

THE UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RACES 2021



OXFORD UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

v

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HARE AND HOUNDS



From Thames Hare and Hounds' Headquarters,
Memorial Playing Fields, Roehampton Vale
on Saturday, 4th December

ORDER OF EVENTS

1:00 p.m.	29 th Old Blues' Race (Mob Match – all alumni welcome)	4 miles
2:00 p.m.	45 th Ladies' Race (Eight-a-side, six-to-score)	4 miles
2:45 p.m.	130 th Gentlemen's Race (Eight-a-side, six-to-score)	7½ miles

Starters

Ladies' Race: Bethanie Murray (Jesus)
O.U.C.C.C. 2015 & 2016

Gentlemen's Race: Andrew Weir (Magdalen)
O.U.C.C.C. 1991

Officials

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 130th Gentlemen's and 45th Ladies' University Cross-Country Races. Following the hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Thames Hare and Hounds is delighted to be welcoming the two clubs back to Wimbledon Common 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 45th Ladies' Race will be started by **Bethanie Murray** (Jesus), who ran for Oxford in 2015 and 2016. In her first appearance, she was Oxford captain and finished third in a race the Light Blues won by 23 points to 38. In 2016, she finished one place better in a contest Oxford won by 21 points to 34, their first victory since 2011.

The 130th Gentlemen's Race will be started by **Andy Weir** (Magdalen), who ran for Oxford in 1991, finishing second. That race, which Oxford won by 25 points to 55, was their last victory until 1996. He is also a former captain of Thames Hare and Hounds (1997-99).

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

Cambridge Ladies	White vest and white shorts	1 – 8 (reserves 9 & 10)
Oxford Ladies	White vest and dark blue shorts	11 – 18 (reserves 19 & 20)
Cambridge Gentlemen	White vest and white shorts	21 – 28 (reserves 29 & 30)
Oxford Gentlemen	White vest and dark blue shorts	31 – 38 (reserves 39 & 40)

CAMBRIDGE LADIES

1. **Sarah Blockley** *(Brentwood School & Clare)*

Sarah Blockley is a newcomer to Cambridge this season. She has previously represented Essex at cross-country and secured her place in the team with sixth in Cuppers.

2. **Niamh Bridson Hubbard** *(Newstead Wood School & Magdalene)*
(2019 – 1st; 2018 – 3rd; 2017 – 2nd; 2016 – 5th)

Niamh Bridson Hubbard is returning to defend her individual victory from 2019 and looks to be in very good form once again. She had a strong summer on the track and in her two cross-country races this term, she won the Cambridge Invitational and finished 15th in the Chiltern League. She should again be involved at the front of the race.

3. **Lucy Carson** *(Godolphin and Latymer School & St. John's)*

A fresher last year, Lucy Carson gets her first opportunity to run in the University Race today. She secured her place with eighth in the Cambridge Invitational followed by a strong second place in Cuppers.

4. **Helene Greenwood** *(University College, Oxford & Lucy Cavendish)*
(2019 – 16th; 2016 – 9th; 2015 – 14th; 2018 – O.U. Turtles, 14th; 2017 – O.U. Turtles, 8th)

Helene Greenwood is a former Oxford captain and she is making her second appearance for the Light Blues, to add to two for Oxford. She finished seventh in the Cambridge Invitational, followed by a strong run and fourth place at Cuppers to secure her place in the team.

5. **Maia Hardman** *(Lewes Old Grammar School & Selwyn)*

Maia Hardman is the third newcomer in the Cambridge team. She secured her place with tenth in the Cambridge Invitational and then fifth in Cuppers. She also competed in the freshers' Varsity Athletics Match, finishing third in the 1500m.

6. **Rebecca Lloyd** *(Mayfield Grammar School & Downing)*

Beka Lloyd is the last of the four new faces in the Cambridge team. She secured her place following sixth at the Cambridge Invitational and third in Cuppers. She also finished second in the 3000m at the freshers' Varsity Athletics Match in November.

7. **Nancy Scott** *(Heathside School & Newnham)*
(2019 – 3rd; 2018 – 1st; 2017 – 5th)

Nancy Scott is making her fourth appearance in the race and took the individual honours three years ago. She appears to be in the form to finish similarly highly today. She was second in the Cambridge Invitational and finished 17th in the Chiltern League race in November.

8. **Louise Shanahan** *(University College, Cork & Trinity)*
(2019 – 14th)

Louise Shanahan secured her place in the Cambridge team with an excellent victory in Cuppers. She will be expecting to improve on 14th place in 2019. Her forte may be over the shorter distances; however, her form this year has been very impressive, culminating in representing Ireland in the 800m at the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Reserves:

9. **Milly Dickinson** *(Brighton and Hove 6th Form College & Gonville and Caius)*
(2021 – Cheetahs, 3rd)
10. **Anna Kelly** *(St. Helen and St. Katharine, Abingdon & St. John's)*
(2021 – Cheetahs, 8th)

Captain:

Emily Bradley *(Presbyterian Ladies' College, Perth & Queens')*
(2021 – Cheetahs, 15th; 2019 – Cheetahs, 2nd; 2018 – Gazelles, 3rd)

OXFORD LADIES

11. **Alexandra Brown** *(Putney High School & New College)*
(2019 – 5th)

Alexandra Brown makes her second appearance in the race, having finished fifth as a fresher in 2019. Her second place in Cuppers as well as a good run in the National Cross-Country Relays at Mansfield in November indicate that she should be involved at the front of the race again.

12. **Charlotte Buckley** *(St Paul's Girls' School & Oriel)*

Charlotte Buckley is a newcomer to the Oxford ranks this season. She opened her cross-country season with fifth place in Cuppers and followed it up with a good run (29th) in the Chiltern League. She is a versatile runner, having competed for her club and Oxford on the track this season in events ranging from the 100m hurdles up to 1500m.

13. **Emily Carroll** *(University of Edinburgh & Magdalen)*

Emily Carroll is not only a newcomer to the Dark Blue ranks this season, but also a relative newcomer to competitive running. Two half-marathons in the early autumn were followed by seventh in Cuppers and 32nd in the Chiltern League, which have secured her place in the Oxford side.

14. **Ella Higgs-Sharrock** *(Norwich High School & Balliol)*
(2018 – 16th; 2019 – Turtles, 6th)

Ella Sharrock is making her first appearance in the race since 2018, having run for the second team in 2019. She secured her place with eighth in Cuppers and 40th in the British Athletics Cross-Challenge at Cardiff. She was Oxford captain for the abortive 2020-21 season.

15. **Lauren Major** *(Trinity Hall, Cambridge & Merton)*
(2018 – 7th; 2021 – Turtles, 2013 – C.U. Cheetahs, 5th)

Lauren Major has stepped into the Oxford team following Alice Garner's selection for the Under 20 European Championships. She previously ran for Cambridge in 2018 and has now switched allegiance. She finished 42nd in the Chiltern League and won the second team race last weekend.

16. **Grace Molloy** *(The Mary Erskine School, Edinburgh & St. John's)*
(2019 – 15th)

Grace Molloy makes her second appearance today and based on her performances this year, she should improve significantly on her 2019 position. In her two main cross-country races this season, she finished 16th in the British Athletics Cross-Challenge at Cardiff in October, followed by 23rd in the Chiltern League.

17. **Katelyn Ridgway** *(Hautlieu School, Jersey & Worcester)*

Although new to competitive racing this year, Katelyn Ridgway has made quite an impact, culminating in a 2:42 debut marathon performance at London in October. This was achieved from the mass women's race, in which she finished fifth, and smashed the previous Channel Islands record by almost 7½ minutes. She followed this up with fourth in Cuppers and 18th in the under 20 race at the Chiltern League.

18. **Floren Scrafton** *(University of Birmingham & Worcester)*
(2019 – 7th; 2018 – 9th; 2017 – 1st)

Floren Scrafton is the most experience member of the Dark Blue octet and today represents her fourth appearance. She looks still to be some way off her 2017 form, when she took in the individual honours; however, third in Cuppers and 18th in the British Athletics Cross-Challenge at Cardiff mean that she should again feature at the upper end of the Oxford scorers.

Reserves:

19. Belinda Dow (captain) *(Hills Road 6th Form College, Cambridge & Pembroke)*
(2021 – Turtles, 2nd; 2018 – Turtles, 16th)

20. Beatrice Munro *(The West Bridgford School & Hertford)*
(2021 – Turtles, 4th)

CAMBRIDGE GENTLEMEN

21. **Jeremy Dempsey** (St. George's School, Harpenden & Girton)
(2018 – Spartans, 3rd)

Jeremy Dempsey has been one of Cambridge's outstanding performers this season and should be a challenger at the front of today's race. Over the summer, he came within a whisker of running a four-minute mile. This season, he finished third in the Cambridge Invitational and then produced an excellent run for 12th in the Chiltern League.

22. **James Edgerton** (*The King's School, Macclesfield & Jesus*)
(2019 – Spartans, 2nd)

Like Jeremy Dempsey, Jamie Edgerton has been in impressive form this season and should be another runner heavily involved at the front of today's race. So far, he has won both the Cambridge Invitational and Cuppers and has a very realistic chance of making it three out of three today.

23. **Joseph Massingham** (*Wickersley School & Sports College & Pembroke*)
(2019 – 9th; 2018 – 14th; 2017 – 14th)

Along with Dempsey and Edgerton, Joe Massingham completes the very strong trio at the spearhead of the Cambridge team. Having missed the Cambridge Invitational, he finished second in Cuppers. He posted a number of impressive track performance over the summer, including a 14:23 5000m in June. He was Cambridge captain for the abortive 2020-21 season.

24. **Peter Molloy** (*Stewart's Melville College, Edinburgh & Trinity*)

Having missed out on the opportunity to compete in the University Race in 2020 due to the pandemic, Peter Molloy will be hoping to make up for lost time today. He secured his place in the Light Blue team with third place at Cuppers.

25. **James Rennie** (*Eton College & St. Catharine's*)

Like Peter Molloy, James Rennie lost his fresher year to Covid-19. His performances this season include 11th in the Cambridge Invitational followed by fifth in Cuppers and he should be amongst the Cambridge scorers today.

26. **Henry Silverstein** (captain) (*Wallington County G.S. & Gonville and Caius*)
(2019 – Spartans, 13th)

Henry Silverstein is the Light Blue captain and is making his first appearance in the race. He ran for the Spartans in 2019 and seventh place in Cuppers put him in the Cambridge team for today.

27. **Daniel Slater** (*Merchant Taylors' Boys' School, Crosby & Churchill*)
(2018 – Spartans, 14th)

Daniel Slater is another making his debut in the Cambridge Blues team today, having run for the Spartans back in 2018. He secured his place following 12th place in the Cambridge Invitational and eighth in Cuppers. He ran 2:36 at the London Marathon in 2019 and his obvious strength over the longer distances will be of help on the Common.

28. **Ewan Spencer** (*Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School & Trinity Hall*)

Ewan Spencer is the sixth debutant in the Cambridge eight. So far this season, he finished 13th in the Cambridge Invitational and then ran strongly for sixth in Cuppers. These performances have brought him to the start line today. His brother, Thomas, is one of Cambridge's reserves.

Reserves:

29. Luke McCarron (*Lumen Christi College & Jesus*)
(2017 – Barbarians, 11th)

30. Thomas Spencer (*Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School & Christ's*)
(2021 – Spartans, 7th)

OXFORD GENTLEMEN

31. **Indy Barnes** *(Hampton School & Oriel)*

Indy Barnes is the only undergraduate fresher in the Oxford team and hailing from nearby Hampton, he may feel at home on the Common. In his two races this season, he finished fourth in Cuppers and 41st in the Chiltern League.

32. **Bradley Burke** *(The College of Richard Collyer, Horsham & Worcester)*

Bradley Burke has moved up strongly over the past two seasons, having run for Oxford's fourth team back in 2019. He finished 12th in Cuppers, but then had a much stronger run in the Chiltern League (48th) and this put him in the Oxford team for today.

33. **Milan Campion** *(Bilborough College, Nottingham & Hertford)*
(2019 – Tortoises, 7th)

Third year Milan Campion makes his debut in the race, having run for the Tortoises in 2019. Strong runs in Cuppers (fifth) and the Chiltern League (37th) secured his place in the team. Of note, however, is the 2:34 he ran in the London Marathon in October which suggests staying power that will be useful on the Common.

34. **Matthew D'Aquila** *(Middlebury College, Vermont & Wolfson)*
(2019 – Tortoises, 9th)

Matt D'Aquila has returned to Oxford this year, having spent a term there in 2019, during which time he ran for the Tortoises. He is the sole overseas runner in the team and previously competed in the NCAA Division 3 Championship. This season, he ran well to finish third in Cuppers and he will be looking for a similarly strong run today.

35. **Joseph Morrow** *(Alcester Grammar School & Queen's)*
(2019 – 10th; 2018 – Snails, 11th)

Joe Morrow was Oxford captain last season and has been their foremost runner for the past two years. He kicked off the autumn with 13th in the British Athletics Cross Challenge at Cardiff and followed this up with victory in Cuppers. Although narrowly beaten by teammate Oliver Paulin in the Chiltern League, he should be amongst the front runners today.

36. **Oliver Paulin** *(King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys & Wolfson)*
(2017 – 11th; 2018 – Tortoises, 2nd; 2016 – Tortoises, 7th; 2015 – Tortoises, 7th)

Oliver Paulin is the most experienced runner on show in either team today, although only one of his previous appearances has been in the University Race (the other three being for the Tortoises). He missed out in 2019 due to injury; however, he looks to be back to his best form as shown by second in Cuppers and 25th in the Chiltern League.

37. **Thomas Renshaw** *(Hale School & St. Peter's)*
(2019 – Tortoises, 3rd)

Thomas Renshaw was reserve for Oxford in 2019 and he has moved up strongly over the past two years. He opened the cross-country season with fourth in Cuppers and followed this up with 35th in the Chiltern League to secure his place in the side today.

38. **Thomas Wood** *(The King's School, Chester & St. Anne's)*
(2019 – Tortoises, 14th)

Thomas Wood is the fourth runner from Oxford's successful 2019 Tortoises side to make the step up to the Blues team today. He missed Cuppers; however, he finished 39th in the Chiltern League. Between these two events, he registered a fine 26th place in the World Mountain Running Association Nations Cup in Chiavenna in Italy. This strength over the hills is likely to be very helpful over the more testing sections of the Common.

Reserves:

42. **Daniel Bundred (captain)** *(The Manchester Grammar School & St. John's)*
(2021 – Tortoises, 1st; 2019 – Tortoises, 15th)

43. **Aidan Smith** *(Birkdale School & St. John's)*
(2015 – 9th; 2014 – 10th; 2021 – Tortoises, 2nd; 2019 – Tortoises, 5th; 2018 – Tortoises, 7th; 2013 – Tortoises, 7th)

THE 2019 UNIVERSITY RACES

(held over Thames Hare and Hounds' courses at Roehampton Vale on Saturday, 7th December)

(denotes team captain)*

The 44th Ladies' Race: Cambridge won 39 points to 41

1.	M.N.Bridson	Hubbard Magdalene	Cambridge	22.49
2.	C.A.Dannatt	St. John's	Oxford	22.57
3.	N.E.Scott	Newnham	Cambridge	22.59
4.	E.M.Ruane	Magdalene	Cambridge	23.04
5.	A.Brown	New College	Oxford	23.10
6.	P.R.A.Barker	Robinson	Cambridge	23.30
7.	W.F.V.Scrafton*	Worcester	Oxford	23.38
8.	L.H.John	Magdalen	Oxford	24.37
9.	E.J.Apsley	St. Hilda's	Oxford	24.42
10.	C.L.Hammett	Lincoln	Oxford	24.47
11.	A.J.Sharp	Green Templeton	Oxford	24.59
12.	F.M.Wiggins	Christ's	Cambridge	25.07
13.	E.Fennelly	St. Edmund's	Cambridge	25.17
14.	G.L.Shanahan	Trinity	Cambridge	25.21
15.	G.E.Molloy	St John's	Oxford	25.35
16.	H.E.Greenwood	Lucy Cavendish	Cambridge	26.02

F.S.Bunn (Queens') was Cambridge captain

The 129th Gentlemen's Race: Cambridge won by 32 points to 47

1.	P.A.Crout	St Catharine's	Cambridge	38.43
2.	J.S.Smith	Robinson	Cambridge	38.48
3.	W.E.Ryle-Hodges	Magdalene	Cambridge	38.51
4.	S.O.Brown-Araújo	University	Oxford	39.01
5.	L.M.Cotter	St Catherine's	Oxford	39.03
6.	G.E.D.Gathercole	Gonville and Caius	Cambridge	39.06
7.	T.J.Harrison*	Keble	Oxford	39.12
8.	A.J.Gruen	Balliol	Oxford	39.29
9.	J.T.Massingham	Pembroke	Cambridge	39.34
10.	J.Morrow	Hertford	Oxford	39.54
11.	J.M.Edgerton	Jesus	Cambridge	40.04
12.	N.Shreeve	King's	Cambridge	40.09
13.	R.S.Brown	Worcester	Oxford	40.11
14.	M.H.A.Weatherseed	St Anne's	Oxford	40.25
15.	J.W.M.T.Coxon	Jesus	Cambridge	40.36
16.	J.S.Bowness	Linacre	Oxford	41.15

I.Davies (Trinity) was Cambridge captain

THE 2021 2nd-4th TEAM UNIVERSITY RACES

(held over C. U. H. & H's courses at Priory Park, St. Neot's on Saturday, 27th November)

77 th Tortoises-Spartans Race	Oxford won by 21 points to 64
70 th Snails-Barbarians Race	Oxford won by 27 points to 58
63 rd Gentlemen's 4 th Team Race	Oxford won by 782 points to 856
38 th Turtles-Cheetahs Race	Oxford won by 25 points to 60
34 th Ladies' 3 rd Team Race	Oxford won by 381 points to 800

PREVIEW OF THE 2021 UNIVERSITY RACES

On paper, the Light Blues should enter today's races in optimistic mood; however, Oxford's clean sweep in the non-Blues races last weekend – each by a comfortable margin – may well have created a degree of uncertainty in their ranks.

Up until a week ago, the 45th ladies' race looked very evenly poised. However, the loss of Alice Garner (St. Hugh's) to European selection is a significant blow to Oxford. In her absence, the two previous race winners in the Cambridge octet, Niamh Bridson Hubbard (Magdalene) and Nancy Scott (Newnham), should dominate at the front. Behind them, the fate of the team result will depend on whether Oxford's Alex Brown (New College), Grace Molloy (St. John's), another previous race winner Floren Scrafton (Worcester) and Katelyn Ridgway (Worcester) can pack in ahead of the likely next Cambridge scorer, Louise Shanahan (Trinity).

Behind them, there should be another interesting battle between the Dark Blues' Charlotte Buckley (Oriel), Emily Carroll (Magdalen) and Ella Higgs-Sharrock (Balliol) and Lucy Carson (St. John's), Rebecca Lloyd (Downing), Helene Greenwood (Lucy Cavendish) and Maia Hardman (Selwyn) for Cambridge. The Oxford team is completed by Thames member Lauren Major (Merton), who has stepped in for Alice Garner. She won the second team contest last weekend and brings with her previous race experience, having finished seventh for Cambridge in 2018. Sarah Blockley (Clare) completes the Cambridge side.

The 130th gentlemen's race will have an unfamiliar look about it in that for the first time since 2010 the name William Ryle-Hodges will not feature. Understandably, given the year's hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, both sides are lacking in previous race experience. For Cambridge, the loss of Ryle-Hodges and 2019 winner Phillip Crout (St. Catharine's), who between them boasted 15 appearances, will be particularly significant.

Nevertheless, the Light Blues should enter the contest as warm favourites. In Jeremy Dempsey (Girton) and Jamie Edgerton (Jesus), they should dominate at the front. Behind them, however, the situation is more open to conjecture. Oxford have a strong pack of runners in Joe Morrow (Queen's), Oliver Paulin (Wolfson), Matthew D'Aquila (Wolfson), Thomas Renshaw (St Hugh's), Milan Champion (Hertford), Thomas Wood (St. Anne's) and Indy Barnes (Oriel). On the Light Blue side, last season's captain, Joe Massingham (Pembroke) and Peter Molloy (Trinity) should be in amongst them and the team outcome is likely to depend on how that group sorts itself out.

Despite their upper end strength, the Cambridge side does appear to have a longer tail, something that was underlined by the Tortoises' demolition of the Spartans last weekend. To be certain of victory, Cambridge may need one from James Rennie (St. Catharine's), Ewan Spencer (Trinity Hall), captain Henry Silverstein (Gonville and Caius) and Daniel Slater (Churchill) to run strongly. For Oxford, Bradley Burke (Worcester) moved up well between Cuppers and the Chiltern League and could also be amongst the middle pack.

With the likely first two home, however, Cambridge will be aware that they only need to get a few of their runners in amongst the Dark Blues to take the honours. On the other hand, Oxford will know that if they can run effectively as a team, success is not beyond them. It has the ingredients to be an exciting contest.

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 - J - K - L - Finish

Gentlemen's course (7½ miles)

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

Start - A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I - D - E - J - K - L - 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.

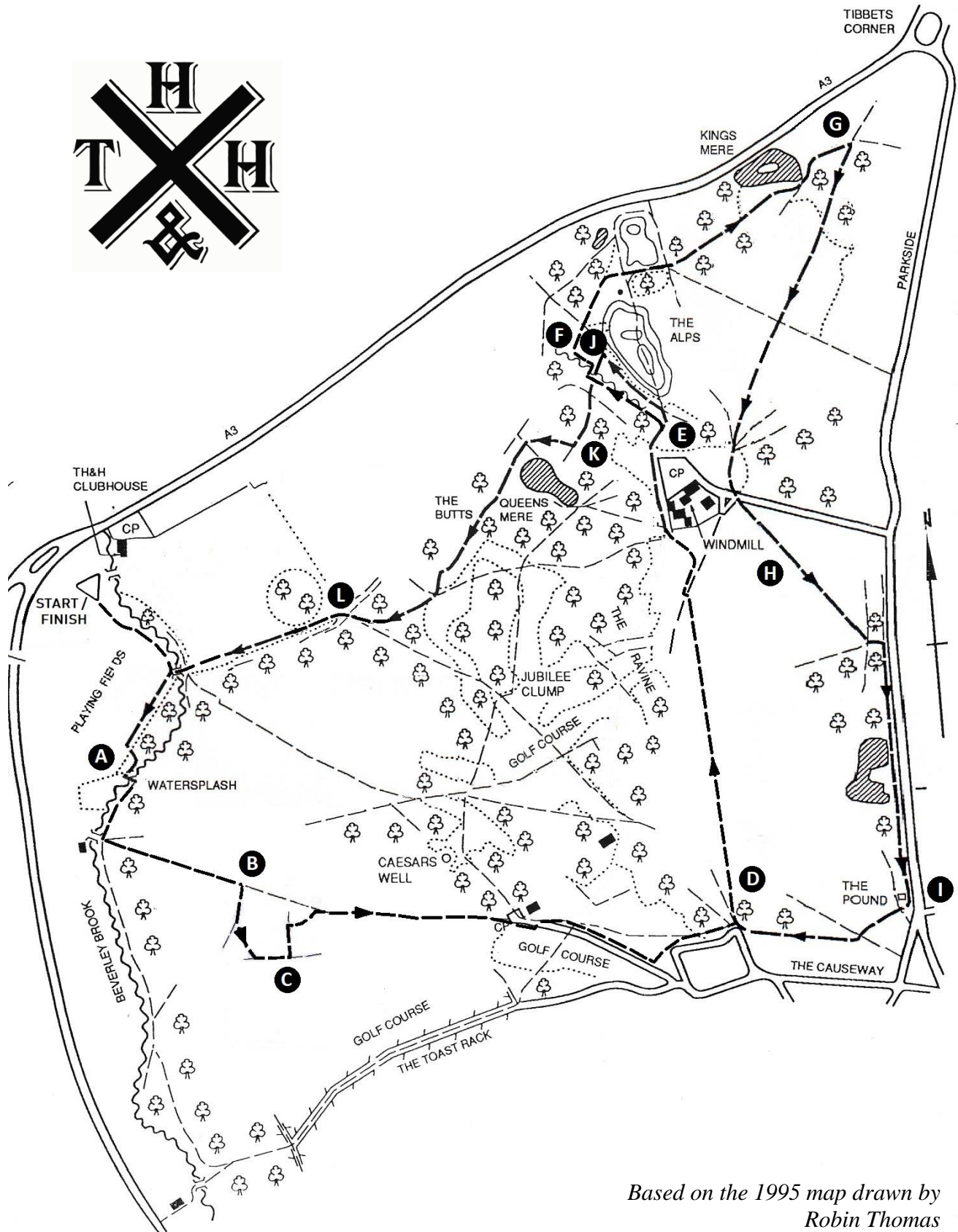
Richard Ollington

Captain

Thames Hare and Hounds

UNIVERSITY RACE COURSES

ROEHAMPTON VALE & WIMBLEDON COMMON



*Based on the 1995 map drawn by
Robin Thomas*

FROM THE ARCHIVES

10 years ago

After three successive heavy defeats, the Light Blues notched up an unexpected 35 points to 43 victory in the 121st gentlemen's race. Having been warm favourites in the build-up, the loss of captain and future Commonwealth Games athlete Luke Caldwell (Jesus) and Jake Shelley (Somerville) proved a big blow to Oxford hopes and Cambridge took full advantage. Richard Franzese (Wolfson) secured the individual honours in 38:40. Two places and 26 seconds behind him was a certain William Ryle-Hodges (Queens'), making the first of his record nine appearances.

In the 36th ladies' race, despite taking the individual honours through Lucy Gossage (Downing), Cambridge were comfortably beaten by 14 points to 25. Having now won 20 of the previous 25 contests, this proved to be the end of an era for the Dark Blues. They would not taste team success again until 2016.

25 years ago

In the 21st ladies' race, future Olympic Modern Pentathlon gold medallist, Steph Cook (Lincoln) took the individual victory, leading the Dark Blues to a 15 points to 21 success. This was their fourth victory in a row and put them ahead in the series for the first time since 1980.

In the 106th gentlemen's race, Oxford produced an unheralded victory. Going into the contest on the back of four heavy defeats, the omens were not promising and as the race unfolded with Cambridge filling three of the first four places, a fifth defeat looked to be on the cards. However, an inspired team effort with Dark Blues filling positions three and five to ten enabled them to sneak home by 38 points to 43. Dan Leggate (Emmanuel) recorded the first of his two individual victories in 39:20.

50 years ago

Having waited 89 years for a tied score in the gentlemen's race, a second one in three years came along in 1971. Once again, it was the Light Blues who came out on top by closing their team first by thirteen seconds (11th place versus 12th). Tony Moore (St. Edmund Hall) took the individual victory from Chris Garforth (Queens') for the second year in a row. In third place was the 1968 winner John Valentine (St. John's) who benefited from a change to the eligibility rules that enabled him to compete for the first time since that success.

75 years ago

In the second race since the official series recommenced following the war, Cambridge once again won by the narrow margin of 26 points to 29. In very heavy conditions, Peter Curry (Oriental) was first man home in 43:22. Future long-serving Achilles President, Tommy Macpherson (Trinity) injured himself and did not finish the race for Oxford.

100 years ago

Cambridge won the 37th contest by the narrowest of margins, 27 points to 28. They were led home by Olympian William Seagrove (Clare) in 42:02. Oxford's hopes were impacted by relatively poor runs from the first two home in 1920, Evelyn Montague (Magdalen) and Noel McInnes (New College), who were described in the *Daily Mail* as being "distinctly 'off colour'."

125 years ago

The race returned to Roehampton and Thames' hosting for the first time since the abortive *no race* of 1890. William Gibberd (Trinity), took full advantage of the departure of William Whitelaw (New College), his conqueror from the previous two years, to head home a Cambridge one-two-three in 47:11. With their two other runners in sixth and eighth, the Light Blues won comfortably by 20 points to 35 in very wet conditions.



Ewen Malloch (Christ's), Mark Muller (St. John's), Chris Maxwell (Worcester) and Marc Poulin (New College) cross the watersplash in 1996.

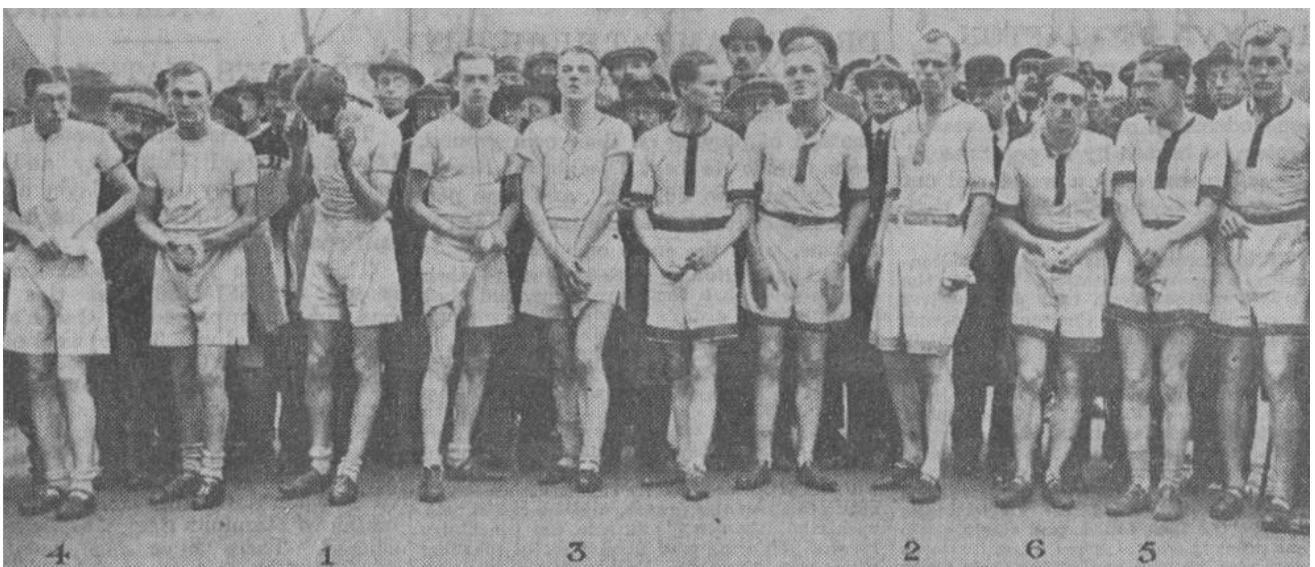
Source: The Times



The watersplash in a particularly filthy condition for the 1946 race.

Here we see (from the back) Ian Menzies (Jesus, Cambridge), James Robertson (Balliol) and John Seale (St. John's, Cambridge) wading across, watched by Geoffrey Honniball (Brasenose), an old Oxford Blue from 1930 and 1931.

Source: Thames Hare and Hounds archive



The start of the 1921 race outside the King's Head on Roehampton Lane. The race winner William Seagrove (Clare) is third from the left.

Source: The Times

RACE STATISTICS

Gentlemen's Race

Of the 129 gentlemen's races between 1880 and 2019, Oxford has won 65 and Cambridge 64. 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 58.

The highest number of individual appearances is nine, held by William Ryle-Hodges (Queens' & Magdalene, Cambridge & St. Antony's, Oxford), from 2011 to 2019. 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 44 ladies' races between 1976 and 2019, Oxford has won 25 and Cambridge 19. 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 23.

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

Oxford leads Cambridge by 65 wins to 64

2020 <i>No race due to the Covid-19 pandemic</i>			1964 Oxford	38-41	A.I.C.Heron (C)
2019 Cambridge	32-47	P.A.Crout (C)	1963 Cambridge	38-41	T.F.K.Johnston (C)
2018 Oxford	30-50	J.R.G.Parkinson (O)	1962 Cambridge	23-58	D.M.Turner (C)
2017 Oxford	37-41	J.R.G.Parkinson (O)	1961 Cambridge	22-61	D.M.Turner (C)
2016 Cambridge	33-45	O.J.S.Fox (C)	1960 Cambridge	27-57	T.J.Briault (C)
2015 Oxford	27-55	M.W.Unterreiner (O)	1959 Cambridge	37-42	S.H.James (O)
2014 Oxford	35-43	A.M.Short (C)	1958 Oxford	36-42	M.J.Palmer (C)
2013 Cambridge	30-52	L.A.Lloyd (C)	1957 Cambridge	27-55	M.J.Palmer (C)
2012 Cambridge	38-42	J.W.Wiebel (O)	1956 Cambridge	32-48	M.J.Palmer (C)
2011 Cambridge	35-43	R.C.Franzese (O)	1955 Oxford	37-41	=I.H.Boyd (O)
2010 Oxford	29-52	A.R.Heyes (O)			=A.D.Gordon (O)
2009 Oxford	28-52	D.J.Bruce (O)	1954 Oxford	29-49	=I.H.Boyd (O)
2008 Oxford	27-53	R.C.Franzese (O)			=C.W.Suddaby (O)
2007 Cambridge	32-47	P.Natali (C)			=A.J.Weekes-Pearson (O)
2006 Cambridge	35-43	P.Natali (C)	1953 Oxford	29-50	I.H.Boyd (O)
2005 Oxford	30-51	J.E.Blackledge (O)	1952 Oxford	21-66	=C.J.Chataway (O)
2004 Oxford	38-42	F.K.Thompson (O)			=D.C.Law
2003 Cambridge	37-43	F.K.Thompson (O)			=A.J.Weekes-Pearson (O)
2002 Oxford	29-49	F.K.Thompson (O)	1951 Oxford	27-51	C.J.Chataway (O)
2001 Oxford	32-46	J.T.S.Brooks (O)	1950 Cambridge	34-44	C.J.Chataway (O)
2000 Cambridge	37-41	N.P.Talbot (O)	1949 Oxford	35-43	R.G.Bannister (O)
1999 Cambridge	35-48	N.P.Talbot (O)	1948 Oxford	36-42	J.H.Scott-Wilson (O)
1998 Oxford	35-45	D.R.Leggate (C)	1947 Oxford	17-38	=T.P.E.Curry (O)
1997 Cambridge	31-48	A.B.Hutchinson (C)			=N.M.Green (O)
1996 Oxford	38-43	D.R.Leggate (C)			=J.F.Pollard (O)
1995 Cambridge	26-54	D.E.Naylor (C)			=G.Ridding (O)
1994 Cambridge	29½-49½	R.W.Collier (O)	1946 Cambridge	26-29	T.P.E.Curry (O)
1993 Cambridge	25-59	I.R.Harkness (C)	1945 Cambridge	26-29	D.A.Bond (C)
1992 Cambridge	32-51	S.D.S.Baines (O)	<i>1939-45 No races due to Second World War.</i>		
1991 Oxford	25-55	S.D.S.Baines (O)	<i>Six unofficial wartime races held (see below)</i>		
1990 Cambridge	37-43	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1938 Oxford	32-46	P.D.Marrian (O)
1989 Oxford	25-56	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1937 Cambridge	34-44	E.C.Weir (C)
1988 Oxford	29-50	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1936 Cambridge	24-31	E.C.Weir (C)
1987 Oxford	27-55	S.J.Mugglestone (O)	1935 Oxford	27-28	A.A.Robertson (O)
1986 Oxford	33-45	R.D.Nerurkar (O)	1934 Cambridge	23-32	R.M.Barrer (C)
1985 Oxford	27-57	J.D.Barton (C)	1933 Oxford	20-35	P.J.Albery (O)
1984 Oxford	31-52	J.D.Barton (C)	1932 Oxford	15-40	=J.E.Lovelock (O)
1983 Cambridge	33-45	J.D.Barton (C)			=C.J.Mabey (O)
1982 Cambridge	39-40	N.Thin (C)	1931 Oxford	20-35	J.F.Cornes (O)
1981 Cambridge	21-57	N.Thin (C)	1930 Oxford	26-29	C.W.Benson (C)
1980 Oxford	25-54	N.C.S.Brawn (O)	1929 Cambridge	21-34	=J.R.Croggon (C)
1979 Oxford	37-41	N.C.S.Brawn (O)			=R.C.J.Goode (C)
1978 Oxford	35-45	N.C.S.Brawn (O)			=A.N.Skelton (C)
1977 Oxford	26-57	=N.C.S.Brawn (O)	1928 Cambridge	23½-31½	=E.E.Cowburn (C)
		=W.A.Ewers (O)			=A.N.Skelton (C)
1976 Oxford	31-48	W.A.Ewers (O)	1927 Cambridge	27-28	W.A.M.Edwards (O)
1975 Oxford	29-53	W.A.Ewers (O)	1926 Oxford	15-40	W.A.M.Edwards (O)
1974 Oxford	30-49	=A.J.Etchells (O)	1925 Cambridge	23-32	T.C.Fooks (C)
		=J.N.Goater (O)	1924 Cambridge	20-35	R.S.Starr (C)
1973 Cambridge	33-45	J.N.Goater (O)	1923 Oxford	22-33	T.C.Fooks (C)
1972 Cambridge	37-42	C.J.Garforth (C)	1922 Oxford	17-38	N.A.McInnes (O)
1971 Cambridge	39-39*	A.T.Moore (O)	1921 Cambridge	27-28	W.R.Seagrove (C)
1970 Cambridge	29-57	A.T.Moore (O)	1920 Oxford	21-34	E.A.Montague (O)
1969 Cambridge	40-40*	R.A.Steele (O)	1919 Cambridge	22-33	E.A.Montague (O)
1968 Oxford	28-58	J.P.Valentine (O)	<i>1914-18 No races due to the Great War</i>		
1967 Cambridge	39-41	H.Altmann (O)	1913 Cambridge	26-39	G.M.Sproule (O)
1966 Oxford	27-55	J.Godding (O)			
1965 Oxford	25-52	H.Altmann (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	C.W.Grinstead (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 25th 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 11th February 1891.

*** For many years, A.F.Hernaman (O) was credited as race winner; however, this is an error. He finished second.

Ladies

Oxford leads Cambridge by 25 wins to 19 (Oxford won the unofficial race in 1975)

2020	<i>No race due to the Covid-19 pandemic</i>	
2019 Cambridge	39-41	M.N.Bridson Hubbard (C)
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

Oxford leads Cambridge by 16 wins to 12

2020	<i>No race due to Covid-19 pandemic</i>			2002	Cambridge	109-134	D.E.Naylor (C)
2019	Oxford	180-186	W.J.A.Christofi (O)	2001	Cambridge	39-66	D.E.Naylor (C)
2018	Cambridge	98-158	M.H.Chandler (O)	2000	Cambridge	81-131	D.E.Naylor (C)
2017	Cambridge	123-183	A.M.Short (C)	1999	<i>No race*</i>		
2016	Cambridge	114-192	T.D.Frith (O)	1998	<i>No race*</i>		
2015	Oxford	223-291	W.J.Mackay (C)	1997	Oxford	45-92	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2014	Cambridge	220-247	M.R.Leach (C)	1996	Oxford	127-127	J.W.Herries (C)
2013	Oxford	122-186	D.J.Bruce (O)	1995	Cambridge	23-34	A.J.Barber (C)
2012	Oxford	96-246	F.K.Thompson (O)	1994	Cambridge	116-241	D.A.Bond (C)
2011	Oxford	48-181	D.J.Bruce (O)	1993	Oxford	96-172	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2010	Oxford	162-244	B.Moreau (O)	1992	Cambridge	407-415	S.C.Nash (C)
2009	Oxford	98-165	I.D.Kimpton (O)	1991	Cambridge	48-62	A.N.J.Robinson (O)
2008	Oxford	38-40	A.D.Hennessy (O)	1990	Oxford	37-40	R.D.Nerurkar (O)
2007	Oxford	97-114	M.J.Bishop (O)	* 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.			
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)				

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	War-time 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 3rd October 1868:

THAMES HARE AND HOUNDS

“A handicap ‘paper hunt’ will take place on Saturday 17th 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 150th 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.

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