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ACHILLES REUNION DINNER

A dinner will be held in hall of Trinity College, Oxford, on Saturday May 18th, following the 'Varsity Match, at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. The price will be in the region of £30, and applications should be made to Robert Stinson, 171 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9EJ – Tel: 01784 477004, Fax: 01784 477272. All 'old members' will be very welcome, and the occasion will launch our second appeal on behalf of the Achilles Trust.

1996 FIXTURES

A full list of fixtures is set out in the Fixture Card enclosed with this Report. It includes the Club's Second South African Tour (long overdue, and following the success of the 1929 tour, still remembered by several distinguished members), and the defence of the Kinnaird and Sward Trophies.

NOTICE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Achilles Club will be held in the Iffley Road Pavilion at 6.15 pm on Saturday 18th May 1996.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of last year's A.G.M.
2. To receive a Report from the Hon. Secretary on the Club's activities.
3. To receive Financial Reports from the Hon. Treasurer and from the Clerk to the Achilles Trust.
4. To appoint the Auditors.
5. Any other business.

CLUB KIT

Stockists are as follows:

Vests, sweaters, blazers, ties, etc:

Ryder and Amies 01223-350371

Castell and Sons 01865 244000

Tracksuits, T-shirts, etc:

Centresport 0181-464 6211

(see order form in appendix)

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CLUB BUTTONS AND CUFFLINKS

A further supply of cufflinks is available: these are now in the traditional 'pewter' finish, to match our blazer buttons, and are of the easy to use 'push through' variety, as distinct from the previous link type. Both cufflinks (£15 per set) and buttons (£2.00 each) are available from the Honorary Secretary.

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MIDSUMMER MAGIC

That the Centenary Match and Banquet were an unqualified success has been agreed by all who attended. The only complaint (once the Match results had been safely retrieved the next day from the Iffley Road dustbin) was that such occasions are not held more often! The return match against Harvard and Yale had been keenly awaited. It is yet another indication of the Club's revival that Oxford and Cambridge went into the Match as holders of the Naughton Trophy for the first time for 30 years. Our renewed recognition of the competitive aspect of the fixture has restored vigour and focus to the series, and resulted this year in a marvellous afternoon's sport. With the incorporation over the last 15 years of women's events, the Match is now scored in the combined totals of no less than 35 events: Harvard and Yale snatched victory by just one event, 18-17, by winning the very last race of the day, the Men's 4 x 400 m relay. Harvard's Bryan Henry and Cambridge's Afi Amatu won the Pat Liles Outstanding Performer awards, but equally noteworthy was the way in which everyone in the Oxbridge team under Dewi Robert's inspirational management rose to the occasion.

Over 100 former participants had entered a full programme of veteran and open events, and although an 'outbreak of common sense' (as Philip Morgan put it) significantly reduced the number who actually appeared, it was enormous fun for the athletes, who included many Americans, and spectators alike.

Tom Blodgett and John Hemery rolled back the years with some particularly athletic performances, while centrepiece of the afternoon was the Mile Handicap, won by Cecil Walkeley. In the 'open' events, Dwayne Heard, who won a record 13 events at 'Varsity Sports in his day, surprised himself with an impressive comeback in both horizontal jumps.

The Match programme incorporated an extensively researched history of the first 100 years of the series. For those unable to be present last June copies of this splendid volume will in due course be circulated to all members. Meanwhile, Nick Brawn's excellent photographs have captured the day's events for posterity.

The Banquet the next day at Guildhall was one of the most lavish and certainly the largest in the Club's illustrious history. As at the Match, every detail had been meticulously planned: the piper playing at the entrance, the pikemen forming a guard of honour, the memorabilia on display during the reception, the beautifully presented dinner programme and menu, the Club silver (including the Kinnaird, Sward and Vancouver Trophies of which we are the holders), even the 'Achilles Old Gold Mango Coulis' for dessert, were all testament to the efforts of the organising committee. The speeches were of the highest quality. Tommy

Macpherson looked forward to the Club's own centenary 25 years hence; Vane Ivanovic recalled the worst athletics dinner he had attended, when Paavo Nurmi addressed his British hosts for over half an hour... in Finnish; Jeremy Knowles, Dean of Harvard (who turned out to be a Brit and an Oxford man to boot) aptly quoted from the Bible that "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased"; Jim Wade presented to Oxford and Cambridge respectively two fine pewter salvers, suitably engraved to mark the occasion in recognition of 'our friendship and competition' (we had earlier presented to Yale an original print, framed, mounted and inscribed, of the first match in the series, Oxford v. Yale in 1894, and to Harvard a similar original print of the first joint match in 1899); and Chris Chataway rounded off the evening with a glorious blend of panache and irreverence.



The organising committee were enormously gratified that their efforts to make the celebrations enjoyable and memorable were so much appreciated. Several of those who attended have written reports of their own for their own friends and associations, and some excerpts set out below will give a taste of the occasion to those unable to attend.

John Hartley was up at Cambridge shortly before and during the first years of the Second World War. He has added some useful reminiscences of the old Fenner's Track, and remembers being warned by Godfrey Brown of the sharp kink in the bend shortly before the 440y start at the point where the track went round a large tree which stood on the inside of the bend. When ITN was founded in 1955, John was its first Chief Reporter. He was delighted, therefore, to be reunited at the Banquet with Chris Chataway, who was himself ITN's first Newscaster. John's report to the 'ITN 1955 Club' included the following:

"In the ITN newsroom on that opening night I watched Chris Chataway newscasting ITN's first bulletin and then went to the Guildhall in London to cover the Grand Banquet being held to mark the momentous - and controversial - inauguration of Commercial TV in the UK. I interviewed several VIPs and I thus has the distinction of being among the select few, including Chris Chataway, to appear on screen on that first night of Commercial TV.

"The next time I met Chris was also the next time I went to the Guildhall - on the 29th June this year. The evening had nothing to do with broadcasting. It was a slap-up banquet given by the Achilles Club - the athletic club comprising athletes who have represented either Oxford or Cambridge in the annual Varsity Sports. The occasion was the celebration of 'The centenary of the first-ever athletics meeting of representative teams from two fully sovereign modern nations' i.e. the 1894 meeting when Oxford beat Yale two years ahead of the modern Olympic Games. The inter-universities' meeting very quickly became Oxford and Cambridge v. Harvard and Yale, a regular fixture ever since. The banquet was being held on the evening after this year's fixture - which the Americans won by one point - and also marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Achilles Club.

"As a member of the Achilles Club I was invited to attend with my wife even though we live in Australia. It was an opportunity too good to miss, especially as we had planned to visit England anyway - hopefully for ITN's 40th anniversary celebrations.

"I was asked to provide the names of anyone I knew who might be coming. The only two I could think of were Herb Elliot (who did not come) and Chris Chataway. I explained to the organisers that Chris and I were not athletic contemporaries but had worked together in the early days of ITN. To my astonishment and delight I found myself seated next to Chris at the dinner. This was a special honour, for Chris had been knighted only a few days earlier and anyway was one of the main speakers at the banquet.

"During the meal we discussed anniversaries (it is also the 40th anniversary of Roger Bannister's first-ever 4-minute mile, in which Chris and Chris Brasher (seated opposite) had been pacemakers. And, of course, ITN's fortieth. It was 40 years since I had seen Chris bounding up five flights of stairs at Television House in Kingsway, to sit down in the newscaster's chair without even breathing heavily.

"At the age of 64 Chris is still an example of fitness to us all. On the day before the banquet he had run against the Americans in a Veterans' Handicap Mile, in the amazing time of 5-mins 48-secs. It was the first time he had run on the Iffley Road track in Oxford since that famous 4-minute mile. He said that as he stood on the starting line he had made some mental calculations that, since that day forty years ago, he had absorbed some 400 pounds of tobacco and over 7,000 litres of wine - though after the race had started it felt like a great deal more!

"Far days, indeed, since the immortal years when he had beaten the 'invincible' Emil Zatopek and run a heart-stopping 5000-metres under floodlights at the White City against the wonder runner, Vladimir Kuts. The tension in the stands and at home watching it on TV had been unbearable during the final lap when Chris had sprinted home to win in a new world-record time.

"I have always felt a special personal pride in my contribution to Chris's athletic career for I feel I am owed some of the modest credit for having been the first to launch him into public recognition. In my pre-ITN days I worked on The Times. Although not on the sports staff I was permitted, for some years, to cover the Varsity Sports.

"One year, with what I thought was an inspired moment of journalistic flair and perception (but which Basil Fawcety would have described as a 'statement of the bleeding obvious') I picked out a blazing star of the future. In the conservative style of The Times, pre-Murdoch, I drew special attention to 'a promising Oxford Freshman, C. Chataway.' Not much, but it was enough. Chris's career was assured and he never looked back."

Further personal accounts of the celebrations are included in the Appendix.

ACHILLES MEDALS

Achilles Medals for 1995 have been awarded to Richard Nerurkar and Sarah Winckless. A full list of medallists since the awards were first made in 1949 is included in the appendix.

ACHILLES ANNUAL ELITE ATHLETES AWARDS

Year by year, through the generosity of contributors to the Achilles Trust, we are able to offer increasingly significant assistance to aspiring internationals in the form of athletics 'scholarships'. Recipients of awards this year are:

Jonathan Parker, an Oxford Freshman who is a Great Britain Junior International at 400m hurdles.

Pierre Faber, another Oxford Freshman, a decathlete who is already an established South Africa International, and African Champion in 1993.

Naomi Siddall, a talented former hurdler now in her second year at Cambridge, who is showing great promise in the triple jump.

Beverley Gray, a Cambridge Freshwoman who placed 30th for Great Britain in the 1995 World Cross Country.

Nick Walne, a Cambridge rugby Blue who won the 'Varsity Match long jump in 1995 and has the potential to reach at least international standard in that event.

RELAYS MATCH

A bracing February day at Wilberforce Road saw an enjoyable early season confrontation. The women's match, enlivened by strong Achilles participation, was particularly close fought, the result being in the balance until the home straight of the final event, the 4x400m, when Cambridge President Ruth Irving inched in front.

ACHILLES TRIUMPHANT IN KINNAIRD AND SWARD

In the second year of our return to these historic trophy competitions we ran out easy winners of both matches against moderate opposition. Success was assured through Jon Crews' well tried formula of ensuring we had a second string, usually himself, in every event. Results are appended.

'VARSITY MATCH - AND OFFICIAL OPENING AT WILBERFORCE ROAD

After 131 years of waiting, Cambridge were at last given a second chance to prove that they can run a 'Varsity Match without gambling scandals and without supporters going on the rampage (factors which resulted in the fixture being banished for over a century to London). Chris Thorne managed admirably: a mollified Dean of Churchill was eventually persuaded that OUAC, having

returned the letter 'C', had actually done his college a service in highlighting the defective adhesive on the smart new sign at their gates. The women's match was a nailbiter, with Cambridge having to ensure that they did not drop the baton on the last relay to win by a single point. Sarah Winckless broke her own match record in the discus, and was awarded the Susan Dennler Trophy. The men's events were not of vintage quality, but were contested with the usual intensity and determination which is so characteristic of 'Varsity Matches, whatever the sport. David Reeve's 15.05 Triple Jump won him the Drake Digby Trophy.

Full results are appended.

COMBINED SERVICES MATCH

Achilles were outclassed in many events, and the women could muster no more than a token team. The team managers will have to be more effective if we are to continue to justify our invitation to this key fixture. Robert and Susan Stinson's hospitality was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended after the match, but again it was disappointing that so much thought and effort could not reach a wider audience... Results are appended.

FRESHMENS MATCH

Neither victory in 4 events by Oxford's international decathlete Pierre Faber of South Africa nor Cambridge's disqualification in both relays could prevent a narrow win for the Light Blue men at Wilberforce Road on 1st November. Their women were even more dominant, with some fine sprinting in cold conditions and a match record at 200m by H. Fuller. Full results are appended.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Richard Nerurkar was again the Club's leading athlete, recording the year's second fastest time by a Briton in the marathon. Ranked 6th in the 20k Walk in Peter Matthew's Merit Rankings was Chris Cheeseman, who represented the UK in the World Walking Championships in China. Sarah Winckless ranked 7th in the discus, Ruth Irving 9th in the long jump, and Gill Howard =12th in the high jump. Nnena Lynch (USA) recorded the 6th fastest time in the UK over 1500m, and 10th fastest over 5000m.

John Moreland stretched his Northern Ireland discus record to 51.76.

Mark Rigby (Caius, Cambridge, 1980-83, and a former winner of the Cambridge Boundary Run) placed 3rd in the national Fell-Running rankings.

VETERANS

Sue Bevan (W35 800m), Chris Melliush (M50 hammer) and Sarah Owen (W40 100m hurdles) ranked first in the UK in their events for the year. Brian Hull bounced out to a close 2nd in the M45 triple jump lists.

Carole Morris, who dominated the javelin at the 'Varsity Sports for 6 years from 1977, has been enjoying continued success and won the W35 title at the 1994 BVAFA Championships.

The indefatigable Max Jones reported from the World Vets Championships at Buffalo that he had won silver in the M65 marathon (and another in the team competition); Cecil Walkely took a bronze with the Australian team in the same category; Steve James won gold in the M55 10k, and a bronze in the 5k, and it is high time his absence from the Club's membership list is rectified!

SIR CHRIS

Our sincere congratulations to Sir Christopher Chataway on his knighthood, announced a few days before the Harvard/Yale match; and our commiserations to the befuddled reporter who referred, during the evening's television news, to the participation in our veterans mile of 'Chris Chataway and Sir Christopher Brasher'.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sarah Owen (who as Sarah Bull pioneered the establishment of the Women's 'Varsity Match in the mid '70's, and a world class veteran heptathlete) is to be the British Women's Team Manager at the World Junior Championships in Australia in August.

Tony Martin (CUAC President, 1973), in a long letter of apologies for being unable to attend the Centenary Banquet, sends his best wishes to contemporaries and the club, and a welcome to any members visiting Western Australia.

Samantha Aarvold (OUAC 1987-90) is working in Addis Ababa until 1997 for the charity Concern Worldwide as their field accountant, and would welcome visitors.

James Hely-Hutchinson (CUAC Hon. Sec. 1987-8) has left Barings to start a four year course at theological college in Sydney, Australia.

WELCOME BACK

One of the pleasing results of our extensive advertising of the Centenary Banquet is that we have reestablished contact with several members whose names had not been on our mailing list, some of them for many years. There have been periods when the Club's membership administration has been less than foolproof, and there are still many people out there who have competed for the Club, or who are eligible for election, but have never been sent joining papers. If you know of any such 'missing members' please get them to contact us. Meanwhile among those we have recently welcomed back are:

Ian Mann (veteran of the 1929 tour to South Africa)

Steve Briault

Chris Cheeseman

Mick Dale
Roger Stennett
Peter English
Roger Dunkley
Gordon Wilson
Simon Brooks
Ramon Alberga
Tony Gershuny

60 YEARS ON

In 1935 Sandy Duncan was embarking on his career as one of the most distinguished athletics administrators of our time. His election as President of OUAC was a springboard to his achievements as Secretary of variously the Commonwealth Games Federation (1948-82), the British Olympic Association (1948-75), the British Commonwealth Games, Council for England (1948-72), and of course of the Achilles Club (1948-87). Sandy's counterpart that year at Cambridge was J.C. Stothard, and Oxford won the 'Varsity Sports by 7 events to 4

We apologise for omitting from last year's Report the names of two further Gold Medallists at the Empire Games of 1934: 'Tiny' Davis in the 4 x 110y and Dennis Rathbone in the 4 x 440y.

25 YEARS ON

Peter de Villiers and a Peter Thompson were Presidents of OUAC and CUAC, presiding over the last 'Varsity Match not to feature the second team match held in tandem. It was also the last match in which an Olympic Champion competed: David Hemery won the high hurdles, but his time of 14.4 seconds was insufficient to break Tom Blodgett's match record of 14.2 seconds which survived until shaved by John Ridgeon to 14.1 in 1988. Phil Lewis set an 800m match record of 1:48.5 and John Rix a steeplechase record of 8:47.4, both of which are as yet unbeaten. Oxford won the match 106-80.

25 YEARS AGO

Following the 1970 Varsity Match, we are now entering the "Dark Ages", in the sense that no Achilles Annual Report was published for the next 15 years. However, we plan to continue with information extracted from the Club Archives and with the benefit of other eye witness accounts. One such account follows!

Freshmen's, Field Events and Relays Matches- November, 1970

A fine November day saw the Milton Road track in unusually good shape for the Freshmen's Match, which Cambridge won surprisingly easily. Oxford's leading freshman, Steve White had something of an off day, only managing to win his third string event, the Long Jump, with the Dick Saunders / Peter Arbuthnot combination proving effective for Cambridge in the sprints. Other notable confrontations which gave a foretaste of Blues' match battles yet to come included a victory for Paul Temporal over Matt Dixon and Ed Forman in the 400m, and wins for Lawry Daniels over Dave Naylor, and Peter Crawshaw over Andy Reekes in the Shot and 800m respectively. In the Javelin, Roger Barr took a break from Boxing training to beat Charlie Greenfield. Other future Blues to make a mark were Richard Burrige in the High Hurdles, John Sneideris in the Pole Vault and Graham Dugdale in the 3000m.

Cambridge continued the dominance established in the Freshmen's Match with victories in the Field Events and Relays. The former was a comfortable win at a chilly Milton Road for Cambridge, with Oxford only managing to register on the scoreboard in the Discus, where Nick Nops was in a class of his own.

The Relays provided a much closer competition in good conditions at Iffley Road. Cambridge dominated the two hurdles events, with Peter Thompson to the fore, and the 4x1600, and looked set to add to their 4x100 win in the 4x200 until Ben Bolton-Maggs unaccountably allowed the baton to slip from his grasp half way through his leg. Oxford owed their two other wins to the individual brilliance of Phil Lewis, who produced a sub-1.50 final leg coming from a long way behind to overtake future CUAC President Tony Martin in the 4x800, and an equally impressive 47.7 clocking to pass David Knight (completing his medical studies in Oxford but running for Cambridge!) in the 4x400.

OUAC tour to Poland

The day after Boxing Day, 1970, a group of athletes, predominantly from OUAC, gathered at Harwich in cold, snowy conditions to begin a journey by ferry and car to Warsaw, for "cold weather" training. This was the second such trip to take place, courtesy of the then OUAC coach, Captain Mack, though the first for several years: it proved to be such a success that it was repeated in each of the following two years. The intrepid drivers were Frank Brown (later OUAC Hon. Senior Treasurer), David Knight (see above) and John Greasley (former AAA National javelin record holder). The passengers included Brian Hull, Richard Gyles, Crispin Heath, Richard O'Brien, Dave Naylor, Peter Crawshaw, Dave Barton, Paul Dennis and Steve Nussey.

Some at least had viewed the recent political events in Poland (the ousting of Gomulka, accompanied by civil unrest in the Baltic ports) with some apprehension, even contemplating cancellation of the trip. Mack, however, sought to reassure all by asserting that our hosts were Gierek supporters. Once all had packed the quota of

M&S cardigans (purchased as gifts for our hosts), the party embarked for a ferry crossing which tested the constitutions of many, though whether this was due more to the gale force conditions or to the evil smelling cigars which Mack insisted on smoking was unclear. Having finally reached the Hook of Holland, we drove to Arnhem for the night. The following day we crossed both West and East Germany, eventually arriving at Frankfurt on Oder, only to find that we had left some key documents at the West/East border post at Helmstedt. The East Germans were fortunately sufficiently impressed by the athletic credentials of at least some of our party that they arranged for the papers to be brought across to us. At last we crossed the river into Poland, spending a night (somewhat disturbed by intermittent gunfire!) in the border town of Slubice.

The whole of the next day was taken up by the drive to Warsaw: there was very little other motorised traffic on the roads, as this preceded the building of the Fiat factory in Poland, and our western cars drew a crowd whenever we stopped. However, progress was slow, as there was no dual carriageway and the snow became worse as we got further East. Our Warsaw accommodation was in the Hotel Studencki (i.e. a student hall of residence), close to the Skra stadium, then Warsaw's main athletics facility.

Training mostly took place indoors in the gymnasium at Skra. The work required came as an unpleasant shock to the system for all but the most well conditioned of the party: the others were literally on our knees after what we were horrified to find out was only the warm up to the first session, conducted by coach Jaworski, accompanied by his wife (at the time one of the World's top javelin throwers). The ultimate indignity came when our main host, Roman Korban, decided to demonstrate one of the hurdle drills with which most had been struggling - in his lounge suit and street shoes. Other sessions took place outside in freezing conditions and deep snow. Overall, the training was an eye-opener: a taste of what conditioning needed to be done if the sport was to be taken at all seriously.

The real value of the stay in Warsaw, however, was cultural. Our hosts could not have been more hospitable, not least on New Year's Eve at a party at the Polish Olympic Centre: the strength of the liquor was such that one member of our group collapsed some two hours before the New Year was seen in. Another team member (a native Scot) had chosen to wear a kilt, a garment not seen first hand by, so it seemed, any of the local ladies, some of whom were so impressed that they plied him with the hard stuff all evening: he did not rise from his bed for several days afterwards. Mack, needless to say, was a tremendous guide to the city, and we all found ourselves fascinated by what we saw and heard: one of our number so much so that he returned to Warsaw on a British Council scholarship for a year, during which time he met his future wife. Having seen the predicament in which the Polish people found themselves at that time, I cannot believe that any of us could have expected to see them free of Soviet control in our lifetimes: it is scarcely believable that things could have changed so much in so short a space of time.

IN MEMORIAM

A.G.K. Brown (Peterhouse, Cambridge, 1934-38), on 11th February 1995. Godfrey Brown, Olympic Gold and Silver Medallist, was one of the Club's most distinguished representatives. His funeral and memorial services were fittingly well attended by members led by his elder and younger brothers, Sir Ralph and Roderick, both of whom also represented CUAC. We append a headline obituary which appeared in The Times, together with Michael Melford's memorable tribute written a couple of decades ago (from "I was there"; Daily Telegraph publications).

A.G. Pilbrow (Queen's, Oxford, 1931-5) on 2nd May 1995. A teammate of Godfrey Brown at the 1936 Olympics, Ashleigh Pilbrow won the 'Varsity Match 120y hurdles in 1935. He was 3rd in the AAA Championships of 1935 and 1936, and AAA Indoor Champion at 70y hurdles in 1935. His personal bests were 14.7w and 15.0. Uniquely his son and grandson, also high hurdlers, represented OUAC and are Achilles members.

W.E. Hampton (Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1926-29), in January 1994.

C.O. Healey (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1930-34), in October 1993. Colin Healey won the 3 Miles at the 'Varsity Sports of 1934 (defeating 1936 Olympian Peter Ward), having placed third the previous year. He also ran in the cross-country matches of 1932 and 1933. His widow recalls that he was disappointed to have placed only third when competing for Oxford and Cambridge against Princeton and Cornell in 1934.

S.G. Lamont Smith (Jesus College, Cambridge, 1961-65) on 27th March 1995. Simon Lamont Smith enjoyed officiating and meeting old friends at several recent 'Varsity Matches at Iffley Road.

G.G. Cradock-Watson OBE (St. John's College, Oxford, 1927-30) in about 1990. Geoffrey Cradock-Watson competed in the Quarter Mile at the 'Varsity Matches of 1929 and 1930, placing second in the latter. He was part of the small but dedicated Achilles team of 14 athletes which in 1929 toured South Africa, competing with distinction in seven matches in the course of three weeks. He contributed to new South African records for the 4 x 110 yards, 4 x 220 yards and 4 x 440 yards relays.

The Reverend Canon Edward Bradbrooke (The Queen's College, Oxford, 1925-28), on September 30th 1994. Edward Bradbrooke competed in the high jump at the 'Varsity Sports of 1927, and the following year tied for first place with C.E.S. Gordon of Cambridge. He continued to jump internationally and for Achilles until at least 1934.

The Reverend A.F. Weigall (Christ Church, Oxford, 1931-34), on August 24th 1994. Anthony Weigall competed in the high jump at the 'Varsity Sports of 1934.

A.E. Murray (Christ Church, Oxford, 1941-43), also on 24th August 1994. Alexander Murray won the 440 yards in 1942, and 100 yards and 440 yards in 1943, at the Wartime Oxford v. Cambridge Sports.

Major General S.E. Large MBE, MD, FRCP (Caius, Cambridge, 1935-38), in 1991. He competed in the mile at the 'Varsity Sports of 1937.

R.J.C. Goode (St. John's, Cambridge, 1928-31), in Natal, South Africa on 24th February 1995. Robert Goode competed for Cambridge in the 'Varsity Cross Country matches of 1929 and 1930.

P. Balance (Lincoln, Oxford, 1949-52), on 15th December 1995 after a long illness with cancer. Peter Balance represented Oxford in the mile against Cambridge in 1952, a race won by Chris Chataway.

ISLE OF WIGHT 29 JUNE 1996

REQUEST FOR "ALVERSTONE" ATHLETES (THIS TO BE ADDRESSED TO PAST AND PRESENT ALVERSTONIANS, AND ALSO TO ANY OXONIANS WHO MAY HAVE OPPOSED ALVERSTONE OVER THE YEARS) TO RESPOND TO AN INVITATION TO A "REUNION" TO BE HELD IN AND ABOUT ALVERSTONE, ISLE OF WIGHT, ON SATURDAY JUNE 29 1996.

The Edmonds Family Association are holding a reunion gathering to commemorate the life and activities of Richard Webster, Lord Alverstone, on 29 June 1996. Webster was instrumental, with Thornton and others, in the setting up of the first Oxford - Cambridge Athletics Varsity match in 1864, was the second President of CUAC, was the world record holder for the 2 miles, was President of the AAA and a huge influence on Oxbridge and British athletics up to his death in 1915. The Cambridge Alverstone Club and even the Achilles Club itself, both founded in 1920, owe much to his influence.

A "team" from the Alverstone Club (this to be interpreted loosely) has been invited to participate in this "reunion", which is likely also to be attended by local dignitaries and others. There will be a lunch at Alverstone Village Hall (Alverstone is about 2 miles NW of Sandown, I o W), 12 noon to 2 pm. Subsequently at the Arreton Cricket Club, opposite Haseley Manor (about 3 miles SE of Newport, I o W; thus about 2 miles W of Alverstone) at 2.30 pm there will be a show of Webster/Alverstone memorabilia (Webster took the name of his peerage from his country seat on the Isle of Wight, and did all sorts of good works nearby, including the founding of a cottage hospital) together with some athletic events, Alverstone Club versus whatever locals can be persuaded to take part (they also offered a cricket match, but do our skills run to this?). The events will be held on the cricket field itself; this is some 3.5 acres with a boundary perimeter of about 300y. Events envisaged are a sprint (c 80y), one lap (c 300y), 6 laps (c One Mile), shot and high jump. We have been assured that the field is level, but everything will be on grass (and, in the case of the High Jump, will involve landing also on grass). Tea should subsequently be available.

It would be a nice gesture if a group of a dozen or more "athletes" could participate. Athletic ability is probably of secondary importance; bonhomie and an interest in a day on the Isle of Wight probably more relevant. There seem to be lots of local attractions, stately homes, funny railways, chines, etc - so perhaps a suitable day out for the family?

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WINNERS OF ACHILLES MEDALS

Awarded to the Achilles Club Member adjudged by the Committee to have accomplished the best performance during the year.

| | Track | Field |
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| 1949 | R.G. Bannister (O) Mile: 4m 11.1s | T.D. Anderson (C) Pole Vault: 12ft 10in |
| 1950 | A.W. Scott (C) 400m Hurdles: 53s | T.D. Anderson (C) Pole Vault: 13ft 3in |
| 1951 | R.G. Bannister (O) Mile: 4m 7.8s | A.J. Burger (O) Pole Vault: 13ft 3in |
| 1952 | R.G. Bannister (O) 1,500m: 3m 46s | D.E. Tucker (O) Javelin: 204ft 11in |
| 1953 | R.G. Bannister (O) Mile: 4m 3.4s | I.G.H. Walker (O) Long Jump: 23ft 10in |
| 1954 | R.G. Bannister (O) Mile: 3m 58.8s C.J. Chataway (O) 5,000m: 13m 51.6s | D.E. Tucker (O) Javelin: 216ft 7in |
| 1955 | C.J. Chataway (O) Mile: 3m 59.8s 3 Miles: 13m 23.2s | W.B.L. Palmer (O) Shot: 53ft 1 1/4in |
| 1956 | C.W. Brasher (C) 3,000m S/C: 8m 41.2s | W.B.L. Palmer (O) Shot: 55ft 6in |
| 1957 | D.J.N. Johnson (O) 800m: 1min 46.6s | A.G. Siler (O) Discus: 163ft 4 1/2in |
| 1958 | P.B. Hildreth (C) 110m Hurdles: 14.3s | J. Kitching (C) High Jump: 6ft 4in |
| 1959 | D.J.N. Johnson (O) 1,500m: 3m 42.9s | J. Kitching (C) Javelin: 232ft 6in |
| 1960 | J. Metcalf (O) 440yds Hurdles: 52.2s | R.A. Lane (O) Javelin: 243ft 10in |
| 1961 | A.P. Metcalfe (O) 400m: 45.7s | J.R. McManus (C) Pole Vault: 13ft 7 1/2in |
| 1962 | A.P. Metcalfe (O) 440yds: 46.2s A.J. Wood (O) Marathon: 2h 24m 39s | M.R. Ralph (O) Triple Jump: 51ft 0 1/4in |
| 1963 | J.P. Boulter (O) 880yds: 1m 47.8s | M.R. Ralph (O) Long Jump: 24ft 8 1/2in |
| 1964 | J.P. Boulter (O) 800m: 1m 47.1s | S.B. Cohen (C) Shot: 55ft 1 1/4in |
| 1965 | W.A. Mottley (C) 440yds: 46.3s | M. Sharpe (O) Long Jump: 24ft 1 1/4in |
| 1966 | W.A. Mottley (C) 440yds: 45.0s A.J. Wood (O) Marathon: 2h 16m 6s | C. Pardee (O) High Jump: 6ft 9 7/8in |
| 1967 | J.P. Boulter (O) 880yds: 1m 47.3s | C. Pardee (O) High Jump: 6ft 10 1/4in |
| 1968 | T.F.K. Johnston (C) 6 Miles: 27m 22.2s | P.A. de Villiers (O) Decathlon: 7,012 pts |
| 1969 | J.P. Boulter (O) 1,000m: 2m 18.2s | Dennis Roscoe (O) Discus: 54.08m |
| 1970 | David Hemery (O) 110m Hurdles: 13.6s | Dennis Roscoe (O) Discus: 55.44m |
| 1971 | David Scharer (O) 400m Hurdles: 50.8s | |

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| 1972 | David Hemery (O) 400m Hurdles: 48.52s | Steve White (O) Long Jump: 7.41m |
| 1973 | Phil Lewis (O) 800m: 1m 47.6s | Not awarded |
| 1974 | Phil Lewis (O) 800m: 1m 46.3s | Chris Kidd (O) Pole Vault: 4.50m |
| 1975 | Dave Roberts (C) 100m: 10.4s | Chris Melluish (O) Hammer: 62.10m |
| 1976 | Dave Roberts (C) 100m: 10.2w/10.4s | Chris Melluish (O) Hammer: 60.64m |
| 1977 | Julian Goater (O) 10,000m: 27m 55.2s | Axel Salander (O) Long Jump: 7.94m |
| 1978 | Not awarded | John Slaney (C) Triple Jump: 15.92m |
| 1979 | Craig Masback (O) Mile: 3m 52.02s | Not awarded |
| 1980 | Sue Dalgoutte (C) 400m Hurdles: 57.79s | Not awarded |
| 1981 | Julian Goater (O) 5,000m: 13m 15.59s | Dennis Roscoe (O) Discus: 57.20m |
| 1982 | Julian Goater (O) 10,000m: 27m 34.58s | Sarah Owen (C) Heptathlon: 5,538 pts |
| 1983 | Julian Goater (O) 5,000m: 13m 22.7s | Sarah Owen (C) Heptathlon: 5,592 pts |
| 1984 | Tim Berrett (O) 3km Walk: 11m 54.23s | Trevor Llewelyn (C) High Jump: 2.20m |
| 1985 | Sally-Anne Hales (C) Marathon: 2h 28m 34s | Phil McDonnell (O) High Jump: 2.23m |
| 1986 | Trevor Burton (C) 400m Hurdles: 51.4s | Phil McDonnell (O) High Jump: 2.24m |
| 1987 | Jon Ridgeon (C) 110m Hurdles: 13.29s Sandy Duncan (O) Outstanding service to the Club | Dwayne Heard (O) Long Jump: 7.59m |
| 1988 | Jon Ridgeon (C) 110m Hurdles: 13.52s | Mike Powell (O) High Jump: 2.16m |
| 1989 | Richard Nerurkar (O) 5000m: 13m 27.86s | Phil McDonnell (O) High Jump: 2.18m |
| 1990 | Richard Nerurkar (O) 10,000m: Simon Muggleston (O) Mile: 3m 58.9s Andrew Geddes (O) Mile: 3m 59.4s | Gill Howard (C) High Jump: 1.80m |
| 1991 | Richard Nerurkar (O) 10,000m: 27m 57.14s | Gill Howard (C) High Jump: 1.78m |
| 1992 | Tim Berrett (O) 50k Walk: | Tony Hatton (O) Javelin: |
| 1993 | Richard Nerurkar (O) 10,000m: 27m 40.03s Marathon: 2h 10m 03s | Ruth Irving (C) Long Jump: 6.17m |
| 1994 | Danielle Sanderson (O) Marathon: 2h 36m 29s | Ruth Irving (C) Long Jump: 6.28m |
| 1995 | Richard Nerurkar (O) Marathon: 2h 11m 03s | Sarah Winckless (C) Discus: 52.58m |

NEW MEMBERS

Elections to the Club, including a number who were not elected during their time at University in the 1970's (or even before!) but with whom contact was re-established as a direct result of the U.S. Centenary celebrations, since the last list published in the 1992 Annual Report are as follows:

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| Matthew Bryant | St Catherine's |
| Andrew Bryce | Keble |
| John Chia | Caius |
| Megan Clark | Balliol |
| Sue Cluney | Hughes Hall |
| Robert Critchley | Emmanuel |
| Matt Dixon | Clare |
| Rob Draper | Corpus Christi |
| Peter English | Caius |
| Andreas Fox | Corpus Christi |
| Dave Gardiner | Christ's |
| Steve Garland | Pembroke |
| John Goodbody | Trinity |
| James Harrison | Balliol |
| Susie Hodgkinson | St John's |
| James Hurrion | Queen's |
| Alan James | Magdalene |
| Robert Klaber | Christ's |
| Jenny Martin | Lady Margaret Hall |
| Kimberley Marvell | Corpus Christi |
| Carolyn May | Queen's |
| Bob Miller | Wolfson |
| Donald Naylor | Peterhouse |
| Richard Paige | Corpus Christi |
| Liz Piper | Clare |
| Martin Pratt | Trinity |
| David Reeve | Emmanuel |
| Edward Savory | Exeter |
| Jonathan Searle | Westminster |
| Thomas Seymour | Magdalene |
| Charles Simpson | Pembroke |
| Chris Smart | Trinity |
| Roger Stennett | Christ's |
| Rachel Stott | Pembroke |
| Karen Thacker | Emmanuel |
| Paul Vigers | Jesus |
| Matt Weaver | St Edmund Hall |
| Brett Williams | Downing |
| Sir John Wordie | Trinity |
| Ruth Wyndow | St Edmund Hall |

A BEAUTIFUL day, a match decided by the final relay and plenty of nostalgia made this special centenary match a memorable occasion.

The scoring reverted to the former - quaint - system where the winner only counted, although that didn't detract from some intense competition for the minor places. When Stephanie Forrester won a slow run 3000m, the home team went into an 18-17 lead. The American squad were always going to win the women's 4x400m relay, so all hinged on the men's 4x400m. Decathlete Andrew Hodge, winner of the high jump, kept the deficit to 3m on the opening stage, handing over to Steve Booth who cut the margin to just half a metre. Bryan Henry settled the issue for the Americans by opening up a 20m lead over 200m winner David Gardiner to give Ken Anderson an easy ride on the anchor stage. The whole American squad embarked on a jubilant lap of honour before receiving their medals and trophies from Sir Roger Bannister.

Henry played an important role for he won a tactical 800m as well as running in the 1500m.

Although there were some keenly contested middle distance races in the hot yet windy conditions, gone are the days when Olympic champions and world record holders graced the Oxbridge track. However, a superb publication on the transatlantic series by Achilles secretary Paul Wilcox made for some fascinating reading, proving this was once a match of significance.

Those were the days

Iffley Road, Oxford played host to the centenary match between Oxford & Cambridge against Yale & Harvard last Wednesday

Words: Roger Norton

Douglas Lowe, Tom Hampson, Jack Lovelock, Roger Bannister, Chris Brasher, Chris Chataway and Herb Elliott (although he was beaten by Yale's Jim Stack in the 1961 880y) all figured in past matches. My own recollection is from the 1963 White City meeting. John Boulter, hugely talented and rapidly making a name for himself as Britain's rising middle distance star, took off at the bell (53.3) and went on to clock 1:47.8 - a new European record for 880 yards and worth 1:47.1 for metres. The match record still stands.

Boulter might well have doubled in the mile but hitch hiked back to Oxford to start his finals the following day. This left the mile for Mark Mullin, one of many who have competed for both teams. Mullin was present at the centenary match as were the most famous athletic trio Roger Bannister, Chris (now Sir Christopher) Chataway and Chris Brasher. Bannister presented the awards while Brasher and Chataway were



Athletics Weekly recalls the heyday of Varsity athletics with a cover picture from 1963

fourth and seventh in the special handicap mile, a real centre piece of the afternoon.

Winner was Cecil Walkley, 66, in 3:30.83 (actual time 6:15.8). Chataway, a sprightly 64, less generously handicapped, clocked a mightily impressive 5:48.4 looking for all the world as though he could have run twice the distance without slowing down. Rumours before

the race were that the former World record holder fancied his chances of beating six minutes.

Jim Baker (Harvard), a former Southern Champion, clocked 4:59.9 aged 51 and series record holder R Wemple (Yale, 1991), not surprisingly was fastest with 4:19.9 off scratch.

The sprinters no longer match Harold Abrahams, Alan Pennington (21.3 in 1937), Godfrey Brown (47.7 in 1937), Nic Stacey (21.3 in 1949), not to mention the exploits of Adrian Metcalfe and Wendel Motley - his 400m record of 46.2sec still stands - in the 60s. Even so there was some good sprinting and Oxford's Afi Amaku scored a particularly impressive double.

Strength in depth is better in the field events. Oxford's Malcolm Croad outclassed the opposition in the hammer with 56.80m although he should have done with a PB of 61.22m.

Women's events were introduced in 1981 and they now enjoy equal status with the men. It is here that most scope for new records exists and new figures were set four times in the women's triple jump, Jane Falconer of Cambridge finally producing 11.77m with another three jumps over the previous mark. Sarah Winckless (Cambridge) set new figures in the discus although her 45.48m was well below her best.

It was nice to see so many rise to the occasion. Clare Martin of Oxford won the 1500m despite being the slowest in the line up. She took 13sec off her previous best.

Two other Martins, a Jenny and a Jennie were in that line up, causing a few problems even for the superb Peter Matthews whose announcing was a pleasure. So too, was that of Norris McWhirter, who has graced so many of these epic clashes over the years and who brings such a personal touch to the occasion.

It was refreshing that those who make a mark in other sports still have a place in this fixture. Gareth Rees, Canada's rugby captain, won the shot and Cambridge's rugby captain Nick Walne won the long jump, an event which has the longest standing record. Eddie Gourdin of Harvard jumped 25ft 3in (7.70m) in 1921, the first time 25 ft had been beaten. He beat Harold Abrahams by no less than a metre.

Results

MATCH: 1 Yale/Harvard 19 events; 2 Oxford/Cambridge 18

Men
100 (+1.8): 1 C Lambert (YH) 10.87; 2 R Rose (YH) 11.13; 3 J Reynolds (OC) 11.25; 4 W Gilder (OC) 11.26
200: 1 M Gardiner (OC) 22.40; 2 Gilder 22.73; 3 T Inwood (YH) 22.84
400: 1 K Anderson (YH) 49.31; 2 M Birchall (OC) 50.69; 3 G Wolf (OC) 50.82
800: B Henry (YH) 1:55.19
1500: D Corcoran (YH) 3:59.1
5000: I Carswell (YH) 15:20.39
10,000: 1 W Johnson (YH) 32:48.08; 2 D Leggatt (OC) 32:52.59
30000: 1 D Shearer (YH) 9:27.89; 2 E Broome (OC) 9:29.75; 3 J Fitzsimmons (OC) 9:31.30
110H (+1.4): 1 P Coghlan (YH) 14.39; 2 S Fosato (OC)

14.97; 3 S Booth (OC) 14.97; 4 J Nicholson (YH) 15.68
400H: 1 M Birchall (OC) 55.23; 2 J McMahon (YH) 55.42; 3 M Evers (YH) 56.70
HJ: 1 A Hodge (OC) 2.00; 2 J Tilburt (YH) 2.00; 3 T Mann (YH) 1.95; 4 P Vigers (OC) 1.95
PW: 1 J Stern (YH) 4.80; 2 M Weaver (OC) 4.70; 3 M Monaghan (Gst) 4.20; 4 B Williams (OC) 4.00
LJ: 1 N Walne (OC) 7.30; 2 G Chidlow (OC) 7.28; 3 D Hanlan (YH) 7.03; 4 H Barnwell (YH) 6.89
TJ: 1 D Reeve (OC) 14.80; 2 D Hanlan (HY) 14.48; 3 A Hodge (OC) 13.44
SP: G Rees (OC) 13.41
DT: 1 M Clayman (YH) 42.36; 2 B Ladomirak (YH) 40.08; 3 M Conerney (OC) 39.94; 4 J Kindon (OC) 39.16
HT: M Croad (OC) 56.80; 2 S O'Connor (YH) 51.84; 3 B Ladomirak (YH) 50.20; 4 M

Middleton (Gst) 43.58
JT: 1 J Hurrion (OC) 63.90; 2 B Ladomirak (YH) 55.68; 3 D Dusek (YH) 55.68; 4 R Paige (OC) 55.16
4x100: 1 Yale/Harvard 42.50; 2 Oxford/Cambridge 43.28
4x400: 1 Yale/Harvard 3:19.11; 2 Oxford/Cambridge 3:22.53
Women
100 (+2.3)/200 (+2.1): Amaku (OC) 12.34/25.86
400: 1 A Williams (YH) 58.78; 2 A Goldcamp (YH) 60.15; 3 C Cutler (OC) 62.4; 4 R Gilpin (OC) 62.53
800: 1 G Meade (YH) 2:16.50; 2 C Woolley (OC) 2:18.59
1500: 1 C Martin (OC) 4:39.26; 2 J Martin (OC) 4:43.44
3000: S Forrester (OC) 10:32.94
100H (+3.5): 1 E Cave (OC) 15.44; 2 K Udvardi (YH) 15.72
400H: 1 Y Takenaka (YH) 64.43; 2 K Advani (YH) 68.12;

3 C Cutler (OC) 68.18; 4 J Iles (OC) 68.49
HJ: 1 C May (OC) 1.69; 2 S Barber (YH) 1.66; 3 E Cave (OC) 1.66
LJ: 1 May 5.66; 2 J Ippolito (YH) 5.42; 3 J Falconer (OC) 5.42
TJ: 1 Falconer 11.77 (Rec); 2 H MacLennan (YH) 11.69; 3 I Iles (OC) 10.34; 4 O Payne (YH) 10.31
SP: 1 P Lyons (YH) 11.21; 2 D Levy (YH) 11.05; 3 SWinckless (OC) 10.58; 4 Cave 10.57
DT: 1 Winckless 45.48 (Rec); 2 A Pelkola (YH) 35.00; 3 T Taylor (YH) 32.74
HT: 1 Taylor 46.16 (Ground Rec) 46.16; 2 Pelkola 37.12; 3 R Stott (OC) 33.82; 4 Winckless 32.38
JT: K Thacker (OC) 34.58
4x100: 1 Yale/Harvard 49.59; 2 Oxford/Cambridge 50.62
4x400: 1 Yale/Harvard 3:56.62; 2 Oxford/Cambridge 4:03.59

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I thought that it might be of some interest if I wrote you a brief and unbiased account of the various doings connected with the centenary of the American Universities athletic matches against Oxbridge which also included the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Achilles Club. It may well be, and almost certainly will be, the case that in due course you will receive a full account from the Achilles Club. Inevitably, that will not be for some time, so this will have to be a preliminary course.

The Harvard/Yale Match v Oxford/Cambridge took place at Iffley Road on the Wednesday afternoon in very hot weather, as the UK was in the middle of a heat wave. It did not just consist of men only but also of women and a whole host of veteran athletes. It is fair to say that the former two categories were as exciting as any in this long series and in the end H/Y beat O/C by one event in a match of nineteen events, so it could hardly have been closer. The details will no doubt follow in the official reports of the Achilles Club.

Although there was a goodly collection of entrants for the veterans, the fact is that very many did not actually appear, partly because of the considerable heat but partly because of a sudden outbreak of common sense. The two Chris's, Brasher and Chataway did run in the Mile but all the races had been subjected to the expertise of the handicapper. This meant that not only was it all very fair but it was also impossible at any stage to tell who was winning or indeed who had won! However, it was all good fun and nobody suffered too much on the day though they might have done the next day.

Roger Bannister presented the medals afterwards and it is right and proper for me to add that the Meeting ran to time and that Norris McWhirter announced most of the events. I was able to remind him that on St Stephen's House Church Tower was flying during the afternoon the very same flag which flew when it was decided to attempt the very first sub 4 minute mile at Iffley Road, because of the angle of fluttering then. As an old student of that Theological College, I knew that the flag had been carefully preserved and it is only brought out on special occasions like this one.

The next part of the programme was the Buffet Supper about which I wrote to you originally. About 50 of us came to the Common Room for a friendly reception beforehand at which I welcomed all the guests of the 1949/1950 competitors from O/C and Princeton/Cornell and mentioned how it had all come about, largely through the efforts of Dick Snedeker of Princeton. We stood in silence to remember both those who had passed on and the absent friends who were unable to attend. It was so hot that Buck's Fizz was preferred by all to Sherry and it was really a relief to be in the shade as it were after the heat of the afternoon.

The Harvard-Yale/Oxford-Cambridge Centennial Track Meet

An Old Timers Report: Jerry Kanter '51

As a computer person in business, I couldn't see how anyone could have "programmed" a better event than what occurred on June 28, 1995 in Oxford. It was a glorious sunny day. The track meet was administered in the most professional manner with a bevy of experienced judges and an announcer who was always current with results and had that distinctive English humor. The meet was touch and go with no one certain of victory until the final relay. It wasn't until Bryan Henry, who was named the outstanding performer (he won the 800), broke open the third leg of the 4x400 relay that we knew Harvard and Yale would win 19-18. The roughly 15 Harvard alumni present plus the friends and family of Harvard athletes, Harvard Friends Chairman Art Siler, Athletic Director Bill Cleary, and Dean of Harvard, Jeremy Knowles all rose to their feet applauding as the Harvard-Yale team completed their victory lap carrying the American, Harvard and Yale flags. It was a great moment. A hearty salute to the track team members, their coaches, managers and trainers.

The meet included an alumni competition. On the Harvard side, Jim Baker at age 51 finished the mile under five minutes. Also competing were Harvard's Tom Blodgett, Ted Bailey, and Mark Mullin. Entries included several Yale runners and Oxford's Sir Chris Chataway, age 64. In 1954, Sir Roger Bannister was paced by Chataway in the first-in-the-world four minute mile at this stadium: (Iffley). Sir Roger awarded team and individual medals to conclude this most memorable day.

I came with my family and flew over with John Thorndike. I think John more than anyone has kept the international tradition alive. This was the third meet in England I have attended and I was pleased to see many Harvard Alumni as well as Achilles Club members I had previously met. I commended them on a terrific job. If anyone would have told me or my family that we could sit through a five hour track meet and not be a bit bored, we would not have believed it - but it happened. Other Harvard alumni present were Milt Green and Loren Clayman, and I apologize for not being able to remember all who were there.

We then proceeded to the Dining Room to eat our Buffet Supper and I am exceedingly pleased to say that we did enjoy a splendid meal and every single person present was delighted. The nature of this occasion meant that we could sit to eat yet move round and talk to old friends freely. At the end it was Dick Snedeker's turn to speak and he gave an excellent account of how this occasion had come about as well as thanking the Principal of St Stephen's House. Finally, he asked Charley Moore of Cornell, a most distinguished athlete in his day, to present me and Robert Stinson, Chairman of the Achilles Club, with a tray each upon which were inscribed the title of foundation, the arms of Cornell University and its motto.

After this we all adjourned to the Common Room for coffee and at this point Dick Snedeker called for reminiscences and a number of those who were minded or singled out by Dick Snedeker responded, generally in a fairly brisk but genuine fashion. The evening ended in the happiest of spirits and maybe the wives of those athletes who had wondered why their husbands were so attached to those active days were a little wiser.

The next evening, many of us repaired to the Guildhall in London for the Achilles Banquet. This venue is a magnificent hall which was able easily to accommodate the 480 guests who assembled there after a reception in the vast ante-room. The meal began with a considerable shock for me when the Toast Master started by saying, 'Pray silence for the Reverend Philip Morgan who will say Grace.' Since nobody had asked me about this, I was not even listening. Fortunately, my wife Gillian was on the ball and nudged me in the ribs so I obliged still surprised. We did have an excellent meal which was followed by five speeches from Tommy Macpherson President of the Achilles Club, Ivan Ivanovich of Cambridge, Dean Jeremy Knowles of Harvard, James Wade of Yale and Chris Chataway of Oxford.

It would be invidious for me to make any comparison of these speeches but the last speaker was not merely applauded for being the last to speak. Actually, they were all of a good standard and contained the necessary elements of nostalgia and future development. Despite the threats given by the President that lingerers stood a risk of arrest if this was not leave fairly promptly, many people took their time because this was an unique occasion and the arrangements made were admirable.

In conclusion, you may like to know that I was never able to trace Jack Williams, Michael Jackson, Hew Davies and Rod Salmon, though somebody thought that the last-named was somewhere in South Africa but that is hardly enough to go on. It was very good that at St Stephen's House we had members from Guernsey, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Australia, and USA. In no particular order, those who came to Oxford were as follows: - Nick Stacey, Keith Finley, Derek Steel, Roger Bannister, David Dixon, Bob Edwards, Ian Thomson, Chris Neville, Ramon Albergia, Simon Brooks, Ronnie Williams, Robin Pinnington, Peter Lloyd, Henry Parker, Henry Leader, John Bryant, Cecil Walkley and Paul Vine. The majority brought their wives or partners with them. Chris Brasher and Chris Chataway were both in Oxford for the veteran events but had previous engagements. Those from Princeton were Howard Cusic, William Ashbeugh, Richard Snedeker, Joseph Bolster and Ronald Wittreich. From Cornell only Charles Moore and John Laibe could come.

A gala dinner at the Guild Hall in London concluded the day. The Guild Hall was built in 1411 with government meetings still held there. Monuments honor William Pitt, the Duke of Wellington, Admiral Nelson, Winston Churchill, and others. We walked into the huge reception area through a phalanx of 20 "Beef Eaters" with their requisite swords and lances.

Then after literally a free flow of wine and champagne, we were escorted to the Great Hall by bagpipes and drums. Looking at the magnificent stained glass windows and the walls, replete with emblazoned arms and mottos in gilt Gothic letters, one can understand why the British called this the Great Hall and not the Mediocre Hall.

The evening would have been a true international event if Harvard Club chicken could have been flown in, but we had to settle for breast of duck with juniper berries, charentais melon, and a white sherry sauce. The speeches, interspersed by frequent toasts to both countries and both teams, followed the English style of poking fun at those you respect including royalty, religion, and this evening featuring the United States, Harvard and Yale. After a perfunctory, "Mr. Chairman, My Lord", it was "zap time". Our speakers, Harvard Dean Jeremy Knowles and Jim Wade, President of the Yale Track Association, were aware of the British approach and did an excellent job of dishing back the satire.

The speakers, again in the English tradition, quoted Aristotle, Shakespeare, and the Bible. My favorite was a quote from the Bible, which in my mind served to summarize the afternoon activity at the stadium: "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge will be increased."

It is hard to predict what will happen to this illustrious competitive series. There is talk about changes to the format as it becomes harder to coordinate and manage such an event. However, the competition has lasted a hundred years and the meet at Oxford was a marvelous tribute to all of you who have participated in so many ways to keep this wonderful tradition alive. It is unique. Nothing in the athletic world can touch it.

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UNIVERSITIES' ATHLETICS CENTENARY

A century ago Oxford beat Yale in the first-ever international athletics event. It preceded the modern Olympics by two years.

Not to be left out of it Cambridge and Harvard immediately joined in and the Oxford and Cambridge v Harvard and Yale athletics match has been held regularly ever since.

In June this year the famous Achilles Club - comprising athletes who have represented either Cambridge or Oxford in the Varsity Sports - hosted a Centenary Banquet in the City of London's ancient Guildhall immediately following this year's contest held in Oxford. They also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Achilles Club.

John Hartley of Bundanoon who is a member of the Cambridge Society of NSW and also of the Achilles Club, was present at the banquet with his wife, and has provided the following account:

For such an illustrious occasion we were - quite properly - accorded full honours in the City of London. The Lord Mayor's Bodyguard of the Honourable Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, accoutred in the half-armoured uniforms of the time of King Charles I, with pikes and muskets at the 'present', lined both sides of the long red carpet leading us into the mediaeval hall.

Formal ceremony, however, ended at the door. From then on it became more of a party.

The two Christophers had been pacemakers in Roger Bannister's famous 4-Minute Mile (Roger was there, on a stick following an accident). They are still very fit and the previous day they had both run against the Americans in a Veterans Handicap Mile which, however, had been won on handicap by an Australian from W.A., Cecil Walkley (Cambridge '49).

For Chris Chataway it had been the first time he had run on the Iffley Road track at Oxford since the 4-Minute Mile. He said that as he had stood on the starting line the previous day he calculated that in the intervening forty years he had absorbed some 400 pounds of tobacco and 7000 litres of wine. After the start of the race it felt a lot more! Nevertheless, at the age of 64 he ran the Veterans Mile in the amazing time of 5 mins. 48 seconds.

Despite the tensions of the main event - or perhaps because of it - the various Veterans events had attracted a fair amount of both respect and hilarity. Over a hundred entries had been received but in the end only about a third of that number took part thanks, as one commentator put it, to "a great outpouring of common sense."

When an 81-years old Harvard Veteran scratched from the "hurdles dash", Norris McWhirter (of Guinness Book of Records fame) who was one of the ground-announcers, commented that, "he must have failed the drug test!"

All that should be said of the Banquet itself is that none of the Veterans failed any of the tests, They showed that when it came to winning and dining - and especially to talking - handicaps could be forgotten and all age groups could more than hold their own with the younger Generation!

As the Celebration Banquet followed immediately after the inter-Universities' athletics contest of the previous day there were a large number of Americans (and also several Australians), among the 500 guests. The Americans had won this year's enthralling contest by one point on the combined scores of the men's and women's teams, and the result had depended upon the final event, the men's relay.

Although beaten narrowly there were no recriminations between Oxford and Cambridge for each University had won nine of the team's eighteen victories.

Cambridge representatives slightly outnumbered those from Oxford and included the oldest athlete present, Sir Arthur Marshall, now in his nineties, who ran the quarter mile in the 1923 contest.

Oxford, however, monopolised the main speeches including the Dean from Harvard (a former Oxford man) and the President of the Achilles Club, Sir Thomas Macpherson who pointed out that the Chancellor of Oxford was present whereas the Chancellor of Cambridge, Prince Philip, was not. He explained that the records of both Universities showed that throughout history only one Chancellor of Oxford University had been beheaded, whereas eight Cambridge Chancellors had been executed, therefore Cambridge Chancellors no longer went out at night!

The current teams all dined boisterously together at one end of the banqueting hall where their exuberance and American college chants could not disturb too greatly the more dignified hard-of-hearing reminiscing of the older veteran athletes who included a fine sprinkling of Olympic medallists and former world record holders.

Because I had come all the way from Australia and also because I had once worked in television with Sir Christopher Chataway my wife and I were seated next to Chris - a great honour for he was one of the main speakers and had been knighted a few days earlier. Opposite us was Chris Brasher (of Cambridge) who had won a Gold Medal in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

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Dear Robert,

That was a most wonderful few days that you arranged for so many of us to enjoy visiting England last month! Now I know that you have great influence over the weatherman, since the conditions for the athletic events were absolutely perfect and the competition was tops with the outcome in doubt until the last event. The Banquet was exquisite, and I know that all the Americans had a great time. Also, the day you arranged for us to visit Eton, Windsor and your "cottage" was very good fun. So, thank you, thank you for the thought, time and effort you expended to make my brief trip to the U.K. so enjoyable!

I have lent the marvellous program book to several friends and all have commented on what a wonderful souvenir it is. As you know I am a strong proponent of continuing this international competition, for I believe that the trip and the contacts the athletes make with their counterparts is very valuable. However, I believe we should have as many qualified athletes compete in the meets as possible - and you know this feeling comes from my having competed in every meet during my college career except the O-C meet when my event was scrubbed from the docket. So you can't find my face in the picture on Page 45, and time has yet to heal the wound!

Despite the cautionary words spoken by Tommy MacPherson at the banquet I do hope there will be some way found for American pairs of college teams to travel around the British Isles and experience several good competitive meetings; and, in turn, for the Oxbridge team to visit several parts of the northeastern U.S.

I was most impressed with Susan's work, as her talent is extraordinary and has made your place gorgeous. I was sorry to learn of her medical difficulties, and I do hope she will be feeling much better soon. She was so brave and kind to put on the delicious lunch.

Again, thank you, and should you be in the Boston area sometime, please let us know, as Dorothy and I would like very much to have you visit or at least have a meal together here or elsewhere in the region.

My very best regards,

GODFREY BROWN

Godfrey Brown, Olympic gold and silver medalist and former headmaster of Worcester Royal Grammar School, died on February 4 aged 79. He was born on February 21, 1915.

AFTER a distinguished career in teaching, Godfrey Brown was headmaster of Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1950 to 1978. But he has his place in athletics history as one of the four members of the British team which ran to a marvellous victory in the 4 x 400 metres relay in the highly-charged ethos of the Berlin Olympics of 1936.

The victory was savoured the more as an example of glorious devil-may-care in an atmosphere poisoned by Nazism and the well-nigh professional preparation of German teams, trained to demonstrate once and for all the superiority of Aryan stock. Neither the German four: Hamann, von Stülpnagel, Voigt and Harbig, nor the American quartet: Cagle, Young, O'Brien and Fitch — world record holders for the event and regarded with some justification as favourites — had even considered the palpably slapdash approach of the British.

Indeed, the British quarter-milers: Frederick Wolff, Godfrey Rampling, William Roberts and Brown, starved of training facilities, had little more to sustain them than the notion that "it might just be done".

As Brown was to recall in later years: "The silly thing was that the four of us had never really met. Bill [Roberts] is convinced he only got fit during the Games. He worked for a furniture firm and the boss was reluctant to give him time off. If he was running in an international at the weekend he wouldn't know until 1.30pm on Friday if he could compete. I was lucky being at Cambridge. I used to train for about an hour, an hour and a half, five days a week. People thought it rather a lot..."

This was the disarmingly casual approach that was about to be pitted against the world's best. There can be



no instance, before or since, of a relay team being forced to get its act together after arriving at the Olympic venue.

None of this mattered when the gun went off for the start of the 4 x 400 metres event in Berlin's Olympic Stadium. Running the first leg, Wolff was in only fourth position when he handed over the baton to Rampling. But although 12 metres back, he had been able to remain at least within striking distance of the American leaders. Rampling (incidentally, the father of the film actress Charlotte Rampling) now ran a blinding leg, handing over to Roberts three metres ahead of the Americans. Roberts increased the pressure to hand over to Brown, as anchorman, a further three metres up. Brown now ran a killer final leg, closing out the opposition and extending the lead to 15 metres over the despairing

Blue in his first year. He was to win the 440 yards in three successive years in the match against Oxford. In 1935 he made his international debut in a match against Germany in Munich.

Nevertheless, before the 1936 games he had run only four serious quarter-mile races that year, though his last times for both the 100 and 880 yards argued much for his speed and stamina, both necessary for that most punishing of distances, the 400 metres.

In Berlin, in spite of recording a European record of 46.7 seconds in the 400 metres individual event, Brown had to be content with the silver medal, finishing inches behind the winning American, Archie Williams. A few days later he shared gold with his compatriots.

Only a week after the Olympics Brown produced an even more

blistering finish in the British Empire-USA match in London when, again as anchorman, he snatched victory from the American Lu Valle. After having been handed over to, well in arrears, by the third man in the 4 x 440 yard event, he finished three yards ahead of the American anchorman in a leg unofficially timed at 45.9 sec.

Brown was a dominating figure in international athletics over the next few years, winning the 880 yards in a match against Germany in 1937 and in the following year becoming both AAA and European champion at 440 yards and 400 metres respectively. He was the most distinguished member of a great sporting family. His sister Audrey won a silver medal in the 4 x 100 metres relay in Berlin and his brother Ralph had won the 1934 AAA 440 yards hurdles and competed in that year's Empire Games.

After leaving Cambridge Brown began a career as a schoolmaster. He was an assistant master at Bedford School, 1938-39; at King's School, Rochester, 1939-43; and at Cheltenham College, 1943-50. When he went as headmaster to the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, in 1950 it was still a voluntary aided school within the maintained system (it became independent in 1983).

Although as headmaster he continued to teach his subject, history, at sixth-form level, Brown was principally concerned with the overall development of the school and its pupils. He oversaw major building and curriculum developments, notably a new science wing. These relied heavily on the development fund appeal which was his brainchild; as a result of it, parents were persuaded to make generous contributions to their children's education. A believer in democracy, Brown consulted his staff on problems however great or small.

In retirement he lived first at Clifton-on-Teme, before moving to Sussex.

His wife Mary, whom he married in 1939, died in 1993. Their son and three daughters survive him.

In 1936 our national ignorance of training techniques probably deprived Godfrey Brown of an Olympic Gold Medal. A year later Brown was in the Oxford and Cambridge team touring North America. Reserve to this brilliant runner was Michael Melford, an Oxford half-blue, who found himself in the nerve-racking position of understudying the star former and possibly being the key man on whom the result of the matches depended.

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A Great Quarter-miler

BY MICHAEL MELFORD

It was a wet Wednesday night in Toronto and, sitting on the grass in the middle of the University Stadium, I considered the immediate future with no enthusiasm at all. Within a few minutes one of the most remarkable races ever run was destined to take place but as yet I had no inkling of it and the prevailing omens were notably unpropitious.

This was July 1937, and the occasion was the last match but one in a tour by an Oxford and Cambridge athletic team which had as its most distinguished member A. G. K. Brown and as its least distinguished member myself. We were so far unbeaten and, under Brown's captaincy, had defeated Harvard and Yale, then Princeton and Cornell and, on the previous night in Hamilton, a strong Canadian team.

Our victories, however, had been achieved only by the odd event—

scoring was by events with none of this quibbling about points for third place—and they had been won by the brilliance of a few: by Godfrey Brown himself; by Alan Pennington, who without letting it interfere with his social life always won both sprints; and by Ali Irfan, the massive Turk, who was allergic to training and lay on his bed all day in order to avoid what he called staleness but rose in time to win the Weight.

This was a formidable nucleus and we usually scuffled together the remaining wins required from the longer track events, where Jack Emery was just beginning to show the ability which was to bring him all sorts of honours on the track and across country in the two years before the war.

Most of all, success depended on Godfrey Brown, who was at this time the best quarter-miler in the world, perhaps with something to spare. Tall, with fairish wavy hair, he looked at the world through horn-rimmed spectacles with unflinching cheerfulness and placidity. He ran with an effortlessness and apparent reserve of power which I have never seen equalled.

I suppose that I had better clear up any possible misunderstanding about my own talents. An admirer, my mother, said that I ran very gracefully, but unfortunately speed was not commensurate with grace. I was a very slow half-miler who had only been selected for the tour because at the right time I had beaten one of those certain to be chosen. I never beat him again and I can only assume that on that one occasion he was more than usually unfit.

On this tour I had been 12th man or whatever it is called in athletic parlance. The agreement was that I would run in the quarter- or half-mile, whichever came at the end of the programme, if the match did not depend on it. It always did depend on it, so Godfrey Brown ran—and won.

Lest anyone accustomed nowadays to reading harsh criticisms by players of selectors who have dropped them should think that this was a pretty unglamorous role to fill after travelling a long way, I may say that it seemed perfectly logical to me. Moreover, as an indifferent performer, I was only too grateful to the Fates who had allowed me to come at all, at the age of 20, on a trip which in those days was far beyond the average undergraduate's imagination and pocket.

On this night in Toronto, however, the Fates had slipped and my modest ability was going to be brutally exposed. After a strenuous night in Hamilton we had arrived that morning in Toronto and had been driven round the City in procession in open cars. A ceremony at a war memorial was followed by one of those banquets at which each member of the team stands up as his name is called and acknowledges sheepishly

an ever-decreasing volume of applause. In the afternoon we were taken round a farm outside Toronto and after tea were driven to the Stadium to do battle with a body known as the Toronto West End Y.M.C.A.

The Young Christians turned out to be almost a full Canadian national team at a time when Canadian standards were high. In Berlin, the previous August, W. D. Fritz and J. W. Loaring had been fifth and sixth in the final of the Olympic 400 metres and Loaring had been second in the 400 metres hurdles. Larry O'Connor had reached the final of the high hurdles and Canadian teams had been in both the relay finals. Loaring was not competing tonight but a quick calculation revealed that the match was going to be a close thing, even if everyone was at his best, which was by no means certain. The wear and tear of travel and hospitality was beginning to tell and at Hamilton the previous night the almost unbelievable had happened. At the end of a slowly run quarter-mile Brown had been passed by Loaring.

That had been his only defeat since the Olympic Games but it was now followed by another, uglier surprise. The 440 yards, one of the earlier events of the evening, was not run in lanes and Brown, pulling out to take the lead round the last bend, was knocked over and slid for yards across the dirt track, suffering multiple lacerations. Bloody and uncomfortable, he had been taken to hospital, we had lost an event which we had seemed certain to win and by the most optimistic reckoning our chance of keeping the unbeaten record had almost gone.

However, it was partially revived from an unexpected quarter. With Rob Kennedy, our chief representative in the high jump, having some trouble in getting airborne at all, we had counted this another event lost. But Arthur Selwyn, who in several years of competing against Kennedy was seldom able to beat him, heaved himself over the bar with his last jump and beat the Canadians as well. Although O'Connor had broken the Canadian record in both hurdles, this meant that somehow we arrived all square at the last event.

This was a relay, 440, 220, 220, 440. We were clearly going to lose ground over the first three legs and with myself running the last we had as much chance of regaining it as Lake Ontario had of drying up.

This then was the sombre prospect before me as I sat lamenting the accident which had robbed us at this time of need of one of the greatest athletes Britain or any other country had produced.

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Arthur Godfrey Kilmer Brown, today the Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, was then 22 but in the athletic sense a fairly young 22.

miscalculation of what was going to be required, it was imperative that he drew an inside lane. In front on the outside it would be difficult to judge the race and he doubted if he could win from there.

If there were an effective law of averages Godfrey Brown would certainly have drawn a low number now, for in the previous three rounds he had drawn 6, 5, 6. As he walked over to draw again, just before the start, he and many others prayed fervently. But out it came—6 again—and he could only shrug, think that maybe it did not matter so much after all and hope for the best.

To some of us watching the race itself or the countless showings of the film the sense of what might have been with just a little luck becomes no less with the passing years. To Godfrey Brown himself the knowledge that he ran faster than ever before may still not be enough to quench the feeling that he was good enough to have won.

He ran his first 100 metres very fast, and, though he took it easy down the back straight, his 22.7 at 200 metres was exactly what he had hoped for under his adjusted schedule. He expected to see Williams, the faster of the two coloured Americans, who was in lane 5, come into view halfway round the last bend and had told himself not to worry about that. He would hang on and beat him over the last 50 yards as there was reason to think that Williams would flag after too fast a start.

However, to his dismay, he was barely five yards past halfway when a black knee appeared over his left shoulder. All the way round the seemingly endless last bend, therefore, he had to fight Williams, who crept away inch by inch. By the time the straight was reached Brown had given up hope. He had moreover forgotten about his other four opponents until as he passed the competitors' stand he heard through the din a girl's voice shout in English "Come on, Bill".

This was too much. He had been thinking only of Williams but now as he glanced left he saw Bill Roberts and Luvalle having a battle royal on the inside, perhaps a foot ahead of him. However, their heads were back, his own was not and confidence flooded back. Now, too, Williams, as expected, had tied up and he closed on him with every stride.

But it was too late. He felt the tape on his chest and a stride past it he was undoubtedly ahead of Williams. Like many others he nursed some hope that he might have deadheaded, but he had just been beaten—by 1/50th of a second according to the electric timing which showed 46.6. The hand watches gave Williams 46.5 and Brown 46.7.

There was no mistake in the 4×400 metres relay and Brown, starting seven yards in front over the last leg after Rampling on the second leg had gone from last to first, was able to run his leg in the comfortable knowledge that, barring a major catastrophe, a gold medal lay ahead.

All his life he had loved running and through his years at Warwick School and at Cambridge had been outstandingly successful. But in those days there was a widespread fear of overtaxing the strength of a promising young athlete and he had not had a great amount of competition, which in any case he did not enjoy. Yet he did enjoy training, to which he gave much thought, and unlike many of his contemporaries would doubtless have adapted himself to the vastly more rigorous methods used today. In his otherwise amiable nature he possessed, too, a tough streak of determination not to be beaten.

At this period Britain was well stocked with good quarter-milers. Godfrey Rampling of the Army had won the 440 yards at the Empire Games in London in 1934. Bill Roberts, from Lancashire, emerged soon afterwards as another likely to prosper in the Olympic Games and Brown, whether competing in domestic events at Fenners or, more rarely, in the top class, seemed capable of great things sooner or later. A fourth, F. F. Wolff, was good enough to raise hopes for the relay team whatever happened in the 400 metres itself.

It was felt early in 1936 that both Roberts and Brown had a chance of beating the Americans, who were the main opposition, though judged strictly on times recorded they had no chance at all. However, times done in California were always a lot faster than those in Europe. The world record for 400 metres was 46.1. Therefore if they worked on an expectation of a winning time of 47 seconds, which had never been beaten in Europe, they should not be far off. In fact, this was an underestimate and on this slight miscalculation, which the professional coaches of today would not have countenanced, an Olympic title was almost certainly lost. From the first rounds the Americans began winning heats in times which made it clear that something well inside 47 seconds would be needed to win. Brown had been planning to run his first 200 metres in 23 seconds. Too late he had to revise it and then by not enough. With different planning he must have run faster than he did.

There could be no charges of coddling athletes in those days and in between the first and second rounds Brown and the other quarter-milers were left to find their own lunch. After discussing the rival merits of going out into Berlin for it or returning to the Olympic Village, they took a bus back to the Village. However, Brown and Roberts came safely through the two rounds and the semi-final early the next afternoon.

In his semi-final Brown had been content to finish second just behind the American Luvalle with, he knew, something in reserve. He thought then that he could win the final which comprised just the two Americans, two Canadians and two British. But in view of the basic

A week later in London, before an enormous crowd at the White City, he gave Luvalle a start over the last leg of a relay and beat him. He was timed at 45.9 from a flying start.

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All this was in my mind as I prepared to give my own puny performance in Toronto eleven months later. There had been no news of Godfrey since his departure for hospital, though rumour had it that he had also pulled a muscle in the fall.

I was half-way out of my sweater when there was a disturbance by the entrance to the packed stadium and cheering broke out. I poked my head out of the top of the sweater again and beheld Brown, heavily plastered, stained with iodine and, as it turned out, full of anti-tetanus injection, but marvellously healthy otherwise. I put my sweater on again, he somewhat gingerly took his off and the race started.

Alec Palmer of Pembroke College, Cambridge, drowned outside Taranto six years later while serving in a Parachute Field Ambulance, was a fine character who deserves to be remembered by many more brilliant feats than his first leg that night. But he was only 19 then, he had already run once and he was up against Fritz, the Olympic finalist. He lost over 20 yards and, with some speculative baton-changing, this was extended to nearly 35 yards over the two 220 legs.

What followed was like some bizarre climax of schoolboy fiction. The Canadian running the last quarter-mile was no sluggard—he was the Canadian half-mile champion that year—and he was reckoned to be a reliable 49 second quarter-miler. There is no reason to think that he did not produce his best that night but Brown surged after him, running as few of us had seen him run before.

Godfrey had come to America with one eye on the world record which stood at 46.4 for 440 yards, but, as he usually had to save himself for a later half-mile, no opportunity of a really fast race had occurred and he had never been at full stretch. Now he spared himself nothing and by the end of the back straight was no more than ten yards behind. There were, he admits, moments in races which he did enjoy, usually at 300 yards when he realised that he was full of running and could go on and win. This was one of them. He tore round the final bend, took the lead perhaps 25 yards out and went on to win by 7 yards amid one of the wildest demonstrations I have ever seen in a sporting arena. No time was ever known for his leg but that it was relatively the fastest quarter-mile ever run neither I nor others who saw it were in any doubt.

The crowd broke the barriers, he was carried shoulder-high to a

rostrum where eventually he spoke a few breathless and modest words. We were all lined up and presented with medals. Mine I treasure more than most. Not everyone gets a medal for not competing. Then we were given dinner and put on a sleeper for Montreal. It was a good night.

Two nights later Brown beat Loaring decisively at the Molson Stadium in Montreal and set up a new Canadian record. After a ten-day voyage home he captained Great Britain against Germany at the White City and, again when the match depended on it, undertook the last half-mile of a relay against the redoubtable Harbig, pride and joy of Nazi Germany. He started in the unenviable position over half a mile of being six or seven yards ahead, ran his first quarter-mile in under 51 seconds and for the first time in his life struggled home. But he was not the only one. Harbig had tried to go with him and as Godfrey said later, "I looked round as I staggered through the tape and there was the great Rudolf walking!"

He was ill after this race and suffered violent headaches after subsequent races that season, though his victories included one over the American champion in Stockholm. In 1938, his last year at Cambridge, he won the European 400 metres without difficulty and began to set his sights on the next Olympic Games at Helsinki in 1940.

He decided to concentrate on the half-mile in 1939, aim to run a 49 second quarter-mile by March 1940 and thereafter to train for speed. But though he won the A.A.A. 880 yards in July he fell between two stools and behind Alan Pennington in quarter-miles and did not have a great season. By now, too, he was married and teaching at Bedford without the opportunities for training which existed at Cambridge.

By late August, however, he arrived in Monte Carlo and ran a 400 metre heat in the World Student Games with all his old relaxed rhythm and also the pace which had been missing recently. By this time next year, it seemed, the bitter memory of that near-miss in Berlin would have been wiped out in the best possible way.

Next day, as the certainty of war increased, the English team, like many others, left for home without waiting for the finals. This heat in the little stadium in Monaco was Godfrey Brown's last serious race. There was no "next year".

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| 200m | D. Gardiner (C) 22.4, G. Wolf (O) 22.9, A. James (C) 23.1, J. Harrison (O) 23.2 |
| 400m | C. McCaw (O) 50.6, G. Wolf (O) 50.8, J. Cordwell (C) 52.2, R. Trezona (C) 52.5 |
| 800m | P. Gray (C) 1:57.7, A. McDougal (O) 1:58.3, A. Barber (C) 1:58.4, J. Booth (O) 1:58.9 |
| 1500m | A. Barber (C) 3:56.8, M. Gosling (C) 3:58.2, A. McPherson (O) 4:11.6, N. Linden (O) 4:20.4 |
| 5000m | G. Tyler (O) 15:02.0, D. Leggate (C) 15:02.1, D. Naylor (C) 15:25.1, R. Collier (O) 15:32.4 |
| 110mh | S. Rosato (O) 15.2, S. Booth (O) 15.4, S. Parker (C) 16.0, D. Wight (C) 18.2 |
| 200mh | S. Rosato (O) 26.2, D. Wight (C) 26.8, R. Paige (O) 27.9, J. Hermon (C) 28.0 |
| 400mh | S. Booth (O) 56.4, N. Linden (O) 56.6, D. Wight (C) 58.6, J. Hermon (C) 60.3 |
| Steeplechase | E. Broome (O) 9:14.9, J. Fitzsimons (C) 9:17.0, M. Nolan (C) 9:19.2, A. Beevers (O) 9:33.3 |
| 3000m walk | N. Barrable (O) 13:47.3, L. English (C) 14:24.4, W. Ashby (O) 14:40.1, N. Loader (C) 15:26.2 |
| 4x100m | OUAC 42.9, CUAC (Makariz, Reynokds, Gardiner, James) 43.2 |
| 4x400m | OUAC (S. Booth 53.0, Smith 51.9, J. Booth 51.4, Wolf 50.7) 3:27.0, CUAC (Ashton, Gray, Cordwell, Gardiner) 3:28.3 |
| High Jump | P. Vigar (O) 1.95, T. Coker (C) 1.85, O. Clayton (C) 1.85, E. Savory (O) 1.80 |
| Pole Vault | M. Weaver (O) 4.70, B. Williams (C) 4.40, S. Booth (O) 3.85, M. Liu (C) 3.30 |
| Long Jump | N. Walne (C) 7.24, G. Davies (O) 6.94, D. Reeve (C) 6.93, N. Osei (O) 6.42 |
| Triple Jump | D. Reeve (C) 15.04, G. Davies (O) 14.07, N. Osei (O) 13.02, D. Boulton (C) 12.59 |
| Shot | J. Kindon (O) 12.57, B. Lambert (O) 11.91, M. Conerney (C) 11.69, G. Fury (C) 11.31 |
| Discus | M. Conerney (C) 43.70, J. Kindon (O) 42.46, B. Lambert (O) 40.38, G. Fury (C) 28.60 |
| Hammer | R. Weatherall (C) 42.12, D. Key-Pugh (O) 32.52, C. Llewellyn (O) 31.92, S. Newton (C) 28.34 |
| Javelin | J. Hurston (O) 63.02, R. Paige (O) 53.96, P. Craig (C) 45.96, J. Chia (C) 42.80 |
| Result | OUAC 123, CUAC 100 |

Women - Blues teams

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| 100m | A. Amaku (O) 12.3, E. de Sousa (O) 12.7, K. Gaus (C) 12.6, L. Piper (C) 12.8 |
| 200m | A. Amaku (O) 25.6, E. de Sousa (O) 26.6, K. Gaus (C) 26.6, L. Piper (C) 26.7 |
| 400m | R. Gilpin (C) 61.4, C. Woolley (O) 62.4, J. Iles (O) 63.2, F. Rose (C) 64.3 |

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| 800m | C. Martin (O) 2:17.6, J. Critchley (O) 2:18.5, S. Forrester (C) 2:19.1, F. Thistlethwaite (C) 2:25.7 |
| 1500m | C. Martin (O) 4:44.0, Devon Martin (O) 4:45.5, J. Allen (C) 4:52.9, A. Tomkinson (C) 5:07.2 |
| 3000m | S. Forrester (C) 10:05.1, J. Anderson (O) 10:14.7, K. Rennie (C) 10:16.2, S. Hutchinson (O) 10:24.1 |
| 100mh | R. Irving (C) 15.2, K. Marvell (O) 16.3, C. May (O) 16.4, A. Harvey (C) 17.2 |
| 400mh | C. May (O) 65.7, J. Iles (O) 69.3, K. Spencer (C) 71.7, K. Thacker (C) 72.8 |
| 4x100m | OUAC 50.4, CUAC (Piper, Irving, Chantler, Gaus) 51.3 |
| 4x400m | OUAC (Iles 64.8, C. Martin 61.1, Woolley 61.4, May 60.7) 4:08.0, CUAC (Rose 65.6, Spencer 65.1, Gilpin 61.5, Irving 63.5) 4:15.7 |
| High Jump | C. May (O) 1.65, R. Irving (C) 1.60, J. Falconer (C) 1.55, C. Pagel (O) 1.50 |
| Long Jump | R. Irving (C) 6.13, C. May (O) 5.39, J. Falconer (C) 5.12, E. de Sousa (O) 4.66 |
| Triple Jump | R. Irving (C) 11.41, J. Falconer (C) 10.99, J. Rees-Jones (O) 9.92, J. Iles (O) 9.56 |
| Shot | S. Winckless (C) 10.84, S. Hodgkinson (C) 9.22, K. Hooper (O) 8.99, T. Williams (O) 7.46 |
| Discus | S. Winckless (C) 48.42 record, J. Curgenven (C) 29.94, T. Williams (O) 26.82, K. Hooper (O) 21.74 |
| Hammer | S. Winckless (C) 35.30, R. Stott (C) 32.34, H. Salisbury (O) 28.80, K. Hooper (O) 26.40 |
| Javelin | J. Curgenven (C) 38.58, K. Thacker (C) 31.52, C. May (O) 29.60, R. Wyndow (O) 28.98 |
| Result | CUAC 90, OUAC 89 |

Men - Second team match (CU Alverstone v OU Centipedes)

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| 100m | A. Dawes (O) 11.3, P. Makaris (C) 11.3, S. Paget (C) 11.4, C. Smart (O) 11.4 |
| 200m | A. Dawes (O) 22.9, S. Paget (C) 23.2, C. Smart (O) 23.4, K. Dautlet-Singh (C) 24.4 |
| 400m | N. Smith (O) 52.1, K. Wise (O) 52.4, K. Ashton (C) 52.4, C. Edwards (C) 55.3 |
| 800m | J. Trapmore (C) 1:58.7, J. Bradley (O) 2:00.1, M. Hughes (O) 2:00.9, W. Davies (C) 2:01.6 |
| 1500m | D. Kirk (O) 4:01.3, J. Trapmore (C) 4:03.4, I. Lewis (C) 4:09.3, R. Bowyer (O) 4:11.4 |
| 5000m | S. Pullan (C) 15:10.2, N. Holmes (C) 15:46.9, M. Bryant (O) 16:05.6, A. Hart (O) 16:21.3 |
| 110mh | J. Gerard (O) 16.4, D. Varela (O) 18.0, R. Critchley (C) 18.7, R. Klaber (C) 19.6 |
| 200mh | R. Critchley (C) 28.1, D. Varela (O) 28.7, J. Gerard (O) 29.3, R. Scott (C) 32.5 |
| 400mh | C. Edwards (C) 59.6, R. Critchley (C) 61.4, J. Gerard (O) 63.7, J. Hall (O) 65.5 |
| Steeplechase | H. Lobb (C) 9:52.3, M. Bryant (C) 9:52.5, M. Hill (O) 10:14.0, M. Hughes (O) 10:16.9 |
| 3000m walk | A. Carney (C) 15:32.8, J. Mellerstig (O) 18:44.4, J. Bass (O) 18:51.5, L. Smithline (C) 20:25.0 |
| 4x100m | Alverstone 44.0, Centipedes 44.9 |
| 4x400m | Centipedes (-53.4 - 53.8 - 52.5) 3:32.7, Alverstone (Wight 53.1, Nolan 53.7, Trapmore 54.5, Trezona 52.8) 3:34.1 |
| High Jump | M. Bush (C) 1.80, A. Jennings (O) 1.75, R. Raussendorf (C) 1.65 |

**OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE v HARVARD & YALE
CENTENARY MATCH**

at Iffley Road, Oxford, 28 June 1995

Men

100m (+1.8) Chris Lambert (Y) 10.87, Richard Rose (Y) 11.13, James Reynolds (C) 11.25, Warren Gilder (C) 11.26
200m (+0.8) Dave Gardiner (C) 22.51, Warren Gilder (C) 22.73, Todd Imwold (Y) 22.84, Jordan Elias (Y) 23.20
400m Kenneth Anderson (Y) 49.31, Matthew Birchall (C) 50.69, Guy Wolf (O) 50.82
800m Bryan Henry (H) 1:55.19, Graham Edmonds (C) 1:56.68, Paul Gray (C) 1:57.14, Bryan Just (Y) 1:57.21
1500m Douglas Corcoran (Y) 3:59.10, Mike Nolan (C) 4:04.82, Bryan Henry (H) 4:08.48, Martin Gosling (C) 4:10.33
5000m Ian Carswell (H) 15:20.39, Andy Barber (C) 15:22.91, Killian Lonergan (H) 15:30.30, Gordon Tyler (O) 15:31.50
10000m Weldon Johnson (Y) 32:48.08, Dan Leggate (C) 32:52.59, Sam Pullan (C) 33:20.92, Christopher Evers (H) 33:26.40
110mh (+1.4) Peter Coghlan (Y) 14.39, Seb Rosato (O) 14.97, Steve Booth (O) 14.97, Joshua Nicholson (H) 15.68
400mh Matthew Birchall (C) 55.23, Jay McMahon (Y) 55.42, Michael Evers (H) 56.70, Neil Linden (O) 57.36
Steeplechase Darin Shearer (H) 9:27.89, Eddie Broome (O) 9:29.75, James Fitzsimmons (C) 9:31.90, Jamey Bianchi (H) 9:55.47
4x100m Harvard & Yale 42.50, Oxford & Cambridge 43.28
4x400m Harvard & Yale (-, -, Henry, -) 3:19.11, Oxford & Cambridge (Hodge 52.19, Booth 49.60, Gardiner 50.46, Birchall 50.28) 3:22.53
High Jump Andrew Hodge (C) 2.00, Jon Tilburt (Y) 2.00, Terence Mann (H) 1.95, Paul Vigers (O) 1.95
Pole Vault Jesse Stern (Y) 4.80, Matt Weaver (O) 4.70, Brett Williams (C) 4.00, Steven Brannon (H) no height cleared
Long Jump Nick Walne (C) 7.30, Glyn Chidlow (O) 7.28, Damon Hanlan (Y) 7.03, Husani Barnwell (H) 6.89
Triple Jump David Reeve (C) 14.80, Damon Hanlan (Y) 14.48, Andrew Hodge (C) 13.44, Joshua Nicholson (H) 12.92
Shot Gareth Rees (O) 13.41, Joseph Gharney (H) 12.59, James Kindon (O) 12.01, Raymond Marker (Y) 11.98
Discus Mark Clayman (H) 42.36, Benjamin Ladamirak (Y) 40.08, Mike Conerney (C) 39.94, James Kindon (O) 39.18
Hammer Malcolm Cross (O) 56.80, Steve O'Connor (Y) 51.84, Benjamin Ladamirak (Y) 50.20, Roland Weatherall (C) 39.00
Javelin James Hurron (O) 63.90, Benjamin Ladamirak (Y) 55.68, Daniel Dusek (H) 55.28, Richard Paige (O) 55.16

Women

100m (+2.3) Afi Amaku (O) 12.34 record, Athena Jones (H) 12.81, Natalee Campbell (H) 13.20, Kathryn Purchase (C) 13.24
200m (+2.1) Afi Amaku (O) 25.86, Natalee Campbell (H) 26.44, Shireen Boulous (H) 26.74, Kathryn Purchase (C) 27.55

Pole Vault S. Thomas (C) 3.40, A. Jennings (O) 3.30, S. Morrish (O) 2.90, T. Horton (C) 2.80
Long Jump R. Morris (C) 6.11, R. Sowers (O) 6.11, R. Klaber (C) 5.89, S. Birt (O) 5.85
Triple Jump R. Sowers (O) 12.83, S. Birt (O) 12.81, M. Makim (C) 11.87, R. Klaber (C) 11.79
Shot T. Yule (O) 12.13, W. Rosato (C) 10.14, T. Fischer (C) 9.99, D. Raglan (O) 9.81
Discus D. Grant (O) 36.22, G. Florence (C) 30.52, T. Grant (C) 27.14, T. Yule (O) 27.04
Hammer N. Marston (C) 32.36, T. Yule (O) 25.16, D. Raglan (O) 23.24, C. McCafferty (C) 21.28
Javelin J. Botting (C) 44.72, D. Raglan (O) 40.22, L. Smallman (C) 37.88, A. Jennings (O) 4.42

Result CU Alverstone 115, OU Centipedes 107

Women - Second team match (CU Alligators v OU Millipedes)

100m S. Hutchinson (O) 13.2, R. York (C) 13.3, L. Chantler (C) 13.5, D. Rowe (O) 14.0
200m D. Rowe (O) 27.6, R. York (C) 27.7, L. Chantler (C) 29.0, E. Johns (O) 29.5
400m R. York (C) 63.8, E. Johns (O) 65.5, F. Lang (C) 68.1, S. Hutchinson (O) 68.8
800m E. Bruce (O) 2:24.1, C. Pyne (C) 2:29.4, Dani Martin (O) 2:46.2, M. Chapman (C) 2:50.8
1500m J. Martin (O) 4:51.7, C. Maxwell (C) 4:56.5, M. Clarke (O) 5:21.8, H. Lovell (C) 5:25.7
3000m C. Maxwell (C) 11:01.4, M. Clarke (O) 11:42.5, G. Hueter (O) 11:42.5
100mh Dani Martin (O) 17.6, L. Hill (O) 18.0, H. Browne (C) 18.8, B. Richardson (C) 21.3
400mh Dani Martin (O) 70.2, G. Hueter (O) 74.0, H. Browne (C) 78.5, F. Lang (C) 79.1
4x100m OU Millipedes, 53.9 CU Alligators 55.2
4x400m OU Millipedes (Dani Martin 69.5, Critchley 61.4, Devon Martin 61.8, Johns 66.9) 4:19.6, CU Alligators (- 69.0, - 73.1, - 67.5, - 68.7) 4:38.3
High Jump S. Warzel (C) 1.45, L. Hill (O) 1.35, N. Jorgensen (O) 1.30, L. Chantler (C) 1.20
Long Jump S. Warzel (C) 4.79, H. Davidson (O) 4.70, L. Chantler (C) 4.70, L. Hill (O) 4.50
Triple Jump C. Alhadef (C) 9.74, G. Hueter (O) 9.27, H. Davidson (O) 8.78, B. Richardson (C) 8.12
Shot S. Birmingham (O) 7.71, S. Jefferson (C) 7.38, R. Bulkeley (C) 6.88, M. Teo (O) 6.61
Discus J. Martin (O) 21.88, S. Jefferson (C) 21.20, R. Bulkeley (C) 19.54, M. Teo (O) 15.86
Hammer S. Birmingham (O) 22.62, G. Hueter (O) 21.30, R. Bulkeley (C) 21.10, S. Jefferson (C) 18.62
Javelin K. Lawden (C) 27.86, M. Teo (O) 26.04, L. Pooley (O) 25.98, S. Jefferson (C) 23.58

Result OU Millipedes 100, CU Alligators 78

400m Amanda Williams (H) 58.79, Allison Goldcamp (H) 60.15, Charlotte Cutler (C) 62.04, Ruth Gilpin (C) 62.53
800m Gabrielle Mead (Y) 2:16.50, Claire Woolley (O) 2:18.59, Mara Myers (O) 2:22.09, Jennifer Kearney (H) 2:24.65
1500m Clare Martin (O) 4:39.26, Jennie Martin (H) 4:43.44, Jenny Martin (O) 4:47.79, Margaret Angell (H) 4:53.96
3000m Stephanie Forrester (C) 10:32.94, Jane Anderson (O) 10:41.12, Meredith Fitzgerald (H) 10:42.70, Jessica Mikszewski (H) 10:51.06
100mh (+3.5) Eleanor Cave (O) 15.44, Kristin Udvari (Y) 15.72, Kim Marvell (O) 17.34
400mh Yuko Takenaka (Y) 64.43, Kristin Udvari (Y) 68.12, Charlotte Cutler (C) 68.18, Jo Iles (O) 68.49
4x100m Harvard & Yale 49.59, Oxford & Cambridge 50.62
4x400m Harvard & Yale 3:56.62, Oxford & Cambridge (Gilpin, May, C. Martin, Cutler) 4:03.59
High Jump Carolyn May (O) 1.69, Stacy Barber (H) 1.66, Eleanor Cave (O) 1.66, Jennifer Braga (H) 1.55
Long Jump Jenny Bernin (H) 5.01
Triple Jump Jane Falconer (C) 11.77 record, Heather MacLennan (H) 11.69, Onay Payne (H) 10.31, Jo Iles (O) 10.24
Shot Patricia Lyons (H) 11.21, Deborah Levy (Y) 11.05, Sarah Winckless (C) 10.58, Eleanor Cave (O) 10.33
Discus Sarah Winckless (C) 45.48 record, Alisa Pelkola (Y) 35.00, Trudy Taylor (Y) 32.74, Trina Williams (O) 24.98
Hammer Trudy Taylor (Y) 46.16, Alisa Pelkola (Y) 37.12, Rachel Stott (C) 33.82, Sarah Winckless (C) 32.38
Javelin Karen Thacker (C) 34.58, Patricia Lyons (H) 30.64, Eleanor Cave (O) 29.14, Emma-Betty Sankoorikal (Y) 7.00

Combined result: Harvard & Yale 19 wins, Oxford & Cambridge 18 wins

Open and Veterans Events

100m (+1.9) Peter Key (O-39) 11.83, Paul Willcox (C-42) 12.49, Chris Saunders (O-42) 12.90, Tom Blodgett (H & C-56) 14.15 Ladies: Laura Comfort (H-29) 14.14
200m (Y), Peter Key (O-39) 24.79, John Hemery (O & C-48) 25.25, Paul Willcox (C-42) 25.98, Chris Saunders (O-42) 26.27, Richard Saunders (C-43) dnf
400m David Bond (C) 53.33 Ladies: Lynn Davis (Penn & C-39) 68.13
800m Andrew Klemas (H-31) 2:04.81, no 4 2:24.43 Ladies: Sue Bevan (C-35) 2:14.55, Joan Lasenby (C-35) 2:20.53, Diane Cheeseman (O-35) 2:24.30, Lynn Davis (Penn & C-39) 2:42.73
Mile (Handicap) Cecil Walkley (C-66) 6:15.8, James Baker (H-51) 4:59.9, John Bryant (O-50) 6:01.1, Chris Brasher (C-66) 6:34.6, Ronnie Williams (C-69) 6:39.7, C. Rowe, Chris Chataway (O-64) 5:48.4, Ronald Forster (C-57) 6:37.9, Rick Wemple (Y) 4:19.9, Mark Mullin (O & H-54) 6:32.6, C. Miller, Richard Snedeker (Princeton-68) 6:28.0, Nigel Miller (O-62) 7:30.0, Simon Hall (C & O) 4:40.0 Ladies: Sue Bevan (C-35) and Joan Lasenby (C-35) 5:14.3

ATHLETICS

Brasher triumph in Iffley Road rematch

By Andrew Morrod

IFFLEY Road, Oxford, "well exercised". "I remember host yesterday to the ber why I gave it up now," he said.
 The Oxford/Cambridge v Harvard/Yale series has the world as a combined team from Oxford and Cambridge met the touring athletes of Harvard and Yale in the Iffley Road stadium on Saturday. The veteran events punctuated the afternoon's action as the British and American student contests and recalling Roger Bannister's first four-minute mile in 1954 were former world record holder Sir Christopher Chataway and Chris Brasher in a veteran mile handicap.
 They were, however, not the oldest competitors, with the 68-year-old coach Max Jones easing his way round the veteran's 5,000 metres. Milton Green, 81, sadly withdrew from the veterans' sprint hurdles and Norris McWhirter, alongside Peter Matthews in the announcer's box, had hesitation in suggesting the flag of St George flew over the Iffley church, just as it had 41 years ago when the mile record fell. This time Brasher finished a few seconds before Chataway, who pronounced himself

**OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE
FRESHMEN'S and FRESHWOMEN'S MATCH**

at Wilberforce Road, Cambridge on 1 November 1995

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| Men | A. Dunwoodie (O) 11.5, M. Hart (O-guest) 11.7, G. Pounder (O) 11.9, P. Manfield (C) 11.9, A. Pye (C-guest) 12.1, E. Dias (C) 12.3 |
| 100m | S. Fagan (O) 11.9, M. Loebinger (C) 11.9, K. Wong (C) 12.3, G. Dicken (O) 12.3, P. Mbuyazi (O) 12.5, S. Rahman (O) 13.1 |
| 200m | A. Dunwoodie (O) 23.5, E. How (C) 23.9, G. Pounder (O) 24.2, C. Nwokoro (C) 24.5, XXX (O-guest) 25.2 |
| 400m | E. How (C) 52.8, R. Zugic (O) 53.6, V. Wittorf (C) 54.9, P. Faber (O) 55.3 |
| 800m | K. Tuke (C) 2:02.7, P. Blomerus (O) 2:05.5, N. Bell (C) 2:05.9, N. Piger (O) 2:06.3, J. Hammer (O-guest) 2:09.2 |
| 1500m | M. Barnes (O) 4:23.8, N. Bell (C) 4:24.1, E. Malloch (C) 4:25.5, J. Wadsworth (O-guest) 4:36.6, R. Short (O-guest) 4:49.6, M. Plumb (O) 5:12.1 |
| 3000m | M. Shore (C) 9:13.0, A. Lynch (O) 9:30.5, J. Wadsworth (O) 9:34.3, H. Davies (C) 9:37.1, B. Hadwin (O-guest) 10:36.7 |
| 110mh | P. Faber (O) 17.3, O. Odudu (C) 18.4, M. Albrighton (C) 23.1 |
| 400mh | C. Nwokoro (C) 62.3, M. Albrighton (C) 65.9, J. Biernat (O) 71.7 |
| 2000m | E. Malloch (C) 6:49.2, R. Staples (C-guest) 7:05.7, M. Patel (C) 7:31.1, J. Biernat (O) 7:36.5, I. Cumpsty (O) 8:31.4 |
| 4x100m | Oxford 45.9, (Cambridge [46.7] disqualified) |
| 4x400m | Oxford 3:44.8, (Cambridge [3:42.8] disqualified) |
| High Jump | T. Costello (O) 1.85, C. Nwokoro (C) 1.80, S. Rahman (O) 1.55, E. Dias (C) 1.55 |
| Pole Vault | N. Woodmansy (C) 3.00, M. Hatton (C) 3.00, G. Dicken (O) 2.20 |
| Long Jump | F. Edridge (C) 6.11, G. Edsell (O) 5.95, M. Hart (O) 5.94, C. Nwokoro (C) 5.66, G. Pounder (O-guest) 5.53 |
| Triple Jump | J. Hilton (C) 13.12, A. Dunwoodie (O) 12.54, P. Mbuyazi (O) 12.32, F. Edridge (C) 12.22 |
| Shot | P. Faber (O) 13.46, P. Berezai (C) 10.56, A. Anastasiou (C) 8.65, K. Dugdale (O) 7.26 |
| Discus | P. Faber (O) 38.02, C. Meyer (C) 26.44, R. Topliss (C) 24.50, R. Zugic (O) 19.96 |
| Hammer | A. Anastasiou (C) 21.38, K. Dugdale (O) 18.58, A. Duncombe (C) 18.04 |
| Javelin | P. Faber (O) 50.44, C. Meyer (C) 44.62, A. Anastasiou (C) 38.02, T. Costello (O) 31.60 |

CUAC Freshmen 99, OUAC Freshman 94

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| Women | H. Fuller (C) 13.0, S. Peock (C) 13.7, P. Lewin (O) 15.5, |
| 100m | A. Jadesini (O) 15.7 |
| 200m | H. Fuller (C) 26.2 (record), K. Williams (O) 27.7, S. Peock (C) 28.8 |
| 400m | K. Williams (O) 63.0, H. Davies (C) 69.1, G. Nosowska (O) 29.5, J. Clothier (C) 72.5 |
| 800m | Z. Crook (C) 2:34.5, K. Haylock (C) 2:39.7, G. Nosowska (O) 2:58.5, E. Garagnon (O) 3:06.2 |
| 1500m | S. Cook (O) 4:51.6, E. Mayne (C) 5:17.8, N. Kay (C) 5:30.9 |
| 3000m | S. Cook (O) 10:33.0, K. Haylock (C) 11:00.8, M. Garlick (C) 11:34.3, E. Garagnon (O) 12:53.2 |
| 100mh | V. Boag (C) 17.0, E. Rawlison (C) 20.4, S. Critchley (O) 23.4 |

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| 400mh | K. Williams (O) 69.2 (record), V. Boag (C) 69.6, N. Kay (C) 81.4 |
| 4x100m | Cambridge (Fuller, Peock, Ashridge, Boag) 55.2 (Oxford no team) |
| 4x400m | Cambridge (Mayne 67.4, Dixon 70.2, Davies 71.2, Boag 67.5) 4:36.3, Oxford 4:42.3 |
| High Jump | A. Richardson (C) 1.35, N. Siddall (C) 1.30, A. Lesk (O) 1.25, S. Critchley (O) 1.05 |
| Long Jump | B. Page-Jones (C) 4.21, K. Colville (C) 4.17, A. Lesk (O) 4.04, A. Jadesini (O) 3.55 |
| Triple Jump | N. Siddall (C) 11.05 (record), B. Page-Jones (C) 8.57, P. Lewin (O) 7.96, A. Jadesini (O) 7.63 |
| Shot | A. Warren (C) 8.00, S. Hanley (C) 7.50, J. Street (O) 7.00, S. Critchley (O) 5.07 |
| Discus | S. Hanley (C) 31.06, C. Beasley (C) 26.92, A. Lesk (O) 22.60, J. Street (O) 21.64 |
| Hammer | S. Hanley (C) 19.90, G. Nosowska (O) 18.54, m. Wong (C) 17.68, J. Street (O) 15.28 |
| Javelin | C. Rusby (C) 23.04, S. Murray (C) 22.92, G. Nosowska (O) 16.46, E. Garagnon (O) 8.18 |

CUAC Freshwomen 115, OUAC Freshwomen 58

**COMBINED SERVICES v ACHILLES, ESSEX, HAMPSHIRE, KENT, SURREY
Aldershot - 23 JULY 1995**

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| 100 METRES (A) | 1. T. STAMP | 10.97s | LONG JUMP | 1. G. MUNROE | 7.07m | COMBINED SERVICES | ACHILLES |
| | 6. R. JAMES | 12.27s | | 4. D. HEARD | 6.87m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 100 METRES (B) | 1. D. HANCOCK | 11.40s | TRIPLE JUMP | 1. P. RALPH | 15.67m | KENT | ACHILLES |
| | 4. S. GARLAND | 11.96s | | 4. D. HEARD | 14.28m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 200 METRES (A) | 1. C. EDMUNDS | 21.72s | | 8. G. CHIDLLOW | 12.31m | | |
| | 6. J. BOBBY | 23.60s | POLE VAULT | 1. K. HUGHES | 5.10m | ESSEX | ACHILLES |
| 200 METRES (B) | 1. T. STAMP | 22.31s | | 11. G. CHIDLLOW | 2.40m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| | 5. M. BIRCHALL | 23.95s | | S. BOOTH | No vault | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 400 METRES (A) | 1. D. NOLAN | 46.82s | DISCUS | 1. S. HAYES | 47.80m | ESSEX | ACHILLES |
| | 6. D. GARDINER | 52.26s | | 8. S. GARLAND | 31.76m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 400 METRES (B) | 1. T. GOULD | 49.05s | HAMMER | 1. S. SAMMUT | 55.50m | HAMPSHIRE | ACHILLES |
| | 6. C. MARTIN (?) | 56.36s | | 2. M. CROAD | 55.00m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 800 METRES | 1. A. KNIGHT | 1m 52.22s | JAVELIN | 1. S. CARTER | 58.78m | KENT | ACHILLES |
| | 4. M. BIRCHALL | 1m 55.98s | | 7. G. CHIDLLOW | 43.68m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 1500 METRES | 1. S. NEILL | 3m 57.59s | SHOT | 1. G. SOLLITT | 16.26m | HAMPSHIRE | ACHILLES |
| | 7. M. BATESON | 4m 01.18s | | 11. S. GARLAND | 9.85m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| 5000 METRES | 1. B. ROYDEN | 14m 11.17s | | 12. T. COKER | 8.30m | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| | 7. J. GOATER | 15m 05.38s | 4 x 100 METRES RELAY | 1. | 42.17s | SURREY | ACHILLES |
| 110 METRES HURDLES (A) | 1. D. ANDREWS | 15.3s | | 4. | 43.64s | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| | 3. S. BOOTH | 15.6s | 4 x 400 METRES RELAY | 1. | | ESSEX | ACHILLES |
| 110 METRES HURDLES (B) | 1. J. THOMPSON | 16.4s | | 4. | | ACHILLES | ACHILLES |
| | 2. S. GARLAND | 16.8s | | | | | |
| 400 METRES HURDLES (A) | 1. A. BARCH | 54.3s | | | | | |
| | 3. S. BOOTH | 55.7s | | | | | |
| 400 METRES HURDLES (B) | 1. C. ANDERSON | 54.74s | | | | | |
| | 4. C. MARTIN | 62.07s | | | | | |
| 3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE | 1. A. MORGAN LEE | 8m 52.4s | | | | | |
| HIGH JUMP | 1. M. NEWMAN | 1.95m | | | | | |
| | 7. J. CREWS | 1.70m | | | | | |

Result: 1st Kent 262
2nd Combined Services 246
3rd Hampshire 229
4th Essex 211
5th Achilles 177
6th Surrey 154

COMBINED SERVICES v ACHILLES, ESSEX, HAMPSHIRE, KENT, SURREY
Aldershot - 23 JULY 1995

WOMEN

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----|--------|--|
| <u>100 METRES (A)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. T. JOSEOH | HAMPSHIRE | | | 12.32s | |
| 6. J. CRIPPS | ACHILLES | | | 14.01s | |
| <u>100 METRES (B)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. D. MANT | HAMPSHIRE | | | 12.66s | |
| 6. K. MARVELL | ACHILLES | | | 14.18s | |
| <u>200 METRES (A)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. D. MANT | HAMPSHIRE | | | 25.23s | |
| 1. J. CLARK | HAMPSHIRE | | | 25.00s | |
| <u>400 METRES (A)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. L. KEOGH | HAMPSHIRE | | | 53.86s | |
| 6. J. CRIPPS | ACHILLES | | | 65.17s | |
| <u>400 METRES (B)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. L. THOMPSON | SURREY | | | 57.72s | |
| <u>800 METRES</u> | | | | | |
| 1. J. JONS | HAMPSHIRE | | 2m | 09.80s | |
| 2. S. BEVAN | ACHILLES | | 2m | 10.37s | |
| <u>1500 METRES</u> | | | | | |
| 1. G. COLLINSON | SURREY | | 4m | 45.04s | |
| <u>3000 METRES</u> | | | | | |
| 1. S. BRADBURY | HAMPSHIRE | | 9m | 50.93s | |
| 7. J. GOATER | ACHILLES | | 15m | 05.38s | |
| <u>100 METRES HURDLES (A)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. O. BERMINGHAM | ESSEX | | | 14.50s | |
| 6. K. MARVELL | ACHILLES | | | 17.45s | |
| <u>100 METRES HURDLES (B)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. M. MAJOR | ESSEX | | | 15.31s | |
| <u>400 METRES HURDLES (A)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. H. MYERS | HAMPSHIRE | | | 61.63s | |
| <u>400 METRES HURDLES (B)</u> | | | | | |
| 1. V. MITCHELL | SURREY | | | 65.99s | |
| <u>HIGH JUMP</u> | | | | | |
| 1. J. BENNETT | SURREY | | | 1.85m | |
| <u>LONG JUMP</u> | | | | | |
| 1. L. GHOJEFA | SURREY | | | 6.27m | |
| <u>DISCUS</u> | | | | | |
| 1. S. DREW | SURREY | | | 50.80m | |
| 2. S. WINCKLESS | ACHILLES | | | 47.20m | |
| <u>JAVELIN</u> | | | | | |
| 1. K. MARTIN | COMBINED SERVICES | | | 49.60m | |

SHOT
1. J. DUNCAN
9. R. STOTT

ESSEX
ACHILLES

4 x 100 METRES RELAY
1.

SURREY

12.74m
7.15m

47.77s

4 x 400 METRES RELAY
1.

SURREY

3m 55.78s

Result: 1st Surrey 235
2nd Hampshire 221
3rd Essex 171
4th Combined Services 153
5th Kent 117
6th Achilles 52

KINRAID TROPHY MEETING
KINGSMEADOW STADIUM - KINGSTON
SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL 1995

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| <u>HAMMER</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. G. COOK | S&D | 62.80 | B: 1. G. KOLLIAS | ACH | 38.16 |
| 4. D. KEY-PUGH | ACH | 39.36 | | | |
| <u>POLE VAULT</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. M. WEAVER | ACH | 4.40 | B: 1. S. BOOTH | ACH | 4.10 |
| <u>LONG JUMP</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. J. THOMPSON | TVH | 6.72 | B: 1. K. McLAUGHLIN | HWI | 5.58 |
| 5. M. WEAVER | ACH | | 2. J. CREWS | ACH | 5.50 |
| <u>HIGH JUMP</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. T. COKER | ACH | 1.95 | B: 1. M. NEWMAN | ACH | 1.85 |
| <u>TRIPLE JUMP</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. V. RATO | WSE | 12.51 | B: 1. J. MOSELEY | WSE | 11.19 |
| 3. M. WEAVER | ACH | 11.30 | 2. J. CREWS | ACH | 10.52 |
| <u>DISCUS</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. M. SIMMONS | TVH | 47.96 | B: 1. S. HAYES | TVH | 47.42 |
| 5. S. BOOTH | ACH | 34.60 | 5. D. KEY-PUGH | ACH | 27.90 |
| <u>SHOT</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. S. HAYES | TVH | 15.09 | B: 1. M. SYMONDS | TVH | 14.67 |
| 5. S. GARLAND | ACH | 10.41 | 3. G. KOLLIAS | ACH | 9.43 |
| <u>JAVELIN</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. R. PAIGE | ACH | 53.74 | B: 1. L. HATTON | K&P | 44.28 |
| | | | 2. S. GARLAND | ACH | 43.86 |

RESULT

1. ACHILLES 172
2. HERCULES & WIMBLEDON 112
3. GUILDFORD & GODALMING 96
4. THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS 86
5. KINGSTON & POLY 77
6. WINDSOR, SLOUGH & ETON 72
7. SUTTON & DISTRICT 67
8. BLACKHEATH 62

KINRAID TROPHY MEETING
KINGSMEADOW STADIUM - KINGSTON
SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL 1995

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|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|-----|---------|
| <u>400m H</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. G. SANDY | HWI | 54.6 | B: 1. S. GARLAND | ACH | 58.0 |
| 3. S. BOOTH | ACH | 57.5 | | | |
| <u>800m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. K. BENTHAM | TVH | 1:56.4 | B: 1. R. BOWYER | ACH | 2:04.1 |
| 2. J. BOOTH | ACH | 1:56.7 | | | |
| <u>100m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. O. SCOTT-BOYLE | HWI | 11.2 | B: 1. A. YAMBASU | TVH | 11.6 |
| 5. D. GARDINER | ACH | 11.6 | 4. P. WILLCOX | ACH | 12.8 |
| <u>2000m S/C</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. A. BEEVERS | ACH | 6:07.2 | B: 1. J. CREWS | ACH | 8:09.9 |
| <u>110m H</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. G. TELFER | TVH | 15.3 | B: 1. A. CARTER | TVH | 15.5 |
| 2. S. BOOTH | ACH | 15.8 | 3. M. NEWMAN | ACH | 17.6 |
| <u>400m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. C. MCCAWE | ACH | 48.8 | B: 1. J. BOOTH | ACH | 52.9 |
| <u>1500m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. A. TAYLOR | WSE | 4:13.0 | B: 1. C. COLEMAN | WSE | 4:13.7 |
| 2. R. BOWYER | ACH | 4:21.7 | 2. J. CREWS | ACH | 4:29.3 |
| <u>200m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. S. MCCURT | TVH | 22.1 | B: 1. G. TELFER | TVH | 22.4 |
| 5. C. MCCAWE | ACH | 23.5 | 3. D. GARDINER | ACH | 23.1 |
| <u>3000m</u> | | | | | |
| A: 1. A. BEEVERS | ACH | 9:11.7 | B: 1. B. MCDONOUGH | K&P | 10:31.2 |
| | | | 3. J. CREWS | ACH | 12:19.3 |
| <u>4 x 100m RELAY</u> | | | | | |
| 1. TVH | 42.9 | | | | |
| 3. ACH | 45.2 | | | | |
| <u>4 x 400m RELAY</u> | | | | | |
| 1. ACH | 3:32.8 | | | | |
| <u>RESULT</u> | | | | | |
| 1. ACHILLES | 234 | | | | |
| 2. WINDSOR, SLOUGH & ETON | 220 | | | | |
| 3. THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS | 134 | | | | |
| 4. HERCULES & WIMBLEDON | 98 | | | | |
| 5. KINGSTON & POLY | 96 | | | | |
| 6. SUTTON & DISTRICT | 18 | | | | |
| 7. BLACKHEATH & GODALMING | 16 | | | | |
| 8. GUILDFORD & GODALMING | 11 | | | | |

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS

IN WHICH THE ACHILLES CLUB COMPETED.

(Achilles members in bold type.)

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

White City Stadium, March 23rd, 1935.

100 Yards.
1. K. S. Duncan (O.).
2. C. J. E. Betty (C.).
3. M. M. Sear (C.).
4. J. M. Baillieu (O.).
Time ... 10 1/10 sec.

Putting the Weight.
1. A. Irian (C.), 43 ft. 9 1/2 in.
2. F. A. S. Gentry (O.), 43 ft. 1/3 in.
3. R. B. Greenough (C.), 42 ft. 7 1/4 in.
4. J. M. Baillieu (O.), 37 ft. 4 in.
Time ... 15 min. 0 1/5 sec.

Pole Jump.
1. P. R. Webster (C.), 12 ft. 6 1/2 in.
2. W. H. Elkins (O.), 11 ft.
3. A. Gibson (C.), 10 ft. 6 in.
4. J. B. White (O.), 9 ft. 6 in.

High Jump.
1. R. E. I. Kennedy (C.), 5 ft. 8 in.
2. A. G. Pilbrow (O.), 5 ft. 6 in.
3. T. L. Evans (C.), 5 ft. 4 in.
4. A. P. E. Baker (O.), 5 ft. 4 in.

Half-Mile.
1. J. C. Stothard (C.).
2. M. J. K. Sullivan (C.).
3. E. F. Drake (O.).
4. R. S. O. Stevens (O.).
Time ... 1 min. 55 2/5 sec.

One Mile.
1. J. C. Stothard (C.).
2. W. T. Squires (O.).
3. E. B. Tinsdale (O.).
4. E. L. Ellis (C.).
5. E. V. Hope (O.).
6. R. A. Gruse (O.).
Time ... 4 min. 23 1/5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.
1. A. G. Pilbrow (O.).
2. A. J. Fitzgerald (C.).
3. G. P. Stanton (O.).
4. I. A. G. Young (C.).
Time ... 15 3/5 sec.

Quarter-Mile.
1. A. G. K. Brown (C.).
2. J. A. J. Frost (C.).
3. J. A. J. Frost (C.).
4. Lord J. A. Hope (O.).
Time ... 49 sec.

Result—
Cambridge 7.
Oxford, 4.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE v. HARVARD AND YALE.

White City Stadium, July 20th, 1935.

100 Yards.
1. K. S. Duncan (O.).
2. M. M. Sear (C.).
3. E. Smith (O.).
4. N. Cahners (H.).
Time ... 10 sec.

One Mile.
1. J. C. Stothard (C.).
2. J. Schou (H.).
3. W. T. Squires (O.).
4. R. Brayton (H.).
Time ... 4 min. 26 4/5 sec.

220 Yards.
1. E. Smith (O.).
2. J. C. Horsfall (C.).
3. E. Calvin (H.).
4. E. A. R. Davies (O.).
Time ... 22 3/5 sec.

High Jump.
1. R. C. Hall (H.), 5 ft. 10 in.
2. J. F. Badman (Y.).
3. R. E. I. Kennedy (C.).
4. J. G. O. Miller (C.), 5 ft. 6 in.

440 Yards.
1. A. G. K. Brown (C.).
2. L. J. Pratt (C.).
3. F. Alofsin (Y.).
4. C. Abel (H.).
Time ... 48 3/5 sec.

Long Jump.
1. P. D. Ward (C.).
2. C. Woodard (H.).
3. W. G. Woodland (Y.).
4. L. R. McIntyre (O.).
Time ... 14 min. 53 1/5 sec.

Half-Mile.
1. M. J. K. Sullivan (C.).
2. J. Dorman (H.).
3. R. A. Gruse (O.).
4. R. Woodward (H.).
Time ... 1 min. 57 2/5 sec.

Pole Jump.
1. K. Brown (Y.), 14 ft.
2. J. D. Woodberry (H.), 12 ft.
3. A. Gibson (C.), 9 ft. 10 in.

Putting the Shot.
1. J. Johnson (Y.), 43 ft. 1 in.
2. R. Train (Y.), 42 ft. 6 1/2 in.
3. F. A. S. Gentry (O.), 42 ft.
4. J. M. Baillieu (O.), 38 ft. 6 1/2 in.

Result—
Oxford and Cambridge, 6.
Harvard and Yale, 6.

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To Mr Paul Wilcox,
Dear Paul, thank you so much for your letter of 2nd May. I was a member of the Hawks Club and the Achilles having been up at Cambridge Gown College in 1927, 28, 29. If there is a subscription to be paid then I shall certainly pay it. I don't think much of hurdling as a sport, but it got me round the USA, Canada, Europe as well as South Africa and all with a great deal of people. So many of whom are mentioned in your year book. My wife and I had three sons one daughter and 13 grand children. Recently R.M. N. Tisdall and his elderly wife came and stayed at the Melbourne Club as my guests.

1995 CROSS COUNTRY

IN THE 105th competition between the two universities, Cambridge scored a convincing win to take a 53-52 lead in the series, Pete Mulholland reports.

Donald Naylor played a true captain's role as he led his team to an easy victory over a slippery course. Setting the early pace for Cambridge was James Fitzimmons, showing great improvement from his 12th place in this event last year, as he led for the first mile.

Coming into the water splash of Beverley Brook, Oxford captain Davis Kirk had taken the lead ahead of Naylor before disaster struck. When crossing through the brook, Kirk stumbled headlong into the water and by the time he had recovered five runners had gone past him.

Kirk soon recovered to get back to fourth place but by then the Cambridge trio of Naylor, Fitzimmons and Daniel Leggate, the Scottish U20 champion, were well away. Naylor pulled even further ahead as the slightly built Leggate gave chase with Fitzimmons close behind.

Heading onto the final field the Swansea Harrier Naylor, equal ninth in 1992 and fourth in 1994, was enjoying his day of days while his teammates were having a tremendous battle for medal placings some way adrift.

Fitzimmons finally got the better of Leggate who had to settle for third for the second consecutive year. The women's race, the 20th in the series, saw just as convincing a victory, but this time for the Dark Blues who now pull level alongside Cambridge with 10 wins apiece.

Nhenna Lynch, current South of England champion, went into the lead from the gun as she lived up to her status as pre-race favourite. Her supporters thought Lynch looked confident when she headed through the water splash with a smile. "That wasn't a smile, I was squealing with fear," she admitted afterwards.

Watched by her coach Bruce Tulloh, Lynch looked confident throughout as she cruised around the

course ahead of her team-mates Stephanie Cook and Hsu-Min Chung. Easing up on the homeward stretch Lynch, who will run in the USA Trials next year for the World Cross in South Africa, said later: "I needed to keep something in hand for the Portsmouth 5 tomorrow."

Runner-up Cook, who treats cross country as her third sport, is president of the Oxford modern pentathlon team as well as being a past member of the rowing club.

Men (7.5M)
1 D Naylor (Camb) 40:18; 2 J Fitzimmons (Camb) 40:27; 3 D Leggate (Camb) 40:32; 4 D Kirk (Ox) 40:38; 5 J Jones (Camb) 40:42; 6 M Bryant (Camb) 41:08; 7 R Beavington (Ox) 41:09; 8 P Haarer (Ox) 41:10; 9 N Holmes (Camb) 41:17; 10 A Hennessey (Ox) 41:27; 11 H Lobb (Camb) 41:38; 12 S Madge (Ox) 41:54; 13 G Tyler (Ox) 42:29; 14 A Hart (Ox) 42:38; 15 M Shore (Camb) 43:59; 16 E Egan (Ox) 44:41

TEAM: 1 Cambridge University 26; 2 Oxford University 54
Women (3.5M)
1 N Lynch (Ox) 19:47; 2 S Cook (Ox) 20:07; 3 H Chung (Ox) 20:19; 4 B Gray (Camb) 20:35; 5 M Senior (Camb) 20:49; 6 E Coleman (Ox) 21:10; 7 K Haylock (Camb) 21:13; 8 C Martin (Ox) 21:38; 9 C Maxwell (Camb) 21:43; 10 J Martin (Ox) 22:04; 11 S Harvey (Camb) 22:43; 12 E Mayne (Camb) 23:06

TEAM: 1 Oxford University 12; 2 Cambridge University 25
OLD BLUES RACE
Men (3.5M)
1 A Barber (Camb) 17:36; 2 S Stebbing (Camb) 17:39; 3 O Wild (Camb) 17:46; 4 J Dixon (Camb) 17:51; 5 S Baines (Ox) 17:55; 6 A Beavers (Ox) 17:57; 7 N Alliman (Camb) 18:00; 8 A Lill (Camb) 18:35; 9 M Gilbertson (Ox) 18:43; 10 M Nolan (Camb) 18:48

M40: D Jenkins (Camb) 24:15
M50: J Bryant (Ox) 25:18
M60: Ieq C Brasher (Camb)/R Williams (Camb) 27:55
Women: K Rennie (Camb) 21:42
TEAM U30: 1 Cambridge U 6; 2 Oxford U 20
TEAM U50: 1 Cambridge U 40; 2 Oxford U 50

Overall: Cambridge 2 matches, Oxford 0

The times up north in Lincolnshire where it is warm in winter and where we sometimes go when it is too cold here. It is great when old huddling friends come here and stay on the farm with us. We have had Reg Revans and one who huddled in the relay John Green from Chedworth Gloucestershire where we always stay with them. I think Wedgthman Smith was the best hurdler I ever knew. I should love to go to England again but at 89 years of age I don't think I could make it! With best wishes Ian Mann We have sheep and cattle country 100 miles west of Melbourne