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Sandy Duncan won the Varsity Sports long jump in his freshman year, and was second for the next two years to WL Lang and JC Horsfall respectively. In 1935 he was President of OUAC, and triumphed again at both the long jump and 100 yards.

Sandy was elected Hon. Secretary of the Achilles Club on 16th December 1948 and held the post with distinction for 39 years. Always one to leave a matters in order, one of his final projects was to put together the ‘Standing Orders’ which are still the bible for inter-varsity competitions. A few years ago he confided that of the several organisations which he had been responsible for, only Achilles was in better shape than when he had retired: and he took great pride in that, because he knew that he had laid the foundations for the Club’s resurgence. The Club marked his retirement with a dinner at the Dyers Hall in July 1988: Godfrey Brown proposed the toast to Sandy, who was awarded the Achilles Medal for his outstanding contribution to the Club. Sandy used the connections which Achilles offered as a springboard for a career which took him to 12 Olympic Games in a senior administrative capacity. He was enormously proud of his contribution to world sport, and few years ago he supplied us with the analysis opposite of his attendance at major Games.

John Goodbody, writing in The Times:

SANDY DUNCAN was one of the most distinguished and sympathetic sports officials of his generation. For many years he was synonymous with the Olympic movement in Britain, where his common sense in a period of frequent turmoil was valuable.

Although not naturally reactionary, he always felt Britain should follow the regulations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), then ruled by the autocratic Avery Brundage, whose strict interpretation of amateurism became less and less tenable as his presidency continued.

Duncan was this country’s chef de mission at 12 winter and summer games, was general secretary of the British Olympic Association (BOA) from 1949 to 1975 and also honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation, overseeing the celebrations from Vancouver in 1954 to Brisbane in 1982.

Kenneth Sandilands Duncan was educated at Malvern College, where his ability at the long jump was quickly evident — he won the London Athletic Club’s schools championships with a
record leap of 22ft 5 3/4in. His prowess earned him a Blue in his first year at Oxford, and he also won the 100 yards against Cambridge, as well as getting a football Blue. In the AAA championships he came in the top six in the long jump every year from 1932-37, finishing second in 1934. He was sixth in both the shot and discus in 1938.

He represented Britain in 1935 and, in July 1936, ran his fastest time of 9.8 seconds for the 100 yards, although a hamstring injury prevented him from being selected for the Olympics.

However, this disappointment inadvertently led him to his eventual career. He was attached to the headquarters staff in Berlin, so beginning his long relationship with the Olympic movement.

During the war he served in the Royal Artillery and rose to the rank of major. During the Italian campaign he was able to nurture his love of opera.

After the war Duncan taught at Bradfield and, having qualified as an AAA coach, he and fellow Achilles member Roly Harper set up the national coaching scheme under Geoff Dyson.

His administrative career began in 1947 when he was made secretary of the Universities’ Athletic Union. This gave him the initial experience for his appointment, two years later, at the BOA. The following 26 years were difficult as the BOA, which has never received, nor sought, government funding, had to pick teams against other leading countries whose athletes either benefited from the state-amateur policy of the communist bloc or college scholarships as in the US. No official individual funding for British competitors was available until after 1976.

There was also the constant intervention of politics. These included the crushing of the Hungarian revolution by Soviet troops in 1956, just before the Melbourne Games, and the problem of apartheid in South Africa. Duncan generally steered a middle course on the political issues and was not entirely comfortable with journalists’ questions on such matters.

His staff found him easy to work for, particularly after his first cup of coffee in the morning, but the deafness which began in his fifties gradu-

Sandy was a good man, who stood out among those in the higher echelons of British sport for his honourability and through-going decency. We need more like him. With fond memories of his unstinting support for all of us in the not always easy circumstances of Mexico 1968 — Tim Johnston

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Maurice Scarr placed 3rd behind Sandy Duncan (qv) in the 100y in the 1935 Varsity Sports, and 2nd behind Alan Pennington the following year. In 1937 he toured the USA with the Oxford and Cambridg team, and won a bronze medal in British 4 x 100m team in the European Championships. He was Varsity Match Dinner Chairman in 1990.


Sidney Gunn placed 4th in the one mile in the 1936 Varsity Sports. He continued to compete after going down, and was rewarded with an England vest in 1938, and a pb of 4:22.2.

Robert Menzies, DSC (Jesus College, Cambridge, 1939 and 1945-7) on 22nd July 2003

Bob Menzies won the CUH&H 10 mile race in 1939. In May 1939 he participated in a now almost forgotten inter Varsity event: the first (and last) Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Relay Walk, from London to Brighton. Bob took the first 1½ mile leg, starting from Big Ben at 7 a.m. The race finished at Brighton Aquarium and was won by Cambridge in 8:33:47. Bob remained a keen sportsman all his life, climbing, skiing and sailing. He competed in many international sailing races, including the Round Britain in 1982, and the Single Handed Transatlantic in 1984.

H.L. Elvin (Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1924-8), on 14th June 2005

Lionel Elvin won the CUAC sports 880y in early 1927, and thus was first string in the 1927 Varsity Match, which he won in 2 mins 00 1/5. He would later boast that this was the slowest winning time ever (not quite true). This was the year when Burghley was President of CUAC, and Rinkel the Secretary. Asked in later life if he had any recollection of the Burghley run around Trinity Great Court, he said no (and implied that this sort of thing was rather too "showy"!). He had won his blue in his third year but probably more or less gave up athletics in his fourth and final year, when he was President of the Cambridge Union Society. He was a good debater (and had gone to the USA as a part of a 3-man Cambridge Debating team in 1927), and a life-long socialist (his father had been President of the TUC). Amongst his "internationalist" activities (and they were many - he was President of Amnesty International for 4 years), he was a keen Esperantist, and translated ‘Rip van Winkle’ into Esperanto! At Southend High School he objected to the School Song, which was "40 Years On" transposed to refer to soccer rather than rugger: he suggested to the Headmaster that a new song was required, and the Headmaster in turn suggested that he write one: Elvin did so, and it is still sung!

- Chris Thorne

G.V. Couper (Exeter College, Oxford 1933-37)

George Couper ran in the 3 miles in the Varsity Sports of 1937 and in the Varsity Cross-Country 1934-36. He was a regular competitor for Achilles in schools matches, and in the London to Brighton relay. In later life he maintained that running for Oxford was one of the most exciting things he ever did.
Philip Saxon maintained a lifelong involvement in athletics: a Blackheath Harrier, he ran both the London and New York marathons in his 60's.

Squadron Leader P.H. Saxon (Cambridge), on 31st December 2000

Howard Hardy (St Edmund Hall, Oxford 1957-60) on 24th May 2005

Things were not easy for Howard Hardy in OUAC. In his first year he failed to make the team; yet by hard work and dedication he won the Varsity Match discus in 1959 and 1960, set a new match record, and became an international and one of Britain's top throwers. So excellent was his action that he was used in a AAA coaching film with commentary by David Coleman.

Howard was a tower of strength, and his dedication to weight training affected the whole of OUAC: even the late, great Derek Johnson was seen to pick up the odd barbell. Weights had been growing in popularity amongst athletes, though mainly among the field events men, but during the 1958-9 winter they became widely used by sprinters, hurdlers and jumpers, and even middle distance men. Howard's example had a lot to do with this, dispelling the idea that heavy weights created muscle bound and slow moving athletes: the 1959 OUAC team took the field as physically the strongest up to that time, and set the pace for the future.

Howard's tutor at Teddy Hall, Sir David Yardley, remembers that year's intake as particularly lively and talented, amongst whom Howard was something of a quiet man: his work was of consistently high standard, and he narrowly missed having a viva for a First.

Howard was almost as strong at law as he was at athletics, and in 1963 he qualified as a solicitor, but after a few years in London, in contrast to that other Nottingham lad with the legendary black cat, he forsook the streets paved with gold to seek his fortune in….Gainsborough. It was there in an ordinary high street firm that he first showed his extraordinary capabilities, transforming the company and developing an enviable practice in company and commercial law. Soon blue chip international companies were beating a path to his door. As his career developed he felt a duty to put something back into the profession, beginning a long association with the Lincolnshire Law Society of which he eventually became President. From 1988 to 1999 he served with great diligence on the Council of the Law Society of England and Wales.

Judge Peter Ross at Howard's funeral said "His qualities were legion: he was simply one of the most remarkable men I have ever known. He was fiercely intelligent, loving, kind, humorous, and interested in others. He had the capacity to speak to peers and commoners and be liked and respected by all. He had an extremely strong sense of duty, loyalty, and an absolute commitment to his principles. Howard was a modest man: he would play down his achievements and qualities, but they should be trumpeted".

The whole of OUAC of the late 1950's and all Howard's friends would say "Amen to
that.

- Rex van Rossum, Pembroke College, Oxford, 1955-9

John Young (SEH 1957-9) writes:

Howard and I were both grammar school boys reading law at Teddy Hall: I was a year ahead but he seemed more serious and mature than me at the time (he had done his National Service). We were good mates in the bar and at Iffley Road: I never picked up a discus and he never broke into a trot.

Our paths crossed thirty years later when he was a biggish noise in the Law Society and I was a City Regulator; his personality had endured – serious and fun-loving at the same time. He was the sort of bloke you wouldn’t mind being on a desert island with. Why do all the good ones go so early?

John Pinrick (SEH 1955-9) writes:

A gentle giant: not so much in stature, although his discus-hurling muscles were well evident: it was Howard’s quiet and unassuming manner (until actually unleashing the discus) that had such an encouraging effect on his team mates.

Teddy Hall won the inter-college Coppers for the first time in its history in both of Howard’s first two years. Our sprinters were winning Blues and international honours on the rugby and hockey pitches as well as on the track. Our middle distance men were a hard training ‘club’ who actually had to hold trials to sort out selection; and it was way over on the far side of the track that Howard held sway among the sand pits and the throwing circles. His dedication in his own events created great team spirit amongst those training around him, and was largely responsible for our second strings never achieving less than third place. I fondly remember his support and unflappable encouragement during those enjoyable and winning times.

Ted Aves (SEH 1957-60) writes:

Howard had put his National Service to good effect, and from his first throw at Iffley Rd as a fresher it was clear he had spent many productive hours building up his strength and technique in RAF gymnasium and inter-Services matches. From a contemporary photo, with most of us looking so gaunt and serious, Howard stands out like a genial Charles Atlas. He was not particularly tall, 5’10” at most, but what he lacked in height he made up for in breadth and speed; apart from his daily dose of weights, a regular feature of his training in his final year was sprint starts. Many of us hurdlers trailed him to the first hurdle as he fairly flew from the blocks (no hurdles in Howard’s lane!)

I saw a lot of Howard: we trained and read Law together for three years. I remember him as a fine athlete, a great competitor, and an incredibly nice man.

Bill Porterbaugh (New College 1958-60) would be at the opposite end of the Iffley Rd field (as the Americans say) from Howard, one spinning in circles and the other charging an elevated bar, and this was true in fair weather and foul. Bill writes: although holding a wet aluminium pole was a challenge, seeing Howard grasp and successfully throw a wet discus was an invaluable encouragement. He is glad that despite an ocean dividing them he and Howard never lost contact, attending the Oxford-Cambridge meet together, and sailing in New York harbour.

John Holt (St Catherine’s 1957-60) writes:

Looking at the 1960 team photo, Howard and I were sitting next to each other in the centre, underlining the fact that Howard was a vital and most crucial part of the teams of 1959 and 1960. Equally important was his personality and steadying presence among those training around him, and was largely responsible for the Oxford-Cambridge meet, and Howard’s quiet and unassuming manner (until actually unleashing the discus). He was the sort of bloke you wouldn’t mind being on a desert island with. Why do all the good ones go so early?

Donal Smith (Merton 1957-60) writes:

Howard was a special friend for me; we weight trained together and looking back on my training diaries must have lifted thousands of tons together. This made for a close bond as he stayed in Oxford for most vacations and we lifted away in those dark cold changing rooms of the old pavilion hopping Charlie, our groundsman, would light the coal fire and heat the water for a shower.

You really need to trust the man standing by when you are struggling with a 200 lb bench press. Howard was genuinely strong and lifted weights competitively in local competitions.

Neil Allen reported in The Times on the OUAC Trials of 1959: “But best of all and a considerable tribute to the Oxford coach Ken Bone was the ever improving throwing of Hardy, no giant but with powerful shoulders as a result of steady weight training. He had four throws over 140 and a personal best performance of 150’11” [Howard’s ultimate best, 162’5749.50m then ranked a close 3rd on the Achilles all time list just behind Peter Iebaster and Art Siler, and still ranks 8th—Ed.] A wonderful person, fine athlete, and a great training companion.

The colourful antecedents of Frank Tchitcherine

Frank Wirtheim Tchitcherine was born in Paris in 1907. His father, F.H. Wirtheim, had been a lion tamer, and it is tempting to conjecture that he was not entirely successful in his profession, for Frank’s mother, Clementine de Vere, a ‘performer’ subsequently remarried Prince Vladimir Tchitcherine. Having been dully adopted by his royal stepfather, Frank was educated at Brighton College, before studying at Corpus, Cambridge, from 1927 to 1929. As well as winning the 440y in the Varsity Match of 1929, he had also competed in the same event in 1928. He competed for Achilles in several major athletics meetings in the UK and Europe in 1929, and was part of the combined Oxford and Cambridge team which travelled to America that summer for matches against Harvard & Yale (he placed 2nd in the 440y on 13.7.1929) Princeton & Cornell, and Canadian universities.

His best performance ever was 49.4 (or perhaps 49.4/5) seconds for 440y, winning for Achilles v Berliner and Deutsche Sports Clubs at Stamford Bridge on 20 May 1929 (see photo – Roger Leigh Wood was 2nd).

Achilles lost track of Frank Tchitcherine, but we learn that he was based in Paris till about 1937, married an Englishwoman from Wimbledon, Sheila Ballingal, served with the US Army during the 2nd World War, described himself as a ‘self employed consultant’ and died in Connecticut in 1984.
Members have more entries than for very many years in the UK top 50: standards at the Universities remain high, and our prominence may be another sign of the sport losing ground at local level. Internationally, as so often over the last 20 years, Tim Berrett was world ranked, placing 49th at 50k walk with 3:55.48 and showing no sign of slowing down. But he was edged this year by the fast improving Mara Yamauchi, 48th in the marathon world rankings. And Andy Baddeley is knocking on the door, missing the world top 50 at 1500m by only 0.3 seconds. In Peter Matthews’ UK merit rankings, Kathi Streetfield was elevated to 10th in the triple jump.

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**Achilles Vice-Presidents**

At the Club’s AGM, Donald Gorrie (far right) and Tim Taylor were elected Vice-Presidents. Both are former Presidents of OUAC. Donald was Director of the Transatlantic Series for about 10 years, and entertained successive US Tours with his ‘Chronicles of the Children of Oxbridge’. Tim Taylor also led a US tour, stepping in at fairly short notice in 1981 (Bridget Wheeler’s reminiscences on this tour can be found later in this Report) after having made his mark as the Club’s Team Manager in the days when we were still contesting the British League.
Lawrence Chandy reports on Achilles success in the Southern Championships 400m hurdles: Steve Green, Dan Bray and Chris Sleeman all qualified comfortably in the morning. In the final, GB international Steve Surety went out fast and had a clear lead on the field at 200m. From hurdle 7, Steve Green started to reel him in and moved ahead of the others. Coming into the home straight, Surety tightened up and Chris and Dan started to pick up as they saw the race open up ahead of them, both finishing faster than all the rest. Steve Green won in a season’s best, Chris came second, also with a season’s best and his first sub-53s clocking of the summer and Dan completed the top 3 with a PB (53.01).

Peter Matthews announced the results as a clean sweep for the Achilles team, occupying all the positions on the podium. A great race.

At BUSA, champions were Fraser Thompson 10000m (and 2nd 5000m), Andy Baddeley 5000m, and the OUAC 4x100m team (Buckeridge, Ezekiel, Sleeman, Wright). Second places were also achieved by Nick Talbot 10000m (and 3rd 5000m), Steve McCauley hammer and Phyllis Agbo long jump. Third were Hatti Dean 5000m, and Emma Perkins high jump.

Andy Baddeley had earlier in the year placed 85th in the World Cross Country Championships short course.

“I have recently been trawling through the Achilles website and realised that my name was being shown as missing or gone away! Well, this email is to rectify this by giving you my new address, I have been living and working in Sydney, Australia for the past two years and for the moment anyway have no plans to return home to the UK, particularly given that I now have an Australian wife, Suzi. Please send my best regards to all Achilles friends and members.”

- Andrew Lill
Cecil Walkley (right) continues to enjoy success on the track and road and in triathlons (Jeff Bowen, sidelined himself by injury, reports from Western Australia), setting state veteran M75 records from 800m up to marathon, and this year also winning the state 400m and the steeplechase.

“I've just come back from a week in NYC where I ran in an intercollegiate meet, representing Oxford, despite being the only member of the team, no longer being a student, wearing the wrong kit and being in useless shape. It was a brilliant meet though and an excellent experience” - Laurence Chandy (left with the meet director Jack Pfeifer) in February 2005.

ACHILLES AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Recent OUAC President and local resident Michael Rush is keen to hear from members who will be in Melbourne for the Games and writes:

“I'm looking forward to catching up with some old Oxford and Cambridge running friends during the Games (Laurence Chandy, Darren Talbot, Bethan Hopewell, Josh Funder, Lauren Rickards, et al). We're all heading to the MCG to watch Andy Baddeley in action [photo: Michael and Oli Mytton track Badders during the 2003 Varsity Match]. Make sure you look out for us on the marathon course as well. My email address is michael.rush@magdalen.oxford.ac.uk so that those attending may be able to get in touch with me. I'm thinking of having a barbecue back at my place after the women's marathon.”

Look out for the following members competing:-

Tim Berrett (Canada) - 50k walk the former OUAC President is competing in at least his 4th Commonwealth Games: he won silver in 1994 and bronze in 2002, and will be aiming to complete the set.

Mara Yamauchi (England) 10,000m—as Mara Myers she was part of the very strong OUAC distance squad which made a substantial impression at UK national level during the mid 1990's. She was 2nd in the BUSA 10,000m in 1996. After a break to pursue her career in Japan she has developed into one of the country’s leading marathoners.

Andy Baddeley (England) 1500m—made steady progress up the rankings lists while at Cambridge and since graduating has progressed rapidly to the fringes of world class.

ACHILLES AND THE 2012 OLYMPICS

Achilles have already started to plan how they might contribute to and be involved with the 2012 Olympics. A small subcommittee has held a preliminary meeting, and others interested in joining the discussion should contact the Hon. Sec.

FEELING LEFT OUT?

Have you not been getting occasional notifications of Achilles, OUAC and CUAC dinners, fixtures, the Achilles Ball and other events throughout the Achilles calendar?

IN THAT CASE WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Send a brief mail to paul.willcox@achilles.org and we promise not to inundate your inbox.
Varsity Field Events and Relays

Men’s relays (Oxford won 6-1)

4x100m
1. Oxford 43.2 (Buckeridge, Wright, Sleeman, Ezekiel)
2. Cambridge 44.8 (Reader, Carne, Millar, Green)
3. Cambridge “B” 46.2
4. Oxford “B” 46.8 (Hodges, Wright, Bucker, Fraser)
dnf Achilles (Hodgson, Booth, Weaver, James)

4x200m
1. Oxford 1:29.2 (Buckeridge, Wright, Boto, Sleeman)
2. Cambridge 1:32.5 (Reader, Desmond, Carne, Green)
3. Cambridge Guests Team 1:36.6 (French, -, -, -)

4x400m
1. Oxford 3:22.7 (Duggleby 52.2, Gourley 51.1, Wright 50.3, Sleeman 49.1)
2. Cambridge 3:26.3 (Castles 53.1, Owen 52.0, Carne 52.0, Green 49.2)
3. Cambridge “B” 3:37.1 (- 53.3, - 54.6, - 56.3, - 52.9)
4. Achilles 3:38.0 (Hodgson 52.6, Booth 56.7, French 53.1, Wheeler 55.6)

4x800m
1. Oxford 7:58.6 (Bruce 2:01.8, Moreau 2:01.1, Blackledge 1:57.7, Thompson 1:58.0)
2. Cambridge 8:06.3 (Armstrong 1:58.4, Forbes 2:09.4, Ward 1:57.3, Owen 2:01.2)

4x1500m

Men’s field events (Oxford won 6-2)

High Jump
1. Oxford 6.93 (Wilkins 1.93, Gourley 1.80, Brumm 1.65, Cunliffe 1.55)
2. Cambridge 6.40 (Bennett 1.80, Castles 1.60, Collins 1.50, Ahmet 1.50)

Pole Vault
1. Oxford 14.30 (Gourley 4.20, McNeil 3.80, Curran 3.20, Brumm 3.10)
2. Cambridge 7.80 (Stevick 3.00, Collins 2.40, Ahmet 2.40, Reilly nh)

Long Jump
1. Cambridge 24.63 (Reader 6.59, Akinluyi 6.13, Molacek 5.96, Collins 5.95)
2. Oxford 24.12 (Gourley 6.60, Buckeridge 6.22, McNeil 5.80, Buckler 5.50)

Triple Jump
1. Cambridge 48.98 (Collins 12.82, Buxton 12.50, Reader 11.86, Quorrell 11.80)
2. Oxford 47.77 (Boto 12.45, Brown 12.25, Baderin 12.00, Buckler 11.07)
3. Cambridge “B” 47.77 (Bristow 12.45, Brown 12.25, Baderin 12.00, Buckler 11.07)

Shot Putt
2. Cambridge 41.45 (Collins 11.25, Bajwa 10.95, Abiola 10.10, Stevick 9.15)

Discus
1. Oxford 154.63 (Macauley 40.60, Marlow 40.01, Jukes 38.93, Gourley 35.09 [Harding 30.04])
2. Cambridge 117.21 (Bajwa 40.99, Collins 29.01, Stevick 24.13, Elia 23.08)

Hammer
1. Oxford 134.68 (Walker 41.75, Macauley 39.78, Jukes 30.30, Marlow 22.85)
2. Cambridge 102.12 (Carroll 27.44, Akinluyi 27.24, Collins 26.18, Bulley 21.26)

Javelin
1. Oxford 177.57 (D. Harding 53.41, P. Harding 44.56, Cunliffe 42.25, Elliott 37.35)
2. Cambridge 166.81 (Akinluyi 43.46, Collins 43.44, Elia 41.84, Stevick 38.07)

Women’s relays (Tied 3-3)

4x100m
1. Cambridge 51.3 (Clements, Swift, Sharpless, Agbo)
2. Oxford 51.9 (Sam, Bomb, Lane, Basu)
4x200m
1. Cambridge 1:50.0 (Clements 26.8, Swift 28.5, Sharpley 29.1, Agbo 25.7)
2. Oxford 1:51.8 (Sam, Basu, Lane, Bomb)

4x400m
1. Oxford 4:09.3 (Sheals 64.7, Sam 60.5, Coleman 63.2, Brathwaille 60.9)
2. Cambridge 4:12.8 (Clements 61.9, Openshaw 63.5, Sharpley 63.1, Agbo 64.3)

3x800m
2. Cambridge 7:52.4 (Day 2:31.5, Tanner 2:43.4, Willer 2:37.5)

Medley (600m x 1600m x 1200m x 800m)
2. Cambridge 14:18.9 (Openshaw 1:46.6, Tanner 5:56.9, Day 4:01.1, Willer 2:34.3)

4x200m hurdles
1. Cambridge 2:09.5 (Clements 30.3, Palmer 33.7, Irgin 35.5, Agbo 30.0)
2. Oxford 2:14.6 (Topp 36.6, Hughes 32.5, Fidge 35.5, Bomb 30.0)

Women’s field events (Cambridge won 5-3)

High Jump
1. Cambridge 4.40 (Agbo 1.50, Clements 1.50, Palmer 1.40, [Tomlinson 1.35])
2. Oxford 4.25 (Fidge 1.50, Quaye 1.40, Farrell 1.35 [Walker 1.35])

Pole Vault
1. Cambridge 6.60 (Tomlinson 2.80 record, Clements 2.00, Moss 1.80)
2. Oxford 5.20 (Hesketh 1.80, Lane 1.80, Walker 1.60)

Long Jump
1. Cambridge 15.18 (Clements 5.33, Agbo 5.26, Tomlinson 4.59 [Swift 4.58])
2. Oxford 14.52 (Lane 5.01, Hesketh 4.89, Fidge 4.62)

Triple Jump
Oxford 30.82 (Hesketh 10.68, Topp 10.27, Fidge 9.87)
Cambridge 28.63 (Clements 11.12, Swift 9.87, Moss 7.64 [Sharpley NJ])

Shot Putt
1. Cambridge 32.14 record (Agbo 11.06 record, Clements 10.65, Palmer 10.43 [Etiebet 8.55])
2. Oxford 28.21 (Reade 10.31, Birley 9.25, Kapande 8.65 [Hogben 8.64])
guest: Mary Pickering (CUAC) 9.50

Discus
1. Oxford 81.25 (Hogben 28.22, Birley 26.73, Kapande 26.30 [Winch 22.93])
2. Cambridge 68.62 (Etiebet 24.56, Palmer 24.20, Steele 19.86, [Melluish 17.40])
guests: Hannah James 34.22, Grace Clements (CUAC) 20.66

Hammer
1. Oxford 92.81 (Hogben 38.20 equals record, Kapande 36.77, Winch 17.84)
2. Cambridge 83.21 (Pickering 30.44, Melluish 27.60, Steele 25.17 [French 21.25])

Javelin
1. Cambridge 97.98 record (Agbo 36.56 record, Clements 31.73, Palmer 29.69 [Etiebet 27.37, Clarke 23.38])
2. Oxford 75.01 (Blane 28.98, Johnson 27.60, Levick 18.43)

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The BBC’s recent series ‘Balderdash & Pifflie’ reminds us that we are proud of the Club’s contribution to the OED, now unveiled:

PB (also pb) Sport, personal best (time or score for an event).1971 Cambr. Univ. Athletics Club News 24 Nov. ‘P.b.’s or equal to p.b.’s by our vaulting quartet was a very creditable performance.’

This reference, originally penned by John Elliott (whose own pole vault pb is modestly obscured but was considerably more ‘creditable’ than the rest of the quartet) in relation to the Varsity Field Events Match easily predates those from The Times in 1985, Running magazine in 1991, and Athletics Weekly as late as 1999 (surely some mistake?)

LONDON MARATHON

While Mara Yamauchi, Huw Lobb, Lucy Hasell, Nick Altmann (assuming they all enter) and others battle it out up front competing in actual Achilles colours (or at least in our name) in the 2006 London Marathon will be Jon Crews (high jumper turned Iron Man) and former CUAC thrower Ian Chung, while the smart money is on Julie Deegan and international walker Chris Cheeseman.
THE 2005 OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE TRANSATLANTIC SERIES TOUR TO THE USA

Tour Diary—by Lizi Brathwaite

We arrived in New York to torrents of rain falling. Having arrived at the hotel, some of us, exhausted after the long flight, went straight to bed. Others, feeling less tired, or maybe just more curious and hungry, headed out into the city in search of food. The hotel we stayed at was just a stone’s throw from Broadway, so it wasn’t hard to find a suitable restaurant, which was serving the huge portions that you’d expect in America. Having had something to eat, it was back to the hotel and bed for most people.

The following day was our only full day in New York, and everyone got up early to make the most of it. The more hardcore athletes went for a run in central park, where we were accosted by friendly Americans who had noticed the Oxford/Cambridge/Achilles kit and wanted to know whether that was “the Oxford, as in, the one in England”. After the morning’s team meeting, everybody headed out to explore New York, maybe grabbing a typical New York breakfast (a bagel) on the way. It would’ve been too difficult to sight see as a group of 50 plus, so we split into smaller groups and headed in different directions, trying to cram as much as we could into the one day that we were there. Tourist attractions visited included the Empire State, the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, Times Square, Tiffany’s, and, of course, the all important trip to Bloomingdales.

Our second day in New York was only a half day, as we left for Cornell after lunch. Once again, some people went running in Central Park, before taking the last opportunity of the trip to do some sightseeing in New York.


On arrival at Cornell, we were ushered into their indoor track. Coming from a country which only has about 4 or 5 indoor 200m tracks, we were very impressed that the university would have its own one (as it turned out, an indoor 200m track is not uncommon in American universities, with both Harvard and Yale having their own one). What was interesting about the Cornell indoor track, however, was that it wasn’t banked.

In Cornell we were billeted with the students, some of whom we got to know fairly well over our stay there. Having been shown to our rooms, our hosts then took us to the dining hall for dinner. I think it’s fairly safe to say that the Cornell dining hall is the most amazing food hall that any of us have ever seen. It was huge, and filled with all different kinds of food; from pizza and pasta, through to Chinese food, salad bars, casseroles, steaks and daily specials, with American waffles, ice cream, and all kinds of dessert thrown in for good measure. What made it even better was the fact that you’d expect in America. Having had something to eat, it was time to win their match, eventually ending up tying with the Penn/Cornell team, and the women did well too.

Women 3000 Meter Steeplechase (Exhibition)

In her debut at the event, as she got the hang of the hurdles and especially the water jump there was an inevitability to Ellen’s very impressive victory, which placed her 23rd on the UK All-Time list.

Men 4x100 Meter Relay

A dodgy first changeover prevented Oxford and Cambridge challenging an impressive Cornell squad.

Women 1500 Meter Run

A great tactical run by Emity, in spite of finding herself boxed and spiked by non-scoring; she finally had to give best to a stronger athlete. PBs for Alice and Claire.

Match commentaries by Paul Willcox:-

Men 10,000 Meter Run

Frasier and Ben shared the early pace, but after Frasier and Ricky Lade moved away at around the 5k mark Ben stuck to his task and was rewarded with a pb. Frasier was always in complete control and moved away majestically in last kilometre.

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Women 3000 Meter Steeplechase

The closest and most exciting race of the day. Sam made all the running, and when Brad Baird challenged with 300m remaining he slipstreamed him tidily; they took the final hurdle together and after a desperate final sprint both dipped on the line: only the photo finished could separate them.

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Men 4x100 Meter Relay

A storming run by Tidome down the back straight, but at the final changeover Aki went off fractionally early. Jonan performed miracles in getting the baton to him, and having checked slightly Aki caught his man on the line... but had just over run the box.

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Men 1500 Meter Run
A classy performance by the Oxbridge pair: Rich jumped Jon about 250m out, but Jon tracked him and came away over the last 150.
1 Jonathan Blackledge Oxford 3:56.71
2 Richard Ward Cambridge 3:57.48
3 Brian Morgan Cornell 4:00.74
4 Joe Walsh Cornell 4:01.82

Women 100 Meter Hurdles
A good time by Phyllis during a period when the rain was at its heaviest.
1 Stephanie King Cornell 14.33
2 Phyllis Agbo Cambridge 14.89
3 Jamie Greubel Cornell 15.23
4 Grace Clements Cambridge 15.48

Men 110 Meter Hurdles
A huge win for Richard, who shrugged off the injury that had bothered him all week to splash to victory over Aaron Merrill, previously undefeated all year.
1 Richard Baderin Oxford 15.18
2 Aaron Merril Cornell 15.24
3 Kyle Calvo Pennsylvania 15.75

Women 400 Meter Hurdles
A good run from Katie in the conditions against exceptional opposition. Heltie started too slowly but came through ahead of two non-scoreers.
1 Jessica Brown Cornell 55.64 (series record)
2 Cameron Washington Cornell 57.21
3 Katharine Sam Oxford 61.20
4 Heltie Briscoe Cambridge 64.46

Men 400 Meter Dash
Steve was in a class of his own.
1 Steven Green Cornell 49.32
2 Adam Seabrook Cornell 50.17
3 Eric Ljungquist Pennsylvania 50.84

Women 100 Meter Dash
Strong running from Helen and a terrific win from Katie.
1 Katie Skelding Cambridge 12.23
2 Helen Edmundson Oxford 12.35
3 Kari Steed Cornell 12.59
4 Stephanie Burt Cornell 13.00

Men 100 Meter Dash
Solid runs from Tolome and Rich against slightly sharper opposition.
1 Kenan Goggins Cornell 11.07
2 AN Other Pennsylvania 11.23
3 Tolome Ezekiel Oxford 11.38
4 Richard Reader Cambridge 11.49

Women 800 Meter Run
Lizi used her elbows well to avoid being boxed by non-scoreers, had time to study the electronic scoreboard as she passed the bell (or rather the one lap gun which they use in the USA), and moved away comfortably over the last 200m. One of the team's several class performances.
1 Elizabeth Brathwaite Oxford 2:11.98
2 Sarah Caseo Cornell 2:13.35
3 Amber McGown Cornell 2:14.41

Men 800 Meter Run
Matt gave it his best shot, attacking hard down the final back straight, but he was coming from too far back. Andy was moving faster than anyone with 150m to go but could not maintain it to the line.
1 Tim Kajala Pennsylvania 1:56.28
2 Ian Ward Cornell 1:56.90
3 Matt Armstrong Cambridge 1:57.50
4 Andy Owen Cambridge 1:57.77
Stuart Forbes Cambridge 1:58.67

Women 400 Meter Hurdles
A new event for Grace who was as busy as usual throughout the day: more to come next week!
1 Shonda Brown Cornell 60.39 (series record)
2 Christina Cassell Cornell 64.24

3 Grace Clements Cambridge 68.70

Men 400 Meter Hurdles
Ben clattered the 9th: Kolby Hoover took the lead but himself fell at the last hurdle allowing Dan to claim second. A fine return from serious injury for Ben at this level of competition, and for Dan who barely a month ago was on crutches.
1 Ben Carne Cambridge 56.16
2 Dan Bray Cambridge 56.78
3 Kolby Hoover Cornell 57.98
4 Cody Schovitz Pennsylvania 60.33

Women 200 Meter Dash
Classy victory for Cornell's Linda Trotter, but solid sprinting again from Katie and Helen.
1 Linda Trotter Cornell 24.93 (series record)
2 Katie Skelding Cambridge 26.03
3 Helen Edmundson Oxford 26.64
4 Stephanie Burt Cornell 26.81

Men 200 Meter Dash
Charlie's transformation from rugby winger to track sprinter was a revelation, with Jonan less than a stride behind. A welcome return to competition for Rich after months of rehab.
1 Charlie Desmond Cambridge 22.91
2 Jonan Boto Oxford 22.97
3 Anthony Archibong Pennsylvania 23.48
4 Mike Fox Cornell 23.63

Men 5000 Meter Run
A great double by Fraser, his second track record of the day, well supported by Ben. PB for Will, as all four Oxbridge athletes finished ahead of the Americans.
1 Fraser Thompson Oxford 14:38.44 (track record)
2 Ben Moreau Oxford 14:54.10
Paolo Natali Cambridge 15:10.50
Will George Cambridge 15:27.16
3 Matt Van Antwerp Pennsylvania 15:33.21
4 Bryan Jarrett Cornell 15:43.71
Richard Wheeler Cambridge ntt

Women 5000 Meter Run
A mature and controlled run from Courtney belied her lack of track experience, and Lucia made it a 1-2.
1 Courtney Birch Oxford 17:33.08 (track record)
2 Lucia Gibson Oxford 18:08.17
3 Kari Haus Cornell 18:16.00
4 Christy Paul Cornell 18:35.07

Women 4x400 M eter Relay
Cornell were a class apart, averaging under 57 seconds per leg.
1 Cornell University 3:47.39 (series record)
2 Oxford/Cambridge (Briscoe, Brathwaite, Sam, Clements) 4:07.93

Men 4x400 Meter Relay
A terrific team effort, each Oxbridge runner matching strides with their opponents and Steve cruising past in the final straight.
1 Oxford/Cambridge (Bobo, Carne, Gourley, Green) 3:16.94
2 Cornell/Penn 3:17.85
### Women Pole Vault (indoors)
- Good vaulting from Rachel who would have needed a PB to win
  - 1st: Katie Regan, Cornell: 3.20m
  - 2nd: Dobbs, Cornell: 3.20m
  - 3rd: Rachel Tommason, Cambridge: 3.05m

### Men Pole Vault (indoors)
- Iain found the effects of intensive use of the training facilities over the previous 24 hours. Neil Wojdowski was a class apart
  - 1st: Neil Wojdowski, Pennsylvania: 5.05m
  - 2nd: Sean Gourley, Oxford: 4.10m
  - 3rd: Iain McNell, Cornell: 3.65m
  - Evan Whitehall, Cornell: NH

### Women Long Jump (indoors)
- A convincing win for Phyllis, and Grace made it a 1-2.
  - 1st: Phyllis Agbo, Cambridge: 5.72m
  - 2nd: Grace Clements, Cambridge: 5.41m
  - 3rd: Natalya Johnson, Cornell: 5.33m
  - 4th: Jerrie Kumalah, Pennsylvania: 5.28m

### Women Triple Jump (indoors)
- A PB for Grace meant that Emma could ease off and concentrate on the High Jump
  - 1st: Grace Clements, Cambridge: 11.36m
  - 2nd: Emma Perkins, Cambridge: 11.22m
  - 3rd: Jerrie Kumalah, Pennsylvania: 10.99m
  - 4th: Kimberly Coughlan, Pennsylvania: 10.05m

### Men Long Jump (indoors)
- Sean had difficulty in adjusting to the sprung floor of the indoor run-up, and lost out by the narrowest of margins after fouling at about 7.20m
  - 1st: Ryan Schmidt, Cornell: 6.96m
  - 2nd: Sean Gourley, Oxford: 6.95m
  - 3rd: Rich Jones, Cornell: 6.81m
  - 4th: Richard Reader, Cornell: 6.25m

### Men Triple Jump (indoors)
- Oli won gasps of admiration for his hop phase...
  - 1st: Rayon Taylor, Cornell: 14.40m
  - 2nd: Oll Buxton, Cambridge: 12.75m
  - 3rd: Rayon Taylor, Cornell: NJ

### Women High Jump (indoors)
- A good win on count back for Emma, supported by Danielle
  - 1st: Emma Perkins, Cambridge: 1.65m
  - 2nd: Shawna Rossin, Cornell: 1.65m
  - 3rd: Danielle Fidge, Oxford: 1.55m

### Men High Jump (indoors)
- The event official forgot to notify us that Penn & Cornell had changed their declaration, so when both originally nominated athletes no heighted Andy was entitled to think that he had won
  - 1st: Pat McDonough, Cornell: 2.01m
  - 2nd: Andy Bennett, Cambridge: 1.80m
  - 3rd: Kyle Calvo, Pennsylvania: NH

### Women Hammer Throw
- PB and Blues distance for a delighted Chanda. Hannah found the conditions difficult. Up front the series record fell twice
  - 1st: Becky Tucker, Cornell: 49.84m
  - 2nd: Danielle Dufresne, Cornell: 49.05m
  - 3rd: Chanda Kapande, Oxford: 39.46m
  - 4th: Hannah Hogben, Oxford: 38.58m

### Men Hammer Throw
- Splendid throwing from Decker, overcoming both the conditions and more experienced opposition

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### Men Shot Put
- Rota Vavilova, Oxford: 10.08m

### Women Discus Throw
- PB for Hannah, but Chanda’s turn to struggle with the weather.

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After the match, and once everyone had dried out a bit, was the post-match banquet and parties. The banquet was a relaxed and enjoyable affair. It was a ‘dry’ banquet, seeing as most of the American athletes were under 21, and so some people, again, mentioning no names, took a bottle of special “water” in with them hidden inside their blazers. I’m sure the American’s must think we’re slightly odd as we were all adding “water” to our lemonades since “that’s how we do it in England”. After the dinner we headed over to a bar, where, again, the younger members of the team had to sneak themselves a drink if they wanted one; and then to another house party and more beer pong, where much fun was had by all.

Having recovered from losing an hour’s sleep two Sundays in a row (the clocks in America go back the week after the clocks in England) we boarded the buses for the long trip to Yale. There we were welcomed and billeted with students once again. We were only there for a couple of days, but we managed to get some more training in. Yale’s indoor track, being banked, was much nicer to run on than Cornell’s, a fact which the sprinters took advantage of in their training.

The Yale facilities are excellent, having been recently enhanced by the addition of a state of the art (though only four lane) indoor banked oval track. This has been installed in a building known as Coxe Cage. The Cage was built in the early 20th century, named for Charles Edmund Coxe (who graduated from Yale in 1883), a hammer thrower on Yale’s squad. Legend has it that Coxe, who was charged with raising funds for the new facility, could not be bothered with such efforts and instead offered the necessary $300,000 to build the facility on the stipulation that it be named for him. Yale accepted the offer and began construction on what was then considered to be one of the largest structures of its kind in the world. Measuring over 356 ft long and 156 acres, with a ceiling reaching almost 83 ft, the building encompasses over 3.3 million cu ft of air space. To this day its 26,000 sq ft skylight is among the largest anywhere (and makes it extremely hot – not unlike being in a greenhouse – on a sunny day)! At the time of the Cage’s construction, its (then dirt) track was designed to be one of the fastest in the eastern U.S.. At the opening ceremony for the new facility, Yale’s half-mile relay ran an exhibition in a time of 1:32.4, better than any previous indoor mark. The combination of an-ultra modern track with a historical building that broke new ground in the design of sporting facilities at the time of its construction makes a deep impression. The Cage is also adjacent to the Yale Bowl, which was itself a pioneering design for a football stadium at the time of its completion in 1914 and had a record crowd of 80,000 for the Yale vs Army (American) football game in 1923.

- Peter Crawshaw
A certain ex-CUAC President spread the word that Michael Moore was talking in one of the colleges (Yale sees itself as the American Oxford, and so they have adopted the collegiate system), and so off we went to see him. Turns out, that Michael Moore wasn’t in Yale at all, they were just showing a film about him! On wondering where our hosts were, we discovered them all crowding round a TV screen watching the NCAA basketball final. I think the general consensus was that American TV would drive us crazy, as they show adverts literally every 2 minutes (I timed it!).

On our last night in Yale, we went to a Frat party at one of the frat houses. It was an interesting experience! The party was quite fun, with more beer pong and beer in kegs, but the frat house itself was gross! It was a good experience to have, but I think many of us (especially the girls) will think twice before ever stepping in a Frat house again.

Harvard alumnus Albert Gordon Jnr had very generously paid id for us to stay in a hotel in Cambridge which was just a short walk from the track, and a couple of stops on the underground from central Boston. On the first night the Americans had organised a BBQ for us. They had also paired us up with ‘buddies’ with whom we could get in contact with if we needed anything. However, since we were staying in a hotel and not with the students, we didn’t really mix that well with the Harvard team. Additionally, as it was still their term time, they were mainly in classes during the day, while we were off exploring Boston and Cambridge.

As with Yale (as well as Oxford and Cambridge of course), Harvard also has a collegiate system. We were able to eat in the college halls, which were impressive, but nowhere near on the same scale as the Cornell food halls.

During the short trip to Harvard, most of our time was spent training, exploring Boston, and wandering round Harvard and Cambridge with cameras. We weren’t there for very long and so had to cram things in.

The day of the match, in contrast to the match in Cornell, was almost perfect. It was hot and sunny, with only a slight wind. Again, it was a well fought match, but the home advantage was plain to see.

**Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale**


### Men 400 Meter Hurdles

**Imperious run by Steve in his first hurdles outing of the year, and Ben made it a great one-two.**

1. Steven Green Oxford & Cambridge 52.36
2. Ben Carne Oxford & Cambridge 53.92
3. Shomari Taylor Harvard & Yale 54.19
4. Michael Brown Harvard & Yale 57.79

### Men 10000 Meter Run

Ben tried to run it from the front, but with Will suffering from the Tour cold (along with Ben Hope, Claire and others) and unable to help for long, it proved too much of a task and he was reeled in during the second half.

1. Reed Bienvenu Harvard & Yale 31:23.52
2. Ryan Hafer Harvard & Yale 31:34.23

### Women 5000 Meter Run

Courtney had to drop out with cramp.

### Men Hammer Throw

What a star! Decker hit it right in the 5th round: a pb and first throw over 50m at just the right time. Two wins out of two on tour, and he has had to raise his target for the season already. Another pb for Steve (above)

1. Decker Walker Oxford & Cambridge 51.50m
2. James Rhodes Harvard & Yale 51.18m
3. James Ayers Harvard & Yale 46.87m

### Women 400 Meter Hurdles

One of the performances of the afternoon: after just a couple of specialist sessions under the guidance of Peter Crawshaw Grace sliced 6 seconds off her previous week’s time. Hettie, even more of a debantante, ran convincingly.

1. Grace Clements Oxford & Cambridge 1:02.16
2. Katherine Diesk Harvard & Yale 1:03.50
3. Victoria Henderson Harvard & Yale 1:08.71

### Men 800 Meter Run

Rich kicked to have it won when he reeled in the early leader, but his local home clubmate came from way back and stole it on the line, albeit having apparently cut in.

1. Alasdair McLean-Foreman Harvard & Yale 1:54.89
3. Joshua Yelsey Harvard & Yale 1:55.20
4. Matt Armstrong Oxford & Cambridge 1:56.10

### Women 100 Meter Dash

Katie was close on the heels of opposition with much faster times on paper, but injured her back in the process

1. Jostyn Woodard Harvard & Yale 12.09
3. Stevie DeGoff Harvard & Yale 12.27

### Men 100 Meter Dash

Aki was beginning to move through the field when his injured thigh tightened up: to achieve the time he did in spite of faltering was remarkable.

1. Brandon Giles Harvard & Yale 10.70
2. Victor Cheng Harvard & Yale 10.84
3. Aki Abiola Oxford & Cambridge 10.97
4. Toleme Ezekiel Oxford & Cambridge 11.21

### Women 3000 Meter Steeplechase (non-scoring)

Ellen went off faster than the previous week, and with improved hurdle technique, but misjudged it slightly and ran out of steam in the closing stages.

1. Anne Martin Harvard & Yale 10:42.2h
2. Claire Hamilton Harvard & Yale 10:58.6h
3. Ellen Leggatt Oxford & Cambridge 11:09.5h
4. Rosalinda Castaneda Harvard & Yale 11:27.3h
Women 100 Meter Hurdles
1 Phyllis Agbo Oxford & Cambridge 14.56
2 Eleanor Thompson Harvard & Yale 14.98
3 Grace Clements Oxford & Cambridge 15.12

Men 110 Meter Hurdles
1 Dan O’Brien Harvard & Yale 14.56
2 Richard Baderin Oxford & Cambridge 15.12
3 Travis Hughes Harvard & Yale 15.42

Women 400 Meter Dash
1 Elizabeth Brathwaite Oxford & Cambridge 57.01
2 Jessica Pall Harvard & Yale 1:00.12
3 Candice Arthur Harvard & Yale 1:00.33
4 Katharine Sam Oxford & Cambridge 1:01.56

Men 400 Meter Dash
1 Kevin Alexander Harvard & Yale 48.02
2 Steven Green Oxford & Cambridge 48.57
3 Jonathan Wolfs Harvard & Yale 49.48
4 Dan Bray Oxford & Cambridge 49.89

Women 1500 Meter Run
1 Lindsey Scherf Harvard & Yale 4:35.83
2 Emily Crowley Oxford & Cambridge 4:40.65
3 Alice Beverly Oxford & Cambridge 4:44.21
4 Cara Kernen Harvard & Yale 4:44.40

Non scoring race: Claire suffered breathing difficulties and fell back in the last lap
1 Lauren Walker Harvard & Yale 4:43.31
2 Danila Musante Harvard & Yale 4:50.12
3 Kathryn Matlack Harvard & Yale 4:50.46
4 Ashley Campbell Harvard & Yale 4:50.60
5 Eliza Gardner Harvard & Yale 4:54.06
6 Claire Miller Oxford & Cambridge 5:04.22

Men 1500 Meter Run
Another convincing win from Jon made it two out of two on tour.
1 Jonathan Blackledge Oxford & Cambridge 3:55.61
2 Casey Moriarty Harvard & Yale 3:56.09
3 Tadhg O’Callaghan Harvard & Yale 3:59.36
4 Richard Ward Oxford & Cambridge 4:06.21
Non-scoring race:
1 Joshua Yelsey Harvard & Yale 3:58.30
2 Paolo Natali Oxford & Cambridge 3:59.23

Stadium, which was built in 1903 as a football stadium (making it the oldest football stadium in the country). Since 1984, Harvard athletics has been held on a modern, purpose built track in the shadow of the Harvard Stadium.

- Peter Crawshaw

Women 200 Meter Dash
1 Dimma Kalu Harvard & Yale 24.82
2 Aisha Cort Harvard & Yale 25.49
3 Katy Whear Oxford & Cambridge 25.76
4 Helen Edmundson Oxford & Cambridge 25.86

Men 3000 Meter Steeplechase
1 Paolo Natali Oxford & Cambridge 9:21.9h
2 Sam Aldridge Oxford & Cambridge 9:31.5h
3 Brian Hanak Harvard & Yale 9:37.4h
4 Devin Lyons-Quirk Harvard & Yale 9:54.9h

Men 200 Meter Dash
1 Brandon Giles Harvard & Yale 21.63
2 Russell Kempf Harvard & Yale 21.93
3 Charlie Desmond Oxford & Cambridge 22.74
4 Jonan Boto Oxford & Cambridge 23.00

Men 5000 Meter Run
Fraser saved himself for this confrontation with Yale star Lucas Meyer, and ran it the hard way, driving on hard after less than 2 laps to open up a seventy yard gap which he maintained to the finish
1 Fraser Thompson Oxford & Cambridge 14:27.21
2 Lucas Meyer Harvard & Yale 14:32.75
3 Sean Barrett Harvard & Yale 15:36.28

Women 4x100 Meter Relay
1 Harvard & Yale 47.17
2 Oxford & Cambridge (Clements/Whear/Agbo/Skelding) 48.67
### Men 4x100 Meter Relay
1. Harvard & Yale 41.35
2. Oxford & Cam (Reader/Ezekiel/Boto/Desmond) 42.73

### Women 4x100 Meter Relay
1. Harvard & Yale 41.35
2. Oxford & Cam (Clements/Degan/Sam/Brathwaite) 42.73

### Men 4x400 Meter Relay
1. Harvard & Yale 3:16.49
2. Oxford & Cambridge (Boto/Owen/Carne/Green) 3:17.87

### Women Hammer Throw
- Terrific throwing from Chanda (second pb of the tour) and Hannah, both over 40m for the first time.
  1. Margo Angelopoulos Harvard & Yale 43.20m
  2. Chanda Kapande Oxford & Cambridge 41.42m
  3. Hannah Hogben Oxford & Cambridge 40.79m
  4. Maureen Boyle Harvard & Yale 39.18m

### Men Long Jump
- Great jumping from Sean, and a pb and Blues standard from Rich.
  1. Sean Gourley Oxford & Cambridge 7.17m
  2. Travis Hughes Harvard & Yale 7.00m
  4. Shomari Taylor Harvard & Yale 6.79m

### Women Long Jump
- Good jumping from the heptathletes but up against another great athlete.
  1. Joslyn Woodard Harvard & Yale 5.96m
  2. Phyllis Agbo Oxford & Cambridge 5.76m
  3. Grace Clements Oxford & Cambridge 5.71m
  4. Allyson Pritchett Harvard & Yale 5.45m

### Men Triple Jump
- Jumping off the 12.50m board, Oli was operating on the edge.
  1. Samyr Laine Harvard & Yale 15.30m
  2. Jihad Beauchman Harvard & Yale 14.78m
  3. Oli Buxton Oxford & Cambridge 12.91m

### Women Triple Jump
- Another revelation from Grace, whose pb before the tour was just 11.10: she leapt first to 12.38, and then went even further.
  1. Grace Clements Oxford & Cambridge 12.41m
  2. Dionna Thomas Harvard & Yale 11.91m
  3. Sotonye Imadojemu Harvard & Yale 11.57m
  4. Emma Perkins Oxford & Cambridge 11.41m

### Men Pole Vault
- Solid vaulting from Sean, and a huge pb from Iain (and he was all but clear at 4.20).
  1. Matthew Lachman Harvard & Yale 4.50m
  2. Sean Gourley Oxford & Cambridge 4.35m
  3. Jordan Chapman Harvard & Yale 4.35m
  4. Iain McNall Oxford & Cambridge 4.05m
  n/s Adam Presser Harvard & Yale 3.45m

### Men Javelin Throw
  1. Kevin Duffy Harvard & Yale 61.50m
  2. Matt Niemczak Harvard & Yale 48.64m
  3. Richard Wheater Oxford & Cambridge 30.17m
  4. Andy Owen Oxford & Cambridge 21.50m

### Women Javelin Throw
- pb for Hannah, over 30m for the first time.
  1. Julia Pederson Harvard & Yale 42.70m
  2. Rota Vavilova Oxford & Cambridge 35.48m
  3. Phyllis Agbo Oxford & Cambridge 34.40m

### Men Discus Throw
- Undefeated on tour: the canny surgeon did it again. PB for Steve.
  1. Ali Bajwa Oxford & Cambridge 40.53m
  2. Chanda Kapande Oxford & Cambridge 35.84m
  3. Hannah Hogben Oxford & Cambridge 30.04m
  4. Ellencor Brown Harvard & Yale 29.63m

### Women Discus Throw
- PB for Hannah, over 30m for the first time.
  1. Erica Davis Harvard & Yale 12.57m
  2. Phyllis Agbo Oxford & Cambridge 12.03m
  3. Olivia Reade Oxford & Cambridge 10.76m
  4. Ellencor Brown Harvard & Yale 10.45m

### Men Shot Put
- Steve's longest put for several years left him well pleased.
  1. Kristoffer Hinson Harvard & Yale 16.61m
  2. Stephen McCauley Oxford & Cambridge 14.84m
  3. Langhauser Harvard & Yale 14.05m

### Men High Jump
- 3rd place.
  1. Andy Bennett Oxford & Cambridge 1.80m

### Results
- Women: Harvard & Yale 12
- Oxford & Cambridge 6
- Men: Harvard & Yale 13
- Oxford & Cambridge 7

### MacNaughton Trophy
- Harvard & Yale 25
- Oxford & Cambridge 13

The Banquet after the match was a much more formal affair than the week before. The several-course sit down meal was lovely, and the display on a screen of photographs taken during the competition caught many an eye over the course of the evening. Following another ‘dry’ dinner, the party really got started in nearby halls of residence. As it was our last night in America, there appeared to be a resolve to have as much fun as possible, and although the alcohol ran out at one point during the night, more was soon found, and life was again good!

All in all, it was an amazing trip, and a fantastic time was had by all. Although the 2 weeks seemed to pass so fast, many lasting friendships were formed (as well as a special inter-university bond), not to mention the memories, which I’m sure will stay with all of us for a very long time.
The weather was appalling, summed up by the start of the 100m hurdles, when the monsoon was at its height: officials and athletes alike rushed hither and thither but concluded that the fastest way to shelter was to get the race over with. Richard Baderin was so keen to get dry that he made it in under 15 seconds. Remarkable.

In the men’s match, Oxford were victorious, in spite of inspired Cambridge tactics in the distance races: Fraser Thompson, winner at 800, 1500 and 5000 last year, was attempting an even more taxing treble: but by ducking the steeplechase Paolo Natali was able to steal both the 1500 and the 5000m in the home straights.

The performance of the day came in the field, where Nicolas Alberts took the shot with 15.18, being awarded both the Drake Digby and the Paul Gomme Trophies. Tony Shiret presented the awards, and later presided at the convivial Achilles Dinner at Trinity Hall.

The women’s match hinged on whether Oxford’s distance superiority could outweigh Cambridge’s strength in the sprints and jumps. Indeed Phyllis Agbo duly won 5 individual events, emulating Rebecca Lewis’ feat of 1997, and earning her the Susan Dennler Trophy: Grace Clements (triple jump) and Phyllis (shot) both set Varsity Match records, and although Rota Vavilova also set a new record in the javelin, and Lizi Brathwaite scored heavily from 400m up to 1500m (supported at 400m by Katie Sam who was awarded the Le Touquet Trophy) it was not enough to wrest the match from Cambridge.

Grace was awarded the Achilles Trophy for her outstanding contribution not only to CUAC but also on the Oxford and Cambridge US Tour, where she took up, and won, two new events.
Phyllis Agbo leading Martine Bomb

High Jump
- E. Perkins (C) 1.70, A. Wallace (O) 1.70, D. Fidge (O) 1.55, P. Agbo (C) 1.45

Pole Vault
- R. Tomlinson (C) 2.80, S. Iams (C) 2.70, V. Rees (O) 2.00, S. Lane (O) 1.90

Long Jump
- P. Agbo (C) 5.67, G. Clements (C) 5.51, K. Hesketh (O) 4.86, S. Lane (O) 4.83

Triple Jump
- G. Clements (C) 11.65 (Match Record), E. Perkins (C) 11.09, K. Hesketh (O) 10.48, D. Fidge (O) 10.13

Shot
- P. Agbo (C) 11.91 (Match Record), G. Clements (C) 10.96, O. Reade (O) 10.39, R. Vavilova (O) 9.47

Discus
- H. Hogben (O) 27.65, M. Price (C) 26.22, N.-J. Birley (O) 25.14, L. Steele (C) 23.17

Hammer
- C. Kapande (O) 37.58, H. Hogben (O) 35.58, M. Pickering (C) 29.75, L. Steele (C) 27.28

Javelin
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Oxford Centipedes v Cambridge Alverstone

Result:  Cambridge 99, Oxford 91

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Oxford Millipedes v Cambridge Alligators

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### Women's result

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- Wind +0.5

### Mixed Results

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- Achilles
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- 109pts

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**Loughborough SAC vs Achilles**

**8 June 2005 Loughborough University**

- 400H: 58.21 Maiteland Marks (LSAC)
- 800m: 2.11.39 Alex Carter (LSAC)
- 100m: 12.00 Emma Bailey (LSAC)
- 200m: 24.65 Vicky Barr (LSAC)
- 400m: 56.26 Charlotte Best (LSAC)
- 100H: 13.97 Sarah Adam (LSAC)
- 4x100m: 54.03 Achilles
- 4x400m: 3.54.2 Achilles

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**Scoreboard**

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**ACHILLES HALLOWE’EN BALL**

A substantial number of members (once CUAC had overcome their naviga- tional difficulties and ar- rived) enjoyed this excel- lent event masterminded by Andy Hodge.

There is a curious dearth of photos recording the evening, but Tommy and Jean Macpherson joined the party for a nightcap and can vouch for general decorum.

The editor knows that there was a dancing horse, as he was the front half.
ACHILLES VETERANS

In the UK rankings, Chris Melluish was 1st in the M60 hammer and weight; Steve James 1st in the M65 10000m and 5000m; Hazel Barker 1st in the W45 high jump, 2nd in the 80m hurdles, 3rd in the shot and 3rd in the javelin; Carole Morris was 2nd in the W45 javelin; and Richard Healey was 3rd in the M50 discus;

Hazel was well placed in several events at the World Championships, and won the bronze medal in the high jump. Steve James won silver at 10000m and placed 4th at 5000m

ACHILLES v ARMY v SURREY v HANTS

ACHILLES WIN MEN’S MATCH

In one of Achilles’ best team showings for several years the men emerged victorious in a closely fought 4 way contest. The women placed a solid second (and combining the men’s and women’s score Achilles were first overall).

Consistency rather than individual brilliance was the order of the day, although Ben Moreau’s selfless double at 1500m and 3000m deserves special mention. Other winners were Helen Edmundson at 200m, Hannah Hogben in the hammer, evergreens Claire Ridgley and Matt Weaver in their respective pole vaults, and the mens’ 4 x 400m team (in which event 1980 Varsity Match winner John McCabe’s 52.7 leg for the B team - one in the eye for the selectors - defied his M45 status). The womens’ team was slightly thin on the ground, and they were able to cover almost all the events (Martine Bomb did five) is testament to the efforts of them all. It was good to see several other old staggers, like Phil Tyley for example, combining with the current and recent students so effectively.

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### Men

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- Ben Richardson (C) 12.0
- Mark Ponsford (O) 12.2
- Danny Longman (C) 12.4
- Amer Shafi (O) 12.5
- Bola Ogidan (O guest) 12.7

**200m**
- Ben Richardson (C) 24.0
- Mark Ponsford (O) 24.0
- Neil Stevens (C) 24.0
- Aneurin Elis-Evans (O) 24.2
- Justin Richards (O guest) 25.2

**400m**
- David Reece (C) 53.0
- Frank Hutton-Williams (C) 53.1
- Danny Eckersley (O) 53.1
- Aneurin Elis-Evans (O) 54.2

**800m**
- David Woods (O) 2:03.1
- Ian Kimpton (O) 2:04.0
- Lance Rain (C) 2:07.9
- Alex Robson (O) 2:21.1

**1500m**
- Ian Kimpton (O) 4:14.4
- Jonathon Cook (C) 4:22.8
- David Woods (O) 4:30.4
- Aidan Brown (C) 4:31.9

**3000m**
- Richard Franzese (O) 9:11.3
- Mike O’Neill (O) 9:31.0
- Aidan Brown (C) 9:49.1

**110m hurdles**
- Ben Richardson (C) 16.5
- Danny Eckersley (O) 17.8
- Bola Ogidan (O) 18.2
- Nick Seaton (C) 23.3

**400m hurdles**
- Danny Eckersley (O) 58.6
- Colin Prue (C) 63.8
- Charlie Romito (C) 63.8

**2000m s/c**
- Mike O’Neill (O) 6:48.7
- Neil Stevens (C) 6:50.0
- Jonathon Lowe (O) 6:55.6

**4 x 100m**
- Cambridge (Stevens, Waddington, Richardson, Longman) 46.1
- Oxford (Ponsford, Richards, Shafi, Ogidan) 47.9

**4 x 400m**
- Cambridge (Reece 53.9, Hutton-Williams 54.8, Prue 56.4, Romito 56.0) 3:41.1
- Oxford (Kimpton, Zani, Aneurin-Evans, Eckersley) 4:46.4

**Pole Vault**
- Mason Growler (O) 3.00
- Matthew Bullimore (O) 2.80
- Jake Goodman (C) 2.60
- Alex Hedges (C) 2.20

**Long Jump**
- Humphrey Waddington (C) 6.45
- Neil Stevens (C) 5.80
- Amer Shafi (O) 5.59
- Nick Zani (O) 5.57

**Triple Jump**
- Humphrey Waddington (C) 13.24
- Jonathon Lowe (O) 12.93
- Luke Singer (C) 12.03
- Nick Zani (O) 11.13

**Shot**
- Didi Akinluyi (C) 9.44
- Roger Schofield (C) 7.85
- Amer Shafi (O) 7.72
- Nathan Fleming (O) 6.98

**Discus**
- Nathan Fleming (O) 20.00
- Didi Akinluyi (C) 19.70
- Roger Schofield (C) 18.95
- Jonathon Lazarou (O) 12.70

**Hammer**
- Chris Dix (C) 24.08
- Didi Akinluyi (C) 18.29
- Jonathan Lazarou (O) 9.94

**Javelin**
- Nathan Fleming (O) 55.14
- Humphrey Waddington (C) 43.34
- Li Dong Shao (O) 39.82
- Yi Fan Lim (C) 26.10

No High Jump was held, due to the waterlogged state of the take-off area.

### Women

**100m**
- Frances Smithson (O) 14.2
- Natalie McManus (O) 14.2
- Alison Hackney (C) 14.4
- Maddy Patston (C) 14.5
- Namith Gavin (O guest) 16.9

**200m**
- Natalie McManus (O) 27.7
- Alison Hackney (C) 28.7
- Maddy Patston (C) 29.9
- Carol Teo (O) 30.7

**400m**
- Caitlin Hanley (O) 63.9
- Sarah Fielding-Smith (C) 66.5
- Naomi Milner (C) 68.5
- Rozelle Kane (O) 76.4

**800m**
- Jess Fogarty (C) 2:32.0
- Harriet Ovies (C) 2:34.0
- Danielle Gabay (O) 2:40.3

**1500m**
- Rachel Ward (O) 4:58.9
- Charlotte Forbes (C) 5:10.8
- Tricia Peters (O) 5:15.0
- Katy Moore (O) 5:18.4

**3000m**
- Rachel Ward (O) 10:46.9
- Charlotte Forbes (C) 10:59.0
- Tricia Peters (O) 11:11.9
- Kirsten Rau (C) 11:49.5

**100m hurdles**
- Alison Hackney (C) 17.8
- Stephanie Midgett (O) 19.6
- Jo Minikin (C) 20.0
- Carol Teo (O) 22.1

**400m hurdles**
- Alison Hackney (C) 56.5
- Sarah Fielding-Smith (C) 57.1
- Stephanie Midgett (O) 57.7
- Caitlin Hanley (O) 63.3

**4 x 100m**
- Cambridge (Minikin, Patston, Leake, Hackney) 57.7
- Oxford (Ponsford, Richards, Shafi, Ogidan) 58.3

**Pole Vault**
- Claire Nixon (C) 4.30
- Ellie Nalson (C) 4.10
- Faye Cadman (O) 4.00
- Elizabeth Hammond (O) 3.90

**Long Jump**
- Stephanie Midgett (O) 5.09
- Frances Smithson (O) 5.01
- Ellie Nelson (O) 5.46
- Heather Ong (C) 5.88

**Discus**
- Didi Akinluyi (C) 24.58
- Rose-Alice Murphy (C) 22.96
- Sarah Outen (O) 22.45

**Javelin**
- Ellen Bettaney (O) 29.29
- Alison Hackney (C) 27.85
- Lucy Martin (O) 22.45

**Result:** Cambridge 101, Oxford 87

*The hammer competitions were held at Abingdon*
**Varsity Cross Country Match 2005**

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2005 • WIMBLEDON COMMON**

**125TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Gentlemen (7.5 miles):** In one of the closest races for several years it was Ben Moreau who tested the field in the mid part of the race. With a mile to go four runners were still grouped together. Then Paolo Natali applied the pressure down the hill to the Memorial Gardens, dropping Moreau and the winner for the last two years, Fraser Thompson: but Jon Blackledge (right) stuck to him like a glue, and used his superior speed to drive past in the final 200 metre run-in. **Oxford win 30-51**

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**Ladies (4 miles):** Courtney Birch and Lucia Gibson (both photographed in track action against Harvard and Yale earlier in the year) led Oxford to an overwhelming win. **Oxford win 11-31**

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**Old Blues (4 miles)**

1, Darren Talbot (C) 21:51 (right) : 2, Sam Aldridge (O) 21:53; 3, Nick Allmann (C) 21:43; 4, Steve Benson (C), 5 Thomas Stevens (O), 6 Chris Daniels (O), 7 Doron Shultziner (O), 8 Peter Leek (C), 9 Sophie Wood (C), 10 Ed Brady (C), 11 Simon Morden (O), 12 Toby Gosnall (O), 13 Jose Prieto (C), 14 Richard Leson (C), 15 Kieran Kirk (O), 16 Tim Taylor (C), 17 Emma Pooey (C), 18 Andy Robinson (O), 19 Kathy Burgoine (O), 20 Simon Lamb (C), 21 Jonathan Clarke (O), 22 Leah Walland (C), 23 Andrew Hope (O), 24 Clare Weldon (C), 25 Emma Figures (C), 26 Jessica Leitch (O), 27 Beth Tanner (C), 28 Lucy Cundiliffe (C), 29 Theodore Chen (C), 30 Mark Coley (C), 31 Alice Tozer (C), 32 Simon Leathes (C), 33 David Jenkins (O) **Result: Cambridge 137, Oxford 165.**
to Shotover Hill, then Wheatley Windmill and back to the city via Horspath. In this year, Frederick Philpot (St. John’s, Cambridge) was possibly denied victory when he lost the trail and W.W.West (Christ Church) trailed in 20 minutes behind the rest of the runners.

After Oxford’s initial, and unsatisfactory, win, Cambridge asserted control and won seven races in a row up to 1887. Their dominance stemmed not only from a wealth of talent at their disposal, but internal problems that dogged Oxford. The Oxford University Hare and Hounds in those days were a part of O.U.A.C. and suffered from the prejudice that existed towards the sport. The prevailing opinion was that cross-country work made a man slow for the ‘path’ and so O.U.A.C’s top milers and three milers were generally discouraged from taking to the country. They were slow to catch up, but did so by the late 1880s largely due to the efforts of William Pollock Hill (Keble) – the first real star of the race and winner in 1886, 1888 and 1889. The course was the same as the one used in later years except that it had joined Thames after completing his studies. The course largely through the efforts of Robert Conway (St. Catharine’s) who had run for Cambridge in 1883 and 1884 and had joined Thames after completing his studies. The course was the same as the one used in later years except that it started from the Drying Ground at the top of Roehampton High Street on Putney Heath, rather than in front of the King’s Head on Roehampton Lane. Sadly, the event was a fiasco as when the course approached the railway bridge on Raynes Park Meadows, the trail appeared to turn off under the rest of the runners.

After the disappointment of November 1889, the universities returned to the old format until 1896. They then decided to try Thames again and the race was successfully staged on Friday 4th December with Cambridge notching up a convincing 20 points to 35 victory. Following the move to Roehampton, the two decades in the run up to the Great War were the first golden era of the race and it had established itself in a format that is still recognisable today.

Of course, the story does not end there and there are many memorable moments of the last 85 years, including the 1920 Cornell Match, the move to Horton Kirby in 1926, the golden era of Oxford’s middle distance runners in the 1950s, followed by a similar era for Cambridge in the late-1950s and early-1960s, the loss of the King’s Head in 1975 and the Centenary Race in 1990. After the 2005 races, which were both won by the Dark Blues, the match score stood at 58 wins for Oxford to 57 for Cambridge in the gentlemen’s race and 18 wins to 12 to Oxford in the ladies.

“As part of my research, I have compiled a complete results list for the Men to Varsity cross-country ‘Varsity Races. However, there are a few results that I have been unable to find. If anyone is able to provide the results to any of the races for the years 1975, 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1993, I would be very grateful if they could get in touch. My e-mail is scmolden@yahoo.co.uk and telephone number is 020 8423 2588. The details I am looking for are who won, the score, the individual winner and the winning time.”

- Simon Molden
Ian Jeffery writes

My two abiding memories of 1955 are firstly standing on the White City track on the original March Varsity Match date and having to decide that due to frost we would have to postpone. The second is the ping in my hamstring in a warm up match against Loughborough just before the rearranged Varsity Match, which meant that I would be leading the troops from the stand rather than on the track. Indeed I was accosted by a steward when I attempted to cross the track to encourage my fellow long jumpers because I wore a Blue blazer instead of a tracksuit! Cambridge came second despite some valiant efforts against a side that produced three Inter Varsity Records to our one on the day.

My resolve was fired to get Cambridge a standard track to replace Fenners’ three laps to a mile round a cricket ground, and the wrong way round to boot. It took a long time but at least we made a start, getting En Tout Cas to promise us a track if we found the land. I went down hoping that future generations of long jumpers would not have to run up to the pit on a shallow curve beside the cricket seats, as I and my predecessors did.

Stella and I celebrate our Golden Wedding this year, and as we were courting during my years at Cambridge she sends her regards to all my contemporaries who may remember her.
Under Tom Blodgett’s energetic direction the Foundation made further strides towards its ambitious fundraising targets to help ensure the future of the Transatlantic Series between Oxford & Cambridge and Harvard & Yale and Penn & Cornell.

Two dinners were held during 2005, one in April to coincide with the Oxford & Cambridge team’s visit, and the usual October dinner, this time in Boston. Richard Wheater made a weekend trip over to represent UK contingent at the latter, and both events were as convivial as ever.

Members who are not already on Tom’s mailing list and who might be able to attend future functions are encouraged to contact him at tblodgett@tbaresources.com

CUAC c. 1955. (From the right) Allan Malcolm supervises the weight training of Bob Barber (javelin), ND Howlett (shot and discus) and Geoffrey Reynolds (pole vault).
Achilles medals were won by Wendell Mottley (440y 46.3) and Steve Cohen (shot 55’ 1 1/4”) - and how great it was to see Steve at the 2005 Harvard-Yale still training as hard as ever. Hugh Pullan (see the 2004 Report) and Alasdair Heron were OUAC and CUAC Presidents. Achilles won the Sward, and might have claimed the Kinnaird but for a car breakdown, while a number of members, including Jeffrey Archer, Alasdair Heron, and Frank Brown won titles at the Canadian Championships, following on from the US tour. An extensive programme of schools tours was undertaken, with Peter Banner, Cecil Parkinson, John Kitching, Donald Gorrie, David Donaldson, John Boulter, Bobby Angier, Richard Blaxill, Mike Ralph and others all contributing to the organisation.

CROSS COUNTRY—OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE
Rochester, 4th December, 1965.

100 Yards.
1. J. W. Archer (O.) 10.0 s.
2. A. Mottley (C.) 10.0 s.
3. G. S. Flows (C.) 10.1 s.
4. J. J. Jack (C.) 10.1 s.

220 Yards.
1. W. Mottley (C.) 21.6 s.
2. G. S. Flows (C.) 21.8 s.
3. R. Archer (O.) 21.8 s.
4. A. Mottley (O.) 22.0 s.

440 Yards.
1. W. Mottley (C.) 46:3.1 s.
2. G. S. Flows (C.) 49.1 s.
3. R. Archer (C.) 49.6 s.
4. M. S. Simms (O.) 50.9 s.

880 Yards.
1. R. H. A. Pullan (O.) 1:32.2 s.
2. R. A. Channing (C.) 1:32.6 s.
3. J. C. Thompson (C.) 1:32.6 s.
4. T. M. Taylor (O.) 1:33.8 s.

One Mile.
1. D. J. Ros (C.) 4:11.9 s.
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Three Miles.
1. M. Henderson (O.) 14:20.0 s.
2. M. Chetwin (C.) 14:22.6 s.
3. R. Charrington (C.) 14:22.8 s.
4. K. M. B. Reynolds (O.) 14:22.8 s.

3000 Meters Steeplechase.
1. D. A. Rees (C.) 9:46.0 s.
2. A. Mottley (C.) 9:46.7 s.
3. A. Mottley (O.) 9:46.9 s.
4. D. A. Rees (O.) 9:50.6 s.

200 Yards Hurdles.
1. J. J. Jack (C.) 23.9 s.
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4. R. H. A. Pullan (O.) 24.4 s.

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Oxford & Cambridge v. Cornell & Pennsylvania

100 Yards.
1. J. W. Archer (O.) 10.1 s.
2. W. Bradock (C.) 10.2 s.
3. R. A. Channing (C.) 10.3 s.
4. J. J. Jack (C.) 10.4 s.

220 Yards.
1. W. A. Mottley (C.) 21.4 s.
2. R. J. Ros (C.) 21.6 s.
4. D. A. Rees (O.) 22.0 s.

440 Yards.
1. W. A. Mottley (C.) 47.6 s.
2. P. White (C.) 48.5 s.

55 Yards.
1. R. H. A. Pullan (O.) 1 m. 57.3 s.
2. V. Hulme (C.) 1 m. 58.3 s.
3. R. A. Channing (C.) 1 m. 58.3 s.
4. I. Alston (O.) 1 m. 58.3 s.

One Mile.
1. M. Henderson (O.) 4 m. 15.9 s.
2. D. J. Ros (C.) 4 m. 15.9 s.
3. W. A. Mottley (C.) 4 m. 15.9 s.
4. R. J. Ros (C.) 4 m. 16.4 s.

Two Miles.
1. A. J. C. Heron (C.) 9 m. 12.8 s.
2. R. H. Davis (O.) 9 m. 13.4 s.
3. R. A. Channing (C.) 9 m. 19.8 s.
4. L. Allen (O.) 9 m. 23.5 s.

120 Yards High Hurdles.
1. J. Archer (C.) 14.9 s.
2. J. Archer (O.) 15.0 s.
3. G. A. Brown (C.) 15.1 s.

440 Yards Hurdles.
1. W. A. Mottley (C.) 45.0 s.
2. B. R. Burch (C.) 57.9 s.

Results.
Oxford/Cambridge 8 events
Cornell/Pennsylvania 8 events
Where Are They Now?

For me the most significant aspect of the 1980 Varsity Athletics Match was not the match itself – a close fought contest for the Men’s trophy in which Carson Porteous excelled as the winner of four individual events (110mH, 200mH, 400mH and Long Jump) and the Cambridge Women’s team was dominant on the track, with Bridget Wheeler, Kim Tuffnell and Sue Parker setting new match records – but the presence of Baron Philip Noel-Baker as Guest of Honour at the after match dinner.

At the time *Chariots of Fire*, celebrating one of Cambridge’s greatest ever athletes, was being filmed. Some years earlier I had had the honour of meeting Harold Abrahams, as a wizened old man well into his eighties. But for me an even greater honour was to meet Philip Noel-Baker, who was a silver medallist at 1500m in the 1920 Olympics and Team Captain of the 1924 British Team at the 1924 Paris Olympics, in which Abrahams won his coveted 100m gold medal.

Philip Noel-Baker is most famous, however, for his feats off the track. He was a prolific author and a politician of note, who was Chairman of the Labour Party and served in the Cabinet of the post war Atlee government. But, above all, he was a prodigious campaigner for peace, and was instrumental in the establishment of both the League of Nations and the United Nations. It was for his services to peace that in 1959 he was awarded his greatest accolade, the Nobel Peace Prize. Few Achilles athletes can surely match such an extraordinary achievement as to combine an Olympic medal with a Nobel Peace Prize.

Now that various other universities with vastly superior facilities have been established as centres of sporting excellence, and now that Oxbridge colleges pay increasing attention to the academic league tables, it is little wonder that Oxbridge has slipped from its once pre-eminent position as the training ground of numerous Olympic champions. But what often distinguishes Oxbridge athletes from those graduating from other universities is the prowess that they display off the track in later life. Here let us not forget that one of the most distinguished Oxbridge athletes of all time, Sir Roger Bannister, pursued an eminent career as a medic, and returned to Oxford in later life as the Master of Pembroke College. Meanwhile Sir John Lyons, a Blue in the Pole Vault, returned to Cambridge as the Master of Trinity Hall. Perhaps it is time, then, for Achilles to now focus its attention less on straightforward athletic achievements *per se*, and more on the contributions to society that its athletes have made in subsequent life.

It is particularly tragic, then, when an Oxbridge athlete does not have the chance to pursue such opportunities in later life. Here I am thinking of Paul Gomme, a highly valued member of CUAC and Blue in the Shot Putt in the 1980 Varsity Match, who was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, discovered while on a CUAC training trip to Germany. Paul never let this get him down too much, and remained defiant until the end. Indeed, on his return to university after a year of chemotherapy treatment, when Paul found he could no longer compete so well in the Shot Putt because of the removal of a bone from his leg, he took up the Hammer, and gained a second Blue in that event. But eventually Paul succumbed to his illness, and passed away a couple of years later. The tragedy was doubled not long afterwards, when Paul’s close friend, Graham Goddard, who succeeded me as CUAC President, also died prematurely as the result of his failure to take the prescribed insulin for his diabetes.

Who knows what these two thor-oughly likeable and talented individuals would have achieved later on, had their lives not ended so prematurely? The question is set in perspective by the third member of that trio, a very close friend of both Paul and Graham who was constantly hanging around with them in Cambridge. Her name is Carol Vorderman, and she is now a prominent media personality.

What, then, became of the team of 1980? On the track, three winners of the Alverstone/Centipedes match were to make their mark. Trevor Burton went on to win a GB senior vest over 400mH, while Stuart Moore represented the AAA over 1500m, and Neil Thin went on to win the Varsity Cross-Country race in 1981, where Cambridge took all six top places - the first ever clean sweep in the event’s history. Off the track, however, Nigel Spivey, who won the Hammer competition and was the first recipient of the Paul Gomme Award a few years later, went on to become a distinguished academic, returning to Cambridge as a University Lecturer in Classics, and a fellow of Emmanuel College. Nigel has now joined the elite group of media dons, and is frequently to be seen on television, broadcasting his own documentary series. Nigel has been active in other spheres too, with his plays performed on the radio and numerous articles published in the popular press. Meanwhile the number of his heavyweight intellectual books that have appeared on the bookshelves is approaching the number of hammer throws that he managed to land beyond 50m in the old days.

Another to have become a successful academic is Joan Lewtas, winner of the Ladies 1500m in the 1980 Varsity Match, who, as Joan Lasenby, has returned to Cambridge, and is now a University Lecturer in Engineering and a fellow of Trinity College *while still competing with the best current undergraduates at cross country and middle distance – Ed.*. But I could also mention Neil Thin, Julian Dow, Jim Baumgartner, and no doubt several other competitors in the 1980 Varsity Match, who have all pursued distinguished academic careers, while others have excelled in a range of different fields. I am reminded here of Simon Keenlyside, a prominent member of the CUAC team in my graduate years, who is now a
renowned opera singer.

As for myself, I too have become an academic. I have just returned from a spell as Visiting Professor in Cornell University, and am now close to achieving one of my goals of giving a lecture in each university against which I competed as an Oxford bridge athlete. Only Princeton and West Point remain.

The question, ‘Where are they now?’, must also be addressed to the University of Cambridge athletics track. Back in the 1980s training or indeed racing on the wind-swept cinder track on Milton Road was never especially pleasant, while Oxford athletes enjoyed the relative luxury of their synthetic track at Iffley Road. Cambridge athletes today can consider themselves fortunate that at last they have their own synthetic track on Wilberforce Road, while the site of the former track at Milton Road has now become a housing estate.

On reflection, if I have one regret about the 1980 Varsity Match, it would be that, although it was our turn to host it in Cambridge, I decided to let OUAC host it in Oxford, largely because I felt that several athletes would stand a better chance of setting Varsity Match records there. The Men’s Blues match proved to be an extremely tight competition, and I cannot help thinking that the result could have been reversed, if we had held the match in Cambridge, with the Oxford athletes struggling around the Milton Road track, their stride patterns carefully rehearsed at Iffley Road thrown out by a combination of the cinder surface and the wind blasting in off the fens.

One of those who, no doubt, would have appreciated the decision to hold the 1980 Varsity Match at Iffley Road is Bridget Wheeler, whose 200m record still stands. Much has changed since the 1980s, but if there is one tradition that remains intact, it is that of Bridget Wheeler turning up to the annual Varsity Match to check whether her old record has survived another year.
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