

## ACHILLES IN 1977

As there was a period from 1971 to 1985 when Reports did not appear, **Chris Thorne** researched that period so that performances are accessible to posterity.

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

#### Men

4x100m Oxford 43.5, Cambridge 43.7, Birmingham 44.2, Loughborough 44.9  
4x200m Cambridge 90.9, Oxford 91.1, Birmingham 93.9, Loughborough 94.9  
4x400m Oxford 3:22.1, Loughborough 3:24.6, Cambridge 3:25.3, Birmingham 3:28.3  
4x800m Oxford 7:54.2, Loughborough 7:55.8, Birmingham 8:06.2, Cambridge 8:08.3  
4x1600m Oxford 18:06.4, Cambridge 18:10.8, Birmingham 18:12.4  
4x110m hurdles Cambridge 67.0, Oxford 68.0, Loughborough 74.4  
4x200m hurdles Cambridge 1:47.3, Oxford 1:50.9, Loughborough 1:52.8, Birmingham 1:53.6

**Oxford won by 4 events to 3**

#### Women

4x100m SCWAA 48.9, Dartford 50.9, WRAF 51.8, Birmingham 53.7, Cambridge 54.2, Oxford 55.5  
Medley SCWAA 5:26.2, Birmingham 5:40.8, Dartford 5:41.4, Oxford City 5:46.7, Oxford 6:00.7, Cambridge 6:06.3  
3x800m SCWAA 7:33.5, Dartford 7:33.7, Birmingham 7:44.1, Oxford 7:59.7, Cambridge 8:15.6

**Oxford won by 2 events to 1**

### The Varsity Matches, Iffley Road, 14 May 1977

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

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

100m G. Wood (C) 11.2, S. White-Thompson (O) 11.2, P. Key (O) 11.2, B. Jones (C) 11.3  
200m B. Jones (C) 22.2, G. Wood (C) 22.4, S. White-Thompson (O) 22.6, E. Quist-Arcton (O) 23.0  
400m B. Jones (C) 48.4, P. Key (O) 49.1, H. Evans (O) 50.4, R. Tolson (C) 51.4  
800m A. Dyke (O) 1:51.3, M. Wilson (C) 1:52.7, R. Hodgson (O) 1:55.6, M. McAllister (C) 2:05.6  
1500m M. Wilson (C) 3:55.1, C. Brodie (O) 3:55.5, L. Peck (C) 3:56.0, P. Irvine (O) 3:58.4  
5000m W. Ewers (O) 14:30.6, N. Brawn (O) 14:38.0, T. Jackson (C) 15:20.2, M. Ellison (C) 15:54.0  
110m hurdles A. Shiret (C) 15.5, A. Clucas (O) 15.7, K. Cheong (O) 15.8, J. Gibbs (C) 15.8  
200m hurdles A. Shiret (C) 25.5, A. Clucas (O) 25.6, K. Cheong (O) 26.3, D. Grant (C) 26.4  
400m hurdles A. Shiret (C) 54.7, A. Clucas (O) 55.4, R. Tolson (C) 56.8, M. Rhodes (O) 58.1  
Steeplechase C. Presst (O) 9:19.8, C. Aithie (O) 9:20.0, T. Stowe (C) 9:34.8, S. Oglethorpe (C) 9:43.6  
High Jump N. Thomas (C) 1.85, R. Tavernor (C) 1.85, M. Rhodes (O) 1.75, B. Towers (O) 1.70  
Pole Vault M. Heap (C) 3.20, S. Tesh (O) 3.10, R. Cattell (C) 2.80, R. Lusardi (O) 2.00  
Long Jump P. Warfield (C) 6.84, S. Long (O) 6.55, S. Baker (C) 6.33, A. Rodger (O) 5.96  
Triple Jump P. Kalfayan (C) 13.52, S. Long (O) 13.18, A. Popham (O) 13.17, J. Bennett (C) 12.99

Shot	L. Daniels (O) 13.10, R. Healey (C) 12.76, R. Pritchard (C) 11.75, M. Moran (O) 10.50
Discus	R. Healey (C) 41.00, S. McKie (O) 37.16, M. Moran (O) 32.84, A. Beck (C) 32.08
Hammer	L. Daniels (O) 38.52, A. English (C) 36.72, C. Poulton (C) 33.68, G. Chambers (O) 31.90
Javelin	J. Crosse (O) 56.56, R. Harrison (C) 54.66, K. Lindsey (O) 45.06, J. Gray (C) 41.04
4x100m	Cambridge (Whalley, Baker, Jones, Wood) 42.6, Oxford (Bettridge, White-Thompson, Quist-Arcton, Key) 42.9
4x400m	Cambridge (Dumont, Hamment, Wood, Jones) 3:20.2, Oxford (Evans, Foreman, Key, Dyke) 3:21.3

**Cambridge won by 114 points to 98**

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

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

100m	G. Smith (C) 13.1, R. Slator (O) 13.4, T. Ritchie (C) 13.4, J. Bramah (O) 13.5
200m	G. Smith (C) 26.9, R. Slator (O) 27.5, T. Ritchie (C) 27.6, J. Bramah (O) 29.5
400m	J. John (C) 62.9, J. Halfpenny (O) 65.3, L. McAlpine (O) 65.3, C. Whalley (C) 69.2
800m	L. Wightman (O) 2:27.7, J. Halfpenny (O) 2:32.2, L. England (C) 2:39.0, C. Goodricke (C) 3:08.7
1500m	L. Wightman (O) 5:23.8, N. Skrine (O) 5:30.3, L. England (C) 5:40.6, C. Goodricke (C) 6:03.2
100m hurdles	G. Smith (C) 16.3, P. Kingsland (O) 17.8, H. Alexander (O) 18.7, M. Currie (C) 18.9
High Jump	G. Smith (C) 1.60, P. Kingsland (O) 1.45, M. Currie (C) 1.45, S. Roberts (O) 1.35
Long Jump	R. Slator (O) 5.28, G. Smith (C) 5.25, V. Wickens (O) 4.71, C. Whalley (C) 4.61
Shot	M. Willey (O) 11.57, G. Smith (C) 10.60, C. Peake (O) 8.42, M. Currie (C) 8.12
Discus	C. Peake (O) 30.54, M. Willey (O) 29.14, J. Bleasdel (C) 23.82, J. Morgan (C) 23.38
Javelin	C. Chapman (C) 35.60, R. Slator (O) 26.10, J. Morgan (C) 22.52, M. Willey (O) 22.20
4x100m	Cambridge (Whalley, Chapman, Ritchie, Smith) 53.0, Oxford (Slator, Wallis, Wickes, Bramah) 53.6

**Oxford won by 66 points to 62**

## THE OXBRIDGE TOUR TO U.S.A.

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

**Pennsylvania and Cornell versus Oxford and Cambridge, 17 June 1977.** *Pennsylvania and Cornell won by 13 events to 4*

**Army and Princeton versus Oxford and Cambridge, 21 June 1977** *Army and Princeton won by 12 events to 4*

**The Freshers' Varsity Match, Iffley Road, 27 October 1977.**

***Cambridge beat Oxford by 103 points to 93***

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

**Field events.** Cambridge won the High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot and Hammer. Oxford won the Pole Vault, Discus and Javelin

***Cambridge won the match by 5 events to 3***

**Womens' Match (12 events).**

***Cambridge won by 79 points to 48***