridge men: Dani, Alex, Will and Li Sen. Despite some strong performances from Cambridge, Oxford ended up coming out on top, with the score now being 16-64. A very well done to Will for winning his fight.

Next to fight were the Cambridge women: Talin, Angela, Nuha and Hannah. There were lots of very amazing fights in this first round, with Nuha and Hannah winning their fights. The score was now 47-31 to Cambridge.

After this came the mixed fights, which were worth double the number of points. Thanks to some impressive fighting from Nirmay, Yusuf, Erin and Deepthi, Cambridge emerged victorious in this category. The final score was 56-46; Cambridge had officially won the mixed category. A very well done to Nirmay and Deepthi for winning their fights, and to Yusuf for drawing.

Next to fight were the Cambridge men. Although the men's trophy had been lost by this point, Dani, Alex, Will and Li Sen all still put up a very valiant attempt to win back some points. The final score was 14-88, with Oxford taking home the men's trophy.

With the Enoeda cup still up for grabs, tension was high as we entered the final round of Women's Kumite fights. First up was Talin, who ended up drawing after a tough match. The score was now 50-34 in favour of Cambridge. With three fights remaining, the women's trophy was anyone's game. After a strong performance, Nuha unfortunately lost her fight, resulting in the score 50-40. Cambridge needed to win one more fight in order to win the women's trophy and secure the Enoeda cup. Next up was Angela, who, after a nail-biting match and an incredible performance, managed to win her fight. Cambridge had officially won both the Women's trophy and the Enoeda cup. Finally, last to compete was Hannah who put up a tough fight but unfortunately ended up losing. The final score in the women's category was 56-46.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who performed at Varsity and helped CUKC to reclaim the Enoeda cup. This truly was a product of everyone's hard work and dedication. A special thanks to our Chief Instructor, Sensei Ken Hori, for his guidance and commitment to preparing the team for Varsity. Also, thank you to everyone who came to watch and support CUKC, and to the referees and judges.

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