

REVIEW OF 1987

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ADVANCING ON ALL FRONTS

A very fine year was enjoyed by the Club, with successes recorded at World, International, National and Club level. Most encouraging of all, however, has been the resurgence of interest at the heart of the Club from ordinary 'active' Members, stimulated by the energy and enthusiasm of the Team Managers and their assistants. Club training camps, in Portugal and at Crystal Palace, have proved very popular, and a mid-winter road racing tour to Paris was undertaken. It is planned to expand the range of the Club's activities, ultimately aiming perhaps at a return to regular top-class team competition, in the near future.

THE 113th 'VARSITY MATCH

Iffley Road, 16th May 1987. Approaching 200 athletes participated in a splendid day's competition. The weather was kind, sunny periods holding at the bay the rain which set in almost as soon as the match had finished. No fewer than 5 Match Records, and 4 Ladies' Match Records, were set or equalled, and for the first time a second team ladies' match was included in the programme. It is a far cry from the old days at the White City, when fewer than a dozen single events used to be contested: there are now no less than 36 events in the mens' and womens' programmes, duplicated in simultaneous second team matches.

As ever, the mens' match was hotly contested in every event and at every level. Cambridge's Rob Rider, the clear favourite, was unfortunate to have been disqualified in the first event of the day, the walk, and by the end of the afternoon this early loss of points proved crucial. The long-awaited Rowbotham/Geddes clash at 800m lived up to expectations, Paul Rowbotham prevailing by the narrowest of margins. Andy Geddes returned later to record a very fine win in the 1500m. Bob Madsen added substantially to his PB in setting a new Hammer Record, and also won the Discus. Derek Wilson won both the longer hurdles events, Nigel Clark produced his finest form to equal the Match Record in the Pole Vault, and Richard Nerurkar was supremely dominant in the 5000m.

The highlight of the day was the tussle between Jon Ridgeon and Dwayne Heard for the Drake Digby trophy, awarded for the best performance in the Mens' Match. Ridgeon opened by clearly winning the 100m, with Heard second, but positions were reversed in the long jump: Dwayne broke his own match record in the first round with 7.41 (the third year in which he has equalled or broken the record), and *p

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though Jon closed with every round he ended with 7.35 (the third best jump in the history of the match: only Dwayne has jumped

further). Between jumps, Jon had found time to equal the match record in the 110 hurdles with 14.2 seconds into a headwind, matching the 1963 performance of Tom Blodgett. He then took the 200 in a very fine 21.5, but in the triple jump BUSF champion Heard set his second record of the day by adding 22 cm to Mike Ralph's mark of 27 years' standing, with 15.31. This brought Dwayne's individual wins in Varsity Matches to a record-equalling NINE (five Long Jumps, three Triple Jumps, and one 200m). Jon stormed through the second leg of the short relay, to set Cambridge on the way to a victory which would have been theirs even had Oxford not dropped the baton at the last change; and at the end of the day the Committee reached the happy decision that both protagonists should share the trophy.

As the afternoon unfolded, Oxford's supremacy in the field and distance events began to tell over Cambridge's in the sprints and hurdles. Oxford seemed to have built up sufficient cushion to allow them to lose both relays, but even they must have been worried when they scored no points at all in the 4 x 100. The final score, one of the closest in the history of the match, was Oxford 111.5, Cambridge 107.5.

100m: 1, J.P. RIDGEON (C) 10.9; 2, D.E. Heard (O) 11.5; 3, J. Kell (C) 11.6; 4, P.A. Kuenstler (O) 11.6.
200m: 1, J.P. RIDGEON (C) 21.5; 2, D.E. Heard (O) 22.5; 3, R.G. Shearmur (C) 22.6; 4, P.A. Kuenstler (O) 23.3.
400m: 1, R.G. SHEARMUR (C) 48.9; 2, S.A. Singham (O) 50.6; 3, S. Robertson (C) 50.9; 4, J.A. Eadie (O) 52.1.
800m: 1, P.S. ROWBOTHAM (C) 1.50.7; 2, A.P. Geddes (O) 1.50.7; 3, J. Lloyd (C) 1.56.3. J.P. Nickles (O) disqualified.
1500m: 1, A.P. GEDDES (O) 3.49.3; 2, A.P. Dixon (O) 3.50.6; 3, A.D. Benton (C) 3.55.8; 4, A.C. Millett (C) 4.02.3.
5000m: 1, R.D. NERURKAR (O) 14.11.4; 2, D. Gilbert (O) 15.00.7; 3, T. Connell (C) 15.03.2; A.D.B. Williamson (C) 15.33.4.
110m HURDLES: 1, J.P. RIDGEON (C) 14.2 (equals Record); 2, J. Kell (C) 15.4; 3, D.J. Campbell (O) 15.9; 4, R. Yadav (O) 16.4.
200m HURDLES: 1, D.L. WILSON (C) 25.1; 2, D.D. Cullinane (C) 25.5; 3, S.J. Freethy (O) 26.6; 4, J.S. Lai (O) 26.9.
400m HURDLES: 1, D.L. WILSON (C) 54.4; 2, D. Hitchcock (C) 55.3; 3, J.K.L. Brooke (O) 60.7; 4, J.S. Lai (O) 65.5.
3000m STEEPLECHASE: 1, J.K.L. BROOKE (O) 9.12.7; 2, A.N.J. Robinson (O) 9.17.2; 3, G. Shaw (C) 9.42.5; 4, H.J. du Toit (C) 9.50.8.
3000m WALK: 1, R.E. CLAYTON (O) 13.55.0; 2, G. Ackland (O) 15.27.1; 3, T. Baker (C) 15.51.1. R.J. Rider (C) disqualified.
LONG JUMP: 1, D.E. HEARD (O) 7.41 (Record), 2, J.P. Ridgeon (C) 7.35; 3, R.Cobb (C) 6.46; 4, R.L. Stephenson (O) 6.44.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1, D.E. HEARD (O) 15.31 (Record); 2, G.A.C. Murrell (O) 14.62; 3, R.Cobb (C) 14.25; 4, A. Ajibulu (C) 12.21.
HIGH JUMP: 1, M. NEWMAN (O) 2.04; 2= J.E.D. Crews (O) & M.S. Steed (C) 1.90; 4, T.M. Coker (C) 1.90.
POLE VAULT: 1, N.R.A. CLARK (O) 4.20 (equals Record); 2, T. Harris (O) 3.20; 3, N. Ames (C) 3.00; 4, M. Eder (C) 2.80.

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DISCUS: 1, R. MADSEN (O) 41.10; 2, W. Marais (C) 36.22; 3, S. Briggs (O) 36.00; 4, S. Barton (C) 35.28.
SHOT PUTT: 1, K.E. CROUSE (O) 11.95; 2, J.M. Edwards (C) 11.77; 3, S. Briggs (O) 11.55; 4, W. Marais (C) 10.84.
JAVELIN: 1, P.J. FULCHER (C) 62.18; 2, D.N. Gardiner (C) 51.76; 3, P. Schultz (O) 49.42; 4, D. Cobley (O) 48.22. (New javelins)
HAMMER: 1, R. MADSEN (O) 56.90 (Record); 2, P.Q. Deeley (C) 46.62; 3,

S. Briggs (O) 40.62; 4, J.M. Edwards (C) 37.90.
4 x 100m: 1, CAMBRIDGE (SOBOYEJO, RIDGEON, KELL, WILSON) 42.7.
Oxford did not finish.
4 x 400m: 1, CAMBRIDGE (HITCHCOCK, WILSON, ROWBOTHAM, SHEARMUR)
3.21.0; 2, Oxford (Eadie, Robinson, Singham, Brooke) 3.32.7.

THE LADIES MATCH

Cambridge continued their dominance of this event (Oxford have only won one match since the event was inaugurated in 1975), winning by 93 points to 64. The Susan Dennler Cup for the best performance was presented to Suzi Caesar, who produced a match record in the 400m hurdles, won the 400m flat, and contributed greatly to both relays.

The le Touquet Cup, for the most improved performance, men or women, was presented to Gill Norton, who having only taken up the sport a month or so earlier achieved a match record of 1.64 in the high jump.

100m: 1, E.L. HOWARD (C) 13.0; 2, G.A. Hague (O) 13.0; 3, E. Simister (O) 13.4; 4, E. McBrien (C) 14.0.
200m: 1, E.L. HOWARD (C) 26.3; 2, G.A. Hague (O) 27.0; 3, E.C. Hobson (O) 27.0; 4, S.M. White (C) 27.9.
400m: 1, S.R. CAESAR (C) 58.3; 2, E.C. Hobson (O) 59.9; 3, C.V. Kitchen (C) 61.1; 4, M. Higgins (O) 66.0.
800m: 1, C.V. KITCHEN (C) 2:14.6; 2, V.E. Vaughan (O) 2:17.7; 3, A.M. Wood (C) 2:18.3; 4, C. Redcliffe (O) 2:22.3.
1500m: 1, J.K. SAYLE (C) 4:49.4; 2, H.D. Blanshard (C) 4:53.2; 3, P. Gibb (O) 4:59.6; 4, H. Hoyle (O) 5.04.9.
3000m: 1, V.E. VAUGHAN (O) 10:11.3; 2, L. Head (O) 10:16.6; 3, B.A. O'Neill (C) 10:23.7; 4, S. Pringman (C) 10.26.3.
100m HURDLES: 1, C.A. BEATH (C) 17.2; 2, L.H. Teverson (C) 17.2; 3, V.A. Pritchard (O) 17.7; 4, J.A. Fok (O) 18.2.
400m HURDLES: S.R. CAESAR (C) 64.8 (Record); 2, V.A. Pritchard (O) 66.6; 3, T.H.L. Brufal de Megaregio (C) 67.9; 4, J. Green (O) 69.4.
LONG JUMP: 1, G.A. HAGUE (O) 5.09; 2, L.H. Teverson (C) 4.87; 3, G.E. Norton (C) 4.80; 4, A. Rowlands (O) 4.69.
HIGH JUMP: 1, G.E. NORTON (C) 1.64 (Record); 2, J. Kershaw (O) 1.45; 3, C. Adams (C) 1.40; 4, J. Green (O) 1.35.
SHOT PUT: 1, A. BEVITT (O) 9.54; 2, C.H. Shepherd-Themistocleous (O) 9.06; 3, C. Adams (C) 9.02; 4, L.H. Teverson (C) 8.67.
DISCUS: 1, M.M. ANDERSON (C) 36.66 (Record); 2, C. Adams (C) 34.08; 3, C.H. Shepherd-Themistocleous (O) 27.36; 4, J.A. Fok (O) 25.32.
JAVELIN: 1, C. ADAMS (C) 33.24; 2, H.L. Ganczakowski (C) 31.28; 3, E.A. England (O) 25.48; 4, I. Lai (O) 23.52.

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4 x 100m RELAY: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Howard, White, Caesar, McBrien) 50.5;
2, Oxford (Chestnut, Simister, Cooke, Hague) 50.6.
4 x 400m RELAY: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Wood, Brufel de Megarejo, Kitchen, Caesar) 4:05.4 (Record); 2, Oxford (Higgins, Green, Pritchard, Hobson) 4:11.3.

CENTIPEDES/ALVERSTONE

For the first time for several years, Alverstone won the mens' second team match, by 114 points to 101. C.P. McDonald's javelin throw was within the Blues Standard and would have placed him second in the 'Varsity Match.

Leading results included: 100/LJ Soboyejo (Al) 11.5/6.32; 200 Mitchell (Ce) 23.4; 400 Allden (Al) 51.6; 800 Silvester (Ce) 1.58.2; 1500 Cross (Ce) 4.14.4; 5000 Pes (Al) 15.10.4; 110H/200H/400H Bussey (Al) 16.3/ 27.0/59.0; 3000SC Rossiter (Ce) 9.54.2; TJ Carpenter (Ce) 13.48; HJ Byrne (Al) 1.90; PV Skates (Ce) 2.80; SP Carstensen (Ce) 10.92; DT Ogilvie-Thompson 34.06; HT Goodwin (Al) 36.48; JT McDonald (Ce) 55.02; 4x400 Alverstone (Robertson, Newell-Price, Allden, Lloyd) 3.25.2.

LADIES SECOND TEAM MATCH

The inaugural match was won by Oxford (the 'Millipedes') by 82 points to 73. Although they will go otherwise unrecognised, Half-Blue standards were achieved by Cox (C) (LJ 4.90), Crawford (C) (DT 29.10 - also winner of the JT with 27.34), Lissenden (C) (HJ 1.45) and Reynolds (O) (SP 8.91). Other winners were: 100/200 Chestnut (O) 13.1/28.4; 400/400h Dangel (O) 64.2/71.4; 800 Gandee (C) 2.32.1; 1500 Curtis (O) 5.10.3; 3000 Watson (O) 10.57.3; 100h Pagan (C) 18.6.

THE ACHILLES CLUB DINNER

David Hemery, our most recent Olympic Gold Medallist, took the chair at Rhodes House following the Varsity Match. Sandy Duncan, retiring from the Office of Honorary Secretary to the Club after 39 marvellous years of energy and enthusiasm, received a standing ovation as he rose, as on so many previous occasions, to announce the match medal winners.

The speeches were of a very high standard, being brief, witty, yet pertinent.

(A number of Achilles members who had not booked tickets were disappointed to be turned away. The event is very popular with the increasing number of competing athletes, and precise arrangements do need to be made in advance, so in future years be warned!)

During the match, Achilles Medals for best performances in the years 1970 to 1986 had been presented to: David Hemery, Chris Kidd, Axel *p

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Salander, Sue Cluney (Dalgoutte), Sarah Owen (Bull), Trevor Llewelyn, Tim Berrett, Phil McDonnell, Sally Ann Hales, Trevor Burton and Dwayne Heard. Apologies for absence were received from David Scharer, Julian Goater, David Roberts and Steve White. Other medallists for the period are still on our 'Gone Away' list.

Many other members attended the match or dinner, including Tommy Macpherson, Robert Kennedy, Robert Stinson, Derek Steel, Peter Crawshaw, Paul Willcox, Ashleigh Pilbrow, Peter Pilbrow, Sir Roger Bannister, Tim Anderson, Chris Thorne, David Donaldson, Donald Gorrie, Charles Booth, Peter Banner, Jeremy Ball, Paul Orchart, Martyn Bowen, Giles Clifford, Bridget Wheeler, Allan Malcolm, Ed Friend, Richard Saunders, Matthew Power and Jeremy Barton.

OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE V. HARVARD/YALE

This 31st match in the mens' series which dates back to 1899 was

closer than any since Oxford/Cambridge last won in 1963, and could even have led to the end of Harvard/Yale's streak of now 11 consecutive wins, had not injury and exams (and perhaps May Balls!) weakened our team.

Honour was upheld by Jon Brooke whose Match Record in the Steeplechase was rewarded by the trophy for the best performance of the match, and he was backed up by fine wins from Nerurkar (new Record in the 5000m), Geddes, Rowbotham, Ridgeon, Murrell and Fulcher.

The 4th Womens' Match produced a fourth good win for Harvard/Yale, featuring an outstanding Record in the 400m by Rainey of Harvard. Wins by Anderson and Howard kept Oxford/Cambridge spirits high, and there were many good performances in lower placings.

UK CHAMPIONSHIPS

First mention must go to Mike Powell: competing in Achilles colours, he confirmed his consistency by placing third in the High Jump with 2.10m. Andy Geddes and Richard Nerurkar both broke through onto the national scene with second places in the 1500m and 5000m respectively, in times of 3.43.93 and 13.45.52, both personal bests. Winner of the 5000, moreover, was Simon Mugglestone, who has since been invited to join the Club. Trevor Burton also improved his best, with 51.33 in the 400m hurdles Final, and Sue Bevan (Parker) placed 8th in the 1500m, with 4.24.86.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

The Achilles Trust financed Jon Ridgeon's travelling expenses to these Games, and we cannot think how the investment could have been better placed: Jon burst back into the highest World rankings with a British Record of 13.29, to collect the Gold Medal in the High Hurdles.

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AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ridgeon was again in superb form, this time setting a British All-Comers Record of 13.36, and leaving the opposition, including Renaldo Nehemiah, 4 or 5 yards adrift. Trevor Burton (400H), Paul Rowbotham (800), and Richard Nerurkar (10,000) all performed well in their respective finals.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Compiling these reports week by week during the course of the season, we find we have run short of superlatives. Suffice it to say that Jon Ridgeon's World Silver Medal is the greatest achievement by an elected Member of this Club since Chris Brasher's Gold and Derek Johnson's Silver at the 1956 Olympics. We all wish Jon, who has subsequently been nominated 'British Athlete of the Year', tremendous good fortune and success in the years to come.

WORLD VETERANS GAMES

Rick Dillon placed 6th in the M40 High Jump, in his home town of Melbourne, although he personally rates more highly his performances in the early rounds of the 400 and 800.

Achilles' unique membership must mean that we have one of the largest Vets clubs in the world, although how many older members are 'active' is another matter. As this sector of the sport expands we will be aiming to cater for those who are interested, and we will in due course circulate a questionnaire to establish demand.

ACHILLES v SCAAA v WELSH AAA v COMBINED SERVICES

This centre-piece of Achilles competition yielded fine wins from Nerurkar and Rowbotham, with many excellent supporting performances including a pb for Dave Hitchcock in the 400H. Injuries and illness, however, reduced the strength of the team which we were able to field, and the overall result was disappointing for the Team Managers. In certain circumstances the Club may provide financial assistance with travelling expenses to this match, and a glance at the results (included in the appendices) will indicate the events in which we need better support in the future. Good team spirit prevailed, as usual: and the event, held annually at Crystal Palace on a Wednesday evening, provides a fine opportunity for Members, competing or spectators, to meet in mid-season.

ACHILLES v. MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL

A dedicated team of six, Giles Clifford, Tony Shiret, George Murrell, Shanker Singham, Dan Cobley and match organiser Bruce Tulloh himself, covered every event, and were only denied victory at the last changeover in the 4 x 100m relay. Tony was a second outside his own track record, but 56.8 for 400m Hurdles was good going in the conditions. A very enjoyable day, in spite of the stormy weather.

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BRACKNELL RELAYS

9th August 1987. Giles Clifford assembled a team comprising John McAuley (200), Danny Cullinane (200), Shanker Singham (400), David Hitchcock (400), Paul Rowbotham (800) and Andy Geddes (800), who qualified for the finals and carried off fifth prize - #50 for the Club. Congratulations are due to all concerned, and it is the Club's intention to field its strongest possible team next year, as the 'big money' prizes for a place in the first three are well within our range.

THE FRESHMENS' MATCH

Iffley Road, 29th October 1987. On a beautiful Autumn day, a really very fine competition was enjoyed by all. Full teams were fielded, and the standards were remarkably high. The closeness of the match scores heightened enthusiasm right through to the relays.

ACHILLES SCHOOLS RELAYS

9th May 1987. Glorious weather was enjoyed by the 32 schools represented, and although no records were set, the standard was consistently high.

Tim Taylor works hard to maintain the Club's links with this event. There are many prestigious Club Trophies competed for, and the responsibility for nominating annually a Member to act as Referee and to present these trophies has been passed at Tim's request to

the Committee, to ensure that the event is given due consideration each year. Peter Crawshaw has agreed to discharge this function in 1988.

THE FIRST INDOOR 'VARSITY MATCH

A welcome new fixture on the University calendar this year was a limited programme of mens' events at Haringey's indoor facilities. Oxford were not at full strength, having competed outdoors against Birmingham the day before, but ran Cambridge very close indeed, finally losing by 32 points to 32. It is hoped that full ladies' teams will also compete from next year.

THE 97TH 'VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY MATCH

Simon Mugglestone led an emphatic Oxford victory, although his time of 38:15 shows just how good is Richard Merurkar's 1986 course record of 37:11. Vicki Vaughan also dominated the women's race, finishing 16 seconds outside her own course record in 15:59 and spearheading the first Oxford win in this event for several years.

Finishing order: Mugglestone (O), Leach (O), Mathews (O), Richardson (O), Duke (C), Pes (C), Rowbotham (C), Layton (O), Niblett (O), Herries (C), Shuttleworth (O), Thomas (O), Connell (C), Benton (C), Shaw (C), Darbyshire (C). Oxford 27, Cambridge 55.

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Women - Vaughan (O), Pilling (O), Gaisford (C), Kitchen (C), Simpson (O), Blanchard (C), Elbourne (O), Fail (C), Hoyle (O), Shelley (C), Gandee (C), Curtis (O). Oxford 15, Cambridge 21.

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THE 1988 INDOOR SEASON

Jon Ridgeon, resplendent in Achilles colours, retained his AAA indoor title over 60m Hurdles. Phil McDonnell, Andy Geddes and Julian Goater each did well in their respective finals, and Phil went on to compete internationally. Jon will have been disappointed with his Silver Medal at the European Indoor Championships, which underlines the very high standards which he now sets himself.

THE RELAYS MATCH

28th February 1988. Although Cambridge ran out clear winners of both the mens' (6-1) and the ladies' (4-1) matches, all events were closely contested, with a strong turn-out from Achilles teams. The encouragement of relay racing is enshrined in Achilles' Constitution, and we remain perhaps the last bastion of the 4 x 200m Low Hurdles Shuttle Relay. This was one of the most exciting events of the day, with a quality win from the Achilles team, and a last leg tussle between OUAC and CUAC. And the other shuttle, the 4 x 110m High Hurdles, was perhaps the closest event, with Derek Wilson overhauling his Oxford counterpart over the very last flights.

The Field Events Match, held 10 days earlier at Milton Road, was won by Cambridge, 4-3 in the mens' events, and 5-0 in the ladies'. Dwayne Heard set a match record of 7.22 in the long jump.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Ben Bolton-Maggs is living in Merseyside. He is a consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at St. Helens and Whiston Hospitals, and has a special interest in and experience of SPORTS INJURIES. He would be particularly happy to give specialist advice to fellow Achilles members, and is contactable at home on 051 430 7984, or through his secretary at Whiston Hospital.

Brigadier F.R. Webster is now living near Warminster, after 30 years in the Royal Artillery, followed by 16 years farming in South Africa. He placed equal 6th in the pole vault at the Berlin Olympics, and competed again in the 1948 Olympics.

Hugh Pullan is Divisional Headmaster of Sevenoaks School.

David Donaldson has retired from Kimbolton School to Padstow in Cornwall.

Sidney Miller has moved from his post as Head of Kingston Grammar School and is now Head of Bedford School. He was at the Achilles Relays supporting his teams, and it may be possible to arrange an Achilles Fixture with the school in future years: the proximity of Bedford to Cambridge is an attraction.

Ken Brookman is still living near Chelmsford, and is Headmaster of the Alec Hunter High School at Braintree. He devised the English Schools Milk Cup, which still flourishes.

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A.C. Wood (Queens' Cambridge, '49-52) has moved from Plymouth to a post in Brazil.

Godfrey Brown has a new address near Billingshurst. K.G.A. Fraser is now at Alfriston, East Sussex. R.J.T. Givan has moved to Wimbledon. Adrian Loader's address is now in Surrey. Jill Suttle is living in Malvern. Diane (nee Horsley) and Chris Cheeseman have moved to the London area. Andrew Keith has moved to Blairmore School in Aberdeenshire. R.E. Andrews has reestablished contact from Pinner, Middlesex.

Bryan O'Rorke, O.B.E., has returned from 28 years as a civil engineer in Hong Kong, and is now living in Somerset.

Dr. J. Lyons is Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Dr. Rob Crittenden will be at the University of New England in New South Wales for the next 2 years.

Peter Dyson (Oxford, 1936/7) lives in Merseyside. He has kindly returned his club blazer buttons, to be made available to a new member.

Trevor Southall is Housemaster at Malvern, and has Nick Fellows as one of his House Tutors.

Bob Tisdall sends best wishes to the Club from his home in Queensland, Australia. He wonders when we shall next send a team 'down under'.

IN MEMORIAM

With great regret we record the deaths of the following Members:

A.W. Selwyn, B.N.C. Oxford, 1935/8, in December 1987. Arthur's contribution to Oxford and Achilles Athletics was immense. He competed in the high jump at three 'Varsity Matches, winning in 1938, the year in which he was President of OUAC. He resumed his active career after the War, competing for Achilles, and as late as 1949 was still ranked 6th in the UK, clearing 6'2". He was Treasurer of OUAC from 1956 until 1970, and during the 50's he was very active as an Achilles team manager, heading many schools and foreign tours.

J.P.S. Daniell (St Peter's Hall, Oxford, 1934/38), in July 1986. Paul Daniell won the 220y Hurdles in the 'Varsity Match of 1936, and was Hon. Sec. of OUAC in 1937, the year in which he won the Long Jump at the AAA Indoor Championships. He kept in close contact with the Club, and apropos Bob Tisdall's greetings from Australia (see above), in a letter earlier in the year to Sandy Duncan, Paul had reminisced on a silver medallion which he believed had been awarded to Bob 'somewhat reluctantly' by Rex Woods as Treasurer of CUAC, for beating David Burghley in the CUAC v. AAA match at Fenner's in, he supposed, about 1929 (The record books show that Bob won the 220y *p

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Hurdles in 1929 and 1930, the latter year by 'inches').

M.C. Nokes MC (Magdalen, Oxford, 1919/22), in November 1986 aged 89. After winning the 'Varsity Match hammer event in 1920, and hammer and shot in 1921, Malcolm Nokes won the bronze medal in the hammer in the 1924 Olympic Games, with 160' 4.25"/48.87m. AAA Champion from 1923 to 1926, he competed again in the Olympics of 1928. His international career, in which he also threw the discus an English Native Record distance of 126' 1", yielded a hammer best of 173' 1"/52.75m, and continued until 1934, in which year he successfully defended his British Empire title. Among many other posts he ran the AAA Summer School for many years, and became Chairman of the AAA Coaching Committee. 'Nokey' taught Sandy Duncan, who remembers him with admiration, at Malvern, during a career there which lasted 24 years. He subsequently taught at Harrow, before working on nuclear projects at Harwell and overseas.

Ian H. Borland (Caius College, Cambridge, 1925/28), on 18th February 1987. He was Scottish 440y Champion in 1929 and 1930, and represented Scotland at the first Empire Games in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1930.

Roger Leigh-Wood. President of OUAC in 1929, he won the 120y hurdles in the Varsity Match of 1927, 100y in 1928, and twice came second in the quarter-mile. He was a member of the British 4 x 400m team at the 1928 Olympics, and placed second to David Burghley in the 440y hurdles at the 1930 Empire Games, where he also won a gold medal with the English team in the 4 x 440y relay. In 1930, Roger was a member of the Achilles team who won the AAA 4 x 440y title. He served on the Committee of the Club for several years, and as Hon. Treasurer to the forerunner of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been elected recently to the Club:

CAMBRIDGE:

Peter Allden	Churchill
Maggie Anderson	King's
Tabitha Brufal de Megarejo	King's
Tim Connell	Jesus
Philip Darbyshire	Fitzwilliam
Chris Duffy	Fitzwilliam
Dan Duke	Emmanuel
Jon Forster	Emmanuel
Dave Gardiner	Jesus
Allan Jemi-Alade	Emmanuel
Cathy Kitchen	Fitzwilliam
Claire Lavers	Newnham
Stephen Martin	St. John's
John McAuley	Jesus
Emma McBrien	Pembroke
John O'Brien	Robinson

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Javier Pes	Peterhouse
Michael Risman	Emmanuel
Steve Robertson	Pembroke
Greg Shaw	Churchill
Sarah Snell	New Hall
Tom Stout	Emmanuel
Lisa Teverson	Trinity
Philip Wilkins	Peterhouse
Alastair Williamson	St. Catharine's
Alison Wood	Fitzwilliam

OXFORD:

Graeme Ackland	Jesus
Adrian Armstrong	St. John's
Ann Bevitt	Jesus
Jon Crews	Brasenose
Gill Hague	Christ Church
James Eadie	St. John's
Simon Harding	Oriel
Tony Harris	Pembroke
Chris Harris	Brasenose
Ian Johnston	Pembroke
Dave Layton	Lincoln
James Leach	Balliol
Steve Masters	Magdalen
Sian Pilling	Queen's
Tom Richardson	Oriel
Andy Robinson	Balliol
Alison Rowlands	St. Hilda's
Shanker Singham	Balliol

25 YEARS BACK...

In 1962, President of OUAC was Adrian Metcalfe, now a familiar figure through ITV's athletics broadcasts and head of Channel 4

sport: CUAC President was Tom Blodgett (who made a very welcome visit to Oxford in 1987 for the match v. Harvard and Yale, for which, as he was justifiably proud, his daughter had been selected by the visiting team). Cambridge won the 'Varsity Match by 71 points to 64, and full results are to be found towards the end of this Report. The match v. Penn and Cornell at White City was won by 11 points to 4. Metcalfe, Peter Hildreth, and A.J. Wood represented Great Britain in the European Championships; Wood and Metcalfe also competed at the Empire Games in Perth later in the year, where Lord Porritt, Sandy Duncan, Harold Abrahams, Rex Alston and Vernon Morgan were present in official capacities.

The Club won a silver and a gold medal in the AAA's indoor relays at Wembley, and were third in the AAA 4 x 110 Relay later in the year. We placed second in both the Kinnaird and Sward Trophy meetings. A short visit to Dublin for a two day meeting with Clonliffe Harriers was greatly enjoyed. Achilles Medalists for the year were Metcalfe (46.2 440y) and Wood (2:16.2 Marathon), joint 'track' winners, and Mike Ralph (Triple Jump 51' 3/4").

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50 YEARS BACK.....

1937 saw the Club at the peak of its strength. Members ranked first in the British rankings for the year in almost every event, and never lower than third, with tremendous strength in depth. The Kinnaird Cup was retained with yet another record score, the Club amassing more points than the next three clubs together.

A. Pennington and E.C. Weir were the Presidents of OUAC and CUAC for the year, and it was Cambridge who won the 'Varsity Match at White City, by 9 events to 2 (full results in the appendices). The combined team spent 6 weeks in the USA, and recorded wins over Harvard and Yale and Princeton and Cornell, both matches by 7 events to 5.

The Universities' tour weakened the Club in home competition, but at the AAA Championships, Peter Ward won the 3 Miles, second places were achieved by Thornton (120yH), Howland (Shot), Blakeway (Javelin) and the 4 x 440 relay team (Horsfall, R.K. Brown, Ivanovic, Barnes), and third were Horsfall (440) and Gibson (Pole Vault).

SANDY DUNCAN

A special Achilles Dinner in honour of Sandy Duncan, who retired as Hon. Secretary in 1987 after 39 years, is being arranged during the summer at a central London venue. It may not be possible to contact all Members again, so those interested in receiving further details in due course are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary immediately.

ARCHIVES

The Secretary has Annual Reports and results of the Club since its foundation, and would be happy to supply copies from particular years on request.

URGENTLY WANTED

CUAC are seeking a copy of the 'Cambridge University Athletic Club Record Book', compiled by F.N. Drake Digby, and published for CUAC

in 1936. If any member has a copy of this or any previous edition which he would be willing to donate to CUAC archives, please contact the Achilles Hon. Secretary.

OUAC best performance records seem to have been lost during the mid-1970's. If any member has copies of such records up to ANY date, it would greatly assist OUAC to recompile complete listings.

CLUB OUTFITTERS

Castell and Son, 13 Broad Street, Oxford, (0865) 24400, stock embroidered vests, club ties (the new tie should be available very shortly now), 'cricket' sweaters and scarves, and can supply the traditional Achilles blazer to order. Further kit, including an Achilles hooded top, and vests etc for ladies, will soon be

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available by mail order from another supplier.

THE NEW CLUB TIE

The new tie, featuring broad stripes of Old Gold, Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue, will be available shortly. In order to establish demand for the initial run, Members are asked to place their orders in advance with the Secretary. Please specify silk (about #15.50) or Polyester (#6.25).

SBJ AND ASSOCIATES LTD

We are enormously grateful to SBJ and Associates Ltd for having sponsored the publication of this Report during the first three years of its rebirth. Their generous contributions have in no small way assisted the development of the Club during this period, and in return we would ask all members to keep in mind the Financial Planning services which they offer in case they may have need of them now or in the years to come.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

The Club's records are in the process of being computerised: this will greatly facilitate future circulars and communication generally. It is, however, very difficult to ensure that all details entered in respect of each Member are complete and accurate. In particular, the present manual records are not always reliable in the following areas:

- Whether the Member was awarded a full Blue.
- Whether Life Membership was paid for.
- The date of election to the Club if this was before 1946.
- Details of Members principal events, especially in respect of Members who did not compete in the Blues' Matches.
- Details of date and place of birth of Members elected before about 1950.
- Some (surprisingly few!) joining cards are missing.

You may find a sheet enclosed with this report, bearing your address and other details (if not, it is because we have not yet reached your name in our computerisation process, and you will be contacted again shortly). We would be most grateful if you could take a few minutes to review and revise the information set out on this sheet. We apologise in advance for errors and omissions, and if any changes

have to be made please mark the sheet clearly and return it to the Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Peter Crawshaw, 19 Belmont Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7ED.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

We close with our usual urgent plea to be kept advised of changes in postal addresses of Members.

Paul Willcox
March 1988

ACHILLES FIXTURES 1988

April 7th-16th Achilles warm weather training in Portugal
May 1st-2nd BUSF Championships.
Sat. May 14th THE 'VARSITY MATCH. Iffley Road.
Achilles Club: Annual General Meeting.
Blues' Dinner. Balliol Hall.
Sat. May 21st Achilles Schools Relays. Iffley Road
Sat. June 4th Achilles v. Marlborough College.
June 4th & 5th. U.K. Championships. Derby.
June 18th & 19th SCAAA Championships. Crystal Palace (+ other areas).
Tue. June 21st Oxford/Cambridge v. Dartford/Brown. Iffley Road.
Wed. June 22nd Dartmouth/Brown Dinner. Rhodes House.
June/July Achilles Dinner in honour of Sandy Duncan.
July 8th-10th Achilles tour to Jersey.
Wed. August 3rd. Achilles v. SCAAA and others. Crystal Palace.
August 5th-7th. AAA/WAAA Championships.
Sun. August 14th Bracknell Relays. Bracknell.
Sat. Sept. 3rd. Achilles Open Meeting. Iffley Road. (Provisional)
Sat. Sept. 10th. Achilles Ball. Richmond.

A special Achilles Dinner in honour of Sandy Duncan is being arranged at London venue during the summer. We are unlikely to be have another opportunity to circulate all Members, so those who would like to receive further details when arranged are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary immediately in order to ensure sufficient tickets.

The 1988 Achilles Ball will be held at the Chairman's home, 9, The Green, Richmond, Surrey, on Saturday 10th September, starting at 7.00 p.m. Black Tie. Ticket numbers will be limited and the price will be #20.00 per head. Applications should be sent within the END OF MAY to Jon Brooke, 8/56 Maple Bank, The Vale, Church Road, Egbaston, Birmingham, or to the Hon. Secretary. Priority will be given to Members who have recently competed.

Applications for tickets to the Blues Dinner on 14th May at Balliol should be sent direct to Madeleine Higgins, St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

CUAC FIXTURES 1988

Wed. Apr 20th University Trials. Milton Road.
Sat. Apr 23rd CUAC v. Woodford Green v. R.A.F. Woodford Green.
Mon. Apr 25th Alverstone v. Bedford A.C. Bedford.
Wed. Apr 27th CUAC v. Loughborough. Loughborough.

Sat. Jun 18th CUAC Past and Present v. Dartmouth/Brown. Milton Rd

OUAC FIXTURES 1988

Sat. Apr 30th Centipedes v. Woodford Green v. West London Inst.
Sun. May 8th OUAC v. RAF v. Birmingham U. v. South Glamorgan Inst.
Wed. May 25th OUAC v. WLIHE v. Navy. Iffley Rd.
Wed. Jun 1st OUAC Open Meeting. Iffley Rd.
Wed. Jun 8th OUAC Open Meeting. Iffley Rd.
Wed. Jun 29th OUAC v. Loughborough v. Birmingham U. Loughborough.