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IN MEMORIAM

Lt Col H Stuart Townend

(Brasenose College, Oxford 1928-31), on 26th October 2002.

Stuart Townend was President of OUAC in 1931, in which year he won the Half Mile at the Varsity Sports: he had been 2^{nd} in the Mile in 1929, and doubled up in the Half Mile and the Mile in 1930. In 1930 he was won a gold medal with club mates Roger Leigh Woods and David Burghley in the English team at 4 x 440y in the augural British Empire Games. In 1932 he placed 2^{nd} to Tom Hampson in the AAA Half Mile: that would have booked his place on the Olympic team (Hampson went on to win the 800m in world record time), but he damaged an Achilles tendon in the process and he retired from active athletics.



He remained closely to the sport and took charge of the Housing Committee for the 1948 Olympics in London, for which he was appointed OBE. He went on to become the highly respected and successful headmaster of Hill House International Junior School in London.

A.J. Wood

(St Catherine's College, Oxford 1959-62), on 2nd January 2003.

Alastair Wood was second to Bruce Tulloh in the 1960 Varsity Match 3 miles, and competed in the 1959 Cross-County. He was one of the Club's finest athletes of the last 40 years. He set a British and European marathon record of 2:13:45 in 1966, and was awarded the Achilles Medal that year. Among many other achievements, including World Records at 30 and 40 miles on the track, he placed 4th in the 1962 European Championships marathon, and won the 1972 56-mile London to Brighton in record time.

A.E. Calvert-Smith

(Jesus College, Cambridge 1937-39) on 9th April 2002

Arthur Eustace Calvert-Smith was born on 15th August 1918, son of Calvert Hawkins Evelyn Smith. He went to a prep school in Kent and latterly to St Edmunds Canterbury. Thereafter he attended Sedbergh, where he was part of a 3 boy team which entered itself for the Public Schools Sports at the White City and which produced 2 winners (including AECS in the half mile) and a 2nd.

In 1937 he went up to Cambridge and in 1938 he represented the University in the Varsity Relays. He began the Second World War as a conscientious objector, but subsequently joined the Fleet Air Arm. He continued to run and box for the Fleet Air Arm and, while on a training course, for the R.A.F.

Arthur married Stella in 1942 and they had three children, Sir David Calvert Smith (now the Director of Public Prosecutions), Ruth and Peter (who works for the BBC). After being demobbed in 1946, he returned to Cambridge, switched course and graduated in Law. Arthur was articled in the family firm and admitted as a solicitor in 1948. He remained a keen athletics fan and Achilles Club supporter. He always attended the Varsity Match *en famille*, organised Achilles teams versus Eton and other schools, and latterly was a Trustee of the Achilles Trust, which he generously remembered in his will.

One day, I think it was at an Achilles committee meeting, Arthur suddenly asked me if I would join the firm of Calvert Smith and Sutcliffe. Having had a somewhat unsatisfactory start in the legal profession, I accepted with alacrity. As someone who was much involved in athletics and its hierarchy it was very nice to have such a sympathetic and understanding boss. Arthur was a very good and kind senior partner and a pleasure to work with. His whole way of operating enabled younger partners and employees to develop as lawyers in a very happy atmosphere. On a personal note, I don't believe I would have ever had the opportunities administratively in World Athletics had it not been for Arthur's kind tolerance.

Robert Stinson

D.A. Taylor

(University College, Oxford, 1955-58), several years ago of cancer. Don Taylor competed in the Javelin in the Varsity Matches of 1957 and 1958.

D.A. Donald

(Emmanuel College, Cambridge 1934-37), on 7th October 2002.

David Donald was a cross country Blue, and a member of the Cambridge team very narrowly defeated by Oxford 28 points to 27, in 1935.

A.J. Gordon Allan, PhD

(Peterhouse, Cambridge) in January 1995



Alexander J. Grant

St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 1954-57) a few years ago.

Donald J. Williams

(Worcester College, Cambridge, 1935-38)

E. Cawston

(Pembroke College, Cambridge 1930-33), on 5th September 1998.

Edward Cawston won the 220y hurdles in the Varsity Sports of 1931, justifying the confidence placed in him by his President, Bob Tisdall (who won 4 other events that afternoon and would have been favourite for this, too, a year before his Olympic 400m hurdle Gold). He was also a Cricket Blue, and played for Sussex.

W.T. Marsh OBE

(Queens' College, Cambridge, 1919-22), on 28th March 1985

William Marsh competed at 3 miles in the Varsity Matches of 1920, 1921 (placing 2nd) and 1922, and in the Varsity Cross Country matches of 1921 and 1922. He became Headmaster of St Albans School from 1934 until 1964.

Kenneth W.S. MacKenzie CMG CVO

(Downing College, Cambridge, 1933-38)

J.N. Irwin II

Legion of Merit, Medal of Freedom, Commander Philippine Legion of Honor, Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres

(Balliol College, Oxford, 1937-39), on 28th February 2000.

John Irwin came up to Oxford from Princeton. There he had run 200m hurdles (straight) in 23.3 seconds, a time which still ranks 3rd on the Achilles All-Time List (behind Jon Ridgeon, 22.9w and 23.2 (both round a bend), and Peter Hildreth 23.3 for 220yh (straight). He won the 220y hurdles in the Varsity Matches of 1938 and 1939, setting a match record of 24.5 seconds. He rose to Colonel in the U.S. Army during World War II, and after a career as a lawyer became in the early 1970's U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines and then France.

G.T. Crawshaw

(Worcester College, Oxford, 1932-37), on 9th August 2002.

Geoffrey Thompson Crawshaw, though he never ran for the University, was a keen college athlete who had vivid memories of more illustrious contemporaries such as Sandy Duncan and Tony Leach (some of whom he met again at the 1994 four minute mile celebration dinner), and of finishing far behind Jack Lovelock in a college cross-country race. His enduring love of the sport was expressed in some 20 years in charge of athletics at Aldenham School. Having retired from Aldenham in 1974, he continued to be active in athletics, officiating at schools' meetings and at Oxford and Cambridge meetings, as well as chauffeuring Achilles athletes to matches. He was elected to membership of the club in the 1980s.

A. Dick

(Keble College, Oxford, 1950-53), in February 2002.

Alan Dick scored a notable treble in the Varsity Match of 1953, winning the 100y, 220y and 440y: the previous year he had won the 440y, and was 2^{nd} at 220y. He was part of the England team which won Gold in the 4 x 440y relay at the 1954 British Empire Games, and of the GB team which placed 5^{th} in the Olympic 4 x 400m relay final at the 1952 Olympics.

Prof. L.W. Davies

(Lincoln College, Oxford, 1949-51), in September 2001.

Louis Davies won the high jump in the Varsity Matches of 1949 (when he also competed in the 220y hurdles) and 1950, and placed a close 3rd in 1951. He was a Past President of Sydney University AC, a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.



THE ACHILLES BALL





NATIONAL RANKINGS

The following members were ranked in the UK Top Fifty, with apologies as always for errors and especially omissions: we regret for example having missed **Megan Clark** from last year's lists: she ran 2:47:24 in the 2001 London Marathon and ranked 14th in the UK that year. Overseas athletes, notably Commonwealth bronze medallist **Tim Berrett**, are not included:

| 1 | Danielle Sanderson (V35) | 100k | 7:47.29 |
|----------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2 | Clare Ridgley | Decathlon | 4767 |
| 3 | Donald Naylor | 3000m S/C | 8:38.68 |
| 4 | Chris Cheeseman (V40) | 50k Walk | 4:18:49 |
| 6 | Ruth Irving | Long Jump | 6.25 |
| 8 | Adrian Hemery | Decathlon | 6924 |
| 8 | Chris Cheeseman (V40) | 20k Walk | 1:31:47 |
| 9 | Donald Naylor | 3000m | 8:03.17 |
| 9 | Nick Talbot | 3000m S/C | 8:49.2 |
| 9 | Steve Green | 400m H | 50.96 |
| 13 | Huw Lobb | Marathon | 2:21:16 |
| 15 | Jon Hilton | Triple Jump | 15.10 |
| 17 | Andy Hennessy | 3000m S/C | 8:55.23 |
| 17 | Clare Ridgley | Pole Vault | 3.70 |
| 19 | Matt Weaver | Pole Vault | 4:80 |
| 19 | Tom Richards | Pole Vault | 4.80 |
| 20 | Ellen Leggate | 1500m | 4:21.18 |
| 21 | Claire Martin | 1500m | 4:21.69 |
| 22 | Ruth Irving | Triple Jump | 12.00 |
| 26 | Nick Altmann | Marathon | 2:24:26 |
| 26 | Chris Sleeman | 400m H | 53.12 |
| 27 | Dan Bray | 400m H | 53.18 |
| 27 | Simon Wurr | 3000m S/C | 9:08.5 |
| 28 | Ondrej Choutka | Decathlon | 5958 |
| 29 | Huw Lobb | 3000m S/C | 9:12.4 |
| 29 | Judith Payne | High Jump | 1.70 |
| 29 | Ailsa Wallace | High Jump | 1.70 |
| 30 | Grace Clements | Heptathlon | 4286 |
| 30 | John Moreland (V40) | Discus | 47.00 |
| 30 | Kelley Wilder | 5000m | 16:46.64 |
| 30 | Jo Dering | Marathon | 2:55.35 |
| 32 | Donald Naylor | 5000m | 14:09.38 |
| 36 | Simon Thomas | High Jump | 2.00i |
| 37 | Andy Hennessy | 3000m | 8:16.5 |
| 38 | Finlay Wright | 200m | 21.62 |
| 38 | Andy Baddeley | 1500m | 3:45.96 |
| 38 | Jenny Duff | Hammer | 43.87 |
| 41 | Ewan Malloch | 3000m S/C | 9:21.45 |
| 47 | Rob Sinclair | Decathlon | 5301 |
| 47 40 | Rebecca Wright | 400m H | 63.2 |
| 49 | Phil Tedd | 1500m | 3:47.13 |

At the Commonwealth Games, former OUAC President **Tim Berrett** (Canada), who almost retired last year, crowned a long and illustrious career which had already brought him silver in the Commonwealth 20k Walk in 1994 and more DQs than he would care to remember with a

In April 2003 former CUAC President and pole vaulter Mike Cole will be competing in the Marathon des Sables, 'The Toughest Footrace on Earth': 150 miles across the Sahara Desert. Runners carry all their food and equipment for the six day event, being supplied only with nine litres of water per day and an open-sided tent. He is running for cancer charities, and if you would like to support him email him at Michael.Cole1@defence.gov.au We will report next year on how he fares!



Simon Keenlyside received acclamation as Don Giovanni

With the election of **Jonathan Crawshaw** as Hon. Sec. of OUAC for 2001-2002, it was the first time that two generations of the same family were serving on the Achilles Committee at the same time. He joined his father, Peter, our long serving Hon Treasurer....

Congratulations to **Richard Nerurkar**, made an **MBE** for his work with runners in Ethiopia.



Nigel Spivey's latest publication (Thames and Hudson, £24.95)



bronze medal in the 50k Walk. Also in Manchester, **Donald Naylor** (Wales) was 6th in the steeplechase, and 15th in the 5000m, and **Ruth Irving** (Scotland) was 9th in the long jump. **Steve Green** placed a magnificent 4th in the World Junior Championships 400m hurdles, in Jamaica. **Nick Talbot** ran for Britain in the World Students Cross Country finishing 22nd overall (3rd Brit) and securing team bronze.

Adrian Hemery joined the Club's long list of AAAs champions when he took the senior decathlon title. At the British Universities Indoor Championships **Kelley Wilder** won the 3000m and **Simon Thomas** the high jump: **Rosie Curling** was 3rd in the long jump. Members placed in the English National Cross Country included:14, **Nick Talbot**; 25, **Nick Mapp**; 45, **Ewan Malloch**: and 7 **Lucy Hassell**; 31, **Emily Ferenczi. Huw Lobb** was 24th in the London Marathon (2:21.15): **Andy Barber** was 70th (2:31.27).

VETERANS/MASTERS

Joan Lasenby won the W40 National Vets Cross Country, and was an outright winner of the National Vets Indoor 1500m. Chris Melluish (M55 hammer), Steve James (M60 5000m) and Max Jones (M75 10000m) headed the UK rankings for the year: also prominent as ever were Carole Morris (2nd in the W45 Javelin rankings), Hazel Barker (3rd in the W40 heptathlon) and John Moreland (M40 discus).

OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE FIELD EVENTS MATCH

WEST SUFFOLK ATHLETICS ARENA, BURY ST. EDMUNDS 3 March 2002

| MEN High Jump K. Milbradt (O) J. Bucknall (O) S. Wilkinson (O) M. Rush (O) guests G. Stirling (O | 1.75 1.70 1.60 1.60 6.65 win DUAC) 1.70 | T. Wabnitz (C) G. Shaw (C) J. Cunningham(C) N. Edwards (C) | 1.70 1.70 1.60 1.60 6.60 | Shot J. Sosnicky (O) J. Tynte-Irvine (O) R. Gawthorpe (O) D. Harding (O) guest G. Stirling (O | 10.45 10.27 9.73 9.50 39.95 UAC) 9.27 | A. Hemery (C) S. Dworski (C) K. Tadinada (C) T. Guglielmi (C) | 11.57 10.60 10.10 9.25 41.52 win |
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| Long Jump R. Gawthorpe (O) W. Senbanjo (O) O. Robertshaw (O) S. Kom (O) guest G. Stirling (O | 5.65 24.20 win | N. Childs (C) M. Kom (C) H. St. Aubyn (C) M. Collins (C) | 6.23 5.72 5.71 5.66 23.32 | Hammer G. Bellingham (O) J. Tynte-Irvine (O) D. Harding (O) D. Haughie (O) guest J. Sosnicky (| 37.26 23.45 20.69 18.02 99.42 OUAC) 17.48 | T. Guglielmi (C) M. Boyd (C) J. Russell (C) S. Dworski (C) | 35.54 27.56 24.32 22.07 109.49 win |
| Triple Jump W. Senbanjo (O) C. Sleeman (O) R. Sinclair (O) O. Robertshaw (O) guest G. Stirling (O | 49.87 win | N. Childs (C) H. St. Aubyn (C) R. Harle (C) M. Collins (C) | 13.02 12.78 9.85 nh 35.65 | Javelin D. Harding (O) R. Sinclair (O) K. Asrress (O) P. Harding (O) Match tied at 4 even | 52.43 48.93 45.49 30.57 177.42 win | J. Russell (C) A. Hemery (C) J. Cunningham (C) N. Jennings (C) | 46.13 42.75 41.78 36.33 166.99 |

| WOMEN High Jump | | | | A. McAleenan (O) A-M. Harling (O) | 9.36 9.36 | S. Dennehy (C) R. Curling (C) | 10.73 10.68 |
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| S. Hogan (O) | 1.45 | S. Dennehy (C) | 1.55 | C. Greenwood (O) | 8.18 | A. Fitzgerald (C) | 10.12 |
| S. Watts (O) | 1.45 | K. Taylor (C) | 1.50 | | | H. Orr (C) | 9.29 |
| A-M. Hardling (O) | 1.45 | A. Fitzgerald (C) | 1.50 | | 26.90 | | 40.82 win |
| A. McAleenan (O) | 1.30 | C. Clark (C) | 1.35 | | | | |
| | 4.35 | | 4.55 win | Shot | | | |
| | | | | O. Reade (O) | 9.94 | K. Taylor (C) | 9.39 |
| Long Jump | | | | J. Duff (O) | 9.58 | S. Wilson (C) | 8.95 |
| S. Lane (O) | 5.15 | R. Curling(C) | 5.46 | S. Stockdale (O) | 7.88 | R. Sides (C) | 7.80 |
| H. Edmundson (O) | 5.08 | K. Taylor (C) | 5.24 | S. Ogilvie (O) | 7.00 | R. Gill (C) | 7.45 |
| C. Sanderson (O) | 4.89 | S. Dennehy (C) | 5.09 | | 27.40 win | | 26.14 |
| S. Hogan (O) | 4.76 | J. Bull (C) | 4.69 | | | | |
| | 15.12 | | 15.79 win | Discus | | | |
| | | | Match record | J. Duff (O) | 34.09 | A. Fitzgerald (C) | 18.55 |
| Triple Jump | | | | S. Stockdale (O) | 26.78 | E. Migo (C) | 18.39 |



| S. Ogilvie (O) | 22.44 | S. Wilson (C) | 18.28 | | | | |
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| O. Reade (O) | 17.21 | R. Gill (C) | 15.35 | Javelin | | | |
| | 83.31 win | | 55.22 | S. Ogilvie (O) | 30.84 | S. Dennehy (C) | 29.92 |
| | | | | N. Horne (O) | 28.55 | O. Poole-Wilson (C) | 27.33 |
| Hammer | | | | A. Stone (O) | 22.97 | K. Digger (C) | 24.52 |
| J. Duff (O) | 25.63 | E. Migo (C) | 30.21 | S. Hogan (O) | 22.29 | R. Gill (C) | 14.80 |
| S. Ogilvie (O) | 21.07 | S. Wilson (C) | 21.34 | | 82.36 win | | 81.77 |
| S. Stockdale (O) | 18.77 | R. Gill (C) | 21.32 | | | | |
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4x800m 8:02.3

4x1500m 16:57.6

OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE RELAYS MATCH

West Suffolk Athletics Arena, Bury St. Edmunds Sunday March 3, 2002

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| 2. | 6:04.2 | Cambridge ' Oxford | 'B" (?D'Or, Sim, Walland, Willer) finished in 5:33.6 (Edmundson 27.0e, Whear 1:37.3e, Skorupska 2:25.9, Coleman 63.4) but were disqualified |
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(Mytton 2:04.0, Aldridge 2:03.9, Chandy 1:58.9, Talbot 2:00.8)

(Collins 4:15.3, Peterson 4:19.3, Talbot 4:02.6, Davies 4:20.4) (Baddeley 4:15.3, Hooper 4:19.3,

Bentley 4:20.0, Robinson 4:30.3)

(Bennett 18.4e, Sinclair 18.6e,

Edwards 18.6e, Green 15.5e)

Gallup 28.0e, Sleeman 24.6e)

(Collins 29.8e, Edwards 25.9e,

Brown 29.6e, Stockbridge 24.5e)

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(Gawthorpe 27.9e, Crawshaw 25.6e,

(French 51.3, Hemery 51.4, Venables 51.3, Green 49.1)

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| 2. | 7:43.4 | Oxford | (Skorupska 2:33.4, Bugler 2:41.0, |
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| 3. | 7:56.1 | Cambridge ' | "B" (Al-Kadhami 2:32.8, Sim 2:39.0, |
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4 x 200m hurdles1. 2:07.9 Oxford 1. 2:07.9 Oxford (Hogan 32.1e, Harling 31.7e, Day 34.0e, Watts 30.1e)
2. 2:09.3 Cambridge (Taylor 30.5e, Guthrie 32.9e, Dennehy 32.1e, Wayne 33.8e)

The Oxford time was a match record

Cambridge win by 4 events to 2



SWARD AND KINNAIRD TROPHY MATCHES

Achilles v St Mary's v Epsom & Ewell v Kingston & Poly v Hercules Wimbledon v Blackheath v TVH.v WSE. Kingsmeadow, Saturday 20th April 2002.

A bright and sunny day greeted the teams for the annual trophy match down Kingston way. A very pleasant change from recent years, and not only that, it was quite warm to boot! After much cajoling and not an unnecessary amount of arm twisting, several really classy athletes turned out this year to supplement the dwindling numbers of past greats that couldn't manage it for various reasons, including a broken wrist, and some spurious back complaint which didn't stop the man in question from turning up and gloating at not having to compete. Past Masters who did make a showing were not eclipsed by the 'in statu' members and indeed even managed to win a couple of events.

The Kinnaird Trophy for track events was a keenly contested match early on, but superior firepower and weight of numbers pushed Achilles to an insurmountable lead, demoralising the opposition by mid afternoon. Excellent wins from Jezza 'Billy Whizz' Bradley, Simon Wurr, Sam Aldridge, and Napier Fuller in the middle distance clean sweep, combined with some inspired high hurdling from Binny Bennett, and his ginger freak sidekick Andy Hodge, for another double win, broke the back of the opposition, and allowed the Achilles team the luxury of pitting the middle distance boys against all-comers in the 4x400m relay later on: the middle distance representatives again did themselves proud scoring a notable and immodestly celebrated win over our hastily assembled A team. The match result was a resounding victory for Achilles by 60 points.

The Sward Trophy in the Field was a far tougher match for Achilles, who, whilst scoring excellently in the jumps with good results in the High and Triple jumps and an easy win for veteran [not yet – ed.] vaulter Matt Weaver, haven't the firepower in the heavy throws to compete with the excellent performances from the St Mary's team. The Javelin boys Adrian Hemery and Rob Sinclair (who also won the second string vault) did manage to get close by



scoring a second and а first respectively, but it was all too little too late as St Mary's secured the Sward Trophy, leaving Achilles in disappointing but not discreditable 2nd In place. retrospect even Achilles had produced its very

best throwers for this match the performances of the St Mary's team were so good as to make second place a likely result anyway.

The team were able to dedicate their win to Sandy Duncan, who celebrated his 90th birthday a few days later: 'One hell of an age:', Sandy remarks, 'not to be recommended!' - *Matt Weaver*

| | Α | | B and guests | |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 100 | 2. Rob Harle | 11.35 | 2. Dan Harrison | 11.9 |
| | | | Andy French | 11.8 |
| 200 | 2. Harle | 22.8 | 3. French | 23.6 |
| | | | Adrian Hemery | 23.6 |
| | | | Alan James | 23.7 |
| | | | Dan Harrison | 24.2 |
| 400 | Hugh Venables | 53.1 | 4. Chris Burin | 57.05 |
| 800 | 2. Laurence Chandy | 1:57.03 | 2. Oli Mytton | 2:01.29 |
| 1500 | 1. Jeremy Bradley | 4:10.38 | Sam Aldridge | 4:10.71 |



| 2000 s/c 110H | 1. Simon Wurr 1. Andy Hodge | 5:54.3 16.4 | Napier Fuller Binny Bennett | 6:50.0 16.8 |
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| 400H 4 x 100 | 4. James 1. Achilles | 61.2 44.6 | | |
| 4 x 400 | 3. Achilles A Venables 54.1, Burin 56.6, | 3:34.5 | Achilles B Aldridge 54.6, Mytton 56.0, | 3:34.1 |
| | Sinclair 52.8, French 51.0 | | Chandy 49.4, Bradley 54.1 | |

Kinnaird Achilles 208, St Mary's 148, Kingston & Poly 144, TVH 131, Epsom & Ewell Trophy 107, Blackheath 97, Windsor Slough & Eton 72, Hercules Wimbledon 55

| PV | 1. Matt Weaver | 4.50 | 1. Rob Sinclair | 3.20 |
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| HJ | 2. Hemery | 1.80 | 1. Hodge | 1.80 |
| LJ | Will Senbanjo | 6.55 | Glynn Chidlow | 6.31 |
| | | | Steve Kom | 6.03 |
| TJ | 2. Senbanjo | 13.27 | 3. Sinclair | 11.69 |
| HT | 6. Tom Gugliemi | 40.07 | | |
| DT | 4. Hemery | 35.72 | 4. Jim Soswicky | 30.93 |
| SP | 5. Gugliemi | 9.98 | 4. Soswicky | 9.80 |
| JT | 2. Hemery | 45.54 | 1. Sinclair | 43.09 |

Sward St Mary's 192, Achilles 162, Epsom & E 126, Kingston & Poly 120, Hercules Trophy Wimbledon 74, TVH 57, Blackheath 56

BUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ellen Leggate won the 1500m, while other medallist were Andy Baddely, 2nd at 1500m, Simon Thomas, 3rd in the high jump, and Andy Hennessy (London) 3rd in the steeplechase, a place ahead of Nick Talbot. Others well placed were Rob Harle, the only sprinter to reach the finals of both the 200m (5th) and 100m (7th), Steve Green, a modest 4th in the 400m hurdles, Andy Brown and Laurence Chandy (5th and 7th over 800m), Matt Searles, 8th at 400m, Nav Childs, 7th in the triple jump, Julia Bleasdale, 8th at 1500m, and Jenny Duff, 7th in the discus.

THE 128TH VARSITY MATCH

18 MAY 2002, Iffley Road, Oxford

Highlight of the afternoon was **Steve Green's** match record, in adverse conditions, in the 400m hurdles, removing from the records book the name of **Mike Hogan**, chief guest at that evening's Achilles Dinner, who most appropriately was on hand to present him with the Drake Digby Trophy. Steve also won the 400m and the 200m hurdles. The Susan Dennler Trophy was won uniquely by a relay team, CUAC's **Jacqueline LeGeyt, Rosie Curling, Alex Cooke and Lucy Stockbridge** having combined to se a new record in the 4 x 100m. In spite of all their efforts, however, it was Oxford who emerged victorious in both Blues Matches. **Jenny Duff** won all three heavy throws and was awarded the Le Touquet Trophy, while the Paul Gomme Trophy went to javelin specialist **James MacFarlane**. **Adrian Hemery** was busy as usual, and won the Achilles Trophy. **Nick Talbot** did his trademark tough double in the 5000m and steeplechase, as did **Ellen Leggate** over 800m and 1500m. **Helen Edmundson** and **Finlay Wright** both scored sprint doubles. And it was a proud family moment when **Sally Hogan** went up to collect her winner's medal for the 100m hurdles.

MEN, Blues Match

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100m (wind -3.3) F. Wright (O) 11.37, A. Abiola (C) 11.40, R. Harle (C) 11.46, C. Sleeman (O) 11.52
               F. Wright (O) 22.54, R. Harle (C) 23.10, R. Gawthorpe (O) 24.24, [Y. Baki (C) DNF]
               S. Green (C) 48.32, C. Sleeman (O) 49.55, M. Searles (O) 50.55, A. French (C) 50.67
400m
800m
               A. Brown (C) 1:53.60, L. Chandy (O) 1:54.20, L. Dale (C) 1:56.80, O. Mytton (O) 2:01.38
               E. Green (C) 3:55.97, D. Talbot (C) 4:01.11, S. Aldridge (O) 4:03.84, J. Bradley (O) 4:09.72
1500m
               N. Talbot (O) 14:51.0, B. Moreau (O) 15:22.7, J. Mason (C) 15:29.8, R. Hooper (C) 15:51.3
5000m
110m h (wind -3.1) A. Hemery (C) 16.22, J. Crawshaw (O) 16.77, R. Gawthorpe (O) 16.82, S. Thomas (C) 17.86
200m h (wind -1.7) S. Green (C) 24.54, C. Sleeman (O) 25.78. A. Hemery (C) 26.43, J. Crawshaw (O) 26.75
400m h
               S. Green (C) 52.12 (match record), C, Sleeman (O) 60.13, R. Gawthorpe (O) 60.15,
               [W. Tagoe (C) DQ]
               N. Talbot (O) 9:19.5, R. Fergus (O) 10:04.62, D. Barker (C) 10:35.96, [F. Malone-Lee (C) DQ]
Steeplechase
               S. Thomas (C) 1.85, K. Millbradt (O) 1.80, T. Wabnitz (C) 1.80, A. Rowe (O) 1.75
High Jump
               R. Sinclair (O) 3.85, A. Hemery (C) 3.60, D. Palmer (C) 3.30, O. Choutka (O) 3.20
Pole Vault
Long Jump
               B. Biobaku (O) 6.74, A. Hemery (C) 6.73, W. Senbanjo (O) 6.65, N. Childs (C) 6.60
Triple Jump
               W. Senbanjo (O) 14.45, N. Childs (C) 14.05, E. Efeyini (O) 13.43, B. Goss (C) 13.20
               E. Mallett (C) 12.50, O. Choutka (O) 12.48, J. Tynte-Irvine (O) 12.12, A. Hemery (C) 11.43
Shot
Discus
               A. Hemery (C) 34.49, K. Tadinada (C) 34.48, O. Choutka (O) 34.12, J. Sosnicky (O) 33.47
Hammer
               G. Mackay (O) 42.06, T. Guglielmi (C) 41.16, G. Bellingham (O) 37.64, J. Cunningham (C) 27.83
               J. MacFarlane (O) 59.27, D. Harding (O) 56.80, J. Russell (C) 51.20, J. Cunningham (C) 39.42
Javelin
4 x 100m
               Oxford (Crawshaw, Wright, Sleeman, Young) 44.02, Cambridge (French, Collins, Bailey, Harle) 45.84
4 x 400m
               Oxford (Chandy 51.8, Searles 49.9, Sleeman 49.3, Wright 50.4) 3:21.39,
               Cambridge (Collins 53.8, Dale 51.4, French 49.7, Green 49.1) 3:23.96
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Result Oxford 113, Cambridge 96

WOMEN, Blues Match

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100m (wind -1.7) H. Edmundson (O) 12.50, L. Stockbridge (C) 12.62, K. Whear (O) 12.78, J. LeGeyt (C) 13.15
200m (wind -2.1) H. Edmundson (O) 25.54, A. Cooke (C) 25.90, K. Whear (O) 25.91, L. Stockbridge (C) 26.08
               A. Cooke (C) 57.98, C. Brown (C) 60.58, N. Coleman (O) 64.55, S. Watts (O) 65.42
400m
               E. Leggate (C) 2:12.45, H. Zenner (O) 2:16.74, A. Guthrie (C) 2:18.72, E. Crowley (O) 2:19.33
800m
1500m
               E. Leggate (C) 4:33.18, H. Zenner (O) 4:34.29, J. Bleasdale (C) 4:43.63, E. Crowley (O) 4:58.0
5000m
               K. Skorupska (O) 17:30.1, E. Ferenczi (C) 17:38.4, G. Carnwath (O) 18:37.9, K. Ellison (C) 19:16.9
100m hurdles S. Hogan (O) 15.38, K. Taylor (C) 16.30, S. Watts (O) 16.53, J. Wayne (C) 17.79
              S. Watts (O) 63.95, K. Taylor (C) 64.59, S. Hogan (O) 67.74, J. Wayne (C) 72.64
400m hurdles
               S. Dennehy (C) 1.61, S. Hogan (O) 1.58, S. Watts (O) 1.55, A. Fitzgerald (C) 1.50
High Jump
               P. Whitehouse (O) 2.10, H. Barnes (O) 1.90, K. Warren (C) 1.60, [S. Flannery (C) NH]
Pole Vault
               R. Curling (C) 5.65, S. Lane (O) 5.34, C. Sanderson (O) 5.21, S. Dennehy (C) 5.10
Long Jump
               S. Dennehy (C) 10.89, R. Curling (C) 10.84, A. Bowden (O) 10.76, C. Sanderson (O) 9.69
Triple Jump
Shot
               J. Duff (O) 10.49, K. Taylor (C) 10.24, O. Reade (O) 9.47, S. Wilson (C) 9.41
Discus
               J. Duff (O) 37.95, C. Kapande (O) 29.07, E. Cannell (C) 20.23, O. Poole-Wilson (C) 17.90
Hammer
               J. Duff (O) 33.86, C. Kapande (O) 33.44, E. Migo (C) 30.91, E. Cannell (C) 29.21
Javelin
               O. Poole-Wilson (C) 32.37, S. Dennehy (C) 29.83, N. Horne (O) 29.60,
               S. Ogilvie (O) 28.20
               Cambridge (LeGeyt, Cooke, Curling, Stockbridge) 48.05 (match record),
4 x 100m
               [Oxford (Sanderson, Edmundson, Whear, Hogan) DNF]
4 x 400m
               Cambridge (Cooke 58.0, Taylor 58.2, Leggate 62.5, Brown 59.1) 3:57.83,
               Oxford (Watts 61.1, Whear 64.4, Coleman 61.9, Edmundson 60.8) 4:08.19
Result
               Oxford 95, Cambridge 92
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SECOND TEAM MATCHES

MEN, Centipedes v Alverstone

100m(wind -3.1) R. Young (O) 11.89, P. Harding (O) 12.23, R. Wheater (C) 12.27, N. Wells (C) 12.49 R. Young (O) 24.01, N. Wells (C) 24.48, S. Stafford (O) 24.53, R. Webster (C) 24.99 200m M. Collins (C) 51.94, M. Hollington (O) 52.37, B. Azamian (O) 53.48, H. Venables (C) 55.09 400m 800m J. Hutchins (O) 2:02.44, A. Owen (C) 2:03.38, E. Peterson (O) 2:04.82, H. Venables (C) 2:08.52 1500m M. Taylor (O) 4:09.11, J. Hutchins (O) 4:10.25, B. Davies (C) 4:11.32, C. Bentley (C) 4:13.35 5000m G. Davies (O) 15:57.4, B. Classon (O) 16:46.4, P. Scard (C) 16:57.3, M. Bown (C) 17:35.3 110m h (wind -4.7) B. Bennett (O) 17.54, G. Bailey (C) 18.91, C. Wright (O) 19.55, G. Shaw (C) 21.69 200m h (wind -2.7) B. Bennett (O) 27.76, G. Bailey (C) 28.73, C. Wright (O) 29.04, H. St. Aubyn (C) 29.80 B. Bennett (O) 59.81, R. Michael (O) 61.18, G. Bailey (C) 65.92, M. Robinson (C) 74.17 E. Peterson (O) 10:01.47, M. Robinson (C) 10:24.77, N. Fuller (C) 10:55.60, J. Macke (O) 11:16.02 400m hurdles Steeplechase High Jump G. Shaw (C) 1.70, M. Scaife (O) 1.65, J. Bucknell (O) & H. St. Aubyn (C) 1.60 R. Wirtz (C) 2.80, N. Talbot (C) 2.80, K. Asrress (O) 2.30, [R. Clarke (O) NH] M. Collins (C) 6.41, O. Robertshaw (O) 6.30, H. St. Aubyn (C) 6.27, S. Kom (O) 6.20 Pole Vault Long Jump H. St. Aubyn (C) 13.09, C. Ainsley (C) 12.52, O. Robertshaw (O) 12.34, M. Scaife (O) 11.57 S. Dworski (C) 10.67, W. Moore (O) 10.63, B. Poynter (C) 9.78, B. Lawton (O) 9.31 Triple Jump Shot Discus B. Hopcroft (O) 30.16, S. Dworski (C) 29.30, R. Williams (O) 20.42, M. Collins (C) 19.78

M. Boyd (C) 27.49, W. Moore (O) 26.81, S. Dworski (C) 23.91, B. Hopcroft (O) 20.32 Hammer P. Harding (O) 48.15, B. Poynter (C) 47.43, K. Asrress (O) 40.19, M. Collins (C) 34.96 Javelin 4 x 100m Oxford Centipedes (Stafford, Harding, Sinclair, Barnett) 44.80, Cambridge Alverstone (Wells, Lyst, Tagoe, Wheater) 45.89

Cambridge Alverstone (Owen 54.7, Wells 52.4, Childs 52.5, Venables 53.1) 3:32.70, Oxford 4 x 400m

Centipedes (Hollington 53.7, Bunn 53.8, Rush 52.2, Azamian 53.1) 3:32.78

Result Oxford Centipedes 113.5, Cambridge Alverstone 97.5

WOMEN, Millipedes v Alligators

100m (wind -3.6) S. Burns (O) 13.49, T. Banerjee (O) 14.25, B. Cain (C) 14.56, V. Evans (C) 14.98 200m (wind -3.3) S. Burns (O) 27.65, E. Kreling (C) 29.33, B. Cain (C) 29.39, A. MacAleenan (O) 30.10
400m E. Kreling (C) 64.8, A. Lody (O) 66.0, G. Sim (C) 72.4, S. Day (O) 74.1
800m L. Walland (C) 2:23.82, E. Kreling (C) 2:24.75, L. Bromilow (O) 2:27.94, H. Wright (O) 2:35.80

L. Walland (C) 5:05.43, C. Willer (C) 5:05.80, L. Bromilow (O) 5:07.13, H. Wright (O) 5:23.1 M. Gleason (O) 19:28.6, E. Pooley (C) 19:29.9, G. Sim (C) 20:31.9, L. Bromilow (O) 21:09.9 1500m 5000m 100m h (wind -1.7)A. Harling (O) 18.35, C. Greenwood (O) 19.20, A.N. Other (C) 20.77, A. Russell (C) 20.86 S. Day (O) 70.82, A. McKay (C) 74.47, C. Greenwood (O) 77.59, A. R. C. Clark (C) 1.45, A. McKay (C) 1.40, C. Green (O) & A. MacAleenan (O) 1.35 400m h A. Russell (C) 93.6

High Jump A. Stephenson (C) 1.90, A. Bascom (C) 1.30 Pole Vault (n/s) Long Jump J. Bull (C) 4.86, H. Douthwaite (O) 4.61, B. Cain (C) 4.50, A. MacAleenan (O) 4.48

A. MacAleenan (O) 9.73, B. Cain (C) 9.52, A. McKay (C) 8.64, K. Shields (O) 8.51 Triple Jump O. Finch (O) 8.41, A. Stevens (C) 7.79, R. Sides (C) 7.55, C. Inglis (O) 7.06 Shot

Discus E. Harwood (O) 26.98, S. Stockdale (O) 25.45, A. Stevens (C) 22.67, L. Killian (C) 20.72 Hammer A. Stevens (C) 21.72, S. Stockdale (O) 21.68, R. Sides (C) 18.69, E. Harwood (O) 14.87 G. Montgomery (C) 20.98, K. Digger (C) 20.65, S. Stockdale (O) 18.87, A. Stone (O) 17.85 .lavelin 4 x 100m

Cambridge Alligators (Dennehy, Cain, Fitzgerald, -) 53.44,Oxford Millipedes (MacAleenan, Burns, Bowden, Banerjee) 54.57

Cambridge Alligators (Dennehy 65.2, Wayne 64.1, Guthrie 64.2, Bleasdale 61.4) 4:14.91, Oxford

4 x 400m Millipedes (Zenner 64.7, Greenwood 65.9, Hogan 62.5, Lody 68.0) 4:21.04

Result Cambridge Alligators 96, Oxford Millipedes 83

ACHILLES V LOUGHBOROUGH SAC V STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Men 100m Match +1.2m/s 1 F Wright (Achilles) 10.9 2 R Harle (Achilles) 11.1 3 Jon Hassain (LSAC) 11.2 4 J Baxter Charnwood 11.4 5 A Shepard Charnwood 11.5 100m Guest +0.4m/s 1 A French (Achilles) 11.5 2 A Fenn Daventry 11.7 3 A James (Achilles) 11.7 4 D Bennet (Achilles) 12.7

110mH +1.8m/s 1 Tim Reer (LSAC) 14.1

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2 A Hemery (Achilles) 15.3 200m +0.2m/s 1 F Wright (Achilles) 21.8 2 R Harle (Achilles) 22.6 3 T McAdam (Staffs) 22.6 4 A French (Achilles) 22.9 5 A Fenn Day 23.3 6 M Hollington (Achilles) 24.2 1 Andy King (LSAC) 51.7 2 Mike Amson (LSAC) 51.9 3 B Stratford (Staffs) 52.8 4 A French (Achilles) 53.8 400mH 1 Andy Dean (LSAC) 56.0 2 D Hall Birch 57.1 3 T Grantham Sheff 58.8 4 N Fuller (Achilles) 70.8 800m Match 1 Rob Whittle (LSAC) 1:53.5 2 Tom Carter (LSAC) 1:53.5 3 Andy Sherman (LSAC) 1:53.8 4 L Chandy (Achilles) 1:53.9 5 Steve Vernon (LSAC) 1:55.8 6 P Hodgkinson (Staffs) 2:10.4 1500m Match 1 Tom Carter (LSAC) 3:53.02 2 Martyn Cryer (LSAC) 3:54.9 3 Neil Tucker (LSAC) 3:55.6 4 Iain Murdoch (LSAC) 3:57.6 5 Nick Samuels (LSAC) 3:59.1 6 N Childs ! (Achilles) 5:00.2 1 Spencer Newport (LSAC) 8:25.4 2 Matt Watson (LSAC) 8:27.8 3 J Brooks (Achilles) 8:47.9 4 P Benyon (Staffs) 8:59.5 5 L Dooley (Staffs) 9:05.7 3000mSC 1 S Bazell (Staffs) 9:56.0 2 N Fuller (Achilles) 11:08.2 1 J Hunt (Staffs) 12.94 2 P Scott (Staffs) 12.31 3 J Moreland (Achilles) 11.03 4 Si Plaskitt (LSAC) 9.79 5 Jon Hassain (LSAC) 6.90 1 Ed Reid (LSAC) 48.77 2 J Moreland (Achilles) 47.00 3 J Sosnicky (Achilles) 32.24 Javelin 1 Si Plaskitt (LSAC) 36.12 2 N Childs (Achilles) 32.12 3 Jon Hassain (LSAC) 19.65 Hammer 1 John Pearson (LSAC) 63.99 2 Stuart Thurgood (LSAC) 52.91 3 D Benning (Staffs) 31.74

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1 John Hassain (LSAC) 6.13 2 Tomas Dunn (LSAC) 6.09



3 N Childs (Achilles) 6.03 1 N Childs (Achilles) 13.97 2 Jon Hassain (LSAC) 12.26 1 Owen Chesker (LSAC) 1.75 2 A Rowe (Achilles) 1.70 PV1 Chris Mills (LSAC) 4.30 2 A Hemery (Achilles) 4.00 3 Damien O'Hara (LSAC) 3.80 4 x 100m 1 Achilles 44.5 2 Loughborough SAC 45.0 4 x 400m 1 Loughborough SAC 3:21.5 2 Achilles 3:23.5 3 Staffordshire University 3:44.2 Result: 1 Loughborough SAC 238 2 Achilles 181 3 Staffordshire University 73 Women 100m +1.8m/s 1 L Stockbridge (Achilles) 12.2 2 Y Henry Wigan 12.2 3 H Edmundson (Achilles) 12.4 4 R Redmond (Staffs) 12.4 5 K Whear (Achilles) 12.7 110mH +0.7m/s 1 Nusrat Cessay (LSAC) 14.9 2 S Gumbs Birmingham U 15.2 3 S Watts (Achilles) 16.1 4 C Ridgley (Achilles) 17.3 5 Katie Horne (LSAC) 21.6 200m -0.2m/s 1 L Stockbridge (Achilles) 25.5 2 K Whear (Achilles) 25.9 3 N Gumb Charn 26.0 4 C Brown (Achilles) 26.7 1 C Brown (Achilles) 59.8 2 Suzanne Hasler (LSAC) 61.1 3 Rhona Blair (LSAC) 62.5 1 C Ridgley (Achilles) 71.3 2 Laura Henderson (LSAC) 73.3 1 D Glover (Staffs) 2:19.8 2 Sonia Thomas (LSAC) 2:20.2 3 V Owen (Staffs) 2:26.9 1 K Ellison (Achilles) 5:02.8 2 C Brooker (Staffs) 5:05.9 1 Sonia Thomas (LSAC) 9:36.1 2 S Owen (Staffs) 9:36.7 3 E Ferenczi (Achilles) 10:03.7

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1 Rebecca Peake (LSAC) 13.33



2 J Duff (Achilles) 9.83 3 Katie Horne (LSAC) 8.79 4 A Watson (Staffs) 8.50 5 S Dennehy (Achilles) 8.30 Discus 1 Jackie McKernon (LSAC) 53.84 2 Sue Backhouse (LSAC) 43.45 3 J Duff (Achilles) 34.04 4 C Beasley (Achilles) 29.52 1 S Dennehy (Achilles) 27.31 2 Jenny Blackman (LSAC) 25.34 3 C Ridgley (Achilles) 21.89 4 Katie Horne (LSAC) 16.95 1 Suzanne Roberts (LSAC) 59.72 2 Katie Horne (LSAC) 41.57 3 J Duff (Achilles) 35.45 4 E Migo (Achilles) 26.82 1 Lucy Butler (LSAC) 5.83 2 Fiona Westwood (LSAC) 5.61 3 S Dennehy (Achilles) 5.38 4 C Sanderson (Achilles) 5.13 5 L Patterson (Staffs) 5.09 1 S Dennehy (Achilles) 10.82 2 C Ridgley (Achilles) 10.65w 3 C Davies (Staffs) 10.59 1 S Dennehy (Achilles) 1.53 2 S Watts (Achilles) 1.50 1 Clare Ridgley (Achilles) 3.55 2 Becky Ridgley (LSAC) 3.40 4 x 100m

1 Achilles 48.7

2 Loughborough SAC 51.4

4 x 400m 1 Loughborough SAC 4:31.5

Result: 1 Achilles 238

2 Loughborough SAC 181

3 Staffordshire University 57



THE 58TH FRESHMEN'S MATCH

Wilberforce Road, Cambridge. Sunday 10th November 2002

The standard of many performances was high. The multiple wins of Oxford's **Fraser Thompson** (800, 1500, 3000, a month before victory on the Varsity Cross Country) and Cambridge's **Dan Bray** (100, 200, 400h, TJ) were particularly notable, but the Achilles Freshmen's Medal was awarded to **Grace Clements**, who secured victory for Cambridge in the women's match with wins in the 100h, 400h, long jump, high jump, discus and javelin.



Dan Bray (C) 11.4, Tom Harris (O) 11.9, Sean Buckeridge (O) 12.1, Adam Staten (C) 12.8 100m Dan Bray (C) 23.2, Tom Harris (O) 23.9, Hamish Sutcliff (O) 24.6, Rob Buxton (C) 25.0 200m Thomas Hocker (C) 53.6, Chris Wright (O) 53.8, Thorstein Bostad (C) 54.3, Ian Anderson (O) 56.0 400m Fraser Thompson (O) 1:59.1, Thorstein Bostad (C) 2:00.9, Mark Dewhirst (O) 2:06.2, Scott Danks (C) 2:35.4 800m 1500m Fraser Thompson (O) 4:17.1, Robin Macintosh (C) 4:18.7, Matt Sumpter (C) 4:23.7, Nicholas Radford (O) 4:31.8 Fraser Thompson (O) 8:40.8, Chris Parr (O) 9:16.5, Rich Hewitt (C) 9:26.1, Ed Brady (C) 9:51.3 3000m Richard Baderin (O) 16.8, Alastair Burgess (O) 18.7, Christophe Wauters (C) 21.6, Adam Staten (C) 23.6 110m hurdles Dan Bray (C) 55.4, Thomas Hocker (C) 58.0, David Magezi (O) 62.4, Alastair Burgess (O) 62.8 400m hurdles Andy Sims (C) 6:29.4, Mark Dewhirst (O) 6:43.9, James Sheehan (C) 6:52.1, Nick Gallus (O) 7:07.1 2000m s/c Adam Collins (C) 1.80, Sean Gourley (O) 1.75, James Weston (O) 1.45, Hugh Watson (C) 1.40 High jump Sean Gourley (O) 3.20, Charles Smitheman (O) 2.80, Hugh Watson (C) 2.20, John Winny (C) 2.00 Pole vault Sean Gourley (O) 6.64, Richard Reader (C) 6.54, Dan Bray (C) 6.49, Daniel Johnson (O) 5.42 Long jump Dan Bray (C) 12.98, Nicholas Radford (O) 12.35, Richard Reader (C) 12.22, Daniel Johnson (O) 11.47 Triple jump Sean Gourley (O) 10.88, Oliver Wooding (O) 9.24, Hugh Watson (C) 8.91, Richard Laver (C) 6.18 Shot Sean Gourley (O) 34.14, David Ziyambi (C) 29.92, Vijay Selvam (O) 28.31, Chris Dunleavy (C) 17.21 **Discus** Adrian Cunliffe (O) 43.28, Richard Woods (O) 42.95, John Winny (C) 35.3, Alex Thomas (C) 32.53 Javelin Cambridge (Wauters, Ben Ploughman, Reader, Bray) 46.3, Oxford (Buckeridge, Dong Sheng, Sutcliff, Harris) 47.4 4 x 100m Cambridge (Hocker 53.5, Ploughman 55.6, Bostad 52.7, Bray 51.3) 3:33.0, Oxford (Wright 54.5, Duncan Macrae 56.4, 4 x 400m Anderson 58.4, Wyllie 55.5) 3:44.8

Result Oxford 100, Cambridge 90

28th Freshwomen's Match

| 100m | Eyi Tuakli-Wosornu (O) 13.2, Lydia Ash (C) 13.9, Vicky Bone (C) 15.0, Thea Houghton (O) 15.1 |
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| 200m | Eyi Tuakli-Wosornu (O) 28.1, Phillippa Geering (C) 29.4, Lydia Ash (C) 30.4, Elin Leyshon (O) 31.6 |
| 400m | Jessica Evans (C) 69.7, Alice Beverly (O) 70.0, Ellen Pooley (O) 70.6, Dorit Koenitz (C) 74.7 |
| 800m | Alice Beverly (O) 2:31.3, Jessica Evans (C) 2:36.6, Natalie McGoldrick (C) 2:40.4, Elizabeth Kemper (O) 2:44.0 |
| 1500m | Stephanie Bullock (O) 5:17.9, Bryony Turrell (O) 5:22.5, Eleanor Monks (C) 5:27.6, Sabine Hannema (C) 5:29.6 |
| 3000m | Jessica Leitch (O) 10:58.4, Ellen Pooley (O) 11:44.1, Jessica Evans (C) 11:59.6, Sarah Maidment (C) 12:34.8 |
| 110m hurdles | Grace Clements (C) 15.7, Elin Leyshon (O) 18.2, Vesselina Ratcheva (C) 20.9, Sarah Morris (O) 21.0 |
| 400m hurdles | Grace Clements (C) 73.5, Elin Leyshon (O) 76.9, Vesselina Ratcheva (C) 82.3, Helen Fifield () 92.4 |
| High jump | Grace Clements (C) 1.60, Clare Foister (C) & Sarah Morris (O) 1.35, Thea Houghton (O) 1.25 |
| Pole vault | Christine Bailey (C) 2.00, Naomi Moran (C) 1.60, Stephanie Bullock (O) 1.40, [Kathryn Hesketh (O) NH] |
| Long jump | Grace Clements (C) 5:13, Rebecca Watts 4.70, Kathryn Hesketh (O) 4.50, Thea Houghton (O) 4.18 |
| Triple jump | Rebecca Watts (C) 10.31, Kathryn Hesketh (O) 10.10, Lydia Ash (C) 9.65, Thea Houghton (O) 8.95 |
| Shot | Theadora Sakata (C) 8.39, Mary Pickering (C) 8.25, Linsey Fitzharris (O) 7.98, Ligaya Batten (O) 7.52 |
| Discus | Grace Clements (C) 24.30, Ligaya Batten (O) 23.38, Linsey Fitzharris (O) 19.41, Theadora Sakata (C) 17.21 |
| Javelin | Grace Clements (C) 32.20, Sîan Turner (C) 20.55, Jan Strugnell (O) 18.93, Stephanie Bullock (O) 18.71 |
| 4 x 100m | Oxford (Leyshon, Hesketh, Houghton, Tuakli-Wosornu) 56.1, Cambridge (Geering, Rudge, Watts, Ash) 57.4 |
| 4 x 400m | Cambridge (Clements 65.3, Ash 71.5, Evans 71.9, Geering 75.7) 4:34.3, Oxford (Bullock 70.1, Kemper 74.0, Turrell 73.9, Beverly 69.8) 4:47.7 |
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THE VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY MATCH 2002

Cambridge 97.5, Oxford 80.5

Men

Result



| 1 | Fraser Thompson | (O) | 37.38 | |
|---|-----------------|-----|-------|--|
| 2 | Jerome Brooks | (O) | 37.39 | |
| 3 | Nick Talbot | (O) | 38.01 | |
| 4 | Andy Baddeley | (C) | 39.27 | |
| 5 | Gareth Davies | (O) | 39.36 | |
| 6 | John Friedman | (C) | 39.50 | |
| 7 | Sam Aldridge | (O) | 39.56 | |
| 8 | James Mason | (C) | 40.51 | |

| 9 | Ed Green | (C) | 40.54 |
|----|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 10 | Darren Talbot | (C) | 41.01 |
| 11 | Philip Killingley | (O) | 41.06 |
| 12 | Ben Hope | (C) | 41.13 |
| 13 | Francis Malone-Lee | (C) | 41.16 |
| 14 | Matthew Taylor | (O) | 41.18 |
| 15 | John Hutchins | (O) | 43.39 |
| 16 | Rowan Hooper | (C) | 47.02 |

Oxford win 29-49

Women

| 1 | Ellen Leggate | (C) | 24.03 | |
|---|-----------------|-----|-------|--|
| 2 | Hatti Dean | (O) | 24.21 | |
| 3 | Emily Ferenczi | (C) | 24.52 | |
| 4 | Julia Bleasdale | (C) | 25.05 | |
| 5 | Karen Ellison | (C) | 25.14 | |
| 6 | Rachel Horn | (C) | 25.22 | |
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| 7 | Helen Barnes | (O) | 25.31 | |
|----|----------------|-----|-------|--|
| 8 | Helen Zenner | (O) | 25.39 | |
| 9 | Emily Crowley | (O) | 25.46 | |
| 10 | Jessica Leitch | (O) | 27.02 | |
| 11 | Emma Pooley | (C) | 27.06 | |
| 12 | Lara Bromilow | (O) | 27.11 | |

Cambridge win 13-26



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50 YEARS ON..... ACHILLES IN 1952

Eight members competed in the Olympics in Helsinki: Roger Bannister, who set a new UK Record of 4:56.0 in the 1500m; Chris Chataway, who earlier in the season set a new UK Record of 8:55.6 in the 2 Miles; Nic Stacey, who headed the UK rankings for the season over 200m with 21.5; Chris Brasher, who set a Club record of 9:03.2 in the Steeplechase; Alan Dick, who headed the UK rankings over 440y with 48.3; Peter Hildreth, the UK's premier hurdler at both 110m and 220v; AW Scott, who set aClub 400m hurdle record of 53.0; and the experienced Tim Anderson, still today ever present at the Varsity pole vault.

At home, Norris McWhirter was Club Team Manager, and together with Ross organised a series of evening meetings in the London area. Jerry Cornes took over the arranging of schools tours, and led a party round the West Country.

Oxford won the Varsity Match: there were a number of fine performances and full results are set out at the end of this Report. Roger Bannister and Dennis Tucker (javelin



Robert Stinson in full flight at the Varsity Relays c. 1953 – photo supplied by Alan Sexton

throw of 204' 11" /62.46m) were awarded Achilles Medals.

ACHILLES' SEMINAL CONTRIBUTION TO BRITISH TRIPLE JUMP ASCENDANCY

From Rex Van Rossum:

Now that Great Britain has the Olympic Champion, World Champion, Commonwealth Champion and world record holder par excellence in this event, I thought this letter would be of interest to members and indicate the pioneering spirit of Achilles!

I had no difficulty in acceding to Geoff Dyson's request, as we had two of the UK top 10 triple jumpers in residence in Oxford. Furthermore, I had witnessed first hand as a schoolboy at the Helsinki Olympics the great Ferreria da Silva break the world record four times in an afternoon: in response to the call from the knowledgeable Finnish crowd he ran round the track after the victory ceremony, acknowledging the applause: the first ever lap of honour in athletics, I believe.

I did however insist that the triple jump be included as a scoring event, and on the day **Trevor Southall** and **Keith Holloway** duly took first and second for Oxford.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

COACHING COMMITTEE

November 6th 1958

Dear Van Rossum

You will be well aware of our national weakness in the Triple Jump, and ready, I know, to do what you can to help produce better British performers in the event.

One of the things we must do, I'm certain, is to include it regularly in all our schools and university athletic programmes, and this is why I am writing to you

I should be grateful if you would consider (with the Cambridge President, to whom I am also writing by this post) the idea of having the Triple jump in the Inter-Varsity Sports programme for '59 – even if, at first, it scored no points in your contest.

With kindest personal regards

Yours sincerely

G.H.G. Dyson Chief National Coach



40 YEARS ON.... ACHILLES IN 1962

From Robin Macklin:

was the somewhat obscure President of OUAC in 1962 sandwiched - almost literally in the Blues' photo - between the bulging biceps of Roger Lane (Pres. 1961 and international javelin thrower) and the even more impressive thighs of Adrian Metcalfe (Pres. 1963).

Mν election unopposed: the retiring President, John Holt, thought, probably quite rightly, that the towering David Waterhouse - well, he was a shot-putter - would be more forceful. It was all very harmonious: after all, David and I were at the same school. But on recently dusting off the 1962 photograph, I found no sign of David. What- happened to him?

My only serious claim to fame is finishing 3rd in the 220 yds Hurdles for 4 successive years, a record that for various reasons may not be beaten! The proper hurdles race - over 440yds - was not included until 1963.

Adrian, while still a junior, had set a British best of 45.7 for 400m. in the previous year. Hardly surprising that he won the Drake Digby Cup. But the manner of it was memorable: three victories, each with inter-varsity records in 100yds (9.7), 220yds (21.0), 440yds (47.0).

Bear in mind that in those days we ran on cinders, usually in the famous green and white Adidas

shoes, though some preferred to have their shoes made to measure by small specialist firms like Laws and Fosters. The spikes, about six of them, were about 3/4in long and fixed, so once they wore down, the shoes were useless. And they didn't come cheap, at about £10 a pair! High jumpers and pole vaulters also had no feather bed treatment. To land on an inhospitable heap of sand can't have been fun, but I remember the silky elegance of Charles Van Dyck's western roll and John Hutton's gritty pole vaulting, with of course an aluminium pole.

The White City was a strange, cavernous stadium for the Varsity match. The wide grassy greyhound sward for separated athletes from spectators, so the small scattering of the latter was scarcely visible. So different from Iffley Road, packed and excited for the annual match against the A.A.A., many of them remembering the first four minute mile. Other memories of the Blues' match include Mike Hogan's double win in the 120 and 220vds hurdles. How cheeky to beat his President! He went on to run 400m hurdles in the Olympics of 1964. The ebullient Mike Ralph who used to train in a vest weighted with lead won the triple jump, and Rodger Bell beat Martin Heath by 1/10 sec in an epic tussle over the mile.

Sharing digs with Rodger at the time, I recognised the dedication required to secure his victory: the flat was forever full of a sort of toasting smell as yet again he applied a heat lamp to his sore achilles tendons. I did not understand his capacity dedication when he left the post-match celebrations early to return to his revision for finals. But then he's now a High Court judge, so perhaps it was a shrewd choice.

And I remember the two OUAC coaches. Ken Brookman, the enthusiastic barking schoolmaster type who coached Roger Lane; and John Heaton, the cerebral coach, very guiet and thoughtful. Some favoured one, some the other.

Other memories are more vague, particularly the trip to Dublin where they regaled us with Guinness, stories of rival athletics clubs blowing up each other's tracks and more Guinness, and then expected us to race. I can't remember who won: not stupid, the Irish!

Looking back, I am struck at the standards achieved in those days; at the many who reached international status and the very many who appeared in the top ten of the national rankings. It was all desperately serious, but enormous fun as well.



From Adrian Metcalfe:

S o, its 40 years already since 1962. That old fascist Time tries to make us believe that history is linear and that it is the fate of age to be condemned to "look back". In fact our memories are contemporary; it is just that we chose to put certain relationships on hold for a while until they become relevant again. When I talk now to Michael Hogan and indeed to Jeffrey Archer, they are absolutely no different to what they "were" in our digs at 35, Iffley Road.

As Paul Willcox's letter inviting reminisces dropped through the letter box, Robin Macklin was on the phone having had the same summons. We probably hadn't been in touch since Oxford days, but we chatted as if we spoke every week.

1962 was a pivotal year for OUAC. It was the first time that a majority of students came up from school rather than from National Service. Therefore they were, like me, effectively 2 years younger in physical development (as well as being social and intellectual novices). It marked the beginning of the decline in Achilles providing 50% of the national team. Even so we still had several present and future internationals on parade. It was personally my most rewarding Varsity match, but that didn't stop Cambridge shading us. Perhaps if John Boulter hadn't been in France on his go-native year, we would have found those vital points in the middle distances. My only regret is that the 10th of May in a cold wet White City is no preparation for a season that offered the Commonwealth Games in November. Especially if you pull a hamstring 2 weeks



Looking now at the results, it is the characters that leap off the page, not the rivalry. Brian Smouha, that smooth and slightly exotic sprinter; John Cook - lion-hearted; Gordon Lee-Steere taking 5 elephantine strides in the 220 hurdles; Mike Ralph, the pocket Hercules – who certainly benefited from his time in the Army; those quality distance men. "Judge" Rodger Bell. Tim Briault, Mike eternal-student Turner, Tim Johnston; god-like Roger Lane whose well-aimed javelin boot once despatched a rat scampering through the old pavilion; and of course the polymorphous and matchless Tom Blodgett, still a Titan of Achilles in New York. But sadness, too, that David Hall, the suave cynic, is no longer with us.

Happy days, good days. I would never swap those times to be a professional sprinter. What a nightmare. Life has to be bigger than that. But our times then on that cruddy track with its finish line half-way down the home straight still hold up pretty well against the current crop of athletes at both Universities. I wonder what they will think when they " look back" in 2042 ?

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

John Boulter (below against Peter Snell) recalls how he was denied a World Record



Matches between joint Oxford and Cambridge teams and any two Ivy League schools from across the Atlantic were always happy occasions for me and I am sure for all who participated. I remember my first visit to the USA (a fifteen hour plane ride to the East Coast) to compete against Cornell and Penn and then against Harvard and Yale. remember equalling the British Halfmile record against Harvard and Yale the evening before beginning Schools.

When I went down I supposed that, like gentle Sunday runs in the Parks, these joint matches were now part of a happy past. But no: one more match still remains vivid in my mind.

In 1966 it was at the Crystal Palace, now seemingly doomed to follow the White City stadium into disrepair, that Oxford and Cambridge entertained Cornell and Penn. The event, sponsored by the Daily Mail and the Evening News, took place before 9,000 spectators (oh, happy days!). In order to spice the meeting up and perhaps to entice the

television cameras and a few thousand of the capacity crowd the great sports journalist and promoter Terry O'Connor had decided to add a few invitation events. One of them was an attempt on the World record for the, let's be honest, rarely run event of the 4 x 880 yards.

I was happy to be invited to anchor the British team who were competing against some strong Germans and Russians as well as teams from Ireland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

After some great running by Graeme Grant, Mike Varah and Chris Carter I took over ten yards in the lead well on schedule for the World record. Determined not to be caught I set off really fast (for me anyway). I reached the bell in about 50 seconds and probably too fast and there, to quote the late Jim Coote, "coach John Le Masurier was so shocked by this that he used psychology and gave out the time of 52 seconds". I finished, just, with a time for the team of 7 mins 14.6 secs. The existing World Record for the 4 x 880 yards was 7min. 17.4 secs and for the 4 x 800 metres 7 min 15.8 secs.

So we had done it. Twice. Everybody was happy. At the postmatch reception David Exeter, then IAAF President said how pleased he would be to sign the World record forms in due course. Everyone was happy.

But we reckoned without the British sense of fair play. Somebody, and I never found out who, read the newspaper stories of John Le Mas's smart thinking and decided that this track-side constituted coaching (forbidden) or assistance to an athlete in competition (even more Amateur Athletic Board could not, under these circumstances, ratify the record and submit it to the IAAF. (The same person had fortunately not been present when Roger Bannister had first done the four minute mile).

I wrote to the then Honorary Secretary of the Board, Arthur Gold, with the proposal that he test the logic. He should set out to run 800 metres; at the bell I would shout out whichever time he thought would help him the most and he would see if this enabled him to break I min 50 or even to improve on his best performance.

He was not sympathetic to this suggestion: nor even to my request that the BAAB reimburse me for the car mileage from Cheltenham to the Crystal Palace and back. "We only pay second class rail-fare," came the answer, accompanied by a cheque for £2 7s.3d. Nobody seemed to care that after the meeting there was no way of taking a train back to Cheltenham and that I couldn't stay the night (which they would have paid for) because I had to be in the classroom early the next morning. As I said, "Happy days"

So I never did get a World Record Certificate, which would have been nice to show my grand-children who don't really believe I could run. But I still had a lot of fun and would do it all again... but faster if possible.

Chris Thorne recalls: remember it well - I was one of the timekeepers, and was assigned to take second place in that race. At the time, it was not expected that the GB team would be disqualified, but because they were. I was asked to forbidden) and that the British send my watch in, some few days



later, so that they could see that it was accurate enough! The USSR team which finished second in 7:16.0

were given the world record. It was a | always in contention: the Belgians in close race throughout with 6 teams

6th place recorded 7:19.8."

25 YEARS ON..... ACHILLES IN 1977

As always we are indebted to Chris Thorne for his meticulous record of Intervarsity competition. Following in the footsteps of Allan Malcolm, It is he who takes it upon himself to check and draw up all the results which appear in this Report. And as there was a period from 1971 to 1985 when Reports did not appear, he is now researching and recording that period, too, so that performances are accessible to posterity.

The Oxford v Cambridge Relays, Crystal Palace, 5 March 1977

Men

Oxford 43.5, Cambridge 43.7, Birmingham 44.2, Loughborough 44.9 4x100m 4x200m Cambridge 90.9, Oxford 91.1, Birmingham 93.9, Loughborough 94.9

4x400m Oxford 3:22.1, Loughborough 3:24.6, Cambridge 3:25.3,

Birmingham 3:28.3 4x800m

Oxford 7:54.2, Loughborough 7:55.8, Birmingham 8:06.2,

Cambridge 8:08.3

4x1600m Oxford 18:06.4, Cambridge 18:10.8, Birmingham 18:12.4 4x110m hurdles Cambridge 67.0, Oxford 68.0, Loughborough 74.4 4x200m hurdles Cambridge 1:47.3, Oxford 1:50.9, Loughborough 1:52.8,

Birmingham 1:53.6

Oxford won by 4 events to 3

Women

4x100m SCWAA 48.9, Dartford 50.9, WRAF 51.8, Birmingham 53.7, Cambridge 54.2, Oxford 55.5

Medley SCWAA 5:26.2, Birmingham 5:40.8, Dartford 5:41.4, Oxford City 5:40.7, Oxford 6:00.7, Cambridge 6:06.3

SCWAA 7:33.5, Dartford 7:33.7, Birmingham 7:44.1, Oxford 7:59.7, Cambridge 8:15.6 3x800m

Oxford won by 2 events to 1

The Varsity Matches, Iffley Road, 14 May 1977

The opening of the new all weather track at Iffley Road a few weeks earlier heralded the dawn of a new era. Cambridge opted to hold the match at Oxford each year thereafter, in spite of the 'away' disadvantage, until the opening of Wilberforce Road.

Men - wins for Cambridge President Tony Shiret in all three hurdles races:

G. Wood (C) 11.2, S. White-Thompson (O) 11.2, P. Key (O) 11.2, B. Jones (C) 11.3 100m

200m B. Jones (C) 22.2, G. Wood (C) 22.4, S. White-Thompson (O) 22.6, E. Quist-Arcton (O) 23.0

400m B. Jones (C) 48.4, P. Key (O) 49.1, H. Evans (O) 50.4, R. Tolson (C) 51.4

A. Dyke (O) 1:51.3, M. Wilson (C) 1:52.7, R. Hodgson (O) 1:55.6, M. McAllister (C) 2:05.6 M. Wilson (C) 3:55.1, C. Brodie (O) 3:55.5, L. Peck (C) 3:56.0, P. Irvine (O) 3:58.4 800m 1500m 5000m W. Ewers (O) 14:30.6, N. Brawn (O) 14:38.0, T. Jackson (C) 15:20.2, M. Ellison (C) 15:54.0

A. Shiret (C) 15.5, A. Clucas (O) 15.7, K. Cheong (O) 15.8, J. Gibbs (C) 15.8
A. Shiret (C) 25.5, A. Clucas (O) 25.6, K. Cheong (O) 26.3, D. Grant (C) 26.4 110m hurdles 200m hurdles A. Shiret (C) 54.7, A. Clucas (O) 55.4, R. Tolson (C) 56.8, M. Rhodes (O) 58.1 400m hurdles C. Presst (O) 9:19.8, C. Aithie (O) 9:20.0, T. Stowe (C) 9:34.8, S. Oglethorpe (C) 9:43.6 N. Thomas (C) 1.85, R. Tavernor (C) 1.85, M. Rhodes (O) 1.75, B. Towers (O) 1.70 Steeplechase High Jump M. Heap (C) 3.20, S. Tesh (O) 3.10, R. Cattell (C) 2.80, R. Lusardi (O) 2.00 Pole Vault Long Jump P. Warfield (C) 6.84, S. Long (O) 6.55, S. Baker (C) 6.33, A. Rodger (O) 5.96

P. Kalfayan (C) 13.52, S. Long (O) 13.18, A. Popham (O) 13.17, J. Bennett (C) 12.99 Triple Jump L. Daniels (O) 13.10, R. Healey (C) 12.76, R. Pritchard (C) 11.75, M. Moran (O) 10.50 Shot Discus R. Healey (C) 41.00, S. McKie (O) 37.16, M. Moran (O) 32.84, A. Beck (C) 32.08 L. Daniels (O) 38.52, A. English (C) 36.72, C. Poulton (C) 33.68, G. Chambers (O) 31.90 Hammer Javelin

J. Crosse (O) 56.56, R. Harrison (C) 54.66, K. Lindsey (O) 45.06, J. Gray (C) 41.04 Cambridge (Whalley, Baker, Jones, Wood) 42.6, Oxford (Bettridge, White-Thompson, Quist-Arcton, Key) 42.9 4x100m

Cambridge (Dumont, Hamment, Wood, Jones) 3:20.2, Oxford (Evans, Foreman, Key, Dyke) 3:21.3 4x400m

Cambridge won by 114 points to 98

In the second team match, Centipedes beat Alverstone by 108 points to 93

Women: Gill Smith contested 7 events and was victorious in 5 of them:

100m G. Smith (C) 13.1, R. Slator (O) 13.4, T. Ritchie (C) 13.4, J. Bramah (O) 13.5 200m G. Smith (C) 26.9, R. Slator (O) 27.5, T. Ritchie (C) 27.6, J. Bramah (O) 29.5 400m J. John (C) 62.9, J. Halfpenny (O) 65.3, L. McAlpine (O) 65.3, C. Whalley (C) 69.2

800m L. Wightman (O) 2:27.7, J. Halfpenny (O) 2:32.2, L. England (C) 2:39.0,

C. Goodricke (C) 3:08.7

1500m L. Wightman (O) 5:23.8, N. Skrine (O) 5:30.3, L. England (C) 5:40.6, C. Goodricke (C) 6:03.2

100m hurdles G. Smith (C) 16.3, P. Kingsland (O) 17.8, H. Alexander (O) 18.7, M. Currie (C) 18.9 G. Smith (C) 1.60, P. Kingsland (O) 1.45, M. Currie (C) 1.45, S. Roberts (O) 1.35 High Jump R. Slator (O) 5.28, G. Smith (C) 5.25, V. Wickens (O) 4.71, C. Whalley (C) 4.61 M. Willey (O) 11.57, G. Smith (C) 10.60, C. Peake (O) 8.42, M. Currie (C) 8.12 Long Jump Shot Discus C. Peake (O) 30.54, M. Willey (O) 29.14, J. Bleasdell (C) 23.82, J. Morgan (C) 23.38 C. Chapman (C) 35.60, R. Slator (O) 26.10, J. Morgan (C) 22.52, M. Willey (O) 22.20 Javelin

4x100m Cambridge (Whalley, Chapman, Ritchie, Smith) 53.0, Oxford (Slator, Wallis, Wickes, Bramah) 53.6

Oxford won by 66 points to 62

THE OXBRIDGE TOUR TO U.S.A.

Harvard and Yale versus Oxford and Cambridge, 14 June 1977. Harvard and Yale won by 14 events to 3. The 4 x 400m relay team of Pete Key, Gordon Wood, Tony Shiret and Brian Jones set a new match record of 3:20.0. Brian Jones also won the individual 400m, and Pete Warfield

Pennsylvania and Cornell versus Oxford and Cambridge, 17 June 1977. Pennsylvania and Cornell won by 13 events to 4 Army and Princeton versus Oxford and Cambridge, 21 June 1977 Army and Princeton won by 12 events to 4

The Freshers' Varsity Match, Iffley Road, 27 October 1977. Cambridge beat Oxford by 103 points to 93



The Oxford v Cambridge Field Events Match (Men), and Womens Full Match, Milton Road, 3 November 1977

Field events. Cambridge won the High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot and Hammer. Oxford won the Pole Vault, Discus and Javelin Cambridge won the match by 5 events to 3

Womens' Match (12 events). Cambridge won by 79 points to 48

THE 1978 ACHILLES TOUR OF AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE

Some personal recollections, by Steve White

Thirty five pounds for four weeks in Australia and Singapore was cheap, even in 1978. So the competition for places was fierce. Those of us hard by the hill if not actually over it, having strained to achieve a standard of performance passably reminiscent of our prime, watched anxiously as the performances of the undergraduates through the 1978 season came in. The resulting team was strong all-round, with two athletes of exceptional class in Craig Masback and Julian Goater. Robert Kennedy was team leader and Roy Carter and Capt Mack our coaches.

We were the Qantas Achilles team. It said so on our tracksuits. The airline had given us free flights. We had Tommy Macpherson to thank for negotiating that and other deals which left us paying no more than the token, bargain basement price. As the trip progressed, tracksuit tops were swapped and so our visibly unanimous endorsement of Qantas gradually dissolved. My own support ended in Singapore when I acquired instead a South Korean tracksuit top. It is still in my loft. It never did fit me.

August in Australia is not an obvious time for athletics. The wind blew almost everywhere, mainly the wrong way down the home straight (which it always does for sprinters), it rained hard in Sydney and although Canberra was sunny, there was an ever present threat of frost. But November at Iffley and, especially, Milton Roads is not an obvious time for athletics either, and those of us brought up on autumnal Freshers and Relays matches were scarcely fazed by the very early Australian spring. Indeed, on a rather grey and blustery day, Bondi Beach was host to the Achilles team and absolutely nobody else. While we splashed in the soggy surf, reminded of the English seaside on almost any summer's day, Australia wrapped up warm. Wimps.



Craig Masback, Charlie Monk and Martin Wilson

ACHILLES V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB University Oval, Monday, 21st August, 1978

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| 400 Metres Hurdles | 1500 Metres |
| 1. G. Wood (A) 55.6 | 1. J. Dryden (A) 3.56.7 |
| 2. T. Cahill (S) 56.2 | 2. C. Masback (A) 3.56.8 |
| 3. R. Tolson (A) 56.4 | 3. H. Richards (A) 4.00.9 |
| 4. T. Shiret (A) 58.5 | 4. D. Ramsay (S) 4.05.0 |
| 5. K. Bryant (Ś) 61.3 | 5. P. Laurendet (S) 4.10.2 |
| 800 Metres | Discus |
| 1. M. Wilson (A) 1.54.3 | 1. D. Roscoe (A) 51.70 |
| 2. N. Leach (A) 1.54.8 | 2. P. Hadfield (S) 44.70 |
| 3. A. Shepherd (A) 1.55.7 | 3. L. Browne (A) 37.34 |
| 4. A. McSpedden (S) 2.03.7 | 4. T. Houghton (S) 33.58 |
| 5. R. Corben (S) 2.05.0 6. G. Treloar (S) 2.07.5 | 5. F. McEwan (Adlde) 33.26 |
| , | 200 Metres |
| 100 Metres | 1. P. Hadfield (S) 22.2 |
| 1. S. White (A) 11.0 | 2. S. White (A) 22.4 |
| 2. P. Szota (Ś) 11.0 | 3. P. Key (A) 22.4 |
| 3. S. Rugendyke (5) 11.0 | 4. K. Bryant (S) 24.2 |
| 4. P. Key (A) 11.3 | • • • • |
| | Triple Jump |
| 110 Metres Hurdles | 1. J. Slaney (A) 14.98 |
| 1. J. Kenny (S) -15.1 | 2. M. McGrath (S) 14.29 |
| 2. T. Shiret (A) 15.6 | 3. A. Shoebridge (A) 13.96 |
| 3. T. Cahill (S) 16.0 | 4. B. Brown (S) 12.77 |
| 4. R. Tolson (A) 16.2 | |
| | High Jump |
| Long Jump | 1. T. Shiret (A) I.87 |
| 1. W. Gilliver (S) 6.79 | 2. M. Barnfield (S) 1.83 |
| 2. J. Slaney (A) 6.72 | 3. N. Boulding (A) 1.78 |
| 3. S. White (A) | 4. B. Brown (S) 1.73 |
| 4. M. Barnfield (S) 6.38 | |
| 5. L. Walkley (S) 6.21 | 3000 Metres |
| | 1. J. Goater (A) 8.14.0 |
| 400 Metres | 2. C. Monk (A) 8.23.2 |

3. N. Brawn (A) 8.25.0

5. D. Beeson (S) 8.43.0

4. R. McDonald (S) 8.26.8

1. B. Jones (A) 49.6

3. R. Smith (A) 50.7

2. G. McAuliffe (S) 50.7



4 x 100 Metres Relay 3. P. Hadfield (S) 13.42 3. S.U.A.C. Disa. 5. P. Cockcroft (S) 45.80 4. L. Browne (A) 13.05 1. Achilles 42.2 2. S.U.A.C. 42.3 5. K. Wilding (S) 11.72 Javelin FINAL SCORE 1. J. Crosse (A) 56.50 Achilles 111 Shot Put 4 x 400 Metres Relay 2. M. Harrison (S) S.U.A.C. 69 3. M. Barnfield (Ś) 47.14 1. D. Roscoe (A) 15.57 1. Achilles 1 .3.23.5 2. P. Taylor (S) 13.78 2. Achilles 2 3.29.9 4. J. Slaney (A) 46.88

The tracks were of interest too. At Melbourne we competed on an early experiment in an all weather track. It had the consistency and appearance of a Cornish beach after the 'Torrey Canyon' had come to grief; an oily pudding. I say we 'competed', but I can't remember much by way of opposition. What with the wind and some drizzle, performances were nothing to write home about. So we didn't write home about them, and it is regrettable that they have now been discovered. But we won. The Sydney Oval was a grass track which wasn't oval. It did have some interesting kinks where curves should have been, and in the 200m or relay I recall navigating a dog leg rather than running a bend. But we won. The second Sydney venue was a proper track. But then it rained. Hard. But we won. In Newcastle, we found another proper though threadbare track, but no opposition at all. Again the Australians stayed in bed, and we trained. A visit to a Hunter Valley vineyard outside Newcastle and what we must claim as another victory, albeit by default, made this detour worthwhile.

ACHILLES V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB V. MACQUARIE V. U.N.S.W.

| Hensley Athletic Field, Pagewood | d Wadnesday 22rd August 1079 | INIL V. O.N.S.W. | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 400 Metres Hurdles | 1. J. Slaney (A) 7.21 | 3. D. Leach (A) 4.3.3 | 1. Achilles 43.9 |
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| 1. S. Endean (Macq) 55.0 | 2. L. Walkley (S) 7.21 | 4. D. Currie (ES) | 2. Macquarie 48.0 |
| 2. A. Shiret (A) 56.1 | 3. T. Shoebridge (A) 7.09 | 5. R. McDonald (S) 4.26.0 | 3. Sydney (Disq.) |
| 3. T. Cahill (S) 56.6 | 4. W. Rooney (Macq) 6.91 | 6. A. Currie (ES) | |
| 4. R. Tolson (A) 57.1 | 5. B. Gilliver (S) 6.56 | | 4 x 400 Metres Relay |
| 5. M. Barnfield (S) 57.8 | 6. R. Brown (S) 6.01 | 200 Metres | 1. Achilles 3.26.7 |
| 6. S. Giddy (UNSW) 59.0 | | 1. P. Hadfield (S) 23.7 | 2. Sydney 3.32.6 |
| 7. R. Smith (A) 59.1 | 110 Metres Hurdles | 2. P. Szota (S) 24,4 | 3. Macquarie 3.33.0 |
| | 1. S. Endean (Macq) 15.2 | 3. S. White (A) 24.7 | |
| 800 Metres | 2. J. Kenny (S) 15.3 | 4. B. Jones (A) 24.9 | Javelin |
| 1. C. Darvall (Macq) 1.53.4 | 3. T. Shiret (A) 15.3 | 5. S. Harris (Macq) 25.5 | 1. J. Crosse (A) 57.95 |
| 2. C. Masback (A) 1.56.2 | 4. D. Morrow (UNSW) 15.6 | 6. M. Daley (Macq) 30.0 | 2. J. Slaney (A) 46.80 |
| 3. C Monk (A) 1.56.7 | 5. T. Cahill (S) 16.0 | | 3. G. McAuliffe (S) 46.50 |
| 4. A. Shepherd 1.57.1 | 6. R. Tolson (A) 16.2 | 5000 Metres | 4. M. Harrison (S) 39.10 |
| 5. A. Currie (Macq) 2.2.5 | | 1. N. Brawn (A) 15.06. | 5. M. Barnfield (S) 37.80 |
| 6. P. Laurendet (S) 2.2.6 | 400 Metres | 2. C. Masback (A) 15.23, | 6. D. Share (UNSW) 36.60 |
| 7. E. Carr (Macq) 2.9.2 | 1. P. Key (A) 49.41.5 | 3. P. Hutton (UNSW) 15.28. | , , |
| , , | 2. G. McAuliffe (S) 49.91.8 | 4. A∼ Heath (Macq) 15.50. | Shot Put |
| 100 Metres | 3. C. Monk (A) 51.2 | 5. D. Winch (Macg) 16.32. | 1. D. Roscoe (A) 14.46 |
| 1. P. Szota (S) 10.6 | 4. S. Giddy (ÚNSW) 55.0 | , , | 2. L. Browne (A) 13,45 |
| 2. S. Rugendyke (S) 10.6 | 5. M. Daley (UNSW) 60.6 | Triple Jump | 3. P. Hadfield (S) 12.07 |
| 3. B. iones (A) 10.7 | , | 1. J. Slaney (A) 15.13 | 4. T. Tyrell (UNSW) 12.04 |
| 4. S. White (A) 10.8 | Discus | 2. L. Walkley (S) 14.20 | 5. D. Share (UNSW) 11.91 |
| 5. K. Bryant (S) 11.3 | 1. D. Roscoe (A) 52.70 | 3. T. Shoebridge (A) 14.12 | 6. G. Gee (UNSW) 11.38 |
| 6. S. Harris (UNSW) 11.3 | 2. P. Hadfield (S) 41.50 | 4. W. Rooney (Macg) 13.75 | 7. K. Soutar (Macg) 10.64 |
| 7. M. Daley (UNSW) | 3. K. Soutar (Macq) 39.0 | 5. R. Brown (S) 11.88 | 8. T. Houghton (S) 9.67 |
| r. m. Bailey (Errett) | 4, L. Browne (A) 34.38 | 5. 7.: Brown (5) 77.55 | o. T. Houghton (a) o.or |
| 3000 Metres Steeplechase | 5. T. Houghton (S) 33.08 | High Jump | FINAL POINTS |
| 1. J. Dryden (A) 9.34.6 | 6. M. Harrison (S) 29.56 | 1. A. Powrie (UNSW) 1.85 | Achilles 168 |
| 2. H. Richards (A) 9.44.7 | 7. R. Wagner (Macq) 27.71 | 2. T. Shiret (A) 1.70 | Sydney 96 |
| 3. R. Corben (S) 11.26.8 | 3 (| 3. N. Boulding (A) 1.70 | Macquarie/U.N.S.W. 84 |
| 4 E. Van Loon (UNSW) 12.15.7 | 1500 Metres | 4. R. Brown (S) 1.70 | 4 |
| | J. Goater (A) 3.58.6 | | |
| Long Jump | 2. M. Wilson (A) 3.58.6 | 4 x 100 Metres Relay | |

It was becoming obvious that at this time of year it wasn't only Bondi Beach the Australians had no appetite for. They had no appetite for athletics either - in contrast to their appetite at the Sydney University Centenary banquet.

The celebration of the centenary of Sydney University was the trip's pretext, but the banquet was its true purpose. Its sumptuousness took inspiration from the college feasts in Tom Sharpe's Porterhouse Blue. Perhaps they thought that this was what we had become used to at Oxbridge. I cannot be sure that they served roasted swan but it would not have been out of place. Certainly there were many courses with as many speeches. Apart from what I am sure was an elegant, gracious and witty contribution from Rob Kennedy, these speeches did not leave much impression. The amount and richness of the food and the volume of the drink led to an increasing discomfort and restlessness in the audience as the later courses and speeches took the stage. It became a sort of promenade performance. It was, however, a privilege to be in the same room as Herb Elliott. I can't remember what he said but I do remember listening in awe. And so, toasted by Achilles, Sydney University became 100 years old.

The match at Canberra was the most satisfactory before we got to Singapore. Sunshine, attractive stadium, appreciative crowd, full complement of opposition and we won. We had enjoyed Australia enormously. The people were friendly and our hosts warm and generous. Mack caught up with every Pole in Australia and every Pole in Australia treated Mack like a long lost friend, which he was. The Australian athletes whom we had expected to meet on the track we found instead in the bars. While we won on the former, they may well have shaded it in the latter; I



can't remember now and I couldn't remember the morning after then. After three weeks in Australia, we banked some happy memories and looked forward to Singapore.

ACHILLES V. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS CLUB V. A.C.T Bruce National Stadfum, Canberra Saturday. 26th August, 1978

Shot Put

1. D. Roscoe (A) 15.64

2. L. Browne (A) 13.43

3. D. Gallagher (ACT) 13.33

4. M. Harrison (S) 9.80

400 Metres Hurdles

1. G. Wood (A) 55.14

2. A. Shiret (A) 55.36

3. T. Cahill (S) 55.69

4. R. Tolson (A) 57.89

5. D. Goodwin (ACT) 64.3

Long Jump

1. J. Slaney (ACT) 7.10

2. B. Gilliver (S) 6.89

3. A. Shoebridge (A) 6.83

4. M. McGrath (S) 6.49

5. M. Byers (A) 6.22

6. K. Mathews (ACT) 6.18

800 Metres

1. C. Darvall (S) L. 49 88

2. C. Masback (A) 1.51.12

3. A. Shepherd (A) 1.52.48

4. D. Stuckey (ACT) 1.53.50 5. D. Leach (A) 1.5M

6. P. Laurendet (S) 1.57.2

7. N. Spurling (ACT) 1.59.6

200 Metres

1. S. White (A) 22.60

2. T. Brown (ACT) 23.00.

3. G. Seaman (ACT) 23 51

4, R. Smith (A) 23.95

5. M. Barnfield (S) 24.1

Discus

1. D. Roscoe (A) 52.92

2. D Gallagher (ACT) 44.52 3. L. Browne (A) 36.18

4. M. Harrison (S) 32.38





Peter Key and Gordon Wood High Jump

1. G. Windeyer (S) 2.00

2. M. Dick (ACT) 1.90

3. P. Ghiradello (ACT) 1.85

4. A. Shiret (A) 1.80,

5. N. Boulding (A) 1.80

3000 Metres Steeplechase -

1. J. Dryden (A) 9.16.34

2. H. Richards (A) 9.25.31

3. V. Le Grande (A) 9.29. 80

4. S. Hausfeld (S) 9.39.72 5. D. O'Brien (ACT) 9.47.00

6. P. Rudkin (ACT) 9.55.0

110 Metres Hurdles

1 . A. Shiret (A) 15.71

2. C. Burge (S) 16.39 3. T. Cahill (S) 16.54

4. P. Ghiradello (ACT) 16.63

5. R. Tolson (A) 16.90

Triple Jump

1. J Slaney (ACT) 14.85

2. Mcrath (S) 14.84

3. G. Windeyer (S) 13.97

4. B. Gilliver (S) 12.25

5. A. Shiret (A) 12.05

6. K.Mathews (ACT) 11.75

400 Metres

1. P. Key (A) 48,35

2. B. Jones (A) 48,47

3. C. Auld (ACT) 48,69

4. P. O'Hara (S) 48,55

5. A. Sutcliffe (ACT) 50.50

Javelin

1. D. Gallagher (ACT) 67.48

2. J. Crosse (A) 60.44

3. M. Barnfield (S) 46.42

4. M. Harrison (S) 46.14

5. N. Boulding (A) 35:76

1500 Metres

1. M Wilson (A) 3.51.84

2. P. Monk (A) 3.53.14

3. D. Hobson (ACT) 4.03.20

4. P. O'Hara (S) 4.10.10

S. G. Lavers (ACT) 4:12.6

6. P. Laurendet (S) 4:19.9

100 Metres

1. K. Lorraway (ACT) 2. S .White (A) 11.13

3. S. Rugendyke (S) 11.13

4. B. Gilliver (S) 11.29

5. J. Broadhead (ACT) 11 9

6. B. Jones (A) 11:9

5000 Metres

1. J. Goater (A) 14.14.20

2. N. Brawn (A)

3. R. McDonald (S) 14.44.97

4. J. Murphy (ACT) 14.47.54

5. S Brown (ACT) :15.07.7

6. D: Ramsay (S) 16.26.9

4 x 100 Metres Relay

1. Achilles 41.75

2. A.C.T. 41.23 3. S.U.A.C. 44.37

4 x 400 Metres-Relay

1. Achilles A 3.17.92

2. S.U,A.C.

3. A.C,T. 3.19.67

4. Achilles B 3.23.95 5. Achilles C 3.30.00

FINAL RESULT Achilles 152

A.C.T. 98 S.U.A.C 90



While the Singapore weather exceeded Australian standards, the accommodation didn't (and even the Australian accommodation could be described as no better than 'fit for purpose'). We stayed, with many other athletes, in a high rise hotel still, it seemed, under construction. The rooms were cosy, ten of us together sleeping on mattresses on the floor. Asylum seekers would have complained. But the standard of athletics was high.

We had come to compete in the Singapore national championships. So had the whole of South East Asia, which explained the overcrowding in the hotel. The stadium was grand and the opposition of very good quality. This was the most serious competition of the whole trip. There were heats, semis and finals over three days. There were opening and closing ceremonies. It was a festival. There were also some very good performances by our athletes. Julian Goater won the 5000m and the 10000m, the latter in a championship record. Craig Masback won the 800m and Denis Roscoe, who had performed consistently well throughout the tour, won the shot and discus, again with a championship record in the latter. Less impressive but nevertheless pleasing was my bronze medal for the 4x100m relay, which is also now in my loft.

Following the championships there was a grand banquet for all the teams, a sort of giant Chinese takeaway. Each team had to perform a party piece, most of which got lost in translation. The Achilles' rendition of 'I'm a Little Tea Pot' did not quite stir the emotions of the audience as deeply as we had hoped. The response was reflective. At least they didn't throw things. After this, athletics would never be the same again.

These are my own recollections. They are almost certainly historically inaccurate, but they keep me amused. As is the way with these things, I doubt that we ever properly thanked Achilles or all those personally responsible for giving us such a marvellous experience. So can I take this opportunity, 25 years later and on behalf of the whole team, to thank you for this experience and for these memories.

5 YEARS ON.... THE 1997 ENGLISH SCHOOLS

Oxford and Cambridge athletes enjoy the competition and rivalry that university athletics provides. Do they appreciate that some of these rivalries may go back to schools competition? Following the look at the All-England Schools' Championships from five years ago in last year's Annual Report, here is a further extract from the results at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield on 11th & 12th July, 1997, revealing some up and coming names which have since surfaced at university level:

| Nick Hamilton | Senior Boys' 400m | 8 th , Final | 49.94 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Nick Mapp | Senior Boys' 3000m | 12 th , Final | 9.02.28 |
| Tom Richards | Senior Boys' Pole Vault | 2 nd , Final | 4.80m |
| Steve Melber | Senior Boys' Javelin | 10 th , Final | 52.88m |
| Finlay Wright | Inter. Boys' 100m hurdles | 3 rd , Final | 13.56 |
| Jonathan Crawshaw | Inter. Boys' 100m hurdles | 5 th , Heat | 14.53 |
| Richard Gawthorpe | Inter. Boys' 400m Hurdles | 5 th , Final | 55.46 |
| Will Senbanjo | Inter. Boys' Triple Jump | 8 th , Pool B | 13.20m |
| Adrian Hemery | Inter. Boys' Hammer | 12 th , Final | 49.16m |
| Ben Clare | Inter. Boys' Hammer | 21 st , Final | 36.72m |
| Steve Green | Junior Boys' 80m hurdles | 9 th , Semi-Final | 12.16 |
| Tommy Kemp | Senior Girls' 1500m | 2 nd , Final | 4.33.31 |
| Judy Payne | Senior Girls' High Jump | 7 th , Final | 1.66m |
| Jacqui Le Geyt | Inter. Girls' 100m | 4 th , Final | 12.19 |
| Hattie Dean | Inter. Girls' 1500m | 9 th , Final | 4.51.81 |
| Sam Watts | Inter. Girl's 300m Hurdles | 5 th , Heat | 46.64 |
| Rosie Curling | Inter. Girls' Long Jump | 11 th , Final | 5.23m |
| Henrietta Freeman | Junior Girls' 1500m | 7 th , Final | 4.50.83 |

If anyone has been missed off the above list, please let us know.



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| Alex | Wilkinson | 1910 | University | Oxford | West Sussex |
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| Francis | Montague | 1922 | Balliol | Oxford | Oxon |
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| Gervas | Clay | 1926 | New | Oxford | Somerset |
| Niels | Bugge | 1926 | Pembroke | Cambridge | |
| lan | Robin | 1927 | Clare | Cambridge | London |
| Charles | Ockleston | 1928 | Wadham | Oxford | Cheshire |
| Allan | Bradley | 1928 | Caius | Cambridge | Northants |
| Jack | Wade | 1930 | Christ's | Cambridge | |
| Charles | Lowry | 1930 | St Catherine's | Oxford | North Carolina |
| John | Watt | 1931 | University | Oxford | |
| Charles | Stanwood | 1932 | University | Oxford | New Hampshire |
| Maurice | Lister | 1932 | Oriel | Oxford | Ontario |
| Munroe | Bourne | 1932 | University | Oxford | Quebec |
| Sir | Hawes | 1932 | Magdalene | Cambridge | Vermont |
| Charles | Towne | 1934 | Jesus | Cambridge | Hull |
| John | Wright | 1934 | Corpus Christi | Cambridge | Hampshire |
| Ivor | Davies | 1936 | | Oxford | Cheshire |
| Robert | Stanford | 1936 | Christ's | Cambridge | Cambs |
| John | Paine | 1937 | Trinity Hall | Cambridge | Kent |
| Alan | Walden-Jones | 1937 | Selwyn | Cambridge | W. Glamorgan |
| Alan | de Piro | 1938 | Trinity Hall | Cambridge | Warwickshire |
| Philip | Martin | 1938 | St Catharine's | Cambridge | Blantyre |
| John | Lockwood | 1938 | Brasenose | Oxford | London |
| Alasdair | Steele-Bodger | 1942 | Caius | Cambridge | Derbyshire |
| | Jeanty | 1945 | Wadham | Oxford | London |
| John | Seale | 1945 | St John's | Cambridge | Devon |
| Philip | Saxon | 1947 | St Catharine's | Cambridge | Kent |
| | Wilkinson | 1947 | Brasenose | | Prades |
| | Leader | 1949 | Trinity | Cambridge | London |
| | Haddock | 1950 | Wadham | | Oxon |
| Gareth | | 1951 | | Cambridge | Warwicks |
| | Stronach | 1951 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
| | Samuel | 1953 | | Cambridge | Brit. Columbia |
| | Sainsbury | 1953 | Worcester | | London |
| | Roberts | 1954 | | Cambridge | |
| | Abrahams | 1955 | University | | |
| | Loades | 1955 | | Cambridge | Gwynedd |
| | Cuthbert | 1956 | | Oxford | Florida |
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| 1 | Williams | 1962 | St Edmund Hall | • | Cornwall |
| | Chapman | 1963 | University | | Connecticut |
| | Wray | 1964 | - | Cambridge | Surrey |
| | Smith | 1964 | | Cambridge | , |
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| Christopher | | 1965 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
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| Denjamin | Dugdale | 1970 | Christ Church | • | Leicestershire |
| Kirk | Clifford | 1971 | | Cambridge | Bucks |
| Julian | | 1972 | • | Cambridge | Oxon |
| | Edwards | 1973 | St Edmund Hall | _ | Oxon |
| | Chedburn | 1973 | University | | Tyne & Wear |
| | Reynolds | 1973 | , | Oxford | Oxon |
| , | Shepherd | 1974 | | Oxford | Derbys |
| Anthony | • | 1974 | Regent's Park | | Delbys |
| , | Halfpenny | 1974 | St Hugh's | | |
| | Underhill | 1974 | St Hugh's | | |
| | Meunier | 1974 | St Hugh's | | |
| | Cheong | 1974 | St Edmund Hall | | |
| | Baker | 1975 | | Cambridge | |
| | Wilson | 1975 | | Cambridge | Hampshire |
| | Hodgson | 1975 | Christ Church | • | Surrey |
| | White-Thompson | 1975 | Brasenose | | Suitey |
| | Malachowski | 1975 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
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| | Duncan | 1977 | • | Cambridge | Massachusetts |
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| Simon | King | 1979 | | | London |
| | Zirnbauer | 1979 | Magdalene | Oxford | London |
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| Elizabeth | | 1980 | | Cambridge | London |
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| | Linaker | 1980 | | Cambridge | Queensland |
| | Fordham | 1981 | Sidney Sussex | | London |
| | Richardson | 1981 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
| | Coles | 1981 | • | Cambridge | London |
| | Carleton | 1981 | • | Cambridge | Belfast |
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| | Brennan | 1982 | Magdalen | _ | Michigan |
| - | Hardie | 1983 | _ | Oxford | Perthshire |
| Patricia | Jennings | 1983 | Girton | Cambridge | North Yorkshire |
| Pete | Kanowski | 1983 | St John's | Oxford | Oxon |
| Chris | Harris | 1984 | Brasenose | Oxford | West Midlands |
| | Blackwell | 1984 | Magdalene | Cambridge | |
| | Silvester | 1984 | | Oxford | Leics |
| | Pierce | 1984 | | Cambridge | Edinburgh |
| | Smith | 1984 | | Cambridge | Ontario |
| James | • | 1984 | Peterhouse | _ | Gloucestershire London |
| | Fajemirokun Clayton | 1984 1985 | St John's Brasenose | | Suffolk |
| | McBrien | 1985 | | Cambridge | London |
| | Darbyshire | 1985 | Sidney Sussex | • | Lancashire |
| | Cross | 1985 | Lincoln | • | Surrey |
| James | Hely Hutchinson | 1985 | Magdalene | Cambridge | Dublin |
| Wole | Soboyejo | 1985 | _ | Cambridge | New Jersey |
| Simon | Briggs | 1985 | St Edmund Hall | Oxford | Berkshire |
| Richard | Shearmur | 1986 | Caius | Cambridge | Cambs |
| | Gibbons | 1986 | | Cambridge | London |
| | Purves Smith | 1986 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
| | Anderson-Gravet | 1986 | | Cambridge | |
| | Bulbeck | 1986 | | Cambridge | Glasgow |
| | Webb | 1986 | Corpus Christi | | London |
| | Hepworth Van der Leeuw | 1986 | Magdalene Worcester | Cambridge | Bucks Oxon |
| | Darbyshire | 1986 1986 | | Cambridge | Lancashire |
| | Dering | 1987 | | Oxford | Dorset |
| | Bryan | 1987 | | Oxford | London |
| | Addison | 1987 | | Cambridge | Bucks |
| | MacLean | 1987 | Lucy Cavendish | | Lanarks |
| Simon | Firth | 1987 | · · | Cambridge | Cheshire |
| Simon | Gluckstein | 1987 | Lincoln | Oxford | Surrey |
| Rachel | Osman | 1987 | St Hilda's | Oxford | Oxon |
| | Layton | 1987 | Lincoln | | Nova Scotia |
| | McClintock | 1987 | University | | Co. Antrim |
| • | Thompson | 1988 | Regent's Park | | Notts |
| Matthew | | 1988 | Magdalen | | West Midlands |
| James | | 1988 | | Oxford | Yorkshire |
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| | Brecknell | 1988 | | Cambridge | Herts Fife |
| | Ryan | 1988 | | Cambridge | Brussels |
| | Barton | 1988 | | Cambridge | Tyne & Wear |
| | Price | 1988 | St Catherine's | | London |
| | Delforge | 1988 | | Cambridge | Cambs |
| | Wright | 1988 | | Cambridge | Coventry |
| | Stewart | 1988 | St Edmund Hall | | |
| - | Aldridge | 1988 | | Cambridge | West Midlands |
| Dominic | | 1988 | - | Cambridge | Middlesex |
| | Westlake | 1988 | St Catherine's | | Oxon. |
| | Whiteford MacNachten | 1988 | Worcester | | Worcs. |
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| • | Burgis | 1989 | _ | Cambridge | London |
| | Stewart | 1989 | | Oxford | Kent |
| | Birchell | 1989 | - | Oxford | Cheshire |
| | Taylor | 1989 | | Cambridge | London |
| David | Rowlands | 1989 | | Cambridge | |
| Robin | Bordoli | 1989 | St John's | Cambridge | Derbys. |
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| Chris | Townsend | 1989 | Christ Church | Oxford | Merseyside | |
| Rob | Marx | 1989 | St Peter's | Oxford | Oregon | |
| Andrew | Lill | 1989 | Queens' | Cambridge | Surrey | |
| Jeremy | Arnold | 1989 | Clare | Cambridge | Hampshire | |
| Jenny | James | 1989 | Sidney Sussex | Cambridge | Oxon | |
| David | Bond | 1990 | Churchill | Cambridge | Surrey | |
| Simon | Steer | 1990 | Jesus | Cambridge | Suffolk | |
| Ade | Adebajo | 1990 | St Antony's | Oxford | Oxon | |
| Tony | Underwood | 1990 | St Edmund's | Cambridge | Co. Durham | |
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| Stewart | McMorran | 1990 | Wolfson | Cambridge | Warwickshire | |
| Paul | Vigars | 1991 | Jesus | Oxford | Hants. | |
| Nick | Altmann | 1991 | Churchill | Cambridge | Oxon | |
| Gordon | Williams | 1991 | Robinson | Cambridge | London | |
| Kevin | Johnson | 1991 | Magdalene | Cambridge | | |
| Helen | Bushell | 1991 | New Hall | Cambridge | Cheshire | |
| Stephen | Crouch | 1991 | St John's | Oxford | Surrey | |
| Geof | Stapledon | 1991 | Lincoln | Oxford | South Australia | |
| Andy | Morrod | 1991 | Magdalene | Cambridge | Surrey | |
| Gerald | Preston | 1991 | Hertford | Oxford | Lancashire | |
| Baz | Clark | 1991 | Sidney Sussex | Cambridge | London | |
| Kathryn | Purchase | 1991 | Newnham | Cambridge | Manchester | |
| Louise | Kaye | 1991 | Caius | Cambridge | Oxon | |
| Leon | Stephenson | 1991 | Caius | Cambridge | Notts | |
| Geoff | Haire | 1991 | Sidney Sussex | Cambridge | London | |
| Jane | Falconer | 1993 | Churchill | Cambridge | London | |
| Susie | Hodgkinson | 1994 | St John's | Cambridge | Staffs. | |
| Naomi | Siddall | 1994 | Selwyn | Cambridge | S. Yorkshire | |
| Robert | Critchley | 1994 | Emmanuel | Cambridge | Warwickshire | |
| Brett | Williams | 1994 | Downing | Cambridge | Colorado | |
| | Martin | 1994 | Keble | Oxford | Suffolk | |
| _ | Shepherd | 1994 | | Cambridge | Flintshire | |
| | Warren | 1995 | Christ's | Cambridge | West Sussex | |
| Julia | Galey | 1995 | Lady Margaret Hall | Oxford | | |
| Hannah | Oag | 1998 | Emmanuel | Cambridge | London | |



BOOKS REVIEWED



"WITH WINGS ON THEIR FEET" by IVAN CUROTTA (left) – privately published – contact m_curotta@optusnet.com.au Reviewed by D.I.B. Smith, MA (NZ), D.Phil (Oxon), Emeritus Professor of English, Auckland University

ne should declare interest in giving Oa review and I must therefore say that I probably have far more space than I deserve in this superb book. That said, for those interested in Track and Field and History, With Wings on Their Feet is a real treasure. It gives a detailed account of the athletic competition between Oxford and Cambridge and the Ivy League Universities of the United States from the beginnings of modern international athletics in the 1890s to 1959.

It also follows the various university athletes in their performances in the Empire and Commonwealth, European Olympic Games. This brings in some of the real giants of the sport - Ted Meredith, Arnold Strode Jackson, Harold Abrahams, Douglas Lowe, Lord Burghley, Bill Bonthron, Jack Lovelock, Godfrey Brown, Jim Fuchs, Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway, Charlie Moore and Chris Brasher, to give a somewhat arbitrary list, but the individual match-ups of lesser figures, recounted in sympathetic detail over the years, make equally fascinating reading.

The results and comments on the IC4A athletes was a particular bonus. One was just not aware of the backgrounds of the young men competing, nor aware of the extraordinary dominance of collegiate athletes in American Olympic success. It is marvellous to have all this rich detail demonstrated in the book.

But this is not just a collection of lists and statistics; there are a host of absorbing sidelights and 'vignettes'. I loved the extracts from H.V.Bonsal's diary of the Cornell University Cross-Country Team's visit to England 1920-21. Cambridge in December was not warm: "Up at 7.45. No heat in rooms – Damp and cold as could be. Took a cold tub bath to get warmed up. Breakfast at 8.15. Took a short walk. Went over to athletic field at 11 and had an 8 lap run on a 3 lap track – felt the extra 5lbs I had put on

Donal Smith won the 880y in the 1959 Varsity Match, setting a new match record, 1:51.4

coming over." Indeed, a whole world is vividly brought back. The cold baths, the icy cold rooms - Cornell athletes from Ithaca would have been used to colder outdoor temperatures than Cambridge, but to freeze *indoors* a characteristic of Oxford colleges till at least the '60s - must have been an unwelcome jolt. Travel by boat slowed you up in those days, with the trans Atlantic liners famous for their cuisine ("felt the extra 5lbs I had put on coming over"), and notable for their lack of training space. One hopes that seeing Charlie Chaplin fresh on film revived his spirits.

Another of the many pleasures afforded by this book are the quotations from the various college publications – the *Cornell Alumni News*, for example, with its quaint but effective phrasing ("there were several felicitous talks."). All enabling the past to be restored and a context for the athletes to be established.

I enjoyed the background information on the Universities. I was fascinated to learn that the pews for Princeton's chapel were made from army-surplus wood designated for Civil War gun carriages.

As an Australian, Ivan Curotta has a nicely poised objectivity: he is not carried away by the rhetoric of either the Brits or the Yanks. It was excellent to read the newspaper report and Ron Berman's comment on the 1951 Series match 880 yards. The photo indicates Robinson simply ran out of puff and cannot have been fouled. Curotta is in fact hardest of all on the Australian officials at the 1938 Empire Games particularly the remarkably obtuse referee G.E.Langford who uncertain of the non-existent wind direction but nonetheless denied South African Tom Lavery a world record in the high hurdles. It is all there in the fierce and lively Sydney

Ivan Curotta reports (June 2002):



We visited **Bob Tisdall [above]** in Queensland a couple of weeks ago and had a splendid afternoon with him and his wife Peg. Bob has a wry sense of humour and a mighty twinkle in his eye. He is very proud of his stock of 126 bottles of home made beer spirited away. "You know" he said, "the trouble with people is that they don't know how to drink beer — you drink slowly and savour the taste and you can go on forever".

He was in pretty good health, but did say that he decided to give up tennis when he went up for a smash s a few weeks back, missed the ball and fell over.

Bob told me that, in a dazed state after he had just won the 1932 Olympic 400m hurdles, Dr Patrick O'Callaghan who was throwing the discus at the time stopped, came over to him and congratulated him by thumping on the back, which it nearly finished him off

In Nenagh Town in Tipperary they are presently erecting a statue (bust) in his honour. When he was a member of Johannesburg Harriers (S.Africa) he was showing a group of spectators the running shoes used for his 1932 win, while his back was turned, someone nicked one them. The remaining shoe is mounted on a stand in Tipperary and is now a prize trophy for an inter-schools tournament.

Another thing he told me was that he got the Cambridge coach, Alec Nelson, to come over to Ireland and coach him, Dr Patrick O'Callaghan and Eamon Fitzgerald for the 1932 Irish Olympic team to Los Angeles.

newspaper report. The report in fact underlines perhaps the greatest strength of the book, its reconstruction of the past.



Ivan and Mary Curotta have certainly done the hard yards tracking down and reproducing contemporary reports in newspapers, journals, college publications and, where possible, the memories of the athletes themselves. The result is a wonderful immediacy in the great races - and the small. A particularly fine example is to be found in the race of that calibre demands.

description of the three miles in those same 1938 Games, won by Cecil Matthews from the Cambridge/ England athlete Peter Ward. It was a fabulous race described with verve. Today's newspapers simply would not countenance such lyrical enthusiasm in a reporter, nor provide them with such ample space - the space that a

This is a great book in every way, large - 559 pages, 21cm x 30.5cm - and handsome: beautifully produced, with a spectacular green cover enlivened with a fine athletic picture. and for the athletic enthusiast, filled with an abundance of riches.

"Great Australian Athletes. Selected Olympians 1928-1956" By Robert Solomon (2000), 256pp, Southwood Press, A\$20

Reviewed by Bill Wentworth (photographed below, by Bob Solomon, with other OUAC past and present in Sydney during 2002 - Bill was OUAC 880y first string in the 1929 Varsity Sports, and Bob won the 440y in the Varsity Match of 1957)

Even if it had not been published at a time when the Sydney Olympics had focused attention on athletics, this book would have been very much worthwhile. For devotees of the sport it will be absorbing reading, but a wider public will find it will repay their attention.





Bob Solomon [above right, at the Sydney UAC reception for Achilles in September], himself an athlete of international standing, has recounted the history and exploits of seven great Australian athletes. Of the seven, two belong to a past generation [Bill's!] and are dead: the remaining five are still alive, and one of them is about to enter a wider sphere as Governor-designate of Victoria. In all sports fame is fleeting. Some will still remember the great Jimmy Carlton, whose sprinting exploits dominated the headlines 70 years ago. But how many can recall Jack Metcalfe ("Jumping Jack") whom Bob Solomon describes as "probably the best natural athlete ever seen in Australian track and field"

Australian men have rarely received an Olympic gold medal in classical events -although two in this volume came close. Jimmy Carlton was a favourite for the 1932 sprints, but suddenly withdrew from competition to enter

the priesthood. John Landy (world record-holder for the mile), by only a few fractions of a second fell victim to Irishman Delany's phenomenal finish at the Melbourne Games. It is otherwise with Australian women. The threesome Marjorie Jackson, Shirley Strickland and Betty Cuthbert (they can surely be described as a triumvirate) have covered Australia with glory and themselves with medals. (And what of Cathy Freeman, whose Olympic history postdates this book?).

The most interesting chapter is devoted to John Landy, whose generosity and sportsmanship are proverbial. Among the excellent photographs in the book is the famous shot of Landy jumping over the fallen Clarke in the 1956 Australian mile championship. The analysis of Landy's lap times is perhaps the most important of the many details in the book.

Unlike most sports, athletics provides an accurate comparison of past performances with those of the present. Bob Solomon reminds us, for example, that the present 1500m runners would, on times, beat the world record-holder of 40 years ago by more than 50 metres. How much of this is due to better tracks, shoes and training is open to question. (The darker experiment of drugs may be laid to rest by the testing procedures at the Sydney Olympics). Looking back, one may envy the past, where sport was fun and not so serious or remunerative as it is today. But then the past was always golden. Or was it really so?

HISTORY CORNER

aurence Chandy and Graham Tanner are to be warmly congratulated history of OUAC which now appears on OUAC's website at http://users.ox.ac.uk/~ouac/ There is much for all Achilles members to enjoy, be they from



Oxford or from Cambridge. The site has prompted many responses, among them the following from Mr. Stephen Pollock-Hill.

There is a mistake regarding my grandfather, William Pollock-Hill. You show the start of one of the races he won, but he does not figure in the starting line. He was completely bald aged twenty at Oxford and so very distinctive as a runner!

I was lucky enough to meet **Harold Abrahams** when I was seven, (I only knew that he was a local Hertfordshire journalist, not a famous athlete himself!, who asked me if I was going to be a runner like my grandfather. "He was my inspiration and the finest athlete of his age", he told me. He confirmed this opinion in Country Life May 7 1964, where he wrote

"The period from 1889 to the outbreak of the first World War is equally studded with great names. There was W.Pollock-Hill, the first man to win the one mile and the three mile on the same afternoon in the sports (1890), - a feat equalled 62 years later when Chris Chataway first won the mile in a new University record time of 4min 10.2 sec, and then deadheated with a fellow Oxonian in the three mile in 14min 33.8sec. These times make Pollock-Hill's 4min 21.6 sec and 15mins 20.6 sec seem mediocre, but having met Pollock-Hill on many occasions and observed his magnificent physique, I have no doubt he is to numbered among the all time greats".

He also won the three miles in 1888.1889, as well as 1890! I should also mention that he qualified to row in the Oxford boat, as Keeble was head of the River in 1889, and he had to choose between the Boat race and the Athletics, that March 25th 1890.Lucky for OUAC he choose athletics! We have the piece of Keeble's winning boat with his weight and name and the names of the beaten Colleges... He also won the Cross Country title in 1886,1888,1889, (he was second in 1887, and wrote an interesting

article about diet explaining why he came second!)

What is also extraordinary is that my grandfather wrote articles and gave talks about the correct diet for athletes and the psychology of winning by passing an opponent "at the burst to break him" ('kick down' I think it is called today), rather than "trying to creep slowly past him": pretty advanced for the nineteenth century. So I hope he ran Frank J. Cross a close race for being the athlete of his decade!

He was also President of the London Athletic Club for many years and was presented to George V for his record, when it lasted 50 years, and we have the signed portrait of the King, and an engraved silver cigarette box (!), paid for by his fellow athletes to mark the occasion. Being a clergyman he also campaigned vigorously against sports on a Sunday, until he died in 1952 aged 86.

VICTORIA CROSS AND BAR

A remarkable story to re-emerge from Laurence's researches is that of OUAC's Chavasse twins, Noel and Christopher. They competed in the 1906 and 1907 Varsity Sports, before both going on to represent Great Britain at the 1908 Olympics.

Noel Chavasse served as a medical officer in the war from 1914 to 1917, before giving up his life in the line of duty. He



The Chavasse twins competing together in the Varsity Sports 100 yards in 1907. N.G.Chavasse (Trinity) (furthest right) and K.G.Macleod (Pembroke, Cambridge) (second from right) dead heated in a time of 10.5s. C.M.Chavasse (Trinity) later won the 440 yards in 50.6s.



was a truly heroic man, relentlessly working to save others and risking his life by moving far into no-mans-land to bring back bodies or the injured at Ypres. He was awarded the Victoria Cross twice, the only British man to achieve this distinction, and was the most decorated soldier of the war.

Christopher Chavasse became Bishop of Rochester, and was the Varsity Match Dinner Chairman in 1939.

The twins' father was the founder of St Peters College in Oxford (where there is a Chavasse quad and building) and a full sized portrait of Noel can be found in the college, as well as the original wooden

cross from his grave at Ypres. A full account of Noel's heroism can be found on the internet at www.chavasse.u-net.com/chavasse.html



