

The 2011 'Varsity Cross-Country Races

Saturday, 3rd December 2011

It was a case of honours-even after the 2011 'Varsity Cross-Country Races at Roehampton Vale on December 3rd. In the 36th ladies' race, Cambridge's hopes took a severe blow in the preceding week with the loss of overwhelming favourite for the individual honours, Naomi Taschimowitz (Trinity). However, with Lucy Gossage (Downing) running a strong race, it was still a Light Blue who headed the field home in 23 minutes, 17 seconds. Gossage's run was all to no avail, however, as a string of five Dark Blues behind her had formed by the half-way point and never looked like faltering. The Dark Blue quintet was led home by fresher, Jessica Chen (Somerville), in 23 minutes, 33 seconds, and it ensured the team result went back to Oxford for the fifth year in a row, by 14 points to 25. Oxford now leads the series by 23 wins to 13.



The 121st Gentlemen's Race was a case of the missing men, with both sides having lost a number of key members to injury, illness and ineligibility. This made it a very open contest, both for the

individual honours and the team event. From the early stages, it was the Light Blues' Robin Brown (Jesus), in his fourth appearance, who took on the challenge at the front. Behind him, it was very close, but by half way a crucial Cambridge pack from sixth to ninth was forming to tilt the balance in their favour. As the race entered its last two miles, Richard Franzese (Wolfson) started to reel in Brown. He duly took the lead in the last mile and emerged onto the Memorial Playing Fields twenty yards clear and maintained the gap to match his 2008 victory. Having missed last year's race due to injury and shown indifferent form in the lead up to the contest, it was something of a surprise, yet a deserved win. Behind him, despite Oxford having three of the first five home, the Cambridge middle-order pack remained solid and meant that they were able to record their first win (by 35 points to 43) in the series since 2007. Oxford's overall lead now stands at 61 wins to 60.

Earlier in the day, David Bruce (Blues' winner in 2009) and Fraser Thompson (winner 2002-04) led the Dark Blues to a resounding success in 20th Old Blues' Race, by 48 points to 181 in a nine-to-score event. Oxford now leads the series by 12 wins to 8.

The 36th Ladies' University Cross-Country Race

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4 miles

1.	L.M.Gossage	Downing	Cambridge	23:17
2.	J.P.Chen	Somerville	Oxford	23:33
3.	J.E.Klaptocz	St. Hugh's	Oxford	23:38
4.	H.J.Munn*	St. Hugh's	Oxford	23:54
5.	T.A.Carleton	Magdalen	Oxford	24:02
6.	C.E.Mullarkey	Trinity	Oxford	24:12
7.	R.S.Moore	St. Catharine's	Cambridge	24:29
8.	M.Rocke	Churchill	Cambridge	25:12
9.	O.C.Tuohy	Wolfson	Cambridge	25:23
10.	P.H.R.Keen*	Downing	Cambridge	25:36
11.	J.L.Boyd	Wadham	Oxford	25:46
12.	R.S.Penfold	Emmanuel	Cambridge	26:50

Oxford won by 14 points to 25

The 121st University Cross-Country Race

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7½ miles

1.	R.C.Franzese	Wolfson	Oxford	38:40
2.	R.B.Brown	Jesus	Cambridge	38:56
3.	W.Ryle-Hodges	Queens'	Cambridge	39:06
4.	J.A.Shadbolt	St. Catherine's	Oxford	39:09
5.	A.J.Lanham	Corpus Christi	Oxford	39:19
6.	B.H.Davis	Magdalene	Cambridge	39:25
7.	T.M.Watkins	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	39:28
8.	W.J.Mackay*	Robinson	Cambridge	39:31
9.	A.J.P.Young	St. John's	Cambridge	39:40
10.	H.P.Mitchell	Pembroke	Oxford	39:43
11.	A.W.Muir	Brasenose	Oxford	39:56
12.	S.R.Ledger	St. John's	Oxford	40:04
13.	T.D.Frith	St. Anne's	Oxford	41:03
14.	C.P.McGurk	Wadham	Oxford	41:42
15.	A.J.Chettle	Clare	Cambridge	42:52
16.	S.J.Ashcroft	Jesus	Cambridge	43:57

Cambridge won by 35 points to 43

L.A.Caldwell (Jesus) – 5th in 2009 and 7th in 2010 – was Oxford captain

The 20th Old Blues' Cross-Country Race

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4 miles

1	D.J.Bruce	L.M.H. & Green Tem	Oxford	20:36	
2	F.K.Thompson	Wolfson & Pembroke	Oxford	20:49	
3	A.S.G.Walsh	St. Anne's	Oxford	21:26	
4	B.P.Reynolds	Brasenose	Oxford	21:38	
5	S.C.Molden	Christ Church	Oxford	22:22	
6	M.J.Bishop	St. H's, New C & St. C's	Oxford	22:31	
7	R.Hewitt	Jesus	Cambridge	22:41	
8	D.R.Taylor	Trinity	Oxford	22:43	
9	E.J.Catmur	Jesus	Oxford	22:45	
10	A.N.J.Robinson	Balliol	Oxford	22:54	
11	C.G.Assmundson	St. Catherine's	Oxford	23:05	
12	A.P.Weir	Magdalen	Oxford	23:14	
13	C.J.W.Daniels	Worcester	Oxford	23:33	
14	L.A.Richardson	Jesus	Cambridge	23:44	
15	S.Rutherford	Girton	Cambridge	24:01	
16	A.P.Gaskell	St. Anne's	Oxford	24:21	
17	A.W.Arbour	University	Oxford	24:25	
18	E.Moffett	Wolfson	Cambridge	25:06	
19	P.Scard	Gonville & Caius	Cambridge	25:31	
20	J.R.Leitch	St. Ed. Hall & Balliol	Oxford	25:48	L
21	C.Witcombe	Keble	Oxford	26:41	L
22	M.D.Coley	Wolfson	Cambridge	33:01	
23	P.J.Leek	Jesus	Cambridge	33:02	
24	S.W.deM.Leathes	Emmanuel	Cambridge	37:52	
25	D.C.B.Jenkins	Emmanuel	Cambridge	37:53	

Oxford won by 48 points to 167
(9-a-side)