

## CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

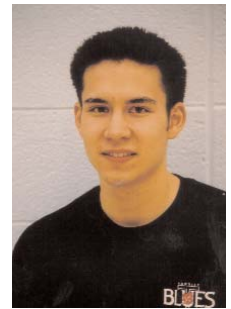
What makes a successful team is its ability to maintain top performance athletes year after year. With the departure of some core players due to graduation, we welcome a new batch of talented players eager to fill the void left by their predecessors. Among them are Steven Lau, Amy Mader, Anca Gasper, and Jessica Shiu; their outstanding performances in their first university tournament proved to be vital in our establishing an undefeated record against our eastern conference rivals.

To further build upon the success of our bronze medal finish last year, we will look to returning players Denis Daly, Gordon Chiu (last year's OUA All-Star), Ling Ho, and Julie Lee, for their experience to guide the newcomers into winning form. As captains, we hope to bring together the diverse talents of the team so we can all strive towards one golden vision.

Experience the vision for yourself: Eastern Sectional #2 Sunday, January 12, 2003 at the U of T Athletic Centre.

Michael Glenney, Edith Chow

## ATHLETE-ALUMNI/AE COORDINATOR



With the increasing importance of maintaining close ties with the alumni/ae, the badminton team has created a new position this year: the Athlete-Alumni/ae Coordinator. I have taken over the duties of this position from Denis Daly, who handled these responsibilities most ably as team captain last year.

My job is to ensure that the alumni/ae stay up to date with the latest information regarding the team. This involves, among other things, producing the Alumni/ae Newsletters, updating the team website and re-establishing contact with missing alumni/ae.

Taking on this responsibility has been important to me since I have not been able to contribute to the team on court so far this season. After training hard during the summer break, I was sidelined with a fracture in my left foot at the end of July. It seemed like a minor setback at the time, but after almost four months it has yet to fully heal. This injury has allowed me to focus more on school, but it has also shown me just how much I enjoyed playing badminton. It was certainly a great privilege to play for the University of Toronto last year. My broken foot has also given me a deeper respect for all the lucky people who can run!

I look forward to communicating with you in the future. Hopefully I'll be able to contribute to our exciting team both on and off court soon.

Alex Green

## TOURNAMENT ACTION



Stephen Lau and Denis Daly face McMaster.

Visit our team website for up to date information about the Varsity Blues badminton team.

[http://individual.utoronto.ca/green/badminton,](http://individual.utoronto.ca/green/badminton)

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# project blue *UPDATE*

Funding the annual operating costs of intercollegiate sports teams has become extremely difficult and challenging over the last number of years. Increasingly, teams have come to rely on donations from alumni to enhance opportunities for training and travel.

The Legacy Fund was established as a means to provide an annual source of income for U of T intercollegiate teams. The idea is for each sport to raise an endowment fund, which would generate an annual interest income to supplement the sport's annual expenses. In order to provide a boost to the fund raising effort, U of T initiated a \$2 million matching funds program whereby it would match every donation to these endowment funds. The Badminton team set a goal of a \$73,000 endowment fund, which would provide about \$3,500 of funding annually. To achieve the goal, the team needed to raise \$36,500 given U of T's matching program.

The one to one match is an amazing opportunity offered by the university but time is running out quickly. In order to qualify, the pledges must be received by December 31, 2002, or before the \$2 million matching money runs out; whichever comes first. Payments may be spread out until December 31, 2004 but we need the commitment now. If you work for a company that matches employee contributions, the value of your gift will be 4 times the amount of the donation!

First out of the blocks to help the team was The Honorable James Carnwath, 5T7, T-Holder, a recent inductee of the U of T Sports Hall of Fame, and member of at least four Thomas Cup Teams over his illustrious badminton career. Jim made a generous donation and sent out a letter to a number of alumni encouraging their support. Shortly after responding to his letter with a donation, I was contacted by the team to see if I would also help.

The decision to help was easy. It is not often that you have an opportunity to support a great institution, support an activity you love, get a tax deduction, and know that your contribution will make a very big difference. The relative significance of a dollar contributed toward a \$73,000 goal is far greater than it is if contributed toward a multi-million dollar goal, particularly when it is matched by someone else!

As of December 3, 2002, the Badminton Legacy Fund stands at about \$44,200. The team has a long way to go. There are about 150 U of T Badminton team alumni, many of which had extraordinary badminton careers away from the university. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of these have contributed to the Legacy Fund. The university's matching program expires at the end of December. Today's badminton team, and teams well into the future would really benefit from and appreciate a strong show of support over the next month to get to the \$73,000 goal! Please contact Robin Campbell at 416-677-5357 for more information.

Tom P. Muir, 7T8, T-Holder

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