John Slavin Award 2025-26 BUCS Season

BAFRA gives the John Slavin Award in odd-numbered years to the team with the game management. This includes s prompt provision of properly attired and effective chain crew and ball boys, spectator facilities such as covered seats, a scoreboard and a referee's microphone and a game day manager available to the officiating crew from when they arrive. 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 2025-26 season were as follows:

Southampton Stags	**38.0**
Salford Storm	43.0
SGS Pride	63.0
Edinburgh Napier Knights	67.0
Bournemouth Bobcats	70.5
Sheffield Sabres	71.2
Warwick Wolves	71.5
UWE Bullets 2	72.5
Bristol Barracuda	73.0
Derby Braves	76.8
Exeter Demons	77.8 =
UWE Bullets	77.8 =
Kent Falcons	86.2
Northumbria Mustangs	87.0 =
Surrey Stingers	87.0 =
QMUL Vipers	91.0
Reading Knights	92.0
Liverpool Raptors	92.2
Newcastle Raiders	93.7
Cardiff Cobras	95.2

To set the above in context, the average for the whole of the BUCS League in 2025-26 was 113.18, which is disappointingly almost 30 higher than when this category was last scored.