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In Memoriam

Dr RKI Kennedy (Clare College, Cambridge, 1934-37) on 28th May 2004.
Olympic High Jumper and Achilles Club Chairman

Rob Kennedy won the high jump at the Varsity Sports of 1935 and 1936. He competed for Great Britain at the 1936 Olympics, in international matches against France, Germany and Norway, and in the European Championships of 1938. His best height, 1.91 (6’ 3 1/8”) in 1937 for Oxford & Cambridge against Princeton & Cornell in the USA, ranked him third on the UK all time list. The same year he was Hon. Secretary of CUAC during Godfrey Brown’s presidency. He was AAA Indoors Champion in 1938.

He gave generously to Achilles of his time and enthusiasm, serving as Chairman of Committee from 1979 to 1987, and managing the 1981 Oxford and Cambridge team on their tour to the USA. Since 1987 he had been a Vice-President of the Club. Although latterly afflicted by blindness he never missed an opportunity to keep abreast by telephone of Club affairs; and when the American Achilles Foundation launched their appeal in 2001 he was among the first to contribute.

RMN Tisdall (Caius College, Cambridge 1928-1931) on 29th July 2004 at home in Australia.
Olympic Gold Medallist

Bob Tisdall, the 1931 CUAC President, had been for several years the oldest surviving Olympic track and field Champion. His greatest moment came in 1932 in Los Angeles, when in only his 6th race at the event he took the gold medal in what, but for having knocked over the last hurdle, should have been (and would have been under subsequent rules) a new world record. At Cambridge he had already established himself as one of the greatest all round athletes in the history of the Varsity Sports: in 1931 there were 11 events on the programme, and scoring was by first places only. Bob’s record breaking four victories won the match for Cambridge almost single handed. No-one doubted, least of all Cawston, the winner of the 220y hurdles whom Bob had generously selected to give him his Blue, that he could have won that event, too. This tour de force brought his individual wins in The Sports to seven, another record:

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Bob went on the Achilles tours to South Africa in 1929, and to Greece in 1930, and on the Oxford-Cambridge tour to the USA and Canada in 1929.

Following his Olympic hurdles triumph, Bob contested the decathlon later that week: a true Corinthian, one of his goals was to see how fast he could run in the flat 400m on the superfast Los Angeles track: with even less specialist training than he had done for 400m hurdles he finished 8th overall with 7327pts (6398 on current tables).
Bob set South African and Canadian records in the 220 yards low hurdles in 1929, touring with Achilles and Oxford & Cambridge teams, a year later setting Greek records in the same event. Having gone down from Cambridge, although he had never attempted the event previously he decided to try for a place in the Irish Olympic squad at 400m hurdles, and after he ran 54.2 seconds (a record) for the Irish Championship 440 yards hurdles in June that year, the authorities agreed.

In 1928 Ireland, as an independent nation, had its first Olympic gold medal at Amsterdam with Dr. Pat O’Callaghan’s unexpected victory in the Hammer event. At the time he was barely out of the novice class and he had been included in the Irish Team mainly to gain experience of top-class competition. Over the years he was to develop into one of the world’s greatest hammer-throwers and he demonstrated this by winning his second Olympic gold medal at Los Angeles in 1932.

This in fact brought a very special moment in Olympic history for Ireland. Within the short space of an hour Ireland won two Olympic gold medals on Monday, August 1st, 1932.

The first was won by Robert Morton Newburgh Tisdall, always known as simply Bob, who, although he was born in Ceylon, was “thoroughly Irish by his lineage.” His father won the All-Irish Sprint Championship; his mother played hockey for Ireland and was a formidable golfer. His Olympic victory had the “element of a fairy tale about it”, as one commentator put it.

Bob, in the midst of The Depression, what he describes as “the best job in the world”, as an aide to a young Indian Maharaja, escorting him around Europe, showing him the cultural and natural sights. To pursue his Olympic dream, Bob had to leave this job and live in a disused railway carriage in an orchard, where he trained by running around the rows of trees. Early in 1932, he wrote to General Eoin O’Duffy, then the President of the Irish Olympic Council, and asked to be considered for the Irish Olympic Team in the 400 metres hurdles and he also confessed that he had not previously run in the event.

O’Duffy was convinced that Bob could achieve a good time and later invited Tisdall to compete in a special Olympic trial at Croke Park in Dublin. Tisdall failed to make the qualifying time, but O’Duffy gave him another chance and Bob Tisdall qualified for the Irish Team by winning the National 440 yards hurdles title at the Irish Championships, also at Croke Park. At the training camp, Bob discovered that there were no hurdles, so he collected driftwood from the beach and set up some crude hurdles on the greyhound racing track. This took him much of the morning, but just when he was ready to hurdle, someone activated the mechanical rabbit, which sped around the track rail, promptly knocking all the makeshift hurdles over. Finding out that there were hurdles available at a local girls’ school, Bob cycled there and back each day, to use the hurdles, as the students were on vacation.

After winning his preliminary Olympic heat in Los Angeles, Bob Tisdall equaled the Olympic record of 52.8 seconds in the semi-finals. As this was the only the fifth time he competed at this event Tisdall says: “I said to myself, ‘Well, you’ve run in the semi-finals and equaled the Olympic record; Bob, you’re really getting the hang of this!’”

Then in the final, despite stumbling at the final hurdle, he won the Olympic gold medal in 51.7 seconds which would have been a world record but for the fact that he had knocked over the last hurdle, and under the laws prevailing at the time, this ruled out recognition of a world record. It is worth noting that four Olympic hurdles champions appeared in that one race. After his victory, Bob was invited to a dinner in L.A. where he was seated next the famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart on one side and the famous actor Douglas Fairbanks Jnr on the other.

“Later in life Bob lived in South Africa, where he ran a gymnasium during the day, which he converted to a night club after dark. He grew coffee in Tanzania, but moved to Australia where he grew a fruit crops and cattle where he still lives with his wife Peggy. He admits to running in his last race at the age of 80 and ran in the Sydney Olympic torch relay. At the age of 96 he fell down a steep set of rock stairs and broke his shoulder, ribs and ruptured his spleen. It is perhaps a testament to a lifetime of fitness and physical activity that Bob was able to survive this fall. (Keith Boyle)

“At that moment I experienced a strange feeling of loneliness...Everything was strangely quiet...I began to wonder if the rest of the field had fallen over.” (Bob Tisdall, recalling the approach to the final hurdle of the 1932 Olympic 400m hurdles, five meters ahead of the field.)
DJN Johnson (Lincoln College, Oxford, 1953-57),
Olympic Silver and Bronze Medallist.

"Derek Johnson burst on the scene at the age of 17 with a remarkable 48.8 seconds 440y victory on an indifferent track to win the 1950 AAA Junior title. After completing National Service in the Middle East, he went up to Oxford to read medicine in 1953. He immediately placed third (behind Ian Boyd) in the Varsity Cross Country race: and at the 1954, 1955 and 1956 Varsity Sports won the 440/880y double, improving the match record over the longer race each year. In the 1957 match he won the Mile, and 50 minutes later came 2nd by inches* in the 440y. He served as Secretary and then President of OUAC.* (from Hugo Meyer's preface to the chapter by Derek in 'Modern Athletics', published in 1958 and featuring his Olympic dual with Tom Courtney on the cover – * Derek's friend Bob Solomon, the victor on that occasion, claims that "although generosity is eulogistic practice" it was actually a good two feet!)

His remarkable range is further demonstrated by the fact that the Varsity Relays 4 x 220y/200m hurdles record set by the Oxford team of which he was a part still stands. His pb's [with approx metric equivalents] were

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"But it was at 800m that he achieved his greatest distinction. In 1954 he won the Empire Games 880y, with a second gold medal as his 46.9 final leg took the English 4 x 440y team to victory, and set a British record of 1:47.4 when 4th in the European 800m. In 1956 he took the Olympic silver medal when narrowly beaten in a great 800m race by Tom Courtney (USA), and he further improved the British record to 1:46.9 and 1:46.6 in 1957. In 1958 he won a silver medal on the English 4 x 440y team at the Empire Games, but after running 3:42.9 for 1500m in 1959 contracted tuberculosis and spent a year in a sanatorium." (Peter Matthews)

Derek became a leading figure in the International Athletes Club and the South of England AAA: an obituary by the IAAF takes up the story:

A story told by David Bedford, his close friend and long-time ally in the sometimes arcane world of athletics administration, says much about the often aggressive approach, coupled to a sharp-minded wit and willingness to try new things, that often characterised Derek Johnson, the 1956 Olympic 800 metres silver medal-winner.

"Derek was in his late 50s, yet he agreed to travel to the European Championships in Split on the back of my motorbike," recalls Bedford, the former 10,000m World record-holder who is now the race director of the London Marathon.

By the end of the first day's travel, windswept and uncomfortable, Johnson's constant complaints had annoyed Bedford. "I warned him, one more whinge, and he'd be off," Bedford recalls. "but first thing the next morning, Derek said, "This is just like being in the army."


"But Dave, you misunderstand me," Johnson replied. "I really loved the army..."

Born in Chigwell, Essex, in 1933, Derek James Neville Johnson possessed a razor-sharp mind that took him from East Ham Grammar School to medical studies at Lincoln College, thence to careers in computers and property. Yet it was the abilities of Johnson's legs, heart and (eventually TB-ravaged) lungs which earned him his greatest fame and his lifelong passion for athletics, both on and off the track. Johnson..."
A Brief Eulogy (the conclusion of Rex van Rossum's address at the memorial service for Derek at Lords on October 21st 2004)

"...Finally, I return to where I began... how can we describe the quality of Derek's extraordinary talent? What was it about him that made people love to watch him run, almost regardless of the result?

"Strangely, Derek's athletic grace was not reflected in his walk, which was rather ungainly. He didn't like walking: he told me so. 'Running is easier, he said. Why should this be so? Perhaps the answer lies in the essence of his talent itself – a spirit within him that could only express itself through speed... and not so much through winning as with performance.... with the aesthetics of speed in the human body.

"Watching Derek run was akin to watching Nureyev dance – an expression of something elemental in ourselves; of the air, or the wind. Words can't capture it.

"Then suddenly I had the answer! It had been there all along, but I hadn't seen it. When Derek and I shared a flat in 1957 and 1958 he brought with him the only trophy that was dear to his heart. He had won it in a race in Paris. It stood alone, in pride of place, on our mantel... a windswpt, winged Greek goddess, exulting in the freedom of the elements.

"That captures the spirit of Derek's running, does it not? I am sure it captured it for him, too. So Derek and the unknown sculptor of the Winged Victory had something in common, which Derek acknowledged in himself when he said 'I am not a believer, but I had this god-given gift... I just had this natural talent', for all the world as if he was bewildered by it himself. Perhaps the sculptor felt the same.

"The Winged Victory is still with us in Paris, whilst Derek lives on in our memories, but they have bequeathed to us something even more precious that outlives them both: a glimpse of the sublime."

Wooderson's British record and improving it to 1:46.6 in 1957, the year after his finest performance.

Johnson missed out on Olympic gold at the Melbourne Games by a mere 0.1sec to the American, Tom Courtney, in a race which has been described as "one of the most thrilling in Olympic annals".

Johnson himself would tell that tale of how he met Courtney in the Olympic village a couple of days after the final.

"I've run that race a thousand times since Monday, Tom, and beat you every time," Johnson said.

"Yeah," the American replied. "I've done that too and, Derek, I just ate you up." (IAAF)

AB Shone (Robinson College, Cambridge, 1977-2004)
don 14 March 2004
Clerk to the Achilles Trust

When Derek Perry, who had been CUAC's Senior Member for only a short time, died young and in tragic circumstances, Basil Shone, as Cambridge University's Deputy Treasurer and Derek's immediate boss in the Financial Board, generously offered to take over the CUAC role. Although initially he had no particular interest in Athletics, Basil was passionately keen on the development of all aspects of worthwhile undergraduate life and, in a quiet and undemonstrative way, helped and guided CUAC as its Senior Treasurer for 10 years. He retired from his University post, by now the full University Treasurer, a very senior position, in 1985 and handed over the CUAC reins to John Lyons. But Basil continued his commitment to CUAC and Achilles Club affairs, becoming a Trustee of the former and serving the latter most valuably in helping Robert Stinson with the Achilles Trust, in
fund-raising and as its Clerk. Throughout, Basil took a great interest in, and regularly attended, CUAC, Oxbridge and Achilles athletics matches and dinners.

Basil had taken his first degree at Oxford, and, when his first distinguished career in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia reached its natural conclusion upon Zambia's independence, moved to Cambridge in 1969. He became a Fellow of Robinson in the early days of that College, and had been both Deputy Warden and Financial Tutor, this last up till the age of 82. He was always unstinting in his help to students, and is greatly missed. – (CJRT)

ND McWhirter, CBE (Trinity College, Oxford)
on 19th April 2004, during a game of tennis

Norris (left) and his twin brother Ross were Achilles men through and through. While building their national and international reputation as statisticians, he and Ross took over from the Drake-Digby's and others before them the mantle of the chronicling of athletics at the Universities. Through the 1950's they drew up club rankings lists, and at the centenary Varsity Sports of 1963 they recorded the match's history.

A close friend and adviser of Roger Bannister, it had been Norris who had warned the BBC that it would be extremely unwise not to send a camera to Iffley Road on 6th May, and who was so confident of the outcome that he sat down the night before the meeting to rehearse the famous manner in which, as announcer, he would keep the spectators in suspense as to the time recorded. It is particularly sad that Norris died just two weeks short of re-enacting his role at the microphone on the 50th anniversary of Roger's feat, to which he was so much looking forward.

Norris placed second to John Wilkinson at 100y in the Varsity sports of 1948. He and Ross combined with John Fairgrieve and Claude Havard to win the AAA x 100y title that year in Achilles colours. He was a regular competitor for Achilles throughout the 1949 to 1951 seasons, featuring prominently in for example Tommy Macpherson’s Achilles tour to Greece, winning both sprints. 1951 was his final year of competition, when he placed 4th in the AAA 220y, and achieved his best time of 21.7 secs.

Norris Dewar McWhirter was born in 1925, 20 minutes before his twin. Their father, William McWhirter, was Editor of the Daily Mail and then managing director of Associated Newspapers, and he instilled in them a love of accuracy. When they were given a copy of Whitaker's Almanack at the age of 10, they were hooked. Statistics and precision were forever their passion. After Marlborough and Oxford, the brothers served in the Navy, 1943-46. They were drafted to different ships — which at one point collided off Malta.

In 1951 the twins set up a reference agency to provide information for yearbooks and newspapers. This was to be the germ of The Guinness Book of Records, which began when the brewers turned to the brothers to compile a book to settle arguments in pubs. They were quizzed about all kinds of matters by the company's chairman to determine their suitability, and, according to Norris, clinched the deal when they were able to name the language with the fewest irregular verbs: Turkish, with just one. The Guinness Book was first published in 1955 and has appeared annually ever since. It became a record-breaker in its own right, was translated into 37 languages and at one time sold more copies annually than the Bible. The McWhirters also worked on the children's television programme Record Breakers with Roy Castle (the world’s fastest tap-dancer).

For nine years the twins also wrote a sports column in The Observer, which closely investigated the politics of sport. In 1966 Norris guessed correctly why four famous Russian athletes were not taking part in the women's events. Despite denials by Tass, it was because an international panel had been introduced to determine the sex of competitors in the female events. Less momentously, the McWhirters reported on the disqualification of Swedish competitors in the world frog-jumping championships, when all six were found to be toads.
Ross McWhirter was murdered on his doorstep by the IRA in November 1975, after he had offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of a bomber or gunman. Norris described the experience as not a bereavement but an amputation, and reacted by launching the Freedom Association, along with Viscount De L’isle and some Conservative MPs. The association at first attracted membership in tens of thousands, and it was in tune with much right-wing thinking in the late 1970s. Margaret Thatcher’s Government certainly took action against three of the four threats that were identified at its first press conference: collectivism, inflation, the extra-parliamentary power of the unions and the growth of the machinery of the State. Perhaps because of this mainstream campaign, the Freedom Association membership declined.

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In every controversy, a letter could be expected from him in one newspaper or another, and he was an indefatigable backstage plotter and fixer, launching campaigns, lobby groups and factions without end — or, often, much result. Bernard Levin called him “a bonny scrapper”, though in person he was always a diffident man. He was appointed CBE in 1980.

From Norris’ own reminiscences in the Annual Report of 1998:

“This year 1948 - an unbelievable half a century ago - was the one in which the average age of undergraduates was 26 and everyone, even at Trinity College, Oxford, was subject to the most meagre food rations. I remember there was one staircase on which the three occupants had two legs between them.

“This Olympic season started with the University Sports on the lifeless bended track at White City, which was then 40 years old. The weather in 1949 was chilly and gusty. In absolute terms the athletics was undistinguished, but in relative terms one-sided. Apart from the hat trick (high jump, pole vault and discus) by the Cambridge President, Ivor Vind from Denmark, Cambridge won only two other events and got only three second places, going down by the record points margin of 83 to 43 points and starting a string of Oxford wins which lasted for a decade.

“In June the Achilles Club comfortably won the Kinnaird Trophy and also the Sward Trophy. The AAA Championships in July were virtually Olympic team trials. Nine members of the Club made the British team They were John Fairgrieve (200m), Ray Barkway (110mh), Harry Whittle (400mh), Peter Curry and Geoff Tudor (steeplechase), Peter Ward (5000m), F.R. Webster (pole vault), Henry Askev (low jump), M. V. W. Chote (javelin) while E.L.R. Philip ran in the sprints for India, At the opening ceremony Roger Bannister, as aide of a bomber or gunman. Norris described the experience as not a bereavement but an amputation, and reacted by launching the Freedom Association, along with Viscount De L’isle and some Conservative MPs. The association at first attracted membership in tens of thousands, and it was in tune with much right-wing thinking in the late 1970s. Margaret Thatcher’s Government certainly took action against three of the four threats that were identified at its first press conference: collectivism, inflation, the extra-parliamentary power of the unions and the growth of the machinery of the State. Perhaps because of this mainstream campaign, the Freedom Association membership declined.

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Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara GCMG, KBE, PC (Wadham College, Oxford) on 18th April 2004

KKT Mara represented OUAC in the shot put in the Varsity Sports of 1948 and 1949, and also used his imposing physique to good effect in the high jump. He was a member of the OUAC team which toured post war Germany, an experience of which he retained vivid recollections, recounted to the Hon. Sec when granted an audience in Suva in 1999. He led Fiji to independence and became the country’s first Prime Minister and subsequently President.

HK Bagnall-Oakeley (Clare College, Cambridge, 1925-28) on 3rd January 2005

Kemeys Bagnall-Oakeley, who has died at the age of 100, placed 2nd in the long jump at the 1925 Varsity Match, and competed again in 1926 and 1927 at long jump and 100y respectively. With Douglas Lowe, Guy Butler and John Rinkel he placed 3rd in the AAA 4 x 110y relay championship in 1926. Work prevented him from challenging for a place in the 1928 Olympics, and a broken ankle denied him a place on the 1927 Oxford & Cambridge team against Harvard & Yale. However, he was a member (with among others Bob Tisdall, whose death is recorded above) of the 1929 Achilles team which toured South Africa. The voyage out was a lengthy one, and during it he served on the ship’s Recreation Committee, whose job it was decide schedules for deck quoits tournaments, dances, etc: it was a committee of just two persons, the other being General Smuts!

Canon A.W. Dodds (Queen’s College, Oxford), on 9th January 2004

Philip Morgan writes: I first met Arthur Dodds in clerical cricketing circles, as an excellent bowler and a useful batsman who represented Gloucester Diocese for many years in the Church Times Cup. He often wore an Achilles sweater, and he revealed that he had been a pole-vaulter, representing Cambridge in the Varsity Sports of 1947: he certainly knew a good deal about athletics and was always a pleasure to meet and play against.


Patrick Trollope was President of OUAC in 1946. His subsequent career was in the Petrochemicals industry, but in later life he suffered from motor neurone disease. Patrick's granddaughter, Charlotte Ritchie, was proud to meet Roger Bannister this year at Iffley Road where she was part of a Dragon School relay team of 12 year olds attempting 8 x 220y in under 4 minutes.
ANC Bruce VRD (Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1943-44) on July 18th 2004.
Alastair Bruce ran in the Varsity Country match for Cambridge in 1944, and in March that year won the mile in the wartime Varsity Sports.

Dr John S Lyon FRCP, FRCPsych, DPM (St John’s College, Cambridge 1951-4) on 16th November 2003

AD Walden-Jones (Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1937-40), ‘some years ago’.
Alan Walden-Jones represented Cambridge at 3 Miles and Cross Country.

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NATIONAL RANKINGS

An unprecedented number of members reached the UK top fifty lists this year. Tim Berrett was once again to the fore internationally: he and Danielle Sanderson seem to get better with age! Andy Baddeley made a significant breakthrough at 1500m/mile.

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EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have not been recently receiving very occasional notices of e.g. forthcoming dinners, memorial services, etc, it is because we do not have an up to date email address for you. Please drop a line to paul.willcox@achilles.org to rectify the situation. (We use our circulation list sparingly so as not overwhelm members unduly, and we certainly don’t pass it on to anyone else.)

Douglas Carpenter is Economic Adviser, Delegation of the European Commission in the United Republic of Tanzania and hoping to get involved in the T&F scene there.

Last year we missed noting that Mike Collins ranked 30th in decathlon with 5678pts – on which he has improved considerably during 2004 (left).

Sarah Ogilvie, in her role as a researcher for the Oxford English Dictionary, has been seeking the earliest written use of ‘PB’ denoting ‘personal best’. Your Hon. Sec. dug out John Ellicock’s newsletter from 1971 when he was President of CUAC, and the OED have adopted it as the usage’s earliest reference. A small (and who is to say insignificant?) step for the language of Shakespeare.

Neil Laird has been helping trace missing members: he has started a golf history website: www.scottishgolfhistory.net

Tony Eltringham reports from California that he makes a point of attending the big track meets in the USA

Meredith Price, CUAC discus thrower, is BUSA light middleweight boxing champion.
INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

Courtney Birch (right), in only her second competition, was crowned World Junior Biathle Champion (The Biathle is similar to the Triathlon but involves a run, a swim and another run. The annual World Championships were attended in Bavaria by 21 national teams including a 100-strong team from the UK), winning by a margin of 50 seconds. Martin Bishop finished 18th senior men’s championship at the same event.

Danielle Sanderson continued her string of world class ultra performances in winning the European 50k Championships.

Katy Whear is World Champion in the Beach Sprint, a title won in the international lifesaving World Championships (‘Rescue 2004’)

Huw Lobb, 19th in the London Marathon in 2:15:02, and Mara Yamauchi, 17th in 2:39:16, narrowly missed selection for Athens, with Lucy Hasell not far behind. Further down the field Tom Guglielmi eschewed the hammer in the previous day’s Sward Trophy meeting (see below) in favour of raising a substantial sum for the Neurofibromatosis Association.

At the Intercounties Championship Achilles athletes were to the fore including winners Andy Hennessy (steeplechase), Donald Naylor (5000m), James Trapmore (10000m), and Julia Bleasdale (5000m): Charlotte Cutler was 2nd in the 1500m and Ewan Maloch 3rd in the steeplechase.

Lucy Hasell was part of the Bristol team which won the AAA Road Relay, and like Hatti Dean (left) enjoyed a good start to the cross country season.

Veterans

Ian Johnston won the M35 3000m bronze medal at the World Masters Indoor Championships in Germany. Chris Melluish continues to excel, throwing not only the hammer, his speciality, but also several other implements to new British record distances. Steve James, M65, yet again heads the national 5000m lists.
THE OLYMPIC GAMES – ATHENS 2004

OLYMPIC BRONZE FOR WINCKLESS

Congratulations to Sarah Winckless who won a bronze medal in the double sculls in Athens. Winner of the Achilles Medal for 1995 with a discus pb of 52.58, and the Susan Dennler Trophy at the Varsity Match the same year before turning so triumphantly to rowing, Athens was her second Olympics.

CARPE DIEM – by Steve Perks

At the Olympic Games in Athens it was my pleasure to coach the Great Britain 4 x 100m relay team. After six years in charge of the Senior team (and a previous six with the Juniors), the ultimate dream of a coach to achieve an Olympic gold was realised.

The Americans with three Olympic champions, 2 present and one from Sydney, were confident of achieving Gold: with such an impressive line up it was hard to believe that anyone could challenge them. However, after having a good preparation period both during the season and in the holding camp at Cyprus, the British team with a strong squad of eight were confident that we could definitely get amongst them and even defeat the Americans, remembering that at the World Championships last year in Paris we did run them very close indeed - before disaster struck !.

The draw for the final, lane 3, suited the team, as we had Nigeria who had won the other semi final in lane 4 and the USA in lane 5. During the warm up everything went as we wanted and the team were very calm and collected as they went into the call room. We even went into the call room early!

With one false start against us the scene was set for a memorable run. Jason Gardener’s first leg was good and the change between him and Darren Cambell was also good. Going down the back straight Darren began to make gains on both Nigeria and America. Going into the second box the pressure was on with three teams hitting the same area at the same time. Darren’s change to Marlon Devonish was very good and Marlon came out ahead. The Americans made a mistake on their change and by the time that they were into their running Marlon was away. Marlon ran an excellent bend and the change over to Mark Lewis Francis was good. Would the approx 1m lead be enough? Could a sprinter who had failed to get to the final hold off the bronze medallist and ex world record holder? With instructions to run into the stands if necessary rather than to the line Mark did exactly that and beat Maurice Greene by inches!! For the first time in almost a century Britain had won an Olympic relay gold.

What has this win proved? Team work, good preparation and a belief that you can do it [and a great coach – Ed.] pay dividends, and when the opportunity comes you must “Seize the Day”.

- Steve Perks

Steve Perks, St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge, 1981-1982, competed for CUAC in the 4 x 100m relay in the 1982 Varsity Match, winning also the 100m and 200m for Alverstone.

He was recently presented by Princess Anne with the Mussabini Medal for his coaching achievements.
FOUR TIMES AN OLYMPIAN – TIM BERRETT

As was the case in Sydney, Tim Berrett was the Club's sole representative in the Olympic track and field programme, competing in the 50k walk. At the age of 39 the former OUAC President, who emigrated after graduation and has represented Canada for most of his senior career, remarkably not only qualified for his 4th Olympic Games, but in the process set a personal best (and Achilles record) of 3:50:21, almost 10 minutes inside the Olympic 'A' Standard. Tim (photographed in Athens by Adrian Thiemicke) has the following Olympic performances to his credit: 14th in the 20k walk in Barcelona, DQ at 20k and 10th at 50k in Atlanta, 25th at 20k and DQ at 50k in Sydney, and now 31st, out of 54 starters, at 50k in Athens (had he been able to repeat his recent pb in the heat of Athens, he would have placed 9th). Other career highlights include a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in 1994, and bronze in 2002. He has been awarded the Achilles medal in 1984, 1992 and 2000.

THE A-TEAM – by Michael Beloff

For the third successive Olympics the Court of Arbitration for Sport, now with over 200 members drawn from every continent provided an Ad Hoc (that's 'for a particular purpose' for non-classicists) Panel of 12 lawyers to act as a final Court of Appeal for disputes arising in Athens.

The 12, who in an earlier reincarnation had been called an international legal 'A' Team, were selected to provide a sufficiency of numbers to cater for the volume of disputes (which could not be predicted with any specificity – there had been five in Atlanta and 14 in Sydney) and to provide enough spread geographically and in terms of sporting connection (or lack of it) to ensure that there would always be at least three who could sit as a tribunal without challenge as to their actual or perceived impartiality. In Athens as elsewhere justice not only had to be done, but be seen to be done.

The Panel were also allegedly selected for their pedigree in legal-sporting issues as well as their physical beauty and astonishing personal charm. There is an exception to every rule and that is how I came to be the only lawyer in the world to have served on all three summer panels.

The proceedings before the Panel bore the same relation to ordinary arbitration as 20/20 does to a Test match or speed chess to the real thing. Speed was as much of the essence in the Arbitration Room in the Holiday Inn as it was in the main stadia, and decisions had to be handed down within 24 hours of an application being made.

There was, I must confess, a certain measure of competition between the Panel members, torn as we were between the conflicting desires on the one hand to justify our pleasant existence in the main IOC hotel, personal chauffeur (I had exceptional service from mine once he had seen me on Greek TV adjacent to Michael Johnson at the Sport Telegraph eve of games dinner, with Seb Coe on my other side, and assumed that I too was an Olympic legend), not ungenerous per diem allowance, etc, by participating in some interesting cases, and on the other to maximise the benefits of our free entry to every competitive arena. Adopting a personal points system, I awarded myself the gold arbitration medal for being nominated to the first panel and sitting as chairman on four out of the nine cases which came before us, even if my main rival, an extremely genial South African High Court judge could claim, unlike I, that all four of his cases were decided before the end of the Games.

Only one of the nine cases involved track and field; that of Torri Edwards, the reigning world champion in the sprints - by default because the two who actually breasted the tape (or more
accurately the beam) had already been retrospectively disqualified for doping offences. She herself fell foul of the strict rules by taking, albeit without malice aforethought, a prohibited substance, nikethamide, in glucose tablets given to her by her coach. Goodbye Torri.

The two main prospective athletics cases never came our way – much to our disappointment. The BALCO cases involving the designer steroid THG (ex California semper aliquid novi as Pliny might have put it) were still pending in the USA before the Games started; and of that dynamic duo the married Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones, only the less deadly of the species has even been charged. As for the two Greek sprinters, Kenteris and Thanou, who had a remarkable facility for being in the wrong place at the right time, they avoided a drug test on the eve of the games once too often and then were hospitalised after a motorbike accident which may have been a figment of their combined imagination. Prudently withdrawing from their events, they removed themselves from the IOC’s and CAS’s jurisdiction.

In the end I only missed three athletics finals. Our Panel dinner (compulsory) was held at the Royal Yacht Club (of which Jeffrey Archer predictably became a temporary commodore – he was not, I should add to avoid doubts on the readers’ part, a member of CAS) – and took place during the 10,000 metre men’s final, though the real track nuts among us abandoned our al fresco dessert to view it on a large screen in the interior of that august establishment. During the men’s 100 metre final I was embroiled in a Kayaking dispute on eligibility (but then the Brits only got their act together for the 4 x 100 when I cheered them on); and I passed on the shoot put – Olympia being three hours plus away and the temperature 40 Fahrenheit plus. But for the rest I could truly say ‘I was there’ including, adventitiously, at the airport as Kelly Holmes came through from her Paphos training camp. As the only British fan in the vicinity, I shook the lady’s hand and wished her well. The rest, as they say, is history.

The nine cases came from sports such as canoeing, equestrianism, sailing, boxing as well as those already mentioned, plus one over the accreditation of the Bulgarian IOC member entrapped by intrepid BBC reporters into an apparent admission of being open to bribes. The appeal over the men’s all round gymnastics final was brought too late for resolution in Athens, and was only decided by me and my two colleagues a month later in Lausanne. In upholding the US gold medallists’ position against a Korean challenge for admitted marking, I became, my American friends tell me, a hero for the moment across the Pond. However, I shall not in future go out alone on a dark night in Seoul.

For the first time six appeals arising out of the Olympics have been brought since the closing ceremony – adding cycling and weightlifting to the list of sports generating arbitration. The most sympathetic may be that of the unfortunate Brazilian leader in the men’s marathon knocked off his stride in the final kilometres by some eschatological Irish fanatic. For lawyers, unlike for athletes, the marvellous Athens Games have not yet ended.

- Michael Beloff QC

IN ATHENS WITH THE LONDON 2012 BID TEAM – by Chris Daniels

Through a series of chance encounters, extreme luck and a British Airways strike, an invitation to be a guest of the London 2012 bid at the Athens Olympics came my way at short notice.

I had self-styled myself as Barclays liaison officer for London 2012 and we were close to signing up as a premier partner. So accompanied by CEO’s, CFO’s, senior partners and marketing directors of the other premier partners of Britain’s bid*, I flew out for the final 5 days of the Olympics. This proved to be a fascinating insight into the reasons why different companies support this bid (and other sporting events) and how to get this decision made within a company. A couple of these multinationals were cannily backing all 3 of the bid favourites, to ensure they would be aligned with the Olympics wherever they ended up!

Readers will be pleased to know the bid team is heavily populated by Oxbridge Blues, with a distinct bias towards dark blue. The one Achilles link I discovered was the commercial manager of the bid, Charlie Wijeratna, a rugby blue and Centipede 400m runner of my era.

Along with the usual corporate entertainment, we were given a whistle-stop tour of the venues and various sports, ranging from basketball to volleyball to diving to football, all the time describing how the London venues would compare favourably. Clearly the highlight of the Games from my perspective was the 2 nights we had scheduled at the athletics. The first night had the extreme highs and lows of Hiram el Guerrouj winning his second Gold

*excludes the nine cases which are not yet resolved...
medal, and the bizarre and embarrassing booing of the 200m runners by the Greek crowd before their start.
From within the stadium, it seemed a popular cause among the Greeks but annoyed the serious sports fans (Greek and otherwise) to the point of their nearly being a few punches thrown. The second night of athletics was that most amazing night when Kelly Holmes picked up her second Gold and the 4 x 100m team achieved the impossible. A magic night in the stadium and it seemed half the spectators were waving Union Jacks.

The following day we relaxed at the London bid villa, used to entertain IOC members and other dignitaries. We were privileged to be shown the impressive plans for London and a model of the main site by Sebastian Coe and Keith Mills, the Chief executive of the bid, and then tucked into lunch accompanied by Matthew Pinsent and Darren Campbell, still wearing his relay medal from the night before and apparently hadn’t slept since winning the Gold! Even more enduring was his comment that "this is the first time I’ve ever eaten lobster, and it tastes pretty good". Hope this doesn’t destroy his training diet for the future!

There were a number of Achilles members in Athens who I met up with: Rob Draper working for the Mail on Sunday who prophetically wrote an article describing his 10-mile run along the marathon course and how debilitating and tough it was a few days before Paula Radcliffe dropped out. Ben Watson, (famously and controversially disqualified in the Centipedes v Alverstone 3k walk in the late 80’s), Steph Cook commentating for the BBC and a huge contingent of modern pentathlon supporters (Alex Gaskell, Euan Lees and others), seeing Team GB bring home a bronze and Kate Allenby being extremely unlucky not to repeat a medal.

Athens was a great Olympics, but I’m convinced that a London Olympics would be better. Having spent time with the bid team, they are convinced they can win and I share this belief. As Keith Mills mentioned, running and winning a bid is much more complex than setting up Airmiles or Nectar (both of which he did) and is a multi-dimensional, multi-layered conundrum. Any support Achilles members could give, particularly from their companies would be gratefully received (please contact Juliet.slot@london2012.org) See also www.london2012.org for more details.

-Chris Daniels

‘ATHENS TO ATHENS’

Still on the subject of the Olympics, David Miller’s magnificent Official History of the Olympic Games and the IOC has been published under the title ‘Athens to Athens’ (Mainstream Publishing - £35.00). This is a far cry from the usual run of dry ‘Official Histories’; each Olympiad is vividly and enthusiastically brought to life by David’s very readable prose, lavishly illustrated and expertly indexed. A very substantial book, and a great achievement: highly recommended.
Varsity Field Events and Relays
Wilberforce Road, Cambridge  7 March 2004

Men's relays (Cambridge won 5-2)
4x100m
1. Cambridge 43.5 (Reader, Harle, Bray, Wheater)
2. Oxford 43.7 (Buckeridge, Ezekiel, Young, P. Harding)
3. Cambridge “C” 47.5
disq Cambridge “B” (48.0)

4x200m
1. Cambridge 1:30.0 (Harle, S.Green, Wheater, Bray)
2. Cambridge “B” 1:39.1 (Wharton, Lewis, Quorteley, A.Green)
disq Oxford (1:32.5) (Boto, Young, Buckeridge, Ezekiel)

4x400m
1. Cambridge 3:20.4 (Hemery 51.1, Harle 50.7, Bray 49.9, S.Green 48.7)
2. Oxford 3.28.4 (Boto 50.4, Lokale 51.3, P. Harding 54.2, Chris Wright 52.5)
3. Cambridge “B” 3:37.9
4. Cambridge “D” ran only one lap

4x800m
1. Cambridge 7:59.3 (Hughes 2:04.1, Owen 1:57.0, S Green 1:57.5, Forbes 2:00.9)

Men’s field events (Cambridge won 5-3)
High Jump
1. Cambridge 7.33 (Edden 1.95, Bennett 1.88, Hemery 1.80, Shaw 1.70)
2. Oxford 6.55 (Gourley 1.80, Magro 1.60, Sear 1.60, Senbanjo 1.55)

Pole Vault
1. Oxford 12.40 (Gourley 3.50, McNeill 3.50, Woods 2.90, Radford 2.50)
2. Cambridge 6.30 (Navaratnam 3.20, Bailey 3.10, Collins nh)

Long Jump
1. Cambridge 24.51 (Hemery 6.52, Bray 6.09, Reader 6.02, St. Aubyn 5.88)
2. Oxford 22.61 (Senbanjo 12.0, Hardin 5.72, Wright 5.64, Johnson 5.41)

Triple Jump
2. Oxford 50.00 (Sear 12.91, Senbanjo 12.82, Baderin 12.43, Wright 11.84)

Shot Putt

Women’s relays (Oxford won 4-2)
4x100m
1. Cambridge 49.9 (LeGeyt, Streetfield, Cooke, Skelding)
2. Oxford 51.1 (Sanderson, Whear, Bravo, Braithwaite)
3. Cambridge “B” 54.9 (Watts, Rudge, Briscoe, Riley)
4. Cambridge “C” 56.2 (Edwards, Clements, Saunders, Zapolotczna)

4x200m
1. Cambridge 1:45.3 (LeGeyt, Streetfield, Cooke, Skelding)
2. Oxford 1:49.1 (Wheat, Sam, Braithwaite, Bravo)

4x400m
1. Oxford 4.08.9 (Bravo 64.7, Braithwaite 61.0, Sam 65.3, Scamps 58.0)
2. Cambridge 4:09.6 (Saunders 65.7, Clements 61.7, Streetfield 62.6, Cooke 59.6)

Medley (200m, 600m, 400m, 800m)
1. Oxford 5.28.6 (Wheat 26.0, Braithwaite 98.4, Scamps 59.4, Coleman 2:24.9)
2. Cambridge 5.56.6 (Briscoe 27.3, Cooke 98.6, Saunders 63.6, Tozer 2:47.3)

3x800m
2. Oxford 8:10.9 (Blythe 2:01.7, Hutchins 2:01.1, Rush 2:06.4, Thompson 2:01.9)
3. Cambridge “B” 8:36.3 (Butler 2:09.2, Lova 2:08.2, Coats 2:06.2, Chambers 2:13.2)

4x1500m
1. Oxford 16:44.7 (Douglas 4:18.6, Bishop 4:16.1, Moreau 4:09.7, Thompson 4:00.4)
3. Cambridge “B” only ran 3 legs (- 4:32.2, - 4:46.2, -)

4x110m hurdles
1. Oxford 66.3 (Crawshaw 1.70, Baptist 1.71, Baderin16.4, Sear 14.8)
2. Cambridge 77.6 (- 19.3, - 19.8, -, Edden)

4x200m hurdles
1. Cambridge 1:44.0 (Bock 29.3, Bray 23.9, Hemery 27.1, S.Green 23.8)
2. Oxford 1:50.9 (Baptist, Baderin, Sear, Caley Wright)
3. Cambridge “B” 1:58.2 (Wharton 31.5, - 27.7, Bailey 31.0, St. Aubyn 28.1)
4. Cambridge 44.36 (Hemery 12.26, Bosch 10.93, Abiola 10.64, Collins 10.53)
guest Mark Edwards 17.45

Discus
2. Cambridge 128.67 (Hemery 36.93, Ziyambi 32.57, Tadinada 31.48, Collins 27.69)

Hammer
guest Carlos Ludlow 19.75

Javelin
1. Cambridge 174.76 (Hemery 49.51, Collins 43.70, Elia 40.83, Bock 40.72)
2. Oxford 174.50 (D. Harding 54.29, P. Harding 45.18, Woods 43.33, Hayman 31.70)
Women’s field events (Cambridge won 5-3)

High Jump
1. Cambridge 4.30 (Fitzgerald 1.45, Price 1.45, Foister 1.40, [Wilson 1.35])
2. Oxford 4.25 (Fidge 1.55, Scamps 1.35, Walker 1.35)

Pole Vault
1. Cambridge 6.65 record (Riley 2.55, Stephenson 2.10, Tomlinson 2.00)
2. Oxford 3.40 (Leyshon 1.80, Hesketh 1.60, Sanderson nh)

Long Jump
2. Oxford 13.16 (Fidge 4.52, Sanderson 4.43, Hesketh 4.21, [Hamlyn 3.87])

Triple Jump
2. Oxford 29.50 (Hesketh 10.29, Fidge 10.09, Sanderson 9.12)

Shot Putt
2. Cambridge 26.52 (Pickering 9.50, Sibbit 9.06, Murdoch 7.96, [Sindrey 7.37])

Discus
1. Oxford 79.30 (Neely 30.51, Stockdale 25.42, Vavilova 23.37, [Winch 20.56])
2. Cambridge 74.37 (Price 30.18, Rowe 22.43, Cooke 21.76, [Sindrey nt])

Hammer
1. Cambridge 71.11 (Pickering 26.84, Rowe 23.09, French 21.18, Sindrey 20.30)
2. Oxford 68.61 (Neely 29.66, Stockdale 20.51, Winch 18.44, [Reade 15.58])

Javelin
1. Oxford 78.41 (Vavilova 32.99, Blane 26.58, Stockdale 18.84)
2. Cambridge 76.30 (Wright 26.62, Zapotoczna 26.09, Watson 23.59, [Cooke 15.11])

KINNAIRD AND SWARD TROPHIES MEETING

Kingston-upon-Thames, April

Following the recent pattern, Achilles carried off the Kinnaird (in spite of Chandy lifting some of the individual silverware for the the opposition), but had to give best to St Mary’s (including Conerney) in the Sward. Highlights included welcome returns to the track for Hodgson and Sleeman, wins for the definitely not male Ridgley and Streatfield, sharp hurdling from Sear and Green, and aggressive front running from Johnstone.

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SWARD TROPHY

| 1 | Oxford 27.98 (Vavilova 9.94, Reade 9.85, Neely 8.19) | 6.65 |
| 2 | Cambridge 26.52 (Pickering 9.50, Sibbit 9.06, Murdoch 7.96, Sindrey 7.37) | 6.62 |
| 3 | Oxford 79.30 (Neely 30.51, Stockdale 25.42, Vavilova 23.37, Winch 20.56) | 13.69 |
| 4 | Cambridge 74.37 (Price 30.18, Rowe 22.43, Cooke 21.76, Sindrey nt) | 11.53 |
| 5 | Oxford 68.61 (Neely 29.66, Stockdale 20.51, Winch 18.44, Reade 15.58) | 1.88 |
| 6 | Cambridge 76.30 (Wright 26.62, Zapotoczna 26.09, Watson 23.59, Cooke 15.11) | 1.75 |

Result: Kingston & Poly 184, Achilles 136, E&E 128, St Mary’s 104, HW 95, TVH 56, Blackheath 44
A memorable highlight of the year was the glorious celebration on 6th May of Roger Bannister’s historic achievement, admirably executed under guidance from John De’Ath and OUAC. The members who attending are too numerous to mention, but it was one those occasions when the observing the occupants of the stands was at least as interesting as what was happening on the track. This in no way denigrates the quality of the athletics, which was of the highest quality, with a number of OUAC athletes past and present giving of their best, ostensibly in a match against the AAA, to mirror the original occasion of 1954.

Roger Dunkley, who the following year went up to Cambridge, recalled that he was world junior record holder for the mile in 1954 (4:12.8), and that Norris McWhirter got both Rogers to do a 15 minute radio programme on the BBC.

Cecil Walkley sent greetings from the Western Australian Marathon Club in Perth, who held a gathering of about 150 to celebrate the Anniversary

### Men

- **100 Metres - wind -2.9**
  1 Leon Baptiste 10.8
  2 Harry Aikines-Aryeetey 11.1
  3 Finlay Wright (OUAC) 11.1
  4 Toleme Ezekiel (OUAC) 11.6
  5 Sean Buckeridge (OUAC) 11.8

- **200 Metres - wind -1.1**
  1 Finlay Wright (OUAC) 22.17
  2 Harry Aikines-Aryeetey 22.39
  3 Alex Williams 22.56
  4 Toleme Ezekiel (OUAC) 23.06

- **400 Metres**
  1 Robert Tobin 46.71
  2 Adam Charlton 49.23
  3 Jonan Boto (OUAC) 49.86
  4 Robert Lawton (OUAC) 50.28
  5 Michael Lokale (OUAC) 51.24
  6 Chris Wright (OUAC) 51.98

- **1 Mile**
  6 Steve Sharp 4:07.02
  7 Fraser Thompson (OUAC) 4:07.88
  8 Andy Baddeley (OUAC) 4:11.38
  9 Nick Talbot (OUAC) 4:12.53
  10 Richard Ward (CUAC) 4:27.95

- **110 Metres Hurdles - wind -1.8**
  1 Richard Baderin (OUAC) 14.90

### Women

- **4 x 400**
  2 Hodgson 53.0, Green 55.8, Castles 52.0
  4 Childs 56.8, Rush 56.9, Garland 0.21, Parker 56.6

**Result**

Achilles 228, Kingston & Poly 156, TVH 136, E&E 74, HW 67, St Mary’s 56, Blackheath 40, WSEH 34
Bonuses were even in the Blues matches, Oxford winning the CN Jackson Trophy, and Cambridge the imaginatively named Women’s Varsity Match Trophy. Oxford, however, won both second team matches.

Steve Green was awarded the Drake Digby Trophy for the second time, winning 3 events in impressive times; Julia Bleasdale was equally commanding in achieving winning both the 800m and the Mile (substituted for the 1500m in recognition of celebrations earlier in the month), and was awarded the Susma Dennler Trophy. Andy Baddeley was unfortunate that illness prevented him from toeing the line for Cambridge, and this opened the door for Fraser Thompson (photo), always the runaway favourite for the 5000m, to step down in distance and complete a unique 800m/mile/5000m treble: this and his energetic Presidency of Oxford throughout the year earned him the Achilles Trophy. Katie Skelding delighted herself with breakthrough wins at both 100m and 200m, which won her the Le Touquet Cup (which we omitted to point out in 2003 was won by Tom Guglielmi). Jim MacFarlane was awarded the Paul Gomme Trophy for the third time.

MEN, Blues Match

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M. Lokale (O) 1:55.9
Mile
F. Thompson (O) 4:15.6, C. Hughes (C) 4:17.6, J. Hutchins (O) 4:20.4,
S. Benson (C) 4:43.8
5000m
F. Thompson (O) 14:47.1, R. Hooper (C) 14:57.6, B. Moreau (O) 15:04.0,
J. Mason (C) 15:35.5
110m hurdles
R. Baderin (O) 15.0, R. Sear (O) 15.7, R. Edden (C) 20.2, A. Bennett (C) 20.2
200m hurdles
S. Green (C) 24.1, D. Bray (C) 25.8, R. Baderin (O) 26.4, R. Sear (O) 28.3
400m hurdles
S. Green (C) 53.9, A. Hemery (C) 55.9, S. Baptist (O) 58.6, N. Radford (O) 63.5
Steeplechase
S. Aldridge (O) 9:24.7, E. Brady (C) 9:48.4, O. Mytton (O) 9:48.9,
M. Hallisey (C) 10:39.4
High Jump
S. Gourley (O) 1.95, R. Edden (C) 1.95, A. Bennett (C) 1.85, O. Card (O) 1.75
Pole Vault
S. Gourley (O) 4.40, A. Hemery (C) 4.0, I. McNeill (O) 3.60, R. Senbanjo (O) 3.50
Long Jump
S. Gourley (O) 7.05, R. Reader (C) 6.65, M. Collins (C) 6.61, W. Senbanjo (O) 6.41
Triple Jump
W. Senbanjo (O) 13.76, B. Biobaku (O) 13.67, D. Bray (C) 13.53, O. Buxton (C) 13.02
Shot
S. McCauley (O) 42.9, T. Hayman (O) 39.7, A. Hemery (C) 38.0, R. Wheater (C) 8.56
Discus
S. McCauley (O) 42.9, T. Hayman (O) 39.7, A. Hemery (C) 38.0, S. Bulley (C) 36.5
Hammer
A. Hemery (C) 44.9, S. Bulley (C) 40.8, S. McCauley (O) 40.26,
O. Wooding (O) 32.62
Javelin
J. McFarlane (O) 60.31, D. Harding (O) 54.71, M. Collins (C) 49.95,
A. Hemery (C) 17.37
4 x 100m
Oxford (Buckeridge, Boto, Gourley, Ezekiel) 42.9, Cambridge (Reader, Harle, Hemery, Bray) 49.7
4 x 400m
Cambridge (Hemery 50.4, Castles 51.0, Collins 50.8, Green 46.5) 3:18.7, Oxford (Lawton 50.4,
Gourley 50.0, Lokale 50.5, Boto 49.6) 3:20.5
Result
Oxford 113 , Cambridge 99
Women Blues Match
100m
K. Skelding (C) 12.4, K. Whear (O) 12.9, J. LeGeyt (C) 13.1, M. Bomb (O) 13.4
200m
K. Skelding (C) 25.3, K. Whear (O) 25.9, J. LeGeyt (C) 26.1, S. Scamps (O) 26.2
400m
A. Cooke (C) 56.7, S. Scamps (O) 56.8, E. Braithwaite (O) 59.2, H. Briscoe (C) 59.3
800m
J. Bleasdale (C) 2:09.4, E. Leggate (C) 2:10.8, E. Crowley (O) 2:21.0,
L. Bromilow (O) 2:26.2
Mile
J. Bleasdale (C) 4:59.3, E. Leggate (C) 5:05.5, C. Birch (O) 5:11.2,
E. Crowley (O) 5:25.5
5000m
E. Ferenczi (O) 17:34.6, C. Birch (O) 17:39.3, K. Ellison (C) 18:34.6,
S. Wood (C) 18:35.1
100m hurdles
G. Clements (C) 15.0, M. Bomb (O) 15.8, S. Bartlett (O) 15.7, S. Edwards (C) 19.9
400m hurdles
S. Scamps (O) 64.5, A. Cooke (C) 65.1, S. Edwards (C) 68.0, M. Arfsten (O) 72.2
High Jump
R. Tomlinson (C) 2.95, E. Riley (C) 2.60, A. Wallace (O) 2.30, H. Barnes (O) 2.20
Long Jump
G. Clements (C) 5.81, K. Streatfield (C) 5.23, S. Lane (O) 4.89, D. Fidge (O) 4.79
Shot
O. Reade (O) 11.05, R. Vavilova (O) 10.33, G. Clements (C) 9.97, K. Sibbit (C) 9.52
Discus
C. Kapande (O) 34.57, S. Stockdale (O) 25.63, M. Price (C) 21.81, H. Rowe (C) 21.77
Hammer
C. Kapande (O) 37.77, M. Pickering (C) 29.48, H. Rowe (C) 25.35,
S. Stockdale (O) 21.18
Javelin
R. Vavilova (O) 34.56, G. Clements (C) 31.42, N. Horne (O) 29.88, C. Wright (C) 27.38
4 x 100m
Cambridge (LeGeyt, Cooke, Streatfield, Skelding) 49.4, Oxford (Bomb, Whear, Bravo, Scamps) 50.4
4 x 400m
Cambridge (Briscoe 60.1, Clements 60.2, Strawfield 61.5, Cooke 59.3) 4:01.0,
Oxford (Bravo 64.5, Sam 64.6, Whear 62.5, Braithwaite 59.9) 4:11.6
Result
Cambridge 102 , Oxford 88
MEN, Centipedes v Alverstone
100m
S. Buckeridge (O) 11.6, F. Castles (C) 11.7, P. Harding (O) 11.8, A. D'Vaz (C) 12.2
200m
A. Green (C) 23.6, C. Wright (O) 23.6, S. Buckeridge (O) 23.7, A. D'Vaz (C) 24.8
400m
F. Castles (C) 51.4, A. Green (C) 51.5, C. Wright (O) 52.1, D. Blythe (O) 52.8
800m
D. Forbes (C) 1:58.1, D. Blythe (O) 1:59.0, D. Chambers (C) 2:03.0,
M. Bishop (O) 2:08.7
Mile
T. Coats (C) 15:25.2, B. Hope (C) 15:38.7, C. Michael (C) 15:50.1,
T. Douglas (O) 16:29.9
110m hurdles
J. Crawshaw (O) 16.8, H. St. Aubyn (C) 19.2, A Cunliffe (O) 20.2, G. Shaw (C) 20.5
200m hurdles
A. Burgess (O) 26.3, J. Crawshaw (O) 28.2, M. Wharton (C) 28.5, G. Bailey (C) 28.8
400m hurdles
A. Burgess (O) 58.1, G. Bailey (C) 62.4, M. Wharton (C) 65.1, C. Wright (O) 65.8
Steeplechase
M. Dewhirst (O) 9:57.3, T. Douglas (O) 10:11.8, M. Robinson (C) 10:14.1,
A. Bell (C) 10:22.9
ACCHILES v LOUGHBOROUGH v MCAA

Finlay Wright won both the 100 and the 200, in 10.75 and a pb 21.58. Other sprint times: Rich Reader 11.12, Tolome Ezekiel 11.22/22.90, Jonan Boto 11.26, Rob Harle 11.34 (injured), Richard Baderin 11.53, Charlie Desmond 11.60/23.52, Dan Harrison 11.68; Dan Bray 23.16.

Further victories were achieved by Richard Baderin whose 14.81 equalled his pb over 110m hurdles, and Ailsa Wallace who won the high jump: both she and Danielle Fidge cleared 1.65m.

Over one lap, Dan Bray placed 2nd in the 400m hurdles in his first outing this year, recording 54.81. Jonan Boto ran 50.04 for the individual 400, and 49.7 for the first leg of the relay. Andy Owen ran 51.19, and a relay leg of 49.9. Lizi Braithwaite ran 59.83 in the individual 400, and 58.8 for the first leg of the relay. Other performances included a very competitive run by the men’s 4x100m team:

800: Duncan Blythe 1:59.91; Andy Bell 2:06.9
1500: Corin Hughes 4:13.49
3000: Andy Bell 9:23.89
HJ: Childs 1.50
PV: Ramanan Navrathan 3.20
DJ: Reader 6.49; Harrison 5.69
TJ: Childs 12.94; Dan Johnson 10.47
DT: Steve McCauley 42.90; Childs 20.44
SP: Steve McCauley 14:09; Childs 9.01
JT: Childs 26.14
4 x 100: Reader, Wright, Harrison, Ezekiel 43.8
4 x 400: 3: 20.6 (Boto 49.7, Bray 51.1, Wright 50.1, Owen 49.9)

200: Grace Clements 27.08; Elicia Bravo 27.59

400: Katie Sam 63.91
800: Catherine Wood 2:30.27
1500: Kelley Wilder 4:44.08
4000: Ridgley 72.6
LJ: Ridgley 4.94; Clements 4.92
TJ: Kat Hesketh 10.92; Ridgley 10.34
JT: Katie 36.02; Cassie Beasley 27.11
HT: Duft; Ridgley 20.28
JT: Clements 28.85; Ridgley 17.69
SP: Ridgley 9.15; Wallace (allegedly) 7.93
4 x 100: Sam -, Bravo, Hesketh 55.31
4 x 400: 4:12.9 (Braithwaite 58.8; Wilder 63.8; Wood 64.9; Sam 65.3)
Special mention to Clare Ridgley who covered more events than even Nav Childs, and commiserations to Liz Riley who arrived too late for the pole vault.

**Match scores:**
- Men: Midland Counties 164, Loughborough 154, Achilles 71
- Women: Midland Counties 166, Loughborough 105, Achilles 70

**ARMY v. SURREY v. HAMPSHIRE v. ACHILLES**

**Men**

100m
1. CPL. J. THOMAS ARMY 10.9
2. J. WOODS SURREY 11.0
3. R. HARLE ACHILLES 11.3
4. C. COOPER HANTS 11.3
5. FUS. OWAJU ARMY 11.3
6. R. READER ACHILLES 11.4
7. SPR. MCSWEEN ARMY 11.5
8. W. PHOBIE SURREY 11.6
9. PTE. MCKENZIE ARMY 11.7

110m Hurdles
1. L. TINDALE HANTS 14.9
2. C. AKPABIO SURREY 15.0
3. LCPL. OKOROAFO ARMY 15.6
4. A. HODGE ACHILLES 15.6
5. CPL. WILLIAMS ARMY 15.9
6. S. BOOTH ACHILLES 16.6
7. C. DE-JAGIO SURREY 17.0

200m
1. PTE. M. AUDU (G) ARMY 22.08
2. C. COOPER HANTS 22.13
3. LCPL. HARDY ARMY 22.34
4. R. READER ACHILLES 22.58
5. J. WOODS SURREY 22.62
6. FUS. OWAJU ARMY 23.11
7. N. LEVFY SURREY 23.2
8. R. HARLE ACHILLES 23.61

400m
1. LCPL. GILDEING ARMY 48.2
2. PTE. M. AUDU ARMY 50.3
3. A. BUDD HANTS 51
4. A. OEWEN ACHILLES 51.3
5. C. PRICE SURREY 51.3
6. A. JAMES ACHILLES 55.35

400m Hurdles
1. N. LEVFY SURREY 53.8
2. D. BRAY ACHILLES 55.2
3. LCPL. GILDING ARMY 56.0
4. G. HODGSON ACHILLES 56.7
5. S. DAVIES SURREY 60.2

800m
1. T. DEW SURREY 1:06.7
2. SIG. LAYCOCK ARMY 1:07.0
3. A. OWEN ACHILLES 1:07.4
4. K. MCCULLOUGH HANTS 1:07.9
5. A. BUDD HANTS 1:09.0

1500m
1. A. MOSES SURREY 3:58.6
2. C. WILKEYS ACHILLES 3:59.9
3. S. HUGHES ACHILLES 3:59.9
4. WO. J. PORTER ARMY 4:02.0
5. S. DAVIES ACHILLES 4:06.7

2000m Steeplechase
1. A. FRANKLIN SURREY 5:47.8
2. S. ALDRIDGE ACHILLES 5:53.5
3. D. BLYTHE ACHILLES 5:56.0
4. C. RIDGLEY ACHILLES 5:59.9
5. G. CONLON ACHILLES 6:01.7

Javelin
1. D. MCDONALD SURREY 57.44m
2. E. EZEKIEL ARMY 57.98m
3. C. THOMAS ARMY 59.21m
4. E. UDECHUKI SURREY 59.21m
5. M. COLLINS ACHILLES 59.21m

**Women**

100m
1. PTE. N. IHEMEN ARMY 12.3
2. H. WILLIAMS SURREY 12.6
3. S. WILLIAMS SURREY 12.6
4. K. SKELDING ACHILLES 12.6
5. S. MADDISON ACHILLES 12.7
6. S. VALES SURREY 12.9

110m Hurdles
1. C. WILLIAMS (G) ARMY 13
2. S. WILLIAMS ARMY 13.3
3. C. JOHNSON HANTS 14.1

200m
1. PTE. N. IHEMEN ARMY 24.83
2. K. SKELDING ACHILLES 25.24
3. H. MADDISON ACHILLES 25.69
4. R. LEWIS HANTS 26.37
5. W. MOHIE HANTS 26.37

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THE ACHILLES TOUR TO ESTONIA RUSSIA AND FINLAND
-
by Lucy Hasell and Sara Grosvenor

Having found ‘The Committee’ at Heathrow already modelling the Achilles ‘summer’ collection the task of working out where and when you’re supposed to be and why was over for two weeks as we handed ourselves over to their dutiful care. The Achilles tour to Estonia, Russia and Finland under the exemplary leadership and inspiration of Mr ‘Weights and Measures’ Jonathan Parker had begun.

First stop was Tallinn, Estonia where dark clouds and heavy rain were to become a familiar sight, as was a sea of (unexpectedly useful) red Tour fleeces. On arrival, those keen enough pondered the best way to fit in a ‘long steady’ run without getting hideously lost in Tallinn’s multitude of cobbled streets whilst others assessed the potential of the hotel bar to celebrate the first (and every subsequent) night of the tour.

Estonia might have just escaped the bleak conditions of it’s past, but it’s athletics facilities are second to none. Training at the indoor track was some of the best we experienced on the trip and no matter what the event it far exceeded our expectations. We had time enough for at least one quality session before heading by overnight ferry to Russia.

The quality and quantity of training in Estonia was in stark contrast to that discovered in St Petersburg despite our best efforts on several occasions. However this was more than compensated for by the wealth of culture we
were to experience under the expert guidance of Ada, who tried as she might to keep us awake after our overnight ferry crossing to ‘Leningrad’ with tales of the revolution. After 10 x the central reservation, in the absence of a nearby track, and a cold shower, in the absence of warm running water, even the distance runners conceded that training would be better replaced by exploring the city’s cultural highlights and sampling the local vodka in excess.

Returning to Estonia by coach for our first fixture we were greeted with the interesting idea of our team of distance runners and jumpers competing against sprinters and throwers from Tartu University. We were not fazed but we were beaten. Well and truly. But spirits were still high, and flowing all the way back to Tallinn where the night was apparently still young. We were all grateful for Estonia’s abundant saunas and cold pools in order to recover from a variety of the preceding day’s activity.

Achilles v Tartu University (restricted events) 8th July 2004, at Tartu, Estonia

MEN
100m …..8, Steve Booth (A) 12.16; 9, Matt Weaver (A) 12.18; 10, Alan James (B) 12.20
200m …..2, Jonathan Parker 24.29; 3, Alan James 24.43; 4, Chris Burin 25.11
400m …..4, Steve Booth 54.59; 5, Chris Burin 55.09; 6, Charlie Kitson 62.02
800m …..4, Oli Mytton 1:59.28
3000m …..2, Sam Aldridge 8:50.43; 3, Adrian Thiemicke 9:57.69; 4, Steve Granger-Bevan 10:02.92
LJ …..6, James Brierley 6.21; 7, Andy Hodge 6.02
JT …..7, Andy Hodge 40.84

WOMEN (100m/400m/100mh: no Achilles competitors)
1500m …..2, Alice Beverley 4:52.55; 3, Sara Grosvenor 4:53.12
3000m 1, Lucy Hasell 9:50.71; 2, Emily Ferenczi 9:57.69
HJ 1, Ailsa Wallace 1.70
HT …..5, Tamsin French 22.34

We waved the Achilles flag at the beach for a day and the boys managed to amuse themselves with a bat and ball for another few hours before becoming our great supporters or pacemakers in the Tallinn 10k the next day. Achilles swept the board and the podium with 1,2,3 in the Ladies race (Lucy, Emily, Sara) and Alice and Steven winning the U20 category. With a lot of loot we made it from the podium in the monastery, where the race finished, to the ferry port for our final destination of the tour – Helsinki.

Helsinki was by far our favourite training destination, with forest trails and Olympic Park adjacent to the City. It also proved the favourite shopping destination for the girls and home town of the Moomins (?). The match which took place on the Olympic Warm-up track gave us more opportunity to show our worth: our high jumpers, having no event of their own were versatile enough to compete in the Pole Vault (Ailsa) and 800m (James) to the admiration/astonishment of their team mates. Lucy simply ‘ran with men’, according to the enthusiastic commentator, in the absence of any Finnish Oli Mytton was shaken when he very narrowly escaped being run over on his first morning run, but not as shaken as Chris Burin who spent the last night in hospital having been mugged on the way back from the night club.
competitors in the Women’s 1500m, after Alice and Sara defected to the 800m in order to do their make up in time for the ferry ride home.

Achilles v Helsingin Kisa-Veikot and others (open meeting)
12th July 2004, Helsinki, Finland

**MEN**
- 100m: 5th Alan James 12.28
- 800m: 6th Chris Burin 2.14.18, 7th James Brierley 2.17.50
- 1500m: 2nd Sam Aldridge 4.06.75, 3rd Steve Granger-Bevan 4.52.17
- PV: 3rd Matt Weaver 3.80, 4th Matt Buck 3.40, Steve Booth, no height
- JT: 10th Andrew Hodge 42.62

**WOMEN**
- 800m: 3rd Sara Grosvenor 2.24.00, 4th Alice Beverley 2.24.54
- 1500m: 1st Lucy Hasell 4.43.43
- PV: 5th Ailsa Wallace 2.05
- HT: 8th Tamsin French 22.24

An ‘all you can eat buffet’ was well used on the ferry back to Tallinn, as was the on board night club where the Secretary General was seen to pull out some great moves on the dance floor. These were nothing compared to those of Alan James which were to feature on the diverse last night festivities.

The fitting location of a Russian restaurant was the venue for the last night of the Tour. After vodka starters, mains, and desserts, thanks were given to Matt Buck, our resident masseur and kit secretary (formally appointed for the latter), Andy, our wallet, and Jonathan for his fantastic organisation, patience and flexibility which made the Tour the great success that it was. – Lucy Hasell and Sara Grosvenor.
AMERICAN ACHILLES FOUNDATION

This now annual dinner in the USA was held for the first time this year in Boston. Attended by both Dai Roberts and Mark Steed it was a very enjoyable success as ever, not least because Tom Blodgett, the Foundation’s President, was able to report that they were half way towards raising the target capital sum which will in due course complement the support which the Achilles Trust gives to Oxford and Cambridge teams when they visit the USA.

Dai’s eloquence on the significance of the trip and the importance of the reciprocal hosting arrangements was greatly appreciated, and he noted, too the competitive surprises which the series always throws up. He was especially pleased to meet Gus Schoemacher who competed in the series in 1961, and who was in the London University team with him that competed against Paris University in 1962 when he was at LSE and Dai was at the Westminster Hospital. Gus was Minister of Agriculture under Bill Clinton.

FRESHERS VARSITY MATCH
7 November 2004, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge

Cambridge fresher Ben Carne scored five individual wins (100, 200, 400, 110h, 400h): so did Oxford multieventer Emma Perkins (400h, SP, TJ, LJ and HJ), and her a new match record in the triple jump just tipped the scales in her favour when the Achilles Freshers Medal was awarded.

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Result
Cambridge 119, Oxford 80
THE VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY MATCH

Oxford swept the board, with team and individual wins in both matches (and in what is still sometimes politely referred to as the Old Blues race, to boot). Fraser Thompson dominated the mens’ event again, but it was a delighted OUCCC captain, Alice Beverly, who made a substantial breakthrough to win the women’s race.

Simon Molden is currently researching the history of the Oxford-Cambridge Cross-Country Races, both the gentlemen’s race from 1880 and the ladies’ race from 1976.

Much of the research so far has involved reference to newspaper archives and existing minute books. However, if anyone has any information that they would like to share, he would be very interested in hearing from them. In due course, the history will be available through the Oxford University Cross-Country Club’s website (http://users.ox.ac.uk/~ouccc).

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OUCCC have established an Old Members' Club. The purpose of the club is to: ensure that as many old members of OUCCC come along to and hopefully compete in the ‘Varsity Match Old Members’ Race and the Teddy Hall Relays; to keep old members updated with news of OUCCC; to support the current generation of OUCCC members; and to maintain a database of OUCCC alumni. The current club committee is Chris Daniels, Larry Mathews, Andy Weir, Jeremy Bradley and Simon Molden.

The first newsletter was published in January 2005. Any old OUCCC members who would like to receive the newsletter and be added to the alumni database, please e-mail ouccc_oldmembers@yahoo.co.uk or visit http://www.ouccc-old-gits.co.uk.”
MEN
1 Fraser Thompson Oxford
2 Jon Blackledge Oxford
3 Ben Moreau Oxford
4 Ben Hope Cambridge
5 Paolo Natali Cambridge
6 Rowan Hooper Cambridge
7 Tom Douglas Oxford
8 Richard Ward Cambridge
9 Matt Robinson Cambridge
10 Ed Brady Cambridge
11 William George Cambridge
12 Luke Walton Oxford
13 Mark Dewhirst Oxford
14 Owain Bristow Cambridge
15 James Hogan Oxford
16 Martin Bishop Oxford

Oxford win, 38-42

OLD GITS
1 Nick Talbot Oxford
2 Andy Weir Oxford
3 Simon Baines Oxford
4 Dave Symons TH&H
5 Richard Hewitt Cambridge
6 Andy Lynch Oxford
7 Dave Barker Cambridge
8 Jeremy Bradley Oxford
9 Ed Catmur Oxford
10 Oli Mytton Cambridge
11 John Herries Cambridge
12 Andy Arbou Oxford
13 Frances Maloney Cambridge
14 Mark Tucker Cambridge
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17 Lawrence Chandy Oxford
18 Simon Molden Oxford
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20 Mark Bown Cambridge
21 Chris Daniels Oxford
22 Tom Offord Cambridge
23 Leah Walland Cambridge
24 Arash Mostofi Cambridge
25 Karen Ellison Cambridge
26 Kate Symons TH&H
27 Jacob Eisjer Cambridge
28 Peter Giles TH&H
29 Eelke Naeff Cambridge
30 Meleika Goonerathe Cambridge
31 Julia Fea TH&H
32 Lucy Adam Cambridge
33 John Bryant Oxford
34 Kath Finnagan Cambridge
35 Paul Wilcox Cambridge

Oxford, 97-130 (10 to score)

WOMEN
1 Alice Beverley Oxford
2 Courtney Birch Oxford
3 Emily Crowley Oxford
4 Emily Ferenczi Oxford
5 Emma Jane Pooley Cambridge
6 Sophie Wood Cambridge
7 Rachel Deegan Oxford
8 Alice Tozer Cambridge
9 Kathy Burgoine Oxford
10 Lucy Cundliffe Cambridge
11 Clare Day Cambridge

Oxford win, 10-29

65 Years On....

Achilles (front row) v Hurstpierpoint, Lent term, 1939. Picture supplied by Mrs George Lambert.
60 YEARS ON....

Inspired by photos supplied by his daughter, members have been conducting research into the athletics career of David Galloway. Chris Thorne and Laurence Chandy found the first entry was for 10 November 1939, when he ran (with Aitcheson and Walden Jones – see 'In Memoriam') in the intercollegiate relays for Selwyn, 880y x 880y x Mile, and Selwyn won in 9 mins 9.8 secs.

On 17 November 1939, at the Seniors and Freshmen’s Sports (combined because of the reduced numbers in wartime), in the Mile the winner was Lewis of St. Catharine’s in 4 mins 48.2; Bensley of Christ’s was second, 6 yards back, and Galloway third, a “distance” further away. The first 2 of these runners were seniors, so Galloway was declared the Freshmen’s sports winner. Just a couple of weeks later, a handicap match was held, Freshmen versus Seniors. In the Mile here, the finishing order was exactly as on 17 November. This time Lewis clocked 4 mins 39.6, Bensley was 4 yards back. Galloway was given a 25 yards start, but this was not enough to allow him to win!

In the Wartime Varsity Match of 1941, Galloway came second to J.K. Hawkey of University College, Oxford, in the Mile. Hawkey (running second in this photo of the race at Iffley Road, with Galloway in third – who is leading?) won by twenty yards in 4:41.0. It is also likely that Galloway (6th from left, 2nd row from top, in the team photo) placed 4th in the previous year’s Wartime Varsity Match at Cambridge.

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40 YEARS ON...

Mike Hogan and John Cook were the Presidents of OUAC and CUAC in 1964. Highlights of the Varsity Match were triple wins for Adrian Metcalfe at 100/220/440 and for Mike Hogan in all three hurdles, including a UK record equalling run in the lows; feats which were however not enough to fend of a Cambridge victory. Hugh Pullan and Alasdair Heron were elected presidents for the following season, of which Hugh recalls:

“I would be guilty of betraying every Dark Blue’s memory of the 1964-65 season if I did not say that it was the year in which, at last, the tide flowed in Oxford’s favour. Many of us who had competed in 1964 were to feel the extra satisfaction of turning the tables, winning the Relays, the Field Events and the Varsity Match, too.

“It was the first year in which Captain Mack brought his skills to Iffley Road, and his
boundless and infectious enthusiasm was to serve OUAC for years to come, until I had the privilege and pleasure of presenting him with a farewell gift many, many years later.

"I think what made the White City win of 1965 particularly satisfying was that it was so much a team performance. My predecessor, Mike Hogan, had represented Great Britain at the Tokyo Olympics of 1964, and despite the pressure of finals he had always declared that he would, as he modestly put it, 'turn out' for OUAC as required. This he duly did, again winning all three hurdles events. We often said that, if you cut him open, you would find OUAC imprinted on Mike’s heart. But Mike apart, OUAC did not in 1965 boast quite the roll call of Olympians and GB Internationals of previous years – Mike Ralph, John Boulter, Adrian Metcalfe. We therefore depended on every last member of the team to find that bit extra that would garner the precious point or two to add to the team’s total.

"My own best memory as President was, of course, the team’s win, but, equally vividly I remember the moment when, after I had won the 880, a smiling Roger Dollimore, who had won the event for Cambridge the previous year but who was unable to compete in 1965, shook my hand and said 'Well done, you bastard'.” – Hugh Pullan

25 YEARS ON….

1978-9 from an Oxford perspective – by Charlie Betteridge

My year as president of OUAC was basically a disaster both personally and for the club from start to finish! Only a few weeks after my hotly contested election as president, I ran for Achilles against Penn and Cornell in a so-called trial for the trip to Singapore and Australia. Having seen off the ex-Cambridge man in the 100m and having run 10.34 in the relay, I was completely stunned when my name was not read out as part of the touring party. Perhaps I should have heeded this as a bad omen for things got worse. I had decided that the CN Jackson Varsity Match trophy, which we had won in the summer, was a lot safer at my parent’s house than hidden in my rented house on the Cowley Road. I was wrong! Their house was burgled in the autumn and I had to break the embarrassing news to the Achilles Club. The trophy was insured but the subsequent investigation into which other piece of Achilles silverware could be used the following summer revealed a whole range of items missing from the Achilles inventory which at least made me feel a bit better.

It soon became time to concentrate on the sporting side and despite losing the freshman’s match heavily we looked forward another thrashing of the Tabs in the summer. The field events match was lost marginally (3-4) but we still held out hopes that a few good individual performances in the shorter events combined with our strength in the longer track events would bring us through and were encouraged by some good early season performances.

The preparations continued to run smoothly until the Wednesday before the Varsity match when I went down with the worst case of food poisoning I have ever suffered. After two days literally confined to bed...
and toilet I did manage to leave my house on the Friday and in the end (partly through pure frustration) tried to “run” for the Centipedes. In the main match we lost both sprints badly and the 100m was won in probably the slowest time ever which hardly made me feel better! We got hammered into 3rd and 4th places in all the short distances and lost the hurdles races. Although our long distance stars Craig Masback, Danny Schlesinger and Vic Legrand backed up by Steve Walsh and Nick Brawn won their respective events and Chris Stuart ruled the jumps, it wasn’t nearly enough and a bad year came to a bad end.

At the dinner in Merton I was finally able to manage some food for the first time in four days and at least enjoyed my speech. There was not much time to rue some food for the first time in four days and at least

It does seem amazing that it is twenty-five years ago. I injured my knee playing rugby a few months after Oxford and missed a full winter’s training. I ran a couple of Southern League matches for Polytechnic Harriers the next summer but it wasn’t the same and I gave up running ... until last year when I gained the German federal sports certificate which involves running, jumping, throwing, cycling and swimming. My first appearance on an athletics track for over twenty years with no previous training and wearing an old pair of training shoes ended with what I thought was a highly respectable 13.8 seconds for 100 m. A comeback is however unlikely given work pressure but it did bring the memories of my OUAC and Liverpool Harriers days flooding back. The performance was however more reminiscent of Achilles matches at Elon.... – Charlie Betteridge.

VARSITY MATCH  12 May 1979
Iffley Road, Oxford

MEN, Blues Match

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Triple Jump | C.C. Stuart (O) 6.57, D. Rist (O) 6.34, D.J.L. Bennett (C) 6.19, S.G. Brown (C) 6.08 | K.E. Tuffnell (C) 6.57, C. Masback (O) 6.57 |
Shot        | P.A. Gomme (C) 13.68, G. Malachowski (C) 12.90, I. Jackson (O) 12.40, M. Daniell (O) 12.33 | P.A. Gomme (C) 13.68, P.A. Gomme (O) 13.68 |
Discus      | I. Jackson (O) 40.12, G. Malachowski (C) 39.08, L.J. Browne (C) 38.28, J.R. Moreland (O) 36.84 | I. Jackson (O) 40.12, K.E. Tuffnell (O) 40.12 |
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Javelin     | A.G. Robinson (C) 59.62, J. Fenton (O) 53.04, D. Potts (C) 49.60, B. Herrod (O) 49.24 | A.G. Robinson (C) 59.62, B. Herrod (C) 59.62 |
4 x 100m     | Cambridge (Freeman, Thomas, Moody, Jones) 42.9, Oxford (Winter, Quist-Arcon, Baker, Betteridge) 42.7 | Cambridge (Freeman, Thomas, Moody, Jones) 42.9, Oxford (Winter, Quist-Arcon, Baker, Betteridge) 42.7 |
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Javelin
C.A. Chapman (C) 33.80, P.A. Holt (C) 28.02, J. Capel (O) 26.68, S. Lough (O) 25.44

MEN, Centipedes v Alverstone
100m C. Betteridge (O) 11.7, P.F. Duncombe (C) 11.9, R. Houghton (C) 12.0, S. Knight (O) 12.3
200m N. Todd (O) 23.9, M. Parry (O) 24.5, R. Houghton (C) 24.6, P. Durrant (C) 25.6
400m R. White (O) 51.7, P. Durrant (C) 52.2, G. Gilbert (O) 52.8, S. Petherick (C) 55.5
800m M. Rhodes (O) 1:57.3, M. Rimmer (C) 1:57.6, D.P. Cohen (C) 1:59.0, T. Jackson (C) 1:59.4
1500m M. Rimmer (O) 4:12.9, D.P. Cohen (C) 4:13.0, N. Leaves (O) 4:16.1, P. McBreen (C) 4:29.7
5000m M.A. Ellison (C) 15:13.4, P. Standing (O) 15:51.6, P. Carstairs (O) 16:43.8, A. Jackson (C) 17:00.0
110m hurdles E. French-Constant (O) 16.5, A. Beck (C) 16.9, R.C. Woodgate (C) 17.2, A.P. Lawton (O) 17.8
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400m hurdles S. Veale (O) 57.3, J.G.M. Ballingall (C) 57.3, A.P. Lawton (O) 59.6, A. Beck (C) 62.6
Steepchase J. Hayward (O) 9:50.4, N.C. Miller (C) 10:03.0, S. Dorey (O) 10:27.2, T. Jackson (C) 11:01.0

4 x 100m Cambridge (Glanville, P. Tuffnell, Wheeler, K. Tuffnell) 51.8 record, Oxford (Reeve, Capel, Bishop, Bramah) 53.8

Result Cambridge 75, Oxford 53

High Jump T. Press (O) 1.90, M. Rhodes (O) 1.75, P. Macey (C) 1.65, S. Petherick (C) 1.60
Pole Vault S. Tesh (O) 3.30, J. Scaife (C) 3.20, E. Meadows (O) 2.60, A.M. Fowkes (C) 2.00
Long Jump A. Rodger (O) 6.30, P.F. Duncombe (C) 5.77, R. Arnold (C) 5.66, P. Brett (O) 5.50
Triple Jump S. Knight (O) 12.88, R. Arnold (C) 12.28, A. Rodger (O) 12.19, S. Petherick (C) 11.02
Shot R.B. Clark (O) 10.72, T.C. Scott-Morey (C) 10.58, M. Moran (O) 10.08, A.M. Fowkes (C) 9.95,
Discus T.C. Scott-Morey (C) 31.12, R.B. Clark (O) 30.50, D. Bugge (O) 25.80
Hammer M. Moran (O) 33.70, T.C. Scott-Morey (C) 26.30, R.B. Clark (O) 26.08, R.C. Woodgate (C) 14.38
Javelin E. French-Constant (O) 48.02, A. Haxby (O) 47.44, T.C. Scott-Morey (C) 42.20, J.G.M. Ballingall (C) 28.42
4 x 100m Alverstone (Houghton, Tolson, Grant, Duncombe) 45.6, Centipedes (Clarkson, Todd, Parry, Knight) 45.7
4 x 400m Centipedes (Gilbert, Veale, Scott-Barrett) 52.0, Alverstone (Durrant, Grant, Leach) 55.5, Oxford 56.1 3:38.0

Result Oxford Centipedes 130, Cambridge Alverstone 82

Freshers Varsity Match, Milton Road, Cambridge, 31 October 1978. Cambridge won by 114 points to 82. A womens match was held on the same occasion, but not restricted to Freshwomen: Cambridge won by 66 points to 54.

Field Events Match, Iffley Road, 27 February 1979. Cambridge won by 4 events to 3. Oxford won the High Jump (match record of 7.25m), Triple Jump and Javelin, Cambridge won the Pole Vault, Long Jump, Shot and Discus. No Hammer competition was held, due to the state of the ground (now the Hockey Pitch).

Relays Match held in conjunction with the Varsity Games at Crystal Palace, 3 March 1979
(Some other University teams, and composites, also competed).
Cambridge won the Mens’ Oxford-Cambridge competition by 5 relays to 2:
4 x 100m Loughborough won, Cambridge second
4 x 200m Cambridge won
4 x 400m Cambridge won
4 x 800m Cambridge won
In a Womens, competition, held concurrently, Cambridge won by 3 events to nil;
The relays were 4 x 100m, 3 x 800m and a Medley (200 x 600 x 400 x 800m)

Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale, held at Milton Road, 17 June 1979. This was a men-only match, which Harvard & Yale won overwhelmingly by 119 points to 70. The only Oxbridge victories were by Brian Jones (C) in the 400m (48.5), Martin Wilson (C) in the 1500m (3:46.7), Danny Schlesinger (O, formerly of Yale) in the 5000m (14:20.8) and in the 4 x 400m relay, where an all-Cambridge quartet, anchored by Brian Jones, who had to make up a 1.5 second deficit and ran 47.2, won by 1.9seconds with a time of 3:21.8.

Field Events Match, Freshers’ Varsity Match and a Womens Oxford v Cambridge Match, were all held simultaneously at Iffley Road on 10 October 1979. The field events match was won by Cambridge, who won the High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot, by 5 events to 2 (Oxford winning the Discus and Javelin). The ‘Freshers’ Varsity Match was won convincingly by Cambridge, by 120 points to 59. Cambridge had first places in 15 of the 18 events. The ‘Womens’ Match also resulted in a convincing win for Cambridge (77 points to 47), who won 9 of the 12 events.

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Peter Kanowski 1983 St John's Cambridge London
Sarah Rees 1983 St John's Cambridge Mid Glamorgan
Chris Harris 1984 Brasenose Oxford West Midlands
Olu Fajemirokun 1984 St John's Oxford London
Keith Blackwell 1984 Magdalene Cambridge London
Simon Pierce 1984 Emmanuel Cambridge Edinburgh
James Lloyd 1984 Peterhouse Cambridge Cambridgeshire
David Smith 1984 Magdalene Cambridge Ontario
Ian Silverstein 1984 Balliol Oxford Leics
Peter Laws 1984 Christ Church Oxford London
Charlotte Rechsteiner 1984 Christ Church Oxford E Sussex
Rod Clayton 1985 Brasenose Oxford Suffolk
Emma McBrien 1985 Pembroke Cambridge London
Ian McDonald 1985 Exeter Oxford London
Tim Cross 1985 Lincoln Oxford Surrey
Peter Darbyshire 1985 Sidney Sussex Cambridge Lancashire
Catherine Shelley 1985 Downing Cambridge East Sussex
James Kelly 1985 Magdalene Cambridge Dublin
Wole Soboyejo 1985 Churchill Cambridge New Jersey
Simon Briggs 1985 Tedd Hall Oxford Berkshire
Steve Masters 1985 Magdalene Cambridge London
Nick Bulbeck 1986 Magdalene Cambridge Glasgow
Jennifer Purves Smith 1986 Queens' Cambridge Cambridgeshire
Phillip Darbyshire 1986 Fitzwilliam Cambridge Lancashire
Maggie Anderson-Gravel 1986 King's Cambridge
Gary Pitts 1986 Oriel Oxford West Sussex
Vicki Webb 1986 Corpus Oxford London
Tracy Van der Eeew 1986 Worcester Oxford Cambridgeshire
Richard Sheward 1986 Caius Cambridge Cambridgeshire
Eraem Ackland 1986 Jesus Oxford Edinburgh
Tony Harman 1986 Pembroke Oxford Surrey
Martin Heworth 1986 Magdalene Cambridge Bucks
Sean Gibbons 1986 Downing Cambridge London
Dave Layton 1987 Lincoln Oxford Nova Scotia
Simon Harding 1987 Oriel Oxford Surrey
Scott Bryan 1987 Trinity Oxford London
Mair MacLean 1987 Lucy Cavendish Cambridge
Simon Gluckstein 1987 Lincoln Oxford Surrey
Jo Dering 1987 Exeter Oxford Dorset
Rachel Osman 1987 St Hilda's Oxford Cambridgeshire
Simon Firth 1987 St John's Cambridge Cheshire
Mark McClintock 1987 University Oxford Co. Antrim
Charles Addison 1987 Jesus Cambridge Bucks
James MacNachtan 1988 King's Cambridge Wilshire
Tracey Aldridge 1988 Selwyn Cambridge West Midlands
Linda Whiteford 1988 Worcester Oxford Worcestershire
Emma Westlake 1988 St Catherine's Oxford London
David Burrows 1988 Robinson Cambridge Bucks
Kate Houston 1988 Trinity Oxford London
David Stewart 1988 Trinity College Cambridge
Dominic Wise 1988 Trinity Cambridge Middlesex
Vicky Barton 1988 Homerton Cambridge Tyne & Wear
Addy Osundu 1988 Trinity Hall Cambridge Surrey
Pierre Delforge 1988 St John's Cambridge Cambs

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John Brecknell 1988 Clare Cambridge Fife
Steve Oxlade 1988 Jesus Oxford London
Tim Wright 1988 Robinson Cambridge Coventry
Hugh Briggs 1988 Caius Cambridge London
Stuart Fairley 1988 Keble Oxford Herts
Andy Thompson 1988 Regent's Park Oxford Notts
James Street 1988 Green Oxford Yorkshire
Matthew Pay 1988 Emmanuel Cambridge West Midlands
Bob Ryan 1988 Jesus Cambridge Brussels
Tanny Liverpool 1988 Trinity Hall Cambridge Liverpool
Nina Birchell 1989 New Oxford Cheshire
Jenny James 1989 Sidney Cambridge Oxon
Tim Stewart 1989 Trinity Oxford Kent
Chris Townsend 1989 Christ Church Oxford Merseyside
Robin Bordoli 1989 St John's Cambridge Derbyshire
Allan Taylor 1989 Emmanuel Cambridge London
Sue Burgis 1989 Clare Cambridge London
Paul Pattenend 1989 St John's Oxford Kent
Andrew Lill 1989 Queens' Cambridge Surrey
Derek Ormerod 1989 Tedd Hall Oxford Warwickshire
Rob Marx 1989 St Peter's Oxford Oregon
Jeremy Arnold 1989 Clare Cambridge Hampshire
Jo Adams 1989 Hertford Oxford New South Wales
David Rowlands 1989 Christ's Cambridge
David Bond 1990 Churchill Cambridge Surrey
Giaco Corsini 1990 Trinity Cambridge 20122 Milano
Suzanna Jemsby 1990 Magdalene Cambridge
Simon Steer 1990 Jesus Cambridge Suffolk
Rachel Jordan 1990 Emmanuel Cambridge Birmingham
Stewart McMorran 1990 Wolfson Cambridge Warwickshire
Tony Underwood 1990 St Edmund's Cambridge Co. Durham
Iain Scott 1990 Wadham Oxford Essex
Ade Adebajo 1990 St Antony's Oxford Oxon
Nick Altmann 1991 Churchill Cambridge Oxon
Andy Morrod 1991 Magdalene Cambridge Surrey
Gerald Preston 1991 Hertford Oxford Lancashire
Scott Crabb 1991 Caius Cambridge W. Australia
Leon Stephenson 1991 Caius Cambridge Notts
Kevin Johnson 1991 Magdalene Cambridge
Helen Bushell 1991 New Hall Cambridge Cheshire
Geoff Stapledon 1991 Lincoln Oxford South Australia
Kathy Purchase 1991 Newham Cambridge Manchester
Louise Kaye 1991 Caius Cambridge Oxon
Baz Clark 1991 Sidney Cambridge London
Stephen Crouch 1991 St John's Oxford Surrey
Jane Falconer 1993 Churchill Cambridge London
Nathan Marston 1993 Christ's Cambridge
Breit Williams 1994 Downing Cambridge Colorado
Robert Critchley 1994 Emmanuel Cambridge Warwickshire
Susan Hodgkinson 1994 St John's Cambridge Staffs.
Darn Martin 1994 Keble Oxford Suffolk
Jenny Martin 1994 LMH Oxford Wellington
Naomi Siddall 1994 Salwyn Cambridge S. Yorkshire
James Reynolds 1994 Homerton Cambridge Middlesex
Craig Shepherd 1994 Jesus Cambridge Flintshire
Julia Galey 1995 LMH Oxford
Berith Page-Jones 1995 St Catharine's Cambridge London
Anna Warren 1995 Christ's Cambridge West Sussex
Steve Rogers 1995 Homerton Cambridge Frankfurt/Main
Marc Sandy 1996 Churchill Cambridge Cambs.
Katja Skorupek 1997 New Oxford Five
Hannah Oag 1998 Emmanuel Cambridge London
Fennel Aurora 1998 St Anne's Oxford Bucks
Ben Lloyd 1998 Mansfield Oxford Isle Of Man
Matt Taylor 1999 Magdalene Oxford Buckinghamshire