

Achilles Club

FIXTURES 2015

Sat 18th April	at Kingston	Kinnaird & Sward (men)
Sun 19th April	at Lee Valley	LICC (Achilles hosting)
Sat 2nd - Mon 4th May	at Bedford	BUCS Championships
Thurs 7th May	at Oxford	Achilles Schools Relays
Sat 9th May	at Oxford	OUAC Trinity Cuppers
Sat 9th May-Sun 10th May	at Cambridge	CUAC Sports
Sat 16th May	at Cambridge	Varsity Match & Achilles Dinner
27th May	at Oxford	OUAC Town v Gown
Wed 10th June	at Loughborough	Achilles v LSAC
Sat 27th June	at Allianz Park	LICC
Mon 29th June	at Oxford	Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale
Sat 1st August	at Allianz Park	LICC
Sat 29th August	at Allianz Park	LICC

The LICC meetings in London are enthusiastically embraced by members of all ages, from 18 to 80. You won't feel out of place!

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Matt Buck & Andy Hodge

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Congratulations to **Leslie Ellis**, winner of the Mile in the Varsity Match of 1936, on celebrating his 100th birthday in November.

Congratulations to **Tamsin James** and **Emily Craven** who have been successful in obtaining accreditation as officials at Level 3P.

BUCS Champions



Rebecca Moore, 10000m



Michael Painter, Hammer



Hanna Tarver, 800m

Achilles Trust Dinner



RAF Club, 19th November. John Crosse, Brian Smouha, Giles Clifford, Adam McBride, Alice Kaye. Ali Bajwa, Montana Jackson, Chris Brodie, Chris Daniels, Tim Lintott. Malcolm Chaplin, Dai Roberts, Chris Thorne, Andy Hodge, Dominic Emery.

England Athletics



Tony Shiret, Tim Soutar, Peter Crawshaw and Sally Hughes are all on the board of England Athletics, continuing the Achilles tradition at the forefront of the sport's advancement and development.

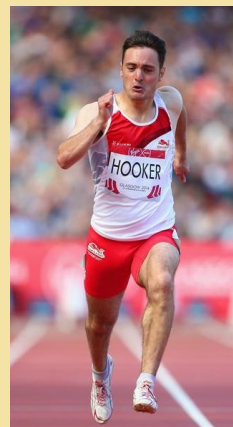
World	UK	Name	Event	Time
7	1	Julia Bleasdale	10000m	31:42.02
28	3	Julia Bleasdale	5000m	15:11.68
	4	Luke Caldwell	10000m	28:47.39
35	4	Daniel Hooker	100m - T37	13.09
89	5	Grace Clements	Heptathlon	5710
	6	Luke Caldwell	5000m	13:33.28
	6	Hayley Munn	Marathon	2:37:44
	8	Ben Moreau	Marathon	2:16:50
83	9	Hanna Tarver	800m	2:01.82
	10	Aidan Reynolds	Javelin	68.72
86	10	Emily Dudgeon	800m	2:01.89
	11	Grace Clements	High Jump	1.78i
	12	Ian Kimpton	Marathon	2:18:04
	12	Rowan May	Pole Vault	5.20
	13	Grace Clements	Shot Put	13.40i
	15	Ben Moreau	10000m	29:30.35
	16	Michael Painter	Hammer	62.95
	16	Rebecca Moore	10000m	34:34.77
	18	Matt Houlden	Triple Jump	15.24
	18	Grace Clements	Javelin	44.61
	18	OUAC	4 x 400m	3:16.61
	19	Paolo Natali	Marathon	2:20.55
	19	Matt Houlden	Long Jump	7.48
	20	Jon Cook	1500m	3:42.27
	21	Achilles	4 x 400m	3:16.94
	23	Kate Davies	Heptathlon	4483
	26	Andy Heyes	1500m	3:43.02
	26	Hanna Tarver	1500m	4:16.9
	26	Polly Keen	3000 s/c	11:12.63
	27	Phyllis Agbo	Shot Put	12.54
	28	Carolyn Plateau	800m	2:05.57
	28	Alex Milne	3000m s/c	9:12.74
	29	Achilles	4 x 100m	42.20
	30	Sam Trigg	Triple Jump	15.00/15.20w
	30	Fiona Brown	Shot Put	12.22
	32	Tom Parker	Hammer	56.97
	33	Chris Bannon	5000m	14:12.76
	33	Jon Cook	800m	1:49.57
	33	Helen Broadbridge	Hammer	50.14
	34	Jake Shelley	1500m	3:43.74
	35	Sam Trigg	Long Jump	7.25
	36	Alex Milne	Marathon	2:25.14
	37	Paolo Natali	10000m	30:28.34
	37	Josh Moulard	Decathlon	5922
	38	Christina Nick	Discus	40.42
	39	Will Mycroft	3000m s/c	9:26.4
	39	Nav Childs	Triple Jump	14.64/14.96w
	39	Georgie Howe	Hammer	47.18
	40	Chris Bannon	10000m	30:34.80
	40	Andy Wheble	Discus	45.37
	40	Priya Cosby	3000m s/c	11:58.04
	42	Alison Greggor	Marathon	2:52.10
	42	Emma Perkins	High Jump	1.70
	42	Laura Duke	Hammer	46.77
	43	Craig Morten	400mH	53.85
	45	James Kelly	Marathon	2:25:56
	46	Fabian Downs	10000m	30:41.15
	48	Alex Howard	3000m s/c	9:29.3
	50	Josh Abraham-Steele	Hammer	51.94

Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

Competing for the home team were Luke Caldwell and Emily Dudgeon (800m). For England, Dan Hooker competed in the T37 100m and Ben Moreau in the marathon,



while Grace Clements brought her career to a close in defence of her 2010 heptathlon bronze medal.



Congratulations to **Bob Shaw**, inducted into the Welsh Athletics Hall of Fame. His citation reads:

Born in Taffs Well, Bob Shaw moved to Manchester when his father took up an appointment there in 1948 and he won the first of his six senior Welsh titles while still a teenager at Manchester Grammar School. At the same age, 18, he also captured the AAA Junior discus and 120 yard hurdles titles on the same day at Perry Bar – both with Welsh junior records and the latter with a Championship best time.

His four Welsh senior titles in the high hurdles came in 1951, 1954, 1955 and 1957 and he won the 440 yard hurdles in 1954 and 1955. He also picked up two bronzes in the discus. His 1955 mark of 55.2 seconds in the 440 yards hurdles stood as a Welsh Championship record for 15 years.

He won four Blues for athletics while at Oxford University and became the first Welshman to win the AAA 440 yards hurdles title in 1955 in a time of 52.2 seconds.

The year before in Vancouver, Canada, he struck bronze for Wales at the Empire and Commonwealth Games in a Welsh record time of 53.3 seconds in

his first season in the event. That was Wales' first athletics medal at the Games since Jim Alford's gold in the mile in Sydney in 1938.

He also competed at the European Championships in Berne, Switzerland in 1954, three times lowering the Welsh 400 metre hurdles record on his way to finishing fifth in the final in 52.3 seconds. He then went to Melbourne in 1956 with the British Olympic team, but failed to qualify from his heat.

He was captain of the Welsh athletics team at the 1958 Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, but just missed out on a final berth when he finished fourth in his semi-final.

In Budapest in 1956 he lowered the Welsh record for an eighth time when he recorded 51.7 seconds. That time wasn't beaten until 1974 and he also held the 120 yard hurdles Welsh record for 16 years.

A Taste for Athletics

My dog got to the latest Achilles mail before I did. Would it be possible to get another one sent?

Many thanks

Thora Glencorse

In Memoriam

Sir Thomas Macpherson of Biallid, CBE, MC, TD, DL (Trinity College, Oxford, 1945-47)

It is impossible to pay adequate tribute to all that Tommy Macpherson did for the Club and for the nation. Achilles were fortunate and proud to have a such a man at the helm of the Club's affairs for so long. Among countless initiatives, he organised a very high profile tour to Greece and Italy in the early 1950's, took over from Harold Abrahams as Chairman, oversaw the establishment of the Achilles Trust when the US Series had all but collapsed through lack of funds, and raised sponsorship for major tours to Australia in the late 1970's and Hong Kong and China in the early 1990's. Athletic achievements included a rare victory over Roger Bannister, and he competed against Zatopek while representing Great Britain in the World Student Games.

In spite of impaired speech and mobility in recent years, which prompted him to resign as our President of 40 years, Tommy had remained our Patron and maintained the keenest interest in Achilles affairs: he attended the 150th Varsity Match dinner in Oxford in May, and at the time of his death had been preparing to join Club members again for an Achilles Trust dinner in London.

A great man, a great sportsman and soldier, a proud product of Trinity. Will be much missed in so many circles.—Michael Beloff

We will mourn his passing, whilst celebrating his achievements. I shall always remember the twinkle in his eye when telling some risqué story or other.—Dai Roberts

A sad loss. I got to know him intensively in 1972/3, as TM, through Committee and competition meetings. He was the driving force, with charm, inspiration, caution and wisdom all sensibly combined. That he remained so committed and active as much as he could be for so long with Achilles is a tribute to his well-directed passion. I can think of none other who has done more for Achilles.—Neville Norman, Australia

What a force Tommy Macpherson was for OUAC/CUAC/Achilles Club! Am very sorry to hear that he's passed away.—Michelle Sikes, USA

Thank you very much for letting me and many other Achilles Members know about wonderful Tommy Macpherson. What an amazing cohort he came from. I feel so privileged to have met him and to have been a part of the fantastic Oxbridge athletics scene and to be a part of Achilles. I am so sad that Tommy has gone....well I expect he will have a heavens eye view of the proceedings now.—Sue Bevan

Really sorry to hear this. He was a great inspiration to me.—Tony Shiret

An exceptional—and very long—life. Impressive and then some. I never met him, and wish I had. Nor had I any idea about his war. You couldn't invent it and be believed.—David Henderson, Spain

The passing away of Sir Thomas Macpherson is a big loss to the Club; and we deeply commiserate with his family and friends on this sad occasion. He rendered stellar services to the Club for which he will long be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.—Abdulai Conteh, Cayman Is

A great loss. A great man ! - John Boulter, France.

What a great loss.—Bridget Wheeler

I was sorry to hear of Sir Tommy's passing, but glad that I was able to meet him, and even more glad we got his name on a trophy that he was able to see.—Geoff Hill, USA

A fine gentleman in every possible sense. - John Crosse

Achilles Club Chairman	1961 - 1979
Achilles Club President	1979 - 2012
Achilles Club Patron	2013 - 2014



In the stand at Iffley Road with Jean



On tour in Estonia in 2004



Laid to rest in Scotland

Sir Thomas Macpherson

Swashbuckling commando who led daring operations behind enemy lines in wartime France and Italy

Serial escape attempts, remarkable bluffing tactics, and sheer bravery behind enemy lines made Sir Thomas Macpherson one of Britain's most decorated veterans of the Second World War. In addition to his three Military Crosses and three Croix de Guerre, the Pope personally awarded him the Star of Bethlehem and a papal knighthood.

As a young wartime commando, Macpherson took part in the ill-fated operation to kill General Erwin Rommel immediately before the Eighth Army's "Crusader" offensive in November 1941. Two parties landed in rubber boats from the RN submarines *Torbay* and *Talisman* to make the 18-mile night approach march in pouring rain to the villa at Beda Littoria (Libya). Subsequent intelligence, however, was to prove that Rommel had never used the place. Many of the commandos were killed and the rest taken prisoner. Among them was Macpherson, who had been commissioned into the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. The adventures that followed were nothing short of swashbuckling.

While held in a prison camp near Genoa, Macpherson would not allow his spirit to be broken and took advantage of incarceration by becoming fluent in Italian. In 1943, when Italy surrendered, he and his fellow PoWs were loaded on to a train by the Germans to

He bluffed a German general into surrendering with 23,000 troops

be moved to a different camp. Seizing his moment, he tried to flee but was swiftly caught by a guard who marched him back to the station — and vented his anger by emptying his rifle in single shots between Macpherson's feet. Then forced to stand against a wall, he was about to be shot when another officer ordered the guard not to kill him.

Despite a number of failed attempts to escape — including one from a transit camp in Spittal when he tried to slip away amid a party of agricultural workers — he did not despair. He eventually escaped from Stalag XXA at Thorn on the Vistula, in occupied Poland, after crawling under two perimeter fences and dodging the searchlights. He made his way back to England via Sweden, having been smuggled on to a Baltic collier at Gdynia by some friendly Poles. On board he narrowly escaped detection by customs officials by climbing down into the hold.

Back home, he was recruited by the Special Operations Executive to be dropped into occupied France at the time of the Normandy invasion. Formed into three-man teams codenamed "Jedburghs", their mission was to make contact with the French Resistance movements, arm them where necessary and encourage them to engage in sabotage helpful to the Allies' campaign to liberate France.

The Jedburgh team of which Major Macpherson was in charge, codenamed "Quinine", was flown from Blida in Algiers and dropped near Aurillac, in the Cantal department, on the night of June 8, 1944. Accompanied by Aspirant (officer cadet) Prince Michel de

Bourbon of the French Army and Sergeant Arthur Brown of the Royal Tank Regiment, Macpherson — a proud Scot — wore his kilt for the occasion. The attire caused some confusion and the first report to reach the local maquisards claimed "a French officer has arrived with his wife".

In order to swell partisan numbers, Macpherson drove around in a car — still wearing his Cameron Highlander tartans — openly flying the Union Flag pennant and the Croix de Lorraine, much to the astonishment of his comrades. After establishing contact with the Gaullist FFI (Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur), he urged them to disrupt railway lines and to destroy a number of locomotives at Capdenac. Attempts were made to trap Macpherson and it was said that a 300,000 franc price was put on his head.

He became known for leading large-scale guerrilla operations — including one against the Das Reich Panzer division shortly after his arrival in France. Macpherson and the "Jeds" demolished a bridge the Germans were hoping to cross, and defended another for six days against their attacks.

He turned his attention to the communist FTP (Francs-tireurs et partisans) who, at his suggestion, stole two Citroën cars from the Vichy-French police to enhance their tactical mobility. Macpherson later moved Quinine to Toulouse and became part of a French Resistance force known as the Groupement Mobile du Sud Ouest, which moved north of Clermont-Ferrand.

Whether through bravery or chutzpah, Macpherson won the surrender of 23,000 Wehrmacht troops by spouting a series of brazen lies. He presented himself to the commanding officer, Major-General Botho Elster, and assured him that heavy artillery, 20,000 troops and RAF bombers were waiting for Macpherson's word to attack. In reality he had only the aid of another Jedburgh team. Surrender or die, he urged Elster; the bluff worked. Elster and his troops eventually passed into US Army captivity.

After Macpherson was withdrawn from France in October 1944, he was sent to work with the partisans in north-eastern Italy, where he helped to unify bickering groups and led a successful raid on a marshalling yard in Udine.

For his exploits in France in 1944, he was awarded a bar to the MC he had received for escaping from the Stalag XXA camp and evading the Germans in 1943; and a second bar came in 1945 for his service in Italy. He was also appointed a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour and awarded the Croix de Guerre with two palms, the Italian Medaglia d'Argento and the Resistance Medal.

Ronald Thomas Stewart Macpherson, known as Tommy, was born in Edinburgh in 1920, the fifth son of Sir Thomas Stewart Macpherson. He was a small and sickly child who suffered from osteomyelitis, a debilitating infection of the bone marrow that left him confined to his bed for several months. During that time he read voraciously, finishing a book every two days; Robert Louis Stevenson's *Alan Breck* became his childhood hero.

Once recovered, he gained a reputa-



Macpherson insisted on wearing his regiment tartans when parachuted into France in 1944



tion at Fettes College as a talented sportsman. On the rugby pitch he took after his older brother, the renowned rugby union player GPS "Phil" Macpherson. After demobilisation he headed to Trinity College, Oxford, where he continued to excel on the pitch and read a First in PPE. Aside from intellectual jousting with his tutorial partner, the future Labour minister Tony Crosland, Macpherson won an athletics Blue and could even boast a rare victory over Roger Bannister. He also competed as an international student athlete against Emil Zatopek in the World Student Games.

Oxford eased him back into civilian life — "Our life was finished, and then it started again". For nearly 30 years he worked for the timber company William Mallinson & Sons, where he started as a personal assistant to the chairman and finished as managing director.

Before being appointed CBE (Military Division) in 1968, he commanded 1st Battalion the London Scottish TA (1961-64) and was Colonel TA London District (1964-67). He was knighted for services to commerce and industry in 1992.

Together with his wife Jean (née Butler Wilson), whom he married in 1953, he divided his time between homes in London — where he travelled everywhere on foot — and the family seat, Biallid House, in Newtonmore, Inverness-shire. Lady Macpherson survives him, with their two sons and daughter: Duncan is a harrister; Angus is managing director of the Environment Exchange; and Ishbel is non-executive chairman and director of several companies. As children they recall their father beginning every day with a cold bath and an hour of exercise.

Aside from his love of fishing, shooting and languages, he served for 40 years as president of the Achilles Club (for Oxbridge athletes). He resigned after a stroke.

His passion for the outdoors never waned and he insisted on going for walks twice a day, even in ailing health, regardless of whether it was raining or snowing. Though an animated raconteur he rarely spoke of his wartime experiences until his eighties. He published an autobiography, *Behind Enemy Lines*, in 2010. Once asked to name his proudest moment, he pondered and said: "It's very often that one remembers the small things and forgets the big ones."

Sir Thomas Macpherson, CBE, MC and two bars, soldier and businessman, was born on October 4, 1920. He died on November 6, 2014, aged 94

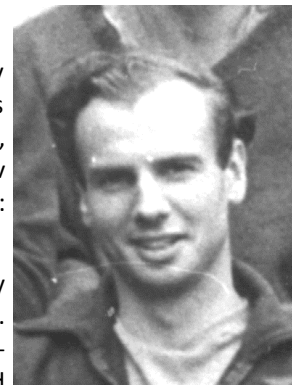
In Memoriam

AD Gordon (Magdalen College, Oxford, 1953-56) during 2014.

Alan Gordon may be remembered by history more for a race in which he placed fourth than for his many considerable victories. The photograph shows him (third from the right) between his opponents Chris Brasher and Roger Bannister, at the start of the OUAC v AAA mile on 6th May 1954: the first four minute mile.



However, Alan was a very fine runner in his own right. In 1955 he was sixth in Britain at 1500m (3:48.6) and 11th in the Mile (4:07.9), and in 1956 he ran 3:46 for 1500m (finishing third in a floodlit meeting and crossing the line with Chris Chataway), and 4:06.2 for the Mile when breaking Chataway's Varsity Match record. And he placed first equal in the Varsity Cross Country of 1955. Nevertheless, for all that he took part in more sub-four minute miles than anyone else at that time (including Derek Ibbotson's world record race), and was widely tipped to break the time himself, it was a feat which eluded him.



Rear-Admiral Louis Armstrong CBE (Magdalen College, Oxford), on 31st December 2014

John Herbert Arthur James Armstrong was a music scholar at King's School, Canterbury, from where he entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1964. He played the trumpet and soon acquired the name "Louis" by which he was universally known. When the Navy decided to educate its officers to degree standard, Armstrong was selected to read Law at Magdalen. He was a shot putter, alongside Rugby Blue Rodney Speed, in the 1969 Oxford winning Varsity Match team.



NG Baum (Brasenose College, Oxford) —in 2012

Norman Baum threw the Javelin in the Varsity Sports of 1948 (placing 2nd) and 1950 (3rd).

GE Villiers (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1951-55) during the Summer of 2013

George Villiers (pictured at the 1988 Achilles Dinner for Sandy Duncan) was President of OUAC in 1954, having served as Hon Sec the year before. Primarily a long jumper, and winner at the Varsity Sports of 1952, he placed second in both that event and the 220y hurdles. In 1954. He was a member of the Oxford & Cambridge team which toured the USA in 1952.



FD Shirreff (Oriental College, Oxford, 1936-39) during 2010

Don Shirreff contributed to a comfortable Oxford victory in the Varsity Cross Country of 1938, and ran in the Varsity Sports of 1939.

Roger Leigh Trapnell (King's College, Cambridge, 1927-29) a number of years ago.

The Leigh Trapnell Chair of Quantum Physics was established in 2002 in his memory.

AT Cope (Christ's College, Cambridge 1957-60) on 8th November 2013.

Tony Cope was Hon Sec of CUAC in 1960. In that year he placed a close second to John Holt in the Varsity Sports 440y (49.0 to 48.8). The previous year he had placed third but also in 1959 he competed on the Third Achilles Tour to Scandinavia organised by Robert Stinson, recording times of 22.9 for 200m and 48.5 for 400m. A celebration of his life was held at Marion, Massachusetts, in May 2014. Richard Oldcorn, who attended the service, and other members (Alex Fruin, Chris Thorne, Dai Roberts and Malcolm Warburton among them), have been trying to work out who is the outgoing runner in the accompanying photo (Tony is the incoming runner), so far without success. Positive identification would be welcomed.



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Tony's cheerful smile and constant good humour endeared him to all who knew him, and running together in the same events (including the 1960 Varsity 440) meant we were often together as friends and rivals. I can hear his voice now!!

- John Holt



The Memorial Service for **Chris Chataway** (left, running with his grandchildren: see last year's Report) was packed with representatives from all the varied walks of life which Chris trod. Tommy Macpherson and Roger Bannister (right) were among the many Achilles members present.



A hero of the 18th Century



William Washington Bolton (Caius College, Cambridge, 1876-79). Bolton's interests were equally divided by scholarship and sports. During the Cambridge Freshmen's sports, he won the mile in 4:46.6. In 1878, at the CU Sports on March 30th, he won the 440 yard and the mile, and ran 2:04.0 for 880 yard (half mile). In May he won a 200 yard race. Against Oxford University at Lillie Bridge, London, on April 12 he finished 4th in the mile in 4:35.7 (estimated). He was 4th in the 880 yard in the AAC Championships (the forerunner of the AAA), but on November 26 he had a remarkable win in a 1000 yard handicap race at Cambridge from scratch in 2:19.8, a British record for an amateur. In 1879 he was President of CUAC and achieved an outstanding 880 yard time of 2:00.4 and a mile time of 4:37.0 at Cambridge on March 21. He went on to win the AAC title in the 880 yard in 2:03.6 on April 7 at Lillie Bridge, but when he ran the mile against Oxford he failed to place. He was also a spirited boxer, a footballer (both rugby and soccer) and a long distance swimmer, and an ardent tennis player when that now universal sport was in its infancy. In 1881 he was ordained and for the next three years held a curacy at Stoke-on-Trent. In 1885 he went to Canada to become a missionary in Saskatchewan, the start of lifetime of travel and dedication to education: after achieving much in Victoria, Vancouver, New Zealand and the lonely little island of Niue, he ended his days in Tahiti in 1946. It is recorded that he was proud of being a Cambridge Blue and a member of Achilles.

The Varsity Field Events and Relays Matches

Lee Valley 1st March 2014

Men's relays, all indoors (Oxford win 4-2)

60m (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1 S. Juwe (C-guest) 7.18, A. McBraida (O) 7.19, G. Gundle (O) 7.25, S. Trigg (O) 7.31, L. Tapper (C) 7.39 [T. Neill (C) did not finish],

Race 2 G. Ejikeme (C) 7.32, W. Morris (C-guest) 7.33, A. Richardson (O) 7.45, I. Shevlin (O) 7.53, C. Eliot (guest) 7.57, M. Houlden (C) 23.71
 Race 3 (guests) F. Smith (O) 7.43, P. Calver (C) 7.56, J. Dargan (O) 7.58, L. Muhammed (O) 7.61, J. Vickers (O) 8.04, A. Tate (C) 8.11
 Oxford total time 29.20, Cambridge did not finish a team.

4x 200m

Oxford (A. McBraida 23.0, G. Gundle 22.5, C. Morten 23.4, R. Eliot 22.6) 1:31.52
 Oxford "B" (F. Smith 24.0, W. David 23.3, I. Shevlin 23.8, A. Richardson 23.3) 1:34.41
 Cambridge (Morris 24.2, Brown 24.7, Rutherford 25.2, Calver 24.0) 1:38.08

4 x 400m

Oxford (G. Gundle 50.4, W. David 51.7, R. Eliot 49.6, A. McBraida 49.9) 3:21.55
 Cambridge (J. Brooks 51.5, B. Walker 50.2, B. Ridley-Johnson 53.0, N. Rousset 52.5) 3:27.13
 Oxford "B" (H. Baker 53.6, J. Reed 53.5, J. Black 54.3, L. Gardner 52.1) 3:33.42
 Cambridge "C" (A. Short 55.8, J. Christopher 55.0, E. Tustin 53.3, E. Smith 53.2) 3:37.24
 Cambridge "B" (M. Wang-Koh 56.3, T. Truneh 57.1, T. Borgas 53.6, B. Dixon 53.5) 3:40.48

4x800m

Cambridge (M. Nelson 2:00.7, E. Smith 1:58.0, Z. Howe 1:58.7, L. Hilton 1:56.1) 7:53.47 **record**
 Oxford (W. Durkin 2:01.2, L. Gardner 1:58.2, C. Morten 1:59.3, H. Baker 2:00.2) 7:58.92
 Cambridge "B" (A. Abraham 2:01.3, E. Tusting 2:05.0, A. Bow 2:13.9, R. Burford 2:10.0) 8:30.20
 Oxford "B" consisted of a single runner (J. Reed 2:01.9)

4x1500

Oxford (T. Quirk 4:14.7, A. Muir 4:12.0, C. Philips-Hart 4:06.7, A. Howerd 4:06.3) 16:39.62
 Cambridge (J. Christopher 4:15.8, R. Ollington 4:24.0, A. Short 4:02.0, W. Ryle-Hodges 3:59.6) 16:41.34
 Cambridge "B" (P. Giannaros 4:27.9, M. Benson-May 4:33.6, B. Walker 4:39.8, A. Abraham 4:32.8) 18:13.96
 Oxford "B" consisted of a single runner (G. Wright-Colopy 4:23.4)

60m hurdles (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)



Race 1 I. Ngum (O) 8.70, M. Houlden (C) 8.75, O. Mario-Ghae (C) 9.04, A. McBraida (O) 9.05, C. Chua (C) 9.27
 Race 2 J. So (O) 9.01, A. Stanley (C) 9.41, C. Morten (O) 10.43, D. Luke-Smith (C) 10.66, J. Marvel-Coen (O) 10.75

Cambridge total times 36.47, Oxford total times 37.19

Men's field events (Cambridge win 7-1)

High Jump, indoors

Cambridge (O. Mario-Ghae 1.94, C. Little 1.85, A. Schilling 1.80, A. Stanley 1.80) 7.39
 Oxford (F. Hendry 1.91, W. Pargeter 1.80, S. Trigg 1.80, D. Kelly 1.70) 7.21
 K. Rutherford (C-guest) jumped 1.60

Pole Vault, indoors

Cambridge (Q. Gouill 4.05, Z. Hussain 4.05, A. Stanley 3.45, F. Bunbury 3.05) 14.60
 Oxford (A. Klein 3.65, C. Day 2.95, N. Singh 2.75, B. Conibear no height cleared) 9.35
 B. Ahmet (guest) cleared 3.75, D. Hicklin (C-guest) cleared 2.85

Long Jump, indoors

Cambridge (M. Houlden 7.22, J. Allen 5.97, O. Mario-Ghae 5.83, N. Tang 5.67) 24.69
 Oxford (S. Trigg 6.67, E. Leonce 6.34, S. Wei 5.96, H. Parkin 5.70) J. Dargan (O-guest) jumped 5.33

Triple Jump, indoors

Cambridge (M. Houlden 14.78, E. Gbegli 14.09, L. Smith 12.55, B. Lewis 11.60) 53.02



Oxford (S. Trigg 14.63, E. Leonce 13.91, R. Ford 12.13, F. Hendry 10.86) 51.53

Shot Putt, indoors

Cambridge (M. Painter 13.06, T. Haseler 12.75, E. Akinluyi 11.41, J. Gruber 10.41) 47.63
 Oxford (J. Heywood 11.11, B. Conibear 9.46, M. Hannah 9.30, B. Newman-Sanders 8.34) 38.21
 D. Sparkhall (C-guest) threw 10.18

Discus, outdoors

Oxford (J. Heywood 41.09, B. Conibear 33.79, B. Newman-Sanders 27.63, F. Smith 26.11) 128.62
 Cambridge (M. Painter 37.32, A. Stanley 34.33, J. Gruber 32.75, J. Dauparas 15.18) 119.58

Hammer, outdoors

Cambridge (M. Painter 58.67 **record**, T. Parker 42.37, J. Gruber 33.20, O. Piotrowicz 29.25) 163.49
 Oxford (T. Cross 20.65, J. Heywood 19.63, B. Newman-Sanders 17.28, F. Smith 15.37) 72.93

Javelin, outdoors

Cambridge (J. Dauparas 51.49, J. Gruber 50.41, N. Konduru 47.27, W. Scott 38.62) 187.79
 Oxford (B. Conibear 45.24, J. Heywood 44.52, T. Cross 40.75, F. Smith 40.37) 170.88
 C. Robb (C-guest) threw 39.13



Women's relays (Cambridge win 4-2)

60m (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1 E. Cullen (C) 7.93 **record**, A. Kaye (C) 7.99, E. Oyesanya (O) 8.10, M. Jackson (O) 8.35, D. McCoy (O) 9.06

Race 2 C. Ota (C) 8.21, F. Thompson (C) 8.26, E. Barbour (O) 8.36, R. Heyworth (C) 8.42, M. Png (O) 8.71

Race 3 (guests) S. Rawlinson (O) 8.69, O. Lala (C) 8.92
 Cambridge total time 32.39 **record**, Oxford total time 33.87

4x200m

Cambridge (E. Cullen 26.4, C. Ota 26.9, E. Simmons 26.6, A. Kaye 24.8) 1:44.62 **record**
 Oxford (E. Barbour 27.4, D. McCoy 27.6, E. Stone 27.6, E. Oyesanya 27.2) 1:49.82

4x400m

Cambridge (E. Simmons 61.7, A. Flint 62.2, E. Goodband 62.4, A. Kaye 56.4) 4:02.63 **record**
 Oxford (R. Penfold 62.9, R. O'Neill 61.4, M. Jackson 60.8, E. Moss 61.7) 4:06.61

3x800m

Oxford (R. Penfold 2:20.6, R. O'Neill 2:22.8, E. Moss 2:26.8) 7:10.15
 Cambridge (E. Read 2:23.2, S. Lovewell 2:29.8, R. McLean 2:27.9) 7:20.90

3 x 1500m

Cambridge (R. Moore 4:55.7, N. Ogilvie 5:10.9, 87



K. Turner 4:41.8) 14:48.41 **record**
 Oxford (S. Markolovic 5:06.8, C. Lowson 5:28.1, S. McCuag 4:46.5) 15:21.55
 Oxford "B" consisted of two runners (N. Webber 5:19.5 and B. Murray 5:54.0)

60m hurdles (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1 D. McCoy (O) 9.72, E. Stone (O) 10.05, M. Jackson (O) 10.24, E. Lefroy (C) 10.43, A. Flint (C) 11.03

Race 2 M. Preuss (C) 10.43, L. Crossman (C) 10.43, E. Delaria (C) 10.69, K. Holder (O) 11.32, E. Moss (O) 11.81

Oxford total times 41.33, Cambridge total times 41.98

Women's field events (Cambridge win 5½ - 2½)

High Jump, indoors



Cambridge (L. Crossman 1.48, A. Bates 1.48, F. James 1.40, F. Jing 1.40) 4.36

Oxford (E. Stone 1.48, K. Holder 1.40, M. Jackson 1.35, A. Wilson 1.25) 4.23

Pole Vault, indoors

1= Oxford (K. Holder 2.40, J. Buolamwini 2.40, M. Jackson 2.00, S. Rawlinson 1.60) 6.80

1= Cambridge (E. Delaria 3.10, R. Martin 1.90, H. Church 1.80) 6.80

Long Jump, indoors

Oxford (M. Jackson 4.85, C. Stone 4.66, K. Holder 4.44,

S. Rawlinson 4.12) 13.95
Cambridge (M. Preuss 4.76, A. Flint 4.59, F. Jing 4.37, F. James 4.08) 13.72

Triple Jump, indoors

Cambridge (S. Ifesi 11.32, M. Preuss 10.19, F. Jing 9.77, A. Flint 9.50) 31.28

Oxford (M. Jackson 11.00, E. Stone 10.04, K. Holder 9.55, A. Wilson 9.43) 30.59
F. James (C-guest) threw 9.30

Shot Putt, indoors

Oxford (K. Holder 10.44, C. Nick 10.38, S. Oyesanya 9.87, J. Richards 8.80) 30.69

Cambridge (B. Cook 8.69, H. Broadbridge 8.63, G. Howe 8.51, R. Rosenberg 7.86)) 25.83
R. Fellingner (C-guest) threw 6.90, K. Elliott (C-guest) threw 4.62

Discus, outdoors

Cambridge (G. Howe 36.87, H. Broadbridge 35.30, B. Cooke 22.78, A. Macintosh 18.06) 94.95

Oxford (C. Nick 33.99, K. Holder 25.19, S. Oyesanya 23.06, J. Richards 21.65), 82.24
R. Fellingner (C-guest) threw 19.02

Hammer, outdoors

Cambridge (G. Howe 46.28 **record**, H. Broadbridge 43.40, R. Fellingner 28.83, R. Rosenberg 22.16) 118.51 **record**

Oxford (J. Richards 40.33, S. Oyesanya 23.65, C. Nick 22.61, K. Holder 20.88) 86.59
K. Elliott (C-guest) threw 18.93

Javelin, outdoors

Cambridge (H. Broadbridge 27.12, E. Cullen 26.84, K. de Kramer 26.31, A. Macintosh 18.01) 80.27

Oxford (K. Holder 27.69, J. Richards 24.07, E. Stone and D. McCoy all no throws) 51.76



Kinnaird & Sward Trophy Matches—26th April 2014

100 SM A	6	Tom Neill	11.35	-0.4
100 SM B	4	Sylvester Juwe	11.26	-0.4
100 SM ns1	2	Matthew Houlden	11.22	1.7
	6	Alexa Richardson	11.5	1.7
	8	Patrick Calver	11.75	1.7
100 SM ns2	5	Justas Daunaras	12.15	1
	7	Charles Romito	12.83	1
100 SM ns3	2	Gabriele Ejikeme	11.76	-1.3
	5	Kekeli Anthony	12.52	-1.3
200 SM A	6	Sylvester Juwe	23.02	-0.4
200 SM B	2	Matthew Houlden	22.91	-1.2
	6	Harry Bartlett	24.44	-1.2
200 SM ns1	3	Gabriele Ejikeme	23.69	1.2
	4	Patrick Calver	24.07	1.2
200 SM ns2	5	Kekeli Anthony	25.25	0.3
	6	Alan James	25.44	0.3
400 SM A	2	Caspar Eliot	49.36	
400 SM B	1	Louis Gardner	53.29	
400 SX ns	1	Paul Scanlan	50.53	
	2	Nathan Samuyiwa	51.4	
	3	Ben Ridley-Johnson	53.33	
	4	Jonathan Black	55.45	
	5	Mark White	57.5	
	6	Emilie Bokor-Ingram	62.4	
800 SM	1	Hugh Baker	02:00.2	
	2	Jamie Reid	02:02.7	
800 SM A	1	Will Durkin	01:57.9	
	2	Jonathan Darby	01:58.2	
	3	Jack Hillier	02:00.6	
	4	Chris Ore	02:11.8	
800 SM B	1	Louis Gardner	01:59.0	
	2	Alex Thomas	02:07.4	
	3	Sebastian Hudspith	02:26.8	
1500 SM A	1	Adam Speake	04:03.8	
	2	Mike Cummings	04:04.0	
	3	Matt Hyett	04:56.9	

1500 SM B	1	Alex Howard	04:13.9	
1500 SM ns	1	Mark Nelson	04:09.0	
	2	Niki Faulkner	04:21.7	
	3	Simon Stebbings	04:26.4	
	5	Barnaby Walker	04:38.2	
3000 SM A	1	Tom Heslop	09:08.9	
	2	Peter Wilkins	11:20.9	
3000 SM B	1	Tim Calliafas	09:44.2	
3000 SM ns	1	Archie Allen-Jones	09:55.9	
110H SM A	2	Ismaila Ngum	15.69	-0.3
110H SM B	1	Matthew Houlden	15.66	-0.3
	2	Bilen Ahmet	20.87	-0.3
400H SM A	2	Caspar Eliot	55.31	
	4	Daniel Eckersley	56.51	
2000SC SM A	1	Peter Townsend	06:20.0	
2000SC SM B	1	Josh Carr	06:25.1	
2000SC SM ns	1	Alastair Stanley	06:19.8	
	2	Paul Hodgson	06:24.0	
	3	Mark Nelson	06:27.8	
	4	James Taylor	06:28.7	
	5	Aidan Smith	06:43.4	
4x100 SM A	3	Achilles	44.32	
4x400 SM A	1	Achilles	03:34.9	
HJ SM A	2	Christopher Little	1.75	
HJ SM B	1	Bilen Ahmet	1.7	
PV SM A	1	Bilen Ahmet	3.85	
LJ SM A	2	Matthew Houlden	6.82	1.6
LJ SM B		Humph Waddington	6.48	-1.6

TJ SM A	1	Matthew Houlden	14.26	0.9
	2	Humphrey Waddington	13.26	0.3
TJ SM B	1	Emmanuel Gbegli	13.59	-2
	2	Chris Hall	13.04	1.1
TJ SX ns	2	Bilen Ahmet	12.21	-0.4
	3	Ben Lewis	11.58	-4.2
SP7.26K SM A	4	James Heywood	10.85	
	5	Piers Willoughby-Strauss	9.7	
DT2K SM A	2	James Heywood	42.4	
	3	Andy Wheble	40.74	
DT2K SM B	1	Chris Dack	38.75	
	2	Ryan Harper	33.35	
DT2K SM ns	3	Jordan Gruber	29.14	
HT7.26K SM A	3	Ryan Harper	35.43	
HT7.26K SM B	1	Andy Wheble	39.54	
JT800 SM A	1	Jordan Gruber	50.82	
JT800 SM B	1	Justas Dauparas	47.09	
	2	Andy Wheble	37.51	

Match Results:-

<u>Kinnaird</u>	<u>Sward</u>
Achilles 234	KACPH 200
KACPH 184	Achilles 130
HHH 140	Hercules 72
Hercules 116	HHH 58
Blackheath 68	TVH 16
TVH 58	

The London Inter-Club Challenge



PB's all round in the first match for (from right) George Gundle, Adam McBraida, Ralph Eliot and Craig Morten.

LONDON INTER CLUB CHALLENGE LEE VALLEY STADIUM - MONDAY 21 APRIL 2014

400m Hurdles Race 1				
2	Craig Morten	Sen	M	53.85
400m Hurdles Race 2				
1	Vjaceslavs Sadovskis	Sen	M	57.21
3	Alice Flint	U20	W	68.19
300m Hurdles Race 1				
	Paul Willcox	M60	M	DNF
100m Women Wind : 3.2				
2	Emma Cullen	Sen	W	12.24
100m Race 1 Wind : 2.8				
4	Adam McBraida	Sen	M	10.96
6	Alexander Richardson	Sen	M	11.34
100m Race 2 Wind : 1.1				
2	Sam Trigg	Sen	M	11.40
3	George Gundle	Sen	M	11.43
4	James Dargan	Sen	M	11.56
5	Ian Shevlin	Sen	M	11.63
6	Patrick Calver	Sen	M	11.67
7	Nicolas Roussett	Sen	M	11.83
100m Race 3 Wind : 1.4				
7	Louwai Muhammed	Sen	M	11.90
100m Race 4 Wind : 3.5				
5	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	12.37
	Charlie Romito	Sen	M	DIS
400m Race 1				
2	George Gundle	Sen	M	48.48
3	Adam McBraida	Sen	M	48.67
5	Ralph Eliot	Sen	M	49.62
6	Craig Morten	Sen	M	50.21
400m Race 2				
1	James Brooks	Sen	M	50.73
2	Alastair Stanley	U20	M	51.14
5	Nicolas Roussett	Sen	M	52.93
7	Benedict Robb	Sen	M	54.66
400m Race 3				
1	Teddy Truneh	Sen	M	54.15
3	Jonathan Black	Sen	M	55.27
6	Edward Hezlet	Sen	M	57.75
200m Race 2 Wind : 1.1				
1	Barnabas Walker	Sen	M	22.50
3	Ian Shevlin	Sen	M	23.24
6	James Dargan	Sen	M	23.53

200m Race 4 Wind : 1.0				
1	Toleme Ezekiel	Sen	M	23.75
1500m				
1	Barnaby Walker	Sen	M	04:38.30
Long Jump Pool 1				
3	Benedict Robb	Sen	M	5.47 +3.1
Long Jump Pool 2				
6	Fiona Jing	Sen	W	4.11 +2.1
Triple Jump				
1	Sam Trigg	Sen	M	14.74 +1.2
2	Sam Hill-Smith	Sen	M	13.33 +1.7
4	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	12.05 +2.2
6	Fiona Jing	Sen	W	9.47 NWI
High Jump				
1	James Gore	Sen	M	1.80
2	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	1.75
4	Polly Fullerton	Sen	W	1.45
5	Fiona Jing	Sen	W	1.40
Pole Vault				
1	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	3.95
4	Emily Brady	Sen	W	2.40
5	Rebecca Hulbert	Sen	W	2.30
7	Hannah Church	Sen	W	2.10
Shot				
3	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	10.11
2	Christina Nick	Sen	W	10.30
Hammer				
3	Christina Nick	Sen	W	21.01
Discus				
1	Gregg Thompson	Sen	M	53.14
2	Adamos Zeniou	Sen	M	35.56
3	Bilen Ahmet	Sen	M	26.25
5	Christina Nick	Sen	W	36.03



Rare victory for Bilen over Katie in Match 2

ALLIANZ PARK - 31 MAY 2014

400m Hurdles Men				
3	Daniel Eckersley	SM		56.06
100m Race 1 Wind : 0.0				
6	George Kenyon	SM		11.28
100m Race 5 Wind : 0.0				
5	Daniel Eckersley	SM		12.15
100m Race 7 Wind : 0.0				
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM		12.25
3	Katie Skelding	SW		12.34
400m Race 4				
2	Lucy Spray	SW		01:00.99
200m Race 2 Wind : 0.0				
1	Caspar Eliot	SM		22.70
200m Race 3 Wind : 0.0				
6	Daniel Eckersley	SM		24.51
200m Race 6 Wind : 0.0				
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM		25.88
Long Jump Pool 2				
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM		5.44
Triple Jump Pool 1				
3	Bilen Ahmet	SM		12.05
High Jump				
2	Will Pargeter	SM		1.80
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM		1.55
Pole Vault				
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM		4.00
3	Freddy Bunbury	SM		3.60
6	Duncan Hicklin	SM		3.20
2	Hannah Church	SW		2.00
Shot				
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM		10.04
5	Freddy Bunbury	SM		7.20
1	Laura Duke	SW		11.14
1	Laura Duke	SW		43.01
Hammer Pool 2				
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM		21.19
Discus Pool 2				
5	Bilen Ahmet	SM		19.41

ALLIANZ PARK - 28 JUNE 2014

400m Hurdles Men			
3	Daniel Eckersley	SM	57.88
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM	64.93
100m Race 5 Wind : 0.8			
3	Charlie Romito	SM	12.28
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM	12.32
5	Alan James	M35	12.56
200m Race 4 Wind : -1.6			
5	Ming Wangkoh	SM	24.96
200m Race 5 Wind : -0.5			
4	Alan James	M35	25.12
6	Bilen Ahmet	SM	26.05
200m Race 8 Wind : 0.7			
7	Paul Willcox	M60	29.25
110mHurdles Wind : 0.6			
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM	19.08
Long Jump NWI			
3	Bilen Ahmet	SM	5.45
5	Helen Hanstock	SW	4.85
Triple Jump			
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM	12.26
High Jump			
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM	1.70
Pole Vault			
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM	3.61
Javelin			
3	Helen Hanstock	SW	24.42
Shot			
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM	9.34
3	Helen Hanstock	SW	9.10
Discus			
3	Bilen Ahmet	SM	25.36



ALLIANZ PARK - 30 AUGUST 2014

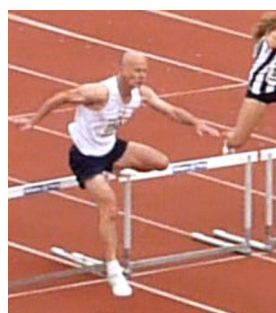
5000m			
1	Tom Heslop	SM	15:56.01
300m Hurdles Mixed			
1	Paul Willcox	M60	51.80
100m race 7 1.5 M/S			
2	Bilen Ahmet	SM	12.24
100m race 11 NWI			
5	Paul Willcox	M60	14.33
400m race 2			
6	Alan James	M35	57.55
200m race 4 2.4 M/S			
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM	25.49
110 Hurdles 2.4 M/S			
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM	19.03
Long Jump Pool 2 NWI			
3	Bilen Ahmet	SM	5.43
Triple Jump Pool 1 NWI			
4	Bilen Ahmet	SM	12.14
High Jump			
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM	1.75
Pole Vault			
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM	3.90
4	Chris Day	M35	2.90
13	Hannah Church	SW	2.00
Javelin			
7	Bilen Ahmet	SM	32.91
Shot			
5	Bilen Ahmet	SM	10.42
1	Bozo Ivanovic	M70	9.81
Hammer Pool 2			
1	Bilen Ahmet	SM	24.55



*Above—Bo Ivanovic. Below, Tony Shiret.
Left Bilen Ahmet & Alan James.*

The LICC matches saw a great Achilles turnout in the first match: the fine spring weather helped towards a number of PB's. Later in the season they featuring the welcome return after 50 years of Bo Ivanovic (above -straight in at number 7 in the V70 shot put rankings), Tony Shiret's debut as starter, and Paul Willcox managing to complete a 300mH (third in the UK V60 rankings— quite chuffed!).

The match against Loughborough found most of our athletes in the middle of exams. All credit to Lucy Spray for winning the 400mH and keeping the Achilles flag flying.



The Mystery of the Medieval Half-Blue Blazer

I came up to BNC in 1961 aged 18 straight from North Manchester Grammar School 's 6th form to read physics and to run.

I was a keen 880yds athlete & a member of Salford Harriers with some decent times and junior victories to my credit including a coveted World Sports award for running the half-mile in 2min at the age of 15.

I sat the entrance exams at BNC and was deemed worthy of the offer of a place as a commoner, partly on my academic performance but also as a result of my naive answer to the interview panel's question: "Why BNC?"

Well, to confess, I had never heard of BNC until my headmaster told me this was the college I should try for. So I had asked him the same question "Why BNC?"

I still remember his reply; he simply said "Because they are partial to northern athletes".

So I trotted this answer out & was rewarded with universal laughter from the interviewers & I knew then that I would probably get an offer & I did.

Up I came in autumn '61. Robin Macklin was OUAC President and Adrian Metcalfe Secretary. Other international OUAC members at the time included Roger Lane (javelin) & Mike Ralph (triple jump) and



John Boulter (880Yds) who went to Tokyo for the 1964 Olympics with Adrian bringing home a silver from the 4x400 metres relay.

Well that term I won the fresher's half mile and then repeated this in winning the half mile in the match against Cambridge freshers. I was then selected for the relays (4x880) which we also won.

Then, in the summer of '62, I just missed selection for the Varsity match 880yds by

coming 3rd in the trials behind Norton & Hall so, in desperation, I ran the mile trial and was rewarded with a place in Oxford's one mile team; the others being Bell, who went on to win the race in 4min 7secs, and Rigby.

In the build up to the match I was approached by Robin Macklin, also BNC, who had this ancient (at least Edwardian - judging by the cut) Half-Blue's blazer which had just been donated to OUAC by its ex-owner as being fit to be worn at the varsity match & dinner by some young and impecunious half blue.

Well Robin and the committee thought I fitted the qualifying description; I was certainly the youngest member of the team and I was also fairly impecunious. Unfortunately though I did not fit the garment itself since I was a very slim 5ft 6" runner & I am sure the donor must have been a much larger man probably a thrower like Roger Lane. However I was persuaded to take & wear the blazer & I was very proud to do so.

- **Bill Roberts BNC (1961), 1 Mile half-blue**

Bill has kindly donated the blazer to OUAC, and it is now worn usually by the Captain of the Centipedes.

The American Achilles Foundation Dinner

17th October 2014, New York

The American Achilles Foundation held its annual dinner in the impressive and elegant surroundings of the Yale Club in New York. We were privileged to attend and sat in on the AGM which preceded the dinner at which the AAF demonstrated how to fund raise with style and simplicity. A well-oiled machine of committed persons who made us very welcome and were inspirational at a time when we are seeking to augment the Achilles Trust's funds to secure the future of the historic international match series. It was encouraging to hear that Cornell may join the Foundation in 2015- the main purpose of the Foundation being to support the UK Universities when in the USA.

After the formalities we enjoyed an excellent dinner. Present were Geoff Hill, Jim Vanasek, Jim Wade, Larry Kreider, Michael Nugent, Richard Loebel, Steve Snyder and Tom Blodgett.

Formal speeches were replaced by reminiscences (chiefly athletic) from those in attendance. Michael Nugent described the trials and tribulations of a pole vaulter trav-



elling by public transport, and Jim Wade's stories should really be compiled into a book for posterity. Geoff Hill had been our contact man for the trip and we look forward to his possible return to the UK shortly. Tom masterminded the whole spotless affair. We were touched by the willingness of all there to share their fund raising experiences and by the generosity we experienced.

The dinner concluded with the showing of the four minute mile which viewing in the company of an extremely knowledgeable audience gave it a new dimension.

Apart from the time spent with our sister organization we were able to spend some time visiting the recently opened museum and memorial at Ground Zero, the Empire State building, the Museum of Modern Art as well as indulging in some light retail therapy.

Since the dinner we have been able to work more closely with the AAF, something that we very much hope to develop further in the coming years. Thanks, gentlemen: it was a real pleasure.

- *Emma Hooper and Bridget Wheeler*

The 2014 Penn Relays Carnival

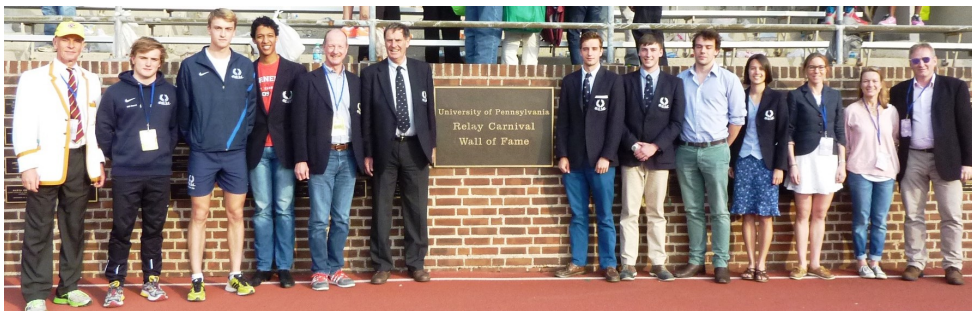
Mark Steed, Principal of Berkhamsted School, had found in the School archives a gold pocket watch, which had belonged to David Gaussen, Berkhamsted and OUAC. With the watch is a piece of paper explaining



D. N. Gaussen was a member of an Oxford team which in spring 1914 competed in a race of four relays of one mile against leading U.S.A. universities. The British team won by a foot, evidence of the intense struggle. Gold stop watches were awarded to members of the winning team; Gaussen's is exhibited here. He had been elected president O.U.A.C shortly before sailing to America. However he was commis-



Geoff Hill, Paul Willcox, the victorious Oregon 4 x 1500m team (Sam Prakel 4:11.4, Edward Cheserek 3:56.4, Eric Jenkins 4:01.5, Mac Fleet 4:00.4: combined time 16:09.67) OUAC President Ralph Eliot & Past President Tim Taylor. The tradition of presenting watches to the winners is still continued.



sioned in the Bedfordshire regt. in August 1914 and was killed in action on 31st July 1916.

As the Club's former Director of the US Series, Mark's ability to recognise the significance of this find was extremely fortuitous. And when early in 2014 the organisers of the Penn Relays invited OUAC to attend the induction of the 1914 team (George Sproule, David Gaussen, future mile world record holder Norman Taber, and 1912 Olympic 1500m gold medallist Arnold Jackson ran 18:05.0 in rain and mud in what is considered to have been one of the most thrilling races in Relays history) onto their Wall of Fame they were astonished to hear that we were going to be able to bring the memento with us.

To mark the occasion, it was decided to



enter the current OUAC 4 x 400m relay team, winners of the silver medal at the BUSF championships. A dozen Achilles supporters (including former 4 x 800m champi-

on Paul Rowbotham—winner with Villanova in 1989), gathered to witness the event.

The organisers were generous in their welcome and hospitality, and a very good time was had by all, even if a combination of jetlag and the odd layout of the Franklin Field track prevented the 4 x 400 team from giving of their best. Adam McBraida, George Gundle, Craig Morten and Ralph Eliot found that 3:18.06 (modest for them but faster than all but 2 times in the history of the Varsity Match) ranked them only 43rd in a competition of astonishingly high standards won in 3:05.6.

As an additional tribute to our presence, Paul Willcox was appointed an Honorary Referee of the three day meeting (the last Brit to hold the distinction had been Seb Coe)

The 150th Anniversary Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Sports.

Emily Moss's report for Athletics Weekly:-

It was a fairy tale ending for the Oxford Men's Blues team on their home track in the 150th staging of the Oxford versus Cambridge Varsity Match, as they romped to victory over their light blue Fenland rivals in 108 points to 104. However, Cambridge more than made up for it in the women's competition, with a convincing 110-89 victory.

The men's match was a ding dong battle between the two arch rival teams all the way through what is the oldest athletics match in the world. Although arguably the most outstanding individual event performance goes to Cambridge's BUCS hammer champion Michael Painter with a match record throw of 61.13m, credit should go to Oxford's captain Adam McBraida for his three individual victories and pulling together an excellent team performance.

Inspired by his captain role, McBraida led by example in winning the 100m, 200m, 200m hurdles and anchoring the 4x400m relay, as well as placing second behind teammate Craig Morten in the 400m hurdles.

George Gundle and club president Ralph Eliot came one-two in the 400m, setting respective lifetime bests of 48.27 and 49.29. Therefore, it was of little surprise that the BUCS silver medallist team of Gundle, Eliot, Morten and McBraida combined to take a convincing 4x400m victory.

Other highlights on the men's side included a mile/5000m double for Cambridge's Matt Leach, an exciting sprint finish from Tom Frith (Oxford) to win the 800m, a 65.20m javelin victory for GB junior international Aiden Reynolds (Oxford) and two 4.00m plus clearances in the pole vault, which saw a win for Quentin Gouil (Cambridge) in 4.25m ahead of teammate and captain Zaamin Hussain. Matt Houlden (Cambridge) led Sam Trigg (Oxford) in two high quality horizontal jumps competitions (7.48m to 7.25m and 15.22m to 15.00m) as both men set PBs.



Men's Blues Match

100m (wind -0.3 m/s) Adam McBraida (O) 10.95, Tom Neill (C) 11.09, Ross Elsby (C) 11.29, Sam Trigg (O) 11.34

200m (wind -1.4 m/s) Adam McBraida (O) 22.15, George Gundle (O) 22.48, Tom Neill (C) 22.63, Barney Walker (C) 22.73

400m George Gundle (O) 48.27, Ralph Eliot (O) 49.49, Barney Walker (C) 53.12 (fell), Lloyd Hilton (C) 53.15

800m Thomas Frith (O) 1:54.26, Lloyd Hilton (C) 1:54.79, Ed Smith (C) 1:56.38, William Durkin (O) 1:56.63

Mile Matt Leach (C) 4:22.06, William Christophi (O) 4:22.29, Adam Speake (O) 4:23.48, Will Ryle-Hodges (C) 4:24.66

5000m Matt Leach (C) 14:59.40, Joe Christopher (C) 14:59.42, Christopher Phillips-Hart (O) 15:02.70, William Christophi (O) 15:56.17

110m hurdles (wind -2.4 m/s) Ismaila Ngum (O) 15.57, Ross Elsby (C) 15.78, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (C) 16.68, James So (O) 16.77

200m hurdles (wind -0.6) Adam McBraida (O) 24.91, Ross Elsby (C) 25.10, Matt Houlden (C) 25.23, Craig Morten (O) 25.24

400m hurdles Craig Morten (O) 54.56, Adam McBraida (O) 55.22, Alastair Stanley (C) 56.68, Slava Sadovskis (C) 62.57 (fell)

3000m steeplechase Alexander Howard (O) 9:29.93, Pete Townsend (C) 9:34.53, Josh Carr (C) 9:50.09, Thomas Quirk (O) 11:47.68 (fell)

High Jump Onakeno Mario-Ghae (C) 1.95, William Pargeter (O) 1.90, James Gore (O) 1.85, Chris Little (C) 1.80

Pole Vault Quentin Gouil (C) 4.25, Zaamin Hussein (C) 4.15, Andrei Klein (O) 3.75, Thomas Frith (O) 2.65

Long Jump Matt Houlden (C) 7.48, Sam Trigg (O) 7.25, Harry Par-kin (O) 6.38, Emmanuel Gbegli (C) 6.29w [6.23 legal]

Triple Jump Matt Houlden (C) 15.24, Sam Trigg (O) 15.00, Em-manuel Gbegli (C) 14.24, Samuel Hill-Smith (O) 12.95

Shot Toby Haseler (C) 13.19, Michael Painter (C) 12.80, James



Heywood (O) 11.75, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 11.48

Discus Michael Painter (C) 40.20, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 40.05, James Heywood (O) 37.69, Alastair Stanley (C) 34.09

Hammer Michael Painter (C) 61.13 **record**, Tom Parker (C) 50.19, James Heywood (O) 27.45, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 19.87

Javelin Aidan Reynolds (O) 65.20, Arran Davis (O) 54.27, Jordan Gruber (C) 54.05, Justas Dauparas (C) 48.97

4 x 100m relay Oxford (Richardson, Trigg, Gundle, McBraida) 42.98, Cambridge (Morris, Elsby, Houlden, Neill) 51.55

4 x 400m relay Oxford (Gundle, Morten, Eliot, McBraida) 3:21.44, Cambridge () 3:25.81

Result: Oxford 108, Cambridge 104

Women's Blues Match

The women's competition was dominated by Cambridge with president Helen Broadbridge setting a new match record in the hammer with 50.13m and captain Alice Kaye doing likewise with 56.11 in the 400m.

Kaye returned to also take the 200m in 25.22.

Cambridge pair Katherine Turner and Rebecca Moore, the latter fresh from winning the BUCS 10,000m title, led from gun to tape to take the mile and 5000m titles respectively.

Montana Jackson (Oxford) took the 400m hurdles and triple jump, the latter with a leap of 11.43m, whilst Christina Nick won the shot.

100m (wind -0.8m/s) Emma Cullen (C) 12.44, Alice Kaye (C) 12.46,



Eniola Oyesanya (O) 12.90, Connie Thurlow (O) 13.59

200m (wind -1.8 m/s) Alice Kaye (C) 25.22, Emma Cullen (C) 25.81, Eniola Oyesanya (O) 26.88, Lizzy Totten (O) 27.82

400m Alice Kaye (C) 56.11 **record**, Eleanor Simmons (C) 59.63 (C), Lizzy Totten (O) 59.95, Helen King (O) 61.09

800m Rose Penfold (O) 2:18.28, Sarah McCuaig (O) 2:18.52, Re-becca McLean (C) 2:20.59, Elisabeth Read (C) 2:21.82

Mile Katherine Turner (C) 4:58.98, Sarah McCuaig (O) 5:10.92, Rose Penfold (O) 5:11.69, Sarah Lovewell (C) 5:16.67

5000m Rebecca Moore (C) 17:05.22, Alison Greggor (C) 17:11.85, Kate Niehaus (O) 17:23.21, Emma Hodson (O) 18:57.61

100m hurdles (wind -0.9 m/s) Emily Stone (O) 16.91, Dakota McCoy (O) 17.12, Eleanor Duck (C) 17.33, Eliza Lefroy (C) 18.35

400m hurdles Montana Jackson (O) 66.75, Alice Flint (C) 66.80, Emily Moss (O) 67.55, Eleanor Duck (C) 71.83

2000m steeplechase Priya Crosby (C) 7:30.39, Grace Copplestone (C) 7:34.98, Meredith Byrne (O) 8:09.61, Laura Fenwick (O) 8:52.62

High Jump Lucy Crossman (C) 1.55, Annabel Bates (C) 1.55, Polly Fullerton (O) 1.50, Alice Richardson (O) 1.50



Pole Vault Emily Brady (C) 2.60, Joy Buolamwini (O) 2.50, Rebecca Hulbert (C) 2.30, Montana Jackson (O) 2.20

Long Jump Eleanor Simmons (C) 5.23, Montana Jackson (O) 5.20, Emily Stone (O) 5.14, Anna Pugh (C) 4.82

Triple Jump Montana Jackson (O) 11.43, Emily Stone (O) 10.38, Fions Jing (C) 9.69, Fiona James (C) 9.68

Shot Christina Nick (O) 10.61, Barbara Cooke (C) 9.38, Jennifer Richards (O) 9.27, Georgina Howe (C) 8.80

Discus Christina Nick (O) 39.07, Georgina Howe (C) 35.96, Helen Broadbridge (C) 35.40, Jennifer Richards (O) 23.46

Hammer Helen Broadbridge (C) 50.14 **record**, Georgina Howe (C) 47.18, Jennifer Richards (O) 42.81, Christina Nick (O) 27.75

Javelin Charlie Warwick (O) 34.39, Dakota McCoy (O) 32.47, Helen Broadbridge (C) 29.44, Kiara de Kremer (C) 28.10

4 x 100m relay Cambridge (Kaye, Simmons, Ota, Cullen) 49.56 [Oxford disqualified]

4 x 400m relay Cambridge (Simmons 60.4, Flint 61.3, Goodband 62.7, Kaye 56.5) 4:00.91, Oxford 4:04.62

Result: Cambridge 110, Oxford 89

Men's Second Team Match (Oxford Centipedes v Cambridge Alverstone)

100m (wind -1.7 m/s) Will Morris (C) 11.51, Gabriel Ejikemi (C) 11.54, Alexander Richardson (O) 11.77, James Dargan (O) 11.78

200m (wind -1.3 m/s) Ian Shevlin (O) 22.98, Frederick Smith (O) 23.52, Nicolas Rousset (C) 23.53, Gabriel Ejikemi (C) 23.71

400m James Reid (O) 51.96, Ben Ridley-Johnson (C) 52.04, Tim Borgas (C) 52.08, Hugh Baker (O) 52.98

800m Zac Howe (C) 1:57.65, Andrew Abraham (C) 1:58.74, Louis Gardner (O) 1:59.07, Hugh Baker (O) 2:00.15

Mile Phil Crout (C) 4:27.45, Mark Nelson (C) 4:30.42, Jon Darby (O) 4:32.37, Matthew Wood (O) 4:52.30

5000m James Parkinson (O) 15:18.20, James Hoad (C) 15:18.93, James Chettle (C) 15:51.75, Glen Colopy (O) 16:28.26

110m hurdles (wind -1.6 m/s) Jared Bentsi-Enchill (O) 17.82, Dan Luke Smith (C) 18.23, Ed Hezlet (C) 20.96, Richard Millar (O) 23.22

200m hurdles (wind -2.1) Tim Borgas (C) 28.57, Kekeli Anthony (O) 28.75, Jared Bentsi-Enchill (O) 29.20, Dan Luke Smith (C) 29.27

400m hurdles Tim Borgas (C) 59.86, Edward Mole (O) 62.55, Ed Hezlet (C) 65.50, James Marvell-Coen (O) 67.52

3000m steeplechase Aidan Smith (O) 9:55.59, James Taylor (O) 10:03.77, Rich Ollington (C) 10:20.06, Paul Hodgson (C) 11:47.68 (slowed up by aiding an opponent)

High Jump Antoni Schilling (C) 1.80, David Kelly (O) 1.70, Frederick Smith (O) 1.65, Kilian Rutherford (C) 1.65

Pole Vault Freddy Bunbury (C) 4.15 **record**, Duncan Hickling (C) 3.15, Christopher Day (O) 3.05, Frederick Smith (O) 2.65

Long Jump James Allen (C) 6.28, Frederick Smith (O) 6.11, Mark Poniatowski (O) 6.11w [legal 5.69], Ben Robb (C) 5.83

Triple Jump Mark Poniatowski (O) 12.76, Dan Luke Smith (C) 12.63, Jamie Magee (C) 12.45, Frederick Smith (O) 11.78

Shot 9.42 Benjamin Conibear (O) 10.60, Michael Hannah (O) 9.90, David Sparkhall (C) 9.64, John West (C) 9.55

Discus Benjamin Conibear (O) 34.36, David Sparkhall (C) 28.23, Benedict Newman-Sanders (O) 26.88, Ben Robb (C) 22.38

Hammer Oscar Piotrowicz (C) 37.84, David Sparkhall (C) 24.73, Michael Hannah (O) 24.02, Benedict Newman-Saunders (O) 20.24. Guest: Ryan Harper (C) 38.51

Javelin Benjamin Conibear (O) 49.11, Nikil Raju Konduru (C) 44.59, Tom Cross (O) 44.30, Charlie Robb (C) 41.60

4 x 100m relay Cambridge Alverstone (I) 44.51 Oxford Centipedes (I) 44.68

4 x 400m relay Oxford Centipedes (I) 3:26.61, Cambridge Alverstone (I) 3:30.15

Result: Cambridge Alverstone 110, Oxford Centipedes 102

Women's Second Team Match (Oxford Millipedes v Cambridge Alligators)

100m (wind -1.3 m/s) Chidera Ota (C) 13.02, Francesca Thompson (C) 13.25, Sam Rawlinson (O) 13.60, Emily Barbour (O) 13.73

200m (wind -0.9 m/s) Chidera Ota (C) 26.90, Francesca Thompson (C) 27.43, Isabel Wray (O) 28.19, Anna Hubbard (O) 30.97

400m Isabel Wray (O) 60.63, Emily Goodband (C) 62.97, Rebecca O'Neill (O) 64.18, Emma Elston (C) 74.45

800m Hannah Petho (O) 2:20.02, Rebecca O'Neill (O) 2:22.41, Hannah Hull (C) 2:25.15, Alice Feslier-Holmes (C) 2:26.11

Mile Katie Hickson (O) 5:17.16, Chloe Beckett (C) 5:30.13, Imogen Kempton (O) 5:33.48, Alice Feslier-Holmes (C) 5:43.55

5000m Elisabeth Mooney (C) 17:55.50, Katy Hedgethorpe (C) 19:03.33, Marie McHugh (O) 19:21.39, Rachel Cassidy (O) 19:40.92

100m hurdles (wind -1.8m/s) Helena Copley (O) 18.06, Erin Delaria (C) 18.19, Charlotte Frost (C) 19.61, Alexandra Wilson (O) 25.11

400m hurdles Erin Delaria (C) 73.25, Helena Copley (O) 75.80, Charlotte Frost (C) 78.20 [Jessica Spivey (O) was disqualified]

2000m steeplechase Elisabeth Mooney (C) 7:37.03, Imogen Kempton (O) 8:07.44, Emma Elston (C) 8:34.20, Judyta Frodmya (O) 9:10.04 (O)

High Jump Emma Perkins (C) 1.70 **record**, Charlotte Malton (C) 1.50, Jowita Mieszkowska (O) 1.40, Helena Copley (O) 1.30

Pole Vault Erin Delaria (C) 2.90 **record**, Hannah Church (C) 2.10, Sam Rawlinson (O) 1.90, Jessica Spivey (O) 1.30

Long Jump Emma Perkins (C) 5.57 **record**, Laura Andrews (C) 5.14, Sam Rawlinson (O) 4.40, Alexandra Wilson (O) 4.10,

Triple Jump Emma Perkins (C) 11.39 **record**, Alexandra Wilson (O) 9.30, Charlotte Malton (C) 9.11, Sam Rawlinson (O) 7.57

Shot Simisola Oyesanya (O) 9.88, Harriet Dixon (O) 8.66, Becky Rosenberg (C) 8.38, Renate Fellingner (C) 6.69

Discus Bridget Fryer (O) 26.58, Simisola Oyesanya (O) 25.27, Rhiannon Lockwood (C) 22.26, Renate Fellingner (C) 21.12

Hammer Renata Fellingner (C) 28.34, Becky Rosenberg (C) 26.50, Simisola Oyesanya (O) 24.70, Bridget Fryer (O) 19.67

Javelin Emma Perkins (C) 25.73, Bridget Fryer (O) 18.45, Charlotte Frost (C) 18.12, Simisola Oyesanya (O) 16.54

4 x 100m relay Cambridge Alligators (C) 50.88 **record**, Oxford Millipedes (O) 54.24

4 x 400m relay Cambridge Alligators (C) 4:15.42, Oxford Millipedes (O) 4:20.38

Result: Cambridge Alligators 116, Oxford Millipedes 84

The Drake-Digby Trophy for the best performance in the Mens' Match: **Matt Houlden (C)**

The Susan Dennler Trophy for the best performance in the Womens' Match: **Alice Kaye (C)**

The Le Touquet Trophy, for the most improved athlete during 2013-14: **Sam Trigg (O)**

The Paul Gomme Trophy, for the best throwing performance of the season: **Michael Painter (C)**

The Achilles Trophy, for outstanding contribution to Oxbridge athletics: **Adam McBraida (O)**

The Steven Stuart Trophy, for the most notable second-team performance: **Paul Hodgson (C)**

The sun shone and there were some great performances. A galaxy of former winners and record holders returned to the scene of former glories. It was a spectacular celebration of 150 years of history since Oxford first met Cambridge in what Athletics Weekly described as the 'Big Bang' of modern track field.

Head to head of the day was the men's long jump. Matt Houlden (C) and Sam Trigg (O) started the day with PB's of 7.22 and 7.02 respectively. A new PB by Houlden of 7.25 early in the completion seemed to have won it.... Only for Trigg produce a huge improvement to draw level at 7.25. This was spur enough for Houlden who responded with a massive 7.48 to clinch the day. Both jumpers had added almost a foot to their previous bests. The same scenario was played out in the triple jump, with both adding over 20cm to their bests, ending with 15.24 and 15.00 respectively, Houlden prevailing.

Outstanding new match records were set by Michael Painter and Helen Broadbridge in the hammer and by Alice Kaye in the 400m.

Moment of the match was when OUAC steeplechaser Thomas Quirk, injured and barely able to walk but determined to finish, was supported round the entire last lap by CUAC's Paul Hodgson. Inspiring sportsmanship.

The evening's Banquet would be the last attended by Tommy Macpherson, but what a send-off it proved to be. 350 past and present participants were there (including a substantial reunion of the US Tour of 1993, mustered by Andy Hodge). Roger Bannister and David Hemery were guests of honour, and the reminiscences continued long into the night at the Randolph. A great day, and a worthy anniversary.



Past and present match record holders presenting the winners medals included:- Phyllis Agbo, James Brierley, Sue Cluney (Dalgoutte), Malcolm Croad, Charlotte Cutler, Mick Dale, Gareth Davies, Jo Dering, Laura Duke, Julian Goater, Anthony Hatton, Dwayne Heard, Emma Howard, Polly Keen, Roger Lane, Ellen Leggate (O'Hare), Phil Lewis, Trevor Llewelyn, Simon Mugglestone, Ainsley Normand, Tom Richards, John Rix, Naomi Taschimowitz, Simon Walker, Bridget Wheeler, Steve White, Kelley Wilder, Steve Williams, and Sarah Winckless.



Oxford & Cambridge v Penn & Cornell

Men

100m (wind -0.7) Mason Smith (Penn-guest) 10.83, Steven Bell (Cornell) 10.97, Justin McCollin (Cornell) 10.99, Montez Blair (Cornell-guest) 11.05, Tom Neill (Cambridge) 11.17, Adam McBraida (Oxford) 11.18, Michael Rabbitt (Cornell-guest) 11.49

200m (wind +0.2) Mason Smith (Cornell-guest) 21.73, Kinsley Ojukwu (Cornell) 21.79, Larry Gibson (Cornell) 21.97, Adam McBraida (Oxford) 22.44, Ralph Eliot (Oxford) 22.75



400m George Gundle (Oxford) 48.61, Barney Walker (Cambridge) 48.75, Ralph Eliot (Oxford-guest) 49.57, Francisco Olloquoi (Cornell) 49.82, Jordan Sherwood (Cornell) 50.36

800m Andrew Mcgaha (Penn) 1:53.95, Jon Cook (Cambridge) 1:54.23, William Weinlandt (Cornell) 1:55.59, Ian Williamson (guest) 1:55.61, Tom Frith (Oxford) 2:02.33

1500m James Gowans (Cornell) 3:48.49, Philip Crout (Cambridge) 3:52.91, Mark Nelson (Cambridge) 4:00.43, James Chettle (Cambridge-guest) 4:06.86, Andrew Mcgaha (Penn) 4:10.41, Ed Smith (Cambridge-guest) 4:27.62

5000m Thomas Awad (Penn) 14:52.90, Matthew Leach (Cambridge) 14:55.83, Joe Christopher (Cambridge) 15:50.60

110mh (wind +0.7) Maximilian Hairston (Cornell) 14.28, Benjamin Bowers (Penn) 14.78, Austin Jamerson (Cornell-guest) 15.32, Ross Elsby (Cambridge) 15.78, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (Cambridge) 16.64

400mh Thomas Timmins (Penn) 52.41, Maximilian Hairston (Cornell) 53.01, Jordan Sherwood (Cornell-guest) 54.31, Caspar Eliot (Oxford) 54.90, Craig Morten (Oxford) 55.29

Steeplechase Nicholas Tuck (Penn) 9:24.13, William Mycroft (Oxford) 9:43.78, Peter Townsend (Cambridge – guest) 10:02.30, Alexander Howard (Oxford) 10:11.69, Wyndham Curtis (Cornell) 11:32.03

4x100m Penn-Cornell 41.16, Oxford-Cambridge (Elsby, Neill, Gundle, McBraida) 42.20

4x400m Penn-Cornell 3:16.53, Oxford-Cambridge (Gundle, Walker, McBraida, C. Eliot) 3:16.94, Oxford-Cambridge guests 3:30.92

High Jump Montez Blair (Cornell) 2.16 **record**, Thomas Butler (Cornell) 2.10, Thomas Pitt (Penn-guest) 2.05, Michael Rabbitt (Cornell-guest) 1.95, Austin Jamerson (Cornell-guest) 1.95, Henrique Scott (Cornell-guest) 1.90, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (Cambridge) 1.90, Chris Little (Cambridge) 1.75

Pole Vault Peter Roach (Cornell) 5.05, Keith Rayburn (Cornell) 4.62, Quentin Gouill (Cambridge) 4.32, Zaamin Hussein (Cambridge) 4.12

Long Jump Steven Bell (Cornell-guest) 6.98, Montez Blair (Cornell) 6.89, Matthew Houlden (Cambridge) 6.89, Austin Jamerson (Cornell) 6.76, Sam Trigg (Oxford) 6.74, Emmanuel Gbegli (Cambridge – guest) 5.69

Triple Jump Robert Plummer (Cornell) 14.85, Sam Trigg





(Oxford) 14.83, Matthew Houlden (Cambridge) 14.49, Henrique Scott (Cornell) 14.48, Emmanuel Gbegli (Cambridge – guest) 13.46

Shot Jacob Brenza (Penn) 16.57, Toby Haseler (Cambridge) 12.16, Steven Bell (Cornell) 11.99

Discus Stephen Mozia (Cornell) 55.29, Noah Kennedy-White (Penn) 48.93, Jacob Brenza (Penn-guest) 46.15, Andy Wheble (Cambridge) 41.75, Michael Painter (Cambridge) 38.35, Michael Rabbitt (Cornell-guest) 31.81

Hammer Michael Painter (Cambridge) 59.15, Josh Abraham-Steele (Oxford) 49.76, Jacob Brenza (Penn) 49.25, Noah Kennedy-White (Penn) 42.08, Andy Wheble (Cambridge-guest) 39.96

Javelin Karl Ingram (Penn) 54.01, Justas Dauparis (Cambridge) 51.89, Thomas Pitt (Penn) 46.07, Alastair Stanley (Cambridge) 39.68

Result Penn & Cornell 123 points (17 wins), Oxford & Cambridge 76 points (2 wins)



Women

100m (wind +0.9) Lydia Ali (Penn) 12.10 **record**, Adrian Jones (Cornell) 12.39, Alice Kaye (Cambridge) 12.39, Rachel Hlatky (Penn-guest) 12.49, Eniola Oyesanya (Oxford) 13.13

200m (wind -0.1) Udem Akpaeta (Cornell) 24.45 **record**, Rachel Hlatzy (Penn-guest) 25.09, Heather Bong (Penn)





25.11, Taylor Hennig (Penn-guest) 26.12, Chidera Ota (Cambridge) 27.30, Alice Flint (Cambridge) 28.86

400m Zena Kolliesuah (Cornell) 54.54, Ebolutalese Airewele (Cornell) 54.76, Eleanor Simmons (Cambridge) 62.51

800m Elise Wilkinson (Cornell) 2:10.19, Chelsea Delany (Penn) 2:14.30, Ashley Montgomery (Penn-guest) 2:15.48, Rose Penfold (Oxford) 2:16.58, Sarah McCuaig (Oxford)

100mh (wind +1.1) Gabrielle Piper (Penn) 14.64, Zaakira Daniels (Cornell) 15.07, Helene Copley (Oxford) 18.79, Helen Hanstock (Oxford) 20.10

400mh Ryan Woolley (Cornell) 64.27, Montana Jackson (Oxford) 66.90, Claire DeVoe (Cornell) 67.39, Alice Flint (Cambridge) 68.97

Steeplechase Claire DeVoe (Cornell) 10:42.69, Polly Keen (Cambridge) 11:12.63, Priya Crosby (Cambridge) 11:58.04

4x100m Penn-Cornell 46.87, Oxford-Cambridge (Church, Oyesanya, Crossman, Ota) 53.86

4x400m Penn-Cornell 3:47.06, Penn-Cornell guests () 4:05.15, Oxford-Cambridge (Simmons, Flint, Goodband, Jackson) 4:17.70



High Jump Noel Jancewicz (Penn) 1.67, Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 1.59, Lucy Crossman (Cambridge) 1.59, Annabelle Bates (Cambridge) 1.51

Pole Vault Eve Bishop (Cornell) 3.56, Emily Brady (Cambridge) 2.51, Hannah Church (Cambridge) 2.06

Long Jump Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 5.57, Amanda Fields (Penn) 5.36, Montana Jackson (Oxford) 5.24, Noel Jancewicz (Penn-guest) 4.95, Eleanor Simmons (Cambridge) 4.93, Helen Hanstock (Oxford-guest) 4.79

Triple Jump Montana Jackson (Oxford) 11.40, Amanda Fields (Penn) 10.72, Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 10.50, Helen Hanstock (Oxford) 9.91

Shot Serena Graf (Penn) 12.26, Nailah Hill (Penn-guest) 11.47, Christina Nick (Oxford) 10.63, Camryn Goodman (Cornell) 9.93, Jenny Richards (Oxford) 9.19

Discus Nailah Hill (Penn) 43.15, Christina Nick (Oxford) 36.31, Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge-guest) 35.33, Georgina Howe (Cambridge) 33.86, Camryn Goodman (Cornell) 27.74

Hammer Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge) 47.76, Serena Graf (Penn) 46.73, Georgina Howe (Cambridge) 46.37, Jenny Richards (Oxford-guest) 43.66, Nailah Hill (Penn) 37.98

Javelin Kelsey Hay (Penn) 43.30, Serena Graf (Penn) 42.76, Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge) 25.57, Emily Goodband (Cambridge) 4.16

Result: Penn & Cornell 128 points (17 wins), Oxford & Cambridge 71 points (2 wins)



2:22.36

1500m Elyssa Gensib (Penn) 4:35.89, Katherine Turner (Cambridge) 4:36.43, Cleo Whiting (Penn) 4:36.86, Rose Penfold (Oxford) 4:45.23

5000m Caroline Kellner (Cornell) 16:52.20, Kersie Jhabvala (Penn-guest) 16:57.84, Devin McMahon (Cornell) 16:58.68, Katie Niehaus (Oxford) 17:02.25, Alison Greggor (Cambridge) 17:20.71

Double Decathletes

Bilen Ahmet, Alastair Stanley and (at a separate event) Josh Mouland all competed with distinction on the international stage in the Double Decathlon (Eikosathlon). Alastair was credited with an under 20 world age best, and Bilen placed third in the European Championship. As all three are past or present members of CUAC they are thinking of trying to host the European Championship at Cambridge one year soon. For a flavour of just how gruelling these events are, here are Josh's results to finish 4th in the Delft Double Decathlon:

DAY 1	100	LJ	200 H	SP	5000	800	HJ	400	HT	3000SC
	12.11	5.52	27.37	11.34	19	51.30	2	25.29	1.62	55.56 26.10 12 10.14
DAY 2	110 H	DT	200 m	PV	3000 m	400 H	JT	1500 m	TJ	10000 m
	16.62	32.58	25.04	3.77	11	06.33	1	05.10	38.55	5 05.65 11.53 45 04.17

In 2002, Davina Jones (nee Manship) was 3rd in the Christchurch marathon (NZ) in a time of 2:52:05 -which puts her in the Achilles All Time Top 10.

The London Marathon

UK Place overall	UK Place gender		HALF	Finish time
208	4	Munn, Hayley (GBR)	01:20:04	02:40:35
9	9	Natali, Paolo (GBR)	01:09:16	02:23:57
15	15	Hoad, James (GBR)	01:13:01	02:26:17
1120	45	Day, Claire (GBR)	01:27:56	02:58:01
2079	142	Hodson, Emma (GBR)	01:31:35	03:08:03
358	354	Wurr, Simon (GBR)	01:15:09	02:44:48
4221	506	Cassidy, Rachel (GBR)	01:35:30	03:25:17
888	857	Kuhlenschmidt, Bernd (GER)	01:24:54	02:55:11
1593	1503	Roberts, Timothy (GBR)	01:26:25	03:02:39
9729	1974	Bennett, Mia (USA)	01:43:59	03:52:54
2798	2557	Gilbert, Simon (GBR)	01:32:15	03:14:00
3376	3049	Rous, James (GBR)	01:33:01	03:19:00
4116	3636	Falk, Seb (GBR)	01:34:39	03:24:36
18106	4767	Chapman, Jane (GBR)	02:03:43	04:26:31
17538	12987	Thomas, Neil Howard (GBR)	01:55:06	04:24:17
23061	16351	Griffin, Roger (GBR)	02:00:54	04:48:10



James Hoad—2:26:17 debut



Paolo Natali



Hayley Munn achieved her target

FRESHERS VARSITY MATCH

Iffley Road 2nd November 2014

MEN

100m	Clayton Gillespie (C) 11.6, Sandy MacAulay (O) 11.9, Hallam Dixon (O) 12.0, Baven Balendran (C) 12.1, Nicholas Brabbs (O-guest) 12.4, Ife Adepegba (C-guest) 12.9
200m	Josh Evans (C) 23.5, Tom Russell (C) 23.6, Charlie Oakley (O) 23.6, Hallam Dixon (O) 25.4, Kit Aina (O-guest) 28.0
400m	Louis Rawlings (O) 51.6, Josh Evans (C) 52.1, Charlie Oakley (O) 52.4, Antoine Magre (C) 54.2
800m	Louis Rawlings (O) 1:59.0, William Pinder (C) 1:59.6, Hugo Fleming (O) 2:01.5, Sebastian Cheli (C) 2:03.6, Josh Weekly (O-guest) 2:14.6
1500m	William Pinder (C) 4:13.4, Hugo Fleming (O) 4:13.9, Ben Gibbons (O) 4:14.5, Antoine Magre (C) 4:16.2
3000m	Michael Costante (O) 9:17.9, David Buglass (C) 9:22.3, James Sewry (O) 9:25.3, Luuk Metselaar (C) 9:29.5
110m hurdles (3' 3")	Thomas McQuillin (O) 16.4, Gareth Goh (C) 18.6, George Grillo (C) 20.0, Matt Newton (O) 20.8
400m hurdles	Matt Newton (O) 62.6, Ronan Llyr (O) 66.0, George Grillo (C) 66.3, Eddie Romano (C) 74.3
High Jump	Chris Jammer (C) 1.70, Sandy MacAulay (O) 1.65, Alex Hamilton (O) 1.50, Frederik Vateman (C) 1.40
Pole Vault	Ben Cottam (C) 2.60, Tim Gordon (C) 2.50, Jordan Black (O) 1.40
Long Jump	Sandy MacAulay (O) 6.25, Tom Walters (C) 5.65, Gareth Goh (C) 5.55, Lewis Morgan (O) 5.33
Triple Jump	Alex Hamilton (O) 12.92, Sebastian Cheli (C) 12.10, Lewis Morgan (O) 11.97, Tom Walters (C) 11.01
Shot	Chris Jammer (C) 10.04, Jacob Lange (C) 9.62, Harry Woodcock (O) 9.34, Melvyn Lubega (O) 8.00
Discus	Melvyn Lubega (O) 28.19, Robin Croft (C) 27.57, Harry Woodcock (O) 26.97, Jacob Lange (C) 26.1
Hammer (Horspath)	Jacob Lange (C) 47.83, Robin Croft (C) 32.94, Melvyn Lubega (O) 18.54, Harry Woodcock (O) 18.05
Javelin	Robin Croft (C) 44.46, Sam Broadey (O) 41.46, Harry Woodcock (O) 33.95, Jacob Lange (C) 22.69
4 x 100m	Cambridge (Gillespie, Walters, Balendran, Grillo) 45.4, Oxford (Brabbs, Hamilton, Oackley, Dixon) 47.6
4 x 400m	Cambridge (Evans, Magre, Walters, Grillo) 3:31.0, Oxford (Oackley, Llyr, Fleming, Rawlings) 3:34.0

Result Cambridge 99, Oxford 90

WOMEN

100m	Hephzibah Adeosun (C) 13.2, Maxine Meju (C) 13.3, Kate Wasylwi (O) 13.6, Johanna Schiele (O) 17.3
200m	Brigid Eades (C) 26.7, Maxime Meju (C) 27.7, Kate Wasylwi (O) 28.6, Erin McHugh (O) 31.4
400m	Brigid Eades (C) 59.1 match record , Rhiannon Philips (C) 63.6, Rosa Chrystie-Lowe (O) 71.2, Erin McHugh (O) 72.8
800m	Elizabeth Sandham (C) 2:30.0, Rosa Chrystie-Lowe (O) 2:33.9, Brittney Olinger (O-guest) 2:34.2, Hannah Plaschkes (O) 2:40.6, Serenydd Everden (C) 2:46.8,



1500m	Emily Shearer (C) 5:01.1, Dani Chattenton (O) 5:09.8, Brittney Olinger (O) 5:12.4, Elizabeth Sandham (C) 5:32.9, Hariette Drew (O-guest) 5:41.0
3000m	Emily Shearer (C) 10:56.0, Brittney Olinger (O) 11:18.1, Hariette Drew (O) 12:03.7, Serenydd Everden (C) 13:27.2
100m hurdles	Eline Helmer (O) 17.1, Kate Davies (O) 17.8, Francisca Hamilton (C) 19.8, Sarah Laing (C) 21.4
400m hurdles	Dani Chattenton (O) 78.6, Sarah Laing (C) 85.8, Rosa Chrystie-Lowe (O) 87.5, Amelia Leventhorpe (C) 89.8
High Jump	Kate Davies (O) 1.50, Eline Helmer (O) 1.50, Maxine Meju (C) 1.45, Carys Boughton (C) 1.45, Johanna Schiele (O-guest) 1.40
Pole Vault	Fiona Brown (C) 2.00, Eline Helmer (O) 1.90, Rebecca Coombs (C) 1.40, Rebecca Bowden (O) 1.30
Long Jump	Kate Davies (O) 5.22, Fiona Brown (C) 4.83, Eline Helmer (O) 4.75, Jenny Steinitz (C) 4.14
Triple Jump	Fiona Brown (C) 10.53, Maxine Maju (C) 10.31, Eline Helmer (O) 9.38, Johanna Schiele (O) 8.55
Shot	Fiona Brown (C) 10.21, Kate Davies (O) 9.76, Helen Bridgman (O) 7.16, Laura Schubert (C) 6.18
Discus	Helen Bridgman (O) 24.68, Bethany Berry (O) 20.89, Roisin Taylor (C) 18.83, Francisca Hamilton (C) 18.60
Hammer (Horspath)	Bethany Berry (O) 31.75, Helen Bridgman (O) 21.11, Roisin Taylor (C) 19.08, Laura Schubert (C) 17.27
Javelin	Kate Davies (O) 36.63, Fiona Brown (C) 30.31, Kloe Storrie (C) 17.94, Bethany Berry (O) 14.61
4 x 100m	Cambridge (Meju, Adeosun, Eades, Brown) 51.9, Oxford (Wasylwi, Helmer, McHugh, Davies) 54.5
4 x 400m	Cambridge (Eades, Philips, Sandham, Boughton) 4:15.9, Oxford (McHugh, Plaschkes, Chrystie-Lowe, Olinger) 4:52.0
Result	Cambridge 98, Oxford 92

Achilles Athletes of the Match: Jacob Lange (Cambridge) and Brigid Eades (Cambridge)

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Jolyon Rymer		1945	St John's	Cambridge	
John Seale		1945	St John's	Cambridge	DEVON
Jean-Pierre Matossian		1948	Pembroke	Oxford	LONDON
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Iain Crawford		1949	Christ's	Cambridge	CAMBS
Henry Leader		1949	Trinity	Cambridge	SUFFOLK
Bob Catterall		1949	Peterhouse	Cambridge	LINCOLN
Gerald Butterworth		1950	Exeter	Oxford	SHROPSHIRE
James Batten		1950	Trinity	Cambridge	NORFOLK
Gareth Jones		1951	Caius	Cambridge	WARWICKS
Alan Reich		1952	Magdalen	Oxford	VIRGINIA
Eduard Freitag		1952	Downing	Cambridge	USTER
John Maitland		1952	Emmanuel	Cambridge	CHESHIRE
Ian Boyd		1952	Brasenose	Oxford	
Edgar Samuel		1953	Christ's	Cambridge	BRIT. COLUMBIA
Timothy Sainsbury		1953	Worcester	Oxford	LONDON
Ronald Forster		1955	Caius	Cambridge	MONTREAL
David Loades		1955	Emmanuel	Cambridge	GWYNEDD
Barrie Whittaker		1956	Magdalene	Cambridge	SOMERSET
John Cuthbert		1956	Keble	Oxford	FLORIDA
Anthony Gibbs		1956	Magdalen	Oxford	NEW SOUTH WALES
Peter Cotton		1957	King's	Cambridge	HERTS
David Churchill		1957	Lincoln	Oxford	E. SUSSEX
Michael Davies		1958	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	SUSSEX
Peter Green		1958	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	WORCS
Tim Briault		1958	St John's	Cambridge	KENT
Jack McWhor		1959	Downing	Cambridge	BERKSHIRE
Mike Ralph		1959	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	WARWICKS
Colin Bacon		1959	Christ's	Cambridge	
Peter Burrows		1959	St John's	Cambridge	LONDON
Michael Royce		1960	Queens'	Cambridge	MICHIGAN
George Darroch		1960	Merton	Oxford	LONDON
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Peter Anderson		1961	Emmanuel	Cambridge	Beirut
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Andrew Keith		1962	Emmanuel	Cambridge	WEST SUSSEX
Geoffrey Williams		1962	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	CORNWALL
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Geoff Bostock		1962	Wadham	Oxford	CHARENTE
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Biff Hannibal		1971	Fitzwilliam	Cambridge	MASSACHUSETTS

Julian Ellis	1972	Selwyn	Cambridge	OXON
Nigel Boulding	1972	Lincoln	Oxford	BERKSHIRE
Glyn Reynolds	1973	New	Oxford	OXON
Andy Brown	1973	Worcester	Oxford	AUCKLAND
John Morris	1973	Emmanuel	Cambridge	LEICS
Adam Chedburn	1973	University	Oxford	TYNE & WEAR
Pete Edwards	1973	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	
John Slaney	1973	King's	Cambridge	A.C.T.
Charles Aithie	1974	New	Oxford	MIDLOTHIAN
Anthony Dyke	1974	Regent's Park	Oxford	
Andy Shepherd	1974	Balliol	Oxford	DERBYS
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Julie Halfpenny	1974	St Hugh's	Oxford	
Cathy Meunier	1974	St Hugh's	Oxford	
Steve Baker	1975	Emmanuel	Cambridge	
Roger Hodgson	1975	Christ Church	Oxford	SURREY
Kenrick Cheong	1975	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	LONDON
Brian Jones	1975	St Catharine's	Cambridge	NORTH YORKS
Julie Morgan	1976	Selwyn	Cambridge	SURREY
David Grant	1976	Corpus Christi	Cambridge	LONDON
Martin Rhodes	1976	Trinity	Oxford	
George Malachowski	1977	Churchill	Cambridge	CAMBS
Kim Wells	1977	Selwyn	Cambridge	
Len Browne	1977	St Catharine's	Cambridge	CAMBS
Nick Dorey	1977	Queens'	Cambridge	KENT
Jane Reeve	1978	St Anne's	Oxford	MILAN
Peter Baker	1978	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	.
Rob Duncan	1978	Churchill	Cambridge	MASSACHUSETTS
Andrew Beardmore	1978	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	LONDON
Andy King	1979	Worcester	Oxford	MIDDLESEX
Sarah Sanderson	1979	Jesus	Oxford	SURREY
Simon Small	1979	Magdalene	Cambridge	LONDON
Dave Gilbert	1979	St Catharine's	Cambridge	LONDON
Mark Jackson	1979	St John's	Cambridge	KENT
Nicholas Armstrong	1979	Wadham	Oxford	NOTTS
Tim Parlett	1979	Caius	Cambridge	HERTS
Jennifer Jolley	1979	Jesus	Cambridge	SUFFOLK
Nick Fellows	1979	St Peter's	Oxford	SURREY
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Elizabeth Gee	1980	Newnham	Cambridge	LONDON
Karen Marwick	1980	Girton	Cambridge	ORKNEY
David Taylor	1980	Trinity	Cambridge	BERKSHIRE
John Fordham	1981	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	LONDON
Andrew Richardson	1981	Selwyn	Cambridge	CAMBS
Heather Linaker	1981	Girton	Cambridge	QUEENSLAND
Matthew Power	1981	St Catherine's	Oxford	LONDON
Janet Corlett	1981	St Anne's	Oxford	LONDON
Tina Cowen	1981	Girton	Cambridge	LONDON
Joe Coles	1981	Downing	Cambridge	LONDON
Tim Cook	1981	Jesus	Cambridge	
Phil McDonnell	1981	Wadham	Oxford	LONDON
Paul Carleton	1981	King's	Cambridge	BELFAST
Tim King	1982	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	Bruxelles
Michael Molitor	1982	Queens'	Cambridge	LONDON
Martyn Bowen	1982	Balliol	Oxford	Faistenau

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2014 University Cross-Country Races

The 2014 'Varsity Cross-Country Races will be remembered for many years for controversy, hard luck stories and some fine team racing. Having won both races by convincing margins in 2013 and having swept the board at the previous weekend's 2nd-4th team races, Cambridge arrived in south-west London in buoyant mood.

The controversy came in the 39th ladies' race, where Cambridge were looking to record their third consecutive win for the first time since 1986. There was added interest in that it also saw the first change to the scoring system since the inaugural event in 1976. Following agreement between the two captains and to recognise the increased strength-in-depth



Katy Hedgethorne leads through the watersplash

in women's sport at both universities, the team sizes were increased to seven and the number of scorers to five.

Despite only having two of last year's strong six available, the Light Blues went into the race as warm favourites. A combination of a good intake and other runners having moved up strongly from the non-Blues teams had given their seven a very solid feel. In addition, in the shape of Liz Mooney (Newnham) and Alison Greggor (King's), who won the race in 2012 and arrived off the back of a 2:52 marathon in Cannes, they had two runners expected to challenge at the front.

For Oxford, there was undoubted strength at the top end, in particular with Sophia Saller (St. Catherine's), who won the Under 23 Triathlon World Championships in September, and Kate Niehaus (Trinity), who was second in 2012 and was returning to the race after a year off. However, behind them the team appeared to have a longer tail and it looked as if the increased team size might play against them. This was not helped by the withdrawal through injury of Emily Moss (St. Anne's) in the days leading up to the contest.

For once, the pre-race predictions proved to be accurate. By 2½ miles,



Saller had established a good lead and she was followed by her team-mate, Niehaus. However, close behind her the seven Light Blues were lined up and running strongly as a pack. Sadly for their hopes, the remainder of the Oxford team was tailed off and it was clear that a convincing team victory was coming the way of Cambridge. It was then that controversy arrived.

At the point about three-quarters of a mile from home when the course crossed the men's course in the valley before the descent to Queensmere, the entire Cambridge team and Niehaus - who were still running closely together - followed the men's course and, as a result, took a slightly shorter and easier route home. This meant that they reached the finish ahead of Saller, who had taken the correct route. After much discussion between the captains and Thames Hare and Hounds, it was resolved to award the individual victory to Saller and the team victory (with no score declared) to Cambridge. It was a huge shame and very regrettable that such an incident came to pass (and it should be made clear it was in no way the fault of the runners); however, it was clear to all who had seen the race in process that Saller's individual and Cambridge's team victories were beyond any reasonable doubt and so the decisions reached were the just conclusion. This result meant that the series scores now stands at 23 wins for Oxford and 16 for Cambridge.

Prior to the 124th gentlemen's race, Cambridge were in good spirits and very much hoping to notch up their fourth win on the trot. With last year's victor and captain, Lewis Lloyd (Pembroke), and Alex Short (Robinson) - who missed out in 2013 due to European selection - to spearhead their challenge, there was justification for their optimism. However, having welcomed a number of newcomers of promise as well as having seen some of last year's team start to blossom, Oxford very much viewed themselves as in with a chance. There was added historical interest in that one of their eight, Will Ryle-Hodges (St. Antony's), became the first man since Nick Dorey (Queens' followed by New College) in 1980 to appear for both sides in the race. Given that his arrival at Cambridge in 2011 coincided with the end of a three-year run of defeats for the Light Blues, their rivals were very much hoping he would have the same impact on their fortunes.

By the time the 16 runners toed the line on the Memorial Playing Fields, Cambridge were on the brink of the first whitewash across all 'Varsity races since Oxford in 1998 and once the race had settled down after the usual dash to the watersplash, it was clear that Short and Lloyd were going to make the running at the front. While in usual circumstances this would signal a likely team victory, it became apparent as the race progressed that this might not be the case as the Oxford eight were packing strongly in a manner similar to the famous 1996 race when they secured victory against all the odds and the top-end strength of their rivals.

As the runners approached the three-mile mark just after the Windmill – and ironically in almost the same location as where the controversy occurred in the ladies' race – came the moment that decisively turned the contest towards the Dark Blues. Cambridge's Alex Milne (Homerton), running in his first race, fell heavily as the runners crossed the ditch in the valley and was forced to withdraw.

With Cambridge having lost one of their upper-order runners and with the course flattening out having passed the Tangier Memorial, Oxford consolidated their position and by the time the Windmill was reached for the final time the team victory was within their grasp. Short and Lloyd had increased their lead by this point, but behind them James Parkinson (Somerville) – a converted hockey Blue – was pulling his team along and they occupied seven of the next eight places with only Kelvin Gomez (Homerton) in seventh breaking their run. With victory now all but assured, Oxford were able to enjoy the last mile and they duly secured their first win since 2010. For Cambridge, Alex Short pulled away in the closing stages to take the individual honours (in 38 minutes, 10 seconds) from Lewis Lloyd, although much credit must go to the latter for his run having battled his way back from injury over the summer.

Oxford's victory brought the series score back level at 62 apiece and sets things nicely for 2015, which represents a significant milestone in the race's history with the 125th contest.

Earlier in the day, Cambridge recorded their first victory in the Old Blues' Race since 2005 with a 220 points to 247 victory (scoring 15-a-side). Matthew Leach – their captain from last year – took the individual victory in 21 minutes, 29 seconds, with Naomi Taschimowitz heading Olympian Claire Hallissey among the ladies.

A full statement on the ladies' race can be found on the Thames Hare and Hounds website at <http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk/reports.php?month=12&year=2014>



The 124th Gentlemen's Race

1.	Alex Short	Robinson	Cambridge	38.10
2.	Lewis Lloyd	Pembroke	Cambridge	38.48
3.	James Parkinson	Somerville	Oxford	39.06
4.	William Christofi	University	Oxford	39.11
5.	Adam Speake	Worcester	Oxford	39.15
6.	Miles Unterreiner	St. John's	Oxford	39.18
7.	Kelvin Gomez	Homerton	Cambridge	39.46
8.	Alex Howard	Christ Church	Oxford	39.56
9.	William Ryle-Hodges	St. Antony's	Oxford	40.04
10.	Aidan Smith	St. John's	Oxford	40.10
11.	Josh Carr	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	40.20
12.	Patrick Roddy	Robinson	Cambridge	40.33
13.	Richard Ollington	Pembroke	Cambridge	41.27
14.	Miles Chandler	Lady Margaret Hall	Oxford	41.39
15.	Phillip Crout	St. Catharine's	Cambridge	42.08
16.	Alex Milne	Homerton	Cambridge	DNF*

Oxford won by 35 points to 46

* Alex Milne fell and sprained his ankle at 2.8 miles and had to withdraw

- Simon Molden

The 39th Ladies' Race

1.	Elizabeth Mooney	Newnham	Cambridge	23.18*
2.	Emily Shearer	Gonville and Caius	Cambridge	23.21*
3.	Kate Niehaus	Trinity	Oxford	23.24*
4.	Katherine Turner	Magdalene	Cambridge	23.27*
5.	Alison Greggor	King's	Cambridge	23.29*
6.	Katy Hedgethorpe	Murray Edwards	Cambridge	23.31*
7.	Sophia Saller**	St. Catherine's	Oxford	23.36

40 years of the Ladies' Race

In 2015, the Ladies' Varsity Cross-Country Race will reach an important milestone: the 40th contest. It is my intention to produce a short history of how the race came into being and its early years. However, very little beyond the results has been formally documented. Therefore, if anyone has **any information from the years up to the first race in 1976** which could assist this task, it would be very helpful if they could get in touch with me at simon@scmolden.co.uk.

8.	Tasneem Pope	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	23.47*
9.	Sarah Lovewell	Trinity	Cambridge	24.23*
10.	Katie Hickson	St. Hilda's	Oxford	26.01
11.	Nora Petty	Mansfield	Oxford	26.20
12.	Emma Hodson	Merton	Oxford	26.30
13.	Sarah McCuaig	St. Hilda's	Oxford	27.16
14.	Rose Penfold***	Green Templeton	Oxford	DNF

Cambridge won (no score declared)

* These runners lost the course at 2.9 miles and ran a shorter route home

** Sophia Saller was awarded the individual victory

*** Rose Penfold lost the course at 2.9 miles

The 23rd Old Blues' Race

1.	Matthew Leach	Churchill	Cambridge	21.29
2.	William Mycroft	New College	Oxford	21.41
3.	Chris Bannon	Downing	Cambridge	21.49
4.	Martin Shore	Magdalene	Cambridge	21.58
5.	Christopher Phillips-Hart	Worcester	Oxford	22.08
6.	Dominic Kiralyfi	Regent's Park	Oxford	22.12
7.	Matthew Grant	Queens'	Cambridge	22.13
8.	Sean Renfer	St. Catherine's	Oxford	22.25
9.	Chris McGurk	Wadham	Oxford	22.33
10.	Robin Brown	Jesus	Cambridge	22.41
11.	Matthew Clark	Homerton	Cambridge	22.42
12.	Jonathan Bradford	St. John's	Oxford	22.49
13.	Simon Molden	Christ Church	Oxford	22.58
14.	Richard Hewitt	Jesus	Cambridge	23.17
15.	Alex Young	St. John's	Cambridge	23.28
16.	Edward Catmur	Jesus	Oxford	23.31
17.	Henry Mitchell	Pembroke	Oxford	23.33
18.	Sam Ashcroft	Jesus	Cambridge	23.41
19.	Will Bowers	Trinity	Cambridge	23.51
20.	Jamie Darling	St. John's	Oxford	23.54
21.	Naomi Taschimowitz	Trinity	Cambridge	24.43
22.	Claire Hallissey	Robinson	Cambridge	25.15
23.	Polly Keen	New Hall/Murray Edwards/Downing	Cambridge	25.26
24.	Steven Marshall	Magdalen	Oxford	26.23
25.	James Gill	Hughes Hall	Cambridge	27.20
26.	Katie Truslove	Worcester	Oxford	27.28
27.	Joanna Mobed	Murray Edwards	Cambridge	27.39
28.	Matthew Bryant	St. Catherine's	Oxford	28.37
29.	Ashley Mooney	Trinity	Oxford	29.00
30.	Philip Scard	Gonville and Caius	Cambridge	29.14
31.	Matthew Hallissey	St. John's	Cambridge	30.15
32.	Helen Hanstock	Magdalen	Oxford	34.20
33.	Neil Mathur	Churchill	Cambridge	n/t

Cambridge won by 220 points to 247 (scoring 15-a-side)

40 Years On..... OUAC, CUAC and Achilles in 1974

Varsity Match: 16th May 1974 . Oxford were determined to banish the memories of the previous year's 4 x 100m relay, winning which had allowed Cambridge to tie the match at the very end. Oxford looked the stronger team on paper, and this form was confirmed on the day, as they achieved a record margin of 115 - 78.

They won every track event with the exception of the steeplechase, where Hugh St John out-kicked Pete Irvine coming off the last barrier. Maximum points were scored by Oxford in the 400m (Peter Crawshaw/Ed Forman), 800m (Andy Reekes/Adam Chedburn), 1500m (Julian Goater/Derek Vaughan) and all three hurdles events.

Cambridge fared better in the field, with victories from Paul Orchard (Discus 39.50), Eric Christiansen (Javelin 62.34), Tim Reed (Pole Vault 3.40m) and John Slaney (Triple Jump 14.03). Dave Naylor (Shot Put 13.39m) and Nigel Boulding (High Jump 1.93m) won their events for Oxford, and Lee Kidd managed an unusual combination in finishing second in both Discus and Javelin (58.76). Winner of the Drake Digby Cup, having won three individual events (100m, 200m and Long Jump) and run a leg in the winning 4x100m relay, was Steve White. Julian Goater achieved a difficult double in winning the 1500m (3.52.4) and 5000m (14.29.2) with a minimal gap. Oxford's very strong hurdles squad included Axel Salander, Bob Tait, Ray Burse and Rob Hocking.

The Centipedes v. Alverstone match was a very much closer affair, with Centipedes winning by a single point (after a recount!). Notable performers included Jurgen Dunsch (800m), Tom Dowie (Hurdles), Andy Etchells (5000m), and Colin Lizieri (400m). - PGC



Paul Orchard & Martin Baker: Freshers' Fair



Dick Saunders, Julian Ellis & Mike Hammett: Milton Rd.



Martin Dell and Bob Treadwell: Motspur Park

From Julian Goater (OUAC Hon Sec 1974, President 1975) :-

Some great memories – particularly the result of the Varsity match!

I seem to remember the first women joining OUAC in '74. OUAC had athletes of the calibre of Gill Suttle and Marjorie Willey around whom to build a team. They certainly heralded the dawn of this new era at Oxford, and I think we should all be proud of the part we all played in finally helping OUAC and CUAC introduce women's athletics, and thereby catch up – at least to some extent - with mainstream athletics in Britain. After all, Ann Packer had won Olympic gold 10 years earlier.....and Lillian Board had come – and very sadly, gone, before 1974.

'74 marked also a new venue at West London – not ideal in every way, but the only real option if Crystal Palace was no longer viable. But this rather messy upheaval did at least signal the beginnings of the gradual – and very welcome - move towards both universities having their own tartan tracks, thus allowing the Varsity Match to be held alternately at each venue, which is a huge improvement on Crystal Palace in every respect.

I also remember the 20th anniversary of Roger Bannister's sub 4-min mile, and rather half-hearted attempts being made to mark the occasion with a televised invitation 1-mile race. But which big names could we get to compete, especially that early in the season? And how could we get TV coverage? The absence of a suitable venue, not to mention sufficiently high-calibre university runners, meant these plans eventually came to nought, but Frank Horwill and the BMC did help us commemorate the 21st anniversary

the following year, incorporating an invitation 1-mile race in the Harvard/Yale match, thankfully on a hot summer's day in June. Despite our best efforts this realistically had to be a relatively low-key event, with no real stars or razzmatazz, and certainly no TV. However, when the occasion arose in 2004 to mark the 50th anniversary in some style, giving OUAC and Achilles the opportunity to capitalise on the enormous world-wide interest such an event would have ignited, Roger himself was not keen. An enjoyable but very much watered down event took place instead. Meanwhile the once grand Grandstand at Iffley Road remains an unusable lump of concrete.....such a shame, and something which I find rather embarrassing having persuaded Rhodes House to stump up the money for the all-weather track in the first place.

But despite all of us being at the forefront of those dramatic changes which originated in 1974 we seem – at least at OUAC – to have been very disorganised (maybe just over-worked!) and failed to keep proper club records or take photographs. I apologise for my lapses in this regard, and very much regret having nothing to offer in the way of photos.

So the past 40 years have seen huge progress in (nearly) all respects at OUAC, CUAC and Achilles. Perhaps the start of this progress can be traced back to our era, and 1974 in particular. Certainly Paul and Peter, whose sterling efforts and commitment do so much to keep Achilles Club thriving, date back to this time. Keep up the good work guys!



Above, Alverstone 1973—Paul Willcox centre (with hair!), Rick Dillon to his right.
Right, Mike Hamment & Chris Jay running 400m; Tim Reed vaulting.



From Steve White (OUAC Hon Sec 1973, President 1974) :-

I can well understand Cambridge removing those photos of the Varsity Match [Peter Crawshaw remembers several taken that day by Bill Potter being displayed at Iffley

Road for a couple of years, before being taken by some visiting CUAC athletes!] - such painful memories. Through Peter's good offices and those of Dave Williams (whose pain has been overcome), I have managed to recover one of them (below).

Dave and I re-enacted this finish at the dinner after this year's Varsity Match. I was particularly proud of the club that year, of the team spirit and of what we achieved. As Julian says, I think we can also be particularly proud of launching women's athletics



at the universities in a significant way. It was just embarrassing not to be able to offer a proper club and proper competition to the women. Marjorie Willey, a junior international thrower, rightfully expected it and we did something about it. I give Julian a lot of credit for this and for agreeing, with his Cambridge counterpart, when he was President, to stage the first women's match in 1975.

My recollection of the move away from Crystal Palace is that it was not solely related to finances. We just found an almost entirely empty Crystal Palace so dispiriting. Midweek at a windswept West London stadium had its drawbacks, but it was of an appropriate scale. The current arrangements are so much better, and I think our generation was part of a transition to the modern era.

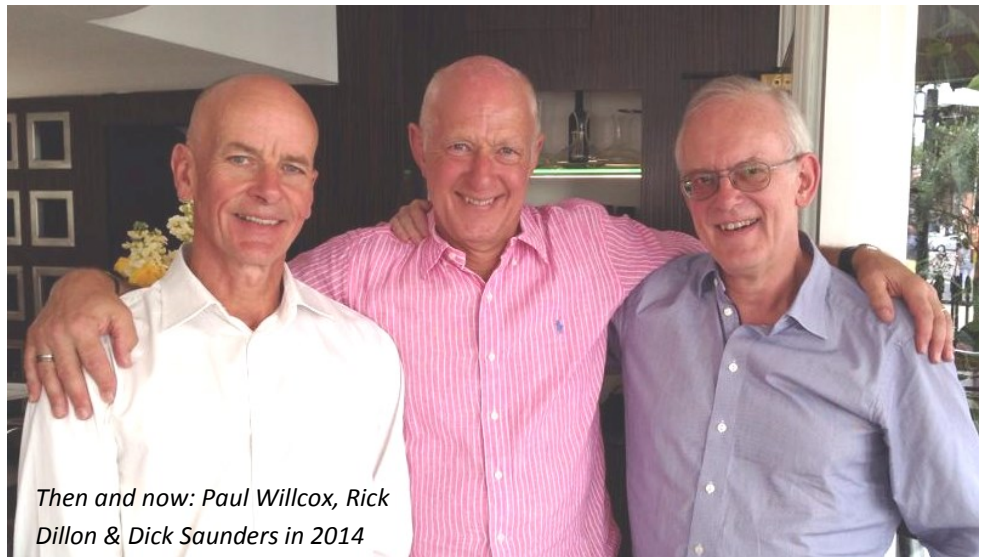
I do recall exchanging letters with, I think, Neil Allen of the Times, who had filed a quite disparaging report about - I think it was - the 1971 Varsity match in which he complained about the slippage in standards compared with the old days of Oxbridge Olympians and suggesting that the current crop of athletes had more in common with the long-haired attendees at the pop concert next door in Crystal Palace park than with their illustrious predecessors. His thesis was that athletics at Oxbridge had declined to a sorry state. This annoyed me. I told him that the Oxford and Cambridge clubs no longer enjoyed a privileged status but still compared well with the best in the country. I suggested that he should be applauding the democratisation of athletics and the rise in standards of national club athletics rather than bemoaning the loss of exclusivity. I don't

think he agreed, but it made me feel better.

My point is that in 1974 we should be comparing ourselves with the best clubs and the best university clubs in the country and not with a glorious but no longer relevant past. With this in mind, when I was President, I did try to forge a much closer relationship with the Oxford City club, which was making its way towards National League status, and to open University facilities and coaching to all athletes in Oxford not just those in the university. I didn't make much progress; one year is not enough. It still seems crazy to me that the City had to invest in an upgrade of its own track at Horspath. A strong partnership between the City and the University could have delivered more for athletics in both the university and the town but things were driven more by continuing attachments to exclusivity (on the university side) and to the preservation of identity and

property rights (on both sides) than by any real regard for what would work best for athletics.

I do also have some amusing memories about the match with the University of Milan, which Peter recalled (see his 25 year flashback in the 1999 Report). They sent a team of officials and administrators to Oxford several months beforehand to agree the arrangements. I met them at the station and took them to tea in The Randolph. That was it. They were expecting to be met by a team of equivalent managerial weight as their own and were somewhat taken aback to find themselves dealing with one of the opposing athletes. The match happened successfully, so I don't think our organisation was too underpowered but it seemed to me an example of an encounter between amateurism (I won't claim 'gifted') and professional management. I'm not sure what lessons can be learned from this!

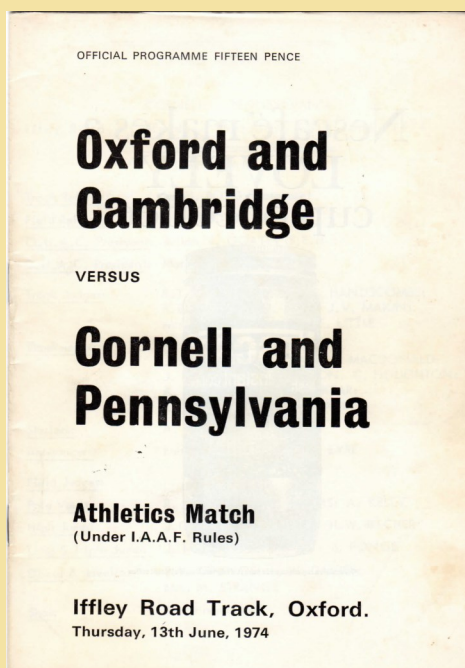


Then and now: Paul Willcox, Rick Dillon & Dick Saunders in 2014

THE 1974 PENN & CORNELL MATCH

My participation in the 1974 match followed on shortly after my finals: with a couple of Comem. Balls thrown in for good measure (the New College Ball was organised by Charles Brett, an OUAC Triple Jumper, whose claims that the security would be impregnable was too much of a challenge for some of his teammates to resist), this was hardly the ideal preparation. However, we did have the challenge of the Iffley Road black cinders as a potential disruption to the undoubtedly class of our visitors. As we had managed an 8-8 tie the previous year in sweltering heat on the first-generation synthetic track (rather like running on tarmac covered with wet paint) at Schoellkopf Field, we knew that our visitors would be looking to stamp their authority.

Despite all this, I had somehow agreed to double up the 400mH and the 400m flat. The first event gave me the opportunity to see plenty of the backs of the two star Penn hurdlers, Bruce Collins and Harold Schwab (PBs at the time of 49.1 and 50.4 respectively). I recall them chatting to each other during the race, as they effortlessly maintained a comfortable lead. Things were a little more competitive in the flat 400m, though I was narrowly beaten for second place by my



team-mate David William. David, though a long term resident in the U.S. (one of his sons is a Cornell alumnus) is still a firm friend today and stayed with me prior to this year's Varsity Match. Cornell's Mike MacNeil was alas too good for both of us. Oxford / Cambridge wins were hard to come by that day: the result was 15-3 (points scoring was still foreign to the Transatlantic Series). Julian Goater in particular salvaged some pride for the home team by repeating his 1973 mile victory over Penn's Denis Fikes.

My abiding memories, however, of the Cornell-Penn visit to Oxford are ones of friendship. Those of us who had had the privilege of travelling to Ithaca the previous summer (our visit did not alas allow us time to visit Philadelphia) were keen to repay the warm hospitality that our hosts had given us. It was great to see familiar faces (in my case especially Cornell's Robert Anastasio and Pal Roach – opponents over the half mile in 1973) and show them round Oxford. Although many things change, not least the inclusion of women's events, the cultural exchanges and abiding friendships – I'm still in touch with Robert today – are still at the heart of this series. I am sure that all those competing today will seize that opportunity.

- Peter Crawshaw

25 Years On..... CUAC, OUAC and Achilles in 1989

From a personal perspective the 1989 season was one of highs and lows. We started the season looking forward to the USA tour and with a distinct chance of edging a victory off Oxford if we could field a full, fit team. Unfortunately for me personally I wasn't to experience either of these landmarks due to a serious illness which brought my season to a halt in Lent term and led eventually to me re-doing my final year (yes, silver lining to this one – more on that later), and injuries to in Jon Ridgeon (GB International) which deprived us of our highest points earner for the Varsity Match.

However, without a place on the track, I was able to play a 'non-playing' captain's role and view things from the stands. Duties included driving the mini-bus to the Bedford track every week so that we could train on a tartan surface (at this stage the track in Cambridge was unusable whenever there was a frost or heavy rain) – this usually descended into a huge singalong to the latest and greatest hits (at least for 1989) and I can still remember the words to every hit of that year! We

also started competing indoors at Harrogate in the winter months and I remember vividly praying every time we took a 'rent a wreck' (\$10/day) down there that we would make it in one piece. Some would say that I also played a role as social secretary and general cheerleader.....



The all-conquering CUAC ladies 4x400 winning team at the BUSF championships - Suzy Webb, Claire Lavers, Tabitha Brufal, Clare Parkes.

What I loved most about the club was the great team spirit and camaraderie, which I've never found again in any other athletics club. It was something akin to the type of bonding found in a rugby club where the core group loved

to train, compete and socialise together. Perhaps the most satisfying elements of the year was not watching the 'stars' break yet another record, but to see those that came to the club with a vague interest in the sport and turn that into a passion as they achieved pbs at every turn. The USA tour was a defining point for quite a number of these athletes as they turned out improvements in each match. The statistics show that every Cambridge athlete who attended the tour achieved at least one pb! Other lower key events which also stick in the memory include a tour to Paris at Xmas for training with a sister club and the Achilles ball in the summer at HRH Stinson's pad in Surrey.

Ultimately the season ended on a low for the Men's team as we were resoundingly beaten by a superior Oxford outfit (although our Women's team salvaged some pride), but I'd been given another shot at it and was elected President for the season 1989/90 determined to ensure we gave a better account of ourselves.

- Dave Gardiner, Men's Captain, CUAC

The Transatlantic Ivy League Tour of 1989

The coaches (or rather I) probably owe the ladies on the 1989 US tour an apology. They really should have won the Harvard Yale match and only failed to do so (arguably) on a technicality.

But that is getting ahead of myself. In 1989 Trevor Llewelyn and I were the coaching arm of a management team led by the late great Donald Gorrie (whose ongoing saga of the "Chronicles of the Children of Oxbridge" kept us rapt at every formal dinner), Chris Thorne and Jon Brooke.

Clear memories of that trip are fading, but a number of things will always stick in the mind- the coaches were significantly more involved and influential in the team selection process than previously, deservedly so (though I say it myself) as by 1989 we were

involved not only in coaching CUAC but also running training events for both universities, and I was privileged also to be advising Liz Hobson at Oxford at the time. In a break with tradition it was agreed that Presidents would not travel as of right but would have to earn selection. Kit was of huge importance as was its design. This rather rebounded on us when the team gifted us baseball hats with "Wrinkly" "Crumbly" "Coach" and "Coach's Husband" on them (cant remember what Jon Brooke got...).. there was endless discussion as to the merits of relay change over upsweep vs down sweep. Something I can still get a bit excited about.

The teams performed extremely well. The first match against Penn and Princeton was

expected to be a bit of a white wash in favour of the home teams. Not so. Indeed had the men had a fuller team they could have won it, losing by one event only and not contesting the 400mH. Competing as we were with jet lag and party fatigue this boded extremely well. Stars were already emerging, in particular the unbroken run of success enjoyed by Gill Howard in the HJ (she had of course her personal coach in tow), Ade Odusi's prodigious performance in the 800m taking him into a different league, and the multi-event skills of Emma Westlake. Larry Matthews' win in the 5000m jog and Richard Shearmur's 400m victory were great morale boosters, and we settled into the customary Oxbridge mode of loud and raucous cheers to the men's 4x400 squad who brought home the baton safely in first place. We had enjoyed the superb training facilities of the USA schools

and in particular I recall training in the inflated bubble at Penn which included indoor javelin practice with rubber bungs on the ends of the javelins for safety.

Accommodation continued to be rather mixed. And a suspicious trend began to develop. One of the jump stars and indeed perhaps the poster boy for the trip was the

110mH for Steve Martin, and the High jump went well. There were rumours flying about that we seemed to have found a hammer thrower....

On to Dartmouth and Brown and I find amongst my notes in my notebook of the tour (which sadly I still have...) the "rousing" speech used to lift the team,

sion to score on points not events- events would have left us 10-5 adrift.

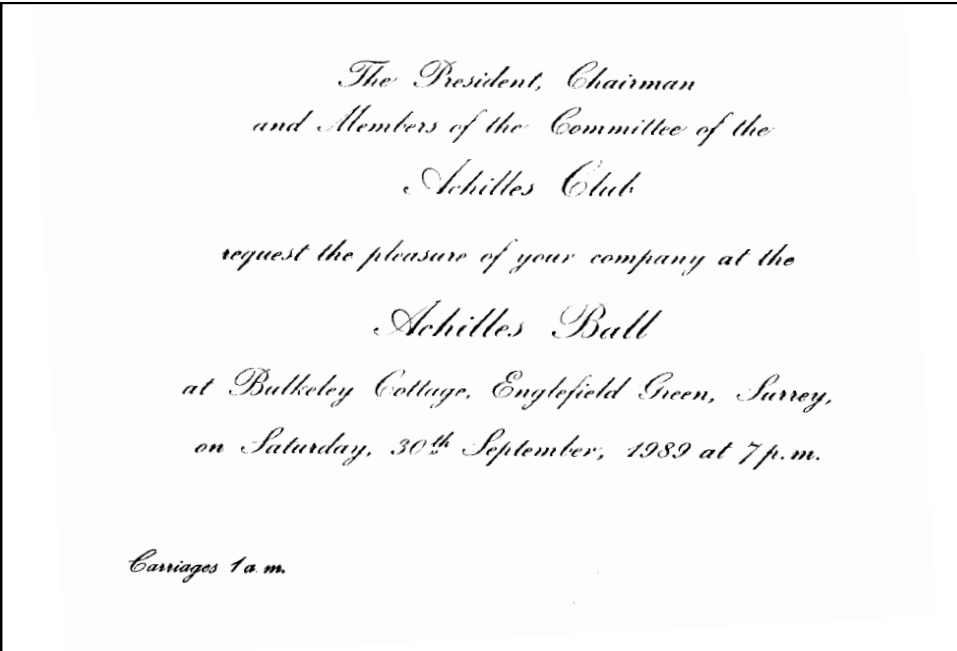
The men had a tough match and recorded only three victories- surprisingly all in the field. That hammer thrower did indeed emerge with Phil Goodwin throwing pb after pb, the late Jeremy Miatt won the triple jump and Tony Hatton the javelin.

And then it was Harvard and Yale. This was what we had all been waiting for. But if the truth be told it was something of an anti-climax. First the weather was cruel. Second for the first time (I think) Harvard and Yale included us in what was effectively "their" Varsity match. Their focus was (unsurprisingly) on beating each other, not us. There were wonderful performances from various of the men in a match they were never going to win but in which they troubled the opposition regularly- Tom Richardson's tactical 3000mSC was a triumphant win for a novice at the event, Larry Matthews, Ade, Marcus and Jeremy all won their events. I have to say that the impact of this was largely lost as the crowd ignored the Oxbridge competitors (often in the distance events well ahead of the US teams) being concerned only with their domestic Varsity match.

And now to that lost opportunity in the women's match. The eventual score (scored correctly on events) was 8-7. Oxbridge wins included a magnificent pb in the 3000m from Clare Lavers (winning her the performance of the day award), and wins also for the middle distance squad, Louisa Bayles in the shot, and (of course) Gill Howard in the HJ.. With just the 4x400m to go the score was level. Our ladies' team ran their hearts out to record a pb of 3:59.34 (first time under 4 minutes) but it was not enough. However the sting in the tail was that at the technical meeting the coaches (us...) had insisted that the rather disinterested USA teams nominate one of their teams - Harvard or Yale- as the match team against us. Had we left this, as they seemed content to do, then there would have been no formal opposition and the day would have been won. As an ardent interpreter of the rules I look back in some surprise at this tactical naivety but at the end of the day, a day filled with high levels of adrenalin, a US team did cross that line first....

What can I say? A great tour, warm hosts, and a real bonding experience for the Oxbridge athletes making the 1989 Varsity match very interesting indeed.

Bridget Wheeler (with assistance from Trevor Llewelyn)



...and who can recall the lady distance runner who overdid the carbohydrate loading and ate all the potatoes?

naughty Marcus Browning. Somehow he always seemed to draw the short straw for accommodation wherever we went to the extent that it seemed almost to be deliberate. He went as I recall from sleeping on a floor (literally), to having to sleep in an arm chair...it never got any better.

The second match at Cornell was more serious and the standard higher, none the less the women got swiftly into their stride and performed extremely well. Clare Lavers was at her best as were the other middle distance stars Davina Manship, Vicki

complete with psychological analysis of the opposition and exhortations to the relay teams to keep at it as anything can happen..it did seem to work. There were storming performances in good conditions in particular from Hilary Lissenden who achieved blues standards in both sprints winning the 200m, the ladies also had clean sweeps in the 3000m, hurdles and high jump where we took the stadium record (that Westlake lady again over the sticks and, of course, Gill Howard) although suffering a bit in the throws against extremely well nourished opposition alt-

REUNION

Bridget and Trevor very much hope members of the team of 1989 will attend the Achilles dinner at Clare College, Cambridge, after the Varsity Match on May 16th this year.

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Vaughan, and there was that Emma Westlake again. The men faded a little for this match, as I recall, facing stiff competition but there were some notably successes- Ade dropped down to the 400m and had a blinder and his place in the 800m was taken with huge success by Kheredine Idessane. There were also victories in the

hough Louisa Bayles did more than hold her own (over which we will draw a veil). At least half the ladies team got pbs that day. This was against our strategy for the match where we had hoped to draw breath before the big drive for the jewel in the crown - the match against Harvard and Yale. The women's score was 79-48, which I suppose vindicated a controversial deci-

Missing Members (continued)

Please alert peter.crawshaw@achilles.org if you are able to give us an pointers to the whereabouts of any of these:-

Liz Boothroyd	1982	New Hall	Cambridge	
Felicity Waterman	1982	Christ Church	Oxford	SOMERSET
Marco Fasoli	1982	Pembroke	Cambridge	SOMERSET
Nigel Clarke	1983	St Catherine's	Oxford	OXON
Pete Fulcher	1983	St Catharine's	Cambridge	HAMPSHIRE
Pete Kanowski	1983	St John's	Oxford	OXON
Clive Bromhall	1983	Balliol	Oxford	BRISTOL
Patricia Bradley	1983	Girton	Cambridge	NORTH YORKS
Sarah Rees	1983	St John's	Cambridge	GLAMORGAN
Olu Fajemirokun	1984	St John's	Oxford	LONDON
Peter Allden	1984	Churchill	Cambridge	LONDON
Kate Harper	1984	Downing	Cambridge	LONDON
Alastair Williamson	1984	St Catharine's	Cambridge	WSET MIDLANDS
Chris Harris	1984	Brasenose	Oxford	WEST MIDLANDS
Caroline Ball	1984	St Hugh's	Oxford	OXON
James Lloyd	1984	Peterhouse	Cambridge	GLOUCS
Keith Blackwell	1984	Magdalene	Cambridge	
Peter Laws	1984	Christ Church	Oxford	LEEDS
David Smith	1984	Magdalene	Cambridge	ONTARIO
Val Pritchard	1984	St Hugh's	Oxford	HERTS
Ian Silvester	1984	Balliol	Oxford	HAMPSHIRE
Shepherd-Claire Themistocleous	1984	Somerville	Oxford	Durham
Gareth Hughes	1984	Keble	Oxford	NOTTS
Kathleen Clair	1984	St Hilda's	Oxford	Pennsylvania
Chris McGrady	1984	Jesus	Oxford	Paris
Corinne Cummings	1984	St Peter's	Oxford	CAMBS.
Katie Flanagan	1984	Trinity	Oxford	OXON.
Ginny Evans	1984	St Peter's	Oxford	NORTHANTS.
Richard Dawson	1984	Merton	Oxford	DEVON
Bob Cobb	1985	Peterhouse	Cambridge	LONDON
Simon Briggs	1985	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	BERKSHIRE
Rod Clayton	1985	Brasenose	Oxford	SUFFOLK
Peter Darbyshire	1985	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	LANCASHIRE
Tim Cross	1985	Lincoln	Oxford	SURREY
Wole Soboyejo	1985	Churchill	Cambridge	NEW JERSEY
Ian McDonald	1985	Exeter	Oxford	
James Hely Hutchinson	1985	Magdalene	Cambridge	DUBLIN
Allan Jemi-Alade	1985	Emmanuel	Cambridge	Tayside
Emma McBrien	1985	Pembroke	Cambridge	LONDON
Helen Hoyle	1985	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	LONDON
Catherine Shelley	1985	Downing	Cambridge	EAST SUSSEX
Dominic Tilley	1986	St John's	Oxford	OXON.
Gary Pitts	1986	Oriel	Oxford	WEST SUSSEX
Philip Wilkins	1986	Peterhouse	Cambridge	KENT
Jeremy Lai	1986	St Edmund Hall	Oxford	
James Leach	1986	Balliol	Oxford	ALBERTA
Larry Mathews	1986	Merton	Oxford	LONDON
Rod Driver	1986	St Catherine's	Oxford	KENT
David Cook	1986	Christ Church	Oxford	SURREY
Paul Mendham	1986	King's	Cambridge	NEW SOUTH WALES
Phillip Darbyshire	1986	Fitzwilliam	Cambridge	LANCASHIRE
Tracy Van der Leeuw	1986	Worcester	Oxford	OXON
Mike Webb	1986	Lincoln	Oxford	SURREY
Graeme Ackland	1986	Jesus	Oxford	EDINBURGH
Sean Gibbons	1986	Downing	Cambridge	LONDON
Nick Bulbeck	1986	Magdalene	Cambridge	GLASGOW
Tony Harrie	1986	Pembroke	Oxford	SURREY
Charles Addison	1987	Jesus	Cambridge	BUCKS
Jason Skill	1987	St Catharine's	Cambridge	DERBYSHIRE
Jo Dering	1987	Exeter	Oxford	DORSET
Andrew Skates	1987	Trinity	Oxford	LONDON

Dave Layton	1987	Lincoln	Oxford	Nova Scotia
Alan Walton	1987	Magdalene	Cambridge	
Rachel Osman	1987	St Hilda's	Oxford	OXON
Mairi MacLean	1987	Lucy Cav.	Cambridge	Lanarks
Scott Bryan	1987	Trinity	Oxford	LONDON
Simon Harding	1987	Oriel	Oxford	SURREY
Simon Firth	1987	St John's	Cambridge	CHESHIRE
Tom Stout	1987	Emmanuel	Cambridge	SUFFOLK
Dawn Fletcher	1987	Jesus	Oxford	W. MIDLANDS
Jodie Forbes	1987	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	LONDON
Michael Risman	1987	Emmanuel	Cambridge	LONDON
Mark McClintock	1987	University	Oxford	CO. ANTRIM
Rowan Smith	1988	Caius	Cambridge	SHEFFIELD
Andy Thompson	1988	Regent's Park	Oxford	NOTTS
Ade Odunsi	1988	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	SURREY
James Street	1988	Green	Oxford	YORKSHIRE
John Brecknell	1988	Clare	Cambridge	FIFE
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Pierre Delforge	1988	St John's	Cambridge	CAMBS
Vicky Barton	1988	Homerton	Cambridge	TYNE & WEAR
Linda Whiteford	1988	Worcester	Oxford	WORCS.
Tim Wright	1988	Robinson	Cambridge	COVENTRY
Stuart Fairley	1988	Keble	Oxford	HERTS
Emma Westlake	1988	St Catherine's	Oxford	OXON.
James MacNachten	1988	King's	Cambridge	WILTSHIRE
Tom Bent	1988	Downing	Cambridge	BERKSHIRE
Kate Houston	1988	Trinity	Oxford	LONDON
Matthew Dimond	1988	University	Oxford	LONDON
Courtney Cook	1988	St Peter's	Oxford	NEW YORK
Allan Taylor	1989	Emmanuel	Cambridge	LONDON
Tim Stewart	1989	Trinity	Oxford	KENT
Sue Burgis	1989	Clare	Cambridge	LONDON
Jo Adams	1989	Hertford	Oxford	NSW
David Rowlands	1989	Christ's	Cambridge	
Derek Ormerod	1989	St Ed Hall	Oxford	WARWICKSHIRE
Jenny James	1989	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	OXON
Kate Shepherd	1989	Worcester	Oxford	WORCESTERSHIRE
Andy McLeod	1989	St Catharine's	Cambridge	LANCASHIRE
Rob Marx	1989	St Peter's	Oxford	OREGON
Robin Bordoli	1989	St John's	Cambridge	DERBYS.
Andy Johnston	1989	St Peter's	Oxford	LONDON
Chris Townsend	1989	Christ Church	Oxford	MERSEYSIDE
James Bobby	1989	St John's	Cambridge	MIDDLESEX
Jeremy Arnold	1989	Clare	Cambridge	HAMPSHIRE
Ade Adebajo	1990	St Antony's	Oxford	OXON
Simon Steer	1990	Jesus	Cambridge	SUFFOLK
Alan Ingram	1990	St Catharine's	Cambridge	LANCS
Robert Calvert	1990	Pembroke	Cambridge	CO. DOWN
David Wright	1990	King's	Cambridge	ESSEX
Iain Scott	1990	Wadham	Oxford	ESSEX
Suzanna Jemby	1990	Magdalene	Cambridge	
Simon Walker	1990	Christ Church	Oxford	OXON.
Rachel Jordan	1990	Emmanuel	Cambridge	BIRMINGHAM
Nilla Karlsson	1990	Merton	Oxford	
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Laura Marsiliani	1990	Balliol	Oxford	
Tony Underwood	1990	St Edmund's	Cambridge	CO. DURHAM
Stewart McMorran	1990	Wolfson	Cambridge	WARWICKSHIRE
David Bond	1990	Churchill	Cambridge	SURREY
Leon Stephenson	1991	Caius	Cambridge	NOTTS
Paul Wilson	1991	Pembroke	Oxford	LONDON

Helen Bushell	1991	New Hall	Cambridge	CHESHIRE
Gordon Williams	1991	Robinson	Cambridge	LONDON
Baz Clark	1991	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	LONDON
Scott Crabb	1991	Caius	Cambridge	W. AUSTRALIA
Mark Middleton	1991	Homerton	Cambridge	DERBYS.
Alex Dawes	1991	Oriel	Oxford	LONDON
Gerald Preston	1991	Hertford	Oxford	LANCASHIRE
Stephen Crouch	1991	St John's	Oxford	SURREY
Louise Kaye	1991	Caius	Cambridge	OXON
Kevin Johnson	1991	Magdalene	Cambridge	
Steve Garland	1991	Pembroke	Cambridge	LONDON
Lorraine Harry	1991	Jesus	Cambridge	SWANSEA
Julia Church	1991	St Hilda's	Oxford	OXON.
Carolyn May	1993	Queen's	Oxford	LONDON
Nathan Marston	1993	Christ's	Cambridge	
Brett Williams	1994	Downing	Cambridge	COLORADO
Dani Martin	1994	Keble	Oxford	SUFFOLK
Susie Hodgkinson	1994	St John's	Cambridge	STAFFS.
Alan MacPherson	1994	University	Oxford	LONDON
James Reynolds	1994	Homerton	Cambridge	MIDDLESEX
Robert Critchley	1994	Emmanuel	Cambridge	WARWICKSHIRE
Craig Shepherd	1994	Jesus	Cambridge	FLINTSHIRE
Andy Carnall	1995	Pembroke	Cambridge	WILTSHIRE
Anna Warren	1995	Christ's	Cambridge	WEST SUSSEX
Alex Wreth	1995	Homerton	Cambridge	LONDON
Bethan Page-Jones	1995	St Catharine's	Cambridge	LONDON
Julia Melling	1995	LMH	Oxford	
Alan Dunwoodie	1995	Keble	Oxford	SURREY

Alastair Burgess	1997	Downing	Cambridge	HAMPSHIRE
Fennel Aurora	1998	St Anne's	Oxford	PARIS
Sherree Halliwell	1998	St Hugh's	Oxford	LANCASHIRE
Hannah Oag	1998	Emmanuel	Cambridge	LONDON
Matt Searles	1998	New	Oxford	BUCKS.
Ben Clare	1999	Christ's	Cambridge	CLEVELAND
Matt Taylor	1999	Magdalen	Oxford	BUCKS
Graeme MacKay	1999	Hertford	Oxford	BUCKS.
Sarah Wilson	2000	Sidney Sussex	Cambridge	TYNE & WEAR
Clara Brown	2000	Emmanuel	Cambridge	MIDDLESEX
Siobhan Dennehy	2000	Pembroke	Cambridge	ESSEX
Corin Hughes	2000	St John's	Cambridge	WORCESTERSHIRE
Simon Samuels	2001	St Edmund's	Cambridge	
Chanda Kapande	2001	Keble	Oxford	BRISTOL
Bayo Biobaku	2001	Keble	Oxford	BIRMINGHAM
Aki Abiola	2001	St Catharine's	Cambridge	LONDON
Henny Freeman	2002	St Catharine's	Cambridge	KENT
Naomi Millner	2002	New Hall	Cambridge	DORSET
Hugh Watson	2002	Trinity	Cambridge	NSW
Stuart Forbes	2003	Girton	Cambridge	
Rota Stone	2003	St Hilda's	Oxford	OXON.
Jan Molacek	2004	Trinity	Cambridge	
Paul Kirsch	2006	Magdalen	Oxford	LONDON
Gus Mercer	2008	St Hilda's	Oxford	SURREY
Nyma Sharifi	2009	St John's	Cambridge	WEST MIDLANDS
Vartan Shadarevian	2010	University	Oxford	
Riyadh Bhyat	2011	Christ Church	Oxford	OXON.

FENNERS – a request for help!

The site that became Fenners was originally just a field behind (to the south-west of) the Cambridge town gaol, which in turn faced Parkers Piece, where cricket and other sports had been practiced for a long time.

In 1846 the Earl of Stamford leased this field, and had the cricket professional Lillywhite lay out a pitch, so that

home for both the University Cricket and Athletics Clubs.

The "running path" was still on grass until 1867, when Walter Watts (groundsman to the two clubs) laid a cinder ash track of 586 yards around. A later extension of the track made it more exactly a third of a mile. Races were originally run anticlockwise; but

There must be many ex-CUAC athletes with excellent memories. Chris Thorne would be very glad to have corrections or additions to his map, and of any other Fenners memories

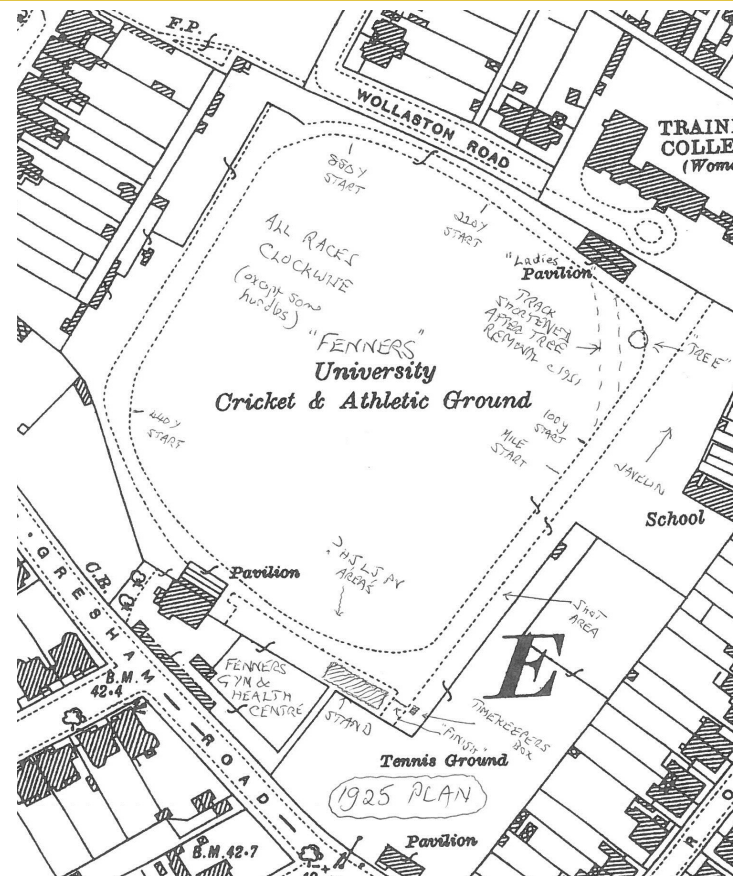
the Earl and his friends could play cricket with more privacy. In 1848 Francis Fenner, a Cambridge local entrepreneur, took over the lease and extended the ground, and the next year (1849) sublet the area, now a fairly good cricket pitch, to the Cambridge University Cricket Club for the May-September period of each year.

By marking out a running track on the grass, Fenner was able to make further money by allowing athletes to use his field in the winter months. The Cricket Club had a wooden pavilion built (close behind where the gaol was) in 1856, and water was laid on in 1861; so the field, now known as simply "Fenners", became a very comfortable

from about 1879 clockwise.

Fenner eventually moved away from Cambridge, and the land he had leased was likely to revert to the owners, Gonville & Caius College. But CUAC and CUAC combined to make a successful bid for the land in 1894, and the two clubs, in the form of a limited company, own the freehold to this day.

The black ash track remained at Fenners for a few years after 1959, in which year CUAC moved to their new track at Milton Road. A plan of Fenners, dating from 1925, is shown. The track was then a third of a mile around, but about 1951 a tree (marked), located inside the track (?) at its north-east "corner" and creating a rather sharp bend, was removed, and the track was thus reduced to 576y in circumference. The approximate location of items (from my memory of the mid-late 1950s) is shown. These include the 1875 brick pavilion (which had replaced the wooden pavilion which had been sited where the cricket scorers' box is now; this 1875 pavilion was itself



demolished in 1971 and replaced by flats), the "ladies pavilion" against the Training (Homerton) College wall (now used for equipment storage), the timekeepers box (where all flat races ended, now gone and replaced by the "indoor cricket school") and the (very draughty) "stand" (which was not much good for watching the end of races – also now gone). My recollection of where the jumps were held (good views from the "stand"), and where the shot and javelin

were held, are also shown. Hurdle races were, if my memory serves (and I was myself a keen but mediocre hurdler), held at a variety of positions around the track. Where the discus was thrown I do not know.

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