Achilles Club

FIXTURES 2015
Sat 18th April at Kingston Kinnaird & Sward (men)
Sun 19th April at Lee Valley LICC (Achilles hosting)
Sat 2nd - Mon 4th May at Bedford BUdCS Championships
Thurs 7th May at Oxford Achilles Schools Relays
Sat 9th May at Oxford OUAC Trinity Cuppers
Sat 9th May-Sun 10th May at Cambridge CUAC Sports
Sat 16th May at Cambridge Varsity Match & Achilles Dinner
27th May at Oxford OUAC Town v Gown
Wed 10th June at Loughborough Achilles v LSAC
Sat 27th June at Allianz Park LICC
Mon 29th June at Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale LICC
Sat 1st August at Allianz Park LICC
Sat 29th August at Allianz Park LICC

The LICC meetings in London are enthusiastically embraced by members of all ages, from 18 to 80. You won’t feel out of place!

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Congratulations to Leslie Ellis, winner of the Mile in the Varsity Match of 1936, on celebrating his 100th birthday in November.

Congratulations to Tamsin James and Emily Craven who have been successful in obtaining accreditation as officials at Level 3P.

**BUCS Champions**

*Rebecca Moore, 10000m*

*Michael Painter, Hammer*

*Hanna Tarver, 800m*

**England Athletics**

Tony Shiret, Tim Soutar, Peter Crawshaw and Sally Hughes are all on the board of England Athletics, continuing the Achilles tradition at the forefront of the sport’s advancement and development.

**Achilles Trust Dinner**

## 2014 Rankings

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## Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

Competing for the home team were Luke Caldwell and Emily Dudgeon (800m). For England, Dan Hooker competed in the T37 100m and Ben Moreau in the marathon, while Grace Clements brought her career to a close in defence of her 2010 heptathlon bronze medal.

## A Taste for Athletics

My dog got to the latest Achilles mail before I did. Would it be possible to get another one sent?

Many thanks

Thora Glencorse
In Memoriam

Sir Thomas Macpherson of Biallid, CBE, MC, TD, DL (Trinity College, Oxford, 1945-47)

It is impossible to pay adequate tribute to all that Tommy Macpherson did for the Club and for the nation. Achilles were fortunate and proud to have a such a man at the helm of the Club’s affairs for so long. Among countless initiatives, he organised a very high profile tour to Greece and Italy in the early 1950’s, took over from Harold Abrahams as Chairman, oversaw the establishment of the Achilles Trust when the US Series had all but collapsed through lack of funds, and raised sponsorship for major tours to Australia in the late 1970’s and Hong Kong and China in the early 1990’s. Athletic achievements included a rare victory over Roger Bannister, and he competed against Zatopek while representing Great Britain in the World Student Games.

In spite of impaired speech and mobility in recent years, which prompted him to resign as our President of 40 years, Tommy had remained our Patron and maintained the keenest interest in Achilles affairs: he attended the 150th Varsity Match dinner in Oxford in May, and at the time of his death had been preparing to join Club members again for an Achilles Trust dinner in London.

A great man, a great sportsman and soldier, a proud product of Trinity. Will be much missed in so many circles.—Michael Beloff

We will mourn his passing, whilst celebrating his achievements. I shall always remember the twinkle in his eye when telling some risqué story or other.—Dai Roberts

A sad loss. I got to know him intensively in 1972/3, as TM, through Committee and competition meetings. He was the driving force, with charm, inspiration, caution and wisdom all sensibly combined. That he remained so committed and active as much as he could be for so long with Achilles is a tribute to his well-directed passion. I can think of none other who has done more for Achilles.—Neville Norman, Australia

What a force Tommy Macpherson was for OUAC/CUAC/Achilles Club! Am very sorry to hear that he's passed away.—Michelle Sikes, USA

Thank you very much for letting me and many other Achilles Members know about wonderful Tommy Macpherson. What an amazing cohort he came from. I feel so privileged to have met him and to have been a part of the fantastic Oxbridge athletics scene and to be a part of Achilles. I am so sad that Tommy has gone....well I expect he will have a heavens eye view of the proceedings now.—Sue Bevan

Really sorry to hear this. He was a great inspiration to me.—Tony Shiret

An exceptional—and very long—life. Impressive and then some. I never met him, and wish I had. Nor had I any idea about his war. You couldn’t invent it and be believed.—David Henderson, Spain

The passing away of Sir Thomas Macpherson is a big loss to the Club; and we deeply commiserate with his family and friends on this sad occasion. He rendered stellar services to the Club for which he will long be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.—Abdulai Conteh, Cayman Is

A great loss. A great man!—John Boulter, France.

What a great loss.—Bridget Wheeler

I was sorry to hear of Sir Tommy's passing, but glad that I was able to meet him, and even more glad we got his name on a trophy that he was able to see.—Geoff Hill, USA

A fine gentleman in every possible sense.—John Crosse

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In the stand at Iffley Road with Jean

On tour in Estonia in 2004

Laid to rest in Scotland
Sir Thomas Macpherson

Swashbuckling commando who led daring operations behind enemy lines in wartime France and Italy

Serial escape attempts, remarkable bluffing tactics, and sheer bravery helped Sir Thomas Macpherson one of Britain's most decorated veterans of the Second World War. In addition to his three MBEs and three Croix de Guerre, the Pope personally awarded him the Star of Bethlehem and a papal knighthood.

As a young wartime commander, Macpherson took part in the ill-fated operation to kidnap General Erwin Rommel immediately before the Eighth Army's "Crusader" offensive in November 1941. Two parties landed in rubber boats from the RN submarines Torsk and Talisman to make the 18-mile night approach march in poursing rain and driving winds. Subsequently, intelligence was, however, to prove that Rommel had never used the place. Many of the commandos were killed and the rest taken prisoner. Among those was Macpherson, who had been commissioned into the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. The adventures that followed were nothing short of swashbuckling.

He was held in a prison camp near Genoa, Macpherson would not allow his spirit to be broken and took advantage of incarceration by becoming fluent in Italian. In 1943, when Italy surrendered, he and his fellow PoWs were loaded on to a train by the Germans to:

He bluffed a German general into surrendering with 23,000 troops

be moved to a different camp. Seizing his moment, he tried to flee but was swiftly caught by a guard who marched him back to the station, and vented his anger by compelling his rifle in single shots between Macpherson's feet. Then forming a stand against a wall, he was about to be shot when another officer ordered the guard not to kill him.

Despite a number of failed attempts to escape, he managed one from a transit camp in Spillville when he tried to slip away amid a party of agricultural workers. When he was not discovered, he eventually escaped from Stalag XXA at Thorn in the Vistula, in occupied Poland, after crawling under two perimeter fences and dodging the searchlights. He made his way back to England via Sweden, having been snubbed on a Baltic collier at Gdynia with some friendly Poles. On board he narrowly escaped detection by customs officials by climbing into a hold.

Back home, he was recruited by the Special Operations Executive to be dropped into occupied France at the time of the Normandy invasion. Formed into three-man teams coded "Jedburgh", their mission was to operate in concert with the French Resistance movements, arm them where necessary and encourage them to engage in small-scale, high-impact operations. These were collectively known as "the Allies' campaign to liberate France."

The Jedburgh team of which Major Macpherson was in charge, codenamed "Quinotte", was flown from Bleda in Algiers and dropped near Aurillac, in the Cantal department, on the night of June 8, 1944. Accompanied by Aspignment (officer cadet) Prince Michel de Bourbon of the French Army and Sergeant Arthur Brown of the Royal Tank Regiment, Macpherson proudly Scot — swore his life for the occasion. The attire caused some confusion and the first report to the local maquisards claimed that a "papal ambassador has arrived with his wife."

In order to swell partisan numbers, Macpherson drove around the region still wearing his Cameron Highlander tartans openly flying the Union Flag pennant and the Croix de Lorraine, much to the astonishment of his comrades. After establishing contact with the Gaullist FFI (Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur), he urged them to disrupt railway lines and to destroy a number of locomotives at Capdenac. Attempts were made to trap Macpherson and it was said that a 300,000 franc prize was put on his head.

He became known for leading large-scale guerrilla operations including one against the Das Reich Panzer Division shortly after his arrival in France. Macpherson and another major demolished a bridge the Germans were hoping to cross, and defended another for six days against three battalions.

He turned his attention to the communist FTP (Francs-tireurs et partisans) who, at his suggestion, stole two Citroën cars from the French police to enhance their tactical mobility. Macpherson later moved Quinotte to Toulouse and became a focal point of French Resistance forces known as the Groupement Mobile du Sud Ouest, which moved north of Clermont-Ferrand.

Whether through bravery or chutzpah, Macpherson won the surrender of 23,000 Wehrmacht troops by exploiting a series of brazen lies. He presented himself to the commanding officer, Major General Bolt, and assured him that he had persuaded 20,000 troops and RAF bombers waiting for Macpherson's word to attack. In reality he had only the aid of another Jedburgh team. Surrender or die, he urged Elster, the bluff worked. Elster and his troops eventually passed into US Army captivity.

After Macpherson was withdrawn from France in October 1944, he was sent to work with the partisans in north-eastern Italy, where he helped to unify bickering groups and led a successful raid on a marshalling yard in Udine.

For his exploits in France in 1944, he was awarded a bar to the MC he had received for escaping from the Stalag XXA camp and evading the Germans in 1943, and a second bar came in 1945 for his service in Italy. He was awarded a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour and awarded the Croix de Guerre with two palms, the Italian Medaglia d'Aragona and the Resistance Medal.

Ronald Thomas Stewart Macpherson, known as "Tommy", was born in Edinburgh in 1920, the fifth son of Sir Thomas Stewart Macpherson. He was a small and sickly child suffering from osteomyelitis, a debilitating infection of the bone marrow that left him confined to his bed for several months. During that time he read voraciously, finishing a book every two days; Robert Louis Stevenson's Alan Breck became his childhood hero.

Once recovered, he gained a reputation as a ferocious speedster on his Raleigh bicycle. He joined Eton College's rugby union team and was named captain. In 1939, he was elected as a member of the Cambridge University rugby team, and went on to represent England at the 1940 World Cup. He later became the first rugby union player to score a try in a Six Nations Championship match.

In 1941, during World War II, he served in the Royal Air Force, where he flew as a bomber pilot. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Bomber Command.

After the war, he returned to Cambridge University and read for a degree in Classics. He then went on to read for a degree in Law at Oxford University. He later became a solicitor in London, and later in life, he became a politician and a Member of Parliament for the Conservative Party. He served as a Member of Parliament for the Rugby constituency from 1957 to 1964.

Sir Thomas Macpherson died on November 6, 2014, aged 94.
In Memoriam

Alan Gordon may be remembered by history more for a race in which he placed fourth than for his many considerable victories. The photograph shows him (third from the right) between his opponents Chris Brasher and Roger Bannister, at the start of the OUAC v AAA mile on 6th May 1954: the first four minute mile. However, Alan was a very fine runner in his own right. In 1955 he was sixth in Britain at 1500m (3:48.6) and 11th in the Mile (4:07.9), and in 1956 he ran 3:46 for 1500m (inishing third in a floodlit meeting and crossing the line with Chris Chataway), and 4:06.2 for the Mile when breaking Chataways’s Varsity Match record. And he placed first equal in the Varsity Cross Country of 1955. Nevertheless, for all that he took part in part in more sub-four minute miles than anyone else at that time (including Derek Ibbotson’s world record race), and was widely tipped to break the time himself, it was a feat which eluded him.

Rear-Admiral Louis Armstrong CBE (Magdalen College, Oxford), on 31st December 2014
John Herbert Arthur James Armstrong was a music scholar at King’s School, Canterbury, from where he entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1964. He played the trumpet and soon acquired the name “Louis” by which he was universally known. When the Navy decided to educate its officers to degree standard, Armstrong was selected to read Law at Magdalen. He was a shot putter, alongside Rugby Blue Rodney Speed, in the 1969 Oxford winning Varsity Match team.

NG Baum (Brasenose College, Oxford) — in 2012
Norman Baum threw the Javelin in the Varsity Sports of 1948 (placing 2nd) and 1950 (3rd).

GE Villiers (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1951-55) during the Summer of 2013
George Villiers (pictured at the 1988 Achilles Dinner for Sandy Duncan) was President of OUAC in 1954, having served as Hon Sec the year before. Primarily a long jumper, and winner at the Varsity Sports of 1952, he placed second in both that event and the 220y hurdles. In 1954. He was a member of the Oxford & Cambridge team which toured the USA in 1952.

FD Shirreff (Oriel College, Oxford, 1936-39) during 2010
Don Shirreff contributed to a comfortable Oxford victory in the Varsity Cross Country of 1938, and ran in the Varsity Sports of 1939.

Roger Leigh Trapnell (King’s College, Cambridge, 1927-29) a number of years ago.
The Leigh Trapnell Chair of Quantum Physics was established in 2002 in his memory.
AT Cope (Christ’s College, Cambridge 1957-60) on 8th November 2013.

Tony Cope was Hon Sec of CUAC in 1960. In that year he placed a close second to John Holt in the Varsity Sports 440y (49.0 to 48.8). The previous year he had placed third but also in 1959 he competed on the Third Achilles Tour to Scandinavia organised by Robert Stinson, recording times of 22.9 for 200m and 48.5 for 400m. A celebration of his life was held at Marion, Massachusetts, in May 2014. Richard Oldcorn, who attended the service, and other members (Alex Fruin, Chris Thorne, Dai Roberts and Malcolm Warburton among them), have been trying to work out who is the outgoing runner in the accompanying photo (Tony is the incoming runner), so far without success. Positive identification would be welcomed.

Tony’s cheerful smile and constant good humour endeared him to all who knew him, and running together in the same events (including the 1960 Varsity 440) meant we were often together as friends and rivals. I can hear his voice now!!

- John Holt

The Memorial Service for Chris Chataway (left, running with his grandchildren: see last year’s Report) was packed with representatives from all the varied walks of life which Chris trod. Tommy Macpherson and Roger Bannister (right) were among the many Achilles members present.

The Memorial Service for Chris Chataway

A hero of the 18th Century

William Washington Bolton (Caius College, Cambridge, 1876-79). Bolton’s interests were equally divided by scholarship and sports. During the Cambridge Freshmen’s sports, he won the mile in 4:46.6. In 1878, at the CU Sports on March 30th, he won the 440 yard and the mile, and ran 2:04.0 for 880 yard (half mile). In May he won a 200 yard race. Against Oxford University at Lillie Bridge, London, on April 12 he finished 4th in the mile in 4:35.7 (estimated). He was 4th in the 880 yard in the AAC Championships (the forerunner of the AAA), but on November 26 he had a remarkable win in a 1000 yard handicap race at Cambridge from scratch in 2:19.8, a British record for an amateur. In 1879 he was President of CUAC and achieved an outstanding 880 yard time of 2:00.4 and a mile time of 4:37.0 at Cambridge on March 21. He went on to win the AAC title in the 880 yard in 2:03.6 on April 7 at Lillie Bridge, but when he ran the mile against Oxford he failed to place. He was also a spirited boxer, a footballer (both rugby and soccer) and a long distance swimmer, and an ardent tennis player when that now universal sport was in its infancy. In 1881 he was ordained and for the next three years held a curacy at Stoke-on-Trent. In 1885 he went to Canada to become a missionary in Saskatchewan, the start of lifetime of travel and dedication to education: after achieving much in Victoria, Vancouver, New Zealand and the lonely little island of Niue, he ended his days in Tahiti in 1946. It is recorded that he was proud of being a Cambridge Blue and a member of Achilles.
Lee Valley 1st March 2014

Men's relays, all indoors (Oxford win 4-2)
60m (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1
- S. Juve (C-guest) 7.18, A. McBraida (O) 7.19, G. Gandle (O) 7.25, S. McCuag (C) 7.31, L. Tapper (C) 7.39 [T. Neil (C) did not finish]
- G. Eijkeme (C) 7.32, W. Morris (C-guest) 7.33, A. Richardson (O) 7.45, I. Shevlin (O) 7.53, C. Eliot (guest) 7.57, M. Houlden (C) 7.73

Race 2
- 4 x 200m
  - Oxford (A. McBraida 23.0, G. Gandle 22.5, C. Morten 23.4, R. Eliot 22.6) 1:31.52
  - Oxford “B” (F. Smith 24.0, W. David 23.3, I. Shevlin 23.8, A. Richardson 23.3) 1:34.41


- 4 x 400m
  - Oxford (G. Gandle 50.4, W. David 51.7, R. Eliot 49.6, A. McBraida 49.9) 3:21.55
  - Cambridge (J. Brooks 51.5, B. Walker 50.2, B. Ridley-Johnson 53.0, N. Rousset 52.5) 3:27.13

- Oxford “B” (H. Baker 53.6, J. Reed 53.5, J. Black 54.3, L. Gardner 53.4) 3:33.42

- Cambridge “C” (A. Short 55.8, J. Christopher 55.0, E. Tustin 53.6, E. Smith 53.2) 3:37.24

- Cambridge “B” (M. Wang-Koh 56.3, T. Truhen 57.1, T. Borgas 56.5, B. Dixon 53.5) 3:40.48

- 4x800m
  - Cambridge (M. Nelson 2:00.7, E. Smith 1:58.0, Z. Howe 1:58.7, H. Hilton 1:56.1) 7:53.47 record

- Oxford (W. Durkin 2:01.2, J. Gardiner 1:58.2, C. Morten 1:59.3, H. Baker 2:00.2) 7:58.92

- Cambridge “B” (A. Abraham 2:01.3, E. Tusting 2:05.0, A. Bow 2:13.9, R. Burford 2:10.0) 8:30.20

- Oxford “B” consisted of a single runner (J. Reed 2:01.9)

- 4x1500

  - Cambridge (J. Christopher 4:15.8, R. Ollington 4:24.0, A. Short 4:02.0, W. Ryle-Hodges 3:59.6) 16:41.34

  - Cambridge “B” (P. Giannaros 4:27.9, M. Benson-May 4:33.6, B. Walker 4:39.8, A. Abraham 4:32.8) 18:13.96

  - Oxford “B” consisted of a single runner

  - G. Wright-Colopy 4:23.4

60m hurdles (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1
- I. Ngum (O) 8.70, M. Houden (C) 8.75, O. Mario-Ghaze (C) 9.04, A. McBraida (O) 9.05, C. Chua (C) 9.27

Race 2
- J. So (O) 9.01, A. Stanley (C) 9.41, C. Morten (O) 10.43, D. Luke-Smith (C) 10.66, J. Marvel -Coen (O) 10.75

Cambridge total times 36.47, Oxford total times 37.19

Men’s field events (Cambridge win 7-1)
High Jump, indoors

Cambridge (O. Mario-Ghaze 1.94, C. Little 1.85, A. Schilling 1.80, A. Stanley 1.80) 7.39
Oxford (F. Hendry 1.91, W. Pargetter 1.80, S. Trigg 1.80, D. Kelly 1.70) 7.21

K. Rutherford (C-guest) jumped 1.60

Pole Vault, indoors

Cambridge (G. Gouill 4.05, Z. Hussain 4.05, A. Stanley 4.35, F. Bunbury 4.05) 14.60
Oxford (A. Klein 3.65, C. Day 2.95, S. Singh 2.75, B. Conibear no height cleared) 9.35
B. Ahmet (guest) cleared 3.75, D. Hicklin (C-guest) cleared 2.85

Long Jump, indoors

Cambridge (M. Houden 7.22, J. Allen 5.97, O. Mario-Ghaze 5.83, N. Tang 5.67) 24.69
Oxford (S. Trigg 6.67, E. Leonce 6.34, S. Weil 5.96, H. Parkin 5.70) 7.97

D. Mason (O-guest) jumped 5.33

Triple Jump, indoors

Cambridge (M. Houden 14.78, E. Bgegi 14.09, L. Smith 12.55, B. Lewis 11.60) 53.02


Shot Putt, indoors

Cambridge (M. Painter 13.06, T. Haseler 12.75, E. Vickers 12.47) 38.21
Oxford (S. Trigg 12.55, B. Lewis 11.60) 53.02

Hammer, outdoors

Cambridge (M. Painter 58.67 record, T.arker 42.37, J. Gruber 33.20, O. Piotrowicz 29.25) 163.49

Javelin, outdoors

Cambridge total times 36.47, Oxford total times 37.19

K. Turner 4:41.8) 14:48.41 record


Oxford “B” consisted of two runners

N. Webber 1:59.2, B. Murray 1:54.0

Women’s relays (Cambridge win 4-2)
60m (run as 2 heats, with the 4 best, of 5, University times totalled to determine the result)

Race 1
- E. Cullen (C) 7.93 record, A. Kaye (C) 7.99, E. Oyesanya (O) 8.10, M. Jackson (O) 8.35, D. McCoy (O) 9.06

Race 2
- C. Ota (C) 8.21, F. Thompson (C) 8.26, E. Barbour (O) 8.36, R. Heyworth (C) 8.42, M. Pog (O) 8.71

Race 3 (guests) S. Rawlinson (O) 8.69, O. Lala (C) 8.92
Cambridge total time 32.39 record, Oxford total time 33.87

4x200m
- Cambridge (E. Cullen 26.4, O. Cota 26.9, E. Simmons 26.6, A. Kaye 24.8) 1:44.62 record
- Oxford (E. Barbour 27.4, D. McCoy 27.6, E. Stone 27.6, E. Oyesanya 27.2) 1:49.82

4x400m
- Cambridge (E. Simmons 61.7, A. Flint 62.2, E. Goodband 62.4, A. Kaye 56.4) 4:02.63 record
- Oxford (R. Penfold 62.9, R. O’Neill 61.4, M. Jackson 60.8, E. Moss 61.7) 4:06.61

3x800m
- Cambridge (E. Read 2:23.2, S. Lovewell 2:29.8, R. Mcstein 2:27.9) 7:20.90

3 x 1500m
- Cambridge (R. Moore 4:55.7, N. Oglivie 5:10.9, 87

Women’s field events (Cambridge win 5½ - 2½)
High Jump, indoors

Cambridge total times 36.47, Oxford total times 37.19

The Varsity Field Events and Relays Matches
Cambridge (M. Presus 4.76, A. Flint 4.59, F. Jing 4.37, F. James 4.08) 13.72

Triple Jump, indoors
Cambridge (S. Ifesi 11.32, M. Presus 10.19, F. Jing 9.77, A. Flint 9.50) 31.28
Oxford (M. Jackson 11.00, E. Stone 10.04, K. Holder 9.55, A. Wilson 9.43) 30.59
F. James (C-guest) threw 9.30

Shot Putt, indoors
Cambridge (B. Cook 8.69, H. Broadbridge 8.63, G. Howe 8.51, R. Rosenberg 7.86) 25.83
R. Fellingar (C-guest) threw 6.90, K. Elliott (C-guest) threw 4.62

Discus, outdoors
Cambridge (G. Howe 36.87, H. Broadbridge 35.30, B. Cooke 22.78, A. Macintosh 18.06) 94.95
R. Fellingar (C-guest) threw 19.02

Hammer, outdoors
Cambridge (G. Howe 46.28 record, H. Broadbridge 43.40, R. Fellingar 28.83, R. Rosenberg 22.16) 118.51 record

Kinnaird & Sward Trophy Matches—26th April 2014

100 SM A
6 Tom Neil 11.35 -0.4
100 SM B
4 Sylvester Juwe 11.26 -0.4
100 SM ns1
2 Matthew Houlden 11.22 1.7
2 Alex Richardson 11.5 1.7
8 Patrick Calver 11.75 1.7
100 SM ns2
5 Justas Donarazas 12.15 1
7 Charles Romito 12.83 1
100 SM ns3
2 Gabriele Eikeme 11.76 -1.3
2 Kekeli Anthony 12.52 -1.3
200 SM A
6 Sylvester Juwe 23.02 -0.4
2 Matthew Houlden 22.91 -1.2
6 Harry Bartlett 24.44 -1.2
200 SM ns1
3 Gabriele Eikeme 23.69 1.2
4 Patrick Calver 24.07 1.2
200 SM ns2
5 Kekeli Anthony 25.25 0.3
6 Alan James 25.44 0.3
400 SM A
2 Caspar Iliott 49.36
400 SM B
1 Louis Gardner 53.29
400 SX ns
1 Paul Scanlan 50.53
2 Nathan Samuiywa 51.4
2 Ben Ridley-Johnson 53.33
3 Jonathan Black 56.45
5 Mark White 57.5
6 Emilie Bokor-Ingram 62.4
800 SM
1 Hugh Baker 02:00.2
1 Jamie Reid 02:00.7
800 SM A
1 Will Durkin 01:57.9
1 Jonathan Darby 01:58.2
3 Jack Hillier 02:00.6
4 Chris Ore 02:11.8
800 SM B
1 Louis Gardner 01:59.0
2 Alex Thomas 02:07.4
3 Sebastian Hudspith 02:26.8
1500 SM A
1 Adam Speake 04:03.8
2 Mike Cummings 04:04.0
3 Matt Hyett 04:56.9
1500 SM B
1 Alex Howard 04:13.9
1 Mark Nelson 04:09.0
2 Niki Faulkner 04:21.7
3 Simon Stebbings 04:26.4
5 Barnaby Walker 04:38.2
3000 SM A
1 Tom Heslop 09:08.9
2 Peter Wilkins 11:20.9
3000 SM B
1 Tim Calliafas 09:44.2
3000 SM ns
1 Archie Allen-Jones 09:55.9
1 Ismaila Ngum 15.69 -0.3
110 SM A
110 SM B
1 Matthew Houlden 15.66 -0.3
2 Bilan Ahmet 20.87 -0.3
400 SM A
2 Caspar Eliot 55.31
4 Daniel Eckersley 56.51
200SC SM A
1 Peter Townsend 06:20.0
200SC SM B
1 Josh Carr 06:25.1
200SC SM ns
1 Alastair Stanley 06:19.8
2 Paul Hodgson 06:24.0
3 Mark Nelson 06:27.8
4 James Taylor 06:28.7
5 Aidan Smith 06:43.4
4x100 SM A
3 Achillies 44.32
4x400 SM A
1 Achillies 03:34.9
HJ SM A
2 Christopher Little 1.75
HJ SM B
1 Bilan Ahmet 1.7
PV SM A
1 Bilan Ahmet 3.85
LJ SM A
2 Matthew Houldren 6.82 1.6
LJ SM B
1 Humph Waddington 6.48 -1.6

TJ SM A
1 Matthew Houlden 14.26 0.9
2 Humphrey Waddepp 13.36 0.3
TJ SM B
1 Emmanuel Gbegli 13.59 -0.2
2 Chris Hall 13.04 -1.1
TJ SX ns
2 Bilan Ahmet 12.21 -0.4
3 Ben Lewis 11.58 -4.2
SP7.26K SM A
5 James Heywood 10.85
7 Piers Willoughby-Strauss 9.7
DT2K SM A
2 James Heywood 42.4
3 Andy Wheble 40.74
DT2K SM B
1 Chris Dack 38.75
2 Ryan Harper 33.35
DT2K SM ns
3 Jordan Gruber 29.14
HT7.26K SM A
3 Ryan Harper 35.43
3 Jordan Gruber 50.82
HT7.26K SM B
1 Andy Wheble 39.54
JT800 SM A
2 Justas Dauparas 47.09
2 Andy Wheble 37.51

Match Results:-

Kinnaird

Sward

Achillies 234
KACPH 184
Achillies 130
HHH 140
Hercules 72
HHH 58
Blackheath 68
TVH 16
TVH 58
PB’s all round in the first match for (from right) George Gundle, Adam McBraida, Ralph Eliot and Craig Morten.

Rare victory for Bilen over Katie in Match 2

The London Inter-Club Challenge

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400m Hurdles Race 1
2 Craig Morten Sen M 53.85
3 Vjaceslav Sadovskis Sen M 57.21
3 Alice Flint U20 W 68.19

300m Hurdles Race 1
Paul Wilcox M60 M DNF
100m Women
2 Emma Cullen Sen W 12.24
3 Alice Flint U20 W 12.24

100m Race 1
4 Adam McBraida Sen M 10.96
6 Alexander Richardson Sen M 11.34

100m Race 2
2 Sam Trigg Sen M 11.40
3 George Gundle Sen M 11.43
4 James Dargan Sen M 11.56
5 Ian Shevlin Sen M 11.63
6 Patrick Calver Sen M 11.67
7 Nicolas Roussett Sen M 11.83

100m Race 3
7 Louwai Muhammed Sen M 11.90

100m Race 4
5 Bilen Ahmet Sen M 12.37
Charlie Romito Sen M DIS

400m Race 1
2 George Gundle Sen M 48.48
3 Adam McBraida Sen M 48.67
5 Ralph Eliot Sen M 49.62
6 Craig Morten Sen M 50.21

400m Race 2
1 James Brooks Sen M 50.73
2 Alastair Stanley U20 M 51.14
5 Nicolas Roussett Sen M 52.93
7 Benedict Robb Sen M 54.66

400m Race 3
1 Teddy Truneh Sen M 54.15
3 Jonathan Black Sen M 55.27
6 Edward Hezlet Sen M 57.75

200m Race 2
1 Barnabas Walker Sen M 22.50
3 Ian Shevlin Sen M 23.24
6 James Dargan Sen M 23.53

200m Race 4
1 Toleme Ezekiel Sen M 23.75

1500m
1 Barnaby Walker Sen M 04:38.30
3 Benedict Robb Pool 1 5.47 +3.1
6 Long Jump
Fiona Jing Sen W 4.11 +2.1

400m Hurdles Race 1
1 Benedict Robb Sen M 14.74 +1.2
2 Sam Trigg Sen M 13.33 +1.7
4 Bilen Ahmet Sen M 12.05 +2.2
6 Fiona Jing Sen W 9.47 NWI

High Jump
1 James Gore Sen M 1.80
2 Bilen Ahmet Sen M 1.75
4 Emily Brady Sen W 2.40
7 Hannah Church Sen W 2.10

Shot
1 Bilen Ahmet Sen M 10.11
2 Christina Nick Sen W 10.30
3 Hammer
Christina Nick Sen W 21.01

Discus
1 Gregg Thompson Sen M 53.14
2 Adamos Zienu M 35.56
3 Bilen Ahmet Sen M 26.25
5 Christina Nick Sen W 36.03

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400m Hurdles Men
3 Daniel Eckersley SM 56.06
6 George Kenyon SM 11.28

100m Race 5
5 Daniel Eckersley SM 12.15
100m Race 7
2 Bilen Ahmet SM 12.25

100m Race 1
1 Daniel Eckersley SM 22.70
2 Caspar Eliot SM 12.25

100m Race 2
1 George Kenyon SM 24.51

100m Race 3
6 Daniel Eckersley SM 25.88

200m Race 6
4 Bilen Ahmet SM 12.05
2 Will Pargeter SM 1.80

Long Jump
2 Bilen Ahmet Pool 2 5.44

Pole Vault
2 Bilen Ahmet SM 4.00
3 Freddy Bunbury SM 3.60
6 Duncan Hicklin SM 3.20
2 Hannah Church SW 2.00

Shot
4 Bilen Ahmet SM 10.04
5 Freddy Bunbury SM 7.20

Hammer
1 Bilen Ahmet SM 21.19

Isaiah Russell

5 Bilen Ahmet SM 19.41
The LICC matches saw a great Achilles turnout in the first match: the fine spring weather helped towards a number of PB’s. Later in the season they featuring the welcome return after 50 years of Bo Ivanovic (above - straight in at number 7 in the V70 shot put rankings), Tony Shiret’s debut as starter, and Paul Willcox managing to complete a 300mH (third in the UK V60 rankings– quite chuffed!).

The match against Loughborough found most of our athletes in the middle of exams. All credit to Lucy Spray for winning the 400mH and keeping the Achilles flag flying.
The Mystery of the Medieval Half-Blue Blazer

I came up to BNC in 1961 aged 18 straight from North Manchester Grammar School’s 6th form to read physics and to run.

I was a keen 880yds athlete & a member of Salford Harriers with some decent times and junior victories to my credit including a coveted World Sports award for running the half-mile in 2min at the age of 15.

I sat the entrance exams at BNC and was deemed worthy of the offer of a place as a commoner, partly on my academic performance but also as a result of my naïve answer to the interview panel’s question: “Why BNC?”

Well, to confess, I had never heard of BNC until my headmaster told me this was the college I should try for. So I had asked him the same question “Why BNC?”

I still remember his reply; he simply said “Because they are partial to northern athletes”.

So I trotted this answer out & was rewarded with universal laughter from the interviewers & I knew then that I would probably get an offer & I did.

Up I came in autumn ’61. Robin Macklin was OUAC President and Adrian Metcalfe Secretary. Other international OUAC members at the time included Roger Lane & Mike Ralph (triple jump) and John Boulter (880yd) who went to Tokyo for the 1964 Olympics with Adrian bringing home a silver from the 4x400 metres relay. Well that term I won the fresher’s half mile and then repeated this in winning the half mile in the match against Cambridge freshers. I was then selected for the relays (4x880) which we also won.

Then, in the summer of ’62, I just missed selection for the Varsity match 880yds by coming 3rd in the trials behind Norton & Hall so, in desperation, I ran the mile trial and was rewarded with a place in Oxford’s one mile team; the others being Bell, who went on to win the race in 4min 7secs, and Rigby.

In the build up to the match I was approached by Robin Macklin, also BNC, who had this ancient (at least Edwardian - judging by the cut) Half-Blue’s blazer which had just been donated to OUAC by its ex-owner as being fit to be worn at the varsity match & dinner by some young and impecunious half blue.

Well Robin and the committee thought I fitted the qualifying description; I was certainly the youngest member of the team and I was also fairly impecunious. Unfortunately though I did not fit the garment itself since I was a very slim Sft 6” runner & I am sure the donor must have been a much larger man probably a thrower like Roger Lane. However I was persuaded to take & wear the blazer & I was very proud to do so.

- Bill Roberts BNC (1961), 1 Mile half-blue

Bill has kindly donated the blazer to OUAC, and it is now worn usually by the Captain of the Centipedes.

The American Achilles Foundation Dinner

17th October 2014, New York

The American Achilles Foundation held its annual dinner in the impressive and elegant surroundings of the Yale Club in New York. We were privileged to attend and sit in on the AGM which preceded the dinner at which the AAF demonstrated how to fund raise with style and simplicity. A well-oiled machine of committed persons who made us very welcome and were inspirational at a time when we are seeking to augment the Achilles Trust’s funds to secure the future of the historic international match series. It was encouraging to hear that Cornell may join the Foundation in 2015 - the main purpose of the Foundation being to support the UK Universities when in the USA.

After the formalities we enjoyed an excellent dinner. Present were Geoff Hill, Jim Vanasek, Jim Wade, Larry Kreider, Michael Nugent, Richard Loebi, Steve Snyder and Tom Blodgett.

Formal speeches were replaced by reminiscences (chiefly athletic) from those in attendance. Michael Nugent described the trials and tribulations of a pole vaulter travelling by public transport, and Jim Wade’s stories should really be compiled into a book for posterity. Geoff Hill had been our contact man for the trip and we looked forward to his possible return to the UK shortly. Tom masterminded the whole spotless affair. We were touched by the willingness of all there to share their fund raising experiences and by the generosity we experienced.

The dinner concluded with the showing of the four minute mile which viewing in the company of an extremely knowledgeable audience gave it a new dimension.

Apart from the time spent with our sister organization we were able to spend some time visiting the recently opened museum and memorial at Ground Zero, the Empire State building, the Museum of Modern Art as well as indulging in some light retail therapy.

Since the dinner we have been able to work more closely with the AAF, something that we very much hope to develop further in the coming years. Thanks, gentlemen: it was a real pleasure.

- Emma Hooper and Bridget Wheeler
Mark Steed, Principal of Berkhamsted School, had found in the School archives a gold pocket watch, which had belonged to David Gaussen, Berkhamsted and OUAC. With the watch is a piece of paper explaining:

D. N. Gaussen was a member of an Oxford team which in spring 1914 competed in a race of four relays of one mile against leading U.S.A. universities. The British team won by a foot, evidence of the intense struggle. Gold stop watches were awarded to members of the winning team; Gaussen’s is exhibited here. He had been elected president O.U.A.C shortly before sailing to America. However he was commissioned in the Bedfordshire regt. in August 1914 and was killed in action on 31st July 1916.

As the Club’s former Director of the US Series, Mark’s ability to recognise the significance of this find was extremely fortuitous. And when early in 2014 the organisers of the Penn Relays invited OUAC to attend the induction of the 1914 team (George Sproule, David Gaussen, future mile world record holder Norman Taber, and 1912 Olympic 1500m gold medallist Arnold Jackson ran 18:05.0 in rain and mud in what is considered to have been one of the most thrilling races in Relays history) onto their Wall of Fame they were astonished to hear that we were going to be able to bring the memento with us.

To mark the occasion, it was decided to enter the current OUAC 4 x 400m relay team, winners of the silver medal at the BUSF championships. A dozen Achilles supporters (including former 4 x 800m champi- on Paul Rowbotham—winner with Villanova in 1989), gathered to witness the event.

The organisers were generous in their welcome and hospitality, and a very good time was had by all, even if a combination of jetlag and the odd layout of the Franklin Field track prevented the 4 x 400 team from giving of their best. Adam McBraidia, George Gundle, Craig Morten and Ralph Eliot found that 3:18.06 (modest for them but faster than all but 2 times in the history of the Varsity Match) ranked them only 43rd in a competition of astonishingly high standards won in 3:05.6.

As an additional tribute to our presence, Paul Willcox was appointed an Honorary Referee of the three day meeting (the last Brit to hold the distinction had been Seb Coe).
The 150th Anniversary Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Sports.

Emily Moss’s report for Athletics Weekly:–

It was a fairy tale ending for the Oxford Men’s Blues team on their home track in the 150th staging of the Oxford versus Cambridge Varsity Match, as they romped to victory over their light blue Fenland rivals in 108 points to 104. However, Cambridge more than made up for it in the women’s competition, with a convincing 110-89 victory.

The men’s match was a ding dong battle between the two arch rival teams all the way through what is the oldest athletics match in the world. Although arguably the most outstanding individual event performance goes to Cambridge’s BUCS hammer champion Michael Painter with a match record throw of 61.13m, credit should go to Oxford’s captain Adam McBraida for his three individual victories and pulling together an excellent team performance.

Inspired by his captain role, McBraida led by example in winning the 100m, 200m, 200m hurdles and anchoring the 4x400m relay, as well as placing second behind teammate Craig Morten in the 400m hurdles.

George Gundle and club president Ralph Eliot came one-two in the 400m, setting respective lifetime bests of 48.27 and 49.29. Therefore, it was of little surprise that the BUCS silver medallist team of Gundle, Eliot, Morten and McBraida combined to take a convincing 4x400m victory.

Other highlights on the men’s side included a mile/5000m double for Cambridge’s Matt Leach, an exciting sprint finish from Tom Frith (Oxford) to win the 800m, a 65.20m javelin victory for GB junior international Aiden Reynolds (Oxford) and two 4.00m plus clearances in the pole vault, which saw a win for Quentin Gouil (Cambridge) in 4.25m ahead of teammate and captain Zaamin Hussain. Matt Houlden (Cambridge) led Sam Trigg (Oxford) in two high quality horizontal jumps competitions (7.48m to 7.25m and 15.22m to 15.00m) as both men set PBs.

Men’s Blues Match

100m (wind -0.3 m/s) Adam McBraida (O) 10.95, Tom Neill (C) 11.09, Ross Elsby (C) 11.29, Sam Trigg (O) 11.34

200m (wind -1.4 m/s) Adam McBraida (O) 22.15, George Gundle (O) 22.48, Tom Neill (C) 22.63, Barney Walker (C) 22.73

400m George Gundle (O) 48.27, Ralph Eliot (O) 49.49, Barney Walker (C) 53.12 (fell), Lloyd Hilton (C) 53.15

800m Thomas Frith (O) 1:54.26, Lloyd Hilton (C) 1:54.79, Ed Smith (C) 1:56.38, William Durkin (O) 1:56.63

Mile Matt Leach (C) 4:22.06, William Christophi (O) 4:22.29, Adam Speake (O) 4:23.48, Will Ryle-Hodges (C) 4:24.66

5000m Matt Leach (C) 14:59.40, Joe Christopher (C) 14:59.42, Christopher Phillips-Hart (O) 15:02.70, William Christophi (O) 15:56.17

110m hurdles (wind -2.4 m/s) Ismaila Ngum (O) 15.57, Ross Elsby (C) 15.78, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (C) 16.68, James So (O) 16.77

200m hurdles (wind -0.6) Adam McBraida (O) 24.91, Ross Elsby (C) 25.10, Matt Houlden (C) 25.23, Craig Morten (O) 25.24

400m hurdles Craig Morten (O) 54.56, Adam McBraida (O) 55.22, Alastair Stanley (C) 56.68, Slava Sadovskis (C) 62.57 (fell)

3000m steeplechase Alexander Howard (O) 9:29.93, Pete Townsend (C) 9:34.53, Josh Carr (C) 9:50.09, Thomas Quirk (O) 11:47.68 (fell)

High Jump Onakeno Mario-Ghae (C) 1.95, William Pargeter (O) 1.90, James Gore (O) 1.85, Chris Little (C) 1.80

Pole Vault Quentin Gouil (C) 4.25, Zaamin Hussein (C) 4.15, Andrei Klein (O) 3.75, Thomas Frith (O) 2.65
**Long Jump**  Matt Houlden (C) 7.48, Sam Trigg (O) 7.25, Harry Par-kin (O) 6.38, Emmanuel Gbegli (C) 6.29w [6.23 legal]

**Triple Jump**  Matt Houlden (C) 15.24, Sam Trigg (O) 15.00, Em-manuel Gbegli (C) 14.24, Samuel Hill-Smith (O) 12.95

**Shot**  Toby Haseler (C) 13.19, Michael Painter (C) 12.80, James

Heywood (O) 11.75, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 11.48

**Discus**  Michael Painter (C) 40.20, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 40.05, James Heywood (O) 37.69, Alastair Stanley (C) 34.09

**Hammer**  Michael Painter (C) 61.13 record, Tom Parker (C) 50.19, James Heywood (O) 27.45, Marcus-Alexander Neil (O) 19.87

**Javelin**  Aidan Reynolds (O) 65.20, Arran Davis (O) 54.27, Jordan Gruber (C) 54.05, Justas Dauparas (C) 48.97

**4 x 100m relay**  Oxford (Richardson, Trigg, Gundle, McBraida) 42.98, Cambridge (Morris, Elsby, Houlden, Neill) 51.55

**4 x 400m relay**  Oxford (Gundle, Morten, Eliot, McBraida) 3:21.44, Cambridge (O) 3:25.81

**Result:**  Oxford 108, Cambridge 104

**Women’s Blues Match**

The women’s competition was dominated by Cambridge with president Helen Broadbridge setting a new match record in the hammer with 50.13m and captain Alice Kaye doing likewise with 56.11 in the 400m.

Kaye returned to also take the 200m in 25.22. Cambridge pair Katherine Turner and Rebecca Moore, the latter fresh from winning the BUCS 10,000m title, led from gun to tape to take the mile and 5000m titles respectively.

Montana Jackson (Oxford) took the 400m hurdles and triple jump, the latter with a leap of 11.43m, whilst Christina Nick won the shot.

100m (wind -0.8m/s) Emma Cullen (C) 12.44, Alice Kaye (C) 12.46,
### Pole Vault
Emily Brady (C) 2.60, Joy Buolamwini (O) 2.50, Rebecca Hubert (C) 2.30, Montana Jackson (O) 2.20

### Long Jump
Eleanor Simmons (C) 5.23, Montana Jackson (O) 5.20, Emily Stone (O) 5.14, Anna Pugh (C) 4.82

### Triple Jump
Montana Jackson (O) 11.43, Emily Stone (O) 10.38, Fions Jing (C) 9.69, Fiona James (C) 9.68

### Shot
Christina Nick (O) 10.61, Barbara Cooke (C) 9.38, Jennifer Richards (O) 9.27, Georgina Howe (C) 8.80

### Discus
Christina Nick (O) 39.07, Georgina Howe (C) 35.96, Helen Broadbridge (C) 35.40, Jennifer Richards (O) 23.46

### Hammer
Helen Broadbridge (C) 50.14 record, Georgina Howe (C) 47.18, Jennifer Richards (O) 42.81, Christina Nick (O) 27.75

### Javelin
Charlie Warwick (O) 34.39, Dakota McCoy (O) 32.47, Helen Broadbridge (C) 29.44, Kiara de Kremer (C) 28.10

### 4 x 100m relay
Cambridge (Kaye, Simmons, Ota, Cullen) 49.56 [Oxford disqualified]

### 4 x 400m relay
Cambridge (Simmons 60.4, Flint 61.3, Goodband 62.7, Kaye 56.5) 4:00.91, Oxford 4:04.62

### Result: Cambridge 110, Oxford 89

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### Men's Second Team Match (Oxford Centipedes v Cambridge Alverstone)

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| 4 x 100m relay Cambridge Alverstone () | | 44.51 Oxford Centipedes () 44.68 4 x 400m relay Oxford Centipedes () | 3:26.61, Cambridge Alverstone () 3:30.15

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Result: Cambridge Alverstone 110, Oxford Centipedes 102
Women's Second Team Match (Oxford Millipedes v Cambridge Alligators)

100m (wind -1.3 m/s) Chidera Ota (C) 13.02, Francesca Thompson (C) 13.25, Sam Rawlinson (O) 13.60, Emily Barbou (O) 13.73

200m (wind -0.9 m/s) Chidera Ota (C) 26.90, Francesca Thompson (C) 27.43, Isabel Wray (O) 28.19, Anna Hubbard (O) 30.97

400m Isabel Wray (O) 60.63, Emily Goodband (C) 62.97, Rebecca O'Neill (O) 64.18, Emma Elston (C) 74.45

800m Hannah Petho (O) 2:20.02, Rebecca O'Neill (O) 2:22.41, Hannah Hull (C) 2:25.15, Alice Feslier-Holmes (C) 2:26.11

Mile Katie Hickson (O) 5:17.16, Chloe Beckett (C) 5:30.13, Imogen Kempston (O) 5:33.48, Alice Feslier-Holmes (C) 5:43.55

5000m Elisabeth Mooney (C) 17:55.50, Katy Hedgethorne (C) 19:03.33, Marie McHugh (O) 19:21.39, Rachel Cassidy (O) 19:40.92

100m hurdles (wind -1.8m/s) Helena Copley (O) 18.06, Erin Delaria (C) 18.19, Charlotte Frost (C) 19.61, Alexandra Wilson (O) 25.11

400m hurdles Erin Delaria (C) 73.25, Helena Copley (O) 75.80, Charlotte Frost (C) 78.20 [Jessica Spivey (O) was disqualified]

2000m steeplechase Elisabeth Mooney (C) 7:37.03, Imogen Kempston (O) 8:07.44, Emma Elston (C) 8:34.20, Judiya Frodmya (O) 9:10.04 (O)

High Jump Emma Perkins (C) 1.70 record, Charlotte Malton (C) 1.50, Jowita Mieszkowska (O) 1.40, Helena Copley (O) 1.30

Pole Vault Erin Delaria (C) 2.90 record, Hannah Church (C) 2.10, Sam Rawlinson (O) 1.90, Jessica Spivey (O) 1.30

Long Jump Emma Perkins (C) 5.57 record, Laura Andrews (C) 5.14, Sam Rawlinson (O) 4.40, Alexandra Wilson (O) 4.10,

Triple Jump Emma Perkins (C) 11.39 record, Alexandra Wilson (O) 9.30, Charlotte Malton (C) 9.11, Sam Rawlinson (O) 7.57

The sun shone and there were some great performances. A galaxy of former winners and record holders returned to the scene of former glories. It was a spectacular celebration of 150 years of history since Oxford first met Cambridge in what Athletics Weekly described as the ‘Big Bang’ of modern track field.

Head to head of the day was the men’s long jump. Matt Houlden (C) and Sam Trigg (O) started the day with PB’s of 7.22 and 7.02 respectively. A new PB by Houlden of 7.22 early in the completion seemed to have won it.... Only for Trigg produce a huge improvement to draw level at 7.25. This was spur enough for Houlden who responded with a massive 7.48 to clinch the day. Both jumpers had added almost a foot to their previous bests. The same scenario was played out in the triple jump, with both adding over 20cm to their bests, ending with 15.24 and 15.00 respectively, Houlden prevailing.

Outstanding new match records were set by Michael Painter and Helen Broadbridge in the hammer and by Alice Kaye in the 400m.

Moment of the match was when OUAC steeplechaser Thomas Quirk, injured and barely able to walk but determined to finish, was supported round the entire last lap by CUAC’s Paul Hodgson. Inspiring sportsmanship.

Past and present match record holders presenting the winners medals included:- Phyllis Agbo, James Brierley, Sue Cluney (Dalgoutte), Malcolm Croad, Charlotte Cutler, Mick Dale, Gareth Davies, Jo Dering, Laura Duke, Julian Goater, Anthony Hatton, Dwayne Heard, Emma Howard, Polly Keen, Roger Lane, Ellen Leggate (O’Hare), Phil Lewis, Trevor Llewelyn, Simon Mugglestone, Ainsley Normand, Tom Richards, John Ri, Naomi Taschimowitz, Simon Walker, Bridget Wheeler, Steve White, Kelley Wilder, Steve Williams, and Sarah Winckless.

The evening’s Banquet would be the last attended by Tommy Macpherson, but what a send-off it proved to be. 350 past and present participants were there (including a substantial reunion of the US Tour of 1993, mustered by Andy Hodge). Roger Bannister and David Hemery were guests of honour, and the reminiscences continued long into the night at the Randolph. A great day, and a worthy anniversary.
Men

**100m** (wind -0.7) Mason Smith (Penn-guest) 10.83, Steven Bell (Cornell) 10.97, Justin McCollin (Cornell) 10.99, Montez Blair (Cornell-guest) 11.05, Tom Neill (Cambridge) 11.17, Adam McBraida (Oxford) 11.18, Michael Rabbitt (Cornell-guest) 11.49

**200m** (wind +0.2) Mason Smith (Cornell-guest) 21.73, Kinsley Ojukwu (Cornell) 21.79, Larry Gibson (Cornell) 21.97, Adam McBraida (Oxford) 22.44, Ralph Eliot (Oxford) 22.75

**400m** George Gundle (Oxford) 48.61, Barney Walker (Cambridge) 48.75, Ralph Eliot (Oxford-guest) 49.57, Francisco Olloquoi (Cornell) 49.82, Jordan Sherwood (Cornell) 50.36

**800m** Andrew Mcgaha (Penn) 1:53.95, Jon Cook (Cambridge) 1:54.23, William Weinlandt (Cornell) 1:55.59, Ian Williamson (guest) 1:55.61, Tom Frith (Oxford) 2:02.33

**1500m** James Gowans (Cornell) 3:48.49, Philip Crout (Cambridge) 3:52.91, Mark Nelson (Cambridge) 4:00.43, James Chettle (Cambridge-guest) 4:06.86, Andrew Mcgaha (Penn) 4:10.41, Ed Smith (Cambridge-guest) 4:27.62

**5000m** Thomas Awad (Penn) 14:52.90, Matthew Leach (Cambridge) 14:55.83, Joe Christopher (Cambridge) 15:50.60

**110mh** (wind +0.7) Maximilian Hairston (Cornell) 14.28, Benjamin Bowers (Penn) 14.78, Austin Jamerson (Cornell-guest) 15.32, Ross Elsby (Cambridge) 15.78, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (Cambridge) 16.64

**400mh** Thomas Timmins (Penn) 52.41, Maximilian Hairston (Cornell) 53.01, Jordan Sherwood (Cornell-guest) 54.31, Caspar Eliot (Oxford) 54.90, Craig Morten (Oxford) 55.29

**Steeplechase** Nicholas Tuck (Penn) 9:24.13, William Mycroft (Oxford) 9:43.78, Peter Townsend (Cambridge – guest) 10:02.30, Alexander Howard (Oxford) 10:11.69, Wyndham Curtis (Cornell) 11:32.03

**4x100m** Penn-Cornell 41.16, Oxford-Cambridge (Elsby, Neill, Gundle, McBraida) 42.20


**High Jump** Montez Blair (Cornell) 2.16 record, Thomas Butler (Cornell) 2.10, Thomas Pitt (Penn-guest) 2.05, Michael Rabbitt (Cornell-guest) 1.95, Austin Jamerson (Cornell-guest) 1.95, Henrique Scott (Cornell-guest) 1.90, Onakeno Mario-Ghae (Cambridge) 1.90, Chris Little (Cambridge) 1.75

**Pole Vault** Peter Roach (Cornell) 5.05, Keith Rayburn (Cornell) 4.62, Quentin Gouill (Cambridge) 4.32, Zaamin Hussein (Cambridge) 4.12

**Long Jump** Steven Bell (Cornell-guest) 6.98, Montez Blair (Cornell) 6.89, Matthew Houlden (Cambridge) 6.89, Austin Jamerson (Cornell) 6.76, Sam Trigg (Oxford) 6.74, Emmanuel Gbegli (Cambridge – guest) 5.69

**Triple Jump** Robert Plummer (Cornell) 14.85, Sam Trigg

Shot Jacob Brenza (Penn) 16.57, Toby Haseler (Cambridge) 12.16, Steven Bell (Cornell) 11.99

Discus Stephen Mozia (Cornell) 55.29, Noah Kennedy-White (Penn) 48.93, Jacob Brenza (Penn-guest) 46.15, Andy Wheble (Cambridge) 41.75, Michael Painter (Cambridge) 38.35, Michael Rabbit (Cornell-guest) 31.81

Hammer Michael Painter (Cambridge) 59.15, Josh Abraham-Steele (Oxford) 49.76, Jacob Brenza (Penn) 49.25, Noah Kennedy-White (Penn) 42.08, Andy Wheble (Cambridge-guest) 39.96

Javelin Karl Ingram (Penn) 54.01, Justas Dauparis (Cambridge) 51.89, Thomas Pitt (Penn) 46.07, Alastair Stanley (Cambridge) 39.68

Result Penn & Cornell 123 points (17 wins), Oxford & Cambridge 76 points (2 wins)

Women

100m (wind +0.9) Lydia Ali (Penn) 12.10 record, Adrian Jones (Cornell) 12.39, Alice Kaye (Cambridge) 12.39, Rachel Hlatky (Penn-guest) 12.49, Eniola Oyesanya (Oxford) 13.13

200m (wind -0.1) Udeme Akpaeta (Cornell) 24.45 record, Rachel Hlatzy (Penn-guest) 25.09, Heather Bong (Penn)
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400m Zena Kolliesuah (Cornell) 54.54, Ebolutalese Airewele (Cornell) 54.76, Eleanor Simmons (Cambridge) 62.51
800m Elise Wilkinson (Cornell) 2:10.19, Chelsea Delany (Penn) 2:14.30, Ashley Montgomery (Penn-guest) 2:15.48, Rose Penfold (Oxford) 2:16.58, Sarah McCuaig (Oxford) 2:22.36
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1500m Elyssa Gensib (Penn) 4:35.89, Katherine Turner (Cambridge) 4:36.43, Cleo Whiting (Penn) 4:36.86, Rose Penfold (Oxford) 4:45.23
5000m Caroline Kellner (Cornell) 16:52.20, Kersie Jhabvala (Penn-guest) 16:57.84, Devin McMahon (Cornell) 16:58.68, Katie Niehaus (Oxford) 17:02.25, Alison Greggor (Cambridge) 17:20.71
100mh (wind +1.1) Gabrielle Piper (Penn) 14.64, Zaakira Daniels (Cornell) 15.07, Helene Copley (Oxford) 18.79, Helen Hanstock (Oxford) 20.10
400mh Ryan Woolley (Cornell) 64.27, Montana Jackson (Oxford) 66.90, Claire DeVoe (Cornell) 67.39, Alice Flint (Cambridge) 68.97
Steeplechase Claire DeVoe (Cornell) 10:42.69, Polly Keen (Cambridge) 11:12.63, Priya Crosby (Cambridge) 11:58.04
4x100m Penn-Cornell 46.87, Oxford-Cambridge (Church, Oyesanya, Crossman, Ota) 53.86
4x400m Penn-Cornell 3:47.06, Penn-Cornell guests () 4:05.15, Oxford-Cambridge (Simmons, Flint, Goodband, Jackson) 4:17.70
High Jump Noel Jancewicz (Penn) 1.67, Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 1.59, Lucy Crossman (Cambridge) 1.59, Annabelle Bates (Cambridge) 1.51
Pole Vault Eve Bishop (Cornell) 3.56, Emily Brady (Cambridge) 2.51, Hannah Church (Cambridge) 2.06
Long Jump Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 5.57, Amanda Fields (Penn) 5.36, Montana Jackson (Oxford) 5.24, Noel Jancewicz (Penn-guest) 4.95, Eleanor Simmons (Cambridge) 4.93, Helen Hanstock (Oxford-guest) 4.79
Triple Jump Montana Jackson (Oxford) 11.40, Amanda Fields (Penn) 10.72, Amaris Kobolak (Penn) 10.50, Helen Hanstock (Oxford) 9.91
Discus Nailah Hill (Penn) 43.15, Christina Nick (Oxford) 36.31, Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge-guest) 35.33, Georgina Howe (Cambridge) 33.86, Camryn Goodman (Cornell) 27.74
Hammer Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge) 47.76, Serena Graf (Penn) 46.73, Georgina Howe (Cambridge) 46.37, Jenny Richards (Oxford-guest) 43.66, Nailah Hill (Penn) 37.98
Javelin Kelsey Hay (Penn) 43.30, Serena Graf (Penn) 42.76, Helen Broadbridge (Cambridge) 25.57, Emily Goodband (Cambridge) 4.16
Result: Penn & Cornell 128 points (17 wins), Oxford & Cambridge 71 points (2 wins)
Double Decathletes

Bilen Ahmet, Alastair Stanley and (at a separate event) Josh Mouland all competed with distinction on the international stage in the Double Decathlon (Eikosathlon). Alastair was credited with an under 20 world age best, and Bilen placed third in the European Championship. As all three are past or present members of CUAC they are thinking of trying to host the European Championship at Cambridge one year soon. For a flavour of just how gruelling these events are, here are Josh’s results to finish 4th in the Delft Double Decathlon:

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In 2002, Davina Jones (nee Manship) was 3rd in the Christchurch marathon (NZ) in a time of 2:52:05 -which puts her in the Achilles All Time Top 10.
**FRESHERS VARSITY MATCH**

Iffley Road 2nd November 2014

**MEN**

100m  
Clayton Gillespie (C) 11.6, Sandy MacAulay (O) 11.9, Hallam Dixon (O) 12.0, Baven Balendran (C) 12.1, Nicholas Brabbs (O-guest) 12.4, Ife Adepegba (C-guest) 12.9

200m  
Josh Evans (C) 23.5, Tom Russell (C) 23.6, Charlie Oakley (O) 23.6, Hallam Dixon (O) 25.4, Kit Aina (O-guest) 28.0

400m  
Louis Rawlings (O) 51.6, Josh Evans (C) 52.1, Charlie Oakley (O) 52.4, Antoine Magre (C) 54.2

800m  
Louis Rawlings (O) 1:59.0, William Pinder (C) 1:59.6, Hugo Fleming (O) 2:01.5, Sebastian Cheli (C) 2:03.6, Josh Weekly (O-guest) 2:14.6

1500m  
William Pinder (C) 4:13.4, Hugo Fleming (O) 4:13.9, Ben Gibbons (O) 4:14.5, Antoine Magre (C) 4:16.2

3000m  
Michael Costante (O) 9:17.9, David Buglass (C) 9:22.3, James Sewry (O) 9:25.3, Luuk Metselaar (C) 9:29.5

110m hurdles (3’ 3”)  
Thomas McQuillin (O) 16.4, Gareth Goh (C) 18.6, George Grillo (C) 20.0, Matt Newton (O) 20.8

400m hurdles  
Matt Newton (O) 62.6, Ronan Llyr (O) 66.0, George Grillo (C) 66.3, Eddie Romano (C) 74.3

High Jump  
Chris Jammer (C) 1.70, Sandy MacAulay (O) 1.65, Alex Hamilton (O) 1.50, Frederik Vateman (C) 1.40

Pole Vault  
Ben Cottam (C) 2.60, Tim Gordon (C) 2.50, Jordan Black (O) 1.40

Long Jump  
Sandy MacAulay (O) 6.25, Tom Walters (C) 5.65, Gareth Goh (C) 5.55, Lewis Morgan (O) 5.33

Triple Jump  
Alex Hamilton (O) 12.92, Sebastian Cheli (C) 12.10, Lewis Morgan (O) 11.97, Tom Walters (C) 11.01

Shot  
Chris Jammer (C) 10.04, Jacob Lange (C) 9.62, Harry Woodcock (O) 9.34, Melvyn Lubega (O) 8.00

Discus  
Melvyn Lubega (O) 28.19, Robin Croft (C) 27.57, Harry Woodcock (O) 26.97, Jacob Lange (C) 26.1

Hammer (Horspath)  
Jacob Lange (C) 47.83, Robin Croft (C) 32.94, Melvyn Lubega (O) 18.54, Harry Woodcock (O) 18.05

Javelin  
Robin Croft (C) 44.46, Sam Broadey (O) 41.46, Harry Woodcock (O) 33.95, Jacob Lange (C) 22.69

4 x 100m  
Cambridge (Gillespie, Walters, Balendran, Grillo) 45.4

4 x 400m  
Cambridge (Evans, Magre, Walters, Grillo) 3:31.0

Result  
Cambridge 99, Oxford 90

**WOMEN**

100m  
Hephzibah Adeosun (C) 13.2, Maxine Meju (C) 13.3, Kate Wasyliw (O) 13.6, Johanna Schiele (O) 17.3

200m  
Brigid Eades (C) 26.7, Maxime Meju (C) 27.7, Kate Wasyliw (O) 28.6, Erin McHugh (O) 32.4

400m  
Brigid Eades (C) 59.1, match record, Rhiannon Philips (C) 63.6, Rosa Chrystie-Lowe (O) 71.2, Erin McHugh (O) 72.8

800m  
Elizabeth Sandham (C) 2:33.9, Brittnay Olinger (O-guest) 2:34.2, Hannah Plaschkes (O) 2:40.6, Serenydd Everden (C) 2:46.8

1500m  
Emily Shearer (C) 5:01.1, Dani Chattenton (O) 5:09.8, Brittnay Olinger (C) 5:12.4, Elizabeth Sandham (C) 5:32.9, Hariette Drew (O-guest) 5:41.0

3000m  
Emily Shearer (C) 10:56.0, Brittnay Olinger (O) 11:18.1, Hariette Drew (O) 12:03.7, Serenydd Everden (C) 13:27.2

100m hurdles  
Eline Helmer (O) 17.1, Kate Davies (O) 17.8, Francisca Hamilton (C) 19.8, Sarah Laing (C) 21.4

400m hurdles  
Dani Chattenton (O) 78.6, Sarah Laing (O) 85.8, Rosa Chrystie-Lowe (O) 87.5, Amelia Leventhorpe (C) 89.8

High Jump  
Kate Davies (O) 1.50, Eline Helmer (O) 1.50, Maxine Meju (C) 1.45, Carys Boughton (C) 1.45, Johanna Schiele (O-guest) 1.40

Pole Vault  
Fiona Brown (C) 2.00, Eline Helmer (O) 1.90, Rebecca Coombs (O) 1.40, Rebecca Bowden (O) 1.30

Long Jump  
Kate Davies (O) 5.22, Fiona Brown (C) 4.83, Eline Helmer (O) 4.75, Jenny Steinitz (C) 4.14

Triple Jump  
Fiona Brown (C) 10.53, Maxine Maju (C) 10.31, Eline Helmer (O) 9.38, Johanna Schiele (O) 8.55

Shot  
Fiona Brown (C) 10.21, Kate Davies (O) 9.76, Helen Bridgman (O) 7.16, Laura Schubert (C) 6.18

Discus  
Fiona Brown (C) 24.68, Bethany Berry (O) 20.89, Roisin Taylor (C) 18.83, Francisca Hamilton (C) 18.60

Hammer (Horspath)  
Bethany Berry (O) 31.75, Helen Bridgman (O) 21.11, Roisin Taylor (C) 19.08, Laura Schubert (C) 17.27

Javelin  
Kate Davies (O) 36.63, Fiona Brown (C) 30.31, Kloee Storrie (C) 17.94, Bethany Berry (O) 14.61

4 x 100m  
Cambridge (Meju, Adeosun, Eades, Brown) 51.9

4 x 400m  
Cambridge (Eades, Philips, Sandham, Boughton) 4:15.9, Oxford (McHugh, Plaschkes, Chrystie-Lowe, Olinger) 4:52.0

Result  
Cambridge 98, Oxford 92

Achilles Athletes of the Match: Jacob Lange (Cambridge) and Brigid Eades (Cambridge)
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2014 University Cross-Country Races

The 2014 ‘Varsity Cross-Country Races will be remembered for many years for controversy, hard luck stories and some fine team racing. Having won both races by convincing margins in 2013 and having swept the board at the previous weekend’s 2nd-4th team races, Cambridge arrived in south-west London in buoyant mood.

The controversy came in the 39th ladies’ race, where Cambridge were looking to record their third consecutive win for the first time since 1986. There was added interest in that it also saw the first change to the scoring system since the inaugural event in 1976. Following agreement between the two captains and to recognise the increased strength-depth in women’s sport at both universities, the team sizes were increased to seven and the number of scorers to five.

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For once, the pre-race predictions proved to be accurate. By 2½ miles, Saller had established a good lead and she was followed by her team-mate, Niehaus. However, close behind her the seven Light Blues were lined up and running strongly as a pack. Sadly for their hopes, the remainder of the Oxford team was tailed off and it was clear that a convincing team victory was coming the way of Cambridge. It was then that controversy arrived.

At the point about three-quarters of a mile from home when the course crossed the men’s course in the valley before the descent to Queensmere, the entire Cambridge team and Niehaus - who were still running closely together - followed the men’s course and, as a result, took a slightly shorter and easier route home. This meant that they reached the finish ahead of Saller, who had taken the correct route. After much discussion between the captains and Thames Hare and Hounds, it was resolved to award the individual victory to Saller and the team victory (with no score declared) to Cambridge. It was a huge shame and very regrettable that such an incident came to pass (and it should be made clear it was in no way the fault of the runners); however, it was clear to all who had seen the race in process that Saller’s individual and Cambridge’s team victories were beyond any reasonable doubt and so the decisions reached were the just conclusion. This result meant that the series scores now stands at 23 wins for Oxford and 16 for Cambridge.

Prior to the 124th gentlemen’s race, Cambridge were in good spirits and very much hoping to notch up their fourth win on the trot. With last year’s victor and captain, Lewis Lloyd (Pembroke), and Alex Short (Robinson) - who missed out in 2013 due to European selection - to spearhead their challenge, there was justification for their optimism. However, having welcomed a number of newcomers of promise as well as having seen some of last year’s team start to blossom, Oxford very much viewed themselves as in with a chance. There was added historical interest in that one of their eight, Will Ryle-Hodges (St. Antony’s), became the first man since Nick Dorey (Queens’ followed by New College) in 1980 to appear for both sides in the race. Given that his arrival at Cambridge in 2011 coincided with the end of a three-year run of defeats for the Light Blues, their rivals were very much hoping he would have the same impact on their fortunes.

By the time the 16 runners toed the line on the Memorial Playing Fields, Cambridge were on the brink of the first whitewash across all ‘Varsity races since Oxford in 1998 and once the race had settled down after the usual dash to the watersplash, it was clear that Short and Lloyd were going to make the running at the front. While in usual circumstances this would signal a likely team victory, it became apparent as the race progressed that this might not be the case as the Oxford eight were packing strongly in a manner similar to the famous 1996 race when they secured victory against all the odds and the top-end strength of their rivals.
As the runners approached the three-mile mark just after the Windmill – and ironically in almost the same location as where the controversy occurred in the ladies’ race – came the moment that decisively turned the contest towards the Dark Blues. Cambridge’s Alex Milne (Homerton), running in his first race, fell heavily as the runners crossed the ditch in the valley and was forced to withdraw.

With Cambridge having lost one of their upper-order runners and with the course flattening out having passed the Tangier Memorial, Oxford consolidated their position and by the time the Windmill was reached for the final time the team victory was within their grasp. Short and Lloyd had increased their lead by this point, but behind them James Parkinson (Somerville) – a converted hockey Blue – was pulling his team along and they occupied seven of the next eight places with only Kelvin Gomez (Homerton) in seventh breaking their run. With victory now all but assured, Oxford were able to enjoy the last mile and they duly secured their first win since 2010. For Cambridge, Alex Short pulled away in the closing stages to take the individual honours (in 38 minutes, 10 seconds) from Lewis Lloyd, although much credit must go to the latter for his run having battled his way back from injury over the summer.

Oxford’s victory brought he series score back level at 62 apiece and sets things nicely for 2015, which represents a significant milestone in the race’s history with the 125th contest.

Earlier in the day, Cambridge recorded their first victory in the Old Blues’ Race since 2005 with a 220 points to 247 victory (scoring 15 -side). Matthew Leach – their captain from last year – took the individual victory in 21 minutes, 29 seconds, with Naomi Taschimowitz heading Olympian Claire Hallissey among the ladies.

A full statement on the ladies’ race can be found on the Thames Hare and Hounds website at http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk/reports.php?month=12&year=2014

- Simon Molden

The 39th Ladies’ Race

1. Elizabeth Mooney Newnham Cambridge 23.18*
2. Emily Shearer Gonville and Caius Cambridge 23.21*
3. Kate Niehaus Trinity Oxford 23.24*
4. Katherine Turner Magdalen Cambridge 23.27*
5. Alison Greggor King’s Cambridge 23.29*
6. Katie Hedghethorne Murray Edwards Cambridge 23.31*
7. Sophia Saller* St. Catherine’s Oxford 23.36

40 years of the Ladies’ Race

In 2015, the Ladies’ ‘Varsity Cross-Country Race will reach an important milestone: the 40th contest. It is my intention to produce a short history of how the race came into being and its early years. However, very little beyond the results has been formally documented. Therefore, if anyone has any information from the years up to the first race in 1976 which could assist this task, it would be very helpful if they could get in touch with me at simon@scmolden.co.uk.

8. Tasneem Pope Trinity Hall Cambridge 23.47*
9. Sarah Lovewell Trinity Cambridge 24.23*
10. Katie Hickson St. Hilda’s Oxford 26.01
12. Emma Hodson Merton Oxford 26.30
13. Sarah McCuaig St. Hilda’s Oxford 27.16
14. Rose Penfold*** Green Templeton Oxford DNF

Cambridge won (no score declared)

* These runners lost the course at 2.9 miles and ran a shorter route home
** Sophia Saller was awarded the individual victory
*** Rose Penfold lost the course at 2.9 miles

The 124th Gentlemen’s Race

1. Alex Short Robinson Cambridge 38.10
2. Lewis Lloyd Pembroke Cambridge 38.48
3. James Parkinson Somerville Oxford 39.06
4. William Christofi University Oxford 39.11
5. Adam Speake Worcester Oxford 39.15
6. Miles Unterreiner St. John’s Oxford 39.18
7. Kelvin Gomez Homerton Cambridge 39.46
8. Alex Howard Christ Church Oxford 39.56
10. Aidan Smith St. John’s Oxford 40.10
11. Josh Carr Sidney Sussex Cambridge 40.20
12. Patrick Roddy Robinson Cambridge 40.33
13. Richard Ollington Pembroke Cambridge 41.27
14. Miles Chandler Lady Margaret Hall Oxford 41.39
15. Phillip Crout St. Catherine’s Cambridge 42.08
16. Alex Milne Homerton Cambridge DNF*

Oxford won by 35 points to 46

* Alex Milne fell and sprained his ankle at 2.8 miles and had to withdraw

The 23rd Old Blues’ Race

1. Matthew Leach Churchhill Oxford 21.29
2. William Mycroft New College Oxford 21.41
3. Chris Bannon Downing Cambridge 21.49
4. Martin Shore Magdalen Cambridge 21.58
5. Christopher Phillips-Hart Worcester Oxford 22.08
6. Dominic Kiralyf Robinson’s Park Oxford 22.58
7. Matthew Grant Queens’ Cambridge 22.13
8. Sean Renfer St. Catherine’s Oxford 22.25
10. Robin Brown Jesus Cambridge 22.41
11. Matthew Clark Homerton Cambridge 22.42
13. Simon Molden Christ Church Oxford 22.58
14. Richard Hewitt Jesus Cambridge 23.17
15. Alex Young St. John’s Cambridge 23.28
16. Edward Catmur Jesus Oxford 23.31
17. Henry Mitchell Pembroke Oxford 23.33
18. Sam Ashcroft Jesus Cambridge 23.41
19. Will Bowers Trinity Cambridge 23.51
20. Jamie Darling St. John’s Oxford 23.54
21. Naomi Taschimowitz Trinity Cambridge 24.43
22. Claire Hallissey Robinson Cambridge 25.15
23. Polly Keen New Hall/Murray Edwards/Dowing Cambridge 25.26
25. James Gill Hughes Hall Cambridge 27.20
26. Katie Truslove Worcester Oxford 27.28
27. Joanna Mobed Murray Edwards Cambridge 27.39
29. Ashley Mooney Trinity Oxford 29.00
30. Philip Scard Gonville and Caius Cambridge 29.14
31. Matthew Hallissey St. John’s Cambridge 30.15
32. Helen Hanstock Magdalen Oxford 34.20
33. Neil Mathur Churchill Cambridge n/t

Cambridge won by 220 points to 247 (scoring 15-a-side)
40 Years On….. OUAC, CUAC and Achilles in 1974

Varsity Match: 16th May 1974. Oxford were determined to banish the memories of the previous year’s 4 x 100m relay, winning which had allowed Cambridge to tie the match at the very end. Oxford looked the stronger team on paper, and this form was confirmed on the day, as they achieved a record margin of 115 - 78.

They won every track event with the exception of the steeplechase, where Hugh St John out-kicked Pete Irvine coming off the last barrier. Maximum points were scored by Oxford in the 400m (Peter Crawshaw/Ed Forman), 800m (Andy Reekes/Adam Chedburn), 1500m (Julian Goater/Derek Vaughan) and all three hurdles events.

Cambridge fared better in the field, with victories from Paul Orchart (Discus 39.50), Eric Christiansen (Javelin 62.34), Tim Reed (Pole Vault 3.40m) and John Slaney (Triple Jump 14.03). Dave Naylor (Shot Put 13.39m) and Nigel Boulding (High Jump 1.93m) won their events for Oxford, and Lee Kidd managed an unusual combination in finishing second in both Discus and Javelin (58.76). Winner of the Drake Digby Cup, having won three individual events (100m, 200m and Long Jump) and run a leg in the winning 4x100m relay, was Steve White. Julian Goater achieved a relatively low-key event in winning the 1500m (3.52.4) and 5000m (14.29.2) with a minimal gap. Oxford’s very strong hurdles squad included Axel Salander, Bob Tait, Ray Burse and Rob Hocking.

The Centipedes v. Alverstone match was a very much closer affair, with Centipedes winning by a single point (after a recount!). Notable performers included Jurgen Dunsch (800m), Tom Dowie (Hurdles), Andy Etchells (5000m), and Colin Lizieri (400m).

From Julian Goater (OUAC Hon Sec 1974, President 1975) :-

Some great memories – particularly the result of the Varsity match!

I seem to remember the first women joining OUAC in ’74. OUAC had athletes of the calibre of Gill Suttle and Marjorie Willey around whom to build a team. They certainly heralded the dawn of this new era at Oxford, and I think we should all be proud of the part we all played in finally helping OUAC and CUAC introduce women’s athletics, and thereby catch up – at least to some extent - with mainstream athletics in Britain. After all, Ann Packer had won Olympic gold 10 years earlier……and Lillian Board had come – and very sadly, gone, before 1974.

’74 marked also a new venue at West London – not ideal in every way, but the only real option if Crystal Palace was no longer viable. But this rather messy upheaval did at least signal the beginnings of the gradual – and very welcome - move towards both acceptable performances including Jurgen Dunsch (800m), Tom Dowie (Hurdles), Andy Etchells (5000m), and Colin Lizieri (400m). - PGC

But despite all of us being at the forefront of those dramatic changes which originated in 1974 we seem – at least at OUAC – to have been very disorganised (maybe just over-worked!) and failed to keep proper club records or take photographs. I apologise for my lapses in this regard, and very much regret having nothing to offer in the way of photos.

So the past 40 years have seen huge progress in (nearly) all respects at OUAC, CUAC and Achilles. Perhaps the start of this progress can be traced back to our era, and 1974 in particular. Certainly Paul and Peter, whose sterling efforts and commitment do so much to keep Achilles Club thriving, date back to this time. Keep up the good work guys!
From Steve White (OUAC Hon Sec 1973, President 1974) :-
I can well understand Cambridge removing those photos of the Varsity Match [Peter Crawshaw remembers several taken that day by Bill Potter being displayed at Iffley Road for a couple of years, before being taken by some visiting CUAC athletes] - such painful memories. Through Peter’s good offices and those of Dave Williams (whose pain has been overcome), I have managed to recover one of them (below).

Dave and I re-enacted this finish at the dinner after this year’s Varsity Match. I was particularly proud of the club that year, of the team spirit and of what we achieved.

As Julian says, I think we can also be particularly proud of launching women’s athletics.
at the universities in a significant way. It was just embarrassing not to be able to offer a proper club and proper competition to the women. Marjorie Willey, a junior international thrower, rightfully expected it and we did something about it. I give Julian a lot of credit for this and for agreeing, with his Cambridge counterpart, when he was President, to stage the first women’s match in 1975.

My recollection of the move away from Crystal Palace is that it was not solely related to finances. We just found an almost entirely empty Crystal Palace so dispiriting. Midweek at a windswept West London stadium had its drawbacks, but it was of an appropriate scale. The current arrangements are so much better, and I think our generation was part of a transition to the modern era.

I do recall exchanging letters with, I think, Neil Allen of the Times, who had filed a quite disparaging report about - I think it was - the 1971 Varsity match in which he complained about the slippage in standards compared with the old days of Oxford Olympians and suggesting that the current crop of athletes had more in common with the long-haired attendees at the pop concert next door in Crystal Palace park than with their illustrious predecessors. His thesis was that athletics at Oxford had declined to a sorry state. This annoyed me. I told him that the Oxford and Cambridge clubs no longer enjoyed a privileged status but still compared well with the best in the country. I suggested that he should be applauding the democratisation of athletics and the rise in standards of national club athletics rather than bemoaning the loss of exclusivity. I don’t think he agreed, but it made me feel better.

My point is that in 1974 we should be comparing ourselves with the best clubs and the best university clubs in the country and not with a glorious but no longer relevant past. With this in mind, when I was President, I did try to forge a much closer relationship with the Oxford City club, which was making its way towards National League status, and to open University facilities and coaching to all athletes in Oxford not just those in the university. I didn’t make much progress; one year is not enough. It still seems crazy to me that the City had to invest in an upgrade of its own track at Horspath. A strong partnership between the City and the University could have delivered more for athletics in both the university and the town but things were driven more by continuing attachments to exclusivity (on the university side) and to the preservation of identity and property rights (on both sides) than by any real regard for what would work best for athletics.

I do also have some amusing memories about the match with the University of Milan, which Peter recalled (see his 25 year flashback in the 1999 Report). They sent a team of officials and administrators to Oxford several months beforehand to agree the arrangements. I met them at the station and took them to tea in The Randolph. That was it. They were expecting to be met by a team of equivalent managerial weight as their own and were somewhat taken aback to find themselves dealing with one of the opposing athletes. The match happened successfully, so I don’t think our organisation was too underpowered but it seemed to me an example of an encounter between amateurism (I won’t claim ‘gifted’) and professional management. I’m not sure what lessons can be learned from this!

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**THE 1974 PENN & CORNELL MATCH**

My participation in the 1974 match followed on shortly after my finals: with a couple of Comem. Neil was alas too good for both of us. Oxford / Cambridge wins were hard to come by that day: the result was 15-3 (points scoring was still foreign to the Transatlantic Series). Julian Goater in particular salvaged some pride for the home team by repeating his 1973 mile victory over Penn’s Denis Fikes.

My abiding memories, however, of the Cornell-Penn visit to Oxford are ones of friendship. Those of us who had the privilege of travelling to Ithaca the previous summer (our visit did not alas allow us time to visit Philadelphia) were keen to repay the warm hospitality that our hosts had given us. It was great to see familiar faces (in my case especially Cornell’s Robert Anastasio and Pal Roach – opponents over the half mile in 1973) and show them round Oxford. Although many things change, not least the inclusion of women’s events, the cultural exchanges and abiding friendships – I’m still in touch with Robert today – are still at the heart of this series. I am sure that all those competing today will seize that opportunity.

- Peter Crawshaw
From a personal perspective the 1989 season was one of highs and lows. We started the season looking forward to the USA tour and with a distinct chance of edging a victory off Oxford if we could field a full, fit team. Unfortunately for me personally I wasn’t to experience either of these landmarks due to a serious illness which brought my season to a halt in Lent term and led eventually to me re-doing my final year (yes, silver lining to this one – more on that later), and injuries to in Jon Ridgeon (GB International) which deprived us of our highest points earner for the Varsity Match.

However, without a place on the track, I was able to play a ‘non-playing’ captain’s role and view things from the stands. Duties included driving the mini-bus to the Bedford track every week so that we could train on a tartan surface (at this stage the track in Cambridge was unusable whenever there was a frost or heavy rain) – this usually descended into a huge singalong to the latest and greatest hits (at least for 1989) and I can still remember the words to every hit of that year! We also started competing indoors at Haringey in the winter months and I remember vividly praying every time we took a ‘rent a wreck’ ($10/day) down there that we would make it in one piece. Some would say that I also played a role as social secretary and general cheerleader………..

What I loved most about the club was the great team spirit and camaraderie, which I’ve never found again in any other athletics club. It was something akin to the type of bonding found in a rugby club where the core group loved to train, compete and socialise together. Perhaps the most satisfying elements of the year was not watching the ‘stars’ break yet another record, but to see those that came to the club with a vague interest in the sport and turn that into a passion as they achieved pb’s at every turn. The USA tour was a defining point for quite a number of these athletes as they turned out improvements in each match. The statistics show that every Cambridge athlete who attended the tour achieved at least one pb! Other lower key events which also stick in the memory include a tour to Paris at Xmas for training with a sister club and the Achilles ball in the summer at HRH Stinson’s pad in Surrey.

Ultimately the season ended on a low for the Men’s team as we were soundly beaten by a superior Oxford outfit (although our Women’s team salvaged some pride), but I’d been given another shot at it and was elected President for the season 1989/90 determined to ensure we gave a better account of ourselves.

- Dave Gardiner, Men’s Captain, CUAC

**The Transatlantic Ivy League Tour of 1989**

The coaches (or rather I) probably owe the ladies on the 1989 US tour an apology. They really should have won the Harvard Yale match and only failed to do so (arguably) on a technicality.

But that is getting ahead of myself. In 1989 Trevor Llewelyn and I were the coaching arm of a management team led by the late great Donald Gorrie (whose ongoing saga of the “Chronicles of the Children of Oxford” kept us rapt at every formal dinner), Chris Thorne and Jon Brooke.

Clear memories of that trip are fading, but a number of things will always stick in the mind – the coaches were significantly more involved and influential in the team selection process than previously, deservedly so (though I say it myself) as by 1989 we were involved not only in coaching CUAC but also running training events for both universities, and I was privileged also to be advising Liz Hobson at Oxford at the time. In a break with tradition it was agreed that Presidents would not travel as of right but would have to earn selection. Kit was of huge importance as was its design. This rather rebounded on us when the team gifted us baseball hats with “Wrinkly” “Crumbly” “Coach ” and “Coach’s Husband” on them (can’t remember what Jon Brooke got…)... there was endless discussion as to the merits of relay change over upsweep vs down sweep. Something I can still get a bit excited about.

The teams performed extremely well. The first match against Penn and Princeton was expected to be a bit of a white wash in favour of the home teams. Not so. Indeed the men had a fuller team they could have won it, losing by one event only and not contesting the 400mH. Competing as we were with jet lag and party fatigue this boded extremely well. Stars were already emerging, in particular the unbroken run of success enjoyed by Gill Howard in the HJ (she had of course her personal coach in tow), Ade Odusi’s prodigious performance in the 800m taking him into a different league, and the multi-event skills of Emma Westlake. Larry Matthews’ win in the 5000m jog and Richard Shearmur’s 400m victory were great morale boosters, and we settled into the customary Oxford mode of loud and raucous cheers to the men’s 4x400 squad who brought home the baton safely in first place. We had enjoyed the superb training facilities of the USA schools.
and in particular I recall training in the inflated bubble at Penn which included indoor javelin practice with rubber bungs on the ends of the javelins for safety.

Accommodation continued to be rather mixed. And a suspicious trend began to develop. One of the jump stars and indeed perhaps the poster boy for the trip was the 110mH for Steve Martin, and the High jump went well. There were rumours flying about that we seemed to have found a hammer thrower....

On to Dartmouth and Brown and I find amongst my notes in my notebook of the tour (which sadly I still have...) the “rousing” speech used to lift the team, complete with psychological analysis of the opposition and exhortations to the relay teams to keep at it as anything can happen...it did seem to work. There were storming performances in good conditions in particular from Hilary Lissenden who achieved blues standards in both sprints winning the 200m, the ladies also had clean sweeps in the 3000m, hurdles and high jump where we took the stadium record (that Westlake lady again over the sticks and, of course, Gill Howard) almost "their" Varsity match. Their focus was (unsurprisingly) on beating each other, not us. There were wonderful performances from various of the men in a match they were never going to win but in which they troubled the opposition regularly- Tom Richardson’s tactical 3000mSC was a triumphant win for a novice at the event, Larry Matthews, Ade, Marcus and Jeremy all won their events. I have to say that the impact of this was largely lost as the crowd ignored the Oxbridge competitors (often in the distance events well ahead of the US teams) being concerned only with their domestic Varsity match.

And now to that lost opportunity in the women’s match. The eventual score (scored correctly on events) was 8-7. Oxbridge wins included a magnificent pb in the 3000m from Clare Lavers (winning her the performance of the day award), and wins also for the middle distance squad, Louisa Bayles in the shot, and (of course) Gill Howard in the HJ. With just the 4x400m to go the score was level. Our ladies’ team ran their hearts out to record a pb of 3:59.34 (first time under 4 minutes) but it was not enough. However the sting in the tail was that at the technical meeting the coaches (us…) had insisted that the rather disinterested USA teams nominate one of their teams – Harvard or Yale- as the match team against us. Had we left one of their teams – Harvard or Yale included us in what was effective- ly “their” Varsity match. Their focus was (unsurprisingly) on beating each other, not us. There were wonderful performances from various of the men in a match they were never going to win but in which they troubled the opposition regularly- Tom Richardson’s tactical 3000mSC was a triumphant win for a novice at the event, Larry Matthews, Ade, Marcus and Jeremy all won their events. I have to say that the impact of this was largely lost as the crowd ignored the Oxbridge competitors (often in the distance events well ahead of the US teams) being concerned only with their domestic Varsity match.

And then it was Harvard and Yale. This what we had all been waiting for. But if the truth be told it was something of an anti-climax. First the weather was cruel. Second for the first time (I think) Harvard and Yale included us in what was effective- ly “their” Varsity match. Their focus was (unsurprisingly) on beating each other, not us. There were wonderful performances from various of the men in a match they were never going to win but in which they troubled the opposition regularly- Tom Richardson’s tactical 3000mSC was a triumphant win for a novice at the event, Larry Matthews, Ade, Marcus and Jeremy all won their events. I have to say that the impact of this was largely lost as the crowd ignored the Oxbridge competitors (often in the distance events well ahead of the US teams) being concerned only with their domestic Varsity match.

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What can I say? A great tour, warm hosts, and a real bonding experience for the Oxbridge athletes making the 1989 Varsity match very interesting indeed.

Bridget Wheeler (with assistance from Trevor Llewelyn)

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Vaughan, and there was that Emma Westlake again. The men faded a little for this match, as I recall, facing stiff competition but there were some notably successes- Ade dropped down to the 400m and had a blinder and his place in the 800m was taken with huge success by Kheredine Idessane. There were also victories in the

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...and who can recall the lady distance runner who overdid the carbohydrate loading and ate all the potatoes?
Please alert peter.crawshaw@achilles.org if you are able to give us an pointers to the whereabouts of any of these:

Liz Boothroyd 1982 New Hall Cambridge
Felicity Waterman 1982 Christ Church Oxford SOMERSET
Marco Fasoli 1982 Pembroke Cambridge SOMERSET
Nigel Clarke 1983 St Catherine’s Oxford OXON
Pete Fulcher 1983 St Catherine’s Cambridge HAMPSHIRE
Pete Kanowski 1983 St John’s Oxford OXON
Clive Bromhall 1983 Balliol Oxford BRISTOL
Patricia Bradley 1983 Girton Cambridge NORTH YORKS
Sarah Rees 1983 St John’s Cambridge GLAMORGAN
Olu Fajimiroskun 1984 St John’s Oxford LONDON
Peter Alden 1984 Churchill Cambridge LONDON
Kate Harper 1984 Downing Cambridge LONDON
Alastair Williamson 1984 St Catharine’s Cambridge WEST MIDLANDS
Chris Harris 1984 Brasenose Oxford WEST MIDLANDS
Caroline Ball 1984 St Hugh’s Oxford OXON
James Lloyd 1984 Peterhouse Cambridge GLOUCS
Keith Blackwell 1984 Magdalen Cambridge
Peter Laws 1984 Christ Church Oxford LEEDS
David Smith 1984 Magdalen Cambridge ONTARIO
Val Pritchard 1984 St Hugh’s Oxford HERTS
Ian Silverstone 1984 Balliol Oxford HAMPSHIRE
Shepherd-Claire Themistocleous 1984 Somerville Oxford Durham
Gareth Hughes 1984 Keble Oxford NOTTS
Kathleen Clair 1984 St Hilda’s Oxford Pennsylvania
Chris McGrady 1984 Jesus Oxford Paris
Corinne Cummings 1984 St Peter’s Oxford CAMBS.
Katie Flanagan 1984 Trinity Oxford OXON.
Ginny Evans 1984 St Peter’s Oxford NORTHANTS.
Richard Dawson 1984 Merton Oxford DEVON
Bob Cobb 1985 Peterhouse Cambridge LONDON
Simon Briggs 1985 St Edmund Hall Oxford BERKSHIRE
Rod Clayton 1985 Brasenose Oxford SUFFOLK
Peter Darbyshire 1985 Sidney Sussex Cambridge LANCASHIRE
Tim Cross 1985 Lincoln Oxford SURREY
Wole Sobyogo 1985 Churchill Cambridge NEW JERSEY
Ian McDonald 1985 Exeter Oxford
James Hutchinson 1985 Magdalen Cambridge DUBLIN
Allan Jemi-Adalé 1985 Emmanuel Cambridge Tayside
Emma McBrien 1985 Pembroke Cambridge LONDON
Helen Hoyle 1985 St Edmund Hall Oxford LONDON
Catherine Shelley 1985 Downing Cambridge SURREY
Dominic Tilley 1986 St John’s Oxford LONDON
Gary Pitts 1986 Oriel Oxford LONDON
Philip Wilkins 1986 Peterhouse Cambridge KENT
Jerome Lai 1986 St Edmund Hall Oxford
James Leach 1986 Balliol Oxford ALBERTA
Larry Mathews 1986 Merton Oxford LONDON
Rod Driver 1986 St Catherine’s Oxford KENT
David Cook 1986 Christ Church Oxford SURREY
Paul Mendham 1986 King’s Cambridge NEW SOUTH WALES
Philip Darbyshire 1986 Fitzwilliam Cambridge LANCASHIRE
Tracy Van der Leeuw 1986 Worcester Oxford OXON
Mike Webb 1986 Lincoln Oxford SURREY
Graeme Ackland 1986 Jesus Oxford EDINBURGH
Sean Gibbons 1986 Downing Cambridge LONDON
Nick Bulbeck 1986 Magdalen Cambridge GLASSGOW
Tom Mailer 1986 Dombody Oxford CURRYV
Charles Addison 1987 Jesus Cambridge BUCKS
Jason Skill 1987 St Catharine’s Cambridge DERBYSHIRE
Jo Dering 1987 Exeter Oxford DORSET
Andrew Skates 1987 Trinity Oxford LONDON
Dave Layton 1987 Lincoln Oxford Nova Scotia
Alan Walton 1987 Magdalen Cambridge
Rachel Osman 1987 St Hilda’s Oxford OXON
Mairi MacLean 1987 Lucy Cav. Cambridge LANARKS
Scott Bryan 1987 Trinity Oxford LONDON
Simon Harding 1987 Oriel Oxford SURREY
Simón Firth 1987 St John’s Cambridge CHESHIRE
Tom Stout 1987 Emmanuel Cambridge SUFFOLK
Dawn Fletcher 1987 Jesus Oxford W. MIDLANDS
Jodie Forbes 1987 Trinity Hall Cambridge LONDON
Michael Risman 1987 Emmanuel Cambridge LONDON
Mark McClintock 1987 University Oxford CO. ANTRIM
Rowan Smith 1988 Caius Cambridge SHEFFIELD
Andy Thompson 1988 Regent’s Park Oxford NOTTS
Ade Odunsi 1988 Trinity Hall Cambridge SURREY
James Street 1988 Green Oxford YORKSHIRE
John Brecknell 1988 Clare Cambridge FIFE
Bob Ryan 1988 Jesus Cambridge BRUSSELS
David Burrows 1988 Robinson Cambridge BUCKS
Hugh Briggs 1988 Caius Cambridge LONDON
Matthew Pay 1988 Magdalen Oxford WEST MIDLANDS
David Stewart 1988 St Ed Hall Cambridge LONDON
Uzo Onwere 1988 Downing Cambridge LONDON
Tanny Liverpool 1988 Trinity Hall Cambridge LIVERPOOL
Dominic Wise 1988 Trinity Cambridge MIDDLESEX
Tracey Aldridge 1988 Selwyn Cambridge WEST MIDDLESEX
Pierre Delforge 1988 St John’s Cambridge CAMBS
Vicky Barton 1988 Homerton Cambridge TYNE & WEAR
Linda Whiteford 1988 Worcester Oxford WORKS.
Tim Wright 1988 Robinson Cambridge COVENTRY
Stuart Fairley 1988 Keble Oxford HERTS
Emma Westlake 1988 St Catherine’s Oxford OXON.
James MacNachtan 1988 King’s Cambridge WILTSHIRE
Tom Bent 1988 Downing Cambridge BERKSHIRE
Kate Houston 1988 Trinity Oxford LONDON
Matthew Dimond 1988 University Oxford LONDON
Courtney Cook 1988 St Peter’s Oxford NEW YORK
Allan Taylor 1989 Emmanuel Cambridge LONDON
Tim Stewart 1989 Trinity Oxford KENT
Sue Burgess 1989 Clare Cambridge LONDON
Jo Adams 1989 Hertford Oxford NSW
David Roundland 1989 Christ’s Cambridge
Derek Ormerod 1989 St Ed Hall Oxford WARWICKSHIRE
Jenny James 1989 Sidney Sussex Oxford OXON.
Kate Shepherd 1989 Worcester Oxford WORCESTERSHIRE
Andy McLeod 1989 St Catharine’s Cambridge LANCASTHER
Rob Marx 1989 St Peter’s Oxford OREGON
Robin Bordoloi 1989 St John’s Cambridge DERBYS.
Andy Johnston 1989 St Peter’s Oxford LONDON
Chris Townsend 1989 Christ Church Oxford MERSEYSHIRE
James Bobby 1989 St John’s Cambridge MIDDLESEX
Jeremy Arnold 1989 Clare Cambridge HAMPSHIRE
Ade Adeabo 1990 St Antony’s Oxford OXON
Simon Steer 1990 Jesus Cambridge SUFFOLK
Robert Calvert 1990 Pembroke Cambridge CO. DOWN
Alan Ingram 1990 St Catharine’s Cambridge LANCS
David Wright 1990 King’s Cambridge ESSEX
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The site that became Fenners was originally just a field behind (to the west of) the Cambridge town gaol, which in turn faced Parkers Piece, where cricket and other sports had been practiced for a long time.

In 1846 the Earl of Stamford leased this field, and had the cricket professional Lillywhite lay out a pitch, so that the Earl and his friends could play cricket with more privacy. In 1848 Francis Fenner, a Cambridge local entrepreneur, took over the lease and extended the ground, and the next year (1849) sublet the area, now a fairly good cricket pitch, to the Cambridge University Cricket Club for the May-September period of each year.

By marking out a running track on the grass, Fenner was able to make further money by allowing athletes to use his field in the winter months. The Cricket Club had a wooden pavilion (close behind where the gaol was) in 1856, and water was laid on in 1861; so the field, now known as simply "Fenners", became a very comfortable home for both the University Cricket and Athletics Clubs.

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**FENNERS – a request for help!**

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**There must be many ex-CUAC athletes with excellent memories. Chris Thorne would be very glad to have corrections or additions to his map, and of any other Fenners memories**
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