

# THE UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RACES 2019



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HARE AND HOUNDS



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From Thames Hare and Hounds' Headquarters,  
Memorial Playing Fields, Roehampton Vale  
on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

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### ORDER OF EVENTS

1:00 p.m.	28 <sup>th</sup> Old Blues' Race (Mob Match – all alumni welcome)	4 miles
2:00 p.m.	44 <sup>th</sup> Ladies' Race (Eight-a-side, six-to-score)	4 miles
2:45 p.m.	129 <sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race (Eight-a-side, six-to-score)	7½ miles

#### Starters

Ladies' Race: J. Lasenby (Trinity)  
C.U.H.& H. 1979-86 & Race Winner 1979 & 1980

Gentlemen's Race: S. D. S. Baines (Magdalen)  
O.U.C.C.C. 1990-93 & Race Winner 1991 & 1992

#### Officials

Referee: M. J. Farmery  
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Clerk of the Course: A. Mackula  
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& Pioneers: Members of Thames Hare & Hounds





## WELCOME

Welcome to the 129<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's and 44<sup>th</sup> Ladies' University Cross-Country Races. Thames Hare and Hounds is privileged to be hosting them once again to continue a tradition that dates back to 1896. We hope you enjoy the afternoon's sport and what should be two exciting races.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Race will be started by **Joan Lasenby** (Trinity), who was the individual victor 40 years ago. She repeated this feat in 1980 and then recorded two third places in 1983 and 1984. She made her final appearance in 1985. 1979 was the only time she finished on the losing side, in a race where the scores were tied with Oxford winning by closing their scoring team first. Since 2006, she has been President of C.U.H. & H.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race will be started by **Simon Baines** (Magdalen), who ran for Oxford in 1991 and 1992, winning on both occasions. The former race, which Oxford won by 25 points to 55 was their last victory until 1996. Simon also competed in the Tortoises-Spartans race in 1990, finishing 14<sup>th</sup>. He is the reigning European V45 10km Road Race champion.

The teams this afternoon will be wearing the following colours and numbers:

Cambridge Ladies	White vest and white shorts	4 – 11 (reserves 12 & 13)
Oxford Ladies	White vest and dark blue shorts	14 – 21 (reserves 22 & 23)
Cambridge Gentlemen	White vest and white shorts	24 – 31 (reserves 32 & 33)
Oxford Gentlemen	White vest and dark blue shorts	34 – 41 (reserves 42 & 43)

## CAMBRIDGE LADIES

4. **P. R. A. Barker** *(Sevenoaks School & Robinson)*  
(2018 – 4<sup>th</sup>)

Phoebe Barker produced a strong performance on her debut last year and she should be involved at the top end again today. Her form this term has been impressive: she won both Cuppers and the R.A.F. match and was quickest on leg three at the National 4-stage Relay at Sutton Park.

5. **M. N. Bridson Hubbard** *(Newstead Wood School & Magdalene)*  
(2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2017– 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup>)

Niamh Bridson Hubbard is making her fourth appearance. Last year, she surpassed expectations finishing third after an injury-plagued term. Her form this season places her close to the top of the Light Blue team. She finished second in both Cuppers and the R.A.F. match. Two weeks ago, she finished fifth in the British Athletics Cross Challenge at Sefton Park, which earned her a reserve spot for the Great Britain team for the European Championships.

6. **E. Fennelly** *(University of Notre Dame & St. Edmund's)*

Ella Fennelly, a newcomer to the Cambridge team, was the 2011 Irish National Schools Cross-Country Champion. On her Cambridge debut, she finished eighth in Cuppers, a performance that secured her place for today's race.

7. **H. E. Greenwood** *(University College, Oxford & Lucy Cavendish)*  
(2016 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 14<sup>th</sup>; 2018 – O.U. Turtles, 14<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – O.U. Turtles, 8<sup>th</sup>)

Last year's Oxford captain, Helene Greenwood has crossed over to the Light Blues and is making her first appearance in the Blues' race since 2016. She secured her place with seventh place finishes in Cuppers and the R.A.F. match.

8. **E. M. Ruane** *(Bishop's Stortford College & Magdalene)*  
(2016 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup>; 2018 – Cheetahs, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2014 – Cheetahs, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

2015 race winner, Emily Ruane returns to the race after a two-year gap. Her races this term suggests that she is getting back to the form that brought her that victory. She finished third in Cuppers and the R.A.F. match, 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chiltern League race and 34<sup>th</sup> in the British Athletics Cross Challenge at Sefton Park.

9. **N. E. Scott** *(Heathside School & Newnham)*  
(2018 – 1<sup>st</sup>; 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup>)

Last year's individual winner, Nancy Scott is back for her third appearance. Although perhaps not quite at the level she was 12 months ago, fourth place in both the R.A.F. match and Cuppers indicate that she should be involved at the front of the race once again today.

10. **G. L. Shanahan** *(University College, Cork & Trinity)*

Louise Shanahan is the third new face in the Light Blue team. This term she has finished fifth in Cuppers and sixth in the R.A.F. match. She has previously competed for Ireland on the track and over the summer was selected for the Irish team for the European Under 23 Championships in Gävle, Sweden.

11. **F. M. Wiggins** *(St. Helen & St. Katharine, Abingdon & Christ's)*  
(2018 – 15<sup>th</sup>)

Florence Wiggins was a late addition to the Light Blue team, coming in to replace injured captain, Fiona Bunn. Her only appearance for Cambridge this term was in Cuppers in which she finished ninth.

**Reserves:**

12. **E. Bradley** *(Presbyterian Ladies' College, Perth & Queens')*  
(2019 – Cheetahs, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2018 – Gazelles, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

13. **R. Temple** *(Barton Court Grammar School & Queens')*  
(2019 – Cheetahs, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Captain:**

- F. S. Bunn** *(St. Helen & St. Katharine, Abingdon & Queens')*  
(2018 – 5<sup>th</sup>)

## OXFORD LADIES

14. **E. J. Apsley** *(Pembroke College, Cambridge & St. Hilda's)*  
(2017 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 2018 – C.U. Cheetahs, 4<sup>th</sup>)

After four years at Cambridge, Lizzy Apsley has switched allegiance and will be making her fourth appearance in the race. She secured her place in the team with fifth in Cuppers and 36<sup>th</sup> (fifth Oxford) in the Chiltern League race.

15. **A. Brown** *(Putney High School & New College)*

Alexandra Brown arrived at Oxford this autumn boasting a strong school running pedigree, including third in the 1500m at the English Schools' Championships and fourth in the same event in the under 20 England Championships over the summer. In her first race at Oxford, she finished second in Cuppers and followed this up with an excellent leg at the National Cross-Country Relay. Her mother was part of the winning Oxford team in 1987 and she will no doubt be hoping to emulate that today.

16. **C. A. Dannatt** *(Farnborough Hill School & Sixth Form & St. John's)*  
(2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup>)

Charlotte Dannatt is making her third appearance and previously has finished fourth and then second. Having led for a good part of the race 12 months ago, she will be hoping she can go one better today and she looks to be in the kind of form to put in another challenge at the front. She finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the Chiltern League, sixth in the Cardiff British Athletics Cross Challenge and recorded a strong leg in the National 4-stage Relay.

17. **C. L. Hammett** *(Chew Valley School & Lincoln)*  
(2018 – Turtles, 13<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – O.U. 3<sup>rd</sup> team, 6<sup>th</sup>)

A third year student, Claire Hammett has made steady progress moving from the mob match in 2017, to the Turtles-Cheetahs contest in 2018 and a debut in the Blues' race today. She secured her place in the team with seventh in Cuppers and 32<sup>nd</sup> (fourth Oxford). A good run today will see her among the Dark Blue scoring six.

18. **L. H. John** *(University of Konstanz & Magdalen)*  
(2018 – 11<sup>th</sup>)

Laura John was a late call-up to the Oxford team following the loss of Eleanor Bolton (Keble) to European selection. In her two appearances this season, she finished sixth in the Cuppers and 47<sup>th</sup> (sixth Oxford) in the Chiltern League. Despite her late call-up, she could well feature among Oxford's scorers today.

19. **G. E. Molloy** *(The Mary Erskine School, Edinburgh & St. John's)*

Grace Molloy secured her place in the Oxford team following third place in Cuppers and 44<sup>th</sup> (sixth Oxford scorer) in the Chiltern League. Cross-country is her second sport to orienteering and she is a member of the Scottish Orienteering Elite Athlete Squad. In July finished third in the long distance race at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Denmark.

20. **F. V. Scrafton** (Captain) *(University of Birmingham & Worcester)*  
(2018 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup>)

After injuries impacted her preparations for the 2018 race, Floren Scrafton looks to be getting back to somewhere close the form that brought her individual victory in 2017. She missed Cuppers in October; however, she has since run strongly in both the Chiltern League and Cardiff British Athletics Cross Challenge, both times finishing close to team-mate Charlotte Dannatt, as well as running strong legs in the Midland and National 4-stage Relays.

21. **A. J. Sharp** *(Peter Symonds Sixth Form College & Green Templeton)*  
(2018 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Turtles, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2016 – Turtles, 14<sup>th</sup>)

Anna Sharp is making her second appearance. Her performances this autumn indicate that she is in similar form to 12 months ago and should be among the Oxford scorers again. She finished fifth in Cuppers and then progressed with 31<sup>st</sup> (third Oxford) in the Chiltern League race.

#### **Reserves:**

22. C. J. Andersen *(Gordano School & Magdalen)*  
(2019 – Turtles, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2018 – Turtles, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Turtles, 9<sup>th</sup>)

23. G. R. Chappell *(University of St. Andrews & Kellogg)*  
(2019 – Turtles, 4<sup>th</sup>)

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24. **J. W. M. T. Coxon** (St. Paul's School & Jesus)  
(2018 – 16<sup>th</sup> & Spartans, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2017 – Spartans, 4<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – Barbarians, 4<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – C.U. 4<sup>th</sup> team, 12<sup>th</sup>)

James Coxon was a late addition to the Cambridge team last year following Oliver Fox's (Robinson) European selection and he will be aiming to improve on 16<sup>th</sup>. So far this term, he has finished fourth in the R.A.F. match and 28<sup>th</sup> in the Chiltern League, where he competed against many of today's Oxford team.

25. **P. A. Crout** (*Dame Alice Owen's School & St. Catharine's*)  
(2018 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – 12<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 6<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – 15<sup>th</sup>; 2013 – Spartans, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Phillip Crout lines up in the Cambridge team for the sixth time. After two slightly disappointing finishes, he will be hoping to emulate his 2015 and 2016 races. His form suggests that this will be the case after sixth place (second Cambridge) in the Metropolitan League and victory in Cuppers.

26. **J. S. G. Dempsey** (St. George's School, Harpenden & Girton)  
(2018 – Spartans, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Jeremy Dempsey arrived at Cambridge last autumn having just recovered from injury and was first reserve. Since then he has continued to progress to the extent that he should be one of Cambridge's top scorers this afternoon. He made the team following fourth place (first Cambridge) in the Metropolitan League and third place in the R.A.F. match.

27. **G. E. D. Gathercole** (*Royal Grammar School, Guildford & Caius*)  
(2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2016 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 11<sup>th</sup>)

With four appearances under his belt, George Gathercole is another of Cambridge's very experienced runners. He has finished in the top three in the last two years and 12 months ago missed out on top spot in the final yards. Since then, he has raced sparingly and is possibly not in the shape for a repeat. However, 12<sup>th</sup> in the Metropolitan League (third Cambridge) and fifth in Cuppers indicate that he should again be heavily involved in the top half of the race.

28. **J. T. Massingham** (*Wickersley School & Sports College & Pembroke*)  
(2018 – 14<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup>)

Joseph Massingham will be looking to improve on 14<sup>th</sup> place in each of his two appearances to date. His form this term suggests that this should be the case with second in the R.A.F. Match and third in Cuppers along with 50<sup>th</sup> in the British Athletics Cross Challenge at Sefton Park.



29. **W. E. Ryle-Hodges** *(St. Antony's College, Oxford & Magdalene)*  
(2018 – 7<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – 8<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2013 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2012 – 7<sup>th</sup>;  
2011 – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Having appeared in every race since 2011, this year will be William Ryle-Hodges' final appearance. He will set a new appearance record of nine that is unlikely to be beaten and will be hoping to sign off with a seventh team victory. This term, he has finished fifth in the R.A.F. match and sixth in Cuppers.

30. **N. Shreeve** *(University of Southampton & King's)*  
(2018 – 8<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Spartans, 1<sup>st</sup>)

Norman Shreeve had a very good debut race last December and he will be aiming to improve on it today. His form this term indicates that this should be the case with good runs in both the Southern 6-stage and National Cross-Country Relays, as well as second place in Cuppers. He also competed in the Chiltern League at Milton Keynes (finishing 25<sup>th</sup>) against a number of today's Oxford team.

31. **J. S. Smith** *(Christ Church, Oxford & Robinson)*

Joesph Smith's arrival from Oxford has proved a bonus for the Light Blues this term in that while with their rivals he did not take part in any cross-country competition. His progress has been rapid, running excellent legs in the Southern and National 6-stage Relays (for Cambridge & Coleridge) as well as finishing fourth in Cuppers. He should finish well amongst the Cambridge scorers today.

#### **Reserves:**

32. J. M. Edgerton *(The King's School, Macclesfield & Jesus)*  
(2019 – Spartans, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

33. J. Gray *(Dagfa School & Churchill)*  
(2019 – Spartans, 4<sup>th</sup>; 2018 – Spartans, 11<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Spartans, 15<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – C.U.  
4<sup>th</sup> team, 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Captain:**

- I. Davies *(Dunblane High School & Trinity)*  
(2018 – Barbarians, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2016 – Spartans, 15<sup>th</sup>)

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34. **J. S. Bowness** *(Homerton College, Cambridge & Linacre)*  
(2018 – Snails, 8<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Snails, 9<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – C.U. Spartans, 11<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – C.U. Spartans, 16<sup>th</sup>; 2013 – C.U. Spartans, 11<sup>th</sup>)

Joe Bowness was an undergraduate at Cambridge before switching sides. He has made six appearances in non-Blues' races at both second and third team level; however, this year is his first appearance at the top. He secured his place in the team with 11<sup>th</sup> in Cuppers and 45<sup>th</sup> (eighth Oxford scorer) in the Chiltern League.

35. **R. S. Brown** *(Millfield School & Worcester)*  
(2018 – Snails, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2017 – O.U. 4<sup>th</sup> team, 7<sup>th</sup>)

Robbie Brown is one of five debutants in the Dark Blue ranks and has made the big step up from the third team match 12 months ago. He secured his place in the team following sixth place in Cuppers followed up by a very good 27<sup>th</sup> (fourth Oxford) in the Chiltern League.

36. **S. O. Brown-Araújo** *(The Purbeck School & University)*  
(2018 – O.U. 4<sup>th</sup> team, 9<sup>th</sup>)

Sam Brown-Araújo is another newcomer to the Oxford team who has made big strides in the last 12 months. He finished ninth in the mob match in 2018; however, he has steadily improved since then. His strength lies in the middle distances on the track; however, fifth in Cuppers and 34<sup>th</sup> (sixth Oxford) in the Chiltern League have earned him a place in the Oxford eight today.

37. **L. M. Cotter** *(Wales High School & St. Catherine's)*  
(2018 – 12<sup>th</sup>; 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2015 – 13<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Tortoises, 7<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – Tortoises, 6<sup>th</sup>)

Luke Cotter is by far the most experienced runner in the Oxford team, making his fourth appearance. He finished 12<sup>th</sup> last year, having missed 2017 due to injury. His form this term, including victory in Cuppers, 14<sup>th</sup> (first Oxford) and 17<sup>th</sup> in the Cardiff British Athletics Cross Challenge make him the Dark Blues' likely first scorer today and he should be involved at the front of the race.

38. **A. J. Gruen** *(Melbourne Grammar School & Balliol)*  
(2017 – Tortoises, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2016 – Tortoises, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Having twice been a reserve, Alex Gruen is making his debut for the Dark Blues. Although his strength may be on the track (he competed in the Australian Championships 1500m in April), strong performances this term, including third in Cuppers and 33<sup>rd</sup> (sixth Oxford) have secured his place. He should be among the Oxford scorers.

39. **T. J. Harrison** (Captain) *(The Perse School & Keble)*  
(2018 – 6<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Snails, 7<sup>th</sup>)

Oxford captain Tim Harrison finished an excellent sixth on debut last year. He has raced sparingly this year; however, 20<sup>th</sup> place (second Oxford) at the Chiltern League race and 48<sup>th</sup> in the British Athletics Cross Challenge at Sefton Park shows that he should be in a position to finish similarly high up the order again.

40. **J. Morrow** *(Alcester Grammar School & Hertford)*  
(2018 – Snails, 11<sup>th</sup>)

Like Robbie Brown, Joe Morrow is another Oxford runner who has made the big stride forward from the third team race 12 months ago. He has competed in both Chiltern League races this term, finishing second and 31<sup>st</sup> (fifth Oxford). On top of this, he finished fourth in Cuppers as well as producing a good leg at the National Cross-Country Relay.

41. **M. H. A. Weatherseed** *(The Judd School & St. Anne's)*  
(2016 – 15<sup>th</sup>; 2018 – Tortoises, 12<sup>th</sup>; 2017 – Tortoises, 12<sup>th</sup>; 2015 – Snails, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Miles Weatherseed was a late call-up to the Oxford team following injury to Oliver Paulin (Merton). His previous appearance in the race was three years ago when he finished 15<sup>th</sup>. He missed both of Oxford's races this term; however, he has produced good performances at the National 6-stage Relays and in the first Chiltern League race of the season at Shotover where he finished 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Reserves:**

42. T. D. Renshaw *(Hale School, Perth & St. Peter's)*  
(2019 – Tortoises, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2018, O.U. 4<sup>th</sup> team, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2017 – O.U. 4<sup>th</sup> team, 11<sup>th</sup>)

43. A. L. R. Smith *(Birkdale School & St. John's)*  
(2015 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2014 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2019 – Tortoises, 5<sup>th</sup>; 2018 – Tortoises, 7<sup>th</sup>; 2013 – Tortoises, 7<sup>th</sup>)

## THE 2018 UNIVERSITY RACES

(held over Thames Hare and Hounds' courses at Roehampton Vale on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December)

(\* denotes team captain)

*The 43<sup>rd</sup> Ladies' Race: Cambridge won 33 points to 46*

1.	N.E.Scott	Newnham	Cambridge	23:26
2.	C.A.Dannatt	St. John's	Oxford	23:33
3.	M.N.Bridson Hubbard	Magdalene	Cambridge	23:50
4.	P.R.A.Barker	Robinson	Cambridge	24:01
5.	F.S.Bunn	Queens'	Cambridge	24:05
6.	E.V.S.Bolton	Keble	Oxford	24:19
7.	L.Major	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	24:29
8.	A.M.Shipley	Worcester	Oxford	24:30
9.	F.V.Scrafton	Worcester	Oxford	24:34
10.	A.J.Sharp	Queen's	Oxford	24:36
11.	L.H.John	Magdalen	Oxford	24:51
12.	H.H.M.Plaschkes	New College	Oxford	25:07
13.	J.R.Maxwell	Murray Edwards	Cambridge	25:15
14.	E.N.Sundquist	Homerton	Cambridge	25:17
15.	F.M.Wiggins	Christ's	Cambridge	25:26
16.	E.G.H.Sharrock	Balliol	Oxford	25:53

*H.E.Greenwood (University) was Oxford captain*

*The 128<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race: Oxford won by 30 points to 50*

1.	J.R.G.Parkinson	Jesus	Oxford	38:36
2.	G.E.D.Gathercole	Gonville & Caius	Cambridge	38:37
3.	T.R.B.Lefroy	St. Cross	Oxford	38:37
4.	J.M.Millar	University	Oxford	38:50
5.	W.J.A.Christofi	University	Oxford	38:56
6.	T.J.Harrison	Keble	Oxford	39:05
7.	W.E.Ryle-Hodges	Magdalene	Cambridge	39:06
8.	N.Shreeve	King's	Cambridge	39:32
9.	M.J.Cox	Robinson	Cambridge	39:36
10.	P.A.Crout	St. Catharine's	Cambridge	39:45
11.	L.Metselaar	St. John's	Oxford	39:56
12.	L.M.Cotter	St. Catherine's	Oxford	40:01
13.	N.Hurton	Mansfield	Oxford	40:08
14.	J.T.Massingham	Pembroke	Cambridge	40:53
15.	P.R.Aste	Gonville & Caius	Cambridge	41:09
16.	J.W.M.T.Coxon	Jesus	Cambridge	41:34

*O.W.Paulin (Merton) was Oxford captain; S-M Lee (Christ's) was Cambridge captain*

## THE 2019 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> TEAM UNIVERSITY RACES

(held over O. U. C. C. C's courses at Shotover Country Park on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November)

76 <sup>th</sup> Tortoises-Spartans Race	Oxford won by 39 points to 41
69 <sup>th</sup> Snails-Barbarians Race	Oxford won by 32 points to 50
62 <sup>nd</sup> Gentlemen's 4 <sup>th</sup> Team Race	Oxford won by 1,822 points to 2,261
37 <sup>th</sup> Turtles-Cheetahs Race	Oxford won by 33 points to 45
33 <sup>rd</sup> Ladies' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Race	Oxford won 317 points to 487

## PREVIEW OF THE 2019 UNIVERSITY RACES

Following the very wet autumn months, the 2019 University Races look set to take place in the very best cross-country conditions that should test the competitors fully.

In the 44<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Race, two contrasting teams will be facing each other. At the top end, Cambridge boasts a formidable four in the guise of 2018 victor, Nancy Scott (Newnham), 2015 winner Emily Ruane (Magdalene) and Niamh Bridson Hubbard (Magdalene) and Phoebe Barker (Robinson), who were third and fourth respectively 12 months ago. However, based on this term's results, there appears to be a gap to their second four of Ella Fennelly (St. Edmund's), Louise Shanahan (Trinity), last year's Oxford captain Helene Greenwood (Lucy Cavendish) and Florence Wiggins (Christ's). The loss of captain, Fiona Bunn (Queens'), to injury could well have upset the balance of their team.

Oxford are also able to boast power at the top end with last year's runner-up Charlotte Dannatt (St. John's), 2017 winner Floren Scrafton (Worcester) and talented fresher Alexandra Brown (New College). However, the loss of Eleanor Bolton (Keble) to European selection will clearly have weakened them, although in Laura John (Magdalen) they are able to call on a good substitute. Unlike their rivals, the rest of the Dark Blue team appears to be much closer to their front runners and if they are able to pack well, team victory could be within their grasp. Two of them, former Cambridge captain Lizzy Apsley (St. Hilda's) and Anna Sharp (Green Templeton), have previous appearances in their armoury and Grace Molloy (St. John's) will be able to call on much experience as a junior international orienteer. Their team is completed by Claire Hammett (Lincoln) who has moved up the ranks over the last two years. Cambridge, with such formidable strength at the top end, will also fancy their chances and a very hard-fought contest should ensue.

After four wins in the last five years, 2019 has seen the passing of a generation for Oxford's men and they enter the 129<sup>th</sup> race with an inexperienced team. This is illustrated by their aggregate previous appearances of just five, compared to the Light Blues' 21. In fairness, it should be pointed out that eight of those can be ascribed to William Ryle-Hodges (Magdalene) alone in what will be his swansong. At the front, it is likely that the Dark Blues will be led home by Luke Cotter (St. Catherine's). Behind him, the pick of the rest is captain, Tim Harrison (Keble), who will be hoping to improve on an excellent sixth place on debut in 2018. Of the remainder, four of them - Alex Gruen (Balliol), Joe Morrow (Hertford), Sam Brown-Araújo (University) and Robbie Brown (Worcester) – were separated by just 16 seconds in Cuppers and they will need to pack similarly well and highly if Oxford are to win. Miles Weatherseed (St. Anne's) has come into the team as a late replacement for Oliver Paulin (Wolfson) and it will be interesting to see how he adapts his 800m speed to the heavy mud of the Common. The final Dark Blue, Joe Bowness (Linacre) is another who has switched allegiances.

The Light Blues will start as favourites; however, it is fair to say that following a number of injuries, they are not quite as strong as it had looked they would be a few months ago. The untimely retirement of Oliver Fox (Robinson) – 2016 race winner – from competitive running is the biggest blow. Last year's runner-up, George Gathercole (Caius) is also possibly not in the shape of last year, although he should still feature strongly. Their two top men are likely to be Jeremy Dempsey (Girton) and Phillip Crout (St. Catharine's), the latter making his sixth appearance. Behind them, both Norman Shreeve (King's) and Joseph Massingham (Pembroke) should be involved in the thick of the action. Debutant Joseph Smith (Robinson) and James Coxon (Jesus) complete what looks to be a very solid octet. Cambridge should enter the contest in confident mood; however, despite their inexperience, the Dark Blues are far from out of it.

## UNIVERSITY RACE COURSES

The courses currently used for the University Races were introduced in 2000. Both start and finish at the Thames Hare and Hounds' Headquarters at Roehampton Vale

### *Ladies' course (4 miles)*

Referring to the map opposite, the ladies' race proceeds from the start to the finish via the following:

*Start - A - B - C - D - E - U - V - W - K - L - M - N - P - Finish*

### *Gentlemen's course (7½ miles)*

The gentlemen's race proceeds from start to finish via:

*Start - A - B - C - D - E - V - F - G - H - Q - R - S - T - B - C - D - E - U - V - W - K - L - M - N - P - Finish*

The start and finish will be on the west side of Beverley Brook just across the brick bridge adjacent to the Thames clubhouse. The courses feature a number of prominent landmarks. The infamous watersplash is reached shortly after the start, runners crossing Beverley Brook from the Commons Extension playing fields. The Windmill provides a good viewing point to spectators. The ladies' race passes here once and the gentlemen's race three times. Refreshments can be enjoyed at the café. The muddiest part of the course is invariably the dreaded Butts. Only a mile or so from the finish, the boggy conditions sap the strength from the toughest of competitors.

Spectators who follow the races round the Common are asked to be aware of their position at all times and avoid causing irritation to other users. The Common is shared by many sports, including a golf course, the fairways of which may not be immediately obvious. While the races themselves do not cross any of them, spectators are likely to if they are following the races.

If you are following the race on bicycle, please take care to keep to the designated cycle routes on the Common. We also ask you keep off of the sports pitches on the Memorial Playing Fields.

Our ability to host these races on the Common depends on your co-operation.

Thank you.

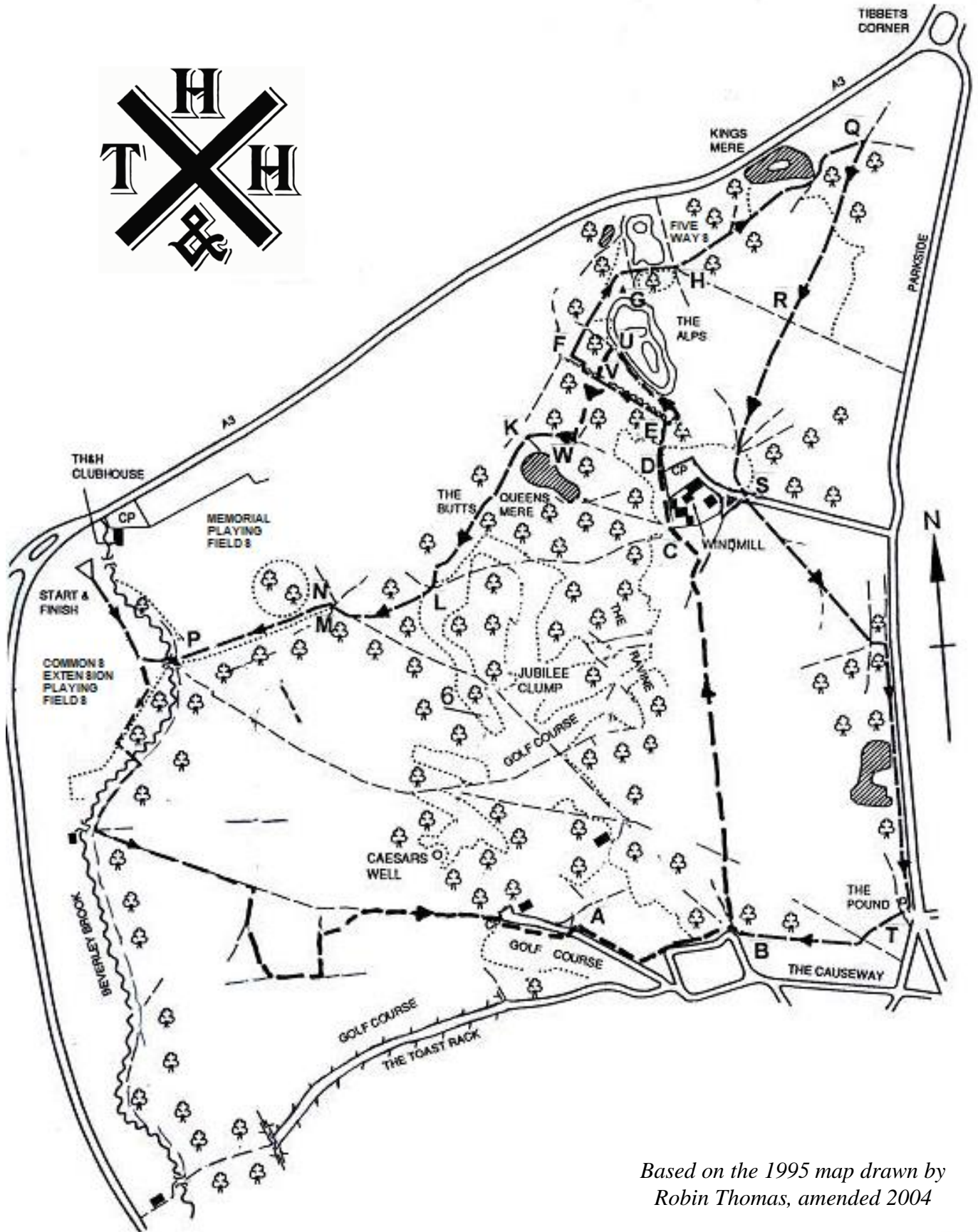
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*Captain*

*Thames Hare and Hounds*

# UNIVERSITY RACE COURSES

## ROEHAMPTON VALE & WIMBLEDON COMMON



*Based on the 1995 map drawn by  
Robin Thomas, amended 2004*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### *10 years ago*

In the 119<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race, Oxford recorded a second successive big victory, by 28 points to 52. David Bruce (Green Templeton) led an Oxford 1-2-3, narrowly beating 2008 winner Richard Franzese (Wolfson). Dark Blues filled five of the first seven places with fresher Luke Caldwell (Jesus) fifth. Five years later, he competed for Scotland in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

In the 34<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Race, Oxford secured a third victory in a row and their 14<sup>th</sup> in 17 races by the narrow margin of 17 points to 21. Naomi Taschimowitz (Trinity) took the individual honours for the Light Blues, finishing 41 seconds ahead of 2008 winner, Michelle Sikes (Lincoln). Although another Light Blue, Amanda Scott (Churchill) was third, Oxford supplied five of the next six home.

### *25 years ago*

In the 104<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race, Richard Collier (St. Edmund Hall) took victory for Oxford in a time of 39:47. However, this was the sole cause for cheer for the Dark Blues as with the next four home and six of the first nine, Cambridge won convincingly by 29½ points to 49½, the half points coming courtesy of a tie for eighth place between Gordon Tyler (Mansfield) and Mark Bryant (Caius). The result brought the series score back level at 52 apiece.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Race, roles were reversed with Heidi Moulder (University) leading Oxford home to a convincing 10 points to 29 victory, with Dark Blues filling the first four and sixth places. Finishing second was future Olympian Mara Yamauchi (née Myers, St. Anne's). The result brought Oxford's overall tally to within one of Cambridge (9 wins to 10).

### *50 years ago*

A piece of history was made in the 79<sup>th</sup> race when, for the first time, the scores finished tied (40 points each). Bob Steele (New College) took the individual honours in a fast time of 37:15, just beating Cambridge's American, Doug Hardin (Churchill), in a sprint to the line. This was, in fact, the fastest time ever recorded for the course used at the time. Further down the order, however, it was Cambridge's pack from seventh to 11<sup>th</sup> that gave them team victory courtesy of closing their scoring six first. Surprisingly, a similar tied score and outcome was to occur again just two years later.

### *75 years ago*

The fifth of the six unofficial wartime races took place at Oxford. The Light Blues secured their fourth win by the narrow margin of 37 points to 41. However, it was Oxford's John Walden (Merton) who took the individual honours. There was one further wartime race, in February 1945 at Roehampton, before the official series got back underway in December 1945.

### *100 years ago*

After a six-year hiatus due to the Great War, the series returned with the 35<sup>th</sup> contest. Cambridge won by 22 points to 33, their 20<sup>th</sup> victory. Evelyn Montague (Magdalen) came home first in a time of 42:30. He was grandson of Charles Scott, editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, and himself went on to become a well-known journalist with that newspaper. He also finished sixth in the steeplechase at the 1924 Olympics and was portrayed as Aubrey Montague in the film *Chariots of Fire*. As a result of the conflict, the two sides were very youthful; however, the Light Blue ranks did contain Andrew Telfer (Selwyn), who finished second and who had run in the last pre-war race in 1913.

### *125 years ago*

In the 15<sup>th</sup> race, Oxford secured their final victory in what was a run of six wins in seven years, by the margin of 22 points to 33. They were led home by future Thames member, Walter Whitelaw (New College), who narrowly beat Cambridge's William Gibberd (Trinity) in the first of two hard fought races between them. No more than eight seconds separated across the 1894 and 1895 contests.





Today's starter for the gentlemen's race, Simon Baines (Magdalen), leads from Ian Harkness (Darwin) at the watersplash in the 1992 race, the second of his two victories.

*Source: Alan Humphreys*



The start of the first race after the Great War in December 1919. The runners head up Roehampton Lane towards the Common.

*Source: The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*

## **RACE STATISTICS**

### **Gentlemen's Race**

Of the 128 gentlemen's races between 1880 and 2018, Oxford has won 65 and Cambridge 63. The longest sequence of victories is seven by Cambridge from 1881 to 1887 and by Oxford from 1974 to 1980.

Under the original five-a-side, five-to-score race format, the biggest victories recorded were Cambridge's whitewashes (15 points to 40) in 1897 and 1899 and Oxford's in 1901 and 1910. Under the six-a-side, five-to-score format, the biggest victories were Oxford's two whitewashes in 1926 and 1932. In 1932, Oxford also succeeded in getting their spare man home in front of all the Cambridge scorers. Under the short-lived six-a-side, six-to-score format, the biggest victory was by Oxford in 1938 (32 points to 46). Under the present eight-a-side, six-to-score format, the biggest victories have been Oxford's in 1952 (21 points to 66) and Cambridge's in 1961 (22 points to 61).

The highest number of individual wins in the race is four by Simon Mugglestone (Hertford and Keble, Oxford) from 1987 to 1990. Including joint victories, Oxford has supplied 85 winners of the race to Cambridge's 57.

The highest number of individual appearances is eight, held by William Ryle-Hodges (Queens' & Magdalene, Cambridge & St. Antony's, Oxford), from 2011 to 2018. The first gentleman to run for both sides was Nick Dorey, who competed for Queens', Cambridge, (1977-79) and New College, Oxford, (1980).

In terms of participants, the most successful college at Oxford is New College (72 runners since 1880) and at Cambridge it is St. John's (97). In terms of race winners, the most successful are Magdalen (12) for Oxford, and Christ's (11) for Cambridge.

### **Ladies' Race**

Of the 43 ladies' races between 1976 and 2018, Oxford has won 25 and Cambridge 18. There was an unofficial race in 1975, which was won by Oxford. The longest sequence of victories is nine by Oxford from 1993 to 2001. Cambridge's longest winning run was seven from 1980 to 1986.

The biggest victory in the series was Oxford's whitewash in 1976 (10 points to 34).

The highest number of individual wins in the race is three by Vicki Vaughan (Corpus Christi, Oxford) in 1986, 1987 and 1989. The first lady to run for both sides was Cathy Meunier, who competed for St. Hugh's, Oxford (1977) and Churchill, Cambridge (1978). Emma Coleman (Newnham, Cambridge & Magdalen, Oxford) became the first, and so far only, runner in both the gentlemen's and ladies' races to win for both sides. She won for the Light Blues in 1991 and for the Dark Blues in 1993. Oxford has supplied 21 race winners and Cambridge has supplied 22.

The highest number of individual appearances in the race is eight by Ellen Leggate (Merton and Peterhouse); four for Oxford from 1996 to 1999 and four for Cambridge from 2000 to 2003.

In terms of participants, the most successful colleges at Oxford are St. Anne's and St. Hugh's (17 runners each since 1976) and at Cambridge it is Newnham (26). In terms of race winners, the most successful are Corpus Christi (three), for Oxford, and Downing and Trinity (three each), for Cambridge.

# PREVIOUS RESULTS

## Gentlemen

Oxfords lead Cambridge by 65 wins to 63

2018 Oxford	30-50	J.R.G.Parkinson (O)	1963 Cambridge	38-41	T.F.K.Johnston (C)
2017 Oxford	37-41	J.R.G.Parkinson (O)	1962 Cambridge	23-58	D.M.Turner (C)
2016 Cambridge	33-45	O.J.S.Fox (C)	1961 Cambridge	22-61	D.M.Turner (C)
2015 Oxford	27-55	M.W.Unterreiner (O)	1960 Cambridge	27-57	T.J.Briault (C)
2014 Oxford	35-43	A.M.Short (C)	1959 Cambridge	37-42	S.H.James (O)
2013 Cambridge	30-52	L.A.Lloyd (C)	1958 Oxford	36-42	M.J.Palmer (C)
2012 Cambridge	38-42	J.W.Wiebel (O)	1957 Cambridge	27-55	M.J.Palmer (C)
2011 Cambridge	35-43	R.C.Franzese (O)	1956 Cambridge	32-48	M.J.Palmer (C)
2010 Oxford	29-52	A.R.Heyes (O)	1955 Oxford	37-41	=I.H.Boyd (O)
2009 Oxford	28-52	D.J.Bruce (O)			=A.D.Gordon (O)
2008 Oxford	27-53	R.C.Franzese (O)	1954 Oxford	29-49	=I.H.Boyd (O)
2007 Cambridge	32-47	P.Natali (C)			=C.W.Suddaby (O)
2006 Cambridge	35-43	P.Natali (C)			=A.J.Weekes-Pearson (O)
2005 Oxford	30-51	J.E.Blackledge (O)	1953 Oxford	29-50	I.H.Boyd (O)
2004 Oxford	38-42	F.K.Thompson (O)	1952 Oxford	21-66	=C.J.Chataway (O)
2003 Cambridge	37-43	F.K.Thompson (O)			=D.C.Law
2002 Oxford	29-49	F.K.Thompson (O)			=A.J.Weekes-Pearson (O)
2001 Oxford	32-46	J.T.S.Brooks (O)	1951 Oxford	27-51	C.J.Chataway (O)
2000 Cambridge	37-41	N.P.Talbot (O)	1950 Cambridge	34-44	C.J.Chataway (O)
1999 Cambridge	35-48	N.P.Talbot (O)	1949 Oxford	35-43	R.G.Bannister (O)
1998 Oxford	35-45	D.R.Leggate (C)	1948 Oxford	36-42	J.H.Scott-Wilson (O)
1997 Cambridge	31-48	A.B.Hutchinson (C)	1947 Oxford	17-38	=T.P.E.Curry (O)
1996 Oxford	38-43	D.R.Leggate (C)			=N.M.Green (O)
1995 Cambridge	26-54	D.E.Naylor (C)			=J.F.Pollard (O)
1994 Cambridge	29½-49½	R.W.Collier (O)			=G.Ridding (O)
1993 Cambridge	25-59	I.R.Harkness (C)	1946 Cambridge	26-29	T.P.E.Curry (O)
1992 Cambridge	32-51	S.D.S.Baines (O)	1945 Cambridge	26-29	D.A.Bond (C)
1991 Oxford	25-55	S.D.S.Baines (O)			
1990 Cambridge	37-43	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	<i>1939-45 No races dues to Second World War.</i>		
1989 Oxford	25-56	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	<i>Six unofficial wartime races held (see below)</i>		
1988 Oxford	29-50	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1938 Oxford	32-46	P.D.Marrian (O)
1987 Oxford	27-55	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1937 Cambridge	34-44	E.C.Weir (C)
1986 Oxford	33-45	R.D.Nerurkar (O)	1936 Cambridge	24-31	E.C.Weir (C)
1985 Oxford	27-57	J.D.Barton (C)	1935 Oxford	27-28	A.A.Robertson (O)
1984 Oxford	31-52	J.D.Barton (C)	1934 Cambridge	23-32	R.M.Barrer (C)
1983 Cambridge	33-45	J.D.Barton (C)	1933 Oxford	20-35	P.J.Albery (O)
1982 Cambridge	39-40	N.Thin (C)	1932 Oxford	15-40	=J.E.Lovelock (O)
1981 Cambridge	21-57	N.Thin (C)			=C.J.Mabey (O)
1980 Oxford	25-54	N.C.S.Brawn (O)	1931 Oxford	20-35	J.F.Cornes (O)
1979 Oxford	37-41	N.C.S.Brawn (O)	1930 Oxford	26-29	C.W.Benson (C)
1978 Oxford	35-45	N.C.S.Brawn (O)	1929 Cambridge	21-34	=J.R.Croggon (C)
1977 Oxford	26-57	=N.C.S.Brawn (O)			=R.C.J.Goode (C)
		=W.A.Ewers (O)			=A.N.Skelton (C)
1976 Oxford	31-48	W.A.Ewers (O)	1928 Cambridge	23½-31½	=E.E.Cowburn (C)
1975 Oxford	29-53	W.A.Ewers (O)			=A.N.Skelton (C)
1974 Oxford	30-49	=A.J.Etchells (O)	1927 Cambridge	27-28	W.A.M.Edwards (O)
		=J.N.Goater (O)	1926 Oxford	15-40	W.A.M.Edwards (O)
1973 Cambridge	33-45	J.N.Goater (O)	1925 Cambridge	23-32	T.C.Fooks (C)
1972 Cambridge	37-42	C.J.Garforth (C)	1924 Cambridge	20-35	R.S.Starr (C)
1971 Cambridge	39-39*	A.T.Moore (O)	1923 Oxford	22-33	T.C.Fooks (C)
1970 Cambridge	29-57	A.T.Moore (O)	1922 Oxford	17-38	N.A.McInnes (O)
1969 Cambridge	40-40*	R.A.Steele (O)	1921 Cambridge	27-28	W.R.Seagrove (C)
1968 Oxford	28-58	J.P.Valentine (O)	1920 Oxford	21-34	E.A.Montague (O)
1967 Cambridge	39-41	H.Altmann (O)	1919 Cambridge	22-33	E.A.Montague (O)
1966 Oxford	27-55	J.Godding (O)			
1965 Oxford	25-52	H.Altmann (O)	<i>1914-18 No races held due to the Great War</i>		
1964 Oxford	38-41	A.I.C.Heron (C)	1913 Cambridge	26-39	G.M.Sproule (O)

1912 Oxford	24-31	G.M.Sproule (O)
1911 Oxford	16-39	C.H.A.Porter (O)
1910 Oxford	15-40	A.W.Clemes (O)
1909 Oxford	20-35	R.E.Knight (O)
1908 Oxford	22-33	A.W.Clemes (O)
1907 Cambridge	27-28	E.C.Inman (C)
1906 Cambridge	27-28	F.M.Edwards (C)
1905 Cambridge	23-32	A.H.Pearson (C)
1904 Cambridge	19-36	A.R.Churchill (C)
1903 Cambridge	21-34	A.R.Churchill (C)
1902 Oxford	22-33	H.W.Gregson (C)
1901 Oxford	15-40	E.A.Dawson (O)
1900 Cambridge	25-30	C.E.Pumphrey (C)
1899 Cambridge	15-40	C.E.Pumphrey (C)
1898 Oxford	25-30	E.A.Dawson (O)
1897 Cambridge	15-40	W.W.Gibberd (C)
1896 Cambridge	20-35	W.W.Gibberd (C)
1895 Cambridge	23-32	W.H.Whitelaw (O)
1894 Oxford	22-33	W.H.Whitelaw (O)
1893 Oxford	24-31	C.C.Angell (C)
1892 Oxford	21-34	W.F.M.Copeland (C)
1891 Cambridge	20-35	R.F.G.Major (C)
1891 Oxford**	20-35	T.Colbatch-Clark (C)
1889 Oxford	18-37	W.Pollock Hill (O)
1888 Oxford	21-34	W.Pollock Hill (O)
1887 Cambridge	26-29	H.E.Soper (C)
1886 Cambridge	23-32	W.Pollock Hill (O)
1885 Cambridge	24-31	D.E.Payn (C)
1884 Cambridge	23-32	L.W.Reed (C)
1883 Cambridge	19-36	L.W.Reed (C)
1882 Cambridge	22-33	W.A.Rice (C)

1881 Cambridge	24-31	G.F.Wooldridge (O)
1880 Oxford	23-32	A.F.Hernaman (O)***

*Unofficial wartime series, 1940-45:*

1945 Cambridge	37-41	R.E.J.Ibbotson (C)
1944 Cambridge	37-41	J.C.C.Walden (O)
1942 Cambridge	27-51	J.W.Stone (C)
1942 Oxford	27-51	R.B.Martin (O)
1941 Cambridge	32-46	J.E.L.Pemberton (O)
1940 Cambridge	36-42	H.C.Still (C)

\* In 1969 and 1971, Cambridge won by closing its team first.

\*\* In 1890, Oxford and Cambridge approached Thames Hare and Hounds and asked them to host the race over their Roehampton course and it was staged on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, it turned into a fiasco as the trail was lost by the runners in the section between Coombe Hill and Raynes Park and a *no race* was declared. It was re-run at Oxford on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1891.

\*\*\* Contemporary newspaper reports suggest that the 1880 race may have been won by C.W.Grinstead (Oxford), who is credited as having finished second.

### Ladies

Oxford lead Cambridge by 25 wins to 18 (Oxford won the unofficial race in 1975)

2018 Cambridge	33-46	N.E.Scott (C)
2017 Oxford	23-34	F.V.Scrafton (O)
2016 Oxford	21-34	S.M.F.Saller (O)
2015 Cambridge	23-38	E.M.Ruane (C)
2014 Cambridge	<i>No score</i> *	S.M.F.Saller (O)
2013 Cambridge	12-30	L.M.Gossage (C)
2012 Cambridge	15-22	A.L.Greggor (C)
2011 Oxford	14-25	L.M.Gossage (C)
2010 Oxford	10-32	R.S.Deegan (O)
2009 Oxford	17-21	N.Taschimowitz (C)
2008 Oxford	15-24	M.Sikes (O)
2007 Oxford	13-29	C.A.Birch (O)
2006 Cambridge	14-22	P.H.R.Keen (C)
2005 Oxford	11-31	C.A.Birch (O)
2004 Oxford	10-29	A.Beverly (O)
2003 Cambridge	16-20	J.H.Bleasdale (C)
2002 Cambridge	13-26	E.J.Leggate (C)
2001 Oxford	16-21	E.J.Leggate (C)
2000 Oxford	18-19	K.W.T.Skorupska (O)
1999 Oxford	12-29	L.E.Hasell (O)
1998 Oxford	12-28	L.E.Hasell (O)
1997 Oxford	12-26	K.W.T.Skorupska (O)

1996 Oxford	15-21	S.J.Cook (O)
1995 Oxford	12-25	N.J.Lynch (O)
1994 Oxford	10-29	H.Moulder (O)
1993 Oxford	14-22	E.E.Coleman (O)
1992 Cambridge	12-28	C.E.Fothergill (C)
1991 Cambridge	17-19	E.E.Coleman (C)
1990 Oxford	10-31	J.D.Dering (O)
1989 Oxford	12-29	V.E.Vaughan (O)
1988 Oxford	17-20	M.C.Lavers (C)
1987 Oxford	15-21	V.E.Vaughan (O)
1986 Cambridge	19-19**	V.E.Vaughan (O)
1985 Cambridge	11-27	C.J.Shelley (C)
1984 Cambridge	11½-30	B.A.O'Neill (C)
1983 Cambridge	10-26	H.L.Shaw (C)
1982 Cambridge	11-25***	E.C.Hand (C)
1981 Cambridge	13-28	S.A.Hales (C)
1980 Cambridge	12-29	J.Lewtas (C) †
1979 Oxford	18-18****	J.Lewtas (C) †
1978 Cambridge	13-26	S.F.Parker (C)
1977 Oxford	17-19	K.E.Tufnell (C)
1976 Oxford	10-34	L.Wightman (O)
1975 Oxford*****	7-14	C.J.Meunier (O)

\* Cambridge was comfortably ahead in the team race when several runners went off course. S.M.F.Saller was awarded the individual victory.

\*\* In 1986, Cambridge won by closing its team first.

\*\*\* No score declared after a protest from Oxford about pacing of Cambridge runners by supporters.

\*\*\*\* In 1979, Oxford won by closing its team first.

\*\*\*\*\* The 1975 race (held at Oxford) was unofficial and is not counted as part of the series.

† Now J. Lasenby (C.U.H.&H. President 2006-date).

## Old Blues

Oxfords lead Cambridge by 15 wins to 12

2018 Cambridge	98-158	M.H.Chandler (O)	2001 Cambridge	39-66	D.E.Naylor (C)
2017 Cambridge	123-183	A.M.Short (C)	2000 Cambridge	81-131	D.E.Naylor (C)
2016 Cambridge	114-192	T.D.Frith (O)	1999	<i>No race*</i>	
2015 Oxford	223-291	W.J.Mackay (C)	1998	<i>No race*</i>	
2014 Cambridge	220-247	M.R.Leach (C)	1997 Oxford	45-92	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2013 Oxford	122-186	D.J.Bruce (O)	1996 Oxford	127-127	J.W.Herries (C)
2012 Oxford	96-246	F.K.Thompson (O)	1995 Cambridge	23-34	A.J.Barber (C)
2011 Oxford	48-181	D.J.Bruce (O)	1994 Cambridge	116-241	D.A.Bond (C)
2010 Oxford	162-244	B.Moreau (O)	1993 Oxford	96-172	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2009 Oxford	98-165	I.D.Kimpton (O)	1992 Cambridge	407-415	S.C.Nash (C)
2008 Oxford	38-40	A.D.Hennessy (O)	1991 Cambridge	48-62	A.N.J.Robinson (O)
2007 Oxford	97-114	M.J.Bishop (O)	1990 Oxford	37-40	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2006 Oxford	312-354	D.A.Talbot (C)			
2005 Cambridge	137-166	D.A.Talbot (C)			
2004 Oxford	90-120	N.P.Talbot (O)			
2003 Oxford	32-46	N.P.Talbot (O)			
2002 Cambridge	109-134	D.E.Naylor (C)			

\* There were no contests in 1998 and 1999 due to problems associated with holding three races over the old courses on the same afternoon and the disruption it caused to the Common's golfers.

Since 1880, the race has been staged at a number of venues:

1880-1895	Oxford (even years) and Cambridge (odd years) hosted the race alternately
1896-1925	Thames H&H's course from the King's Head in Roehampton village to the Old Well House on Putney Heath
1926-38	Horton Kirby course starting and finishing at Westminster Mill
1940-44	Wartime races - Oxford (even years) and Cambridge (odd years) hosted the race alternately
1945-66	Thames H&H's Roehampton course starting and finishing at the Big Holly Bush
1967-69	Thames H&H's Roehampton course starting and finishing on the Common side of the pedestrian underpass where Roehampton Lane joins the A3
1970-74	Thames H&H's Roehampton course starting and finishing at the War Memorial on Putney Heath
1975-date	Thames H&H's Roehampton Vale course starting and finishing at the club's new headquarters on the Memorial Playing Fields.



## THAMES HARE AND HOUNDS

The following notice appeared in *The Sportsman* on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1868:

### THAMES HARE AND HOUNDS

“A handicap ‘paper hunt’ will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, starting from the King’s Head, Roehampton Bottom (one mile from Barnes Station) at 4.30 p.m. (3.45 p.m. train from Waterloo). Hounds, who must be introduced by some member of the Thames Rowing Club or belong to an athletic club, rowing club, school, etc., will be roughly handicapped. A pewter will be given to the hound first to reach each hare.”

This was the first run of Thames Hare and Hounds, making us the oldest cross-country club in the world and we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> season in 2017-18.

The club provides competition for men and women of all standards on the road and country. Events range from club handicaps to regional and national championships. There are also a number of friendly “mob matches” against other local clubs that may be scored as many as 50-a-side. The club consistently fields full teams in regional and national events at senior and veteran level as well as competing in the high-quality men’s and ladies’ Surrey Cross-Country Leagues. In January 2019, our ladies’ team won the Southern Cross-Country Championships at Parliament Hill. In addition, in recent years the club has achieved a number of other successes, such as winning the men’s National Cross-Country Championship and Road Relay for the V35 and V45 age groups, Surrey League Division 1, the men’s UK marathon championships at London and taking bronze medals at the Ladies’ Southern 4-Stage Road Relays.

The club meets regularly at its headquarters on Wimbledon Common. Wednesday evening training runs depart from here at 7.30 p.m., after which refreshments are taken at The Green Man on Putney Heath. Runs tend to last between five and ten miles. There is a 5 mile race every second Sunday morning of the month from the clubhouse which normally attracts 100 or more participants.

In addition to training and competition there are regular social occasions. As well as more formal functions such as the Annual Dinner and the Summer Wine Party, smaller events are arranged throughout the year on a more impromptu basis.

For further information, see our website, [www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk](http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk), or contact one of the below:

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