John Slavin Award 2024-25 BUCS Season

BAFRA gives the John Slavin Award in even-numbered years to the team with the best marked field. This includes correct field dimensions, correct line and other markings, correct size goal posts, correct positioning of pylons and the condition of the field surface. The title is awarded to the team that has comes out best in an audit carried out by BAFRA members at each game. A perfect facility scores 0.

The award is named after John Slavin. John was a long-serving BAFRA official and sometime director of the Association who sadly died in October 2005. In his memory, BAFRA has dedicated an award made to a team that shows commitment to improving the game experience for players and fans, as well as officials.

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The top-performing teams in the BUCS 2024-25 season were as follows:

ARU Rhinos	**4.3**
Cambridge Pythons	**6.7**
SGS Pride	10.8
Surrey Stingers	24.0
Edinburgh Napier Knights	25.3
Essex Blades	25.5
UWE Bullets 2	28.5
Reading Knights	46.3
UWE Bullets	47.0
UEA Pirates	47.7
Bath Spa Bulldogs	48.0
Warwick Wolves	50.7
Solent Redhawks	51.5
Tarannau Aberystwyth	52.5
Coventry Jets	54.0
Southampton Stags	60.0
Kingston Cougars	66.3
Stirling Clansmen	71.5
Canterbury Chargers	78.0
Sussex Saxons	79.0

The BAFRA Directors decided to recognise the top two rated colleges for their excellent performance.

To set the above in context, the average for the whole of the BUCS League in 2024-25 was 106.52 which was disappointingly over 22 points up on the 83.73 scored the previous time field audits were undertaken 2 years ago