

BATTLES OF THE BLUES.

Oxford and Cambridge 'Eights' Will Row Their Annual Race To-Day.

The Crews Are Evenly Matched and the Cantabs Should Atone for Recent Defeats.

FIVE VETERANS AMONG LIGHT BLUES.

Oxford's Stroke Has Shown Some Raggedness in Practice, but Their Boat Travels Fast through the Water, Apparently.

The fifty-third eight-oared boat race between crews representing the English Universities of Oxford and Cambridge will be rowed on the Thames to-day over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of 4 miles 380 yards.

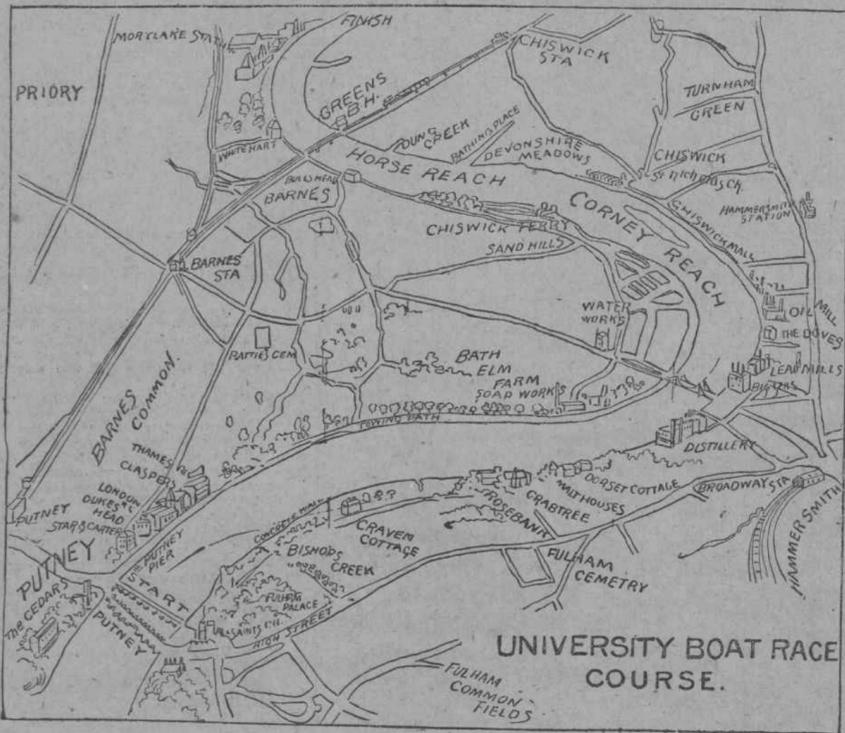
'Boat Race Day' in England is now regarded as much of a national holiday as 'Derby Day' in London, and it is no exaggeration to say that the whole of the English speaking world is more or less interested in the contest.

Both crews have been at work for the past ten weeks, though strict training was not commenced until Ash Wednesday, in accordance with the usual custom. It is generally considered by those who have followed out the details of their preliminary work but the Light Blues have done very well indeed, and there are not wanting many oarsmen of experience who think that there is an exceeding likelihood of a turn in the fortune which has favored Oxford since 1890.

The form of the Dark Blues has been somewhat severely criticised this year as being very different to what is expected from a university crew. The Oxford boat travels fairly fast, but the men have developed no amount of business, and at times are decidedly ragged. In fact they have an experienced stroke for a freshman, as he has already carried the Eaton eight to victory three times at Henley, and he quickly settled down to the Oxford style.

Phillips, Burrell and Crum are the only members of the Oxford crew who have rowed on the Hildway before, which may account for their rough work at first, and under the finished instruction of R. C. Lehmann they have doubtless rubbed off the rough edges by this time.

Both will row in boats of Clasper build, and they are almost identical in size and shape—of Havannah cedar with pine and ash fittings. Their dimensions are: Length, 62 feet 4 inches; breadth, 23 1/4 inches; height amidships, 34 inches; height forward, 6 1/2 inches; height aft, 5 1/2 inches.



WHERE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CREWS RACE.

The fifty-third race between the rival universities will take place to-day over the usual Putney to Mortlake course, on the full tide. The official measurement of the distance is 4 miles 380 yards, the record time being 18 minutes 47 seconds, made by Oxford in 1893.

The names and latest weights of the crews follow:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Weight (Lbs.). Includes J. J. de Knapp (New) (bow), C. K. Phillips (New) (2), E. C. Sherwood (Magdalen) (3), C. D. Burrell (Magdalen) (4), E. R. Balfour (University) (5), R. Carr (Magdalen) (6), W. E. Crum (New) (7), H. Gelf (Magdalen) (stroke), H. Peckell (Branwenos) (coxswain).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Weight (Lbs.). Includes T. D. Hope (Trinity Hall) (bow), E. A. Quinn (First Trinity) (2), D. Pennington (Caius) (3), R. Y. Bonsey (Lady Mary) (4), W. A. Heber (Trinity Hall) (5), T. J. G. Duncanson (Emm.) (6), W. J. Bell (Trinity Hall) (7), W. J. Percin (Trinity Hall) (stroke), T. R. Paget-Tomlinson (Trinity Hall) (cox.).

N. Y. U. TO BEGIN ROWING.

Harlem Clubs Offer Training Quarters Until a House is Secured. Through the efforts of ex-Commodore Banks, of the Atlantic Yacht Club, the New York University will probably soon have a boathouse and complete plant for aquatic sports.

and devoted to like uses. Already \$8,500 has been subscribed. The university will probably have a four-oared crew out by June, the Atlanta and Harlem League clubs having offered the use of their boathouses for training purposes. Mr. Van Haudan, of the former club, has volunteered to coach the collegians. Efforts will be made to get on a race with Rutgers or Wesleyan.

Hockey at the New Rink. A hockey match on ice, under Canadian rules, will be played by the Cornell University and St. Nicholas Skating Club teams to-night at the new St. Nicholas Skating Rink, Sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. A number of men well known in athletics will play on the teams, among them C. R. Wyckoff, captain and quarterback of Cornell's football team last fall; Malcolm G. Chase, R. D. Wrenn and William A. Larned, the prominent lawn-tennis players.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

Captured Five Out of Nine Events in the Annual Athletic Games at Kensington.

London, March 27.—The annual contest between the Cambridge and Oxford athletic teams took place at Kensington this afternoon. Jordan, of Oxford, won the hundred-yard dash in 10 1/2 seconds. The hurdle race was won by Garnier, of Oxford. His time was 16 3/5 seconds. The mile run was won by Howard, of Cambridge, in 4 minutes 20 seconds. The high jump was won by Kireev, of Oxford, who cleared 5 feet 9 inches. The quarter-mile run was won by Fitz Herbert, of Cambridge, in 49 1/2 seconds.

Bullock, of Cambridge, won the weight-putting event, projecting the weight 38 feet 2 inches. Freeman, of Oxford, won the three-mile run. The hammer-throwing event was won by Johnson, of Cambridge, with a distance of 107 feet 7 inches. Batchelor, of Cambridge, won the long jump contest, covering 22 feet 7 inches. Cambridge thus won the contest.

STUDENTS READY FOR WORK.

Pennsylvania and Harvard Teams Will Compete in To-night's Games.

Everything is in readiness for the big intercollegiate games to be given in the Garden tonight by the New Manhattan Athletic Club. The track will be in the very best condition. The Massachusetts team arrived yesterday afternoon. The Harvard team arrived last night, and went directly to the New Manhattan, where they will be quartered during their visit here.

Jim Lathrop is with them, and reports every man able to go a fast mile. Will Bryan will come over from Philadelphia, with the Pennsylvania team this afternoon, and he, too, is confident that he has the winning team. This race is creating a great amount of interest, for the starters will comprise the pick of the intercollegiate mile runners, and will surely give a line on that event for the Spring championship.

All the schools are preparing to send big delegations to root for their particular favorites, and the usual excitement attendant upon these games will be seen in full bloom.

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