

THE ACHILLES CLUB - REVIEW OF 1985

THE VARSITY MATCH

Oxford stretched their winning sequence to three, scoring 114 to Cambridge's 96. It was a warm and sunny day at Iffley Road. The match was finely poised throughout the afternoon, and was characterised by the two Presidents, Emery and Bowen, battling stride for stride down the home straight in the 400: Cambridge's Emery prevailed in that race and in the 200 forty-five minutes later, but Oxford scored well in the later events. Kell (100 & 110H), Hardie (200H & 400H), Heard (LJ & TJ) and Jackson (DT & SP) were also double winners: Jeremy Barton might have joined them had he not been in the changing rooms enjoying a massage when then gun fired at the start of the 5000. Peter Fulcher's javelin throw came close to R.A.Lane's 25 year old match record. A 3000m walk was included in the programme for the second time and will be a scoring event from 1986 for a three year trial period. Full results were as follows:

100: 1, JONATHAN KELL C 11.3, 2, Dominic Emery C 11.4, 3, Ian Macdonald O 11.4, 4, Nick Phillis O 11.4.
200: 1, DOMINIC EMERY C 22.5, 2, Brian Carr C 22.8, 3, Dwayne Heard O 22.8, 4, Lance Phillips O 23.6.
400: 1, DOMINIC EMERY C 48.8, 2, Martyn Bowen O 48.8, 3, Mark Hardie O 51.2, 4, Paul Foy O 51.6.
800: 1, GILES CLIFFORD O 1.53.7, 2, Mike Sherar O 1.53.9, 3, Keith Blackwell C 1.56.8, 4, Timothy King C 1.58.2.
1500: 1, JEREMY BARTON C 4.01.8, 2, Andrew Robinson O 4.02.4, 3, Paul Bristow C 4.02.4, 4, Ian Silvester 4.05.0
5000: 1, RICHARD NERURKAR O 14.37.3, 2, Jeremy Barton C 14.48.5, 3, Dave Gilbert O 14.54.9, 4, Hugh Shields C 16.00.0.
110H: 1, JONATHAN KELL C 15.0, 2, Andrew Fischer C 15.1, 3, Douglas Campbell O 15.4, 4, Andrew Jones O 16.2.
200H: 1, MARK HARDIE O 24.7, 2, Jonathan Kell C 25.4, 3, Andrew Jones O 26.2, 4, David Hitchcock C 26.7.
400H: 1, MARK HARDIE O 53.6, 2, Martyn Bowen O 55.0, 3, Andrew Fischer C 55.9, 4, David Hitchcock C 66.3.
3000SC: 1, JON BROOKE O 9.09.6, 2, Paul Bristow C 9.10.2, 3, Andy King O 9.31.5, 4, Ifan Lloyd C 9.52.9.
LONG JUMP: 1, DWAYNE HEARD O 7.00, 2, Brian Carr C 6.59, 3, Iain Young C 6.53, 4, Charles Patrick O 6.21.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1, DWAYNE HEARD O 14.24, 2, Robert Cobb C 14.08, 3, George Murrell O 14.06, 4, D. Mahoney C 3.52.
HIGH JUMP: 1, MIKE POWELL O, 2.05, 2, Edward Friend C 1.90, 3, David Holden O 1.85, 4, Mark Steed C 1.85.
POLE VAULT: 1, NIGEL CLARK O 4.00, 2, Ed Seager O 3.80, 3, James Cunningham C 3.40, 4, Duncan Pearce C 3.40.
DISCUS: 1, IAN JACKSON O 40.64, 2, Jasper Goodwyn C 38.54, 3, Guy Weatherall C 36.62, 4, Andrew Gammie O 35.00.
SHOT PUTT: 1, IAN JACKSON O 12.68, 2, Anthony Ogilvie-Thompson O 11.45, 3, Seb Barton C 11.00, 4, Edward Friend C 10.52.
JAVELIN: 1, PETER FULCHER C 67.36, 2, Jasper Goodwyn C 62.76, 3, Andy Duncan O 56.10, 4, John Risman O 52.22.
HAMMER: 1, GUY WEATHERALL C 45.26, 2, Matthew Bishop O 33.14, 3, Clive Elwood C 31.50, 4, Tom Woodcock O 30.94
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3000 WALK: 1, TIM BERRETT O 13.40.3, 2, Tim Baker C 13.51.8, 3, Rob Rider C 14.05.6, 4, M. Nicholson C 15.22.7, 5, C. Hetherington O 15.39.1 - Non-scoring.
4 x 100: 1, OXFORD (MacDonald, Phillips, Heard, Phillis) 43.6, Cambridge dnf.

4 x 400: 1, OXFORD (Sherar, Clifford, Hardie, Bowen) 3.19.7, 2,
Cambridge (Foy, Marchese, King, Emery) 3.23.4.

THE LADIES MATCH

All rested on the relays, and after a desperately close finish in the 4 x 100, Cambridge emerged the victors, by 80 points to 77. Lovett, Gibb and Trainer all scored double wins. One of the most competitive events was the 100m hurdles, the result of which was in the balance until the last hurdle: all four competitors ran personal bests. Full results were as follows:-

100: 1, OLU FAJEMIROKUN O 12.9, 2, Emma Howard C 13.1, 3, Susanne Caesar C 13.3, 4, Liz Simister O 13.4.
200: 1, SUSANNE CAESAR C 26.9, 2, Bryony Lovett C 27.4, 3, Liz Simister O 28.0, 4, Kate Bingham O 28.9.
400: 1, BRYONY LOVETT C 60.1, 2, Nancy Sturman O 62.2, 3, Jane Price C 62.2, 4, Tertia Belt O 64.1.
800: 1, BRYONY LOVETT C 2.16.0, 2, Nancy Sturman O 2.18.8, 3, Joanne Neill C 2.19.6, 4, Kate Clair O 2.33.2.
1500: 1, POLLY GIBB O 4.51.5, 2, Joanne Neill C 4.53.1, 3, Susannah Walker O 4.59.9, 4, Catherine Rogerson C 5.13.3.
3000: 1, POLLY GIBB O 10.39.8, 2, Kate Clair O 10.53.4, 3, Nikki James C 11.00.4, 4, Catherine Rogerson C 11.13.0.
100H: 1, VALERIE PRITCHARD O 17.5, 2, Margaret Worrall C 17.7, 3, Pippa Clifford C 18.5, 4, Corinne Cummings O 18.8.
400H: 1, JANE PRICE C 67.4, 2, Valerie Pritchard O 70.0, 3, Stephanie Dangel O 70.7, 4, Margaret Worrall C 76.5.
LONG JUMP: 1, KATE OKIKIOLU C 4.96, 2, Janet Corlett O 4.55, 3, Susanne Caesar C 4.45, 4, Jessie Folk O 4.33.
HIGH JUMP: 1, MARGARET WORRALL C 1.50, 2, Kate Wait C 1.50, 3, Ginny Thompson O 1.50, 4, Paula Curry O 1.40.
DISCUS: 1, JANET CORLETT O 29.92, 2, Kate Cook C 29.42, 3, Deborah Nagan O 28.80, 4, Sarah Smith C 27.56.
SHOT PUTT: 1, ALISON TRAINER O 9.84, 2, Janet Corlett O 9.79, 3, Elizabeth Wheeler C 7.89, 4, Elizabeth Adams C 7.74.
JAVELIN: 1, ALISON TRAINER O 37.08, 2, Jane Guttridge O 28.72, 3, Margaret Worrall C 27.16, 4, Pauline Parker C 26.46.
4 x 100: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Caesar, Irons, Howard, Lovett) 51.6, 2, Oxford (Bingham, Simister, Ege, Fajemirokun) 51.6.
4 x 400: 1, CAMBRIDGE (Lovett, Price, Caesar, Neill) 4.07.8. 2, Oxford (Belt, Robinson, Pritchard, Sturman) 4.12.4.

THE CENTIPEDES/ALVERSTONE MATCH

The Centipedes ran out easy winners, as is always likely to be the case in the second team match while it remains a home fixture for Oxford, by 132 points to 79. The outstanding performance was David Eckley's 3.90m Pole Vault, which would have placed second in the *p

Blues match. Charles Bostock won 4 events. Leading results were as follows:-

100: John McAuley C 11.6 200: McAuley 23.4, Seamus Goatley O 23.4.
400: Ben Kent O 50.6, Simon Marchese C 51.5. 800: Thomas Reiss C 1.58.0 1500: Andrew Millet C 4.03.6, Mark Jewell O 4.04.0. 5000: Peter Kanowski O 15.01.1. 110H: Charles Bostock O 16.6. 200H: Bostock 27.8. 400H: Andrew Nesom O 58.3. 3000SC: Jon Hollingsdale O 9.37.6. LJ: Bostock 6.20. TJ: Bostock 13.19. HJ: Paul McMahan C 1.80, David Williams O 1.80. PV: David Eckley O 3.90, Richard Stone O 3.40. DT: Adrian Holmes O 33.88. SP: Mark Labett O 10.60. JT: Mark Potter O

53.60. HT: Robert Young O 26.82. 4x100: Centipedes 44.7. 4x400 Centipedes (Kent, Brooke, Silvester, Powell) 3.24.6.

THE VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY MATCH

Jeremy Barton won for the third successive year, but Oxford were clear mens' team winners by 27 points to 57. The Cambridge Ladies stretched their winning streak to six, scoring 11 to Oxford's 27. Results in finishing order:

Men: Barton C, Kanowski O, Brooke O, Geddes O, Robinson O, King O, Gilbert O, Lloyd C, Darbyshire C, Thiemicke O, Berrett O, Smith C, Herries C, Shields C, Millett C, Benton C.

Ladies: Catherine Shelley C, Olney C, Neill C, Redcliffe O, O'Neill C, Gore, O, Lewtas C, Gibb O, Head O, Springman C, Hoyle O, Matthews O.

THE RELAYS MATCH

At Iffley Road on March 2nd 1986, Cambridge won the mens' events 6-1, and the ladies' 4-1. Guest Achilles teams closely contested more than half the events.

THE FIELD EVENTS MATCH

19th February 1986. In weather conditions believed by Oxford to be extreme, but known by Cambridge to be normal for Milton Road, a special delivery of sand was needed to make safe the frozen landing pits, the Javelin was cancelled because the hard ground made it impossible to judge, and the High Jump was abandoned in mid competition. Detailed results are not to hand, but Cambridge won.

THE FRESHMEN'S MATCH

Iffley Road 30th October 1985. Cambridge won by 99 points to 75. Leading results:

100 Robinson C no time taken, 200 Coker C 23.1, 400 Rowbotham C 50.8, 1500 Cross O 4.12.7, 3000 Darbyshire C 8.53.2, 110H 3'3" Wilson C 14.3, Yadav O 14.8, 200H Wilson 25.5, 400H Cullinane C 57.9, LJ Long O 6.31, TJ Carpenter O 12.99, HJ Coker 1.80, DT Madsen O 38.05, SP Briggs O 10.94, JT Knowles C 47.28.

A Ladies Match, not limited to freshmen, was held in conjunction with the above, and won by Cambridge 102-51.

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THE USA TOUR - APRIL 1985

Match results were as follows:

	MEN	LADIES	JOINT
v. Harvard/Yale	lost 8-11	lost 2-13	lost 10-24
v. Cornell	lost 7-11	lost 5-10	lost 12-21
v. Pennsylvania	lost 9-10	lost 2-13	lost 11-23
v. Dartmouth/Brown	won 12-7	lost 3-11	lost 15-18

Donald Gorrie's detailed report on the tour can be found towards the end of this Review.

In June 1986 we will be hosts to a combined team from Pennsylvania and Cornell. An early evening match will take place at Iffley Road on Wednesday 18th June 1986.

The regular overseas tours by Achilles teams are made possible only by the generosity of all members of the club through subscriptions and, more importantly, charitable covenants. Members who are in a position to help further are urged to consider Robert Stinson's Covenant Form etc, at the end of this Review.

PAUL GOMME

The young Cambridge shotputter, Paul Gomme, died tragically of cancer last year. A trophy for the best performance in the Field Events Match has been donated by his friends and is to be presented each year in his memory. The presentation will take place annually at the Blues Dinner.

ACHILLES MEDALS

It has come to the attention of the Committee that Achilles Medals, awarded for the best performance during each year by a Club member in a) a track event and b) a field event, have not been awarded for 15 years. It has been agreed that this excellent tradition should be revived, and moreover that we should award medals for the 'missing' years, wherever there is clear record of performances of appropriate standard.

It is intended that the presentation of Achilles Medals for the years 1970 - 1986 should take place at the 1987 Blues Dinner, on the second or third Saturday of May 1987. The Club will invite the Medallists to the dinner to receive their awards. As it is hoped that most of the club's leading performers of recent years will be present, it will be something of a special occasion, and members may like to make an advance note in their diaries.

With much help from Allan Malcolm and Chris Thorne, nominations and recommendations of possible mens' medalists have been put forward to the Committee for consideration: a list is appended to this Review. We are anxious not to leave anyone out, and we would ask that further nominations, including nominations of lady members, be sent to Paul Willcox (address below) within the end of June. Members should not be shy of nominating themselves!

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CALLING ALL OVERSEAS MEMBERS

It is particularly difficult for us to keep track of the results of overseas members. This will always be the case, and as well as filling us in on the last 15 years, we would ask overseas members to continue in the future to keep us advised.

CALLING ALL INTERNATIONALS

Another area in which our records have become woefully inadequate is of those members who gain international honours and represent their countries. We again ask anyone with a good memory to come forward with help for the period since 1970, both in respect of British and overseas athletes. We hope to be in a position to publish in the Review next year a reasonably complete list of recent internationals. If you can help please contact Paul Willcox (address below).

ACHILLES FIXTURES 1986

Selection for most matches except that against the SCAAA is informal, and Members wishing to compete, whatever their age or state of fitness, should contact Peter Crawshaw, or the relevant Team Managers whose names are given in brackets. Phone numbers are listed under 'Officers of the Achilles Club', below.

19th April Dublin tour. Match v. Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, Queen's Univ., Belfast, and Edinburgh Univ., at Dublin (Dominic Emery).
4/5th May BUSF Championships, at (?) Wigan.
7th May v. CUAC and Bank of England, at Milton Road (Dominic Emery).
10th May Achilles Schools relays, at Iffley Road.
11th May IAC 5k Road Race, Oxford Past and Present v. Cambridge Past and Present, at Oxford (Tim Berrett - Oxford 249351).
11th May Achilles Ladies v. OUAC, RAF and Haringey, at Iffley Road.
17th May Varsity Match, at Iffley Road, including Oxford v. Cambridge, Ladies, and Centipedes v. Alverstone. Achilles Club A.G.M.
Blues Dinner (venue: Oxford college to be announced)
24th May v. Eton College and Harrow School, at Eton. 2.30 pm (Giles Clifford).
7th June v. Marlborough College, at Marlborough (Peter Crawshaw).
7/8th June SCAAA Championships
18th June v. Pennsylvania/Cornell Univs., at Iffley Road, evening (OUAC and CUAC Presidents).
20/21 June Kodak AAA Championships
26th July - 2nd August Commonwealth Games, at Edinburgh.
6th August v. SCAAA, Wales and Combined Services, at Crystal Palace (Trevor LLewelyn).

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OUAC FIXTURES 1986

20th April v. Sale, at Sale
30th April v. Bristol Univ., Exeter Univ., London Univ. and West Glamorgan Institute, at Iffley Road.
7th May OUAC Open Meeting, at Iffley Road.
11th May v. RAF, Haringey (and Achilles Ladies) at Iffley Road.

CUAC FIXTURES 1986

Early April Paris Tour.
26th April v. Woodford Green and others, at Woodford Green.
28th April v. Bedford, at Milton Road.
7th May v. Achilles and Bank of England, at Milton Road (evening)
10th May v. Loughborough, at Loughborough.

THE 1986 VARSITY MATCH AND BLUES DINNER

The Varsity Sports, together with Oxford v. Cambridge, Ladies, and Centipedes v. Alverstone, will take place at Iffley Road on Saturday, 17th May 1986: first track and field events 1.30 p.m.

The Club A.G.M. will take place at 1.00 p.m. immediately prior to the match, in the pavillion.

The Blues Dinner will be held after the Match at an Oxford college to be decided. Members and their partners will be welcome at the Dinner, as always, and should contact Sandy Duncan as soon as

possible to reserve their tickets: cost is likely to be about #18 per head. Dress will be informal, suits, blazers, etc. Those attending will be advised of the venue in due course.

We are looking for volunteers from among Members of the Club who are not competing to act as Track and Field Judges both at the Varsity Match on 17th May and at the Penn/Cornell match on the evening of 18th June. No previous experience necessary! Please let Paul Willcox know of your availability.

SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to announce that, through the introduction of a Member, SBJ & Associates (Life & Pensions) Ltd. have agreed to sponsor the Club, and in particular the annual circulation of this Review, for a period of three years. A letter outlining the services offered by SBJ & Associates (Life & Pensions) Ltd. is enclosed with this Review. As these services are of a kind that many Members will require from time to time, we hope that Members will support our Sponsors if and when they can.

PERMANENT CLUB ROOM

Thought has been given to whether a permanent 'home' for the Club could be found, where meetings could be held regularly, and where club memorabilia could be displayed. Any suggestions are welcome. If there is any member who is also a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club, and who could sound them out as to whether a suitable room might be made available, the Committee could consider the matter further. Volunteers, please.

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50 YEARS BACK....

The winners in the 1935 Varsity Match on 23rd March at the White City were: 100y/LJ K.S. Duncan (present Hon. Sec. of the Achilles Club since 1948) O 10.1/22'9", 440 A.G.K. Brown C 49.0, 880 1= J.C. Stothard C & M.J.K. Sullivan C 1.55.4, Mile Stothard C 4.23.2, 3 Miles P.H.D. Ward C 15.00.2, 120yH/220H A.G. Pilbrow 15.6/25.3 SP A. Irfan C 43'9.25", HJ R.K.I. Kennedy (present Chairman of the Achilles Club) C 5'8", PV F.R. Webster C 12'6.5". These were the only events contested. Cambridge won by 7 events to 4.

The Universities drew against Harvard and Yale on 20th July, 6 events each, with wins from Duncan (100y 10.0), Brown (440 48.6), Sullivan (880 1.57.4), Stothard (Mile 4.26.8), Ward (3 Miles 14.53.2) and Pilbrow (120H 15.0).

The week before, at the AAA Championships, Stothard won the 880 in 1.53.3; Jack Lovelock placed 2nd to Wooderson in the Mile; R.K. Brown and R.L. Howland placed 2nd in respectively 440H and Shot Putt; Judson, Pratt, Townend and Horsfall took the Club to 2nd place in the 4 x 440; and Pilbrow and Duncan placed 3rd in the 120H and Long Jump.

The Club won the Kinnaird Cup, an International Inter-Club match, and a match against Belgium in Antwerp.

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25 YEARS BACK.....

In 1960, Oxford beat Cambridge at the White City on May 14th, by 78 points to 57. No fewer than five match records were set. Leading results included:

100y J.R.C. Young O 10.0, 220 B. A. Smouha C 22.3, 440 J. B. Holt O (now Secretary of the IAAF) 48.8, 880 Holt 1.51.1 (rec), Mile R. Thorn O 4.09.9, 3 Miles M. B. S. Tulloh (to be 1986 Dinner Chairman) C 13.32.6 (rec)...3, D.M. Turner C (now British Team Manager and Treasurer of the BAAB) 14.10.2, 120H J. M. Parker C 14.7 (rec)...3, P.J. Pilbrow O 15.3, 220H C. J. L. Rathbone C 24.9, HJ C. Van Dyck O 6'4" (rec), PV S.M. Downhill C 12'9", LJ M. Ralph O 22'6.5", TJ Ralph 48'6", SP D.R. Harrison C 51'0.75", DT H. Hardy O 152' 0.5", JT R. A. Lane O 224'9" (rec). We would be interested to learn the relationship of the Pilbrow of the 1960 match to the Pilbrow of the 1935 match. Bruce Tulloh has not yet accepted his invitation to join the Club!

Herb Elliott won the Gold medal in the Rome Olympics 1500, and became a member of the Club later that year. P.B. Hildreth, J. Metcalf and M.J. Palmer all represented Great Britain in Rome, and D.I.B. Smith represented New Zealand. Other club members in Rome in an official capacity included The Marquess of Exeter, Sir Arthur Porritt and I.E. Vind (I.O.C. Members); Sandy Duncan (British 'Chef de Mission'); Harold Abrahams (B.A.A.B).

D.I.B. Smith (1000m 2.03.4), P.B. Hildreth (120H 14.3), M. Palmer (3000SC 8.50.4) and J. Kitching (JT 244'7") all ranked first in the U.K. for the season.

Paul Willcox
March 1986