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ACHILLES REUNION DINNER

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

1996 FIXTURES

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

NOTICE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

AGENDA

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

CLUB KIT

Stockists are as follows:
Vests, sweaters, blazers, ties, etc:
Ryder and Amies 01223-350371
Castell and Sons 01865 244000

Tracksuits, T-shirts, etc:
Centreport 0181-464 6211
(see order form in appendix)

CLUB BUTTONS AND CUFFLINKS

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

MIDSUMMER MAGIC

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

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

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

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

The Banquet the next day at Guildhall was one of the most lavish and certainly the largest in the Club’s illustrious history. As at the Match, every detail had been meticulously planned: the piper playing at the entrance, the pikemen forming a guard of honour, the memorabilia on display during the reception, the beautifully presented dinner programme and menu, the Club silver (including the Kinnaird, Sward and Vancouver Trophies of which we are the holders), even the ‘Achilles Old Gold Mango Coulis’ for dessert, were all testament to the efforts of the organising committee. The speeches were of the highest quality. Tommy
Macpherson looked forward to the Club’s own centenary 25 hears hence; Vane Ivanovic recalled the worst athletics dinner he had attended, when Paavo Nurmi addressed his British hosts for over half an hour… in Finnish; Jeremy Knowles, Dean of Harvard (who turned out to be a Brit and an Oxford man to boot) aptly quoted from the Bible that “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased”; Jim Wade presented to Oxford and Cambridge respectively two fine pewter salvers, suitably engraved to mark the occasion in recognition of “our friendship and competition” (we had earlier presented to Yale an original print, framed, mounted and inscribed, of the first match in the series, Oxford v. Yale in 1894, and to Harvard a similar original print of the first joint match in 1895); and Chris Chataway rounded off the evening with a glorious blend of panache and irreverence.

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

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

“At the age of 64 Chris is still an example of fitness to us all. On the day before the banquet he had run against the Americans in a Veterans’ Handicap Mile, in the amazing time of 5-mins 45-secs. It was the first time he had run on the Iffley Road track in Oxford since his famous 4-minute mile. He said that as he stood on the starting line he had made some mental calculations that, since that day forty years ago, he had absorbed some 400 pounds of tobacco and over 7,000 litres of wine — though after the race had started it felt like a great deal more!"

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

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

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

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

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

ACHILLES ANNUAL ELITE ATHLETES AWARDS

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

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


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


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

RELAYS MATCH

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

ACHILLES TRIUMPHANT IN KINNAIRD AND SWARD

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

'VARSITY MATCH - AND OFFICIAL OPENING AT WILBERFORCE ROAD'

After 131 years of waiting, Cambridge were at last given a second chance to prove that they can run a ‘Varsity Match without gambling scandals and without supporters going on the rampage (factors which resulted in the fixture being banished for over a century to London). Chris Thorne managed admirably: a mollified Dean of Churchill was eventually persuaded that OUAC, having returned the letter ‘C’, had actually done his college a service in highlighting the defective adhesive on the smart new sign at their gates. The women’s match was a nailbiter, with Cambridge having to ensure that they did not drop the baton on the last relay to win by a single point. Sarah Winckless broke her own match record in the discus, and was awarded the Susan Dennler Trophy. The men’s events were not of vintage quality, but were contested with the usual intensity and determination which is so characteristic of ‘Varsity Matches, whatever the sport. David Reeve’s 15.05 Triple Jump won him the Drake Digby Trophy.

Full results are appended.

COMBINED SERVICES MATCH

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

FRESHMENS MATCH

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

NATIONAL RANKINGS

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

John Moreland stretched his Northern Ireland discus record to 51.76.

Mark Rigby (Caius, Cambridge, 1989-83, and a former winner of the Cambridge Boundary Run) placed 3rd in the national Fell-Running rankings.

VETERANS

Sue Bevan (W35 800m), Chris Melluish (M50 hammer) and Sarah Owen (W40 100m hurdles) ranked first in the UK in their events for the year. Brian Hull bounced out to a close 2nd in the M45 triple jump lists.
Carole Morris, who dominated the javelin at the Varsity Sports for 6 years from 1977, has been enjoying continued success and won the W35 title at the 1994 BVAF Championships.

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

SIR CHRIS

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

WELCOME BACK

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

- Ian Mann (veteran of the 1929 tour to South Africa)
- Steve Briault
- Chris Cheeseman

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

60 YEARS ON

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

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

25 YEARS ON

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

25 YEARS AGO

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

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

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

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

**OUAC tour to Poland**

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

Some at least had viewed the recent political events in Poland (the ousting of Gomulka, accompanied by civil unrest in the Baltic ports) with some apprehension, even contemplating cancellation of the trip. Mack, however, sought to reassure all by asserting that our hosts were Gierok supporters. Once all had packed the quota of M&S cardigans (purchased as gifts for our hosts), the party embarked for a ferry crossing which tested the constitutions of many, though whether this was due more to the gale force conditions or to the evil smelling cigars which Mack insisted on smoking was unclear. Having finally reached the Hook of Holland, we drove to Amhem for the night. The following day we crossed both West and East Germany, eventually arriving at Frankfurt on Oder, only to find that we had left some key documents at the West/East border post at Helmstedt. The East Germans were fortunately sufficiently impressed by the athletic credentials of at least some of our party that they arranged for the papers to brought across to us. At last we crossed the river into Poland, spending a night (somewhat disturbed by intermittent gunfire!) in the border town of Slubice.

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

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

The real value of the stay in Warsaw, however, was cultural. Our hosts could not have been more hospitable, not least on New Year’s Eve at a party at the Polish Olympic Centre: the strength of the liquor was such that one member of our group collapsed some two hours before the New Year was seen in. Another team member (a native Scot) had chosen to wear a kilt, a garment not seen first hand by, so it seemed, any of the local ladies, some of whom were so impressed that they pried him with the hard stuff all evening: he did not rise from his bed for several days afterwards. Mack, needless to say, was a tremendous guide to the city, and we all found ourselves fascinated by what we saw and heard: one of our number so much so that he returned to Warsaw on a British Council scholarship for a year, during which time he met his future wife. Having seen the predicament in which the Polish people found themselves at that time, I cannot believe that any of us could have expected to see them free of Soviet control in our lifetimes: it is scarcely believable that things could have changed so much in so short a space of time.
IN MEMORIAM
A.G.K. Brown (Peterhouse, Cambridge, 1934-38), on 11th February 1995. Godfrey Brown, Olympic Gold and Silver Medallist, was one of the Club's most distinguished representatives. His funeral and memorial services were fittingly well attended by members led by his elder and younger brothers, Sir Ralph and Roderick, both of whom also represented CUAC. We append a headline obituary which appeared in The Times, together with Michael Melford's memorable tribute written a couple of decades ago (from "I was there"; Daily Telegraph publications).
A.G. Pilbrow (Queen's, Oxford, 1931-5) on 2nd May 1995. A teammate of Godfrey Brown at the 1936 Olympics, Ashleigh Pilbrow won the Varsity Match 120y hurdles in 1935. He was 3rd in the AAA Championships of 1935 and 1936, and AAA Indoor Champion at 70y hurdles in 1935. His personal bests were 14.7w and 15.0. Uniquely his son and grandson, also high hurdlers, represented OUAC and are Achilles members.
C.O. Healey (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1930-34), in October 1993. Colin Healey won the 3 Miles at the Varsity Sports of 1934 (defeating 1936 Olympian Peter Ward), having placed third the previous year. He also ran in the cross-country matches of 1932 and 1933. His widow recalls that he was disappointed to have placed only third when competing for Oxford and Cambridge against Princeton and Cornell in 1934.
S.G. Lamont Smith (Jesus College, Cambridge, 1961-65) on 27th March 1995. Simon Lamont Smith enjoyed officiating and meeting old friends at several recent Varsity Matches at Iffley Road.
G.G. Craddock-Watson OBE (St. John's College, Oxford, 1927-30) in about 1990. Geoffrey Craddock-Watson competed in the Quarter Mile at the Varsity Matches of 1929 and 1930, placing second in the latter. He was part of the small but dedicated Achilles team of 14 athletes which in 1929 toured South Africa, competing with distinction in seven matches in the course of three weeks. He contributed to new South African records for the 4 x 110 yards, 4 x 220 yards and 4 x 440 yards relays.
The Reverend Canon Edward Bradbrooke (The Queen's College, Oxford, 1925-28), on September 30th 1994. Edward Bradbrooke competed in the high jump at the Varsity Sports of 1927, and the following year tied for first place with C.E.S. Gordon of Cambridge. He continued to jump internationally and for Achilles until at least 1934.


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

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

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

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

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

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Matthew Bryant  
Andrew Bryce  
John Chia  
Megan Clark  
Sue Chinnery  
Robert Crickley  
Matt Dixon  
Rob Draper  
Peter English  
Andreas Fox  
Dave Gardiner  
Steve Garland  
John Goodbody  
James Harrison  
Sue Hodgkinson  
James Hurdon  
Alan James  
Robert Klabin  
Jenny Martin  
Kimberley Marfell  
Carolyn May  
Bob Miller  
Donald Naylor  
Richard Paige  
Liz Piper  
Martin Pratt  
David Reeves  
Edward Sweeney  
Jonathan Searle  
Thomas Seymour  
Charles Simpson  
Chris Smart  
Roger Stennett  
Rachel Stott  
Kath Thacker  
Paul Vigan  
Matt Weaver  
Brett Williams  
Sir John Wordie  
Ruth Wyndow  
St Catherine's  
Kable  
Caus  
Balliol  
Emmanuel  
Clare  
Corpus Christi  
Christ's  
Trinity  
Balliol  
St John's  
Magdalen  
Corpus Christi  
Lady Margaret Hall  
Corpus Christi  
Queen's  
Magdalen  
Trinity  
Woolwich  
Petershouse  
Corpus Christi  
Trinity  
Emmanuel  
Exeter  
Wadham  
Trinity  
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Penrose  
Emmanuel  
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St Edmund Hall  
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BEAUTIFUL day, a match decided by the final relay and plenty of nostalgia made this special centenary match a memorable occasion.

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

Henry played an important role here; he won a tactical 800m as well as running in the 1500m. Although there were some keenly contested middle distance races in the hot vet conditions, some of the days when Olympic champions and world record holders graced the Oxford track. However, a superb publication on the translational series by Achilles secretary Paul Wilcox made for some fascinating reading, proving this was an occasion of a match of significance.

Those were the days

Iffley Road, Oxford hosted the centenary match between Oxford & Cambridge against Yale & Harvard last Wednesday

Douglass Lowe, Tom Hampson, Jack Lovelock, Roger Bannister, Chris Brasher, Chris Chataway and Herb Elliott (although he was beaten by Yale’s Jim Stack in the 1961 880m) all figured in past matches. My own collection is from the 1963 University meeting. John Boiler, hugely talented and rapidly making a name for himself at America’s rising middle distance star, took off at the bell (53.3) and went on to clock a new European record for 880 yards and won 1:47.4 for metres.

The match record still stands.

Booser might well have doubled his gold here but he hitched back to Oxford to start his finals the following day. This left the miles for Mark Mullin, one of many who have competed for both teams. Mullin was present at the centenary match as well as the most famous athletic trio of Roger Bannister, Chris (now Sir Christopher) Chataway and Chris Brasher. Bannister presented the awards while Brasher and Chataway were fourth and seventh in the special handicap race, a real centre piece of the day. Winner was Cecil Walker, 66, in 3:50.83 (actual time 6:13.8). Chataway, a sprightly 64, less generously handicapped, checked a mighty impressive 5:48, looking for all the world as though he could have run twice the distance again slowing down. Rumours before

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

Jim Baker (Harvard), a former Southern Champion, clocked 4:50.9 aged 51 and set world record holder B Wemple (Yale, 1911) on surprisingly was fastest with 4:19.9 off stretch.

The splinters no longer match Harold Arahams, Alan Pennington (21.3 in 1937), Godfrey Brown (21.7 in 1957), Vic Stacey (21.3 in 1940), not to mention the exploits of Adrian Mestralty and Wendel Modole — his 48m record of 46.6. But still stands — in the 60s. Even so there was some good sprinting and Oxford’s Ali Amaker scored a particularly impressive doubles.

Strength in depth is better in the field events. Oxford’s Malcolm Groddoutclass the opposition in the hammer with 56.86m although he should have done with a PB of 61.22m.

Women’s events were introduced in 1981 and they now enjoy equal status with the men. It is here that most scope for new records exists as set figures were set four times in the women’s triple jump, Jane Falconer of Cambridge finally producing 11.77m with another three jumps over the previous mark. Sarah Winclouds (Cambridge) set new figures in the discus however, 12m away from her best.

It was nice to see so many in attendance. The clerk of the course; Martin Oxford won the 1500m despite seeing the slowest time this year. She took 13sec off her previous best.

Two other Martyns, a Jenny and a Jennie were in that line up, causing a few problems even for the superb Peter Matthews, whose announcement was a pleasure. No too, was that of Norris McWhirter, who has graced so many of these epic clashes over the years and who brings such a personal touch to the occasion.

It was refreshing that those who make a mark in other sports still have a place in this fixture. Gareth Rees, Canada’s rugby captain, won the shot and Cambridge’s rugby captain Nick Wilse won the long jump, an event which has the longest standing record. Eddie Goodwin of Harvard jumped 25th 3m (7.7m) in 1921, the first time it had been beaten. He beat Harold Abrahams by less than a metre.

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We then proceeded to the Dining Room to eat our Buffet Supper and I am exceedingly pleased to say that we did enjoy a sumptuous meal and every single person present was delighted. The nature of this occasion meant that we could sit and eat more room and talk in old friends freely. At the end it was Dick Snedeker’s turn to speak and he knew an excellent account of how this meeting actually came about as he was the Principal of St Stephen’s House. Finally, he thanked Charley Moore of Cornell, a most distinguished athlete in its history, to present me and Robert Simson, Chairman of the Achilles Club, with a tray upon which were inscribed the title of foundation, the arms of Cornell University and its motto.

After this we all adjourned to the Common Room for coffee and at this point Dick Snedeker called for reminiscences and a number of those who were present or had been present in recent years were asked to relate a story. We had a fairly brief but genuine remembrance. The evening ended in the banqueting hall where it was noted that several of those who had been united in sport were so attached to those active days were a little wiser.

The next day, many of us returned to the Guildhall in London for the Achilles Banquet. This venue in a magnificent hall which was able easily to accommodate the 400 guests who assembled there after an reception in the great room. The meal started with a considerable shock for me when the Toast Master started by saying, “Gray silence for the Harvard Philip Morgan who will say Grace.” Since nobody had asked me about this, I was not even listening. Fortunately, my wife Gillian was on the hall and nudged me in the ribs so I obliged still surprised.

We did have an excellent meal which was followed by fireworks from Tomm Macdonell, President of the Achilles Club. Ivan Iwovich of Clarendon, Dean Jeremy Knowles of Harvard, James Moore of Yale and Chris Chatway of Oxford.

It would be inadequate for me to say anything about these remembrances, but the last speaker was not merely applauded for being the last to speak. Actually, they were all of it was a wood standard and contained the necessary elements of nostalgia and future development. Despite the threats given by the President that lingering stood a risk of arrest if they did not leave safely promptly, many people took their time because this was an unusual occasion and the arrangements were greatly admired.

In conclusion, you may know that I was never able to trace Jack Williams, Michael Fawkes, Don Dyer and Bob Miller. It was clear that many of these were somewhere in South Africa but that they were often missed as we were all members of the Theological College. I knew that the time had been carefully prepared and it is only brought out on special occasions like this one.

The next part of the programme was the Buffet Supper about which I wrote to you originally. About 50 of us came to the Common Room for a friendly reception beforehand and at which I welcomed all the guests of the 1949/1950 competition from Quad and Princeton/Cornell and more than one came along, largely through the efforts of Dick Snedeker of Princeton. We stood in silence to remember both those who had been absent and friends who were unable to attend. It was so that Buck’s Fizz was preferred by all to Sherry and it was really relief to be in the shade as it were after the last of the afternoon.

The Harvard-Yale/Oxford-Cambridge Centennial Track Meet
An Old Timers Report: Jerry Jackson
As a composer person in business, I couldn’t see how anyone could have "programmed" a better event than what occurred on June 28, 1985 in Oxford. It was a glorious sunny day. The track meet was administered in the most professional manner with a friendly experienced man who was always current with results and had that distinctive English humor. The meet was touch and go with no one certain of victory until the final relay. It wasn’t until Bryan Henry, who was named the outstanding performer (he won the 800), broke open the last leg of the 4x400 relay that we knew Harvard and Yale would win 19-18. The roughly 15 Harvard alumni present plus the friends and family of Harvard athletes, Harvard Friends Chairman Art Sizer, Athletic Director Bill Cleary, and Dean of Harvard, Jeremy Knowles all rose to their feet applauding as the Harvard-Yale team completed their victory lap carrying the American, Harvard and Yale flags. It was a great moment. A hearty salute to the track team members, their coaches, managers and trainers.

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

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

A gala dinner at the Guildhall in London concluded the day. The Guild Hall was built in 1413 with government meetings still held there. Monuments honor William Pitt, the Duke of Wellington, Admiral Nelson, Winston Churchill, and others. We walked into the huge reception area through a phalanx of 20 "Beef Eaters" with their requisite swords and lances.

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

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

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

It is hard to predict what will happen to this illustrious competitive series. There are talk about changes to the format as it becomes harder to coordinate and manage such an event. However, the competition has lasted a hundred years and the meet at Oxford was a marvelous tribute to all of you who have participated in so many ways to keep this wonderful tradition alive. It is unique. Nothing in the athletic world can touch it.
As the Celebration Banquet followed immediately after the Inter-
Universities’ athletics contest of the previous day there were a
large number of Americans (and also several Australians)
for the 500 guests. The Americans had won this year’s exhilarating
contest by one point on the combined scores of the men’s and women’s
teams, and the result had depended upon the final event, the men’s
relay.

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Robert,

That was a most unfortunate few days that you arranged for so
many of us to enjoy visiting England last month. Now I know that
conditions for the athletic events were absolutely perfect and the
competition was tops with the outcome in doubt until the last event.
The Banquet was exquisite, and I know that all the guests to visit Eton, Windsor and your ‘Cottage’ was very good fun. So, I
expected to make my brief trip to the U.K. an enjoyable one.

I have lent the marvellous program book to several friends, and
all have commented on how much a wonderful souvenir it is. As
an American, I am a strong proponent of continuing this international
competition, for I believe that the trip and the contacts the I
believe we should have as many qualified, and you know this feeling comes from my
have competed in every event during my college career except the
find my face in the picture on Page 45, and time has yet to heal

Despite the cautionary words spoken by Tommy Macpherson at
the banquet I do hope there will be quite a few for American
experience and good competitive meetings. I am not surprised.
I was most impressed with Susan’s work, as her talent is
extraordinary and has made your place gorgeous. I was sorry to
learn of her medical difficulties, and I do hope she will be
feeling much better soon. She was so brave and kind to put up
the delicious lunch.

Again, than you, and should you be in the Boston area sometimes, please let me know, as Dorothy and I would love

My very best regards,

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GODFREY BROWN

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

After a distinguished career in teaching, Godfrey Brown was headmaster of Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1960 to 1975. But he had already achieved notable success in athletics, having won two gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

The victory was celebrated more as an example of glorious devil-may-care in an atmosphere poisoned by Nazism and the well-nigh professional preparation of German athletes, rather than to demonstrate once and for all the superiority of British stock. Nevertheless the German heat, Hamilton, von Aldspeck, Voigt and Harbig, nor the American quartet, Gage, Young, O'Brien and Fitch - world record holders for the event and regarded with some justification as favourites - had even considered the palpably slapdash approach of the British.

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

As Brown was to recall in later years, "The silly thing was that the four of us had never really met. Bill [Bennett] is convinced he never met Bill [Forsett] during the Games. He worked for a football club. I had defeated Harward and Styles at the Ontario Games, but I had been reluctant to give him time off. If he was running in an international at the weekend he wouldn't know until 10pm on Friday if he could compete. I was lucky being at Cambridge. I used to train for about an hour, an hour and a half, five days a week. People thought it rather a lot."

This was the disarmingly casual approach that was about to be played against the world's best. There can be no instance, before or since, of a relay team being forced to get its act together after arriving at the Olympic venue.

None of this mattered when the gun went off for the start of the 4 x 400 metres event in Berlin's Olympic Stadium. Running the first leg, Wolff was only fourth position when he handed over the baton to Rampling. But although 12 metres back, he had been able to remain at least within striking distance of the American leaders. Rampling (incidentally, the father of the film actress Charlotte Rampling) now ran a blazing leg, handing over to Roberts three metres ahead of the Americans. Roberts increased the lead to 15 metres by the time he had handed over to Brown, as anchorman, a further three metres up. Brown now ran a killer final leg, closing out the opposition and extending the lead to 25 metres over the dispirited Americans.

American Alfred Fitch, who floundered in his wake. The British time, 3 min 9.0 sec, was a European record, with the Americans in second place two seconds behind, and the Germans taking the bronze a further 0.6 seconds behind. The 100,000 capacity audience could scarcely believe what had happened. For Germany it was an unwelcome defeat for the well-drilled system by four individuals, while the Americans in particular felt they had run on empty, the food and drink they had been given not being up to Japanese standards. For Brown personally it was pleasant recompense for having been previously beaten in the individual 400 metres event.

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

Only a week after the Olympic Games produced an even more blistering finish in the British Empire-USA match in London when, again in anchor-man, he snatched victory from the American Leu Vallis. After having been handed over, well in arrears, by the third man in the 4 x 440 yards event, he finished third, yards ahead of his American counterpart in a leg unofficially timed at 45.6 sec.

Brown was a diminutive figure in international athletics. He had not been the most distinguished member of a sporting family. His sister Audrey won a silver medal in the 4 x 100 metres relay in Berlin and his brother Ralph had won the 1934 AAA 440 yards hurdles and competed as a 19-year-old in the Empire Games.

After leaving Cambridge Brown began a career as a schoolmaster. He was an assistant master at Bedford School, 1936-39, at King's School, Rochester, 1939-41, and at Cheltenham College, 1943-50. When he went as headmaster to the Royal Grammar School, Woking, in 1953, it was still a voluntary aided school within the National Board for Education in Scotland, which was independent in 1980.

Although he was not a master of the subject, history, at sixth-form level, Brown was principled in his opposition to the development of the school and its pupils' support of the school's regimentation and curriculum developments. not least in the form of a new board of governors. He was strongly identified with the development of the school's sports and recreational facilities and was a member of the committee which decided to give up the holding of the school's own tennis courts and to build new为 its headmaster, he had to be the man who would be the spiritual leader of the school. He was an outstanding athlete, and at Peterhouse, Cambridge, gaining a Blue in his first year. He was to win the 440 yards in three successive years in the match against Germany in 1933, 1934, and 1935, and was always joint champion in the A.A.A. and European championships in 1944 and 1945, respectively.

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In 1936 our national ignorance of training techniques probably deprived Godfrey Brown of an Olympic Gold Medal. A year later Brown was in the Oxford and Cambridge team touring North America. To reserve this brilliant runner was Michael Melford, an Oxford half-back, who found himself in the serre-racing position of understudying the star performer and possibly being the key man on what the result of the matches depended.

Michael Melford joined The Daily Telegraph in 1960 to write on cricket and rugby, reported the Olympic Games in 1954 and 1960, and was appointed cricket and rugby correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph in 1961.

A Great Quarter-miler

BY MICHAEL MELFORD

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

This was July 10, 1960. Canada was in the quarter-final of a match in North America. The other members of the team were Alan Pennington, who had let me in on the secret of scoring, and Yeh, then Princeton and Cornell and, on the previous night in Hamilton, a strong Canadian team.

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

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

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

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

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

Last anyone accosted nowadays to reading harsh criticism by players of selectors who have dropped him or others. I think that this was a pretty unassuming role to fill after travelling a distance of five miles, but I do say that it seemed perfectly logical to me. Moreover, as an indifferent performer, I was only too grateful to the Fates who had allowed me to come at all, as at the age of 28, on a trip which in those days was far beyond the average undergraduate's imagination and any amount of money. On this trip, in Toronto, however, the Fates had slipped and my modest ability was going to be brutally exposed. After a strenuous night in Hamilton we had arrived that morning in Toronto and had been driven round the City in procession in open cars. A ceremony at a war memorial was followed by one of those banquets at which each member of the team stands up as his name is called and acknowledges sheeplishly
All his life he had loved running and through his years at Warwick School and at Cambridge had been outstandingly successful. But in those days there was a widespread fear of overtraining the strength of a promising young athlete and he had not had a great amount of competition, which in any case he did not enjoy. Yet he did enjoy training, to which he gave much thought, and unlike many of his contemporaries would doubtless have added himself to the vastly more rigorous methods used today. In his otherwise amiable nature he possessed, too, a tough streak of determination not to be beaten.

At this period Britain was well stocked with good quarter-milers. Godfrey Rampale had had his day at the English Schools Games in London in 1934. Bill Roberts, from Lancashire, emerged soon afterwards as another likely to prosper in the Olympic Games and Brown, whether competing in domestic events at Penners or, more rarely, in the top class, seemed capable of great things for some time. A. F. F. B. F. F. B. F. F. B. F. F. B. F. F. F. F. Brown, was good enough to raise hopes for the relay team whatever happened in the 400 metres itself.

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

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

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

miscalculation of what was going to be required, it was imperative that he drew an inside lane. In front on the outside it would be difficult to judge the race and he doubted if he could win from there. If there were an effective law of averages Godfrey Brown would certainly have drawn a low number, now, which would have been his last jump and bear the Canadian as well. Although, O'Connor had broken the Canadian record in both hurdles, this meant that somehow we arrived all square at the last event. This was a relay, 440, 220, 220, 440. We were clearly going to lose ground over the first three legs and with myself running the last we had as much chance of regaining it as Lake Ontario had of drying up.

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

All this was in my mind as I prepared to give my own puny performance in Toronto eleven months later. There had been no news of Godfrey since his departure for hospital, though rumour had it that he had also pulled a muscle. That fall I was half-way out of my sweater when there was a disturbance by the entrance to the packed stadium and cheering broke out. I poked my head out of the top of the sweater again and beheld Brown, heavily plastered, stained with dirt and as near as humanly possible injection, but marvelously healthy otherwise. I put my sweater on again, he somewhat gingerly took his off and the race started.

A week later in London, before an enormous crowd at the White City, he gave Luvaile a start over the last leg of a relay and beat him. He was timed at 43.9 from a flying start.

The Canadian running the last quarter-mile was no slouch—he was the Canadian half-mile champion that year—and he was reckoned to be a reliable 49-second quarter-miler. The race was out of our reach and my injection, but marvelously healthy otherwise. I put my sweater on again, he somewhat gingerly took his off and the race started.

Godfrey had come to America with one eye on the world record which stood at 46.4 for 440 yards, but he usually had to save himself for a later half-mile, no opportunity of a really fast race had occurred and he had never been at full stretch. Now he spared himself nothing and by the end of the back straight was no more than ten yards behind. There were, he admitted, some people in the crowd at the line that at 500 yards when he realised that he was full of running and could go on and win. This was one of them. He tore round the final bend, took the lead perhaps 25 yards out and went on to win by 7 yards amid one of the wildest deliriums I have ever seen. No time was ever known for his leg but that it was relatively the fastest quarter-mile ever run neither I nor others who saw it in any doubt.

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Oxford v Cambridge

at Willerford Road, Cambridge 20 May 1995

Men - Blues teams

100m
J. Reynolds (C) 11.1, S. Rosato (O) 11.2, D. Gardner (C) 11.2, J. Hawkinson (C) 11.3, D. Gardiner (C) 11.3, M. Worster (O) 11.4, M. Botham (C) 11.4, S. Rosato (O) 11.5, D. Gardner (C) 11.5, M. Botham (C) 11.5, K. Grass (C) 11.6.

200m
D. Gardiner (C) 22.4, G. Wolf (C) 22.9, A. James (C) 23.1, J. Hawkinson (C) 23.3, J. Reynolds (C) 23.4, S. Rosato (O) 23.5, D. Gardner (C) 23.6, D. Gardiner (C) 23.7, J. Reynolds (C) 23.8.

400m
C. McCaw (C) 50.6, G. Wolf (C) 50.8, J. R. Bowden (C) 52.2, R. Tsva (C) 52.5, R. Tsva (C) 52.6, R. Tsva (C) 52.7, R. Tsva (C) 52.8, R. Tsva (C) 52.9.

800m
J. Reynolds (C) 1:57.1, A. McInnes (O) 1:58.3, A. McInnes (C) 1:58.4, J. Reynolds (C) 1:58.5, A. McInnes (C) 1:58.6, J. Reynolds (C) 1:58.7, A. McInnes (C) 1:58.8, J. Reynolds (C) 1:58.9.

1500m
K. Grass (O) 3:52.9, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.1, C. McCaw (C) 3:53.2, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.3, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.4, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.5, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.6, D. Gardiner (C) 3:53.7.

5000m
J. Grass (O) 11:02.5, D. Leggate (C) 11:05.8, D. Leggate (C) 11:08.4, D. Leggate (C) 11:11.0, J. Grass (O) 11:13.5, J. Grass (O) 11:16.0, J. Grass (O) 11:18.5, J. Grass (O) 11:21.0.

10000m
D. Gardiner (C) 23:46.6, D. Gardiner (C) 23:49.1, D. Gardiner (C) 23:51.6, D. Gardiner (C) 23:54.1, D. Gardiner (C) 23:56.6, D. Gardiner (C) 23:59.1, D. Gardiner (C) 24:01.6, D. Gardiner (C) 24:04.1.

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Oxford & Cambridge Bridge at Ifley Road, Oxford, 28 June 1995

Women

100m (+1.8) Chris Lambert (Y) 10.87, Richard Rose (Y) 11.13, James Reynolds (C) 11.25, Karen Gledhill (Y) 11.12 200m (+0.8) Dave Gardiner (C) 22.35, Karen Gledhill (C) 22.73, Todd Inwood (Y) 22.84, Jordan Verrall (C) 22.60 400m Kenneth Anderson (Y) 49.31, Matthew Birchall (C) 50.09, Gary Wolf (Y) 50.92 DISQUS

Bryan Henry (H) 56.80, Graham Edmonds (E) 56.68, Paul Gely (G) 56.15 1500m Douglas Conran (C) 59.59, Mike Nolan (E) 54.82, Bryan Henry (H) 54.86, Martina Gottoli (C) 54.60 5000m Jan Casswell (C) 15.30.59, Andy Barber (H) 15.29.11, Killian Leveran (G) 15.33.60, Gordon Tyler (C) 15.31.50 10000m Jason Johnson (Y) 32.46.08, Dan Leggate (C) 32.52.99, San Pallus (E) 32.53.92, Christopher Evans (Y) 32.56.40 110m Hurdles (+1.4) Peter Calcott (C) 14.39, Sub Rosato (H) 14.39, Steve Bond (C) 14.07, John Bond (C) 14.07, Joshua Nicholson (H) 15.08 400m Matthew Birchall (C) 47.23, Jay McManamon (Y) 45.52, Michael Evers (H) 56.70, Neil Henderson (O) 57.60

Steplechase Daisie Showes (Y) 9.27.99, Elodie Brown (H) 9.29.75, James Fitzsimmons (C) 9.31.90, Jenny Branch (H) 9.35.67 4x100m Harvard (C) 3.97.25, Tokyo Tiger (Y) 3.97.00, Terence Mans (H) 3.95.19, Paul Viger (O) 3.95

Javelin Jason Warren (Y) 49.07, Ben Weir (C) 49.04, Brett Williams (C) 49.01, Richard Bond (Y) 49.01

Relay 4x400m Harvard (C) 3.57.21, Oxford & Cambridge 3.42.30 4x400m Harvard & Yale (-), Henry, 13.19.11, Oxford & Cambridge 52.19, Bond 49.40, Vittone 50.04, Birchall 50.20 22.22.53

High Jump Andrew Hodge (C) 2.00, Tonitza Hodge (Y) 2.00, Terence Mans (H) 1.95, Paul Viger (O) 1.95

Pole Vault Steve Bracher (Y) 4.80, Men Weaver (Y) 4.70, Brett Williams (C) 4.60, Sean Beane (C) 4.59 to 4.60

High Jump Nick Walker (Y) 1.70, Olly Clifton (H) 1.78, Deman Hasalan (Y) 1.70, Hiavanu Banwell (H) 1.69

Javelin David Rosal (Y) 44.80, Darren Hayton (C) 44.18, Andrew Hodge (C) 44.14, Joshua Nicholson (H) 44.12

*Semenya 800m 2:19.26, Mark Richardson (O) 2:19.26, Darren Hayton (C) 2:19.26, Andrew Hodge (C) 2:19.26

Semenya 400m 46.86, Marita Boreham (O) 46.86, Andrew Hodge (C) 46.86, Joshua Nicholson (H) 46.84

Semenya 200m 23.46, Marita Boreham (O) 23.46, Andrew Hodge (C) 23.46, Joshua Nicholson (H) 23.46

Semenya 100m 11.06, Marita Boreham (O) 11.06, Andrew Hodge (C) 11.06, Joshua Nicholson (H) 11.06

Semenya 4x400m 3.52.10, Oxford & Cambridge 3.42.08 4x400m Oxford & Cambridge 3.42.08, Oxford & Cambridge 3.42.08

Semenya 200m 22.24, Marita Boreham (O) 22.24, Andrew Hodge (C) 22.24, Joshua Nicholson (H) 22.24

Semenya 100m 10.32, Marita Boreham (O) 10.32, Andrew Hodge (C) 10.32, Joshua Nicholson (H) 10.32


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Semenya 100m 10.64, Oxford & Cambridge 10.64, Oxford & Cambridge 10.64


Semenya 100m 10.61, Oxford & Cambridge 10.61, Oxford & Cambridge 10.61

OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE
FRESHERS' and FRESHWOMEN'S MATCH
at Wilberforce Road, Cambridge on 1 November 1956

100m
A. Drowoud (O 11.5, M. Hart (O guest) 11.7, G. Pounder (O) 11.9, P. Manfield (C) 11.9, P. Mayhew (C) 12.1, E. Dean (C) 12.3

100m (guests)
S. Pagam (O) 11.9, M. Loxhinger (C) 11.9, K. Wong (C) 12.3, G. Dicken (O) 12.3, P. Mihyooz (C) 12.5, S. Rahman (O) 12.5

200m
A. Drowoud (C) 23.5, E. How (C) 23.9, G. Pounder (O) 24.2, C. Newko (C) 24.5, X. Zogic (O 24.9, S. Zogic (C) 25.3

400m
R. Zogic (C) 52.8, R. Zogic (O) 53.6, V. Wren (C) 54.9, F. Pedler (O) 55.3, M. Thurston (C) 56.0, M. Snodden (C) 56.2

800m
K. Take (C) 2:02.7, P. Blommeum (O) 2:05.5, N. Bell (C) 2:05.9, N. Foger (C) 2:06.5, J. Harvey (O guest) 2:09.3

1500m
M. Barnes (O) 4:20.0, N. Bell (C) 4:24.1, E. Malloch (C) 4:25.5, J. Wadsworth (O guest) 4:36.6, R. Short (O guest) 4:46.6

3000m
M. Plasola (O) 10:12.1, M. Shure (C) 10:15.0, A. Lynch (C) 10:30.5, J. Wadsworth (C) 10:34.3, S. Harris (O) 10:37.5, N. Harris (C) 10:38.9, H. Davis (C) 10:43.4, B. Hulch (O guest) 10:55.7, S. Harris (C) 10:56.6, R. Koert (C) 11:01.7

4000m
F. Pedler (O) 17:03.8, O. Orudo (C) 17:34.4, M. Alburyton (C) 18.2, J. Folk (C) 18.3, C. Newko (C) 18.3, M. Alburyton (C) 18.5, J. Bower (O) 18.7, P. Mihyooz (O) 19.1, D. Bower (O) 19.1

1100m
M. Plasola (C) 3:13.0, J. M. Smith (O) 3:16.5, S. Hulch (O guest) 3:21.1, S. Hulch (O guest) 3:27.5, S. Hulch (O guest) 3:33.0

2000m
E. Malloch (O) 6:49.2, R. Shipton (O guest) 7:05.7, M. Patel (C) 7:31.0, T. J. Malloch (O guest) 7:34.0, R. Shipton (O guest) 7:40.3

40x400m
B. Binnall (O) 7:36.5, C. Green (O) 8:31.4, Oxford (C) 8:45.0, Cambridge (B) 8:46.7, Oxford (C) 8:50.0

4x400m
Oxford 3:44.8, (Cambridge 3:42.0, (Disqualified)

High Jump
T. Costello (O) 1.85, C. Newko (O 1.80, S. Hulch (O) 1.75, E. Zogic (O) 1.55

Pole Vault
F. Tchap (C) 4.01, G. Edell (O) 3.95, M. Hart (O) 3.94, C. Newko (C) 3.66, G. Pounder (O guest) 3.53

Triple Jump
J. Thomsen (C) 13.2, A. Drowoud (O) 12.5, M. Elsijay (O) 12.32, F. Edgell (C) 12.32

Shot
P. Foger (O) 1.36, P. Beere (C) 1.35, A. Anastasiou (C) 1.35

Discus
B. Zogic (O) 19.96

Hammer
A. Anastasiou (C) 21.58, K. Dugdale (O) 18.58, A. Fenton (C) 18.03

Javelin
P. Foger (O) 20.44, C. Meyer (O) 18.62, A. Anastasiou (C) 18.82, T. Costello (O) 31.60

Result
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Women
100m
H. Fuller (C) 13.0, S. Pock (C) 13.7, P. Lewin (O) 15.5, A. Jadienzi (O) 15.7

200m
H. Fuller (C) 26.2 (record), K. Williams (C) 27.7, S. Pock (C) 28.8

400m
K. Williams (O) 56.0, H. Davies (C) 56.9, G. Nasonova (O) 57.5

3000m
G. Crook (O) 2:34.5, K. Haycock (C) 2:39.7, G. Nasonova (O) 2:58.5, E. Garagan (C) 3:06.2

5000m
S. Cook (O) 4:51.0, E. Moyne (C) 5:17.8, N. Kay (C) 5:30.0

8000m
S. Cook (O) 9:33.0, K. Haycock (C) 10:08.0, M. Garfick (C) 11:12.3, E. Garagan (C) 12:53.2

10000m
V. Bragg (C) 17.0, E. Rawlinson (C) 20.4, S. Crichley (O) 23.4

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800 Metres (A)
1. J. P. Knight 5 minutes 55.96s
2. M. Birkall 5 minutes 55.96s

1500 Metres (A)
1. T. G. Neill 5 minutes 57.59s
2. N. Bateston 6 minutes 01.88s

5000 Metres (A)
1. B. Rowden 14 minutes 11.7s
2. G. Grover 15 minutes 05.38s

11000 Metres (A)
1. J. D. Andrews 15 minutes 38s
2. S. Booth 15 minutes 59s

11000 Metres (B)
1. J. D. Andrews 16 minutes 4s
2. S. Garland 16 minutes 6s

400 Metres (A)
1. J. D. Andrews 54.3s
2. S. Booth 55.7s

400 Metres (B)
1. J. D. Andrews 54.7s
2. S. Martin 62.0s

3000 Metres Steeplechase (A)
1. W. W. Morgan 8 minutes 24.8s

High Jump
1. M. Newman 1.93m
2. J. Crews 1.70m

LONG JUMP
1. G. Munroe 7.07m
2. D. Heard 6.87m
3. S. Chidlow 6.86m

TRIPLE JUMP
1. J. Ralph 6.87m
2. D. Heard 6.83m
3. S. Chidlow 6.82m

POLE VAULT
1. J. Hughes 5.19m
2. G. Chidlow 4.80m
3. S. Booth 4.71m

DISCUS
1. S. Chester 47.80m
2. B. Gentle 47.76m

HAMMER
1. R. Sammut 55.50m
2. M. Groed 55.40m

JAVELIN
1. L. Carter 63.88m
2. G. Chidlow 58.78m

SHOT
1. G. Sollett 16.26m
2. D. Heard 15.95m
3. T. Cooper 15.20m

4 x 100 Metres Relay
1. S. E. Rook 42.13s
2. A. D. Andrews 42.43s

4 x 400 Metres Relay
1. J. S. E. Rook 3 minutes 19.57s
2. A. D. Andrews 3 minutes 31.96s
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**Result: 1st Surrey 231**
2nd Hampshire 221
3rd Essex 171
4th Combined Services 153
5th Kent 117
6th Achilles 52

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**SWARD TROPHY MEETING**
KINGSMeadow StadiUM - KINGSTON
SUNDAY, 7th APRIL 1995

**HAMMER**
| A: 1. G. COOK | S&D 62.80 |
| B: 1. G. KOLLAS | ACH 38.16 |
| C: D. KIFF | ACH 39.36 |

**POLE VAULT**
| A: 1. M. WEAVER | ACH 4.40 |
| B: 1. S. BOOTH | ACH 4.10 |

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**HIGH JUMP**
| A: 1. T. O'CONNOR | ACH 1.95 |
| B: 1. M. NEWMAN | ACH 1.85 |

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**TRIANGLE**
| A: 1. V. RATO | WEE 12.51 |
| B: 1. J. WATKINS | WEE 11.19 |
| C: M. WEAVER | ACH 11.50 |

**DISCUS**
| A: 1. M. SIMMONS | TVH 47.96 |
| B: 1. S. HAYES | TVH 47.42 |
| C: S. BOOTH | ACH 34.60 |

**SHOT**
| A: 1. S. HAYES | TVH 15.09 |
| B: 1. M. SIMMONS | TVH 14.67 |
| C: S. HAYES | ACH 10.41 |

**JAVELIN**
| A: 1. F. PAIGE | ACH 53.74 |
| B: 1. L. HATTIN | KAP 44.28 |
| C: S. GABRIEL | ACH 43.86 |

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**RESULT**
1. ACHILLES 172
2. HERCULES & WIMBLEDON 112
3. GUILFORD & GODALMING 96
4. THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS 86
5. KINGSTON & POLY 77
6. WINDSOR, SLOUGH & ETON 72
7. SUTTON & DISTRICT 65
8. BLACKHEATH 62
RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS IN WHICH THE ACHILLES CLUB COMPETED.

(Achilles members in bold type.)

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE

White City Stadium, March 20th, 1950.

100 Yards

40 Yards Hurdles

High Jump
1. E. L. D. Dutton (O.), 6 ft. 8 in. 2. R. A. R. H. (O.), 6 ft. 8 in. 3. J. R. E. S. S. (O.), 6 ft. 8 in. 4. F. E. B. (O.), 6 ft. 8 in.

Long Jump
1. E. L. D. Dutton (O.), 23 ft. 3 in. 2. R. A. R. H. (O.), 23 ft. 3 in. 3. J. R. E. S. S. (O.), 23 ft. 3 in. 4. F. E. B. (O.), 23 ft. 3 in.

120 Yards Hurdles

Time — 15 3/5 sec.

Oxford and Cambridge v. Harvard and Yale

White City Stadium, July 2nd, 1950.

100 Yards

220 Yards

440 Yards

Time — 14 3/5 sec.

Half-Mile

Time — 3 min. 15 3/5 sec.

1200 Yards Steeplechase
1. R. A. R. H. (O.), 30 min. 34 sec. 2. J. R. E. S. S. (O.), 30 min. 34 sec. 3. E. L. D. Dutton (O.), 30 min. 34 sec. 4. F. E. B. (O.), 30 min. 34 sec.

Time — 30 min. 34 sec.

1500 Yards

Time — 4 min. 19 sec.

1995 CROSS COUNTRY

IN THE 150th competition between the two universities, Cambridge scored a convincing win to take a 53-52 lead in the series. Peter Mullard leads.

Donald Naylor played a truly classic role as he led his team to an easy victory over a slippery course.

Setting the early pace for Cambridge was James Fitzsimmons, showing great improvement from his 12th place in this event last year, as he led the first mile.

Coaching the water splash of Beverley Brook, Oxford, veteran captain Davis Parke had taken the lead ahead of Naylor after disaster struck.

When crossing the brook, Kirk stumbled and fell as he was jumping in the water and by the time he had recovered five runners had gone past him. Kirk soon recovered and got back to fourth place but by then the Cambridge trio of Naylor, Fitzsimmons and Daniel Leggat, the Scottish U20 champion, were well away.

Naylor pulled even further ahead as the staple leg held the pace of Fitzsimmons close behind.

Heading onto the final field the Swanssea Harrier Naylor, equal ninth in 1992 and fourth in 1994, was ensuring his day's day through his team's advantage of a quality squad and quickly overtook his opposite number at the final curve.

Fitzsimmons finally got the better of Leggat who had been second for the second consecutive year.

The women’s race, the 13th in the series, saw just as convincing a victory, but this time for the home blues who now pull level alongside Cambridge with 10 wins.

Newnham Lynch, current South of England champion, went into the lead from the gun and never looked back to claim the title.

Fitzsimmons and Leggat finished closely behind her, claiming the second and third places respectively.

At Cambridge, Leggat and Fitzsimmons gave the hosts a boost with their victories.

The Cambridge team won the women’s race, with Newnham Lynch taking the top spot, followed by Fitzsimmons and Leggat.

The victory was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team.

In the men’s race, Cambridge was victorious, with Lynch claiming the top spot, followed by Fitzsimmons and Leggat.

The win was a strong showing for the hosts, and a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The Cambridge team was led by Lynch, who claimed the men’s title, followed by Fitzsimmons and Leggat.

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