

REVIEW OF 1986

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ACHILLES HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER.

During its first 50 years Achilles dominated British athletics, laying the foundations for the national development of the sport, and for today's boom in mass participation. The great spread in the popularity of athletics, fostered by our early Members, has enabled other clubs to surpass our once exclusive position. However, although some would say that admissions policies have slowed the advance of standards, University records continue to be broken. More athletes than ever before compete for OUAC and CUAC, both men and women, and the range of events expand year by year. The 3000m Walk was included in the programme as a scoring event for the first time in 1986, and last year's Oxford President, Tim Berrett, is himself a distinguished walker. This year Cambridge have elected a lady, Allison O'Neill, as their President, and for the first time there will be a ladies' second team match in conjunction with this year's 'Varsity Match, demonstrating the great increase in support for ladies' events since Sarah Owen (Bull) and others worked to encourage them ten years ago.

As CUAC and OUAC move with the times, so Achilles is responding to the changing requirements of its members, most of whom have already formed allegiances to local clubs before coming up to the Universities. We acknowledge now that the competitive needs of our active Members are for the most part catered for by CUAC, OUAC and home clubs. However, only about 20 percent of our Members are active athletes, and in this Achilles is unique among British athletics clubs. The common denominator of all our members is the shared experience of and continuing interest in Oxford and Cambridge athletics.

Achilles today sees its role as fourfold: to maintain and develop the athletic encounters between the Universities, to administer the American series, to develop the limited programme of tours and competitions where Achilles members may enjoy competing as a team, and to keep all members abreast of news.

THE 'VARSITY MATCH

17th May 1986. Oxford won by 124 points to 97.

The weather was appalling: a persistent drizzle became heavier as the afternoon wore on and a stiff breeze sprang up. In the circumstances, Dwayne Heard's record long jump of 7.40, breaking the old mark of 7.33 set by J. L. Axtell in 1964 and equalled by Dwayne himself 2 year's ago, was exceptional. He also won the 200, was part of the victorious 4x100 team, and placed second in both the 100 and triple jump. The Hammer competitors also coped well with the conditions, all four exceeding their listed previous bests.

At the Blues Dinner, the Chairman, Bruce Tulloh, was finally persuaded to accept election to the Club, and swapped reminiscences of Poland with Mr Mack. Tim Berrett exulted (at considerable length)

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in his team's victory, while Jerry Barton reminded us that winning is not everything.

100: 1, JONATHAN KELL (C) 11.5; 2, Dwayne Heard (O) 11.5; 3, Paul Kuentler (O) 11.6; 4, Brian Carr (C) 11.6.

200: 1, DWAYNE HEARD (O) 22.7; 2, Ian McDonald (O) 22.8; 3, Nick Robinson (C) 22.9; 4, Dominic Emery (C) 23.0.

400: 1, MARTYN BOWEN 48.6; 2, Dominic Emery (C) 49.2; 3, Paul Rowbotham 49.2; 4, Mark Hardie (O) 57.2.

800: 1, PAUL ROWBOTHAM (C) 1.52.9; 2, Ian Silvester (O) 1.53.8; 3, Jamie Bevan (C) 1.55.0; 4, Peter Laws (O) 1.57.4.

1500: 1, JEREMY BARTON (C) 3.55.1; 2, Andy Geddes (O) 3.56.0; 3, Andy Robinson (O) 3.57.8; 4, D. Benton (C) 3.58.1.

5000: 1, JON BROOKE (O) 14.46.7; 2, Jeremy Barton (C) 14.48.1; 3, Dave Gilbert (O) 15.06.0; 4, Andrew Millett (C) 16.27.3.

3000SC: 1, ANDREW KING (O) 9.29.9; 2, Tim Berrett (O) 9.34.2; 3, James Yeats (C) 9.50.3; 4, Ifan Lloyd (C) 9.54.4.

110H: 1, JONATHAN KELL (C) 15.4; 2, Andrew Fischer (C) 15.9; 3, Douglas Campbell (O) 16.0; 4, Rahul Yadav (O) 16.0.

200H: 1, DEREK WILSON (C) 24.8; 2, Ian McDonald (O) 25.4; 3, Neil Bussey (C) 25.6; 4, Mark Hardie (O) 26.2.

400H: 1, MARK HARDIE (O) 53.6; 2, Derek Wilson (C) 55.1; 3, David Hitchcock (C) 56.1; 4, Tom Everett (O) 57.3.

LONG JUMP: 1, DWAYNE HEARD (O) 7.40 (Match Record); 2, Mike Powell (O) 6.90; 3, Brian Carr (C) 6.46; 4, Charles Bond (C) 6.30.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, GEORGE MORRELL (O) 14.47; 2, Dwayne Heard (O) 14.42; 3, Robert Cobb (C) 13.08; 4, P.J.Thacker (C) 12.82.

HIGH JUMP: 1, MIKE POWELL (O) 2.00; 2, Tim Coker (C) 1.90; 3, Mark Steed (C) 1.80; 4, David Williams (O) 1.65.

POLE VAULT: 1, RICK STONE (O) 3.65; 2, James Cunningham (C) 3.50; 3, Duncan Pierce (C) 3.20; Nigel Clarke (O) no height.

JAVELIN: 1, JASPER GOODWYN (C) 59.18; 2, John Risman (O) 55.44; 3, Phil Tyley (O) 49.52; 4, Miles Cato (C) 46.32.

DISCUS: 1, ALI VAHDATI (O) 39.98; 2, Robert Madsen (O) 38.48; 3, Jasper Goodwyn (C) 34.76; 4, Giles Critchley (C) 32.44.

SHOT PUT: 1, IAN JACKSON (O) 12.92; 2, Simon Ross (C) 11.07; 3, Anthony Ogilvie-Thompson (O) 10.87; 4, Julian Edwards (C) 9.67.

HAMMER: 1, ROBERT MADSEN (O) 52.20; 2, Quentin Deeley (C) 40.56; 3, Matthew Bishop (O) 36.48; 4, Mark Adderley (C) 30.22.

3000M WALK: 1, TIM BERRETT (O) 13.00.6; 2, Rob Rider (C) 13.08.5; 3, Andrew Dark (O) 13.53.4; Tim Baker (C) disq.

4 x 100: 1, OXFORD (McDonald, Phillips, Heard, Kuentler) 43.4; 2, Cambridge (Carr, Kell, Soboyejo, Robinson) 44.0.

4 x 400: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Hitchcock 50.8, Wilson 50.7, Emery 50.1, Rowbotham 48.8) 3.20.4; 2, Oxford (Powell, Silvester, Geddes, Bowen) 3.27.7.

Among those officiating at the match were many Members, including: Sandy Duncan, David Donaldson, Derek Steel, Chris Thorne, Robin Tolson, Chris Chollerton, Tina Castling, Peter Crawshaw, Tony Shiret, Steve White, Allan Malcolm, Ed Friend, Donald Gorrie, Mike Ralph, Richard Saunders, Jeremy Ball, Giles Clifford, et al. This is very much an Achilles occasion, and anyone who would like to hold a tape-measure or rake a pit (or just watch) should not hesitate to come forward. Volunteers please contact Paul Willcox.

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THE LADIES MATCH

The standard of this fixture rises year by year, and the number of personal bests set (in spite of the weather) is a measure of the keenness of the competition. Suzi Caesar set a match record in the

400 hurdles, in a race where all four competitors smashed their previous bests. She also won the 200 by a clear margin, and rounded off the day with an albeit unavailing final 4x400 relay leg timed at 59.5. Hilary Lissenden was top point scorer of the day, with wins in the 100, High Jump and 4 x 100, and third place in the 200.

100: 1, HILARY LISSENDEN (C) 13.2; 2, Olu Fajemirokum (O) 13.3; 3, Liz Simister (O) 13.4; 4, Sharon White (C) 13.9.
200: 1, SUZI CAESAR (C) 26.4; 2, Liz Simister (O) 27.3; 3, Hilary Lissenden (C) 27.5; 4, Gillian Hague (O) 27.7.
400: 1, JO NEILL (C) 60.7; 2, Nancy Sturman (O) 61.0; 3, Cathy Kitchen (C) 61.9; 4, Liz Hobson (O) 62.8.
800: 1, AMANDA GORE (O) 2.16.4; 2, Jo Neill (C) 2.18.0; 3, Kathy Olney (C) 2.18.2; 4, Charlotte Redcliffe (O) 2.20.7.
1500: 1, JOAN LEWTAS (C) 4.44.1; 2, Amanda Gore (O) 4.49.9; 3, Charlotte Redcliffe (O) 4.54.4; 4, Allison O'Neil (C) 5.00.5
3000: 1, KATHY OLNEY (C) 10.01.6 (Match Record); 2, Linda Head (O) 10.13.0; 3, Helen Hoyle (O) 11.02.9; Catherine Shelley (C) dnf.
100H: 1, PIPPA CLIFFORD (C) 17.0; 2, Christine Beath (C) 17.1; 3, Val Pritchard (O) 17.7; 4, Sheila Pulham (O) 18.0.
400H: 1, SUZI CAESAR (C) 65.4 (Match Record); 2, Val Pritchard (O) 66.8; 3, Pippa Clifford (C) 67.1; 4, Nancy Sturman (O) 67.4.
LONG JUMP: 1, JENNY COOKE (O) 5.19; 2, Dawn Ball (C) 5.11; 3, Gillian Hague (O) 4.97; 4, Kate Harper (C) 4.82.
HIGH JUMP: 1=, HILARY LISSENDEN (C) and DAWN BALL (C) 1.45; 3, Ginny Thompson (O) 1.40; 4, Paula Curry (O) 1.40.
SHOT PUT: 1, KAREN REYNOLDS (O) 8.83; 2, Elizabeth England (O) 8.33; 3, Liz Wheeler (C) 8.28; 4, Liz Adams (C) 8.18.
DISCUS: 1, GINNY LLEWELLYN (C) 30.48; 2, Sarah Keir (C) 28.18; 3, Claire Shepherd-Theristocleous (O) 26.06; 4, Jessie Fok (O) 23.98.
JAVELIN: 1, P.L. JENNINGS (C) 30.02; 2, Helena Ganczakowski (C) 29.28; 3, Jessie Fok (O) 25.08; 4, Liz England (O) 23.72.
4x100: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Caesar, Lissenden, Howard, Cox) 51.3; 2, Oxford (Simister, Fok, Fajemirokun, Cooke) 52.7.
4x400: 1, OXFORD (Hobson, Pritchard, Sturman, Gore) 4.08.0; 2, Cambridge (Neill, Lewtas, Kitchen, Caesar) 4.09.3.

THE CENTIPEDES V. ALVERSTONE MATCH

Centipedes won by 128 points to 94. Danny Cullinane won all 3 hurdles events, and James Lloyd scored a middle distance double.

Leading results included: 100: Phillips (O) 11.4, Dawson (O) 11.4, 200: Dawson (O) 23.0, 400: C. McGrady (O) 53.3, 800: Lloyd (C) 1.56.8, 1500: Lloyd (C) 4.04.7, 5000: Thiemicke (O) 15.08.4, Kanowski (O) 15.09.5. 3000SC: Walley (O) 9.41.9, 110H: Cullinane (C) 16.4, 200H: Cullinane (C) 25.8, 400H: Cullinane (C) 57.1, LJ: Long (O) 6.27, TJ: Carpenter (O) 13.42, HJ: Kent (O) 1.85, SP: Briggs (O) 10.74, DT: Briggs (O) 33.58, JT: Allchurch (C) 43.32, 4x100: Alverstone 45.5, 4x400: Centipedes 3.33.9.

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OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE V. PENN/CORNELL

The match was held at Iffley Road on Wednesday 18th June. The visitors won the Mens' match by 12 events to 7, and the Ladies' match by 13 events to 2. Home wins came from Emery, Rowbotham, Geddes, Brooke, Heard, Goodwyn and Madsen, and from Caesar and Gore. Full results can be found at the end of this Review.

A lighthearted non-scoring match in which an Achilles team participated was held at Cambridge three days later, while some of the visitors competed in the AAA Championships. The highlights were Undergraduate Ground Records of 14.5 by Jonathan Kell in the high hurdles, and 64.6 by Suzi Caesar in 400m hurdles. The match was followed by an excellent dinner at Jesus College.

THE 1986 VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY MATCH

The Men's match was won by Oxford, 25-45, with Richard Nerurkar of Oxford first across the line in a record 37 mins 11 secs teammate Andrew Geddes second. Javier Pes led the Cambridge challenge in third.

Finishing order: Nerurkar (O), Geddes (O), Pes (C), Lloyd (C), Robinson (O), Brooke (O), Yeats (C), Matthews (O), Forster (C), Connell (C), Gilbert (O), Benton (C), Millett (C), Laws (O), Rossiter (O), O'Brien (C).

The Ladies' match also saw a course record of 15 min 43 seconds by Vicki Vaughan of Oxford, who led her team to a victory that was almost denied by superior Cambridge packing, with points even at 19-19.

Finishing order: Vaughan (O), Olney (C), Head (O), O'Neill (C), Redcliffe (O), Shelley (C), Springman (C), Gainsford (C), Kitchen (C), Hoyle (O), Simpson (O), Gibb (O).

THE 1986 FRESHMEN'S MATCH

Milton Road, Cambridge, 29th November 1986. Cambridge won by 110 points to 87. The highlight of the day was a new Match Record of 1.96m in the High Jump by Newman of Oxford. Jon Ridgeon of Cambridge won 4 individual events with ease, the 100m in 11.3, 110m hurdles (3'3") in 14.4, 200m hurdles in 25.3 and Long Jump with 6.18m. Shearmuir of Cambridge won 3 individual events, the 200m, 400m and 400m hurdles.

A Ladies' Match held in conjunction was won by Cambridge, 78-60.

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SCHOOLS MATCHES

A very pleasant afternoon, which we hope is now reestablished as a regular fixture, was spent at Eton. A team of mainly Oxford based members covered all the events. Jon Brooke and Giles Clifford gave good chase in their handicapped 1500 and 800 races. But other events were not all handicapped, and the schoolboys often more than held their own.

The traditional match against Marlborough was also enjoyed by all, with Old Boys Barton and Brooke to the fore.

MATCH V SCAAA AND OTHERS

What has become the major fixture of the year for a full Achilles team started well with a fine win by Trevor Burton in the 400m hurdles in 51.80. He completed a notable double taking the 200m an

hour later. The other Achilles winner was Neil, with 14.86m in the Triple Jump. Full results are set out at the back of this Review.

THE RELAYS MATCH

1st March 1987. The men's match was won by Oxford, 4-3, and the ladies' by Cambridge 4-1. Highlights were remarkable legs of 1.50.2 for 800, and 4.04.0 for 1600 by Andrew Geddes of Oxford, and some very close-fought contests in the ladies' 4x100 and 4x400. Achilles teams finished ahead of both Universities in the mens' 4x100, 200 and 400.

Winners: Men's events: 4x110h Ox. 65.9; 4x200 Ach. 1.33.3; 4x800 Ox. 7.51.5; 4x100 Ach. 44.6; 4x200h Cam. 1.48.7; 4x1600 Ox. 17.29.0; 4x400 Ach. 3.22.2. Ladies' events: Medley (200/600/400/800) Cam. 5.35.2; 4x100 Ox. 51.4; 3x800 Cam. 7.29.2; 4x200 Cam. 1.49.4 (Rec); 4x400 Cam. 4.11.2 (Rec).

ACHILLES 15TH IN U.K.

That Achilles can hold its own with the best clubs in the country is demonstrated by its score in U. K. Club Rankings, compiled by John Lunn for the N.U.T.S. Working on performances recorded ONLY in second-claim fixtures (i. e. when athletes were competing for Achilles, CUAC or OUAC) Achilles would have ranked 15th in the first-claim lists, well ahead of, for example Southampton and Eastleigh, 20th, and TVH, 21st. Achilles' score on the basis of decathlon scores for three per event was 43326, against top club Haringey with 50044.

Most of Achilles' times and distances were set during April/May, which were cold and wet in 1986. In a warmer year it should be possible for the club to reach the top ten. Of course, if ALL championship and league performances throughout the year were allowable, Achilles would still be pressing for the highest honours.

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ACHILLES MEDALS

Achilles Medals for 1986 have been awarded to Dwayne Heard, who placed third in the UK Championships long jump, and achieved 7.59 during the season, and Trevor Burton, who was ranked 7th in the UK Merit Rankings, and ran 51.4 for 400m Hurdles.

The retrospective award of medals for the years 1970-1985 has been made to David Hemery, Dennis Roscoe, David Scharer, Steve White, Phil Lewis, Chris Kidd, Dave Roberts, Axel Salander, Julian Goater, John Slaney, Craig Masback, Sue Dalgoutte, Sarah Owen, Trevor Llewelyn, Tim Berrett, Phil McDonnell and Sally Ann Hales. Further details are set out towards the end of this Review.

Several medalists are on our 'Gone Aways' list, and we would welcome assistance in contacting: Phil Lewis, John Slaney, David Scharer, Dennis Roscoe, Craig Masback and Sue Dalgoutte. All the others, except Julian Goater and Axel Salander, have accepted invitations to a presentation ceremony at this year's Varsity Match.

ACHILLES FIXTURES 1987

5-16 April Training trip to Portugal.

(18 April v. Edinburgh Univ. and others, Meadowbank)
 2/3 May BUSF Championships, Meadowbank.
 7 May v. CUAC, London Univ. & Southampton Univ., Milton Rd.
 17 May 'VARSITY MATCH, Iffley Road.
 ? 23 May v. Harrow and Eton, at (?) Harrow.
 24/25 May UK Chamionships, Derby.
 6 June v. Marlborough, at Marlborough.
 17 June Oxford/Cambridge v. Harvard/Yale, Iffley Road.
 27/28 June SCAAA Championships, Crystal Palace (and other areas).
 24/25 July WAAA Championships, Birmingham.
 31 July/1 Aug AAA Championships, Crystal Palace.
 5 August v. SCAAA and Combined Services, Crystal Palace.

CUAC FIXTURES

25 April v. Woodford Green and N & Essex Beagles, Woodford.
 29 April v. Loughborough, at Loughborough.
 6 May Alverstone v. U.E.A. and Bank of England, Milton Rd.
 9 May v. Achilles, London U. and Southampton U., Milton Rd.

OUAC FIXTURES

29 April v. various Universities, Iffley Road.
 6 May Open Meeting, Iffley Road.
 10 May v. R.A.F.
 20 May Centipedes Schools match.
 3 June Open Meeting, Iffley Road.
 10 June Open Meeting, Iffley Road.

AAA CHAMPION

 Our congratulations to Jon Ridgeon, winner of the AAA Indoor 60m Hurdles title in 6.67 secs. When did a CUAC vest last breast the tape first in a AAA final? Mike Powell placed 8th in the High Jump with 2.05m.

In the National Cross-Country Championships, Julian Goater placed 16th, Richard Nerurkar 27th, and Jeremy Barton 34th.

CUAC OPEN COACHING DAY

 A successful open day was held by CUAC on 14th November, featuring coaching sessions with John Anderson, Kriss Akabusi, Linsey Macdonald and Eugene Gilkes, and an evening Seminar where they were joined by Sir Arthur Gold. A party of OUAC athletes travelled over to attend.

It is hoped that further such days can be arranged, and we will try to advise Achilles members in advance.

FLYING THE FLAG

 Eagle-eyed readers of AW will have noticed the welcome and long overdue return of the club abbreviation '(Ach)' to the results pages. Full marks to Mike Powell and others, who have been following Giles Clifford's example, and have been entering (and distinguishing) themselves in Open Meetings, etc., under Achilles colours.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are proud to record that of the Honorary Treasurer of the IAAF Tony Ward wrote in a recent article in Athletics Weekly 'Robert Stinson now stands at the pinnacle of world athletics... . It is good to know that at the current financial helm of world athletics is a man of stability and integrity'.

The response to last year's Report was gratifying, and prompted correspondence from a number of Members.

- N. F. Burt, Jesus College, Cambridge, 1919/21, had lost contact with the Club for many years, until noticing last year's Report at the home of his son-in-law A.J. Maltby (St. John's, Cambridge, c. 1947). He was elected to the Club in its earliest years, and won his Blue in the Hammer, an event which was thereafter dropped from the programme until the late 70's.

- Ashleigh Pilbrow has confirmed the happy speculation over the relationship of the Pilbrows recorded in the results of 1935 and 1960. Ashleigh it was who went on in 1936 to represent Great Britain in the high hurdles at the Olympic Games in Berlin. His eldest son, Peter, won his Blue for the same event in 1960. This dynasty of hurdlers does not end there, however, because his grandson went up to New College this year; he placed second in the 'highs' to Jon Ridgeon in the Freshman's Match, and represented Oxford in the same event in the Relays!

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- Roger Thorn (Hon. Sec. OUAC 1960-61) also confirmed the Pilbrow connection. Last year's Report had added interest for him because the 50-year falshback featured his coach, A. G. K. Brown, whose further exploits are highlighted below. Roger is living at Chatou, in France, and has offered assistance should the Club plan a tour of the area.

- Canon Arthur Dodds has moved to Cirencester, John Hall to Combe Down, Bath, and Dr Timothy Reed to Fenstanton. Their addresses (and those of other members) are available from the Membership Secretary. We are very grateful indeed to members who make it easier for us to maintain contact.

- The Rt. Hon. John N. Turner is Leader of the Opposition in Canada.

- John Lunn, of Leeds, who ran 3 miles and cross-country for Oxford in 1962, draws up the annual Club Rankings List published in Athletics Weekly which is referred to above. We are grateful to him for processing Achilles' performances in the same way as 315 first-claim clubs.

- Neil Younger (Oxford 1961-65), who won the 440y Hurdles title at the 1965 All-Ireland Championships, is now living at Bishop's Stortford. He was one of the few to respond to last year's request for information on recent Internationals, an item on which detailed research is still urgently needed. Anyone interested in compiling our records in this respect please come forward.

- G. A. Haig made some helpful and constructive suggestions on a permanent Club Room, another item on which more work needs to be done.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great regret that we record the deaths of the following members:

G. Wilkinson, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1926/29.

A.A. Robertson, Balliol, Oxford, 1933/36.

The Rev. A.B. Carver, T.D., Emmanuel, Cambridge, 1930/34.

The Hon. Sir Hugh Forbes, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1936/39.

R.L. Howland, St. John's, Cambridge, 1924/28.

'Bonzo' Howland won 20 British Vests from between 1927 and 1939, mainly in the shot, but twice doubling up with the discus. He was Silver Medallist in the Empire Games of both 1930 and 1934, and represented Britain at the Olympic Games of 1928. He held for a time the English Native Record for the shot.

Lt. Col. J.J.D. Groves, M.C., Christ's, Cambridge, 1931/33.

Dr. R. S. Woods, Cambridge.

Rex Woods held the English Native record for the Shot prior to 'Bonzo' Howland, with 13.75m. He represented Britain at the Olympic Games of 1924 and 1928, and was AAA Champion in 1924 and 1926. He remained a familiar Cambridge figure throughout his life, practising medicine until but a few years ago.

We would welcome further biographical notes.

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CLUB OUTFITTERS

Castell and Son, 13 Broad Street, Oxford. Phone (0865) 244000 - We are hoping to arrange for Moss Bros. in Cambridge also to stock the Club's outfitting.

The Committee has approved designs for two new alternative ties, a fairly sober 'city' tie featuring the Club's laurel wreath emblem in gold on a dark blue background with a light blue stripe, and a rather bold 'club' tie of Gold, Cambridge Blue and Oxford Blue stripes. The 'Old Gold' tie will still be available.

We have asked Castells to stock or supply the following:

Vests (white, embroidered gold), shorts (modern style - white, gold trim), ties (traditional and new), hooded tops (gold with white lettering), sweaters (traditional), scarves (gold), blazers (traditional dark blue, with Achilles turned cuff), badges (white, embroidered gold).

We hope that the extended range will increase Members' opportunities to enjoy wearing the Club's colours.

(A limited supply of Club blazer buttons is available direct from the Secretary).

BOOKS

The following recent publications, several written by Members, may be of interest:

'Testament of a Runner' by W. R. Loader (Cambridge); The Kingswood Press; #5.95. A paperback reprint of what is considered an athletics

classic. The author missed out on selection for the 1936 Olympics, but achieved his goal of 'evens' for 100 yards at Fenner's in 1939 (and later that year ran 9.9 secs).

'The Pursuit of Sporting Excellence' by David Hemery (Oxford); Collins Willow; #12.95. 'A study of sport's highest achievers'. Athletics is well represented, with one third of the 63 subjects studied.

- 'Not for Glory, not for Gold', by Keith Miles (Oxford), an account of Roger Bannister's historic achievements. Published by Century Hutchinson.

- 'Lovelock' by James McNeish. Hodder & Stoughton. #10.95. A highly readable account in novel form of the ambitions and achievements of Jack Lovelock, which has prompted the following comments from members who read the proofs: Lord Porritt "James McNeish's athletic detail quite astounded me and is far from being fictional"; Roger Dunkley ". . . the best book about athletics I have ever read. . . . it brought back memories of Fenner's, Iffley Road and Paddington Recreation Ground....I loved every word".

- 'The Queen's Club Story', by Roy McKelvie. The book maps the history of the club since its foundation in 1886. Around the turn of the century Queen's provided a home for Oxbridge sport, including

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rugby, soccer and, pertinently, athletics. There is a chapter devoted to the Oxford and Cambridge Sports held at Queen's, and particular reference is made to the Achilles Club and its founder members: results of matches giving names and colleges of participants are included. Price #19.50, p&p #2.00, from The Shop Manager, The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14 9EQ.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been elected recently to the Club:

OXFORD

Larry Mathews	Merton
Roderick Clayton	Brasenose
Vicki Vaughan	Corpus Christi
Adam Dixon	Pembroke
Mathew Newman	St. John's
Martin Borrett	St. Edmund Hall
Edmund Beever	Merton
Tim Berrett	Brasenose
Douglas Carpenter	St. John's
Katie Flanagan	Trinity
Jessie Fok	St. Hugh's
Elizabeth Hobson	Queen's
Ian McDonald	Exeter
Anthony Ogilvie Thompson	Worcester
Lance Phillips	St. John's
Alison Trainer	St. Catherine's
Jennifer Cooke	Jesus
Elizabeth England	Jesus
William Mitchell	Wadham
Ian Silvester	Balliol
Phillip Tyley	Jesus

Mathew Walley	Christ Church
Charles Bostock	St. John's
Linda Head	St. John's
David Holden	Merton
Helen Hoyle	St. Edmund Hall
Peter Kanowski	St. John's
Benjamin Kent	New
Robert Madsen	Trinity
Charlotte Redcliffe	Christ Church
Edward Seager	St. Anne's
Adrian Thiemicke	St. Catherine's
Vaughan Clark	Balliol
Timothy Cross	Lincoln
Richard Dawson	Merton
Simon Freethy	St. Edmund Hall

CAMBRIDGE

Julian Thompson	Magdalene
Patricia Jennings	Girton
Jonathan Ridgeon	Magdalene
Oluwole Soboyejo	Churchill

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Richard Shearmur	Gonville & Caius
Catherine Beath	Queens
Daniel Cullinane	Fitzwilliam
Pip Clifford	New Hall
Robert Cobb	Peterhouse
Timothy Coker	Jesus
William Cooper	Jesus
James Cunningham	Emmanuel
Peter Darbyshire	Sidney Sussex
Paul Rowbotham	Jesus
Hugh Shields	Gonville & Caius
Sarah Smith	St. John's
Mark Steed	Fitzwilliam
Catherine Wait	New Hall
Dawn Ball	Robinson
Peter Fulcher	St. Catharine's
Helena Ganczakowski	Girton
Sarah Keir	Trinity
Carolyn Priest	St. Catharine's
David Benton	Emmanuel
Duncan Fowler-Watt	Trinity Hall
Katherine Olney	Selwyn
Catherine Shelley	Downing
David Smith	Magdalene
Derek Wilson	Christ's
Neale Bussey	Downing
James Hely Hutchinson	Magdalene
Joanna Hurst	St. John's
Hilary Lissenden	Clare
Jon Rushman	Magdalene

50 YEARS AGO.....

 1936 saw the Achilles Club well represented at the Olympic Games in Berlin. Jack Lovelock won the 1500m in World Record time; and A. G. K. Brown took the silver medal in a very close-run 400m (after coming off the bend well down on the world record holder),

plus a gold with the British 4x400m relay team. Present Club Chairman, Rob Kennedy, competed in the High Jump, and Club Secretary Sandy Duncan, who missed certain selection through injury, was a member of the team's headquarters staff.

Other members at the Games were: Lord Burghley (I. O. C. - winner of the 400m hurdles in 1928), B. G. D. Rudd (South Africa - Selector - winner of the 400m in 1924), H. M. Abrahams (Federation Delegate - winner of the 100m in 1924), A.E. Porritt (New Zealand - I. O. C.), E. A. Hunter (Secretary, B. O. A.), F. R. Webster (Pole Vault), J. St. L. Thornton (Hurdles), P. D. Ward (5000m), I. S. Ivanovic (Jugoslavia - Hurdles), W. R. Milligan (Federation Delegate), A. Pennington (Sprints), J. F. Cornes (1500m), M. Bourne (Canada - Swimming), E. A. Montague (Press), J. C. Horsfall (New Zealand - Manager), A. G. Pilbrow (Hurdles), V. E. Morgan (Press), M.Y. ffrench-Williams (Swimming) and J.F. Klein (Czechoslovakia).

E.B. Teesdale and A.G. K. Brown were Presidents of OUAC and CUAC for the year. The full results of the 1936 Varsity Match, won by Cambridge, 8 events to 3, are to be found among the appendices, and include victory in the High Jump for the then Cambridge Hon. Secretary, Robert Kennedy.

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At the AAA Championships, wins were recorded by P. D. Ward in the 3 Miles (with a new British Record of 14 min. 50 sec.), A.G.K. Brown in the 440 (48.6 sec.), F. R. Webster in the Pole Vault (with a new British Record of 12' 9") and the Achilles 4 x 440 Relay team of J.G. Barnes, J.C. Horsfall, I.S. Ivanovic and A.G. K. Brown (3 min. 19.8 sec.). Other medallists were J. St. L. Thornton and A. G. Pilbrow, second and third in the 120y Hurdles (behind the great Don Finlay); R.L. Howland and A.B. Carver, second and third in the Shot Putt; J.E. Lovelock, second to Sidney Wooderson in the Mile; Sandy Duncan, third in the Long Jump; R. K. Brown, third in the 440y Hurdles; and D.R. Bell, third in the Discus.

Achilles won the Kinnaird Cup by a huge margin, scoring 70 points against 36 from the nearest opposition, London A.C., and also won all the other major team events entered.

25 YEARS AGO.....

R.W. Macklin and B. A. Smouha were the OUAC and CUAC Presidents for 1961. Cambridge won the Varsity Match, of which full results are included among the appendices to this report, by 75 points to 60. Adrian Metcalfe set new meeting records in both the 220 and 440, as did Herb Elliot in the 880 and J.M. Parker in the 120y Hurdles.

The outstanding Achilles athlete in 1961 was Adrian Metcalfe, who ran 45.7 for 400m. , ranking first in the world, a performance which clearly won him an Achilles Medal for the year. The field event medallist was J.R. McManus with a fine 13' 7 1/2" Pole Vault.

The Club toured the USA under A. W. Selwyn as Manager, and Allan Malcolm as Coach. We lost to Cornell by eight events to seven and to Harvard and Yale by eleven events to four. The team then proceeded to Canada, where a match was won against Hamilton Olympic Club, and thereafter the team entered the Canadian Championships. No less than eight Canadian titles were won, by Adrian Metcalfe (200 - 22.0), John Boulter (Mile - 4:12.5), J.M. Parker (120yH - 14.5), P.R. Liles

(Long Jump - 22' 9"), D.R. Harrison (shot - 51' 2 1/2"), R. A. Lane (javelin - 220' 5 1/2"), D.R. Harrison (Hammer - 139' 11") and the 4 x 110 Relay team of Roberts, Robinson, Smouha and Parker (42.7).

Due to the absence of the Universities' Team in the USA, the Club could only manage fifth equal position in the Kinnaird Trophy meeting.

The Club's highest placed member in the AAA Championships was M.J. Palmer, third in the 3000m Steeplechase in 9min. 0.2 sec. Fourth placed were M. Ralph (Triple Jump), J. R. McManus (Pole Vault) and C.J. Bacon (Javelin).

Cambridge were led home by Mike Turner to win the 72nd Varsity Cross Country match by a record 22 points to 61.

Nine members of the Club represented Great Britain in the International University Games in Bulgaria. Brian Smouha finished a close second in the 200m, recording a pb of 21.2 in the semi-final. Mike Robinson, after unluckily failing to survive the fastest heats in both hurdle events, won a bronze in the 4 x 400m Relay team. The

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meeting was notable for Valeriy Brumel's world record 7' 4.5" in the High Jump.

CONVERSION TABLES

A table which was compiled appropriately by Harold Abrahams is to be found at the end of this Review: it is not only the older members who will find it useful: most younger members are equally unfamiliar with Imperial measurements, and it is beyond the will of this editor to convert each and every performance in our flashbacks to previous years!

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